

I spent a few enjoyable hours with Colin Stone recently at his home in Farnham. Colin holds a vast collection of articles, newspaper cuttings and general memorability from his time as an active member of Farnham Road Club back in the 50s



Current members will know the surname Stone from our Cup the Ketteringham Stone. Colin's brother Gordon was killed when only 24 fighting in Korea in September 1952. Bob Ketteringham is the other name on the cup and is in memory of another club member who was killed aged 22. Bob was killed whilst bringing in his officer who had lost a leg in action. In his early life Bob had received the Scout medal for bravery for rescuing a person from drowning in the River Wey. Both Gordon and Bob were enthusiastic members of our club. Funds totalling £30 were raised from members of the club and the trophy was presented by the mothers of Gordon and Bob to the then Chairman Bill Othen.



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Two enthusiastic members of Farnham Road Club who lost their lives in Korea while on national service are to be remembered by the club through a cup which was bought with money raised among members and friends. On Tuesday, after the dedication of the cup at Farnham Parish Church, the mothers of the two young men, Bob Ketteringham and Gordon Stone, handed it to the club chairman, Mr. W. Othen. Left to right: Mrs. Ketteringham, Mrs. Stone, Mr. W. S. Stone, Mr. Othen and Mr. L. J. Ketteringham.

It is difficult to do the vast collection of newspaper articles justice on a web page so I have selected a few pieces of information and what I would like to do is arrange for the articles to be copied and placed in a folder for members to read through on request.

There was a long write up in the Herald in the year of our silver anniversary 1954. This was in the heyday of cycling so the dinner attracted 126 club members including guests from other cycling and athletics clubs. The club at that time was winning most competitions in this area and the Chairman felt the need to warn members against any feeling of cockiness as the club had done so well. Sadly, there is no need to repeat the warning at the current time. It is also worth noting that club members covered 14,878 miles in open events. They had to postpone one club ride because of snow! I also notice that they used Glen Lea a hill in Haslemere that some of us know with a very steep rise at the top. Perhaps we should consider using it again on some of our hill climbs.

This was the year that Colin Stone along with George Pound set the Farnham – Portsmouth – Farnham record on a tandem that they borrowed for the occasion.

Another annual dinner this time from 1961 appears to record a successful period in our clubs history. Here the speaker on the evening congratulates members and their guests on having achieved 32 years as a club and wonders whether we will make it through another 32 years. Well yes is the answer to that as we are now approaching 100 years as a successful club reaching this anniversary in 2029. This dinner saw our long time member and 1 million mile world record holder Russ Mantle picking up The Herald 25 Cup. I notice that Colin Stone was the Secretary and proposed the health of the guests and that Frank Mills (who was president of the club when I first joined back in the 80s) was the timekeeper. They appear to have had a good evening. Back in those days members not only danced but entertained guests by conducting challenges. One such being the first to be able to blow up a bicycle tyre by mouth until it exploded! One wag cheated by burning a hole in it using his cigarette. All this was recorded in the Herald.

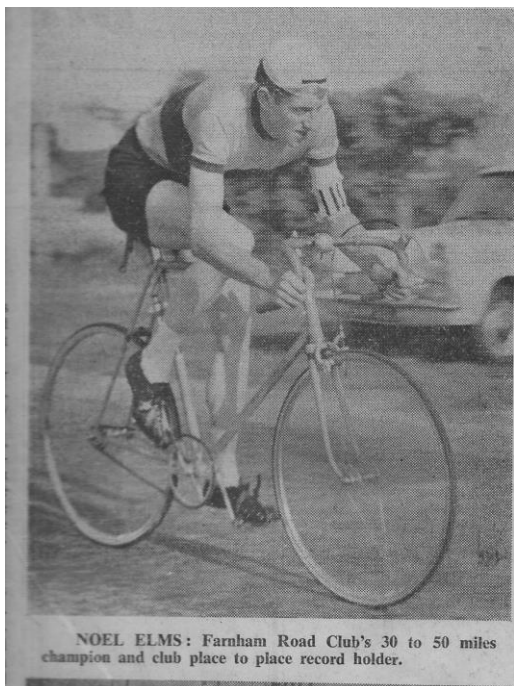


The annual dinner, prize presentation and dance of the Farnham Road Club, held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday, was marked by a visit from Mrs. Joy Jordan, the Olympic runner, who presented the awards. She is seen here with trophy winners. Seated (left to right): Miss Mary Main, Mrs. Jordan, Mr. Roy Richardson. Standing: Mr. Russell Mantle, 13-years-old Vic Smith (in front), Mr. Noel Elms, Mr. Geoffrey Quinnell, Mr. David Wills, Mr. Peter Mitchell.

