



**TVPB bids a Sad farewell to a very special Basher:** October 2014 was a very sad month for the TVPB with the news that our recently retired “Rides Mistress” Tonto had passed away peacefully with her family by her side. Tonto had been a much loved, respected and valued member of the bash since joining in 1997. When she joined she was very new to cycling, but with her usual determination, grit and sunny personality she quickly progressed through the under ranks of bash being promoted into the officer ranks. She took on the responsibility of being the “rides mistress” and for many years ensured that the bash was never “rideless” on a Thursday or Sunday. During her many years within the bash Tonto became a great support to “our leader “ Pottsie, helping him out with the essential background running of the club . Tonto was a great friend to many, she was a regular basher always turning



up for the rides whatever the weather. Tonto enjoyed a varied life with her other great passion being Morris Dancing. Sadly her life was cut short by leukaemia. She was diagnosed in 2013 with a very aggressive form of the disease. She showed so much bravery, dignity and great spirit whilst battling this terrible illness. I will always remember her, with her bright red lip-py, red long nails and cycling



in her shorts even in the middle of winter, with great fondness and a smile. The TVPB helped give her a send off that she would have “enjoyed” with a woodland burial followed by Morris Dancing at her local pub. We even “broke” the rules a little by cycling after the hearse (at the request of her daughters) to ensure Tonto’s wishes were fulfilled.



Christmas Bash 2014: TVPB Fancy Dress Christmas bash ride is always for me the “start of Christmas”. And in 2014 it certainly lived up to all our expectations. On a



dry, crisp day, the bashers met at Star Cross Fishing and Cruising club in all their best fancy dress outfits for a day of fun, laughter, drinking, eating and dancing. There was a great variety of outfits including cops chasing robbers, pi-



rates, biker girls and boys and even an elephant cycling around! Ingle turned into the perfect “Wally” and at one point I am sure I heard the famous question of “where's Wally” when Ingles presence



was not at the front of the food queue!!!



Once in formation the group set out on their ride of “chaos” to Dawlish stopping off on route for mince pies and sherry at Dawlish Warren. After a couple of hours of merrymaking they returned for a hearty Christmas roast meal followed by an evening of partying. A big Thank you to the organisers who ensured the event was a great success and the best start to the Christmas period that anyone could ask for!



TVPB February 2015 "Oscars": Its the season of the big award ceremonies aimed at recognising peoples great achievements which are lavish affairs set up with no expense spared. The rich and famous come out in their best finery to be seen sipping champagne whilst enjoying the ambiance of these spectacularly organised awards ceremonies. February saw the TVPB's very own



style of "Oscars" award ceremony. It happened at the prestigious "Jolly Farmer" venue in Newton Abbott. Bashers turned up at 11am in their best lycra for a cold and icy ride around the local area. Incorporated into this ride was the "Mike Wareham memorial glide" contest. Both the male and female groups were closely fought contests with the male award being won by NOSMO and PHE-OBE winning the female award by a slim margin (possibly assisted by the extra weight of a full ruck

sack of food !!!). On arriving back to the venue the group enjoyed a hearty meal before the "Oscars" began with Pottsie at the helm. He again provided the group with a lot of laughter and fun through his many stories and jokes as he handed out 20 "Oscars" even managing to award himself the "Dope Pedlar award" for presenting yet another "Oscar" ceremony!.

