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### Sunday 23th April 2023



Promoted for and behalf of Cycling Time Trials under its Rules, Regulations and Conditions





#### MERLIN CYCLES Classic TT Series **ROUND** 3 of 6

#### A CYCLING TIME TRIALS REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE

#### **2023 CLASSIC TT SERIES DATES**

Date	Promoting Club	District	CTT Rep
Sunday 26th March	a3crg	South	Roger Wakeling
Friday 7th April	Buxton CC	Manchester	Sue Bowler
Sunday 23rd April	Beacon RCC	Midland	David Barry
Sunday 7th May	Edinburgh Road Club	Scotland	ТВС
Sunday 28th May	Border City Wheelers CC	North	Dawn Sherrin
Sunday 11th June	Mid Devon CC	South West	Peter Rogers

#### MERLIN CYCLES CLASSIC SERIES OVERALL AWARDS

#### To be presented at Champions Night (1st overall only)

1st Men's Category	£100 Cycling Time Trials Cheque	RTTC Medal
1st Women's Category	£100 Cycling Time Trials Cheque	RTTC Medal
1st Junior Category	£80 Cycling Time Trials Cheque	RTTC Medal
1st Veteran (Scratch)	£80 Cycling Time Trials Cheque	RTTC Medal
1st Veteran (Target)	£80 Cycling Time Trials Cheque	RTTC Medal
1st Woman Veteran (Scratch)	£80 Cycling Time Trials Cheque	RTTC Medal
1st Paracycling Category	£80 Cycling Time Trials Cheque	RTTC Medal
1st Team (of 3 across all Categories)	£80 Cycling Time Trials Cheque	RTTC Medal
1st Road Bike (Men)	£80 Cycling Time Trials Cheque	RTTC Medal
1st Road Bike (Women)	£80 Cycling Time Trials Cheque	RTTC Medal
1st Road Bike (Junior)	£80 Cycling Time Trials Cheque	RTTC Medal

2nd & 3rd overall in each Category (apart from team) will receive a RTTC Medal.

#### POINTS

Points will be awarded on the basis of 60 points (in each category) for the winner down to 1 for sixtieth place in each event. The winners will be the riders with the highest aggregate total of points from up to four events. If more than one rider achieves the same number of points, then their 5th highest placing will be used to determine the winner. The Veteran categories are open to both Men and Women. Women Veterans will receive an additional 8 years on Target Time. The Veterans competitions will be run over the same distance as the Women's competition. The competition for Paracyclist's is based on a "Factored Time" system. See Page 224 of the 2023 Handbook for the competition conditions. Private and Confidential

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75th Anniversary

# Jack Clements Memorial LITTLE MOUNTAIN TIME TRIAL

### An Historic and Classic Cycle Race

For and on behalf of Cycling Time Trials under their Rules and Regulations

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd, 2023

*Timekeepers:* Mrs. S. Kelly (Beacon R.C.C.) Mr. M. Howard (Stourbridge C.C.)

*Event organiser:* Mr. J. Hitchcock, Underwood Cottage, Hill Furze, Pershore, WR10 2NB

### Welcome!

Thanks for entering the seventy-fifth anniversary edition of Beacon RCC's Little Mountain Time Trial. All the practical information you need is presented on the following pages. However, with this being a milestone year, I'd like to start by saying a few words about the history of this great event.

Our club was founded in 1946, a time of huge social change in the UK. Cycling was changing too, influenced by ideas from the Continent and energised by postwar optimism. The newly formed Beacon RCC was at the forefront of developments, promoting the very first Mountain Time Trial in 1948.

In contrast to the standard-distance, out-and-home races that triallists were used to, the MTT was a circuit, originally of 62.5 miles. And it went up hill and down dale, testing riders in ways reminiscent of the classics.

It was a huge success, attracting elite riders such as Olympic hero Bob Maitland, who won the first three editions. Since then, many greats have followed in Bob's wheel tracks, including the legendary Ray Booty and Beryl Burton, World Champion Graham Webb, serial winner Stuart Dangerfield and Dame Sarah Storey.

By taking part in the seventy-fifth anniversary edition of our event, you're therefore adding your own name to a long and illustrious list. At the end of this booklet, we've included a few anecdotes from the (L)MTT's first seventy-five years for your entertainment.

