

ALEX ANDERSON 1946-2010

Alex was a born again cyclist. He started in the sport whilst at university in Scotland and continued with various clubs throughout the country as he moved around with his job as a Project Manager. During his first cycling career, he time-trialled at all distances up to twelve hours, but had not ridden for a number of years when he first joined the North Hampshire Road Club. His re-awakened interest was brought about through contact with a work colleague who was already a member of the North Hampshire Road Club.

He started fairly quietly with NHRC, but within about a season he was taking part in club training rides and club runs and had started to ride club time trials again soon moving on to open events. After a couple of seasons he became interested in the more scientific side of training, using a heart monitor and seeking out a coach to help him achieve his cycling targets whilst riding to a strict training schedule. His wife, Jean also contributed to the success of Alex's training and racing with constant encouragement to achieve his aims.

Alex also assisted in the club's activities by organising an open time trial each season as well as helping to marshal at the other open events organised by NHRC, once again being supported by Jean who made cakes and helped at the tea bar at club opens. Alex was always there when you needed him.

An excellent clubman, Alex gave help and advice to young riders and new members whilst on club rides and at club time trials. He was instrumental in bringing new members into the club during this year by helping to run short easy Saturday afternoon rides, strictly for new and inexperienced riders several of whom have already started to play an important part in club activities.

He will be greatly missed, not only by his family, wife Jean, three daughters and two grandchildren but by all of the members of NHRC and the many people who have crossed his path over the years. Alex was a personal friend, he was well respected and a thoroughly nice man.

It is hoped that a memorial time trial will be established in Alex's memory.

Doug Hitchcock President, North Hampshire Road Club

Alex's funeral will be Monday 28th June 12:30 Christ Church, Reading Road, Basingstoke followed by cremation at Basingstoke crematorium.

Whether you knew Alex or not, he had a passion for time trialling we all share.

Please send condolence cards to Mrs Jean Anderson, 12a, Reading Road, Chineham, Basingstoke RG24 8LN



Rest In Peace