Congratulations to the following award winners:  
 Mike Wareham Memorial Glide - Female: ----- Eve "Phoebe" Bates  
 Mike Wareham Memorial Glide - Male: ----- Sam "Nosmo" King  
 Cranky Knee: ----- Ann "Mudsie" Wareham  
 Best New Basher - Female: ----- Gill Knight  
 Best New Young Basher - : Sam "Nosmo" King  
 Best New Basher - Male: ----- John "Spanners" Heywood  
 Best All Rounder: ----- Ian "Blaster" Glendinning  
 Tandem Award: ----- Richard "Wallace" Bartlett and Gib "Grommit" Gill  
 Happy Basher Award: ----- Lin "Flappy" Proctor  
 Best Bash Pub : ----- Sid and Mandy at The Kings Arms, Kingsteignton  
 Crasher of The Year and Hospital Case: ----- Debi "Bunty" Clegg  
 Drinkers of the Year: ----- Gary (Gassa) Clifford and Debi "Bunty" Clegg  
 Dope Pedlar: ----- John "Pottsie" Potts  
 Most Disastrous Ride : ----- Joe "Bobbiball" Bassett  
 Best off Road Scout Basher of the Year: ----- Stuart "Spiderman" Blundell  
 Best on Road Scout Basher of the Year: ----- John (Debacle) Arkle  
 Cranker of the Year: ----- Eve "Phoebe" Bates  
 Special Achievement Award: ----- Anna "Bothways" Reffell and Lee "Always" Atkinson  
 Mr Disgusting 2014: ---- Ray "Sturmey Archer" Stacey  
 Best Female All Rounder: --Andrea "Flossie" Wallace



**BobbiBall festival 2015:** This year saw a group of 49 cyclists made up from the TVPB and the Green Badgers platoons joining ranks to ride side by side at Okehampton. They met at the YHA Okehampton hostel and spent a fun filled weekend celebrating the “great Bobbibal” whilst enjoying off and on road riding, eating and drinking copious amounts of real ale and cider. A brilliant weekend was enjoyed by all from the Rugby evening on the Friday to the Hawaiian themed party night on the Saturday. Bucktu and Hank, our 2 resident chef’s did us proud yet again by producing an extravaganza of gourmet food throughout the weekend. Although a slightly “chilly” weekend, the cycling was great. Timotei and Scrubber Jo led two very good off road rides enjoyed by all except sadly not Always who’s bike broke within a couple of feet from leaving the hostels exit!! - requiring a dash home to swap the couples bikes back to road bikes. The road riders enjoyed a more gentle ride out, led by Binbagbob to the lunch time pub where the group were reunited for a very “warming” bowl of chili before returning to the hostel for tea, cake and the party night. There were palm trees, girls in grass skirts, with Ingle and V2 enjoying wearing revealing grass skirts. KillKenny won the limbo pole competition with Scrubber Jo winning the 1st prize (a pineapple) for the best fancy dress outfit, although Ingle did come a close 2nd In his grass skirt and puffer jacket - an image to be seen and forgotten quickly to prevent nightmares!!!! A big thank-you to all those that made the “party night” a great success. The Sunday ride was not that well supported, sadly probably due to the weather, but well done to 2 of the older bashers Sticky Dicky & Pottsie who did fight the elements to make it to the start.



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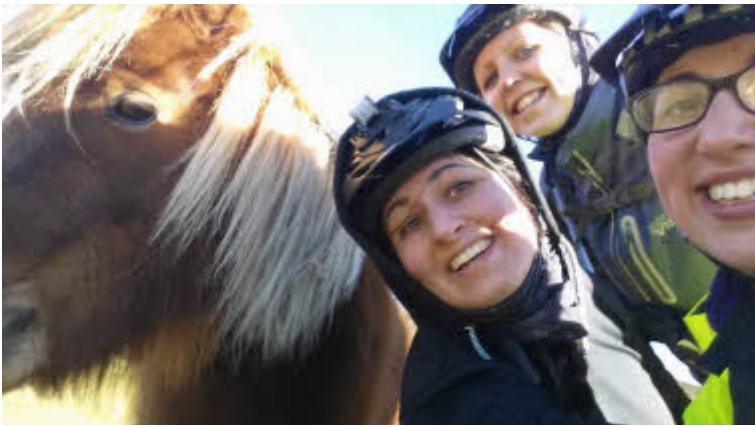
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A big thank you to everyone that helped during the weekend and to everyone that came on the weekend making it the success it was- watch this space for news on the Bobbibal festival 2016.....

