

WEST KENT CTC

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016/17

1. INTRODUCTION: WK Secretary - Martin Gill

This report is on the activities of West Kent CTC ('WK') (formerly the West Kent District Association of the Cyclists' Touring Club) during its 93rd year, being the year ending on 30th September 2017. The first part of the report sets out the facts and figures, concerning finance, membership, attendance on rides and frequency of riding, which give an overview of the health of WK. Part two is about the informal groups/sections, and part three is about the work of the various Committees including the activities and events organised. Finally there are some personal comments and conclusions.

PART 1

2. FINANCE Treasurer - Andy Meaton

Our finances remain in a healthy state. The annual accounts and auditor's report will be presented to WK's AGM.

3. MEMBERSHIP Registrar - Rob Seall

Updated membership lists in respect of the members in West Kent Area are usually received monthly from National Office.

Keeping a record of the membership, and in particular the active membership who come on our rides and events, is a vital resource to the club. The information derives from returns from Group Secretaries every two months and is processed by the registrar to compile a register of all West Kent and South East London members who attend [even if it's only once or twice], and points are allocated in accordance with the BAR Rules to determine the award of trophies and certificates at the end of the year. This data is checked by the BAR committee who meet every two months. The committee currently has three members, and a further volunteer to join the committee would be very welcome. [see BAR committee report in Part 3]

Membership Totals [including new, moved in, moved out and non-renewals]:

West Kent: 2306 members on 30/09/17 [2356 members on 30/09/16]

4. ATTENDANCE ON RIDES Registrar - Rob Seall

WEST KENT CTC RESULTS: These include Gravesend returns for their Wednesday rides only, not their weekend and evening rides. The following table lists the recorded total numbers out (daily averages in brackets).

Year	Winter Saturday	Winter Sunday	Summer Saturday	Summer Sunday	Weekday	Total
2006-07	577	968	645	957	1579	4726
2007-08	622	879	580	879	1381	4341
2008-09	328	786	508	1048	2001	4671
2009-10	328	707	331	717	1280	3363
2010-11	307	730	317	680	1183	3217
2011-12	367	685	279	649	1387	3367
2012-13	273	604	294	697	1325	3193
2013-14	188	720	294	593	1478	3273
2014-15	130	699	277	728	1233	3067
2015-16	246	609	260	749	1435	3299
	(9.5)	(23.4)	(10.0)	(28.8)	(13.8)	(15.8)
2016-17	248	696	316	770	1504	3474
	(9.5)	(26.5)	(12.1)	(21.6)	(14.4)	(16.7)

EVENT RESULTS: Numbers indicate West Kent CTC + Other Riders.

*Indicates Medal Event [Numbers in brackets refer to the previous year]

***25mile Rough Stuff (Oct.2016) 24 + 27** [16 + 13]

Hill Climb (Nov.2016) 21 + 0 [15 + 1]

AGM (Nov.2016): 30 [30]

Anniversary Ride (March): 26 [25]

***Grimpeur 100km / 50km (March): 11 + 62 / 10 + 22** [10 + 32 / 15 + 11]

***Hop Garden 200/150/100km (May): 4+30 / 3+4 / 21 + 20** [5+55 / 1+4 / 15+32]

***Hadlow Hundreds 100 miles (June): 11 + 1** [7+0]

Hadlow Hundreds 100 miles support rides: 10 + 0 [10+0]

Group ride 23rd July: 19 [21]

***Hadlow Hundreds 100km (September): 9+ 5** [13+2]

Hadlow Hundreds support rides: 3 + 0 [4/ 0]

Group ride 24th September: 19 [24]

GROUP RESULTS (excluding events): [2015-16 in brackets]

Bexleyheath 94 [99] runs, **444** [464] attendances, average **4.7** [4.7]

Easy Riders 30 [27] runs, **129** [133] attendances, average **4.3** [5.0]

Gravesend Wednesday 50 [47] runs, **689** [603] attendances, average **13.8** [12.9]

Hardriders 48 [52] runs, **289** [329] attendances, average **6.0** [6.3]

Intermediates 48 [41] runs, **212** [198] attendances, average **4.4** [4.8]

Medway 48 [56] runs, **159** [179] attendances, average **3.3** [3.2]

