



OtleY Cycle Club Annual Awards Dinner 18 January 2019

Welcome to our Annual Awards Evening. This evening is a celebration of the achievements of many of our members in national and club competitions in 2018.

It has been another positive year for our club, with a growth in membership and in participation in club rides and organised rides – the OtleY Blue is frequently spotted in locations near and far.

In December 2018 our club had the honour of being chosen as the inaugural winner of the Cycling Weekly Club of the Year award. The awards team recognised the importance of grassroots cycling: *“A good club can do as much for the future of cycling as a British Tour de France winner”*

This evening provides a sense of the diversity of the cycling opportunities we provide at OtleY and there is much to celebrate and be very proud of.

THE AWARDS

BEST ALL ROUNDER

The BAR Awards represent an overall achievement across the year in open competitions. Our winners have consistently performed over a range of different distances.

Senior Best All Rounder (BAR) Not awarded this year

Senior Women Best All Rounder (BAR)

Claire Jessop wins this year after another excellent season for her. Her average speed was 22.96 mph in a series of time trials over 10, 25 and 50 miles.

Veteran All Rounder (40 + over) Claire Jessop has also won this award which is calculated on the basis of time trials results over 10, 25 and 50 miles using the Age Standard Handicap (+2.49).

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWARDS

Our youth membership continues to grow, our coaching scheme is oversubscribed and our Flyers and Mini Flyer social rides are growing all the time. Our awards are based on achievements both within the club and in regional/national competitions.

Mini Flyers Awards – Under 12s

Gold Award

Ruaridh Aylward, Isla Aylward, Oscar Hall, Alex Hodgkins, Amy Hodgkins, Daniel Middlebrooke Emily Middlebrooke, Poppy Peacock, Jack Wilks,

Silver Award

Annie Chambers, Lily Cullen, Kaitlyn Hardwick, James Luxton, Amber Peacock, Jacob Peacock, Geniveve Shubert,

Bronze Award

Isla Bailey, Jacob Barker, Charlotte Chambers Lauren Hall, Matthew Hardwick

Cadet Awards – 12-16 year old

Gold Award

Jack Coates Lucy Ellmore Dexter Leeming Sykes, Eleanor Hunt, George Radcliffe Isobel Wilks.

Silver Award

Lucy Cullen, Matt Ellmore Morgan Leeming-Sykes, Sam Howcroft,

Junior Awards – 16-18 years old

Gold – Megan Cullen, Joe Howcroft

Harry Buckley Award

Harry was a member of OCC and attended coaching during 2013. He had a great time at coaching and loved coming to our weekly sessions when he was well enough, as Harry was ill with a rare form of cancer. Sadly Harry lost his battle with the disease in April 2014 aged 6. This memorial award is presented to a rider from the Blue group who has reflected Harry's enthusiasm, keenness, willingness to have a go and love of riding his bike.

The 2018 winner is Ellie Whittaker

THE SUNDAY CLUB RUNS POINTS COMPETITION

Open to all club members, with riders getting points for reaching the coffee and lunch stops on the Sunday day rides. The winner is the person with the highest points over the year.

The Ride Volunteer Trophy is for ride volunteers on the half day rides, with points allocated each time someone helps.

Overall Champion Paul Agar 100 points. **Ian Oliver Trophy.**

A Section Champion Maria Filby 86 points.

Intermediate Champion Alison Baxter 40 points.

B Section Champion: Ken Hodgson 68 points

Ride Team Volunteer Champion: David Bennett 30 points sponsored by **Whitehyll Plastics**

TIME TRIALS

Time Trials are designed to test a cyclist's speed at a set distance; the winner will be the person who has the best time at the overall distance. Each cyclist races individually. The club organises a range of different time trials and welcomes participation from all members. Newer riders benefit from the handicap system which makes it possible to win an award without having to be the fastest rider.

FAST AND FURIOUS AWARDS

These awards are to people who cycle very quickly over a short flattish distance. The 10 mile and 30 mile are both on the Walshford Course.

