

Club time trial championships are like buses, you wait all season for them, and then two come along in the same week. The first of these was the 50 mile event which, as usual, was held during the Kent VTTA 50 on the Q50/11 course (Hamstreet bypass / Camber Lydd circuit). There were seven Wheelers on the start sheet, and six starters on a warm day with just a gentle northerly breeze. Unfortunately, Steve Gooch hit a pot hole just after Jury's Gap on the first lap of the Camber / Lydd circuit and the impact broke both of his handlebar extensions and damaged his disc wheel, forcing his retirement. During the course of the event the air temperature steadily rose, which led to a sea breeze which reversed the earlier wind, and combined with the poor road surface, made hard going from around the 35 mile mark. Despite the tough day, Geoff Pullen and Dave Greenwood were both able to make improvements on their previous best times, so congratulations to them both.

Nick Wilson	1:51:43
Geoff Pullen	1:55:33
Dave Greenwood	2:04:21
Mark Amon	2:11:22
Rebecca Wilson	2:22:49

With little time to recover after the 50TT, the Wheelers were out again this week (Wed 18<sup>th</sup> July) to compete the club championships 10 mile time trial and also for the inter club honours against Ashford Wheelers. The event alternates annually between one of Rye's evening 10s and one of the Ashford club's summer series, and this year was held on their Q10/1 Hamstreet bypass course. Ten Wheelers lined up to face the timekeeper, on what was another perfect warm evening during this hot summer. Though not the very fastest conditions due to the south westerly wind, Dave Greenwood was able to produce his second personal best of the week, setting himself a new standard of 22:10, surely a 21 before the end of the season. James Ashburnham was also able to take time off his best with 20:48 and Steve Gooch was able to repair the bike damage done during the weekend 50 event, and completed the course in 21:22. Geoff Pullen suffered a front wheel puncture just 3 miles into his ride, but was able to carry on to the finish in case his time was needed for the inter club score, and finished in a creditable 23:25.

The inter club result is calculated from the sum of each club's fastest six riders, and the 2018 result went in Rye's favour by a margin of 5 min 15 sec (2:15:10 Ashford, 2:09:55 Rye)

Nick Wilson	20:39
James Ashburnham	20:48
Steve Gooch	21:22
Leigh Foxton	21:53
Dave Greenwood	22:10
Stephen Marchant	23:03
Mark Amon	23:16
Geoff Pullen	23:25
Rebecca Wilson	26:01
Dace Homa	37:12