

Club Chairman Report

My chairman's report will be very different, from previous years' reports.

We could see what was going on in China in December 2019, but we would never have thought that we would experience the changes to our lives during 2020.

Even during the dinner in January, everything seemed to be as normal for the start of another cycling year.

But we were not expecting that COVID-19 would have such an effect on all of us.

The restrictions that have been placed on cycling and cycling clubs, could be argued to have been even stricter than during the two world wars!

When restrictions weren't so tight, we were able to run the club 10 mile time trial competition through the summer, and the club Hill climb in October. These were the only two race events that the club were able to run.

Some club members did race in the real world and a very small number of trophies will be awarded.

The club monthly committee meetings were done on Zoom, and held most months.

Many club members also turned to the virtual world of Swift, to keep their competitive sprints alive.

Through the sterling efforts of club members, we were able to hold club rides when they were allowed and also to ensure everyone was safe. More details on club runs will be included in the captain's report.

It will only be the eighth time in the clubs history founded in 1883, that we will not be holding our club dinner in 2021.

These are unprecedented times, but the Finsbury Park cycling club will continue and will be ready to carry on, as it always has done when these dark days are gone and over.

On a sadder note, we said good bye to **Les Gaskin** and to long serving club members **Jon King** who passed away on 27/7/20, and **Vernon Smith** 03/12/20.

My thanks again to all club officers and club members, who have helped to run the small amount events during 2020.

Norman Gardner, our current club president is standing down at this AGM after a four year term.

I would like to personally thank him for his contributions to the Park during his presidency. He has been actively involved in organising and arranging tea runs at the "Country Bumpkin" Club races.

He has been caterer, helper, marshal, and more importantly, as president, prize presentations. He was there at almost every event we ran over the last four years in whatever job was asked of him.

He regularly attended club committee meetings and AGM. He was actively involved in the running of the club.

His posts on Facebook offered encouragement and gratitude to other club members, in whatever they were doing in the club's name, were another highlight.

Finally, the highlight of the calendar was the club dinner, where he really shone.

We all looked forward to his enthusiastic speeches and toasts, as they were exceptional.

With four years of prize presentations, I don't recall him dropping one of the trophies once! Good effort Norm.

I would like to wish everyone and their loved ones, to be safe and take care, at this time and see you all in the future when our world is a safer place.

Kevin Megan, Club Chairman,

FPCCC Captain and Membership Report 2020

Where to begin with 2020? Our first event of 2020 was our annual Reliability ride. This clashed with one of the worst storms of the winter and our usual large turnout was dwindled down to 4 club members and one guest who all made it round safely in very wet and windy conditions.

The reliability ride turned out to be our only 'Open' event of 2020 as Covid kicked in.

Once allowed our limited club runs were well attended and organised via Facebook into groups that stayed within the permitted size allowed during lockdown.

The biggest difference on the club runs was not being able to socialise at Potters Bar before setting off. We all have friends in the club that normally cycle in different groups and for me it feels like I haven't seen and caught up with some of you properly for a long time.

We also managed to get a limited Odam series done over the summer which was well attended and massive thanks to all that rode and stuck to the regulations we had to have in place. The Hill climb was run under similar conditions and was well supported by both riders and a great turn out from other members to shout support on Essendon Hill. I'm sure I can speak for every club member when I thank Vince who makes these events possible every year but is even more appreciated in the circumstances, we had this year.

Despite the lack of events and limited club runs we still gained some members in 2020 and I'd like to welcome Will Morgan, Paul Newman, Morgan Newman, Alexander Cockburn, Alex Diamantopoulos, Lucy Neatham, Ian Trzcinski and Martin Osbourne. A strange year to join the club with so little interaction but here's hoping you can meet more members and get involved properly in 2021 as things get back to normal.

Simon Neatham, Club Captain,

Hon. General Secretary Report.

Committee meetings: Committee year begins following the AGM.

8 meetings were held between March 2020 and January 2021.

March meeting was held at Southgate Hockey Club, Trent Park, London.

7 other meetings were held via Zoom.

Name	Present	Apols	Name	Present	Apols
K.Megan	5	3	J.Greenwood	3	3
C.Lodge	5	3	S.Neatham	8	0
P.Bullen	7	1	V.Freeley	7	1
D.Kendall	0	5	I.Bibby	6	1
G.Smith	1	4	D.Andrew	5	3
D.Karamitsios	5	3	A.Cohen	2	6

** Dave Kendall managed his TT Secretary duties via email and social media from his temporary home abroad.

Norman Gardner, President, attended 4 committee meetings.
Cheryl Smith attended 6 meetings as Club Dinner secretary.

Membership: Club membership at 31st October 2019 is recorded as follows: -

	2020	2019
President	1	1
Vice Presidents	6	7
Honorary Members	19	21
Members	93	95
Second claim	11	9
Junior	2	1
Total	132	134

- 8 new members were elected during the year as a result of initiatives by Simon Neatham, membership secretary.
- We 'lost' 10 members and are sad to record the passing of John King (VP), Pam King (HM), Vernon Smith (HM) and Les Gaskin.

Club Property

Road race equipment	V.Freeley	Club clothing	S.Neatham
Club medal stock	V.Freeley	TT race equipment	V.Freeley
UHF radios x 4	V.Freeley	Archives	B.Edrupt

Vince Freeley, Hon. General Secretary

Track Secretary's Report

This is going to be a short one. The track programme was as good as wiped out this year by the Covid restrictions.

