



THE WHEELER



A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEWYEAR TO ALL

WOLVERHAMPTON WHEELERS CYCLING CLUB Est 1891
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS OLIVER KYTE. RON ASPEY
YOUTH " " JOHN COOPER
COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2ND MONDAY IN MONTH
VENUE "THE SWAN" COMPTON 7.45pm

PERCY FOR HALL OF FAME



PERCY STALLARD who was considered by many to be "THE FATHER OF ROAD RACING" in this country has now had his name inscribed on the board at Aldersley which depicts sporting people of **Wolverhampton** who have brought fame to the city. It would need a book to describe all his **achievements** both as a racing cyclist and an organiser throughout his life. His story is available in the **Wolverhampton Archives** or the **Club web site**.

2007 A VINTAGE YEAR

So ends another season with a full programme of activities. Thanks due to every one pulling their weight, especially the ladies. What would we do without them? I think they deserve a special mention.

Alison Cooper (coach)

One **most notable Friday evening** I decided to visit a training night under flood lights at Aldersley. There she was looking more like the **Pied Piper of Hamlyn** with about **thirty youngsters** ranging from **four years old upwards** carrying out her orders. They were riding **through and over obstacles** and also doing a bit of **cyclo cross up on Flagstaff hill**.

Bernette Potts has earned her **Marshal of the Year** trophy for her unstinting work helping out Ian with his full programme of road racing and also judging down on the track where its always seems cold. "These Kiwis certainly are tough."

Brenda Power, Finally received her **half-century trophy** after over **53 years** in the club recording at cyclo cross events and **many other duties**.

Jane Kite (coach) who has spent so much time over the years helping out in **all aspects** of the club, especially officiating down on the track.

Hilliary Jones making pots of money for the club with her **cake stand** at Andy's cyclo cross event.

Angie Pike (Sen) who has had a **lot of success** in many races where she has had **little or no support** travelling all over the country to events. She is also a **coach & social sec**.

Lauren Carr (Jun)

Ladies Track Champion is riding well and is **top** of the West Midlands cyclo cross league & **25th** in the national women's rankings.

Jessica Potts (coach)

Ladies TT Champion taking it easy at the present, is training to be a **British Cycling coach** and hopes to continue at a sports college in **Bournemouth** when she leaves school in the near future.

Rosemary Churton (nee Almond) Who with ex ladies national champion **Joy Potts** rode from **Landsend to John O Groats** raising over **£400** for charity, mostly with her cape on due to our fickle summer weather.

Megan Hughes and her sister Rebecca (Sen) who both put up a good show on the track despite having to contest with the male riders.

Also lets not forget all the **long suffering Wives and Partners** who help out and put up with us cycling fanatics year in and year out.

And to think, until 1946, women were not allowed in the club. Only after much arguing & threatened resignations, a vote in favour was finally achieved.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Annual General Meeting Top marks for our **Chairman of one year Alan Cooper**. He kept strict control with no fighting and easily completed the AGM in record time.

Membership sec. reported that we have **157 paid up** members. If family members are included the total is **220**. One of these days they will all turn up on a Wednesday evening. **"That would be a laugh."**

I think our **brainy officials** should be congratulated on steering the club through a minefield of legal documents applying for grants and also the setting up of the **website**.

Believe it or not the club organised 46 events this year with over 1,900 competitors.

The 83rd Dinner & Dance which attracted over 80 diners proved to be an enjoyable evening with Robin interviewing the sports journalist and writer **William Fotheringham** who proved to be a very interesting and likeable speaker readily answering any questions. Then followed an interesting table quiz, a huge raffle and a disco.

The combined Severn Valley and National Junior RR Championships

"**You could have fooled me**", I was privileged to ride in the 2nd lead car. The riders looked and rode like seniors, many over **six feet tall** and the standard of riding was very good.

British Cycling congratulated Ian Potts and the club for putting on a first class event. One local farmer, instead of abusing us actually **donated £100** to the club for prizes. We should buy all our spuds from him.

The Fred Williams Cyclo Cross Scramble.

