



## ***The Presidents Occasional Newsletter***

Hi,

Sorry to open with some sad news but we recently learned that Dave Atkinson, the flying postman, passed away in May. He had been suffering with dementia for some time and I should have called round to check on him sooner! A regular participant in the “old timers rides” with Les, Tony and Gordon, he will be missed.



*Rob Saunders in a Club Time Trial*

Joe Quill has repaired the club rollers and plans to set them up at Cafe Belge, Beachampton for riders to have a go. The idea is to have a board up displaying times for a standing start 500 metres (one rotation of the clock).

Also, we have decided to hold a NBRC reunion at Cafe Belge, Paul Watson’s cycling venue, on Sunday 26th October from 2 pm. A chance to meet up with past members and friends from the birth of the club to the present day.

To help reminiscences I will bring -

- a collection of club jerseys over the years,
- a selection of old newsletters
- Frank Allcorn’s extensive photo collection
- records (photos) of past club dinners
- lists of trophy winners from the birth of the club.

There will be a copy of Derek Taylor’s club history “Cycling through the first 50 years” and some copies of Frank Allcorn’s railway booklet “To Steaming an 8F”.

Hope you will be able to join us during the afternoon, even have a spin on the rollers if you dare! I will get this newsletter to as many people as I can and I am sure Rob Saunders will broadcast the date on social media.

Cafe Belge is through Beachampton on the Nash road, round a few bends until you find a tall metal gate on the right-hand side, we will put a cone or two on the entrance. Plenty of parking. You may come by bicycle! (for the rollers).

**Upcoming events**      Sunday 5th October 9am Hillclimb at Bow Brickhill.  
                                 Thursday 1st January 2026 New Year’s Day 10 Stoke Hammond.

## 2025 Club Time Trial Series

During this season, we have held 20 club time trials on Wednesday evenings from mid-April to early September, totalling 247 entries.

4 events on Brogborough, 2 on Stoke Hammond (plus one cancelled, low entry), 9 on Astwood (including one 2 lapper) and 5 on a new course for us at Cranfield (starting at the University, out to Newport Pagnell, finishing at the Bike Bus).

Happy to report that our Chairman, Rob Saunders won three events, despite his medical problems, Simon Cannings Equipe Velo (see photo) and Jamie Wooldridge Team MK also won three each, Stuart de Frayne QN Racing, Stuart Wright API Anglia Sport and Dan Chambers Bicester Millenium CC won two each and Leigh Smith Equipe Velo (ex NBRC) won an Astwood event in June.



Simon



Leigh



Steph

## Duo Normande 2025

Rob Saunders and Gerry Oram again popped over the water to ride their favourite 2 up. Despite Gerry's lack of fitness (too much rock climbing) and Rob's dicky ticker, they managed 7th in their class (Masters). In 2010, they had won the Corporate class. Another NBRC winner was Jeff Hathaway in 1989 with Sandy Carne (Thames Velo) in the over 40 class. They broke the vets record on road bikes. Jeff recalls using the Tour de France start ramp and podium, they must have had a good contact there. Tony Farmborough and myself rode the event a couple of times and enjoyed the start ramp but did not qualify for the podium!

## Founder Member

Had a chat with Dick Waldron on the phone, he was a founder member, of which there are a dwindling number! He recalls the importance of club runs in the early days. He was riding regularly this year but has had to cut back due to health problems, however he let it slip that he does a daily 20 minutes on the turbo. I am impressed. Dick reminded me to contact Geoff Clark and Clive Williamson, and sadly informed me that Frances Smith had passed away 3 years ago. Frances was a speedy NBRC lady rider whose N&DCA 10 record of 26.25 in 1955 stood for 22 years before it was broken.

She also rode 100's, riding to and from the events.



Dick in a 1950's Road Race which climbed Chicheley Hill three times, he finished 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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Dick Selley