



East Anglian Newsletter

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As last year...

there are only a few items in this newsletter that cannot be found either on the web site or in the pages of *The Veteran*, but it aims to make the information accessible in one place to for the archive and for those few of our members to whom the cyberspace remains a remote galaxy.

The Group AGM took place on Saturday, 18th February at Westley Waterless Village Hall.

The Chairman's report follows:

The year saw a post-pandemic return to more-or-less normality, with tea and cakes in the HQs and chat around the result boards, though COVID-19 had certainly not gone away and the consensus seemed to be that 20-odd watts went AWOL after a visit from the affliction.

All E2 courses over 10 miles remained out of action owing to road works – a situation that threatens to continue for 2023 – and following the tragic and fatal accident that claimed the life of Cheryl Tye, all the East District courses using the A11 and A14 were also abandoned. Whether any of these will return after the major resurfacing of the concrete section north of Wymondham is, at the time of writing, a decision yet to be taken.

In consequence, the F2 courses on the A428 west of Cambridge were again

pressed into extensive use. Unfortunately, a few influential residents of Highfields Caldecote appear to have conducted an informal cost-benefit analysis and concluded that the inconvenience generated by lots of cyclists parking around their village hall, not to mention stress-testing the plumbing and finding it wanting, outweighs the income generated so we shall need to look for alternative, and less convenient, HQ's. We perhaps need to beware of V718 over-use syndrome.

Time Trial Secretary John Golder did his bit to take the pressure off the A428, moving the Leo 30 to a new version of the E33 triangular circuit based at Stetchworth and/or Six Mile Bottom on the strength of his experience promoting the 2020 CTT National Circuit Championship on the 25 course. That was won in 48:50 (but that was John Archibald, so don't go thinking it's a dragstrip). John has offered the 2023 event as an inaugural VTTA open-road National Circuit Championship and will also be offering a tandem championship and a road bike category. It's on Saturday 13 May at 14:00 and is one of two VTTA National Championships to be promoted by the Group in 2023, the other being Chris Dyason's 15 on the F2/15 on 15 July. Save the dates. We're going to be busy.

Fast though the F2 courses are, the season as a whole, and indeed across the country, was notable for a dearth of really fast conditions, and the number of road

records set, Group and National, was lower than in recent years. Peter Horsnell, of course, boldly went where no vet had gone before and the firmness of his decision to retire at the end of 2022 is yet to be tested. If it holds good, it truly will mark the end of an era.

Worthy of particular note, in part for their rarity, were Mike Skillings' (Full Moo Cycling) national 64 yrs track records of 7:32.2 for 5k; 14:58.3 for 10k; 24:05.9 for 10 miles; 29:59.8 for 20k and 24.58 miles for 1 hour all set – presumably during the same exhausting ride – at Quibell Park.

In National Championships, the Group's chief honours were achieved in the 25-mile Championship held on home roads in Chris Dyason's Cambridge CC promotion on the aforementioned F2A/25. Matt Smith was fastest on actual time; Andy Grant and Keith Dorling were silver and bronze medallists respectively in the men's championship; Cambridge CC won the club team award and East Anglia the

Group. East Anglia repeated that team success in the season-long Short-Distance Competition and Jackie Field, despite a radically truncated season, took third place in the women's table.

Long-serving National and Group membership Secretary Merv Player was nominated by the Group for the Bricknell Award for service to the VTTA at national level but came up against a strong field of equally worthy candidates, whilst our own Gordon Irons Trophy went to multiple championship organiser Chris Dyason.

The roll-call of those who have left us this year is sadly lengthy. The passing of Cheryl Tye, Val Hester, Alan Rochford and Mick Gambling were all noted in the last issue of The Veteran and we have subsequently heard of the loss of Brenda Tate of East Anglian CC and Alan Hale of West Suffolk Wheelers. Fuller appreciations of Brenda and Val appear below.

**EAST ANGLIAN GROUP
MINUTES OF THE 58TH AGM
HELD ON SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2023**

- Attendees – 10 of whom 8 were Officials.
- Apologies for absence – Chris Dyason, Noel Toone & Davey Jones.
- There were no matters arising from the minutes of the November 2021 AGM.
- The Minutes were accepted by the Meeting.

Reports:

- Membership Secretary's Report

Merv Player went through his report in regards to current membership which is 353, 86 still outstanding which have all been sent reminders. This figure is down on previous years.

- Treasurer's Report

Keith Dorling presented the accounts for the last year. All present agreed to the adoption of the accounts.

- Time Trial Secretary's Report

John Golder presented the 2023 TT Programme of events. Possible implication of road works on A11 (E2), discussion took place on where to move those events(evening 10's) that will be affected. All agreed to disperse to various courses to ensure the F2 does not become overused.