We're pleased and proud that the LMTT will once again be a counting event in the CTT's national sporting course series, sponsored by Merlin Cycles. Merlin's support is crucial to the success of the series. Along with the other promoting clubs, the Beacon is therefore greatly indebted to the company.

Have a good ride!

George Barker President, Beacon RCC

### Information for competitors

#### **Event HQ**

The event HQ is Great Witley Village Hall, WR6 6HY. It's roughly twenty minutes by car from M5 J5 or J6. The Village Hall is on the A443, roughly opposite the junction with the B4197 Martley Road. It's on the right if approaching from the east. Please don't park on the A443 or obstruct the pavement. When entering and leaving the car park, take care, obey all traffic rules and avoid causing a nuisance to residents.

#### Signing on and signing off

Please sign on and collect your number from the HQ. Remember to sign off again and return your numbers at the end of the race.

#### **Start location**

The start is on the B4197 (Martley Road), nearly opposite the HQ, only about 150 metres away.

#### Warming up

Please don't ride past the timekeepers on your warm-up once racing is in progress. If warming up on rollers/turbo trainer, avoid occupying an extra parking space.

#### **CTT clothing rules**

Remember that CTT rules don't allow clothing with prominent advertising unless your club has registered the sponsorship with CTT.

#### **Race numbers**

Race numbers need to be securely fixed and clearly visible to a roadside recorder when you're in a racing position. That means **low** on your back, towards the left. Arm numbers on the front/outside of the upper arms.

#### As you finish

Please shout your number as you pass the chequerboard. It's harder than you might think to identify all riders by sight alone.

#### **Distracting the timekeepers**

Please let the timekeepers do their job undisturbed. Neither you nor your friends should stand near or talk to the timekeepers during the race.

### **Beacon competitions and prizes**

#### Beacon prizes are awarded in addition to CTT Classic Series prizes.

#### **Multiple prizes**

We **don't** have a 'one-rider-one-prize' rule. If, for example, a rider is both fastest V40 vet and third fastest overall, they get both prizes.

#### **TT bike competition**

Prizes will be awarded to the fastest three men, fastest two women, fastest male junior and fastest female junior riding CTT-compliant bikes that do not count as road bikes (see below). The TT bike prizes are:

1st man	£50 + trophy	1st woman £50
2nd man	£25	2nd woman £25
3rd man	£15	
1st male junior	£10	1st female junior £10

#### **Road bike competition**

Prizes will be awarded to the fastest three men, fastest two women and fastest junior riding standard road bikes. A road bike is a bike with: - Traditional handlebars (not 'aero bars' or 'tri-bars'), and no additional visible or invisible bar fittings to aid aerodynamics (clip-ons or Spinaci) - Wheels with at least twelve spokes and rims no more than 65mm deep The rider must also be wearing a non-aero helmet, i.e. a helmet without a visor, a 'pointy' projection at the back, or 'ray' projections at the sides. Eligibility for road bike prizes will be assessed by an official immediately prior to each rider's start, in the lay-by at the start. Questions can be mailed to the organiser or raised at the signing-on desk.

The road bike prizes are:

1st man	£50	1st woman	£50
2nd man	£25	2nd woman	£25
3rd man	£15		
1st male	or female junior	£10	

#### **Team competition**

The team prize will go to the three riders from the same club with the fastest total time, riding any CTT-compliant bike. Team prize: £15 each

#### Vets' competition

Veteran men are grouped by age. Group V40 is those aged more than 40, but less than 50; group V50 is those more than 50, but less than 60, etc. Veteran women are all those aged over 40. The vets' prizes are:

Fastest vet woman		£20
Fastest vet men:	V40 1st	£20
	V50 1st	£20
	V60 1st	£10
	V70 1st	£10

#### **Junior competition**

A junior is a rider aged less than 18 on the day of the event. The fastest junior male and fastest junior female each win a medal.

#### **Paracycling competition**

A paracyclist is a rider defined as such by CTT. The paracycling prize is: 1st paracyclist £20

#### **PB** improvements

Prizes are awarded to riders who have ridden the event before, and improve on their course PB, as known to us. The improvement prizes are:

1st course PB	£20
2nd course PB	£15
3rd course PB	£10

#### **Course records**

A prize of £20 is awarded for setting a course record. If a record is itself beaten during the event, only the highest new record qualifies for a prize.

