

The Bert Bailey Memorial Veterans' 100 – 1st July 2012

On a dull morning, full of the promise of rain, 75 of the 80 people who had entered the event, were duly sent on their way by the **Club's President, Mike Cross**. The rest failed to appear for a variety of reasons. As things turned out, the rain was confined to a few light showers, though some riders disputed the use of the word "light". In comparison with the weather of the days preceding and following the event it was very definitely light. No matter, all except two riders completed the course, with one, who had a bad hernia and should never have been riding, being taken back to the start from 11ses at **Overton** by sagwagon. The other decided he wasn't fit enough, also at 11ses, and ambled slowly back in his own time. Thankfully, this year there were no accidents, though there were at least five punctures in group 6 with the leader collecting two of them. I didn't hear of any others.



The **Gil Tirrell Trophy** for the **Senior rider** in the event was won by **Harry Watson** to much acclaim.

Harry Watson and Mike Cross

Harry, Janet and Lowri

All the riders I spoke to seemed very well satisfied with the food which added to their enjoyment of the day.



I have received several emails and phone calls, as well as many verbal comments on the day, from riders saying how much they appreciated the work of the **group leaders**, and other **volunteers** who manned the **sagwagon** and dispensed **refreshments** at the start and end of the ride and at **Overton**, to which I add my heartfelt thanks.

David Ackerley (Organiser)