Proposed and agreed by those present at the meeting.

- Recorder & Age Record Secretary's Report

Ken Platts presented the reports for the EAVTTA Group Awards, Group Championship Trophy winners & Age Records set in 2022. Annual Awards will be presented after the Group 25 event on the 23rd July 2023.

Luncheon Organiser

Date has been set for a buffet lunch and presentations for 23rd July after the Group 25. Discussion took place on whether to try another lunch and presentation for 2023. It was agreed we will organise a lunch and awards presentation on the 17th February 2024, new venue to be explored as previous venue has closed. All agreed Newmarket area is central for the group.

Chairman Report

Andy Grant presented his report giving an overview of the previous year, which included changes to the Leo 30 which will be on the E33/30 again and include the inaugural VTTA open road circuit championships for TT & road bike categories.

- Election of officials

Chairman – Andrew Grant
General Secretary – Chris Golder
Membership Secretary – Merv Player
Treasurer – Keith Dorling
Recorder & Age Records Secretary – Ken Platts
Time Trial Secretary - John Golder
Newsletter Editor – Andrew Grant
Auditor – Ian Davidson

Webmaster & Group Administrator – Noel Toone
Awards Secretary – Denese Hallahan

- Appointment of delegates
- CTT London East District –
- VTTA National Forum – Andy Grant
- VTTA National AGM

Other delegates will be agreed at the next committee meeting in September

- Any Other Business

None

The Meeting closed at 12:20pm

EA VTTA GROUP TROPHIES 2022

GROUP BAR (MEN)

Lionel Lincoln Memorial Shield, awarded annually to the highest-placed male Group member in the National season-long BAR competition .

1st James Wood **West Suffolk Wheelers** **+40:15**

No other qualifiers

GROUP BAR (WOMEN)

Freddie Frost Cup*, awarded annually to the highest-placed female Group member in the National season-long BAR competition .

No Qualifiers

GROUP THREE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN)

Harry Haynes Shield, awarded annually to the highest-placed male Group member in the National season-long Three Distance Competition .

1st Philip Jones **Peterborough CC** **+38:09**

2nd James Wood **West Suffolk Wheelers** **+34:30**

CHARLIE CLIFT SHIELD

Awarded annually to the fastest Group member on standard in the first Group '10'.

Matthew Smith **Drag2zero**

Jackie Field **CC Ashwell**

RON FISHER/JACK KING MEMORIAL SHIELD

Awarded annually to the Group member who is best on standard in the last Group '10'.

Keith Dorling **Team Bottrill**

Denise Hurren **Sole Bay Cycle Sport**

H F NEVILL 25M CUP

Awarded annually to the fastest Group member on standard in the first Group 25 mile event of the season.

Antony Brown **George Fox Cycling Solutions**

Susan Triplow **CC Sudbury**

GERI LANG MEMORIAL CUP

Awarded annually to the Group member who is best on standard in the second Group 25.

Matthew Smith **Drag2Zero**

Louise Robinson **Essex Roads CC**

H F NEVILL 30M CUP

Awarded annually to the fastest Group member on standard in the Group 30 mile event.

Chris Holmes **VC Norwich**

Elsbeth Knott **Colchester Rovers**

SYD PARKINSON CUP

Awarded annually to the fastest Group member on standard in the Group nominated 50 mile event.

Andrew Grant **Cambridge CC**

Sue Chittock **Army Cycling**

H F NEVILL 12HR CUP

Awarded annually to the Group member with the greatest mileage on standard in either London East or East District courses designated by Cycling Time Trials.

James Wood **West Suffolk Wheelers**

No female qualifiers

GORDON IRONS MEMORIAL CUP

Awarded for outstanding services to the Group

Chris Dyason

Group Records set in 2022

10 miles

00:34:27	92	Male	Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	19/03/2022
00:31:56	92	Male	Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	08/06/2022
00:30:18	92	Male	Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	15/06/2022*

15 miles

00:46:38	92	Male	Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	15/04/2022*
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25 miles

00:53:48	69	Male	Andrew Grant	Cambridge CC	07/05/2022
00:53:34	69	Male	Andrew Grant	Cambridge CC	11/09/2022
01:18:54	92	Male	Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	07/05/2022*

50 miles

01:55:38	57	Female	Jackie Field	CC Ashwell	21/05/2022*
01:48:39	69	Male	Andrew Grant	Cambridge CC	21/05/2022*
02:32:27	72	Female	Elsbeth Knott	Colchester Rovers CC	14/08/2022
02:57:15	92	Male	Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	21/05/2022*

24 Hrs

348.07	73	Male	Graham Mann	Hainault Roads Club	24/07/2022*
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*Denotes current national record