Medway Towns 44 [34] runs, **267** [196] attendances, average **6.0** [5.8]

Moderates 11 [13] runs, **116** [121] attendances, average **10.1** [9.3]

Orpington 59 [53] runs, **318** [305] attendances, average **5.1** [5.8]

Saturday 23 [23] runs, **158** [136] attendances, average **6.1** [5.9]

Sevenoaks 52 [41] runs, **336** [291] attendances, average **6.5** [7.1]
Sunday All Day 39 [40] runs, **118** [115] attendances, average **3.0** [2.9]
Sunday Shorts 18 [21] runs, **60** [87] attendances, average **3.3** [4.1]
Tonbridge & Tunbridge Wells 65 [69] runs, **198** [221] attendances, average **3.0** [3.2]
Weekday 11 [12] runs, **64** [65] attendances, average **6.0** [5.4]

5. FREQUENCY OF RIDING Registrar - Rob Seall

WK RESULTS: Total numbers in 2016-17 [West Kent /SE London areas]

Year	CTC members in West Kent /SEL	Riding at least once	Riding 5 or more times	Riding 17 or more times
2007-08	1499 + 438	346	174	88
2008-09	1593 + 490	302	176	94
2009-10	1571 + 571	269	148	69
2010-11	1627 + 646	237	124	65
2011-12	2174	270	139	63
2012-13	2405	188	112	70
2013-14	2467	186	120	67
2014-15	2385	174	124	71
2015-16	2356	191	125	74
2016-17	2356	185	137	76

GROUP RESULTS:

Riding at least once / Riding 5 or more times / Riding 17 or more times with one section. A member riding 17 or more times is classified as a regular rider.

[Numbers in brackets refer to the year 1/10/15 to 30/9/16]

Bexleyheath: 21 / 10 / 8 [22 / 13 / 8]

Mike Friday 83 [76]	Brian Juchau 74 [73]	Daniel Plumb 73 [70]
Justin Quelch 51 [53]	Mark Nelson 61 [44]	Paul McQuillen 40 [40]
Len Morgan 29 [38]	Chrissa Woodhouse 29 [30]	

Easy Riders: 17 / 6 / 3 [15 / 8 / 5]

Margaret Tate 34 [20]	Peter Stevens 21 [25]	Jean Jessett 18 [24]
Gravesend Wednesday: 41 / 32 / 16 [41 / 25 / 16]		Brian Gardner 46 [38]
John Bessant 45 [-]	Sue Bathgate 41 [-]	Enrico Cecconi 38 [30]
Peter Horner 37 [33]	Dave Morris 37 [20]	Martyn Wotton 31 [33]
Graham Bennett 31 [-]	Tony Holland 28 [20]	Clive Warner 27 [-]
Keith Brown 26 [35]	Sally Peek 26 [34]	Roger Walters 24 [33]
Graham Peek 23 [32]	Liz Lindsell 23 [31]	Dave Johnson 19 [20]

Hardriders: 20 / 18 / 6 [29 / 15 / 6]

Martin Gill 46 [36]	Simon Hattersley 41 [45]	Roy Turner 36 [29]
Roland Rippingale 33 [25]	Bill Bailey 31 [30]	Johnny Banks 29 [31]
Intermediates: 13 / 10 / 4 [14 / 9 / 4]		Frank Harvey 40 [37]
Emrys Wilson 39 [26]	Tricia Hewlett 32 [30]	Bernie Fiske 19 [-]

Medway: 12 / 7 / 3 [12 / 7 / 3]

John Ennis 47 [52]	Paul Mansfield 42 [43]	Bob Macdowall 39 [48]
Medway Towns: 16/14/7 [13/13/6]		Geoff Hunt 35 [35]
Sharon Luck 27 [-]	Simon Whybrow 20 [25]	Andy Wheeler 20 [18]
Tony Wild 20 [-]	Richard Hall 19 [-]	Mark Terry 18 [19]

Moderates: 10 / 10 / 0 [15 / 10 / 0].

