

**WWCC 92nd Annual Dinner celebrating the
125th Anniversary of the founding of our club
in 1891**

This years Dinner was the 92nd consecutive dinner since 1924, but was in celebration of our founding in 1891, 125 years ago. Hence the historical theme and our guest, Cycling Historian Doug Pinkerton.

The evening was well attended and guests witnessed a unique event for a 'Wheelers' dinner. Not only did Doug Pinkerton regale those present with an enlightening and colourful explanation of Wolverhampton's cycling heritage and its unique place in the sports history.

He actually rode a Ordinary bicycle (a 'Penny Farthing' to you and I) between the dining tables, ducking under the chandeliers to perform a perfect forward dismount in front of the Trophy display. No mean feat, as to execute a 'Forward Dismount' from a 'Penny Farthing' the rider must drape his legs over the handle bars, apply the brake firmly and allow himself to be propelled over the front wheel!!! If successful the rider lands on his feet and catches the machine, preventing it and him from crashing to the ground in a crumpled heap.

There were three vintage bicycles on display all from the late 19th /early 20th century, one of which was made in Wolverhampton over 120 years ago! After a delightful meal awards were made to all the clubs major trophy winners, with recipients from a wide range of age groups and varied cycling disciplines. Each guest received a commemorative silver badge replicating the 'Winged Wheel' design from our original founding.

Cycling in the UK is currently enjoying a tremendous boost following record braking hauls from three consecutive Olympics and the Tour de France victories of Chris Froome and Bradley Wiggins.

However, the Wheelers cater for all ages and abilities, from 5 to 85 and from the leisure rider to the seasoned racing cyclist.

Some people have though of the Wheelers as a racing club for the competitive cyclist but this is not the case many of the members simply ride for the sheer joy of it and the camaraderie.

We even have some members who do not ride at all, and believe it or not one or two that have yet to master the art!

Based at Aldersley Leisure Village we have the benefit of an outdoor velodrome where we coach basic skills to young and old alike to ensure their safety when out on the open road.

www.wolverhamptonwheelers.co.uk for more information or simply come down on a Friday evening any time after 6.30 pm.