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Men	Matt Bottrill	www.drag2zero.com	2015	01:32:29
Women	Claire Rose	Podium Ambition	2016	01:43:32
Juniors	<b>Tomos Pattinson</b>	Halesowen CC	2022	01:44:02
V40	Paul Pardoe	Peterborough CC	2022	01:39:06
V50	Paul Robinson	Lyme RC	2014	01:43:09
V60	Peter Greenwood	Team Swift	2015	01:47:46
V70	John Woodburn	VC Meudon	2010	02:03:33

### **Course details**

#### **Course description (K22/39)**

There will be marshals at all junctions where a turn is required. Remember, though: the onus is on you to know the course.

Instruction	Distance
<b>Start</b> on B4197 (Great Witley - Martley road) 100 yards south of junction with A443 at Great Witley, in lay-by opposite telegraph pole. Ride south along B4197.	0 miles
In Martley turn left and immediately left again onto B4204.	3.6 miles
In Lower Broadheath turn left (signposted to Hallow).	8.0 miles
In Hallow turn left along A443.	9.4 miles
Pass through Holt Heath.	12.8 miles
Pass HQ.	16.9 miles
Turn left onto B4203 towards Stanford on Teme.	17.4 miles
Climb Stanford Bank	20.0 miles
Turn left over the Bromyard Downs towards A44.	28.2 miles
Turn left onto A44 to Knightwick.	30.0 miles
Turn left onto B4197.	32.9 miles
Climb Ankerdine Hill	33.1 miles
Fork right (B4197) in Martley towards Great Witley.	36.1 miles
<b>Finish</b> by grass triangle at junction with lane on left sign- posted "Walsgrove Home Farm".	39.4 miles

### Course map and profile





### **Officials and contact information**

#### **Event organiser**

John Hitchcock Underwood Cottage, Hill Furze, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 2NB Tel: 07808 326624 E-mail: <u>Imtt@beaconrcc.org.uk</u>

**Timekeepers** Sue Kelly and Mike Howard

Recorder Dave Cole

Chief Marshal Chris Hudson/Martin McGowan

Catering Kate Dighton & Michelle McGuirk

#### **Other helpers**

As well as all the people mentioned by name above, the event depends on the commitment of a huge number of other people, including members of our own club, their partners and friends, and members of other local clubs. Beacon RCC is extremely grateful to all the volunteers who give up their time to act as marshals, pushers off, parking attendants, announcers, result board officials, spreadsheet operators and helpers, and thus to make the day memorable for the competitors and spectators.

#### **Enquiries / information**

General info: <u>http://beaconrcc.org.uk</u> LMTT event info: <u>http://beaconrcc.org.uk/racing/little-mountain-time-trial/</u> Club officials: <u>http://beaconrcc.org.uk/contact/</u>