Orpington: 10 / 9 / 7 [11 / 9 / 9]

Malcolm Pullan **50** [37]

Steven Brown **46** [44]

Colin Atkins **44** [34]

Andrew Mackay **37** [22]

Saturday: 20 / 13 / 3 [13 / 11 / 2]

Paul Mansfield **20** [23]

Heather Ashlee **19** [20]

Sevenoaks: 26 / 16 / 6 [21 / 12 / 6]

Peter Hawker **48** [41]

Lucy Bentley **42** [43]

Carol Lin **33** [35]

Kami Luscombe **25** [36]

Sunday All Day: 4 / 4 / 4 [4 / 4 / 3]

Paul Fitzsimmons **33** [32]

Linda Gray **27** [36]

Sunday Shorts: 8 / 5 / 1 [13 / 5 / 1]

Tonbridge & Tunbridge Wells: 18 / 11 / 3 [17 / 10 / 6]

Rob Seall **58** [72]

Andy Wythes **36** [30]

Weekday: 13 / 7 / 0 [12 / 5 / 0]

Richard Bush **51** [36]

Peter Woods **45** [34]

Simon Hattersley **21** [24]

Margaret Tate **17** [-]

Diana Outram **36** [38]

Evelyn Hudson **22** [-]

Colin Atkins **37** [37]

Barney Camp **18** [-]

Peter Ashlee **18** [17]

Tim Hack **19** [-]

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

Other regular riders not listed above: [i.e. those who have ridden 17 or more times on group rides [not events] between 01/10/16 and 30/9/17]

Julian Chappell **21** [19]

Pauline Scott **23** [19]

Peter Scott **41** [37]

Bob Hazell **18** [18]

Paul McAteer **17** [18]

Alan Stirling **30** [-]

Danny Gazzi **17** [-]

Regular riders with more than one section (as listed above): **4** [5]

Colin Atkins

Simon Hattersley

Paul Mansfield

Margaret Tate

14 [13] **members rode more than 52 times** i.e. more than once a week on average:

Mike Friday **88** [76]

Brian Juchau **86** [82]

Daniel Plumb **85** [86]

Colin Atkins **81** [71]

Rob Seall **77** [83]

Mark Nelson **73** [60]

Simon Hattersley **66** [70]

John Ennis **64** [65]

Paul Mansfield **63** [66]

Bob Macdowall **61** [55]

Peter Woods **60** [-]

Margaret Tate **58** [-]

Justin Quelch **56** [63]

Martin Gill **52** [-]

PART 2

6. THE INFORMAL GROUPS

WK has no subsidiary Member Groups.

All the riding groups are Informal Member Groups.

a. BEXLEYHEATH Secretary - Mike Friday

The Group has continued its usual format with rides on Sundays and Tuesday evenings. The Spring tour this year was to Cheddar. As usual Members have supported most if not all of the Hardriders tours. Some members went on tours to Puglia, Galicia, the Tatras (Slovakia and Poland) and France.

b. EASYRIDERS Secretary – Margaret Tate

During the first part of the year numbers on rides were good but numbers have dropped as regular riders have been unable to come out on account of accidents and frailty. There have been a day ride to Essex and another to Surrey. There have been two hostel based trips to the Lea Valley and to Holmbury St Mary. One new rider has joined the Group during the year. The Group held an annual luncheon.

d. GRAVESEND Secretary – Steve Dyer

Wednesday Group The group has retained the format of having a café stop and a lunch stop. The length of rides has varied from 25 to 30 miles in Winter to 35 to 50 miles in Summer. There has been a good variety of destinations in all directions. Some Wednesday riders who like to ride more than once a week and who like longer and faster rides have been riding on Mondays as well. These Monday rides have been arranged informally with routes decided week by week. Some of these rides have been car or train assisted. Other rides have included London rides and trips to France and Belgium.

Thursday Nights In the Winter numbers out on the evening rides were down to 6 to 10 but the average has risen to 15 to 20, partly as a result of several new members joining the group. The use of walkie talkies has been introduced on evening rides proving beneficial. The Spring and Summer off road rides every first and third Thursday of the month proved popular though there were still many on road riders on those days.

Sunday Group There has been a core of 4 to 5 regular riders. Rides this year have generally been fairly local but there were excursions to London and France. A few newcomers have joined the group.

Cycling Events As usual a reliability ride was organised in January starting from Shorne Country Park and attracting 50 riders. The Hop Garden Audaxes [200k, 160k and 100k] in May had 117 entrants.

