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Just a minute!

WELL it only seems like a couple of months since the season started, now it's almost finished, I don't think 2015 will go down in history as one of the best for the weather, especially on the E2 where the wind was always at it's worse at the weekends!

There have been a few days that stand out locally though, our own championship 50 in June, although a bit damp, very good conditions, the EDCA 100 in July and finally the ECCA 12 hour in August, that had to be the best day for a 12 hour for many years, there are brief reports on all three events within the newsletter.

Every year we go on about getting your claims in by 18th October and every year there is always someone that is late and disappointed, don't be that someone, get those claims into Tony and Sue Clarke.

This includes the Group competitions, BAR (25, 50, 100 and 12hr), championships (men's 10, 25, 50 and 100 – ladies 2 x 10's and 2 x 25's) and the National short distance competition 2 x 10's and 2 x 25's

One form for National BAR, 3 distance and short distance plus another form for Group 4 distance competition, forms are available on the group WEB site or from Tony. Entries to be in by 18th October, Sue will also want your age records in on the same date.

If you have an email address let me know, from the 327 members, I only have 40 without an email address, but those 40 cost the Group nearly £60 every time I put a newsletter out due to the printing and postage costs, this will help cut the costs for the Group and you will receive any communications quicker.

Read all about it

Nowadays there is a usually full page of cycling news once a week in the East Anglian Daily Times, with three or four photos. Most of the time - on average about four weeks out of five - the page is published in Friday's edition, otherwise on one of the following few days.

The paper circulates in Suffolk, NE Essex – down as far as Maldon – and south Norfolk. So the news concentrates on events and riders in those areas, the cycling

column is mostly written by Wolsey RC, EA VTTA & TA East member Fergus Muir whose contact details are given below. He welcomes help – with news from your club or your photos.

About photos – remember that the person who takes a photo owns the copyright – so only send a photo taken by someone else if they have given permission for it to be sent to the press – and your covering note confirms this. Fergus Muir, fergusmuir@btinternet.com, 01603 615000 15 Calvert Street, Norwich NR3 1BY,



Pete Horsnell's hat trick

Well the Chairman is going well this year, so far (mid-August) he has achieved 3 National records, he broke his own record in our championship 50, recording a 2:16:55, then in the EDCA 100 he recorded 5:9:55 and then in the ECCA 12hr he recorded 207.3 miles wiping out 3 of his National records down to 81. Well done Pete, looks good for the 3 and 4 distance National VTTA BAR result.

Gary Empson's comeback

After quite a few years away, Gary has made an incredible return to the result board, if you don't know of Gary, he was

the first rider to break the hour in the Leo 30 in 1991 with a 59:56; he held comp record for a few minutes until Eddie Adkins came in with a 59:22. Gary has dabbled from time to time, winning the Leo 30 in 2010 when it was reduced to a 25 due to an air show at Duxford in a 49:41, he has just got second in the ECCA 10 (only his second event of the year) on a blustery, hot day with a 19:56, I wonder if he is training for the Leo 30 on a new 'superfast' course on Saturday October 3rd?

The National VTTA 10 on the super-fast Yorkshire V718 course had some of our members travelling up there and they were not disappointed, Glenn Taylor (Shorter Rochford RT) and Mark Arnold (CC Desireage) set the fastest time of the day on the tandem with a cracking 17:36, only 15 secs off comp record, winning the tandem event and getting a new National VTTA age record.

In the solo event Len Benton (77) clocked 22:33 giving him a plus of 8:07 to take 3rd place, getting back to his former glory days of the mid to late 90's, Derek Stewart (78) won with 22:35 and a plus of 8:23 with Brian Sunter (72) 21:14 to take 2nd with a plus of 8:12, who said the new standards favour the youngsters.

The fastest solo ride on the day was from ex-Group member, Steve Irwin who clocked 18:40, one second off his PB, Steve has moved 'oop norf' and we wish him every success for the future. *John*

Above: Lenny Benton.

Photo by Fergus Muir.

Below: Glenn Taylor & Mark Arnold.

Photo by Davey Jones.





