

SCCC NEWS

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Stockport Clarion Cycling Club:

The club with all Paul Butler's bikes in it !!

CRASH TEST DUNKY

All at the Isle of Man had a fantastic week. The racing was excellent, which was made even better with closed roads. For most of the week the weather was hot and sunny with beautiful scenery and good beer.

Once again Duncan has injuries following a trip away with Stockport. Duncan was involved in a crash on the 3rd day criterium race in Douglas (the town, not Clark!!), the result of which left him with 12 stitches after the chainset cut into his leg. Luckily not too much damage was done as the chainset went through fat (amazing I know). The racing scene in the IOM is recommended for any racing members. All types of races are catered for from road races, criteriums, handicap races, time trials, and hill climbs. The first day of racing saw all racing members tackle the mountain time trial. This was 1 circuit of the motorbike TT course, a 37-mile slog round the rolling roads, which included the 5-mile climb of the mountain. This was made all the more difficult as no-one had seen the course so care had to be taken on the descents. Dunc did a 1.43.56, Will 1.45.35, Julian 1.50.37, Ric 1.57.33, Paul 2.03.50.

The next day was the 33-mile Willaston Handicap. This included 10 laps of a tough course with a hard climb and a few tricky corners. The race had all levels of riders from juniors to internationals. The race was won by a French rider that won the year before. Duncan suffered around for 33 miles but did win the bunch sprint, but it was for a minor placing. The other SCCC riders did not finish and decided to save their energy for the Castletown crit that evening.

The Castletown crit was a 1-kilometre circuit, which had everything from cobbles to tight corners and false camber. In the 3rd & 4th cat race which was won by Tony Parkinson

(Rochdale Tri club) Jules finished in 18th place and Ric was 28th. In the 1st & 2nd cat race Dunc was 2nd and Will 10th. The following day saw the Douglas crit were Jules finished in the bunch and Dunc had a trip in an ambulance. Only Paul had entered the 25-mile TT but all were there on the course (at a pub!) to cheer him on. Paul finished with a 1.11.00 on a rolling course, and this was now into the 3rd day of racing. Birthday boy Jules was the only SCCC rider to ride the 10-mile TT as Dunc was hobbling on crutches, Will was entertaining Rosie, and Paul and Ric decided it would be a good idea to ride around the island. Jules had his usual frantic start by turning up with 20 seconds to spare. He finished with a 25.13. Somehow Will got through the week in one piece, what with getting a dose and having his headset held together with a bit of coke can and tub tape. The last day of racing saw Jules and Will tackle 2 laps of the TT course while Ric and Paul did the one lapper. Unfortunately the weather did not hold for the last day and it completely poured down which turned the roads into an ice rink. Paul called it a day after 5 miles and having already seen 2 or 3 crashed did not fancy descending the mountain. Ric did well to finish 38th on a day that was only good for watching. Will and Jules both completed 1 lap and decided enough was enough and went for a warm shower (not together).



Pictured above Paul Butler's 25-mile TT cheering squad

Race Results

Road

NW Crit Champs

Dunc is now the North West crit champ after winning at the Preston circuit. Dunc took the 3up sprint after a break formed on the 2nd lap of the 20-lap race. Will was in the 2nd break and finished in 6th.

NW Divisional Road Races

The elite/1st/2nd cat race was held over 8 laps of the tough Overton hill course in Delemere. Every lap up the hill saw a number of riders drop off which left 11 riders to sprint out the finish. Unfortunately the climb was not to Wills liking so he called it a day. Dunc was dropped last time up the hill but managed to get back on and in the sprint took 3rd place. The 4th Cat race was held on the undulating Bashall Eaves circuit near Preston. Paul who is new to road racing found the course a bit too tough and did not finish. Jules did not bother entering the 3rd cat race at it was held on the mega tough Bole hill circuit in Buxton.

SCCC 1st Elite

With some wins at the Preston circuit and a few top 5 placings in 90-mile road races Dunc has now gained enough points to move up to Elite category.

Time Trials

National Clarion & SCCC 25 mile Champs

Crewe Clarion held the National Clarion 25 mile champs, which incorporated the SCCC 25 mile champs. Stockport had a good day with Dunc winning the National Clarion title for the first time and also taking the team award with Will and Ric. Will was also 3rd Clarion. The result is as follows.....

Dunc	57.24
Will	59.15
Ric	1.02.14
Jules	1.02.36

Adorior Mountain TT

This year saw the last time the Adorior Mountain TT was held. With traffic light now at the bottom of Snake Pass the course was altered to the 26-mile route from Chinley to Sparrowpit and back to Chinley. The conditions were bleak to say the least. There was heavy rain and strong winds, which made the ride to the top of Rushup Edge a struggle. This was one of Paul's first time trials, but we have reassured him that they don't get much harder. The result is as follows.....

Dunc	1.18.03
Will	1.26.07
Jules	1.27.14
Paul	1.43.16

National Masters Track Champs

The National Masters Track Championships took place between 1-4 June at Herne Hill. Derek was SCCC sole representative and showed well in the "H" category group for 65-69 years olds. Derek was 3rd in the scratch race and 2nd in the pursuit. Derek also has a 55-minute 25 to his credit this year.

Personal Record Sheets

It's that time of the year again when we require your personal record sheets for the 2002 season. The SCCC trophies are awarded on the results that you submit. Attached is the form for you to complete. Please can you fill in all areas that are relevant and return to Merlin by the end of October.

