

President's Ride, Lunch and Trophy Presentation The War Memorial Hall, Tilston - 23rd September 2018

Thirty-seven riders lined up at **Walk Mill Bakery and Café** for a photo call at the start of the **President's Ride 2018**. Some had arrived by bike and others had transported their bikes by car - all had refreshments and chatted with friends they may not have seen for some time.



The weather was not nearly as bad as the forecast of heavy rain - the cold being acceptable as an alternative to heavy rain.

As usual **John F** was racing from place to place to find action shots of riders on both the longer and shorter rides..

Mike (Ch&NW CTC President) welcomed everyone to the lunch (over 40) and made a few 'housekeeping' announcements encouraging people to subscribe to **The Link** our superb Club magazine if they haven't already. He pointed out that the new Club Kit design is now available in a long-sleeve



shirt and a lightweight training Jacket. The **Club website** has all the details needed to obtain one or both of these items at a great price negotiated with the manufacturer, and also subsidised by the Club. **Mike** gave apologies for those unable to make the Lunch, specifically **Alan O** who had 'toppled' from his bike, not serious but still enough to prevent him from riding.

The **Lunch**, as always, was a nourishing and healthy salad of quiche, ham and new potatoes accompanied by several salad options. Dessert was a welcome sweet selection and as much tea or coffee as could be consumed. Mike thanked the caterers for the wonderful spread.

There was an amusing interlude when five riders present who were wearing various versions of **Club Kit** over the decades were identified and lined up for a photo call. There was laughter as comments such as "it looks like an identity parade", and "they look like they're in the loo" when they turned to display the rear view!



Vintage Kit Front



Vintage Kit back

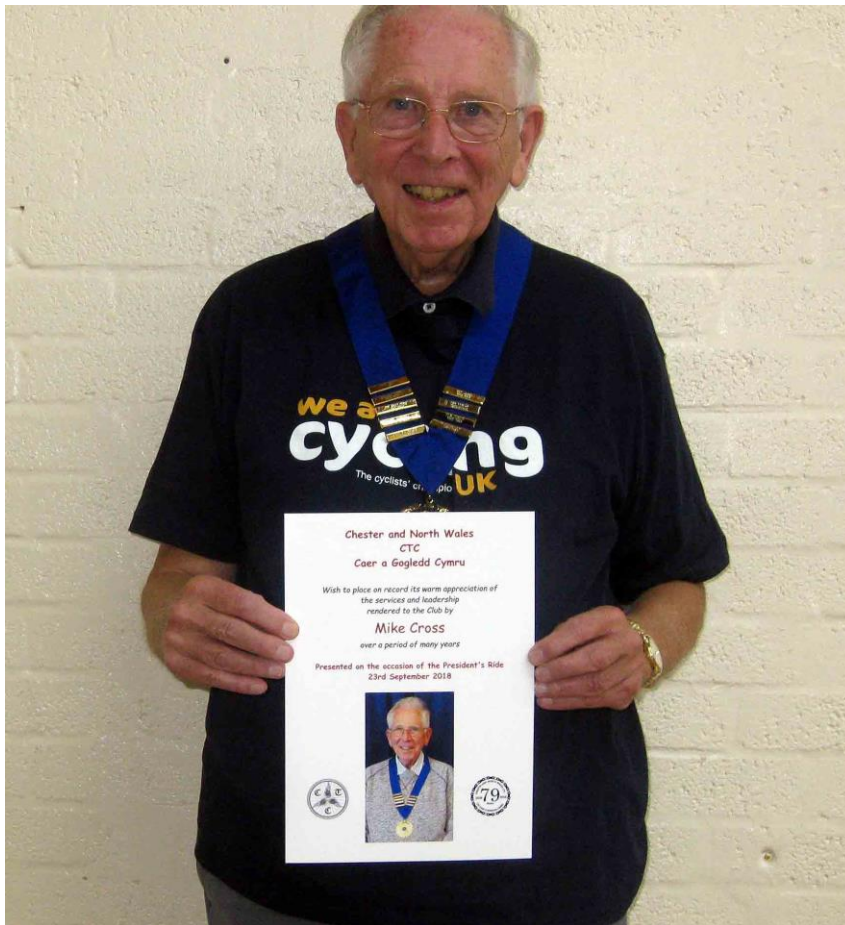
The meal over, **Mike** announced that the **President's Trophy** (which is the President's decision alone) was awarded to **John Ferguson**, despite **John's** protestations of embarrassment. **Mike** said he was in no doubt who would receive the **Trophy** this year.



Next came presentations of **Certificates to Club Prize winners of the Cycling UK Tourist Competition**. Results are on the **Cycling UK** website. The winners lined up for yet another photo and much applause from the diners.



Finally, much to **Mike's** surprise and astonishment **Glennys** (VC of C&NW CTC) presented him with a **Certificate** and read out a **Citation** in recognition of his contribution to the **Club** during his ten-year **Presidency**.



She also presented him with a beautiful photo book of images collected from the Club website and several members which **Lowri** (our Hon. Sec.) had assembled and had arranged production of the book (many thanks **Lowri**) We hope the photos will evoke many memories for **Mike** during his time as **President** over the last decade.

Mike gave a short speech of thanks after the presentation when he expressed surprise and astonishment - he was clearly touched at the gesture. He emphasised the part his late wife **Pam** had contributed to the **Club** over the decades and her support during his time as **President**.

Only one thing left to do - the raffle! **Dave Matthews** (Chair) drew the first ticket and as there were only three prizes the draw didn't take long.

During the ride and at the Lunch, **Glennys**, **John F** and **Roy S** were snapping away. A selection of photos can be seen in [this Photo Gallery](#), on [Ch&NW CTC's Facebook Page](#) and on [Roy's Blog](#). We hope you enjoy them.

Many thanks must go to **Mike** for planning and organising such a successful event.

Text by Glennys

Photos by John F, Roy S and Glennys