Len Finch tells me that he is the oldest vet in Suffolk currently racing, and Eddie Fone is the oldest in Norfolk. Len wanted this photo of the two of them taken, I think, with the VTТА newsletter in mind. In the VTТА 10 Eddie (88) did 35:46, and Len (83) 31:37



And talking about old vets, here is one of the oldest in Essex (Eric Marsh is younger by a few months) This is him breaking the National VTТА age record for a 50 in the EA VTТА 50 in June with a 2:16:55 This will sit pretty with his other 2 National VTТА records, the 100 with a 5:9:55 and the ECCA 12hr with 207.9 miles

An old bloke's lament for the E31

The road of the Rapier, the '65 record,
With Paul, Joe and Alan conquering the rest.
The first '53' by Sir Bennett from Barnet
And 'Bone' and 'Li'l Joe' showing team-work at best.

Ah, I remember the glory of the A127,
The Southend Arterial, my fave of all time.
The first version ridden in the late 1960s,
With me as a scrubber and 'King' Alf in his prime.

My start on a 'one' behind The King's 'zero',
Sent thoughts of achievement into my young head.
On the concrete I saw him when I was in motion,
But I had on my specs and saw two miles ahead!

The pretender Sir Trevor used this hallowed concrete
To dip 'neath the magic they called '53'.
But demi-God Dungworth did not take this smiling,
And the days second '52' vanquished Sir T.

Yes, the pain of the sixties still brings back the memories
Of rides on the carriageway; some blurred and some clear.
Laindon, Upminster, the 'onion' at the Ford works,
But if I may choose to, I'll forget Rayleigh Weir!

The Unity club tests on new eighties versions
Still held all the charm of this carriageway holy.
Was here that I learned how to push a big gear,
Yet somehow still managed to travel quite slowly.

In the 85th year of the 20th century,
This road of dreams hosted Nat. 25 miles.
They said I should ride it; I entered, accepted
Even wangled a late start... cue; beaming Kish smiles.

Lord Webster rode truly, more gold in his coffers,
His fortune amassing in all things of biking.
A new man called Gottrel came out of the ocean
And took home some silver; 'twas much to his liking.

I rode to my utmost with standard steed 'neath me,
No lo-pro or small wheel to help me along.
Until Dave Hinde arose and rode past me with tattoos,
And 'King Kong'-sized gear... but with legs twice as strong!

Alas, it was later, just a short time thereafter
That my E31 slowly drifted away.
Cautious officials and big blue policemen
Chopped 'E31' but let 'A127' still stay.

How well I remember the rolling undulations,
Just one 'up' and 'down' gear were all that you'd need.
Day-trippers were plenty, wagons both full and empty,
With the odd caravan, some at just the right speed!

Yes, I lament at the passing of this course that I loved so.
The magic of tarmac and the charm of concrete.
When the High God of Testing created this icon,
His work for the day was surely complete.

Sure, the E72 was a road built for romance,
With it's '49' legend by Alf, so well done.
But for yours very truly, with memories of Essex,
The best memories are filed 'E31'.

The E31 Southend Arterial Road (A127) was where the first-ever 53-minute ride (by Paul Bennett) and first-ever 52-minute ride (by Trevor Morgan) were done. The winning time of 51:16 by Darryl Webster in the National 25 on this course remains his personal best until this day.

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Now for something completely different !

Well I saw all the ads about the Tour of Cambridge TT, closed roads, starting ramps, timing chips, etc., even with a £34 entry fee I thought it sounded like something different to the usual grinding up and down a duel carriageway, so I entered, so did 700 others and it closed within 3 days on a first come, first served basis.

It just so happened it fell on my birthday (6th June if you want to remember it for next year) the day was very windy and the course nothing like the E2, in fact it was a undulating 28k (17.4m) SPOCO type course and it was blowing a gale, though it was sunny, but everything was in place, they had about 20 warm-up turbo's just before you went onto the start ramp, cameramen in excess and I even got a motorcycle escort for part of the course.

I managed to wangle qualifying in my age group, which was 25% of each group, didn't quite make the podium, but received a gold medal with the world championship striped ribbon, there were stalls there and even the CTT had one, though BC were noted by their absence.

A thoroughly enjoyable experience, so when I then got an email inviting me to the UWCT finals in Hobro, Denmark, I decided to go, now I didn't realise the implications of this rash decision, it meant a new bike as mine was not UCI legal, new tri bars for the same reason, purchase of a GB skinsuit which we got no help from BC and an International racing licence, which we also had to get from BC at cost, this was all before the cost of travel and accommodation.

