

C V. JOHN MALLINSON.

I commenced cycling in 1946 with the Phoenix C.C. (Aintree). Introduction to Competition was in Club `10s` and occasional 25 mile Time Trials. Also competed at Junior level at Bootle Stadium, all at a little better standard than "average", winning Club `10` Junior Champs. and finishing 2nd to Norman Shiel in the Junior Track Champs.

1948 – 1953. Time spent in further Education for my chosen profession as a Quantity Surveyor, but competed in Time Trials only, during this time, not setting the world on fire! In this period, I organised, on behalf of my Club, two Open 25 mile Time Trials.

1954 – 1967: The wilderness years, due to marriage, children, (4) and pressures of work.

1968 – Rejoined my original Club, the Phoenix and endeavoured to regain some degree of fitness. This took two years, and during this time, I was guiding my son David into his cycling career.

1969 – Joined my present Club, Ribble Valley C.R.C. because it was "more local" than the Phoenix, qualified as a B.C.F. Coach and became involved in Cyclo-Cross organising two Events each year from 1970 to 1976.

1971 – Two of our Juvenile Club members were picked for "England North" to ride the new "Butlins Schoolboy International", under the managership of Noel Henderson and I was co-opted to be Team Mechanic, a position I filled for the next two years. When Noel Henderson stood down after the 1973 Event, I was asked to manage the Team in 1974, this I did and continued until 1989 with a high degree of success, in never being lower than 2nd in the Team Event (winning 13 of the 16 times under my control, and the Team provided the Individual Winner on 9 occasions..

During these years, I was a Club Delegate on Lakeland Division, elected vice Chairman in 1974 and 75, then Chairman 1976 until 1990.

I assisted the late Eddie Soens with the North West Centre of Excellence from its formation, taking over on Eddie`s death, and continued to serve as Coach until the closing down of Centres of Excellence in 1996, taking G.B. Ladies Teams to "International 3 Day Events" in Vendee in 1986 and 1988.

I have been a strong supporter of Kirkby Track League since 1971 and have officiated in most capacities since about 1976. (Presently acting as Starter).

I acted as Mechanic to the Junior 6 Nations Track Squad in Prague in 1987 and at Kirkby 1988.

Manchester Regional Track League – I have been Lakes & Lancs. Representative

On the flotation and current Committees since its formation presently serving as Chairman and still act as Starter on the Tuesday evening "Premier" League.

I became Lakeland & Lancs. Registrar from 1992 –93 up to the amalgamation. and served on the steering Committee for the formation of the North West Region. In 2001, I became North West Region Registrar.

I am a B.C.F. Senior Commissaire "Road and Track", still officiating at both National Championships, World "Masters" Championships (I have just completed my 11th), also having officiated at two World Championships, the recent Commonwealth Games, also the very successful Revolution Track Events.

1999 - I became a Founder member of Preston & South Ribble Cycling Development Group, now renamed Cycling Development North West, serving as Chairman from 2000 to the present date. This Group undertook to create and organise the Preston Arena Thursday League which has been well supported since its inception. I act in an Official capacity at these races. The Group also financially supports Cycle Coaching Northwest, and is currently running the www.curtainexpress.co.uk supported Road Race League for all categories of rider, that has continued to be a success, running events throughout the Region, including National Category events (Tour of Pendle, Blackpool G.P, Colne G.P. Clitheroe G.P, & Rochdale G.P.) both leagues are set to continue in 2009, the National Events are also under negotiation to continue next year. A 6 round Youth League held at various venues in our Region started in 2007 has continued to be well supported in 2008, along with the National youth championships which was held at Preston Arena this year, I have also continued to serve as Registrar to North West Region Committee since my appointment in 2001, and I seek re appointment for 2009.