

Ted Bridge - Early Cycling

1948	First Club: Rosebank CC, East London	Massed start champions 1950
1951	RAF	2 years with bike most of the time
1953	Joined Acme Road Club, Romford, Essex	Trained Tue and Thu nights with Romford RC, Zeus RC & Avenue RC. Including Dave Bedwell and such
1960	Got married	
1965	Moved from Essex with Plessey to new factory at Titchfield.	Took up playing football for Plessey then progressed on to squash, which became my favourite sport after cycling.
1988 Approx.	Fareham Wheelers	Joined about the time of changing Sunday meeting place to Titchfield Sports Centre (The Mill).

After joining Fareham Wheelers, I got involved in time trials (not my favourite) and thoroughly enjoyed Sunday runs, especially the last blast to Wickham.

As a roadman I found the club veered towards time trials with very little activity toward Road Race participation. So, when asked, I took on the Road Race Secretary position and immediately negotiated the Surrey League to accept us after previously refusing our request to join.

Now with the leagues events including Tuesdays Goodwood races we gradually made our presence felt in the South of England.

After a year or so with improved performance and the increase in Road Racing, I approached both BCF and the Club to allow me to form a sponsored Racing Team within the Club.

After prolonged discussions I received the go ahead. Fareham Corral Gas/Cycle World was launched in May 1955 in the VC Venta Road Race with the top three places & a further 2 in the top 8. The squad then enjoyed 3 years of successful results achieving being the 3rd highest ranking club in the Surrey League.

During all this time I also returned to Road Racing at Goodwood and Vets events and continued to enjoy the Club Run. After a double bypass in 2002 I returned up until an unfortunate accident brought my cycling to an end.

FWCC brought me lots of enjoyable times and many many friends.



*Ted being presented with Honorary Membership
by Simon Tier – December 2019*