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Race No.	<u>Time</u>	<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	Category	<u>Category</u>	<u>Age</u>	Target	<u>PB</u>
ROAD								
1 2		Jason Hogg Adam Smith	Beacon Roads CC Cardiff Ajax CC	Male Male	Veteran Veteran	48 48	n/a n/a	n/a n/a
3	8.03			Wate	veteran	40	11/a	nya
4		Philip Lock	Warwickshire Road Club	Male	Veteran	61	n/a	n/a
5		David McCann	Beacon Roads CC	Male Female	Senior Junior	38 16	n/a	n/a 2:28:42
7		Sophie Heighton Richard Mason 8.08	Ferryhill Whs Birmingham Midland Cycling Club	Male	Veteran	55	n/a	2.20.42 n/a
8	Jemi	l Tokdemir 8.09	Team ASL-Bolton	Male	Senior	33	n/a	n/a
9		ard Heighton 8.10	Ferryhill Whs	Male	Veteran	49		2:19:12
10 11		e Price Michael Collins 8.12	VC Sevale (Malvern) VC Sevale (Malvern)	Male Male	Veteran Veteran	60 53		2:18:06 2:13:20
12		Bayliss	Cero/Cycledivision	Male	Veteran	66		2:11:54
13		George Barker	Beacon Roads CC	Male	Veteran	63		2:04:11
14		Ian Connolly	Ludlow CC	Male	Veteran	54		2:00:10
15 16		lan Dickens Rob Wild	TricentralUk Velo Club Long Eaton	Male Male	Veteran Veteran	51 40	n/a n/a	n/a n/a
17		David Lloyd	Wyre Forest Cycle Racing Club	Male	Veteran	54		1:59:39
18		Celia Brown	Beacon Roads CC	Female	Veteran	46		1:58:10
19 20		Lior Saad Robin Delve	Manchester Bicycle Club Mid Devon CC	Male Male	Senior Veteran	24 64		1:57:10 1:56:42
20		Michael Burke 8.22	VéloElite RC	Male	Senior	34	n/a	1.30.42 n/a
22		n Satterthwaite 8.23	Gorilla Coffee Cycling Club	Male	Veteran	44		1:52:01
23		Norris	360VRT	Male	Veteran	52	n/a	n/a
24 25		James Russell Ed Moss	Macclesfield Wheelers Beacon Roads CC	Male Male	Veteran Veteran	61 52		2:01:39 1:48:19
25		Luke Allen	Team Echelon	Male	Senior	36	n/a	n/a
27	8.27	Richard Cartland	HuntBikeWheels.com	Male	Veteran	45	n/a	1:45:48
28		Crispin Doyle	Magspeed Racing	Male	Veteran	50		1:45:42
29 30		Karl Moseley James Foggensteiner	Droitwich Cycling Club Manchester Bicycle Club	Male Male	Veteran Senior	59 23		1:43:16 1:41:50
31		Harrison Hunter	05/03	Male	Senior	26	n/a	n/a
32	8.32	Gerhard Cristin Moldansky	University of Birmingham Cycling Club	Male	Senior	23	n/a	n/a
Race No.	Start	Full Name	<u>Club</u>	Category	Category	Age	Factor /	PB
	Time						Target	
PARAC		-	/					
33 34		Simon Richardson Mbe Graeme Church	05/03 QN Racing	Male Male	C4 C1	56 57	1.106 1.237	2:36:24 n/a
35		Ben Hetherington	Ferryhill Whs	Male	C3	27	1.149	n/a
36	8.36	Rik Waddon Ply	Para-T	Male	C2	46		2:00:11
37 38		David Murphy	Liverpool Mercury CC	Male	C5 C5	25 47		1:52:55
Race No.	o.so Start	Mark Valentine Full Name	Poole Wheelers Cycling Club	Male Category	Category	Age	1.058 Factor /	n/a <u>PB</u>
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39		Abbey Thompson	Stonham Barns Park – SYRT	Female	Juvenile	14	n/a	n/a
Race No.	<u>Start</u> Time	Full Name	<u>Club</u>	Category	Category	<u>Age</u>	Factor / Target	<u>PB</u>
VETS								
40	8.40	Paul Mansfield	Droitwich Cycling Club	Male	Veteran	53	1:47:14	2:08:19
41		Tony Grassby	Peak Road Club	Male	Veteran	56	1:49:37	2:00:16
42		lan Hunt	Droitwich Cycling Club	Male	Veteran	56	1:49:37	1:57:20
43 44		Mark Sanders Simon Dighton	Mid Devon CC Beacon Roads CC	Male Male	Veteran Veteran	63 59	1:55:23 1:52:03	1:52:23 1:52:17
44		Nicholas Latimer	Team Lifting Gear Products	Male	Veteran	41	1:32:03	n/a
46	8.46	Leon Wright	Race Hub	Male	Veteran	41	1:38:13	n/a
Race No.	Start	Full Name	Club	Category	Category	Age	Factor /	PB
WOME	<u>Time</u>						Target	
47		Lucy Repport Doolo	Beacon Roads CC	Female	Veteran	C 1	1:52:03	n/a
47 48		Lucy Bennett - Poole Sally Maitland	Ratae RC	Female Female	Veteran Veteran	51 55	1:52:03	n/a 2:16:16
49		Emma Bexson	Stratford Cycling Club	Female	Veteran	48	1:49:37	2:06:23
50		Roxanne Sweeney	Clapham Chasers	Female	Senior	29	n/a	n/a
51	8.51 Start	Jennifer George	HUUB WattShop	Female	Veteran	40	1:43:23 Factor /	n/a
Race No.	Time	Full Name	<u>Club</u>	Category	Category	<u>Age</u>	Target	<u>PB</u>
MEN								
52		Adrian Brammer	Clapham Chasers	Male	Senior	35	n/a	n/a
53 54		Rikky Hughes Simon Barbour	Droitwich Cycling Club	Male Male	Senior	36 36		1:52:01
54 55		Simon Barbour David Fellows	AS Test Team Solihull CC	Male Male	Senior Senior	36 30	n/a n/a	n/a n/a
56		Pat Wright	Paceline RT	Male	Senior	38	n/a	n/a
57		Will Lowden	HUUB WattShop	Male	Espoir	19	n/a	n/a
58 59		Richard Bussell John Archibald	AeroCoach HUUB WattShop	Male Male	Senior Senior	34 32	n/a n/a	1:32:58 n/a
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### *Past winners (men 1948-1987)*