Social The quarterly socials each attracted some 30 people. There were two velodrome visits – to Stratford and Herne Hill.

e. HARDRIDERS Secretary - Martin Gill

The Group has had 6 riders out regularly on Sundays with a few other occasional riders. The tours at Easter (to Galloway), the weekend before Christmas (to Sussex) and in August (to Normandy) were popular, attracting members who ride with other Groups and ex Hardriders who have left the area. This year tours went to Sussex, Galloway and Normandy. Unusually there were no Bank Holiday tours in May or August.

f. INTERMEDIATES Secretary – Frank Harvey

The Group continued with its proven successful formula of Sunday rides. Numbers were down a little due to injuries. A number of Group members enjoyed overseas cycling holidays, but these tended to be run by other clubs such as Meridian and Catford CC.

g. MEDWAYS Secretary - Bob Macdowall

The programme of local rides into Kent, Sussex and Surrey remained fully active although distances aren't quite what they once were.

The Group enjoyed a few days in Suffolk based at Blaxhall YH meeting up with former DA stalwarts Anne & Dave Dodds joined a well-attended CTC Suffolk Group ride celebrating a personal anniversary ride for one of its long-standing members. Two members attended the Birthday Rides and further afield, Medways were to be found on their bikes in the Lake District, French Alps and Corfu.

Former Medway Secretary and WK Outdoor Events Officer has now joined the list of Medway ex pats following his move to Derbyshire.

h. MEDWAY TOWNS Secretary - Geoff Hunt

During the year the Group has been out most Sundays weather permitting with rides ranging from 20 to 70 miles. There has also been some midweek evening ride to a pub with 2 to 5 group riders taking part. Six of the Group's riders successfully completed Lands End to John O'Groats in two weeks. Six of the group's riders went on a cyclo-camping tour of Holland for six days.

There have been several newcomers with at least two coming out more than once.

Next year it is hoped to attract more riders through the website and some promotion perhaps with more midweek rides and another cyclo-camping holiday and doing an event in France. Some of the group's riders have expressed interest in doing more club events.

i. MODERATE Secretary - Peter Scott

Some rides were held on weekdays. A 5-day trip to Suffolk was held at the end of April with 12 attending.

j. ORPINGTON Secretary - Peter Woods

The usual format of Tuesday evening rides, an annual tour and social evenings have been followed. We have a core of nine regular riders, which has helped to keep the average number out each week to over five.

Group members have gone for a meal after some of the rides: a bangers and mash evening to which all club members were invited, a steak night at Wetherspoons, a Burns Night supper at a member's home, on Shrove Tuesday pancakes at a member's home and lastly the Group Secretary's birthday party. Members were pleased to be invited by the Bexley's to join them on their Indian meal evening.

Although the rides are advertised as fifteen to twenty miles, they are generally twenty to twenty five. However, every ride is tailored and the destination agreed for the slowest/unfit rider and the weather conditions at the start each Tuesday. Group members are organising the 2018 Winter Weekend.

k. SATURDAY Secretary – Heather Ashlee

With the starts well spread out the rides range over a considerable area. Distances are from 25 to 30 miles.

l. SEVENOAKS Secretary - Lucy Bentley

The Group has continued with its Saturday rides, there have been a few train assisted rides (e.g. to Box Hill and Canterbury) but there have been no holidays or weekends away due to members' family commitments and health issues. Recently the rides have mostly been short rides at a gentle pace. There have been no significant changes to the number of riders. There have been a few newcomers but they are not regular riders and only join the rides occasionally.

m. SUNDAY ALL DAY Secretary - Colin Atkins

The Section is still ticking over with a core of three riders. The format of fortnightly rides with a destination and intermediate weeks left open works well for us. Rides have varied in length according to the time of year, but have usually been sixty to seventy miles, occasionally 100 miles in the summer. Destinations have ranged from the lowlands of Kent to the heights of Ashdown Forest and beyond, and the Surrey Hills.

n. SUNDAY SHORTS Secretary – Nicola Tobin

The Group have had some varied rides with train assisted rides, car rides (and lots of rides to visit Nicola in hospital). Members have supported the club events. Lately a couple of youngsters joined the rides but now they are back at uni and school.

o. TONBRIDGE + TUNBRIDGE WELLS Secretary - Rob Seall

We are an ‘all-comers’ group providing a Sunday morning ride with frequent extensions to longer or full day rides, often joining up with the Hardriders. Our riders supported all of the events and group rides. No evening rides this year. The Flying Gate Weekend was at Burton on Trent where Trevor Jarvis had his original workshop from when he took over the rights to the legendary short wheelbase frame design.