Bedpig's life time achievement: Congratulations to Bedpig who has just been awarded the life times achievement award for surviving living with Pottsie for 50 years. This achievement is no mean feat. Many a weaker person would have crumbled to be found rocking in a corner at the first hurdle!!! But not Bedpig! On receiving the award she admitted she loved a "good challenge" and living with Pottsie certainly provides her with that. She said "there is very rarely a day that goes by that he does not surprise me". Obviously this is what keeps that sparkle alight in their 50 years of wedded bliss. The couple celebrated with family and friends. Congratulations to them both for sharing each others company for half a century - with many more years to come.



Fallen women and Broken Man's absolutely fabulous spring weekend near Tavistock: A great weekend was had by all who attended Fallen Women and Broken Man's camping weekend at Woodovis camp site. It was well supported by the "campervan" brigade with many taking up the value 3 night for 2 offer negotiated by Fallen women. The campsite was "super". It had a swimming pool and sauna and in walking distance of a pub - perfection!!! It was a chilled out weekend with various groups cycling on the Saturday including a circular jaunt around the countryside lead by Blaster ending up in Tavistock, whilst the off roaders enjoyed a days cycling around the Tamar Trails.



Although from the look of it Blaster maybe should have joined the off-roaders! Bothways and Always cycled to Bude, a good training day for their for end to end cycle in June. The group regrouped after the rugby in the local pub at Chipshop for a well earned beer whilst waiting for the meal to arrive. By the time the meal did arrive, the beer had obviously taken its toll on Unda,s legs. As it appears Flossie was at hand to support him to prevent him spilling his beer!!! The Sunday off road ride was well attended by the Green Badger brigade and lead by Debacle,



with the group spending many hours riding the trails! The roadies had a more educational jaunt around the old mines of the trails lead by fallen women. Well done to Fallen Women and Broken Man for arranging a really enjoyable, superb, spectacular, weekend.



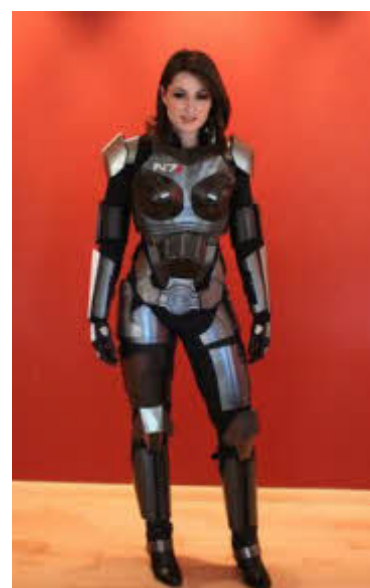
**Bashers that are crashers:** Bunty has yet again taken the credit for the best crash in this edition, and possibly the best for the year which was recognised in her winning the crasher of the year award.



This time she sadly did not bounce as well as usual resulting in a selection of broken bones. She spent a couple of days in hospital whilst the doctors repaired her broken upper arm with a nail, and wrist with a plate and screws.



The good news was that it was not her drinking arm so she was back with the bashers very quickly for the after cycle drinking!! She is now well on the road to recovery and we are hoping that she will soon be back on the bike enjoying the summer riding. The bashers however have voiced concern that when she does return to the cycling part of the group that we make an attempt to ensure that her safety is maintained at all times. Birdseye has been looking around to find an all over protective form of body armour that would be lightweight and suitable for her to use. We have come up with the following selection that can all be bought on the high street and would blend in without problem when cycling around the Devon countryside!



**Toilets for Male cyclists:** The latest toilets for cyclists has been on show at the ideal home exhibition. It has been designed with male cyclists in mind. The grippy handlebars allows a good steady grip when hands are wet to prevent slipping. The rear view mirror allows the cyclist to have a good view of their rear to prevent tailgating or sudden overtaking. It has a large open gap with thick guards to prevent any excess spray hitting the lower legs. However, the only part of the design that we cannot explain is why it is in the shape of a set of female lips!





