

## Chairman's Report

The Committee met eight times during 2015 with each meeting lasting about 2 hours. In addition to this time many of the committee members spent significant further time working on club business and helping to organise and run events through the year.

Two members of the committee resigned during the year, Chris Stone and Neil Robinson, and I would like to thank them for their work during the year

The Club again had a busy year with a number of well organised events.

Junior racing in the park took place on 5 days with support from many juniors including an Irish contingent and riders from the Isle of Man. The races raise the profile of the club and generate significant revenue and take the Hon Sec much time to organise – our thanks to him for all his work and also to all of the helpers

The President organised a successful day of racing, with an oversubscribed men's race and a well supported ladies race, again generating revenue for the club and raising the profile.

The Time trial Series and the Open 25 got off to a very shaky start but with input from Peter Leonard, Alan Stark and Bill Lloyd, who took over the running of the Open 25 and the assistance and continuing support of the members who marshal week in and week out the series was completed successfully.

For the first time for many years the club organised an Audax event with rides at three distances open to all members and non-members. With more than 100 riders the event was a success and also generated revenue for the club. Thanks to all those who helped make the day a success in spite of the poor weather.

The "Modern" club kit proved to be very popular and we owe a vote of thanks to Howard (and his wife) for their hard work in the ordering and processing of the deliveries, which has seen a significant increase in the number of members turning up for club rides in club kit (whether "classic" or "modern")

During the year we invested money in the Club Room with new carpeting and refurbishment of the toilet facilities. Many thanks to Geoff Caton for all his work in Project Managing the work (and painting) and the result is a much improved facility which (hopefully) will not be nearly as smelly as the old toilets.

Plans for next year will again see a programme of events to match this year with (possibly) an additional Ladies Road Race on the Clieves Hill Circuit. So we need members to volunteer and help out or (even take part!!) to make these events a success which reflects on the club and generates revenue.

We will also look at updating the kitchen area and facilities.

To all the members who have worked hard to contribute to the running of the club and it's events a big thank you – without you it would not happen.

Finally, it is your club. If you think we should do something different/ better/ faster/ longer etc. then talk to someone on the committee and tell them your idea. You could even get involved and be on the Committee and make it happen!

Allan Taylor

Chairman