10 MILE TIME TRIAL

Men's Champion: Jonathan Hobbs: 23.58 – Keith Webb Award

Women's Champion: Helen Goldthorpe: 26.18 – Joyce Webb Award

Handicap Winner: Liz Hills: 21.55 (10.44 H'cap)

Junior Champion: Sam Howcroft: 26.47

Junior Handicap: Eleanor Hunt: 22.16 (5.30 H'cap)

Fastest Junior Woman on the Walshford Course: Megan Cullen: 27.04
PH-MAS Cycling Award

25 MILE TIME TRIAL

Men's Champion: Sam Ward: 59.17 – Dave Booth Trophy

Women's Champion: Helen Goldthorpe: 1.13.37 – Beryl Burton Award

Handicap Winner: Steve Broadley: 54.57 (15.00 H'cap) –Wolstenholme Award

30 MILE TIME TRIAL

Men's Champion: Joe Howcroft: 1.15.41 - Ian Walsh Memorial Trophy.

Women's Champion: Claire Jessop: 1.25.02- Howcroft Award

Handicap Winner: James Cullen: 1.15.36 (1.22 H'cap) Chevin Rose Bowl.

ENDURANCE AWARDS

Longer distance time trials requiring great physical stamina, a good pair of bibshorts and lots of chamois cream!

50 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

This is an open competition and trophies are awarded to the fastest entrant

Women's Champion: Claire Jessop: 2.14.23 – Golden Jubilee Trophy

Men's Champion: Sadly this has not been awarded this year due to an accident involving an Otley rider, Stephen Broadley. Steve's condition continues to improve and we wish him and his family well for the future.

100 MILE TIME TRIAL

This year's event was cancelled due to roadworks.

12 HOUR TIME TRIAL

You really do keep riding for 12 hours, covering as many miles as you can!

This year's event was abandoned due to a road closure following a traffic accident and torrential rain.

24 HOUR TIME TRIAL

Same principle as the 12 but in the saddle for an extra 12 hours! No Otley riders entered this year.

POINTS MEANS PRIZES

In this category the challenge is about consistency across a range of different races and time trials so that you can build up your overall points

Track Champion: George Radcliffe: 21 points from British Cycling Track racing events

Men's Road Race Champion: James Coates: 207 points Trophy de Coureur – very impressive points total!

Women's Road Race Champion: Megan Cullen: 18 points Trophy de la Vitesse (new award)

Young Women's BC Points Champion: Eleanor Hunt: 80 points PH-MAS Trophy

Young Men's BC Points Champion: Jack Coates: 114 points

Cyclocross Champion: Morgan Leeming Sykes (MAS Design Award)

TIME TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

These awards are for points accumulated in a range of TT competitions including the 10, 25, 30, 50,100 miles, the 12 hour and the 14 mile hilly,

Men's Champion: James Cullen: 70 points – Chevin Cycles Points Trophy

Women's Champion: Claire Jessop 35 points - Lizzie Armitstead Trophy

THE OTLEY AND BEYOND AWARDS

These new awards are for club members who have explored beyond Otley either by taking part in organized rides (sportive/audax) or by undertaking an interesting bike tour. Our members have taken the club colours to many places, attracting attention and encouragement from all!

Billie Fleming Sporting Miles Champion: Gill Arnett – 606 miles

True Cycling Sporting Miles Champion: Martin Tallontire – 1532 miles

Nicole Mann Grand Tour Award: Steven Moncur for his write up of his Tour Of Britain between: London, Cardiff, Belfast and Edinburgh.

THE MOUNTAIN GOATS CHALLENGE

One thing we have a lot of in Otley is hills so the ability to ride fast up a hill is a club speciality!

