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Welcome to the 27th edition of the current series of the *Wheeler*. The *Wheeler* is published twice each year but in addition the club also has a comprehensive website and a very active Facebook page should you need further information.

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Reliability Rides 2016

Upgrade Robin Kyte President

The rides this year will all start and end at the stadium with a finish on the velodrome 'Paris-Roubaix' style. All riders will have a number and follow a way marked route.

This will be the first year in memory of John Kriskinans and the first ride on the 21st of February has been renamed the **John Kriskinans 100k** (formally the Eccleshall 100). I have spoken to the owner of the Merckx Bar in Eccleshall high street who is keen to welcome riders en route for some 'Flemish Refreshment'. I am hoping that local clubs will support this and the following rides on offer especially John's 100k right through to the bonus ride, the **100 in 8** at the end of the season on the 11th of September. Proceeds from the £6 entry fee for all rides will be going to the Brain Tumour charity in recognition of their hard work and support given to John over his last twelve months.

Sunday 28th February **50 in 4**. Now 57 miles of a hilly course: Wightwick, Shipley, Bridgnorth, Morville, Much Wenlock, Wenlock Edge, Longville, Morville, Bridgnorth, Worfield and Pattingham.

Sunday 6th March **Wrekin Wrun** : An even hillier and more testing course of 58 miles around Seisdon, Tinkers Castle, Sutton Maddock, Coalport, Ironbridge, 'Darby Road', Little Wenlock, Eaton Constantine, Cressage, Hughley, 'Five Chimneys', Presthopte, Much Wenlock, Barrow, Coalport, Ryton, Patshull and Pattingham.

Sunday 11th September Bonus Ride! the **100 in 8**. A one hundred mile ride covering Shropshire and South Stafford-

shire not too hilly. This ride also has recommended stops for refreshment. Entry fee just £6.00 per event: Including free parking, changing rooms, toilets and hot showers. Hot drinks and a licensed bar are available to assist in the post ride recovery process!

New Years Day Walk Dave Cunningham



The Wheelers New Years Day Walk is now quite a long established tradition. How long you ask. Well usually about three to four miles is the only answer I can give with any certainty. Ron Aspey started these walks well before I joined the club in the mid 90's. Part of the tradition is that they always start from the Seven Stars in Beckbury. Ron, familiar with the area from camping trips in his youth, has led groups of Wheelers and friends along tracks over hill and down dale for many a New Years Day refresher.

Ron, as he approaches his 90th birthday no longer leads the walk but he still comes along to the Seven Stars where, again by tradition, the walk finishes with bread and soup and possibly a pint of beer. It is a gathering of the different generations of the club not only to mull over times passed but to look forward to the coming season. Mind you there is quite a bit of fascinating mulling to do when you consider the pedigree of some of our older members.

Planning the walk fell to myself this year. I put together a route which I hoped would take account of the wet weather we have had recently. However when I checked the terrain a few days before it became clear changes would have to be made to avoid the worst muddy sections.

We were free of rain for the walk and a good gathering of familiar faces departed from the pub. Our walk took us up through the church yard and passed the old stone cock fighting pit then down and out of the valley to join the Badger road. Bob and Dot Kyte with their friends decided to turn back and meet us on our return. Our ramblings took us back down into the Worfe Valley via the Chase then along by the Windings back to Beckbury.

There was already a good group settled in at the Seven Stars when we arrived. Robin and Jane joined us along with Ron and Margaret Aspey as well as Ron and Irene Moule as well as many other notable figures from the clubs past. And then the mulling began.

Track League

Freewheelers *Joseph Lister*

Although somewhat belated in starting, due to urgent track repairs earlier in the season, the 2015 Freewheeler's track league successfully drew to a close with all riders having displayed their dedication to the series of events. It's also clear to see the developments these riders have made throughout the season, especially when watching those that have ridden in the fixed wheel category after their evening of Freewheelers racing. Namely, Alex Thompson, Grace Lister, Ameila Southall and Will Perry.

After all of the competitive racing, the final results stood with Alex Thompson winning the A's category with 168 points, giving him a 36 point lead over Grace Lister in second and Thomas White in third. Tom has produced a remarkable series of rides when you consider the fact that he was still restricted to his under 10 gears, having only just turned 10 in August. Well done Tom! Sam Hancher and James Morris have also grown in confidence throughout the season.

The B's saw Alex Ward win, with Oliver Hancher in second ahead of Reuben James in third, separated by 32 points. Both young Ethan Stainke and Reece Morris demonstrated their commitment and improved throughout. Beth Harris competed regularly and positively, whilst Frances Pegg, new to competitive riding, grew in confidence. Mia Anslow made a return to racing, at the end of the season and it will be great to see how she gets on in the cross league throughout the winter. Well done to all those racing this year and we hope to see you back riding next year's league!

Youth and Senior (extract) *Dave Brookes*

Jack Escritt has achieved his 'hat trick' by winning the Senior A and thus the overall League for the third consecutive year. Jack's 211 points puts him well ahead of his nearest rival Matty Lewis who comes second with 142 points. This is a commendable result for Matty in his first year in Senior A having raced in the Youth last season. Ben Hardwick remains in third place with 115 points; another solid performance from Ben. Joe Guy is another rider from Youth last year and has managed to climb from fifth place to fourth place in the last two weeks with 87 points. James Ireson takes fifth place with 73 points. The remaining top ten places in Senior A are: Ethan Davies sixth, Jack Smith seventh, Will Manfield-Yorke eighth, Phil Hinch ninth and Will Lewis tenth.

a complete version of this report together with results and reports from the full 2015 season can be found on the club website.

The **2016** season begins on Wednesday **4th May**. Registration is now open on the club website and competitors are encouraged to register before **4th April** to gain a discount price.

91st Annual Dinner Dance

The 91st Wheelers Dinner Dance took place on Saturday 14th November at the Goldthorn Hotel with over eighty members in attendance. Professional racing cyclist Liam Holohan was our guest of honour to give us an insight into life as a professional and also to present our awards.

Picture Gallery



Liam Holohan



Other invited guests included Aldersley Site Manager **Paul Watson** (left) and **Lesley Knight** (right) of the **County Air Ambulance** who received a cheque of £1200 raised by club members

Road Race secretary *Austin Jones* has just announced the dates of our two races. The **Two Counties** takes place on Sunday 10th April and the **Severn Valley** on Sunday 17th July. Entries are now open. Further details from *Austin* on 01922 410834.

A full range of **club kit** in various sizes is available for members to purchase. Contact clothing secretary *Jane Lister* for details and availability by email at wolverhamptonwheelerskit@gmail.com

Contributions from members for articles in future issues of this newsletter are always welcome. Please contact the *editor* with any ideas or suggestions that you may have.

Finally if you are reading this newsletter and are not a member you would be more than welcome to join us! New **membership** secretary *Debbie Lewis* has recently launched an on-line membership system in conjunction with *BC* but the previous manual method is still available for those who prefer it. Instructions for both methods can be found on the club website.