Well on Sun 30th August we set sale for mainland Europe via Dover-Calais, others went other routes, but because a TT bike is not the easiest thing to transport, we decided to go by car, it's a bloody long way, in fact nearly 850 miles from West Hanningfield but we took 3 days, stopping at Hannover and Hamburg on the way, arriving 30k outside Hobro on the 1st September, the event was on Thursday 3rd.

There was a time allocation to ride the course on the Wednesday, this we did, and anybody that tells you Denmark is flat, lies. Hobro is at the end of the Mariager Fjord, so the town is in a valley that was sculptured out by a glacier in the ice age, the first 2k was OK, but then there was a long drag out of the town which killed the legs, then even after that the 18.8k course was undulating, after the trial run, those with single rings were panicking.

Matt Bottrill had parked up next to us in the car park, he was examining his bent Giant Trinity, he had put it in a soft bike bag and then wondered why the KLM handlers

had stamped on it, rear mech hanging off, hole in the disc and the carbon chainring bent, Keith Dorling came to the rescue, lending Matt his bike to check out the course, but in trainers as the pedals were different, but after a 250 mile round trip to the local Danish Giant dealer, Matt got his bike fixed for the event the following day.

Also on the Wednesday we received our riders pack that included numbers and the small self-adhesive transponders that fitted either side of your helmet, then the dreaded UCI compliance check, this wasn't as thorough as expected, all they checked for was seat and tri bar extension position and we all came away thinking we needn't have brought a new bike after all, but it was a good excuse! I had to move my tri bar extensions even further back, the check



would also be done 5 mins before the start on the Thursday to ensure nobody had sneakily changed their position back.

After that we had the riders briefing, during the briefing it was apparent that the organisers didn't know the difference between rollers and turbo trainers, unless it was just lost in translation and this prompted me to ask if we needed to bring our own skewers? Apparently they didn't really know!

Anyway Thursday morning arrives, all the hype and the BIG day was here, pre start warm up on the road being careful to avoid any gravel, though in general the roads were very good, to get to the start ramp meant scrambling up a steep wet grass bank to the tarmac area, at the rear of the ramp were one set of rollers and about half a dozen assorted

turbo's, none of which had matching skewers, there were no mechanics in attendance like there were in ToC either.

Anyway I managed to secure one for about 10mins, but Pete Tibbitts in a rush to get warming up, either didn't fit the skewer correctly, or the over centre clamp relaxed, net result: as soon as he put a decent load on, the ground came up and hit him on the left hand side, looked painful and he damaged his bike, I carried on regardless as I was only 2 minutes behind Pete.

Called up, another quick bike check and onto the ramp and the nerves that were already at an all-time high kicked in big time, I never get that nervous at the start even for big events like 100's and 12hrs, this was only 11.8 mile, anyway 5,4,3,2,1 and I'm off down the ramp, the first 2k was fairly

flat then it was the climb, into the small ring and just pedal up it, at 30sec intervals I was expecting the very fit Swedish rider behind me to catch me, but not after 3k, over the top and the legs feel dead already, back into the big ring and get into a steady ride a fairly fast bit I catch a South African which boosted the moral, off the main road and into the 'lanes' the course was straight out on a main road, a loop through lanes and picturesque country side, then back onto the main road for the return.

A slight cross to tail wind back made it faster and I felt as though I was really moving until a Canadian came past me and dropped me for dead, just before the decent into town an Australian came past off the tri bars? I chucked it into the 11 and went back past him on the tri bars for the final bit down the hill I had struggled up at 40mph+ with a sharp left 90 degree turn at the bottom and the Danish marshals waving furiously to slow down, I almost clipped the barriers as I turned into the final 2k through an industrial estate, then down the

straight though the finish, it was all over, the big build up for about 3 months had ended in 30:23.

After the finish a lady was handing out a bag of goodies, I expected a protein shake and energy bars and was a little disappointed that it was just a bottle of water, a banana and a mars bar (which my other half devoured).

So now it was time to reflect, the excuses poured out as usual and I may just as well been up at Westerly Waterless village hall. What a fantastic experience though and one that I would love to do again, the pre-registration for the 2016 Tour of Cambridge was on Saturday 12th Sept at 6am, I set my alarm for 5:55 got in, apparently I could have waited until 8pm when it closed with 800

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Lorna Hanlon wrote from sunny France

I thought you may like to know that you have a very "historical" personage in the Chelmer – Mary Beaumont (AKA Mary Horsnell) – no less I am researching my ancestry and have found that the Beaumont's are related to me through Henry Grosmont Plantagenet, who was the 1st Duke of Lancaster 1300-1361 and he married Countess Isabella de Beaumont, 1315-1360. He was my 17th great grandfather and she was 17th wife of great grandfather. Their family appears in Ancestry UK's details and many generations lived in the Pleshey area. So you can now bow and spread your cape – I am sure she will have a good laugh...

