

## Ted Hill 1932 - 2015



Club Lunch 2015

Ted Hill sadly passed away on the 17<sup>th</sup> May, just a few weeks after his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Ted Hill joined the Finsbury Park C.C. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1950 and was the Club's longest serving member with 64 years 8 months continuous membership. He was also possibly the oldest club member.

Ted soon made his presence felt with a crop of fast times in his first year of racing. 25 miles 1:03:00, 30 miles 1:14:22, 50 miles 2:08:38, 100 miles 4:39:03. Both Ted's 30 & 50 were club records. Ted's 30 time also contributed to a new team record. He was also awarded a special prize for a fastest first 50 of 2:11:22.

In 1954 he set a new tandem 30 record (with N.D. White) of 1:07:09, this record lasted until 1988. He was part of the team that set a new club team record for 25 miles in 1954 of 3:03:25. In 1953 & 1976 Ted helped set new team records for 50 miles.

Ted won the following trophies:- Scales Cup 1956,1958,1961.

Darling-Lauterwasser Cup 1959, 1975. John Blunt Cup 1959.

Miller Cup 1960, 1961, 1975, 1976

He was Sub Captain in 1952, TT Sec in 1954 & 1957, RR & Track Sec in 1956.

In 1953 Ted rode the Viking R.C. medium gear 25 in 1:6:4 and did 1:7:59 in the club medium gear 25. Turning to the track Ted rode a 1000metre standing start in 1min. 20sec beating Alan Lauterwasser by 1.4secs. In the 4000 metre pursuit Ted beat Johnny Winter 5min 44.4 secs to 5 min 51.6sec. Ted continued to ride the track during 1954.

In 1955 Ted and Peter Koniotes were set to make an attempt on the N&WHCRRRA Barnet to Bedford and back tandem record. However this ride did not take place due to last minute mechanical problems.

Throughout his membership Ted enjoyed most aspects of cycling; time trials, track racing; touring and club runs. He 'retired' from racing during the 1960s but returned in 1974. He was club fastest in the July 25 with 1:2:11 also taking first handicap. In 1975 Ted recorded a personal best 25 of 58:24 and a 50 time of 2:1:45, a near 3 minute beating of his previous best done in 1959. In the Century R.C.100 of 1976 Ted, along with Sid Lovatt & Ian Yule were fastest team; Sid, 4:20:36, Ted, 4:37:33, Ian, 4:52:49.

In the club Open 25 of 1977 Ted, along with John Bompas & Sid Lovatt gained second team prize. Sid 57:46, John 58:51 Ted 59:31.

Along with Patsy, Ted was nearly always present at the Club Dinner and VP's Tea Run until declining health made the long journey from Kent more and more difficult for them.

Both Ted & Patsy were staunch and loyal club members, both always pitching in to help at the VPs Tea Run and various other events.

Ted would give his all in a time trial and I can remember seeing him really shattered after one club 25 on the F4. Along with many club members, I count myself lucky to have met, known and raced against Ted. He will be sorely missed.

Both Ted & Patsy were at this year's club lunch & prize presentation and thoroughly enjoyed meeting up with club members. Ted was toasted as the longest serving and oldest member with continuous membership.

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