Skittles night: A great evening was had by all on the Thursday ride from the Jolly Sailor. Blaster and Flossie managed to combining cycle with an evening of entertainment including a curry and a skittle tournament. It was a well



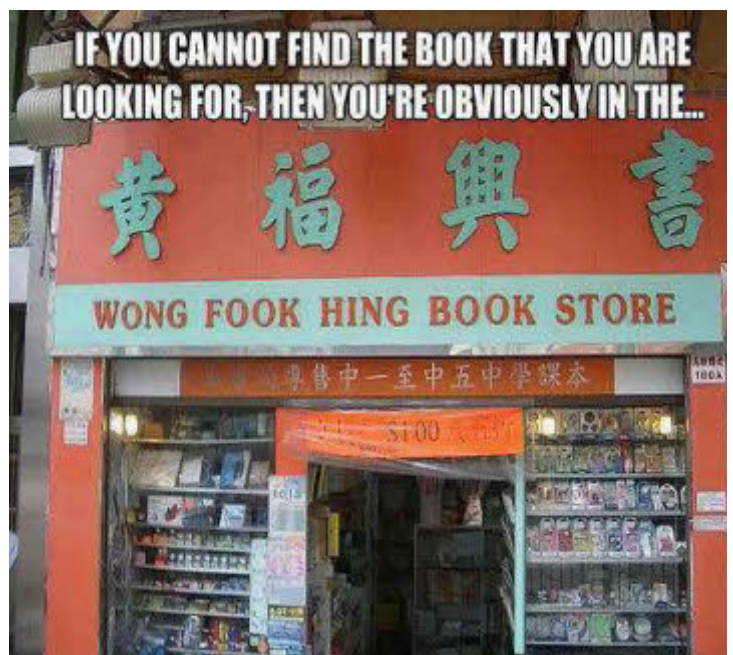
supported evening. 2 teams captained by Pottsie and Mudsie battling it out. In a male versus female tournament. The ladies wond convincingly with a massive lead of 2 games to 0. It was a great social evening.



Breaking news: Sticky Dicky is joining the ranks of the campervaners within the bash. It is rumoured that he has purchased this luxurious new one man campervan model. However cponcern has been voiced how a retired basher can afford such luxury. Is he dipping into club funds to fund his lavish life style. Birdseye's concern is if this is the recession hitting the bashers as if this is the best he can afford there can't be much in the bash funds!!!!



Sprint training for beginners!



# ANNA & LEE ARE CYCLING FROM JOHN O'GROATS TO LANDS END FOR CHARITY TO CELEBRATE THEIR WEDDING

***They met at the TVPB through their interest in cycling and fell in Love. So it seemed natural to include a cycling theme in the wedding plans.***

***They are cycling from John O'Groats to Lands End over 3 weeks and popping into Gretna Green on June 13th 2015 at 15:00 to get married.***

***On this day they have a tandem and will cycle to the "Old Blacksmiths Shop" in full wedding outfits. to get married watched by close family.***

***After their wedding they will have a small family celebration, then the next day continue on to complete the End to End as a married couple before cycling home. Total mileage will be over 1400 miles over the 3 weeks.***

***On the 18th July to celebrate with all friends and family they are having a charity wedding festival at Truckers. There will be a cider and beer festival, live band, snack BBQ and camping with all proceeds going to charity. On the 19th July there will be an on and off road cycle from Truckers field to end their celebrations.***

**We have chosen to support the Heart foundation and Cancer research in memory of a parent that we have both lost who we would dearly have loved to have been with us on our special day.**

**We hope you will show your support for our cycling challenge and wedding by donating to one these charities.**

**You can do this by donating on the following Just giving pages**

<http://www.justgiving.com/anna-Reffell2> (Cancer research)

Or

Text TVPB54 10 to 70070 (to donate £10.00)

<http://www.justgiving.com/anna-Reffell3> (Heart foundation)

or

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## Thank-you



We look forward to seeing you all at our "wedding festival". Please reply to your invite as soon as possible to ensure we have enough beer and cider for the weekend!!!