Don't Quote Me On That

Ric "I need to go and butter my skewer"

Almost A Wheel Catastrophe

Julian's wheel had a lucky escape when it fell off his roof rack at 70 mph. It landed in the central reservation missing all other cars. The Police found Julian wandering around the motorway looking for the wheel and helped him find it. Unbelievably the wheel was undamaged.

SCCC Person Of The Month

This month it is the turn of Andy Norton

1) Name ?

Andy Norton

2) Date Of Birth ?

23 January 1967

3) What year did you join SCCC ?

1978

4) What is your favourite Beer ?

Samuel Smiths

5) What is your favourite curry ?

A botty burning Jalfrezi

6) What was the first race you won or nearly won?

I've nearly won loads. But only actually won a few. First Road Race I won was the Ras y Gwylliad.

7) What is your fastest speed on a bike?

I haven't got a computer so I'd have to guess 90-95mph. But if I was serious probably 55mph in a bunch.

8) Give 4 words to describe yourself

George Clooney's uglier brother

9) What is your favourite record ?

Everyone's favourite – Second Skin by the Chameleons

10) What is your favourite race ?

Le Tour

11) What is your favourite pub ?

Currently Bar 41 in Altrincham

12) Which person do you most admire, and why ?

My parents (whoever they are) for bringing me up like what I is. (And forcing me to ride a bike). (I also admire Dunc for being so fat and yet so fast).

13) Why did you join SCCC ?

See 12

14) What was your hardest Clubrun ?

All when I was younger. But a ride to Elton does spring to mind where we got lost (as per usual) and I blew about 3 miles from the café. I made it to the café and ordered the biggest meal and while I was waiting for it I ate a whole lemon meringue. I managed not to throw up and made it home.



Reeth Weekend

Eight members of Stockport braved heatwaves, thunderstorms and flood warnings to be part of the Clarions camping weekend. The sunniest day of the weekend was spent watching England play Sweden in the World Cup. This was then followed by a ride up to the highest pub in England (no, not the Cat & Fiddle, its higher than that). The pub lights kept fusing out leaving brave souls to drink in the dark, and all decided it was better to stay in the pub and wait for the torrential rain to stop. Colin & Pauline were the only 2 people to stay in a B&B and the rest had to sleep through the possibility of being swept away from the campsite by the overflowing river nearby. The Reeth weekend, despite the weather, was fantastic, the countryside is beautiful. The riding was hard but rewarding for the views. It's highly recommended, but next time I'm going to be sensible and stay in a B&B with the Norton's.

Jackie Mortel

YHA Weekends

We are planning to hold regular YHA weekends throughout the winter months. The plan is to have one per month. The destinations can be decided closer to the time to allow for bad weather, etc. The destinations will **not** be 100 miles away to allow an A and B run to attend. The A run will take in a few detours to make up the miles. Further details will be decided at the Wednesday club night. The proposed dates for the YHA for the remainder of the year are.....

28/29 September	Stiperstones
26/27 October	Aysgarth Falls
23/24 November	Ghent Belgium
TBA December	Youlgreave

AGM

The SCCC AGM is to take place at the Arden Arms, Stockport on **Wednesday 30 October**. The meeting will start at 20.30 prompt. Please make sure you make every effort to attend.

CLUB RUNS

Clubruns leave from the Bluebell Public House (on the A34 in Handforth) at 10am. Don't forget lights, mudguards, money, and inner tubes.

A RUNS

15 th Sept	Hassall Green
22 nd Sept	Delamere (Railway Café)
29 th Sept	Elton
6 th Oct	Holme Firth
13 th Oct	Prees
20 th Oct	Rivington
27 th Oct	National Hill Climb Macclesfield
3 rd Nov	Oakmoor – Alton Towers
10 th Nov	SCCC Downhill Wildborclough
17 th Nov	Church Minshull
24 th Nov	Ghent Weekend or Edale
1 st Dec	Hebdon Bridge
8 th Dec	Acton Bridge
15 th Dec	Impromptu
22 nd Dec	M&DTTA 25 Fancy Dress
26 th Dec	Impromptu
29 th Dec	Impromptu
1 st Jan '03	New Years Day 10

M&DTTA 25 Fancy Dress

The Xmas 25 mile TT will take place on 22nd Dec. If you would like to enter seriously or as fancy dress let Duncan know so we can get a team together. Entry details in the RTTC handbook.

Wortley Hall Weekend

The National Clarion Wortley Hall weekend is to be held on 18-20 October 2002. The weekend will include the National Clarion hill climb, and for the first time the National Clarion 10 mile time trial. There is no need to pre enter this as entry on the line will be allowed, so just turn up if your not too hung over.

If you would like to attend please see Merlin ASAP so he can book your place.

Ghent Weekend

This year's trip to Ghent (Belgium) to watch the 6-day track racing will take place from 22-25 Nov. We will hopefully drive to Dover and get the ferry to Ostend, and then cycle the rest of the way. If you are interested then please let Duncan know ASAP so your place can be booked.

B RUNS

15 th Sept	Hassall Green
22 nd Sept	Delamere (Railway Café)
29 th Sept	Longnor
6 th Oct	Dones Green
13 th Oct	Meerbrook
20 th Oct	Horseshoe Biddulph
27 th Oct	National Hill Climb Macclesfield
3 rd Nov	Radway Green
10 th Nov	SCCC Downhill Wildborclough
17 th Nov	Little Man
24 th Nov	Ghent Weekend or Barthhomley
1 st Dec	Dane Bridge
8 th Dec	Acton Bridge
15 th Dec	Impromptu
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