I found out our very distant relationship before Christmas and I thought I would go as far as I could with "my side" (I still have to get to grips with Tony's side). I found to my great surprise that William the Conqueror is my 25th great grandfather, going downwards it gets a bit more difficult to find and how many thousands of other people have WTC in their tree must be amazing, together with his huge family of 4 wives and 11 children by one wife alone, the mind boggles.

Another little titbit – as Tony and I are childless, our complete collection of medals (over 500) trophies, certificates, scrapbooks and photos for 50 years of cycle racing are being handed over in due course to the National Cycling Museum in Llandrindod Wells, North Wales, who will keep and exhibit them for posterity. We are also giving them a substantial donation towards the upkeep of the museum. To make sure the collection arrives in good condition we will probably drive up from "home" and deliver them ourselves, probably in 2016/2017 when all our restoration work is finished here on our villa. I am busy repairing the scrapbooks at present and it is amazing when you read back 20 years or so to think what you were capable of – getting a bit old in the tooth now.

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riders pre-registered, maybe CTT could learn a thing or two about a special event like this, it will be harder to qualify next year I reckon now that the word is out what a great event the ToC is, but the UWCT Chrono TT is in Perth, Australia next year, so maybe there won't be such a big contingent of Brits?

Some of the Group members that travelled to Denmark were Sue Triplow (Essex Roads) 44th overall in the ladies event, 50-54 age group David Proctor (Team Vo2 Bikes), 55-59 age group Antony Brown

The East Anglian VTTA Championship 50 and the Syd Parkinson Cup

This year we ran our own championship 50 event, the logic behind this was that not many of our members get the chance to ride the fast E2/50c course, so why not run our own event on there?

The afternoon in mid-June was a dull affair with light rain in the air and like so many other organisers of events on the E2 course there was always that chance I would have to cancel, but it was very light and not causing any spray from the traffic.

At the start it the wind had dropped and it looked like it could be fast, most riders realised this at the 25 mile mark, the rain did get a bit harder and around the Newmarket by-pass it was fairly persistent, but visibility was still good.

Some very good times were being recorded and those that were DNS must have been kicking themselves when they saw the result! Below are the top 10.

Now when fast man Colin Parkinson of the South Western CRC saw the result, he told me that Syd Parkinson was his granddad and sent me a photo of Syd he looks a tad younger in the photo than Pete!



Posn	No	Name	Club	Age	Group	Time
1	40	Dave Green	Team Velovelocity.co.uk	51	East Anglia	1:40:32
2	30	Peter Lawrence	Team Swift	43	London & Home Counties	1:40:33
3	50	Dave Lazenby	Baines Racing Silverstone Cycle	51	East Anglia	1:42:00
4	60	Glenn Taylor	Shorter Rochford RT	47	East Anglia	1:43:45
5	31	Richard Gifford	In-Gear Quickvit Trainsharp RT	52	Surrey-Sussex	1:44:00
6	57	Carl Whitwell	St Ives CC	43	East Anglia	1:44:38
7	56	Richard Hancock	St Neots CC	47	London & Home Counties	1:44:45
8	72	Sean Taylor	RAF CC	44	East Anglia	1:44:58
9	80	Dean Lubin	Ciclos Uno	45	East Anglia	1:45:13
10	85	Tim Davies	Icknield RC	47	London & Home Counties	1:46:14

1st on standard: Pete Horsnell, Chelmer CC, +45:45 and a new National and Group Record

1st Lady on standard: Teresa Goddard, Kingston Wheelers CC, +31:30

Fastest age groups:

40-44	Peter Lawrence (43) Team Swift, 1:40:33
45-49	Glenn Taylor (47) Shorter Rochford RT, 1:43:45
50-54	Dave Green (51) Team Velovelocity.co.uk, 1:40:32
55-59	Keith Dorling (56) Bishop's Stortford CC, 1:49:05
60-64	John Golder (62) Chelmer CC, 1:53:20
65-69	Ray Retter (69) North Devon Wheelers, 1:52:45
80+	Pete Horsnell (85) Chelmer CC, 2:16:55