The Tonbridge Bicycle Users Group was formed this summer as an offshoot from the local Friends of the Earth. Its aims are to improve facilities and the environment for cyclists in the area and has had consultations with local councillors and officials. Current projects include establishing an official route from the new A21 cycle path to the station.

p. WEEKDAY Secretary – Eric Watts

The weekday group has all day rides on or around the second Thursday in each month starting from different locations close to railway stations. The group has a core of riders from other groups and attempts to offer something different and varied compared to other groups. This year sees the inauguration of Solstice Rides as close as possible to the longest and shortest days.

PART 3

7. THE COMMITTEES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

a. WK COMMITTEE Chairman - Peter Scott

The Committee met in October, December, April, and July to receive reports from the Officers, Committees, to make decisions and to exchange information.

The attendance at WK Committee meetings during the year since last year’s AGM was as follows:

[Figures in brackets refer to the number of meetings that could have been attended]
Heather Ashlee 3 [4] Peter Ashlee 4 [4] Martin Gill 4 [4] *Linda Gray 0 [4]
Andy Meaton 0 [4] Peter Scott 4 [4] Rob Seall 4 [4]
(*At all 4 meetings Linda Gray was represented by Jean Tobin).

b. INFORMAL GROUPS' FORUM

The Forum met in October, March and July to discuss matters of interest to the Groups and to receive reports from the Informal Groups. Again the Forum looked at opportunities for the groups to meet up. There were two Groups Get Togethers following the same format as the previous year except that the lunchtime venue for the September meet was switched to the Chequers at Heaverham at short notice owing to the closure of the Padwell.

c. OUTDOOR EVENTS Outdoor Events Officer - Rob Seall

Outdoor Events are an opportunity for members to be competitive in a non-racing environment and to meet members from other groups. The events we organise include traditional long distance audaxes or reliability trials where there are minimum and maximum time limits for completing the course, a Hill Climb which is technically a time trial, not a 'race', and social 'get together' rides.

It is evident that member participation in the competitive events has declined in popularity in recent years, to the extent that there is no longer sufficient support to run a 400km Audax, an essential element in obtaining a Gold medal at the end of the year.

The events since 30th September 2016 included the 25 miles Rough Stuff on 23rd October 2016, organised by Kim Woodward, which attracted a much larger number of riders, 51 in total, over half of which were from other clubs, and again including the CTC chief executive Paul Tuohy. The Hill Climb in November 2016, organised by Peter Ashlee, was again won by Paul McQuillen, with Martin Gill 1st Veteran, John Ennis 1st Handicap, Chrissa Woodhouse again 1st Lady, and the Team prize won again by the Hardriders. The 2016 season ended with a Silver medals for Bob Macdowall and Paul Welch, and Bronze for John Ennis, Simon Hattersley, Paul McQuillen, Ian Marsh and Roland Rippingale.

The 2017 season included 5 medal events with their support rides; the Grimpeur 100km/Hilly 50km on 12th March and the Hop Garden 200km/160km/100km on 14th May, both organised by Patrick McMaster, the Hadlow Hundreds 100 miles [160km] on 11th June and the 100km on 10th September, both organised by Rob Seall, and the 25 miles Rough Stuff on 22nd October organised by Kim Woodward. In order that there was an opportunity for riders to obtain a Gold medal when we no longer have the 400km event we nominated a local 300km Audax event which could be ridden in order to qualify. The events also enable riders to gain significant points in the BAR competitions leading to Trophies, Medals and Certificates awarded each year at the Annual Dinner.