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It was during one of these dinners that Colin Stone met his wife Heather who was the daughter of the Town Mayor who had been invited as a guest to our dinner. The rest is history!

There is an interesting article in March 1961 written in the Surry and Hants News that records the early history of the club and bemoans the unacceptable level of car use. They worry that the young people have discovered the joys of motorised transport and will surely lose the love of cycling leading to fewer members of Farnham Road Club. Well in some ways the authors Noel Elms and Colin Shea (Noel Elms was FRCs 30 to 50 mile champion of the time) were right. However, here we are some 60 years later still enjoying cycling and I would hasten to add that the number of vehicles of all shapes and sizes has grown somewhat since they penned this article.



Another newspaper report sees our club organising a very popular series of time trials and circuit races over a Whit Sunday. This was a big event as it attracted the competition record holder Paul Bennett of Barnet CC who recorded an impressive 57 minutes and 7 seconds for the 25 miles. Not only was it popular with riders but is attracted 600 spectators! The third category race (not so quick riders) included some names that will be familiar to you all. Geoff Quinnell who sadly passed away a few years ago was going very well but sadly had mechanical problems and dropped out. Our own Jim Brown who can be seen out with his watch every Tuesday evening and on our open events was dropped by the bunch and gracefully retired at the half way stage!



The 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1969 edition of the Farnham Herald records another very successful Whit event using the Eelmoor Plain at Aldershot. The fast man of the day Joe Mummery of Barnet Qunita (the strongest team in the country at the time) took 1 minute and 6 seconds off the previous record. Sadly they didn't record his time in the Herald. There were over 300 competitors and 1,600 spectators. The event made national news. Our own Geoff Steer finished the 20 mile event in a very credible 4<sup>th</sup> place.

#### Whitsun 25 past winners

THE WHITSUN 25			
Past Winners			
	<i>Winner</i>		<i>Winning Team</i>
1945	A. Derbyshire	1 2 0	Calleva R.C.
1946	W. Whitborne	1 1 30	Kingston R.C.
1947	S. Boulter	1 2 26	Kingston R.C.
1949	F. Eacott	1 1 10	Yiewsley R.C.
1950	C. Marriner	59 41	Becontree Wh.
1951	K. Bentley	1 0 5	Westerley R.C.
1952	H. Kennedy	59 6	Westerley R.C.
1953	C. Marriner	58 29	Twickenham C.C.
1954	D. Silk	59 42	Westerley R.C.
1955	A. Killick	59 11	Ealing Manor R.C.
1956	M. Gambrill	56 59	Clarence Wh.
1957	A. Killick	56 49	Silchester C.C. (National Comp. Record)
1958	R. Gambrill	57 21	Clarence Wh.
1959	R. Jowers	57 21	Clarence Wh.
1960	R. Buchan	56 29	Norwood Par.
1961	P. Woodburn	58 10	Barnet C.C.
1962	C. Munford	57 57	Barnet C.C.
1963	D. Bonner	57 30	Old Portlians C.C.
1964	C. Munford	56 53	Edgware R.C.

As well as the hoard of newspaper articles Colin has saved some start sheets.

One that caught my eye is for the event to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1965. The Whitsun 25. The first thing to note is that the prize money was not bad at all. First prize was £6 which in today's money is £106.82. We tend to pay about £20 for first place these days! If you went on to ride under 56 minutes and break competition record you would pick up £30 = £534.09. Eye watering amounts of money! Back then we charged spectators 1/- for the start sheet – there's a thought!