Club team of three on standard: Chelmer CC, 1:52:18,

Pete Horsnell (45:45), Stuart Clarke (33:29) and John Golder (33:04)

The Syd Parkinson Cup: Pete Horsnell, Chelmer CC, +45:45

(Kettering CC) and Keith Dorling (Bishop's Stortford), 60-64 age group John Golder (Chelmer CC) and Peter Tibbitts (Ford CC), 65-69 age group Colin Davies (Cambridge CC) and Ed Spurgeon (Colchester Rovers) in the 70-74 age group.

Other local riders were Peter and David Harding (Chelmer CC – not sure if we got the team J), Simon Daw (Velo Schils Interbike), Nick Webber (Colchester Rovers) and Jim Moffat (Virgin Active) who came 66th overall with 26:04 out of the 516 men that finished, Matt Bottrill did 24:17 for 3rd overall and the event was won by Andreas

Schweizer from Switzerland with 23:41.

The ladies event was won by Adelheid Schutz from Germany with 27:07 with ex World Champion and hour record holder, Jeannie Longo from France taking 4th in 27:50, there were 112 ladies that finished.

You can view pics, and get split times of the riders by going to www.denmark2015.dk and getting the Sportstiming page up for the Chrono, just click on the rider's name, I did this to see what the overall winner was like, all his pics show him head down riding, CTT would frown on this, but it was a closed road!

The ECCA 12 hour – the BIG showdown


The weather forecast looked good throughout the week leading up to the ECCA 12hr, so good it was hard to believe! Light NE winds, overcast with a high of 18 degrees, perfect 12hr conditions.

The day did not disappoint, starting at Great Chesterford there was a slight chill in the air, not a huge field, but quality in depth, Adam Topham the BBAR winner for the past 3 years and Richard Bideau the 'new boy on the block' with a background in mountain biking he has taken the TT world by storm this year, culminating with taking the 100 comp record a month before with a 3:18:54, the first 30mph 100!

So the stage was set with these two gladiatorial figures fighting it out quality riders like the two Dave's from our Group (Green & Lazenby) had to take a bit of a back seat!

Anyone that was spectating these two, either a competitor or on the side of the road could see what an incredible battle the two were having, the rest of us just got on with it, Topham passed me 6 times during the day and looked as smooth the 6th time as he looked the first!

Well the day didn't disappoint, it was probably the best day we have had for this event for several years, Adam Topham winning with the 3rd best 12 ever and Richard Bideau with the 4th best ever distance. East Anglian Group members rode well, with the two Dave's coming 4th and 5th, although new Group member Alex Eason forgot to fill in his vets bit on the IE, he came 6th at his first attempt and he



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walked away with the best ECCA rider, best novice and has secured the ECCA BAR.

Sarah Williamson with over 230m was the fastest lady, with Cathy Wood 2nd with 224m; she broke Mary Horsnell's 34 year old Group and club record.

Hitchin Nomads won the fastest team, but were beaten by +46.5 miles on plus by the Chelmer and that wasn't including Alex

or Cathy who also forgot to add the vet's info on the IE!

Pete Horsnell had to take an unusual 3rd place on standard behind the BIG boys, but his 207.7m was still a National and Group age record, wiping out three of his previous records, now there is a gap between 81 and 85. Here are the top 10 and Group member's results.

