



# THE WHEELER

WOLVERHAMPTON WHEELERS CYCLING CLUB Est 1891



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Welcome to the 29th 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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Gnosall, Sherrifhales, Shifnal, Ryton & Pattingham. With a stop at the MERCKX BAR in Eccleshall to add a little 'Belgian Flavour' to the event!

**"The 50+ in 4"** Sunday 26th February: Actually 57 miles of a hilly course: Wightwick, Shipley, Bridgnorth, Morville, Much Wenlock, Wenlock Edge, Longville, Morville, Bridgnorth, Worfield & Pattingham.

**"The Wrekin Wrun"** Sunday 5th March: An even hillier and more testing course of 61 miles around Seisdon, Tinkers Castle, Sutton Maddock, Coalport, Ironbridge, 'Darby Road', Little Wenlock, Eaton Constantine, Cressage, Hughley, 'Five Chimneys', Presthope, Much Wenlock, Barrow, Coalport, Ryton, Patshull and Pattingham.

BONUS RIDE! **"The 100 in 8"** Sunday 10th September  
A one hundred mile ride, covering Shropshire & South Staffordshire not too hilly. This ride also has recommended stops for refreshment. Starting time 8.30 am.

Entry on the day of the event just £6.00 per event Including Free Parking, Changing Rooms, Toilets & Hot Showers. Hot Drinks and a Licenced Bar are available to assist in the post ride recovery process! For more event details see our web site: *Robin Kyte* - Event Organiser: Tel. 01902 753913

## Reliability Rides 2017

All proceeds to the *Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation*

The Wheelers present their annual series of challenge rides and (following the success of last year) all rides will start and end at Aldersley Leisure Village and finish on the Velodrome 'Paris-Roubaix' style. The rides are for cyclists of different ages and abilities along routes of varying difficulty. These are not races and there are no prizes, the only stipulations being that the rider is fully self-sufficient and completes the distance within the prescribed time limit. All riders are welcome, entry is not restricted to members, come along and rise to the challenge, this Charity event needs your support. Participants are expected to have some experience of group riding on the open roads and have a fully roadworthy machine complete with essential spares and tools. Riders must be in good health and be a minimum of 12 years of age, however there is no upper age limit! Proceeds will go direct to the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. The first 3 rides start between 9.30 & 10.30am from the Aldersley Leisure Village, Aldersley Rd., W-ton WV6 9NW The routes may not be way marked and riders will be given event numbers. Entry fee just £6.00 per event.

**"The John Kriskinans 100k"** Sunday 19th February: 100 kilometres of an undulating course taking in Coven, Brewood, Bishops Wood, Church Eaton, Eccleshall,



## Celebration Event

Sunday 5th March from 3.30 pm  
*Come and celebrate your cycling club*

Please time your arrival for shortly after 3.30 pm  
Buffet served for 4.00 pm.  
Presentation taking place from 5.00 pm.  
There will be a raffle and club kit will be available to buy.

tickets £5

Fordhouses Cricket Club  
Robaston Road  
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## The 92nd Annual Dinner and presentation evening Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Wheelers

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. *Robin Kyte* president



*Club Champions* displaying their trophies

### Time Trial Report

Last year the club promoted 14 events, five 10 Mile Sporting and four 22 mile Hilly Time Trials, all starting at Halfpenny Green and four 10 mile and one 25 mile time trial on the A449 Stafford road. There were 25 riders from the club competing at one time or another during the year. Over the season the time trials which we organised also proved very popular with riders from other clubs, with the final count been 125 different riders from 33 clubs/teams, with ages ranging from 12 to 69 years old.

Wolverhampton Wheelers riders had a total of 15 events this season to take part in order to gain points towards the

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league, with a rider's position in the league based on their highest scoring 12 events. This year the league was won by a Youth rider for the first time in several years: Joseph Guy (pictured). As the season progressed, there was a close fought battle between Mark Spruce and Matt Wedge for second place, with Mark taking second by one point.



A full report of our Hill Climb (by *Robin Kyte*) can be found on the club website. The first event of the 2017 season takes place on Tuesday 9th May. *Ian Horton* Time Trial secretary

### Race Training at Stourport Circuit

This is a great opportunity for club members to come along and have a dedicated 2 hour coaching session on racing. Open to all Wheelers, youth and adults. Riders will need a road bike, helmet, track mitts/gloves, drinks, snacks and spare dry kit.

Training dates:-

|                     |            |                         |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday 18th March | 2.00-4.00  | free of charge          |
| Saturday 1st April  | 12.00-2.00 | £2.00 youth/£3.00 adult |
| Sunday 30th April   | 2.00-4.00  | £2.00 youth/£3.00 adult |

Further details from *Karen Langford*

Information about the **Derby Velodrome Club Clusters**, the **West Midlands Circuit Series** (Stourport, Sundorne, Curborough and Tudor Grange), the **West Midland Youth Omnium Series** (including Wolverhampton on 6th May) and the **West Midland Cyclocross** League can all be obtained from club officials and coaches any Friday evening. Information will also be displayed on the club notice board.

### Stop Press:

The Two Counties road race takes place on Sunday 9th April with the Severn Valley race happening on Sunday 16th July. Subject to confirmation, the Wheelers cyclocross race takes place at Aldersley on Sunday 5th November. See *Alastair Bacon* nearer the time for further details.

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](mailto:wolverhamptonwheelerskit@gmail.com)

Finally if you are reading this newsletter and are not a member you would be more than welcome to join us! **Membership** secretary *Debbie Lewis* can accept on-line applications but the previous manual method is still available for those who prefer it. Instructions for both methods can be found on the club website.

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