

CTT Newsletter – March 2018

This month we have the latest news on the V718, details this year's CTT scholarship riders; a guide to entering a team time trial; and why Sandy in Bedfordshire is firmly on the time triallists' map!

Proposed TRO – V718

The deadline for receipt of objections was extended by Highways England to 19 March 2018. Well over 10,000 objections were made, not just by the time trialling community but also by many others, including British Cycling, Sir Gary Verity/Welcome to Yorkshire and Cycling UK (and many of its members). The Board of CTT would like to thank all those who did take the time to lodge an objection.

Steps are now being taken by the CTT

Board to arrange a meeting with Humberside police and Highways England at which it is intended that the proposed TRO will be discussed.

Meantime, at a meeting of the Yorkshire District Committee held on 19 March, the decision was taken by Yorkshire DC to withdraw its approval for all events to be held using the V718, V728 and V718/1 courses, to take place with immediate effect. To clarify any potential misunderstanding, this is a decision made by Yorkshire DC, not the CTT Board, and is intended as an interim measure only, pending the proposed meeting with Humberside police and Highways England. Yorkshire DC wish to stress that this was a decision not reached easily and would ask all riders and organisers for their patience and understanding, through what is a difficult and sensitive situation.



National Ranking System

Thank you to all the members who engaged in the feedback process on the national ranking system, which was launched on 6 March 2018. All the emails received through the support@cyclingt看metrials.org.uk and rankings@cyclingt看metrials.org.uk are being considered for inclusion in the ongoing development of the system. The main issues captured from the emails was the ability to filter the available data into various categories.

Taking this feedback into account, you may have noticed that some changes to the filtering system have already been made during the last week. These changes provide the ability to now search the rankings listings by name and by district, with the addition of an arrow being introduced against each listing to indicate whether a rider has moved up or down in the rankings since the last update.

All the information received, together with the performance of the implemented system, is being collated into a submission to be placed before the Board at their next meeting in April.

Please look out in the next newsletter or News Items on the website for an update on further progress, together with an announcement on anticipated agreed release dates for additional enhancement to the existing system.

Course measuring workshop

The first two course measuring workshops have now taken place at Hellidon and Bridgwater, both events were well attended, and the organisers have received lots of positive feedback. Below are the details of the remaining workshops, any courses which have very little or no support will be cancelled and, if there is demand, a 'sweep up' day held centrally.

1. Saturday 23 June. Charleston House, Paisley. For the whole of Scotland.
2. Saturday 28 July. Hardwick Hall, County Durham. Convenient for Teesside/North East/North Midlands/Lincolnshire.
3. Saturday 11 August. Venue to be confirmed. Convenient for London South/ London East/East/South East/London West.
4. Sunday 23 September. Venue to be confirmed. Convenient for Yorkshire/North/ Liverpool/Manchester.



Geoff Bowler demonstrating the new initiative for creating 'Measured Miles'

Whilst the course is provided free of charge, it is **essential** that delegates pre-book their place to ensure that sufficient resources are available for everyone. Anyone will be welcome to attend any of the courses – they are not restricted to the districts mentioned. If you would like to book a place, please email Alison Torode (allytorode@gmail.com) letting her know the venue and date you would like to attend.

Cycling Time Trials Scholarship 2018

Cycling Time Trials are pleased to announce that there are seven scholarship riders for 2018; Hetty Niblett (EDCO Continental), George Elliott (Innovation Racing), Adam Jarps (Team Bottrill/ Vanguard), Adam Robertson (Verulam CC), Adam Robinson (Team KTM UK), Cavan Walker (Cycle Team Onform) and Thomas Prentice (GS Metro). We wish them all good luck over the coming season. Look out for their blogs which will be uploaded on to the website.

Double trouble!

