

Wyre Forest

Cycle Racing Club



Mick Gray Memorial

Open TT

15 July 2023 K46/10

PROMOTED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF CYCLING TIME TRIALS UNDER THEIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

Special Thanks

Thank you to all of our volunteers on Saturday. I hope I have managed to thank everyone personally but would like to take the time to do so here as well:

Time Keepers – Sue Kelly and Charlie Barnett

HQ refreshments and sign on – Mandy Hinds

Results coordinator – Tim Tranter

Pusher off – Sean Herbert

Marshals – John Smith, Robin Matthews, Tim Joiner, Rachael Shepherd, Paul Shepherd

Event signage and general support – Si O’Shaughnessy



Mick Gray, a Club Legend

“Mick was a committed club member and our TT specialist for over 4 decades. Mick’s aptitude for aero speed, time and minor detail was evident in both his rides and the help he contributed to yours. A real authority on all things regarding the discipline Time-trialling. Whether it be the technicalities of aerodynamics, split times, cadence or gears, Mick was the go-to-guy for this discipline. A warm, friendly, and selfless gentleman that gave his time without reservation. You would never forget to order your RTTC handbook, or not be ready for the February season opener, or miss the entry deadline for the Shirley ‘50’, Mick would always be there with a gentle nudge to remind you. Loved by all who knew him, Mick Gray will never be forgotten, a great British tester who helped shape Time-trialling into a compelling and addictive discipline within Cyclesport.” – Mike Haddon, Wyre Forest CRC

Full results

Position	Bib Number	Name	Club	Category	Time
1	23	Simon Smart	DRAG2ZERO	Male Veteran	00:21:39
2	17	Ed Moss	Beacon Roads CC	Male Veteran	00:22:27
3	15	Isaac Russell	Team PB Performance	Male Espoir	00:22:48
4	20	Philip Marks	Stratford Cycling Club	Male Veteran	00:23:34
5	12	Paul Guest	Worcester St. Johns CC	Male Veteran	00:23:36
6	5	Denise Burrows	AeroCoach	Female Veteran	00:24:39
7	1	Kara Tranter	Wyre Forest Cycle Racing Club	Female Senior	00:25:25
8	13	Philip Wooldridge	VTTA (Midlands)	Male Veteran	00:25:26
9	6	David Lloyd	Wyre Forest Cycle Racing Club	Male Veteran	00:25:41
10	10	Nick Bent	Worcester St. Johns CC	Male Veteran	00:26:03
11	3	Gemma Johnson	Beacon Roads CC	Female Veteran	00:26:21
12	14	Henry Harbord	Worcester St. Johns CC	Male Veteran	00:26:38
13	7	Vic Trigger	Crewe Clarion Wheelers	Male Veteran	00:33:09
14	2	Lezley Moran	Redditch Road & Path CC	Female Veteran	00:33:11

Prizes

1 st female	Denise Burrows	AeroCoach
2 nd female	Kara Tranter	Wyre Forest Cycle Racing Club
1 st vet on standard/3 rd female	Gemma Johnson	Beacon Roads CC
1 st female on road bike	Lezley Moran	Redditch Road & Path CC
1 st male	Simon Smart	DRAG2ZERO
2 nd male	Ed Moss	Beacon Roads CC
3 rd male	Isaac Russell	Team PB Performance
1 st male on road bike	David Lloyd	Wyre Forest Cycle Racing Club
1 st male vet on standard	Paul Guest	Worcester St. Johns CC
Mick Gray Trophy	Kara Tranter	Wyre Forest Cycle Racing Club

Kara, the first winner of the Mick Gray Trophy, will be presented with her trophy at the annual Wyre Forest CRC awards night later this year.

Cash prizes were awarded on the basis of one prize per rider, with the higher value prize being awarded first. As we had only four ladies racing and the value of the prize for 1st vet on standard was higher than 3rd place rider, Gemma Johnson should have been awarded with 1st vet on standard in lieu of 3rd placed female. This was rectified after the initial prize giving, and Gemma has very kindly requested for her additional prize fund to be donated to a charity of the club's choosing.

And finally...

Thank you to everybody who raced on Saturday. The weather conditions were less than ideal and we had been prepared to cancel the event at short notice if we felt the conditions were dangerous. We did take special precautions on the descent into Severn Stoke, which is tricky at the best of times but was made worse by a damp road surface on the day, and the threat of heavier rain in the morning. Fortunately the weather conditions were kinder than originally anticipated and although it was windy we did not feel the conditions posed a danger to riders. That said, I do have admiration for the handful of riders who were brave enough to tackle the course with a disc wheel!

Part of the reason for pushing ahead despite a large number of DNS's on an already very small field was due to the fact that it was the first race we had held since the passing of Mick Gray last year. Whilst we would have hoped for a larger field, it was very fitting to hold this race on the last course that Mick himself raced in 2018, at the age of 83! Mick has always acted as recorder at our open events since I started organising them in 2018, and was incredibly helpful and supportive from the very first event. It was a honour and a privilege to have known him, and I am hopeful we will have more riders at our next event.