



Bert was a true gentlemen and an inspiration for many young club riders and Team Ohten Aveas were very proud to be promoting his memorial event.

***"Riding behind Bert's super smooth wheel in 1983 was the first time I beat the hour for 25 miles..I was 14 years old"***

Richard Oakes: Team member of Team Ohten Aveas

## **VTTA Bert Christian Memorial 25-mile Open TT- promoted by Team Ohten Aveas 11th September 2021.**

### **RACE REPORT**

***Promoted for and on behalf of VTTA under Cycling Time Trials Rules and Regulations***

*A warm and dry, late summer afternoon greeted the riders, but a deceptively tough wind offered up slightly slower conditions than we have seen for recent events with riders commenting how hard the course felt.*

That said Richard Oakes winning time of 48:21 saw him well clear of a good field on actual time from Andy Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> with 50:52, with Ian Guilor 3<sup>rd</sup> with 52:16 followed by Tim Hood and Ewan Mackie tying for 4<sup>th</sup> with 52.20.

Recent VTTA 25 Champion Oakes continued his run of good form and claimed first on standard with an impressive +20:02. He was presented with the Bert Christian memorial trophy. Quite fitting as Bert towed Richard round to his first ever sub 60 minute 25 almost 40 years ago. Geoff Platts was runner up on vet's standard just pipping Tim Hood and Mick Allen who were 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Masters track Team Ohten Aveas turning their hand to TTs took the team prize with Adey Dent and Wayne Smith supporting Oakes to claim fastest team on vet's standard.

The fastest woman went to Jo Corbett both on actual time and standard with Michelle Morley 2<sup>nd</sup> and Pamela Moore 3<sup>rd</sup>.

***Many thanks to all the riders and helpers for making this a successful and enjoyable event. We hope to see you all again next year.***

***Roy Oakes (event organiser)***

***On behalf of the VTTA and Team Ohten Aveas***



***We hope that you all had an enjoyable,  
and safe ride!***