

MALCOLM EDWARD BOSWELL

“BOZ”

His life with the Finsbury Park C.C.
3rd January 1963 to 24th December 2008

We are saddened to report that Boz was struck by a car when cycling home on Christmas Eve and died from his injuries without regaining consciousness. The driver did not stop but the car was quickly traced by the Police and the driver will be charged with serious driving offences.

Boz joined 'the park' on 3rd January 1963 and was an Honary member and club stalwart who gained a reputation for the quality of his bacon butties at many club promotions. He was a mile eater and avid road racer who saw little to commend thrashing up and down a dual carriageway, although this did not stop him from getting up at 04:00 to get to TT HQ's to put the kettle on. In recent years he was at his happiest walking out with his grandchildren to feed the ducks and our thoughts are with his family as they try to come to terms with the loss of a good man who was killed while minding his own business doing something he had loved all his life.

Malcolm Boswell, 'Boz' to everyone who knew him, started his cycling life with the Lion R.C. He joined the Park and opened his racing career with several minor placings in Road races in that first year. He continued to ride Road Races with various placings. In 1969 he turned to Time Trialling, and in the Priory Wheelers 25 did 1.5.58, winning first handicap, it was his first 25 since 1960. Also in 1969 Boz introduced cyclo cross to the club. However it was to be many years before the club promoted one at Alexandra Palace. He was cyclo cross secretary in 1991 and 95.

After reading through nearly 40 years of club Gazettes it is clear that Boz has always 'been around'. He would turn up at the club room or on club runs then 'vanish'. Then he would pop up at a '10' or '25' or a road race only to 'vanish' again.

Boz loved his cycling and the companionship it gave. I think the racing side was a secondary 'luxury' to him. Hence he only raced when he really wanted to or felt like it. Not every weekend as some of us did/do. His best times seem to be 24.44, 1.4.21. In 1990 he managed 7th scratch and 5th on points in the Martyn Odam 10 trophy. In 2005 he was awarded the Joe Evans Memorial Trophy for the most meritorious service to the club.

As a Vet he competed in many LVRC events and particularly enjoyed cyclo cross. During the past few years Boz turned his attention to catering at various club Open Events, the '25' '50' and Road Races. He also organised the annual Tea Party for some years. His flare for cooking, especially cakes, amazed many people. He was made an Honorary Member in 2003.

Boz will be remembered, not for the cups, medals or races he won, but for the companionship, competition, taking part, and being there. Above all he will be remembered for his love of cycling.

Brian Edrupt

Text of email sent to club membership.

A service will be held on Tuesday 6th January at 3:00pm. Enfield Crematorium, Great Cambridge Rd Enfield, EN1 4DS

The funeral cars will stop just inside the gates of the crematorium to allow anyone with a bicycle to ride alongside the coffin for the final few hundred yards. Afterwards, there will be a get together and buffet at:-

The Jolly Fisherman, 8 Station Rd, Stanstead Abbots, SG12 8DH

Boz is survived by his two brothers, two sons and three granddaughters.