Pos	Name	Club	Age	VTTA Group	VTTA Std	50 miles	100 miles	Distance	Std +/-
1	Adam Topham	High Wycombe CC	47	Wessex	203.30	01:46:01	03:36:30	313.87	110.57
2	Richard Bideau	Pendle Forest CC	44	N Lancs & Lakes	207.05	01:48:21	03:37:23	309.28	102.23
3	Rich Hunt	Severn Valley Cycles				01:58:25	03:55:51	280.34	
4	Dave Green	Team Velovelocity.co.uk	51	East Anglia	198.44	01:55:49	03:51:39	280.27	81.83
5	Dave Lazenby	Baines Racing Silverstone	51	East Anglia	198.44	02:04:56	04:08:00	278.39	79.95
6	Alex Eason	Chelmer CC	44			02:04:47	04:08:53	263.79	
7	Chris Woolley	Rhondda Triathlon Club				01:59:15	04:01:13	261.46	
8	John Watson	Hitchin Nomads CC	49	East Anglia	200.87	02:02:57	04:13:05	260.00	59.13
9	John Golder	Chelmer CC	62	East Anglia	182.91	02:04:18	04:13:40	256.23	73.32
10	David Watt	Kingston Phoenix RC				02:09:41	04:20:20	253.29	
	Julian Pegg	Hitchin Nomads CC	52	East Anglia	197.21	02:06:47	04:20:19	245.89	48.68
	Nick Hickman	Hitchin Nomads CC	48	East Anglia	202.08	02:12:47	04:30:17	243.39	41.31
	Sarah Williamson (W)	Hemel Hempstead CC	47	East Anglia	184.82	02:14:59	04:41:59	230.26	45.44
	Cathy Wood (W)	Chelmer CC	51			02:20:27	04:55:59	224.42	
	Alexander Ratter	Maldon & District CC	41	East Anglia	211.12	02:20:46	05:07:15	216.85	5.73
	Honor Wood (W)	Chelmer CC	52	East Anglia	179.32	02:30:40	05:07:46	211.23	31.91
	Peter Horsnell	Chelmer CC	85	East Anglia	116.97	02:32:51	05:14:20	207.37	90.40
	Karen Eaton (W)	Wolsey RC	45	East Anglia	187.05	02:26:53	05:10:49	202.29	15.24

Jonathan Weatherley (1972 to 2015)

At the end of August, following the CC Sudbury Road Race, Jonathan Weatherley, one of our Group members was riding his bike home to Sible Hedingham when he was involved in an incident from which he tragically died. There is very little information at the moment but it would appear there was no other vehicle involved.

For those of you who did not know Jonathan he was a real gentleman, always calm and courteous and a real talent on the bike, he was only 43. Jonathan holds many of the CC Sudbury club individual and team records; he was a committee member and superb organiser.

Our thoughts go to his family and friends at this very sad time.

If anyone wishes to send their condolences to his parents their address is below.

Angela and Stephen Weatherley.
2 Church Street, Sible Hedingham,
Halstead. CO9 3NS

Roy Lancelot Davidson

1909-2015 (aged 105)

by Hugh Davidson

Roy was born in Woodford, Essex, second son of John an architect of Scottish ancestry and Mary. He went to school at Bancroft's in Woodford and then joined Barclays Bank working in the City and Shoreditch in the foreign exchange and other departments. He joined the CTC in 1921 and cycled to work every day keeping a suit and shoes there to change into. In 1929 he married Marjorie Brown ("Bunny") and son Hugh was born 1938. They both toured in the UK and on the Continent and he time-trialled with the Viking Road Club. He was an active worker for the Essex DA and in 1936 became DA Secretary until 1940 when he joined the RAF.

War Service was with the RAF in Intelligence. He was very secretive about this and all he would say was "an ability to do the Times crossword puzzle in less than six minutes was the test used prior to working at Bletchley on code breaking". He would never elaborate on this, and Bletchley records on personnel were destroyed on Churchill's orders during the war. He was horrified to find out that tours of Bletchley are now available as he was sworn to secrecy! He also served in India, Malaya and Ceylon, followed by Europe. During the early '40s he was stationed in Durness in Scotland near Cape Wrath, possibly connected with the monitoring of German naval movements near there.

After the war he became a member of the Epping Forest Section of the CTC when it was founded in 1949. He became a Vice-President of both the Essex DA and the Viking Road Club and was a qualified timekeeper for decades with Eddie Engel. The Davidson's were great friends with Eddie and Eve Engel and often toured with them. He cycled until his late '80s frequently partaking in annual 100 mile outings and thinking nothing of it! He was a Vice President of the ECCA (Eastern Counties Cycling Association) a member of VTTA (Veteran Time Trial Association) RRA (Road Records Association) and Forty Plus CC.

He retired from Barclays in 1971, followed by six years part-time employment in the City. "Bunny" died July 1994 following some years of ill-health. Roy was a quiet unassuming man of few words but his counsel was always worth listening to, he had a very perceptive wit, great intelligence and a long term Telegraph crossword addict. He was a devoted cyclist, friend to hundreds, time-keeper, utterly reliable and trustworthy. He was a proud and supportive family man with son Hugh daughter-in-law Val, two grandchildren and five great grandchildren and was greatly loved by all.



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