14 MILE HILLY TIME TRIAL

Men's Champion: Sam Ward: 37.12

Women's Champion: Megan Cullen: 46.01

Handicap Winner: Robbie Pollard: 38.37 (Scratch 38.37)

Junior Champion: Joe Howcroft: 38.06

HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Open event starts with a climb up Guise Edge which is a steep climb out of Pateley Bridge. After a short rest the riders then complete the challenge by climbing up Norwood Edge, it is only the Norwood Edge climb element that is used for our OCC award.

Men's Champion: Sam Ward: 5.45.2 Hill Climb Tankard

Women's Champion: Amy Cuthbertson: 8.38.6 Queen of Mountains

THE TESTING TRIANGLE

Every Thursday evening in the summer the club time trials are held on the Pool Triangle 12.5 mile circuit, with points being allocated on the basis of greatest improvement on previous performance. The Triangle tests out your fitness levels, you can see how you have improved (or not) during the season. Over the few years there has been a growth in club members competing in the Triangle event as novice riders and this has made the points competition very competitive down to the last race of the season!

Overall Champion Tom Broadley: 127 points: Otley CC Trophy.

Fastest Man: Sam Ward: 28.13

Fastest Woman: Helen Goldthorpe 34.16

Fastest Veteran on age standard: Tim Garwell: +5.02

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

This award is not for racing. It is for someone who has made an overall contribution to the club. Nominations are sought from Otley Cycle Club members and votes are collected in advance and at our AGM.

There was a wide range of nominees in 2018, reflecting the energy many of our members put into the club: Christine Bell, Lucy Cullen Steve Moncur, Rob Wilks, Hazel Winters, were all nominated by club members

The winner of the award for 2018 goes to Ben Peacock

“Although a group effort Ben holds the committee 'title' of Coaching Coordinator and is the main driving force behind the kids coaching sessions held at PHGS every Friday evening April-July and then in September. The kids coaching has been another hugely successful and profitable year for the club. As well as coaching every Friday evening Ben also responds to and deals with all the e-mails regarding coaching. He also organised a very successful afternoon at the Brownlee Centre where adult coaching was also offered from the coaching team.”



Nicole Mann Grand Tour Award

To participate in the award members were asked to submit a short summary of their tour, including photographs.

The judging panel for 2018 were: **Steve Morris, Rachel Crowther, Ruth Swanwick and John Barnett**

This year's award goes to **Steve Moncur** for his Tour of Britain entry. Entries were also received from Carol Armitstead, Vanessa Bridge. Stuart Hall Sue Fox and Andrew Richards. All entries can be read in full on the club website.

2½ hours by Train, a 5 Hour Drive, or...

A couple of years ago my mate Dave and I started planning a road trip – not the traditional LEJOG but let's cycle to Edinburgh the scenic way.....

And that's how we ended up sitting on our bikes at King's Cross station on Friday 25th July, cycling west towards Cardiff.

London to Cardiff

After surviving the centre of London and tourists jumping out in front of us on a regular basis, we had possibly the least scenic day of our ride to our first night stop in an industrial estate in Newbury!

Then the fun began, riding through the quintessential English countryside of the Cotswolds on rolling lanes until we arrived at Rangeworthy to find our accommodation for the evening which resembled the Mary Celeste, leaving us with no choice but to push on for Wales and the Severn bridge (did I mention I'm really scared of heights?!), so we arrive at the bridge in strong winds and make it to our hotel just outside Newport where I somehow manage to break my toe...

Steve's full write up can be found on the club website along with all the other entries.



OUR TROPHY SPONSORS

Since 2014 we have been building our collection of permanent trophies, particularly in the categories for women and younger members. We know that the permanent trophies provide a real heritage for our members and many of our trophies have the names of winners going back to the 1950s.

The Keith Webb Men's 10 Mile Time Trial Trophy

The trophy is sponsored by **Yorkshire Radiology**, who provide a full range of diagnostic and interventional radiology (scans, MRI, xrays...) services for private and self-funding patients. Their team has a number of sports specialists to help you get back on your bike! The team at Yorkshire Radiology have chosen to name this trophy in honour of Keith Webb and his valued contribution to OCC as a race organiser and time keeper.