Year	Winner	Club/Team
1948	R. J. Maitland	Solihull CC
1949	R. J. Maitland	Concorde RCC
1950	R. J. Maitland	Concorde RCC
1951	D. Farmer	Worcester St Johns
1952	D. Farmer	Worcester St Johns
1953	A. V. Ilsley	Concorde RCC
1954	J. C. White	Thornhill CC
1955	B. Harrison	Bantam RCC
1956	J. Chance	Midland C & AC
1957	D. Smith	Midland C & AC
1958	G. Barlow	Stone Wheelers
1959	G. J. Gould	North Worcestershire RC
1960	G. J. Gould	North Worcestershire RC
1961	R. C. Booty	Ericsson Whlrs
1962	M. Ives	Coventry CC
1963	G. P. Webb	Solihull CC
1964	J. Monk	Solihull CC
1969	D. Blount	Oldbury & District CC
1970	D. Blount	Oldbury & District CC
1971	A. Boden	Oldbury & District CC
1972	R. Cromack	RAF CC
1973	R. Lewis	Coventry CC
1974	M. Oldnall	Nottingham Arrow
1975	R. Lewis	Coventry Olympic
1976	S. Edney	Warwickshire RC
1977	C. Moon	Leicestershire RC
1978	J. Patston	CC Orpington
1979	J. Patston	Worcester St Johns
1980	J. Patston	Worcester St Johns
1981	P. Carbutt	Saracen RC
1982	J. Herring	Coventry Olympic
1983	S. Edney	VC D'Nuez
1984	I. Fagan	Worcester St Johns
1985	I. Fagan	Worcester St Johns
1986	R. Evans	Warwickshire RC
1987	M. Badel	Luton CC

### *Past winners (men 1988-2022)*

Year	Winner	Club/Team
1988	S. Edney	Warwickshire RC
1989	P. Galloway	Poly CC – Air Canada
1990	C. Moon	Leicester Forest CC
1991	S. Jones	KJC Carpets
1992	W. Elliot	Concorde RCC
1993	P. Nabi	Elizabethan CC
1994	S. Dangerfield	North Wirral Velo
1995	D. Kirby	Beacon RCC
1996	S. Dangerfield	Parker International
1997	W. Moore	Leo RC
1998	W. Moore	Leo RC
1999	S. Dangerfield	
2000	S. Dangerfield	Camel Valley CC
2001	No event	Due to foot-and-mouth
2002	J. Gilfillan	Yorks Cycleworks
2003	S. Dangerfield	Camel Valley C&TC
2004	S. Dangerfield	Scienceinsport.com
2005	S. Dangerfield	Scienceinsport.com
2006	G. Poupart	Echelon-cycles.co.uk
2007	G. Butler	Preston Wheelers
2008	M. Bottrill	De Rosa/MG Decor
2009	W. Moore	Shorter Rochford RT
2010	R. Bradley	Shorter Rochford RT
2011	M. Clinton	Mike Vaughan Cycles
2012	D. Robson	Somerset DC
2013	M. Clinton	Mike Vaughan Cycles
2014	M. Clinton	Mike Vaughan Cycles
2015	M. Bottrill	www.drag2zero.com
2016	Philip Graves	Clifton C.C.York
2017	Jack Rebours	Caesarean CC
2018	Carl Donaldson	GS Metro
2019	Phil Williams	Liverpool Phoenix CC
2020	Cancelled	Due to coronavirus pandemic
2021	Richard Bussell	AeroCoach
2021	Richard Bussell	AeroCoach