Standards 2022

Member	Club	Event	Result	Plus	
Graham Richard Mann	Hainault Roads Club	24 Hour	348.07 miles	89 miles	
Jamie watson	Clacton Cycling and running club	10 Mile	00:21:17	00:05:50	
Alan McGuire	Plomesgate CC	10 Mile	00:24:28	00:03:02	
		25 Mile	01:02:04	00:07:35	
		50 Mile	02:18:07	00:04:13	
Anthony Bye	Wisbech Whs	10 Mile	00:25:04	00:03:45	
		15 Mile	00:38:22	00:05:03	
John Swanbury	VC Baracchi	Solo	15 Mile	00:42:42	00:03:03
		Mixed Tandem	25 mile	01:00:29	00:14:08
Peter Tibbitts	Ford CC	50 Km	01:23:07	00:09:53	
		15 Mile	00:34:51	00:09:21	
		25 Mile	00:59:24	00:14:59	
		10 Mile	00:24:05	00:05:14	
		50 Mile	02:04:37	00:27:53	
Paul Wright	Hitchin Nomads CC	10 Mile	00:26:40	00:00:32	
		15 Mile	00:39:54	00:01:05	
linda hones	Newmarket Cycling & Triathlon Club	10 Mile	00:24:11	00:06:12	
		15 Mile	00:38:04	00:07:42	
Harry Moore	Cycling Club Hackney	25 Mile	01:01:20	00:09:12	
		50 Km	01:30:05	-00:02:21	
		50 Mile	02:19:48	00:03:46	
Claire Parkins	Peterborough Cycling Club	10 Mile	00:27:51	00:01:16	
Judy Brown	Newmarket Cycling & Triathlon Club	15 Mile	00:38:26	00:07:45	
		25 Mile	01:05:39	00:12:00	
Darran John Bennett	Ely & District CC/B&T Motor Repairs	15 Mile	00:30:27	00:10:07	
		10 Mile	00:19:16	00:07:45	
		25 Mile	00:50:37	00:17:46	
		50 Mile	01:44:17	00:35:21	

james wood	West Suffolk Wheelers	12 Hour 100 Mile 25 Mile 10 Mile 50 Mile	220.499 miles 04:17:50 00:59:01 00:21:29 01:58:13	26 miles 00:42:24 00:11:13 00:06:15 00:25:21
Patrick John Charlton	Wolsey RC	10 Mile	00:23:49	00:04:33
Dan Jenkins	Southend Wheelers	10 Mile 50 Mile 25 Mile 15 Mile 50 Km 25 Mile	00:20:29 01:51:52 00:54:03* 00:34:36 01:16:08 00:53:35	00:06:38 00:28:16 00:14:49 00:06:23 00:09:53 00:15:32
Michael Keith Watson	Diss & District CC	10 Mile 15 Mile 25 Mile 10 Mile 15 Mile	00:21:15* 00:33:57 00:54:52 00:20:41 00:33:26	00:06:15 00:07:29 00:14:47 00:06:56 00:08:10
Keith Dorling	Team Bottrill	10 Mile 15 Mile 25 Mile	00:20:19 00:32:21 00:51:52	00:07:54 00:10:11 00:19:39
Michael Martin	CC Ashwell	10 Mile 15 Mile 25 Mile	00:21:37 00:34:35 00:56:28	00:05:53 00:06:51 00:13:11
Susan Triplow	CC Sudbury	10 Mile 25 Mile 50 Mile 30 Mile 10 Mile	00:22:56* 00:59:10 02:05:22 01:15:55 00:22:55	00:06:52 00:16:15 00:28:41 00:14:58 00:06:59
Roger Chappell	Team Vision Racing - Silverhook	10 Mile	00:27:04	00:03:03
Robert Louis Moore	Shaftesbury CC	25 Mile 10 Mile 50 Mile 30 Mile	00:59:12 00:22:49 02:04:15 01:21:22	00:10:11 00:04:35 00:18:05 00:02:35
Andrew Hutchinson (Mixed Tandem)	Lowestoft Wheelers CC	10 mile 15mile 25 mile	00:21:52 00:36:22 00:56:11	00:05:58 00:05:28 00:14:09
Catherine Hutchison (Mixed Tandem)	Lowestoft Wheelers CC	10 mile 15mile 25 mile	00:21:52 00:36:22 00:56:11	00:05:58 00:05:28 00:14:09

* Denotes result rejected for standards purposes

Time Trial Secretary's Report

We had a full programme of events in 2022, even though some events had to move to other courses due to the roadworks on the A14. All the evening 10's ran on the E2, which may not be the case this year as we have recently been notified of resurfacing between Six Mile Bottom & Four Went Ways 😞

London North have again come to the rescue, so some events may be moved to either the F2 courses or other London East courses. We will have more details when we are notified of the dates of the roadworks.