The Joyce Webb Women's 10 Mile Time Trial Trophy

Joyce Webb was a successful time trialist in the 1960s and 1970s. In 1965 she raced with Morley CC in a team with Beryl Burton, winning two National Championship team medals with Beryl. This trophy was funded thanks to the generous support of one anonymous donor

Integral FP 100 Mile TT Handicap

This trophy is sponsored by **Integral FP** to provide a visible reward for the many hours our winner has spent in the saddle. Integral FP is owned by **Stephen Groves**, a specialist in investment and pension planning. He will help you to plan your finances so you have enough money to invest in your bikes in the future!

Sporting Miles Trophies

Billie Fleming Women's Champion This trophy was sponsored by an anonymous donor and has been named to pay tribute to Billie Fleming. Billie set the most hours cycled by a woman in a year in 1938 by cycling every day to encourage more women to cycle.

True Cycling Men's Champion Our sponsor **True Cycling** organises the Otley Sportive and a range of sportives outside of Otley.

Otley Cycle Club Ride Team Volunteer Award

This award is to recognise the hard work and energy that club members put into leading and back marking our half day Sunday rides, which are often the first ride new club members attend. Points are awarded each time someone takes on a designated role on the rides. The award has been sponsored by **Whiteghyll Plastics** who are based in Bradford and who design and manufacture a range of visual displays

Cyclo-Cross Points Champion

This award celebrates the increased involvement of our members in the sport of Cyclo-Cross. This trophy has been sponsored by **MAS Design** who are based in Guiseley and offer a full range of architectural design services. The company has been a loyal supporter of the club for many years, sponsoring our Triangle Time Trial programme.

Chevin Cycles Championship Points – Men’s

Chevin Cycles we sponsor this trophy for our male champions so we can establish a legacy for this competitive championship. As a club we are very grateful to the continued financial and practical support provided by Chevin Cycles to our club members.

PH-MAS Cycling Young Woman’s

PH-MAS Cycling was launched in 2014 to support competitive junior and women’s racing in a range of different cycling disciplines. They sponsor two specific awards for young women **Walshford 10 Time Trial Champion and Young Women’s Points Champion**

Trophy de la Vitesse – Women’s Road and Circuit Race Champion

As we see women’s racing go from strength to strength, this new trophy was very kindly funded by a long standing club member who wishes to remain anonymous. Hopefully, many future title winners will follow in our club patron’s footsteps!

12 Hour Time Trial Women’s Champion

This trophy has been sponsored by the **Centre for Facilitation**. Centre for Facilitation organise team meetings and events across the UK, making them shorter, more focused and much more enjoyable.

Nicole Mann Grand Tour Trophy This trophy was funded by club members and is in memory of fellow member Nicole Mann who loved a bike tour especially if there was a generous helping of hills involved!

Cycling Weekly Club of the Year!!

Is it possible to say that too often? No!! Let's say it as often as possible whilst we can.

The content of the submission that we made to Cycling Weekly was described as "particularly impressive". Indeed, one part of the submission was to list all of our regular activities as well as the events that we organise and once they are all documented in one place it really did look impressive. Tonight we are celebrating our successes in many of these areas.

At the Awards we were told repeatedly that we should be very proud to belong to Otley Cycle Club, a long established club that has moved with times but still retained its' traditional values.

Of course, we know that Yorkshire is the Centre of British cycling. Our win, and the shortlisting of Ilkley, has let everyone else know that too!

The huge success of the Tour de Yorkshire and the forthcoming UCI World Championships were hot topics with many people asking about our plans to celebrate these events. As the current Club of the Year I suspect that we will get a fair amount of attention around the World Champs next September so there could be exciting times to come for the Club!

Words by Jill Birch- Press Officer



Lifetime Achievement Award

Philip Whitehead is the oldest member of the club at 92 years old. Born in Otley he lived and worked here for many years, Philip now lives in Ilkley.