Organised by **Andy Jones and his team**, proved to be a **great success** with a **record** amount of entries of all classes & a **£2,500 prize list**. The weather and the course were ideal and everything went off **pretty smoothly**. It was like a day at **Goodwood races** with a collection of tents for officials and trade. Many people, especially the youngsters and parents commented on **how good the organisation** was and are all looking forward to the next one on **Sunday the 21 of Jan 08.**

ROAD & TRACK TEAM RANKING.

The club are **top out of 21 clubs** in the West Midlands with **387 points**. Unfortunately no other Wolverhampton clubs are listed.

We are also listed **62nd with 443 points** in the whole of the U.K., which is not bad considering the **thousands of clubs** involved.

Here are our main riders who qualified for club awards.

<i>Best all round veteran.</i>	ANDY JONES
<i>Youth TT Champion</i>	DAMIEN NEEDLE
<i>Youth Track Champion</i>	ED GILL
<i>Junior Track Champion</i>	ALEX JONES
<i>Junior R.R. Champion</i>	ALEX JONES
<i>Fastest 25 Of the year</i>	JAMES RATCLIFFE
<i>Handicap Trophy</i>	PAUL HORTON
<i>T.T. League Trophy</i>	PAUL HORTON
<i>Youth Circuit Champion</i>	JOHN COOPER
<i>Senior Track Champion</i>	JOHN COOPER
<i>Senior R.R. Champion</i>	EDDIE CORBETT
<i>Club Member of the year</i>	DAVE CUNNINGHAM
<i>Clubman of the year</i>	IAN POTTS

Unfortunately we have run out of space, otherwise all the runners up would have been mentioned without whom there would have been no champions.

FUTURE EVENTS 08

2 COUNTIES R R. SUNDAY 20 APRIL

SEVERN VALLY R R. SUNDAY 20TH JULY

SHREWSBURY SPORTS VILLAGE CIRCUIT RACES

No 1. Saturday 17th May

No 2. .. 7th June

No 3 .. 21st June. Inc. West Mids. Circuit race
Champs. For youth, junior, seniors men and women.

No 4 Saturday 20th September.

Time Trials mainly a repeat of 07. Similar dates, to be confirmed. See Website or Spring newsletter.

Track training is continuing throughout the winter under floodlights on Wednesday and Friday evenings using road bikes. (no fixedwheels)

YOUTH

Friday nights, Alison Cooper trains youngsters from as young as **four years old** upward in **bike handling** using approved training equipment.

FAMILY RUNS are being held on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month. Led by **Alison** they are a **leisurely introduction** to club riding. Starting at 10.00 am. **Aldersley Stadium (off road)** on the 2nd. **Pattingham (on road)** on the 4th.

AWARD OF MERIT

Gordon Jones our membership sec. has recently been awarded a **Certificate of Merit & The H.E.Lane Memorial trophy** by the Mayor for his contribution to amateur sport within the local area. He well deserves it, keeping a check on the **membership, track training and also looking after all our bike equipment.**

END TO END

Besides **Rosemary Churton**, two other members completed the famous course, namely **David Starkey** with his brother and **Malcolm Wilson** who **did it by himself** in equally foul weather. David is now taking a course at **Sheffield University**. **Good luck Dave**, we shall miss seeing your **cheerful face** around.

NEVER TOO OLD

Perhaps our **oldest active member Don Trubshaw** at **88**, he organises Thursday rides. Mainly for retired enthusiasts. **Don** collected the **trophy** for the **oldest rider** in **The Chester 100 Miles Ride** for the **fifth year running**. He is now in training for his **sixth, in 2008.**

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

ROBIN WILL BE LEADING HIS XMAS MORNING RIDE TO

THE HOLLY BUSH AT EPSTREE.

STARTING FROM THE WEST PARK ALBERT ROAD GATES 10.30.

FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL

NEW YEARS DAY

THE ANNUAL WALK FROM

THE SEVEN STARS AT BECKBURY

START 10.45 FOR ABOUT 2 HOURS.

SOUP AND ROLLS WILL BE SERVED IN THE RAMBLERS BAR

ORDER FROM THE MAIN BAR

PARK AS FAR BACK AS POSSIBLE

LET ME KNOW IF YOU INTEND COMING

SORRY CAN'T SQUASH ANY MORE IN.

"KEEP ON PEDALLING" RON AND MARGARET