### Past winners (women)

Year	Winner	Club/Team
1994	I. Rowntree	Black Country Wheelers
1995	I. Rowntree	Black Country Wheelers
1996	C. Ward	Wyre Forest CRC
1997	T. Maund	Cheltenham & County
1998	R. Eyles	Beacon RCC
1999	Not known	
2000	F. Dore-Green	Gloucester City CC
2001	No event	Due to foot-and-mouth
2002	R. Eyles	Beacon RCC
2003	Separate women's event	
2004	Separate women's event	
2005	Separate women's event	
2006	L. Smith	BRAT Club
2007	R. Eyles	Beacon RCC
2008	M. Parsons	Evesham & District Wheelers
2009	M. Bloom	Rugby RCC
2010	R. Slack	London Dynamo
2011	R. Slack	The Altitude Centre
2012	S. Penn	Team Jewson–MI
2013	P. Moseley	Climb on Bikes RT
2014	L. Powell	Mike Vaughan Cycles
2015	E. Robertson	CC Luton
2015	E. Robertson	CC Luton
2016	C. Rose	Podium Ambition
2017	Hayley Simmonds	WNT Pro Cycling
2018	Rebecca Johnson	Fusion RT Veloperformance
2019	Joscelin Lowden	The Independent Pedaler
2020	Cancelled	Due to coronavirus pandemic
2021	Francesca Hall	Loughborough Lightning / TRG
2022	Emma Bexson	Stratford Cycling Club

### **History: Jack Clements**

Jack Clements was the longest-serving president of the Beacon RCC.

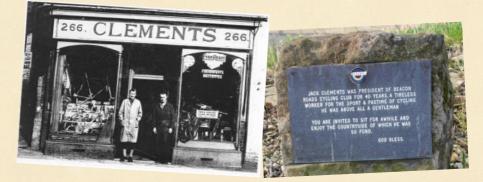
Born in Wicklow, Ireland, in 1917, Jack was the son of an affluent family. Despite moving to England in 1938, he always retained his gentle Irish accent. After the war, Jack moved into the cycle trade, first as a retailer and later as a salesman and Sales Manager at Dawes. He also ran the Dawes Professional Racing Team.

He joined the fledgling Beacon Roads CC in the late forties and became the club's second president in 1947. He served as chairman of the Birmingham Division of the BCF, as a commissaire and as a track judge. With his wife Jeanne, he was also a busy RTTC and RRA timekeeper.



Jack Clements was not a remote, titular president. He regarded the membership as an extended family and urged the rest of us to do the same. His door was always open and he was a fund of thoughtful, quietly considered advice. His steady guidance at meetings steered the club through many difficult times.

After his death, the Mountain Time Trial was renamed in his honour. A bench and plaque were erected in Stanford-on-Teme churchyard. The bench overlooks the current course, so that all riders taking part in the race today ride past it: a beautiful place, loved by Jack himself.



### History: Bob Maitland



### MAITLAND'S RUNAWAY 'MOUNTAIN' WIN

d a very creditable performance, finishing second in 3-4-18 to beat Yorkehire's visiting challenger, t. Hurgatroyd, challenger, seconds, Murgatroyd, by three seconds in the scratch race. I. F. Simmons, Calleya R.C.

seconds, and also lead the win-ning team in the scratch race. J. E. Simmons claves RC. occupates of the claves RC. occupates of the claves RC. Mathane out place in domars, and the start and what runs in the form the start and what runs in the field check of an inites showed have be ing the start, and the field, clave check of an inites showed have be ing the start, and the field, clave of the start and the start start of the start start start start start is start start start start start start start is start start start start start start start start is start start start start start start start start is start start start start start start start start start is start s

Beacon's Mountain Time Trial was the first of its kind in the UK. The opening three editions were won by Bob Maitland, who achieved a degree of national fame as Britain's outstanding cyclist at the 1948 London Olympics. His account of those early MTTs is reproduced below.