The entry procedure for team time trials appears to be causing problems for a few riders, so here is guide on how to enter. First, and most importantly, choose one member of the team who will enter the team, nobody else does anything at this stage. The first member will then go off and put in everyone's details on the entry form, this in turn will generate an email to the other members of the team. When receiving one of these emails, just click on the link shown on it which will take you to the payment part, each member pays for themselves and, in doing so, agrees to the rules and regulations.

Note: If a team member decides to try and enter themselves meanwhile, it will block the main entry, so please don't do it, patience is key!

Bidlake Mosaic

On Tuesday, 20 February, a new mosaic was unveiled outside the library in Sandy, Bedfordshire, celebrating the work of Frederick Thomas Bidlake. The mosaics were commissioned by the local community in recognition of those people who were associated with the area, of which "FTB" was one. "Biddy" as he was known, was the "Father of time trialling", for which our sport is greatly indebted.

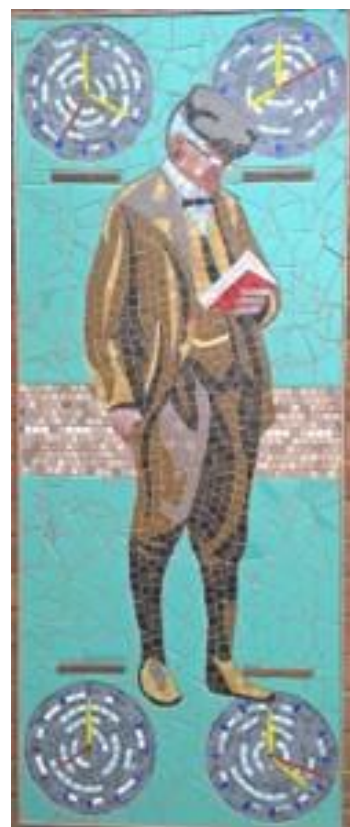
The mosaics were created by Oiver Budd, a local artist, who has decorated over 300 buildings with his work. Many of his creations adorn national headquarters of well-known companies, Inns of Court, and even subways. It is well worth



a visit to the library, and the FTB Memorial Garden nearby. In addition, cyclists note, the café opposite the library serves good portions of nice food.

If you're interested to learn more about 'Biddy' there is an interesting article on Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederick_Thomas_Bidlake



(Above and left) The two new mosaics showing 'Biddy' as timekeeper and on his tricycle.

CA Rhodes Memorial Award

Mike Williams was recently awarded the CA Rhodes Memorial Award, which is Yorkshire's most prestigious honour for services to cycling and Mike is the latest in a long line of distinguished recipients. Apart from being on the Yorkshire DC Committee undertaking many roles, he has for many years organised time trials on Yorkshire's "V" courses, meeting many of our "Superstars" of TT. Mike has also witnessed many cycling competition records broken on roads within the county. Mike received his award at the Yorkshire Cycling Federation Luncheon held on 25 February 2018, and part of his citation mentioned him receiving the Cycling Time Trials (CTT) Gold Badge of Honour at the National Council AGM in December 2017.

Note to District Secretaries: if you know of anyone within your Districts who is/or has served a period of time as an official, whether it be committee member, district official (timekeeper, etc), or even someone who has assisted in the background at TT events, please send full details to the National Chairman (sheilactt@sky.com) for consideration for a Certificate of Honour or a CTT Gold Badge.



Field Placement

Guidance Note 8 (Field Placement) has been amended to reflect the changes made at National Council, to include reference to the starting order from slowest to fastest.

<https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/documents/index/guidance>



Cycling Time Trials Clothing

CTT branded cycling clothing is now available via the link in the "shop" tab on the CTT site to order direct from the Gear Club UK website.

Clothing includes jerseys, shorts and jackets, each product can be individually ordered and delivered to your door.

<https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/shop>

**Finally – if you need to withdraw from an event, you can do it yourself, ensure you are logged in, then click on your name in the top right...
My Events > Completed Entries > Receipt > Withdraw**