The season also includes an Anniversary Ride on the first Sunday in March and two 'Get Together' rides, on 23rd July and 24th September where riders from all the groups in West Kent meet up for a joint ride from elevenses to lunch. The second of these went to a different venue for lunch, the Chequers at Heaverham.

d. SOCIAL Secretary – Linda Gray

The Luncheon was held on 28 January 2017. The Luncheon was a success and well attended.

e. CLUBROOM Steward - Heather Ashlee

During the year the number of members attending the Clubroom on Thursday evening has varied from 4 to 12.

f. PUBLICITY

We still do not have a Publicity Officer. The main sources of publicity have been the Web Site, letters of welcome to new members of CTC and the Facebook page. 3000 copies of a new edition of the publicity leaflet have been printed. We hope that as many members as possible will assist in getting the leaflets to potential riders with us.

g. WEBSITE Manager – Alan Stirling

When Alan took over the responsibility of maintaining the website he was tasked with upgrading it so it could work on all platforms. He did this almost a year ago and has been waiting members to send him suitable content ever since. He needs fresh words and pictures, or articles and items that will interest those new to cycling, and to those who have enjoyed cycling throughout their lives. Once he has enough of such material he can optimise the site with a view to increasing its traffic generating new members and income from sales of WW etc. There are photos in the archive or Winged Words but they are in the wrong format for the website and would need considerable time and attention to make them usable. He asks members to send him copies of their photos with a suitable caption. If members find suitable material on the internet they can refer Alan to it, so he can get a link.

The WK Committee have said that they have no objection to WW being put on the site as soon as it is published in hard copy. However the editorial team fear that might detract from sales and have asked for there to be a delay. We may be able to put some cover pictures on the site soon.

h. WINGED WORDS Acting Editor – Bob Macdowall

WW Team: Colin Atkins (Distribution) Richard Bush (Treasurer/Adverts) Bob MacDowall (Editing) Rob Watt (Editing) Chrissa Woodhouse (Technical Support)

The year began without an Editor in post and production at a halt. Richard had organised an apology letter to subscribers and renewals were put on hold. Rather than do nothing, Richard valiantly undertook a crash course in the Publisher software under former Editor Chrissa's tutorship, but with other major demands on his time was unable

to take matters forward. Copy had however been set aside by Colin and Richard in readiness for an issue so, after some informal discussions, Bob asked Chrissa to reprise her training with him which ultimately led to the production of a slightly late Christmas issue. Without Chrissa's help and guidance the magazine might still be on the editing room floor. Fortunately she agreed to stay on in a consultant capacity.

To further bolster the team, the President "persuaded" ex pat Rob Watt to get involved despite his north of England geographical location. Having spent a huge chunk of time overcoming the same steep learning curve Rob and Bob now share editorship which eases the overall burden of the task. Rob's involvement has proved invaluable and, along with sterling admin support from Colin and Richard, it has put the magazine back on more solid ground, operationally at least. In the event they produced a full six issues despite the fact that they have not always received sufficient copy resulting in unproductive time spent chasing or searching for material. Photos are forthcoming but again these are in relatively short supply.

As the year ended, we lost one of our very loyal advertisers leaving us with just 6 advertisers on our book. Whilst accepting that a balance has to be struck between advertising and content we could do with a few more be it another pub, cafe or local bike shop. The magazine's financial performance can be seen from the accounts.

Richard is finding it difficult to find time to look after the advertising as well as acting as the magazine Treasurer. An idea being floated is that we create a dedicated Advertising Coordinator role within the team. This person would liaise with Group Secretaries to progress any potential new business identified/sourced locally e.g. on club runs, as well as pro-actively sourcing advertisers perhaps by cold calling or visiting outlets. The Coordinator would also be a single point of reference for all advertisers for any feedback or issues that may arise.

Currently we have some 100 registered readers of which 11 are complimentary copies to other CTC groups. Undoubtedly, a larger readership base would be healthier financially but as it stands, the wider membership of West Kent seem reluctant to buy the magazine. Colin provides magazines for sale at the Clubroom and in the past, spare copies of the magazine were given to Group Secretaries to sell on. This practice has ceased, in part because groups with smaller attendance have riders who are already signed up as registered readers. However in larger supported groups it is felt that there is more sales potential. Ideally of course, it would be preferable to sell one magazine to new customers and then for them to become registered readers.