We have a good programme of events again for 2023, thanks to the organisers for volunteering to run them, but we still struggle to get marshals, so if you can help, please email the organisers.

I am running the inaugural VTTA open road circuit championships for TT & road bikes within the Leo 30 on the Stetchworth circuit and Chris Dyason is running the National VTTA 15 championships on the F2 in July on behalf of the Group so please help us make these extra special events.

Date	Event	Course	Organiser	Email
Sat 13th May	Leo 30 (inc VTTA open circuit championship & Group 30)	E33/30	John Golder	jgolder66@outlook.com
Thur 1st June	Group 10	F2A/10	Keith Dorling	krd51@icloud.com
Thur 8th June	Group 10	F2A/10	Keith Dorling	krd51@icloud.com
Thur 15th June	Group 10	E2/10	Michael Martin	mwmartin_actuary@hotmail.co.uk
Thur 22nd June	Group 10	E2/10	Harry Moore	harry_louise@btinternet.com
Sat 24th June	Viking 50 (inc Group 50)	F2/50	Chris Dyason	cdyason@hotmail.com
Thur 29th June	Group 10	E2/10	TBA	
Thurs 6th July	Group 10	E2/10	Michael Martin	mwmartin_actuary@hotmail.co.uk
Sun 9th July	National 100 (Breckland inc Group 100)	TBE	Mark Fairhead	markfairhead@btinternet.com
Sat 15th July	National VTTA 15	F2/15	Chris Dyason	cdyason@hotmail.com
Sun 23rd July	Group 25	F2A/25	John Golder	jgolder66@outlook.com
Sun 20th August	National 12hr (ECCA inc Group 12hr)	E2/12hr	Len Gordon	lengordon55@gmail.com
Sat 2nd Sept	Group 10	F2A/10	Dominic Whitehead	berylDOM@yahoo.co.uk
Sat 23rd Sept	Group 25	E2/25	Michael Martin	mwmartin_actuary@hotmail.co.uk
Sat 1st Oct	ECCA 25 (inc Group circuit 25)	E33/25	Len Gordon	lengordon55@gmail.com

ALL Group events are preference to VTTA members. The 10 league is for East Anglian VTTA members only and consists of the above 7 events, the best 4 to count.

East Anglian VTTA organisers NEED YOU!



Please choose at least one Group event from the list above at which you are able to help in 2023 – more than one if you possibly can and email the organiser directly, to volunteer, with a copy to John Golder.

Please note that this is an obligation which may be delegated if you are sufficiently duplicitous/ manipulative/ devious/ persuasive, so feel free to nominate spouses, sons, daughters, nephews, nieces, significant others, having first explained to them what delightful fun there is to be had standing next to a dual carriageway for two and a half hours.

Please remember: *Any member who has not helped with the running of East Anglian VTTA events during the preceding three years may be rejected from entry in VTTA East Anglian events on E2 courses.*

New members of the Group have an exemption to the end of their first calendar year.

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VAL HESTER (1938-2022)

It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of Val Hester. For many years a member of Leo RC with her late husband Bill and more recently with CC Breckland.

Life Member of the ECCA and President from 2002 to 2006, Val will be remembered for her work as a timekeeper and her many official positions including the long service she and Bill gave to the committee of the VTTA East Anglian Group.



BRENDA TATE (1933-2022)

Will Tate writes: *My father, Brian Tate, of the East Anglian C.C. has asked me to contact you to see whether the attached obituary of my mother Brenda might be included in the next VTTA E. Anglia newsletter*

Members of the Group may have been aware of the death of Brenda Tate in early May at the age of 89.

Born in Norwich in 1933, Brenda's first involvement with cycling was through the Y.H.A. but she later joined the East Anglian C.C. in 1959, her future husband Brian already being a member. She was club Treasurer for 25 years and was made an honorary life member in 1983.

In the mid 70s Brenda competed in time trials, often alongside Brian and their two sons William and Robert. She was a regular in the EACC club "10's" at Horsford on summer evenings and rode in open "10's" and "25's" around the region. Brenda enjoyed racing though she was the first to admit that she was not very good, joking that the timekeeper needed a calendar not a stopwatch.

Brenda and Brian both joined the VTTA in 1983 and have remained members since. Following her retirement from the saddle Brenda kept up her involvement and interest in cycling and built a well deserved reputation as a witty and entertaining after-dinner speaker, on several occasions speaking at the VTTA luncheon at Ipswich and at other club dinners and lunches until 2017.