#### BEACON M. T. T. by R. J. MATTLAND.

The Beacon M. T.T. has always been, since 1948, one of the events of the year for me. Its 9 a.m. start appealed to me immediately and the fact that the course twisted its Its 9 a.m. start appealed way through some of the best scenery in Woreestershire, made this event one to look forward to. Also the officials have always applied the R.T.T.C. clothing rules with common sense and it was never necessary to look like an undertaker to ride in the "Beacon".

New Smith has always put very much more offort into the race, then was nocessary, to ensure it being a first class promotion, and his prize list which grows every year, encourages all with his long list of handicap awards as well as place prizes.

The first open Beacon M.T.T. was in 1948 and the sun shone brilliantly all through, setting the fashien for the next two years. As usual, I felt nost uncoaffortable during the first 5½ miles to GH. Milley. This stretch of road always feels much harder than it looks, and every time I race along it I feel that I should have stayed in hed and Not wasted my time trying to do a good ride. Once over Witley and along to Clows Top, the road seems to be easier and in 1952 I even had a good look at the scenery along this stretch, vowing that I would make an effort to come along there one day and take my time. After Clows Top the read drops on to the main Bendley Road and round that Notorious corner, where there are so many spills for no apparent reason. Then comes the terrible descent into Cleobury, and the short steep drop to the foot of the Clees. I re in 1949 seeing Arthur Hobson of the Solihull on the climb up the Clees. I struggled up and got to within  $\frac{1}{2}$  min of him at the cuest. I struggted up and got to within y min of him at the top and thought that if I really went mak on the descent of the sig sags down to Tenbury I would scon catch him and a little source would help me to gain valuable minutes. In top gear and out of the saddle I sprinted to each corner on the steep descent and only bracked at the last second. I almost scared myself to death on every bend and tried harder all the way to Tenbury than I had on the climb. Still no Hobson! and it was a good way out of the village before I finally got him back.

For a few miles now it is possible to settle down to a steady ride, but before long, the nagging climb over Witley appears in front. appears in front. With much pushing and slogging, the picturesque clock tower is passed, followed by the descent and a real snorter of a hill. This is also the place where some of the anxiety of wondering how I am going, is either added to or dispelled as Muriel always checked me on the other riders here. It was great to hear news that I was 4 mins up on the next rider, it lessened the pain up the hill which starts the second circuit. This is another stretch that invites one to pack, as it looks so easy and feels so hard, and the dressing rooms are only a few miles away, and in front is Stanford Bank and the inevitable Ankerdine. Up and down and round and round the road now dives down the steep hill and a rightangle bend to the river at Stanford. This only emphasizes the fact that the road cannot go down any more, and after crossing the river bridge, the long straight climb up Stanford Bank begins. This always seems to me the hardest part of any Beacon event and I always feel that I could not possibly climb any slower and that I must be losing minutes on the other riders. Once over Stanford the undulations over by Bromyard give me back son of my confidence, and I occasionally feel that I am really racing. The long descent to Knightwick with the good read surface allows plonty of opportunity to cat and drink and pedal top goar at terrific speed, but once over the river, the marshals wave you off the smooth black surface to a horrible little lane which climbs like a staircase, only a little smoother. Any bottom gear now feels as if the bear-ings have seazed up and the abrupt change from 40's to 4 m.p.h., is a shock to the system, especially after doing 50 miles on roads which only a man possessed with a demon could have discovered. To the uninitiated this hill is Ankerdine but judged from the usual crowds on the climb I don't think there is anyone who has not crowded onto its slopes to witress the sufferings of poor misguided racing up As the alimb gets more intense, the crowd gets deeper, any recog-nition of friend or foe amongst the onlookers is impossible,

but I don't like to think that any friend of mine would be so unkind as to go there to watch me.

### **History: Graham Webb**

Graham Webb, World Amateur Road Race Champion in 1967, won the '63 Mountain Time Trial in a record time that, as far as we know, was never beaten on the old 62.5-mile course. Many years later, he wrote:

On that May morning in 1963, I had just turned nineteen and couldn't get in any major road races, so I entered the Beacon MTT. It was beautiful weather: it was cold but the sun was shining and the wind was calm. I wasn't seeded, so off number 31, one minute behind Roy Cromack, an established name in the same club as me, Solihull. All that I was wearing was a silk track jersey and a pair of shorts. Just before I was pushed off someone quipped, "Where's your food and drink?" I replied, "Food and drink? For God's sake it's only 100 kilometres!"