He won many races including the grueling Circuit of the Dales, a 50 mile hilly time trial around Ingleton, Garsdale, Sedburgh, Hawes and Ribbleshead. He also won the YCF 12 hour time trial. He was a winner of the clubs best all-rounder contest with an average speed for 25, 50, 100 miles and 12 hours of 22.191mph on a traditional steel bike with no aerodynamic equipment used in modern racing.

In 1956 he broke all the club records including the 12 hour with a distance of 251.495 miles. Philip joined the club in 1940, from 1946 to 1948 he was in the army. He is a former racing secretary of the club and has been a member of Otley Cycle Club for 78 years.

Regular Club Rides

A special mention to the heart beat of our cycling community, our regular club rides. We can be proud of the growth in the variety of club rides that are on offer, thanks to all the volunteers who organise and lead these rides. This year has seen a continued growth in the diversity of these ride options

Tuesdays: “Cav Pav Dash” – a morning ride for club members who ride at their own pace to the Cavendish Pavilion, meeting up again for coffee and then riding back as a group,

Wednesdays: Evening rides have continued throughout the year with a regular core of riders enjoying a ride together, often in different paced groups and then a social gathering back in Otley

Thursdays: The Mountain Goats go in search of local hills to climb on Thursday mornings, enjoying a sociable coffee in the hills before returning to Otley by about 13.00

Saturdays: The Mini Flyers have grown over this year and now usually have a Midi and a Mini group with variations on the route and a shared coffee stop. This rides have included routes to Bolton Abbey, Weatherby, Fewston Farm Shop and Harrogate



The Flyers continue to ride at a pace that means that their adult volunteer can be seen just about managing to hang onto the back of the group!



A growing group of Mountain Goats also set off on Saturday morning in pursuit of hills and views providing a social way to increase fitness levels and discover more of our Yorkshire Countryside. The group was joined by Simon Warren, author of 100 Greatest Cycling Climbs and an article about this ride was featured in Cycling Weekly.



On **Sundays** a full range of club rides caters for people who love a faster long ride and those who like more leisurely social rides ranging from full day rides to the shorter half day rides. These shorter rides are a great way for new members to try out the club and experience the fun of social group riding. The provision of a very gentle ride option (with an average of 8mph over about 16 miles) is one of the reasons people tell us that they joined Otley over other local clubs.

New **weekend options** have emerged in 2018. These have included a Fitness Training Ride which aims to go out twice a month and offers a challenging chain gang style ride over a range of different terrains and providing an opportunity for club member to really test out their fitness and group riding skills.

The Mountain Bike rides are very popular and provide outings across local hilly tracks or sometimes exploring further afield. There has also been a Gravel/Cyclo Cross ride option, providing a slightly less muddy but equally sociable ride opportunity for club members.



An impressive number of Club members are out on the roads around Otley on club organised rides, proudly wearing their Otley blue kit and cheerfully greeting other cyclists. These rides only happen because club members offer their skills in organising, supporting, navigating and communicating about these rides so that we all can enjoy riding our bikes at a distance and pace that suits our needs. Thank you to everyone who joins and organises these rides.

Message from our Club Patron

Hi Everyone,

Whether you are a prizewinner or not I am sure you have enjoyed another great year of cycling with the best club in Britain!

Congratulations to everybody for that.

As you know I have had a quiet year for cycling in 2018 (although I did make a lot of noise on September 23rd!) but I am back in full swing now and really enjoying it.



It's going to be a great year for us all in 2019 with Tour De Yorkshire and of course the World Championships.

I am really excited about it and I love the route which means I get to ride through this lovely town - if any of you could get out to watch that would be great!

Thanks everyone

Lizzie



We give thanks to the many people who work behind the scenes running the competitions, collating the scores and supporting the club in so many ways. Without the work at all levels of the club this Awards dinner would not be possible.

Thanks to the awards team: Rachel Crowther, Christine Bell, Colin Charlesworth, Adrian Thompson, Liz Hills, Jill Birch, John Barnett and all our members who have helped tonight.

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