There was nothing much to report from the tail end of the Lee Valley Winter Track League. I did very few of those in 19/20 and nothing of note. This year has taken a list of names for registration but doesn't look like happening for 20/21.

From Lee Valley WTL, the next event is usually the BMCR (formerly LVRC) Omnium. That actually happened but neither Vince nor myself were on good form and the results there were mediocre. Usually not a problem if you don't have your track legs at that time of year but , if we'd known it was going to be the ONLY event of 2020 perhaps we'd have tried harder.

As the threat of Covid loomed, the annual track camp in Alkmaar Holland looked in danger. That's not even a club event but Jeremy was there (and flying) so it's worth a mention. In the end, all the riders got to Holland from various parts of the UK and Europe and back again with about a day to spare before Lockdown. Phew!

Jeremy, Ian Archibald (Katie's dad) and Geoff Wiles duking it out behind their Dernys to the pulsing soundtrack supplied by Jeremy (Sweet Caroline – in joke and a lot of Ska) on a smelly old track.... Well, 2020 did have some good memories.

And that's about it.

Masters Nationals, Welwyn League, Herne Hill, BMCR Nationals and the Worlds at Manchester all cancelled.

Lee Valley have managed to run drop-in sessions with distancing and they aren't too bad. Even though the art of track is 90%-wheel sucking. Those are cancelled at time of writing but can resume even under Tier4.

Glimmers of light? BC Masters have a date for 2021. Masters Worlds in Los Angeles is scheduled (I reckon 2020 owes us that one) and the team at Welwyn have been maintaining the track ready for return.

Chris Lodge, Track Secretary

TT Secretary Report

My twentieth year writing these reports as the TT Secretary has been the quietest of all. Much will be written about 2020 but not much about the domestic cycling season.

Thankfully, a few riders managed a handful of races before and after the lockdown which means some of the trophies had winners. Julian Elliott won the Fastest 10 again with a late season 21:19 on the E2/10. Andrew Turnock was a beneficiary of a Spring E1/25b event to win the Fastest 25 in 1:00:06, and Gregory Smith recorded the Fastest 30 on the SPOCO 1:11:49. Lucy Neatham won the Edrupt Trophy for the fastest women's 10.

Vince did a sterling job in managing to run enough club 10s for the handicap Odam competition to go ahead. William Morgan ran out the winner with Costa Kashis the runner-up. Lucy took the best woman award and Julian the scratch competition as overall fastest.

The club also managed to hold the season-ending club hill climb on Essendon Hill. Gregory Smith defended his title again Jeremy Greenwood the runner-up. Katie Voogt was the fastest of the women.

David Kendall, TT Secretary

Financial Reports on next pages

Accounts Report

Club Assets at 31 Oct 20

Assets	2020	2019	Change
Current Account	7,410.64	7,863.10	-452.46
National Savings	3084.09	3059.61	24.48
Sub-total	10494.73	10922.71	-427.98
Clothing	3860.50	2986.50	874.00
Medals (replacement cost) incl VAT	0	174.36	-174.36
Trophies (1996 valuation)	1150.00	1150.00	0.00
Liabilities (accrued expenditure/income)	410.62	677.43	
Total	15094.61	14556.14	538.47

Liabilities (accrued expenditure/income)

Deposits not credited by 31-Oct-20	0.00
Payments not cleared by 31-Oct-20	410.62
Cheques paid from 2020 included in 2019 account	154.98
Deposits included in 2019 account	50.00

**Income & Expenditure
Account**

31/10/2020

Item	2020			2019		
	Income	Expense	Balance	Income	Expense	Balance
Subs	2024.50	0.00	2024.50	2009.50	0.00	2009.50
Donations in	15.00		15.00	78.00		78.00
Donations out		150.00	-150.00		850.00	-850.00
Open 25	0.00	0.00	0.00	534.39	485.00	49.39
Open 50	0.00	0.00	0.00	369.00	369.00	0.00
Road Race	0.00	0.00	0.00	1543.00	1233.83	309.17
Audax/CX	0.00	0.00	0.00	970.17	561.01	409.16
Tea run/club room	0.00	0.00	0.00	216.00	480.00	-264.00
Club TTs	368.00	372.00	-4.00	364.00	336.00	28.00
Reliability	144.08	100.00	44.08	680.65	90.00	590.65
Club Dinner	1392.00	1634.94	-242.94	1628.00	1880.00	-252.00
Affiliations	0.00	153.00	-153.00	0.00	153.00	-153.00
Printing & Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Open SPOCO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothing	1872.00	2674.40	-802.40	3129.71	3317.60	-187.89
A.G.M.	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Engraving	0.00	138.00	-138.00	0.00	138.00	-138.00
Medal	0.00	1262.72	-1262.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website	0.00	38.62	-38.62	0.00	119.98	-119.98
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	-40.00
Current A/C interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Savings A/C interest	24.48	0.00	24.48	22.03	0.00	22.03
Total	5840.06	6573.68	-733.62	11544.45	10103.42	1441.03

Notes:

1. 2020 Club Dinner subsidised by the club as agreed at committee.
2. Club Hill Climb subsidised by the club as agreed at committee
3. Donations out comprises £105.92 contribution from the club plus reliability ride 'profit'

Peter Bullen, Club Treasurer
