

# ROAD RECORDS ASSOCIATION WINTER NEWSLETTER 2009



Rebecca & James at Chiverton Cross.

PHOTO BY RICHARD ABRAM



Rydall Layby A38 at 17:45

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Ralph & Paul at Potters Bar 07:15

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Dishforth. at about 15:30

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**BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all our Members, Timekeepers, Observers, Course Measurers and Checkers.

## AGM 2010

**The AGM for 2010 will be held at Coventry Library, Smithford Way on Saturday 27th February 2010 at 1pm.**

**Any propositions must be received by the General Secretary no later than January 8th 2010.**

## OBITUARIES

G. Walmesley, checker, passed away in 2008.

F.H. Pulman, LM, passed away in July.

George Smith, PM, Southgate CC timekeeper passed away in August aged 99. Many of you may well remember George not only as a timekeeper, but a photographer. Where ever he went so went his Leica cameras, always carried in a case on his handlebars.

Peter Henderson, PM, passed away on 21st September after a short illness.

Johnny Helms, PM, famous for his cartoons, passed away recently.

The Association sends its sympathy to all relatives and friends.

## OBSERVERS, TIMEKEEPERS, CHECKERS, COURSE MEASURERS.

The Association is still very keen to keep its lists of Timekeepers, Observers, Course Measurers and Checkers 100% up to date. If anyone wishes to join or leave any of the lists, please contact the General Secretary. Similarly, if you are aware of any aspect of the lists being incorrect, please let us know. In particular if people have moved house or passed away, please tell us. Would you please be kind enough to notify the Gen Sec of any changes.

## GET WELL

Don Glover, timekeeper and observer, recently underwent a very serious operation. He is now recovering well. We wish him all the best.

## RECORD BREAKING

The 12 hour record of Paul Mace and Ralph Dadswell, done during their Land's End—London Record, has now been ratified at 262.5 miles. Congratulations go to both riders.

Rebecca Romero and James Cracknell failed in their attempt on the mixed tandem 12hr, 24hr. and E-E.

Despite a following wind and being up on the schedule most of the way a halt was called at Johnstone-bridge. They had covered just over 500 miles, and with around 4 hours in hand on the current record looked set to beat it. Rebecca had been suffering with knee trouble for a long time, and the end was called on medical grounds.

Ralph Dadswell & Paul Mace were very successful in their 12hour, and London-Edinburgh attempts. They called a halt at Edinburgh having ridden the last few hours in rain, and were facing the prospect of a head wind and worsening conditions for the 24 hours.

The new time for London-Edinburgh has been passed as Best on Record as 19hs 15ms 51sec. The provisional distance for the 12hr is 271.5 miles, this is subject to measurement.

I would sincerely like to thank all members & checkers who so freely give their time and help to go out and check Record Attempts.

## ALL MEMBERS AND CLUBS

If you move, have a new phone number, change of Gen. Sec., Treasurer or new E-mail address, will you **please remember** to notify the Gen. Sec. Some Handbooks were returned marked 'moved' or 'gone away'.

## REGIONAL INFO

The N&WHCRRRA now has a website.

**[www.nwhcrra.org.uk](http://www.nwhcrra.org.uk)**

Type nwhcrra, then look for 'HOME' with **NWHCRRRA** 2009 underneath it.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Committee extend a very warm welcome to the following new members:-

Kilo To Go, Rebecca Romero, James Cracknell, David Harmon, Jez Hastings and Jean Edrupt.

This welcome also applies to Phil Minto who joins the lists of Timekeepers and Observers.

## NEWSLETTER & AGM by E-MAIL

The RRA is keen to communicate with its membership by E-mail, and many of you have already signed up to receive the newsletter electronically. Many thanks to you all. You are all helping to make my job easier, as Gen. Sec.

If you would be prepared to receive communications in this way. which could also include items relating to the AGM, including the added bonus of receiving record attempt updates as they take place, you are encouraged to contact the secretary at the e-mail address below. E-mail allows a quicker and more efficient service, but is quite optional, and the paper alternative still remains fully available.

To all timekeepers, observers and checkers.

Another advantage of signing up to E-mail is that I can send you all the necessary paperwork as an attachment. All you have to do is 'drag' to your desktop where you will be able to type in all relevant details. Then just attach to an E-mail and send back to me.

By agreeing to receive RRA info by E-mail you will be helping to keep some of our costs down. As there seems to be yet another increase in postage costs due next April, the more members and checkers who sign up to E-mail the less chance of any increase in subs, which I am trying to avoid.

To all those members and checkers who replied to the E-mails I sent regarding progress on both recent record attempts, in particular the many comments of how helpful they were, thank you very much. It made the effort worth while. I will continue to provide this new service as best I can.

If you are not on our observer or checkers lists, but would like to be added, would you please contact the General Secretary. Please give your name, phone number, e-mail address and street address.

IF YOU WISH TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST WILL YOU PLEASE E-MAIL THE GENERAL SECRETARY AT:- [brianedrupt@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:brianedrupt@blueyonder.co.uk)

## NEWSLETTER IN LARGE PRINT

If any member would like to receive their copy of the Newsletter in large print would they please contact the General Secretary before December 31st 2009. Please note that as a result of increasing the print size the two column format will not be retained. If more than 50% of the membership request the N/L in large print then all may be sent this way. If you would also like to receive your AGM papers in large print, and enough people ask for this, every effort will be made to supply the AGM this way.

## HANDBOOK

The Committee have published a new Handbook which is also available by e-mail to those who wish to receive it this way. Any possible future updates would also be sent this way. Paper copies of the Handbook will still be available, but updates will be kept to a minimum. It is possible that future paper updates will be sent out with a newsletter, or as a single A5 sheet. This will keep costs down and also keep subs down.

## OUTSTANDING SUBS

If you have not paid your subs will you please be kind enough to send them to Tim. Please note that if you pay 4 years subs, then the 5th year is free. This saves you money, and reduces the effort and costs for the RRA.

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