Inevitably a bi monthly magazine is not necessarily attractive to all comers, the instant nature of social media having a firm hold among many. We do not have figures for those members who regularly support the magazine but do not have access to (or indeed any desire) to use the internet. Arguably Winged Words should be seen as complementary to any other (cycling) social media and not in direct competition including our own Facebook page.

j. BEST ALL ROUNDER COMPETITION Chairman – Kim Woodward

The BAR Sub Committee administers the club’s annual competitions for trophies, certificates and awards as set out in the BAR Rules. The BAR Rules are periodically reviewed and brought up to date with changing trends in cycling activities.

The committee currently has three members, the chairman, the registrar [Rob Seall] and one volunteer, Brian Matkins. We would welcome the addition of another volunteer to contribute their views on keeping the competitions relevant to the active membership.

The committee meets every two months to check the returns from Group Secretaries and compile a list of the most active members for publication in Winged Words. In October these returns are used to compile the statistics for this report [see Part 1], and in December to compile the results for the year and to determine the trophy winners. [The ‘competition year’ starts on 1st December and ends on 30th November]

2016 Trophy Winners were:

George Harrison Trophy	Best All-Rounder	Bob Macdowall
Invicta Trophy	Best over 3 years	Bob Macdowall
Muriel Cup	Best Lady	Chrissa Woodhouse
Cleverley Morecroft Cup	Best Junior	Not awarded in 2016
Lionel Blundell Cup	Most Deserving Veteran	Martin Gill
Hunter Cup	Most Deserving Runner Up	Rob Seall
Section Trophy	Highest Scoring Group	Gravesend Wednesdays

Historical results can be found on the Archive page of the website.

MEDAL POOL Trustee - Bob Macdowall

Medal Pool Stock Record for year ending 30th Sep 2017

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	BADGE	BADGE CENTRES	
					WK	25 RS
B/fwd	27	39	44	24	100	95
Supplied to BAR	4	1	2			
Supplied to OE/ Badge sales		2	4	6		2
C/fwd	23	36	38	18	100	93

The 100 West Kent self adhesive badge centres have remained in stock since their purchase 2014.

Postscript The Medal Pool Trustee manages the medal stock levels and (for some years now) acts as guardian for the Club’s silverware, organises trophies/medals for engraving and provides badges for event organisers. An Awards Order of Presentation is also prepared for the Annual Luncheon. Now that Bob’s time and focus is now devoted

to Winged Words it is he needs to pass on the Trustee work to someone else. More details of the role can be obtained from Bob or a member of the Committee.

After the trophies and medals are finalised for 2017, all stocks and non-awarded trophies will be returned to the Committee until a successor for the role is identified.

k. SALES

We didn't appoint a Sales Manager this year as there had been hardly any sales in the previous year and there is only a small amount of stock left.

l. PHOTOGRAPHIC Chairman - Peter Scott

The Annual Competition had a good number of entries which were displayed at the Exhibition on 4th March. Principal winners were:

Colour Prints:	Beginners:	Jean Tobin
	Cycling:	Peter Woods
	Open:	Bob MacDowall
Cycling Class Monochrome:		Bob MacDowall
A4 Colour prints:		Dave Gaster
Digital Images:	Beginners:	Roland Rippingale
	Cycling:	Rob Seall
	Open:	Peter Woods

m. RIGHTS

WK no longer has a Rights Officer though several members are 'Right to Ride' registered and carry out good work.

n. FRED CLEVERLY MEMORIAL TRUST

Trustees - Peter Ashlee, Peter Scott

The current balance of the fund is £968.
There was no movement during the course of the year.

p. WELFARE Officer – Peter Ashlee

The job of the Welfare Officer is primarily to settle any disputes between club members and to deal with any concerns that club members may have. It is good that again this year there has been no demand for Peter's services.

PART 4

8. PERSONAL

We were saddened to learn of the deaths of former Gravesend rider Megan Tillsley, and of former Hardrider Ramona Penfold, also of Medway rider Pat Webber who, with her late husband Jack were the first couple in the DA to gain gold medals **ON A TANDEM** after successfully completing all five tourist trials including the 24 Hour and the Roughstuff. It is believed that this has only been accomplished by two other tandem pairs in the subsequent decades.

9. CONCLUSION

Although membership of Cycling UK is down, more people having been riding with WK this year.