At nineteen, I was at my peak; climbing was as easy as descending to me. I kept on collecting riders on my way, never a moment in trouble. On one descent with a sharp hairpin bend, I caught another rider. I could see that he was freezing up on the gravely bend so I aimed for the inside of the bend and sure enough he just went straight on through the hedge!

I had no idea of the circuit profile and didn't know any of the climbs, but I found out later that I had caught Cromack at the bottom of Ankerdine. I passed him just in the same way that I had passed all the others, without a word, without a glance. This must have woken something up in Cromack, as he sprinted past me like a madman, I took no notice, unable to go any faster or slower than the pace that I was locked into. Cromack ultimately finished a handful of seconds in front of me, prompting many people to think we had ridden a two-up. Nothing was further from the truth. As I crossed the line. I raised both my arms in triumph, saying to myself "Beat that!" I bet people thought that I was nuts!



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### History: postscript

#### Historical video with commentary by Dave Duffield

Back in 1961, a cinefilm was made of the MTT. Then, in 1996, to celebrate the club's 50th anniversary, a video was made. The two recordings were later packaged into one digitised whole, with Eurosport commentator and Beacon legend Dave Duffield providing commentary. The film is a wonderful historical record, a real insight into what our countryside, society and cycling culture looked like sixty-plus years ago. Please do watch it, and get inspired! Just click the image below to launch Vimeo.



#### About this booklet

The design of this booklet is based on the result card from the 1951 event. That was the year of the Festival of Britain, so the '51 MTT was dubbed the 'Festival' edition and the result card carried the Festival's logo.

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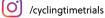
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#### **NOTES TO COMPETITORS**

#### **ROAD BIKE CRITERIA**

- the road bike can possess drop or straight handlebars; no tri-bars, clip-on bars or Spinacci bars are allowed
- no disc wheels; both front & rear wheels must have at least 12 spokes each
- the maximum rim depth allowed is 90mm.

#### NUMBERS: CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITION 2( j )

Competitors must only use the numbers supplied by the event organiser. Body numbers should be fitted in accordance with Regulation 16. Arm numbers should be fitted to the upper arms facing forwards.

This event is under 100km. Riders should not be preceded, accompanied, followed by or in anyway receive assistance from a motorised vehicle.

#### **REGULATION 14(j)**

(j) No competitor shall be permitted to start either a Type A or Type B event unless such competitor has affixed to the rear of their machine a working rear red light, either flashing or constant, that is illuminated and in a position that is clearly visible to other road users.

#### **REGULATION 14(k)**

(k) No competitor shall be permitted to start either a Type A or Type B event unless such competitor has affixed to the front of their machine a working front white light, either flashing or constant, that is illuminated and in a position that is clearly visible to other road users.

#### **REGULATION 15:**

All competitors must wear a properly affixed helmet which must be of hard/soft shell construction. Helmets should conform to a recognised Standard such as SNELL B95, ANSI Z90.4, AUS/NZS 2063:96, DIN 33-954, CPSC or EN 1078.

#### **REGULATION 17: SIGNING-ON SHEET AND SIGNING-OUT SHEET**

(a) The competitors in all types of events must make themselves aware of any special safety instructions for the event and sign the official Signing-on Sheet when collecting their number.

(b) In Type A events a competitor must return to the event HQ either during the event or within a reasonable time after the last rider has finished the event and must (i) return their race number(s) and (ii) sign the official Signing-out Sheet. A rider who fails to so sign the official signing-out sheet shall be recorded as DNF.

N.B. Extenuating circumstances may be considered.

#### THIS EVENT MAY BE SUBJECT TO A DOPING CONTROL

As soon as you have finished you should return to the event HQ as it is your responsibility to check if you are required for Doping Control. Race numbers required for Doping Control will be displayed at the HQ adjacent to the result board. If your number is displayed you should report immediately to Doping Control which will be nearby. Remember, it is up

to you to check and ensure that you comply. If required you must report to Doping Control after finishing without delay.



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