Our own Jim Brown was off number 1 as is the tradition. Jim claimed a best time for his entry of 1.06.18 a very respectable time back in 1969 in fact several of us would be pleased to record that now and we are on far better bikes than Jim had at his disposal. Other members of FRC on the start sheet are G. Steer, Russ Mantle off number 55 with a fastest time of 57.10. As was the habit of the day the event started at 6.01am (and some people have moaned to me that my start time of 7.30am for an event that I am organising is too early) and they had a full field of 120 with two road races one of 100 and one of 50 in the afternoon. Those were the days.

## 25 Mile TT Results 1967

<u>Posi- tion</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Turn Time</u>	<u>Total Time</u>
1	Mummary, J.	Barnet Quinta	28-41	55-08
2	Roach, M.	Feltham R.C.	28-40	55-47
3	Burrow, M.	Upton Manor	29-55	57-02
4	Manser, R.	San Fairy Ann	30-05	57-58
5	Rochford, J.	Barnet Quinta	30-40	58-20
6	Baylis, J.	Rufus Wh.	30-40	58-51
7	Jewell, I.	South Western	30-35	59-05
8	March, M.	Plymouth C.C.	30-25	59-06
9	Eldridge, D.	Delta R.C.	30-30	59-07
10	Toole, S.	Addiscombe	30-30	59-20
11 )	Day, K.	Sorian R.C.	31-05	59-41
11 )	Chick, B.	Barnet Quinta	30-55	59-41
13	Mulberry, R.	Vulcan C.R.C.	31-00	59-47
14	Lee, G.	Camberley	30-45	59-50
15	Clark, A.	Ross Wh.	30-50	59-52
16 )	Hunt, A.	Clarence	31-15	1-0-2
16 )	Slattery, T.	Norwood Paragon	31-10	1-0-2
18	Jackson, B.	Vulcan C.R.C.	31-00	1-0-13
19	Whatmough, N.	Stonehouse	31-20	1-0-22
20 )	Bromley, J.	South Western	31-35	1-0-34
20 )	Lewis, R.	Rufus Wh.	31-15	1-0-34
22 )	Johnson, P.	Ross Wh.	31-45	1-0-36
22 )	Carlsson, M.	Middx. Clar.	31-50	1-0-36
24	Silk, D.	Camberley	32-20	1-0-55
25 )	Mathews, D.	Festival	32-05	1-1-1
25 )	Reeves, K.	Surrey Road	31-40	1-1-1
27	Palmer, J.	North Road	31-55	1-1-12
28	Richardson, A.	Sotonia	32-05	1-1-27
29	Morgan, M.	C. Sussex	32-10	1-1-29
30	Davies, M.	Charlotteville	32-00	1-1-30
31 )	Gibbens, A.	Surrey Road	31-55	1-1-31
31 )	Benton, L.	Salisbury	32-00	1-1-31
33	Overton, R.	San Fairy Ann	32-20	1-1-34
34	Lock, M.	Kentish Wh.	33-20	1-1-39
35	Thomas, P.	Clarence	-	1-1-54
36 )	Joyce, M.	Middlesex C.	32-40	1-1-56
36 )	Wilcockson, J.	Redhill	32-40	1-1-56
36 )	Holmes, D.	Oxonian	32-15	1-1-56
39	Potter, R.	W. Croydon	32-00	1-1-59
40	Rowe, B.	Old Kent	32-00	1-2-12
41	Brown, P.	Salisbury	33-00	1-2-17
42	Garwood, M.	29th Wh.	32-35	1-2-19

# 12 Hour Results 1954

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## BORDER CYCLING ASSOCIATION

12 Hours Time Trial

Sunday, 22nd August, 1954.

Timekeeper:- J. Pickering, Esq.

No.	Name	Club	Handi- cap	Miles		H'cap Mileage	
				Miles	Yds.	Miles	Yds.
1	40 T. LYNCH	Farnham	Scr.	242	1335	242	1335
2	30 J. WRIGHT	Guildford	9	242	830	251	830
3	20 C. SPRINGS	Farnham	8	241	1590	249	1590
4	15 D. SHEAHAN	Camberley	11	241	160	252	160
5	42 D. WRIGHT	Weybridge	22	235	1739	257	1739 *
6	35 C. REYNOLDS	Bon Amis	15	234	1199	249	1199
7	2 F. BAILEY	Weybridge	23	233	1165	256	1165
8	7 C. ROBERTS	Camberley	22	232	1617	254	1617
9	31 K. WISKER	Camberley	16	232	1147	248	1147
10	5 G. FOUNE	Farnham	12	232	987	244	987
11	36 C. STONE	Farnham	20	230	968	250	968
12	12 P. WALTERS	Alton	28	229	939	257	939
13	8 J. JONES	Aldershot	26	224	1360	250	1360
14	33 W. COWELL	Farnborough	25	224	705	249	705
15	21 T. JONES	Camberley	16	223	597	239	597
16	6 P. MOOREY	Haslemere	18	221	362	239	362
17	13 L. ALEXANDER	Camberley	36	220	1562	256	1562
18	38 P. CHAMBERS	Camberley	32	220	1299	252	1299
19	43 A. MILLEMSSTEAD	Basingstoke	32	220	1122	252	1122
20	41 A. TRENDALL	Camberley	18	219	1521	237	1521
21	27 J. GUSCOTT	Farnborough	22	219	990	241	990
22	32 R. FILSELL	Haslemere	23	219	902	242	902
23	4 D. SHEPHEARD	Camberley	29	219	788	248	788
24	17 R. JONES	Farnborough	22	216	1093	238	1093
25	22 R. MATTHEW	Farnham	23	212	202	235	202
26	29 L. BARNES	Reading	29	211	1421	240	1421
27	26 L. CHAMPION	Farnborough	18	210	1605	228	1605
28	37 R. DOWLING	Farnborough	26	210	1033	236	1033
29	14 W. STIMSON	Weybridge	37½	209	1293	247	413
30	1 W. JACK	Basingstoke	38½	208	310	246	1190
31	34 A. BAKER	Basingstoke	30	203	1005	233	1005
32	19 A. GOSDEN	Weybridge	28	201	14	229	14
S.E. 45	L. DUTTON	Farnham		208	1671		

D. N. S. No's. 10, 11, 16, 18.

D. N. F. No's. 3, 9, 23, 24, 25, 28, 39, 44.

Event Secretary:- C. W. Martin, 18 Greatfield Road, Farnborough, Hants.

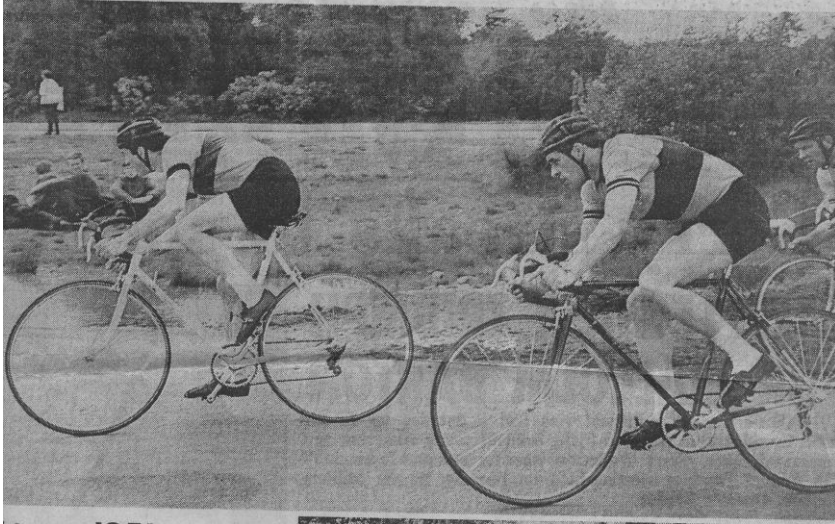


Farnham Pursuit Team 1967 (Geoff Steer, J Gallagher & Geoff Quinnell)

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# FARNHAM PURSUIT TEAM IN ACTION



Geoff Steer & Ron Wickerson



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