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CLUB NIGHT	WEDNESDAY ALDERSLEY	8.30PM

COMMITTEE MEETINGS EVERY 2nd MONDAY IN MONTH
THE SWAN COMPTON 7.45PM

Congratulations and welcome to all new members, you have made a wise choice in joining the best cycling club in the world (in my opinion).

The Dinner and Dance. (my 60th as far as I can remember,) was one of the better ones I have ever attended with guest of honour **Jamie Staff the Olympic Gold Medalist** proving to be a very popular chap who posed for snapshots especially with the ladies and handed out **personalised** signed postcards to everyone. Alan said grace in the traditional **Scottish** way and correct **dialect** with ,

Some wad eat and canna eat
Some wad eat that want it
But we hae meat and we can eat
And say the Lord we thankit.

Over a **hundred** sat down for the **enjoyable meal**, many stopping over to dance the night away.

Main Trophies were presented after the Dinner

Best all round veteran **Andy Jones**.
Youth Time Trial Champ, **Adam Lewis**.
Youth Track and Circuit Champ, **Ed Gill**.
Ladies Track and Road Race Champ, **Lauren Carr**.
Tryer of The Year. **Chris Brooks**.
Senior Track Champ, **Tony De Leon**.
Marshall of the year, **Ron Ansell**.
Fastest 25 of year, **Matt Nicholls**.
Club Member of the year, **Craig Ansell**.
Clubman of the year, Junior Track & road Race Champ, **John Cooper**.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A glowing report to 31 club members (what happened to all the rest) was made by our chairman, I could not possibly include all the info. here, but can only list a few highlights.

Most of the officers were re-elected en bloc with the addition of four new committee members.

Though we have had some filthy weather, (I have hardly exposed my knees this year, not a pretty sight) we have put on **37 competitive events**.

The latest figures from our membership sec. showed a healthy increase in **registered members to 192**. If all the family extensions are included it would be **approx. 300**.

NEW HONORARY MEMBER

An addition to the list is **Don Trubshaw**. Although we do not see him at the clubroom, **Don who is 89** has been a member of the club for many years and quietly organises **Tuesday** and **Thursday rides** mainly for retired cyclists, he has also won the trophy for the **6th time** at the annual **Chester 100 miles reliability trial** for being the **oldest** member to compete.

MOVING ON.

Congratulations to Angie Pike who is moving down south, where she is taking up a position as a **deputy head teacher in Plymouth**. Angie has been our top lady rider and also trophy sec. She assures me that she will still wear **the club's colours** and hopes to be popping up to see us now and again. As an **Old Wheeler** used to say , "Nice to see yer smiling face, gord bless yer"

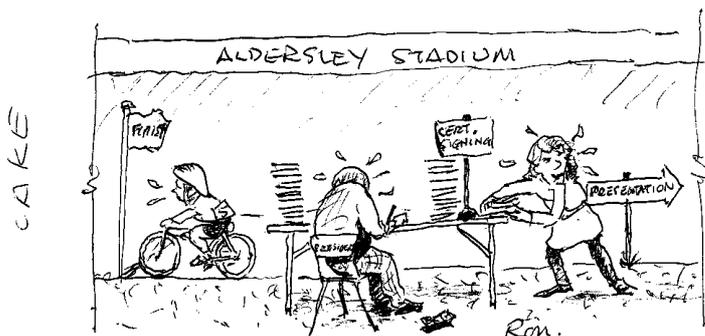
MERIT AWARD

Also congratulations to **Dave Cunningham** who received a certificate of merit from the **Mayor of Wolverhampton** for his contribution to **amateur sport** within the **area of the council** to the sport of **cycling**.

FRED WILLIAMS SCRAMBLE

Held in pouring rain it did not deter the **200 entries** wallowing in the mud. Our members put on a good show. Ladies **Lauren Carr 2nd**, Youth **Ed Gill 2nd** Seniors **Craig Ansell 8th**, **Rob Burns(jun) 9th**.& **Tony De Leon**. Vets **Shawn Hammond 2nd**, organiser **Andy Jones 9th** and **Rob Burns 19th**. Andy's wife, **Hilary** not to be left out, made a **record** sales of cakes.

WHEELER'S YOUTH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



OUR PRESIDENT WORKING HARD SIGNING CERTIFICATES

A bright sunny day greeted 28 excited Wolverhampton Wheelers for the inaugural running of the youth omnium which consisted of 500m TT, sprint, and pursuit. The U14's and U16's also had a scratch race. This is to become an annual event, with the hope that it will encourage more youth riders to enter open events. For some it was their first attempt at track racing whilst for others it was the culmination of a year of riding the Fred Williams track league. There was also the opportunity for the riders to achieve age group speed awards in the flying 200m and 500m TT. The time standards to get a gold speed award were difficult to obtain, only 4 riders across the age groups managing to obtain two gold awards and three other riders one each. There were some impressive performances and some close fought results, but more important were the smiles.

RESULTS AS FOLLOWS

U16	Lauren Creamer	1	
	Josh Burke	2	
U14	Adam Lewis	1	
	Tim Metcalfe	2	
	Lauren Evans	3	1st girl
U12	Jack Escritt	1	
	Jessie Ansell	2	1st Girl
	Toby Robinson	3	
	Joshua Evans	4	
	Jake Freeman	5	
	Danielle Simmons	6	2nd Girl
	Sarah Hopkins	7	3rd Girl
U10	Ben Hardwick	1	
	Ross Mc Donald	2	
	Rebecca Simmons	3	1st Girl
	Georgia Hilleard	4	2nd Girl
	Sam Morris	5	
U8	Matthew Lewis	1	
	Joe Bolton	2	
	Sebastian Bacon	3	
	Billy Robinson	4	
	Oliver Evans	5	
	Jamie Mc Donald	5	
	Matilda Bacon	8	1st Girl
	Daniel Morris	7	
	Ewan Mc Donald	9	
	Elodie Gage	10	2nd Girl

TIME TRIALS

Jon Arkell has done a **first class job** in organising time trials and intends to continue with the same events next year, with the inclusion of a **5km. ladies time trial**, in line with the Monday night sessions and a short **T.T. around Halfpenny Green**. However he **needs helpers** preferably with a car for the sporting T.T. **Volunteers welcome**.

SEASONS FESTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS DAY Robin will be taking his **appetiser run** with mincepies included. Starting at 10.30 am from the West Park, Albert road gates. As the Hollybush is not suitable at present he is arranging an alternative venue. **Fancy dress optional**.

NEW YEAR'S DAY I will be taking the annual short walk from **The Seven Stars pub at Beckbury**. Start 10.45 for about 2 hours. **Soup and rolls will be served in the Ramblers bar**. Place orders at main bar. Park as far back as possible. Let me know if you are coming.

ROAD RACING

Ian and Bernice have really worked hard organising events this year again both locally and at the Sundorne circuit. Here is part of Ian's report.

It's a treat to see so many young riders in **Wheelers jerseys**. We now have a **very strong youth section**, all **learning fast and improving week by week**. Could there be another **Andy Tennant** out there amongst all that talent? I don't think it will be too long before we have another young **champion** in the club.

Moving on to the **juniors**. **John Cooper** has had an outstanding 1st season in the junior ranks in which he has gained his **1st cat. license**. John has achieved excellent placings, riding up and down the country in the National Junior series. Despite a nasty crash in the **Junior Tour of Ireland**, he showed guts and courage by battling on and supporting his **West Mids Div. team mates**, and gaining a **best** stage placing of **6th**. John also claimed a few **elite scalps** with wins at **Shrewsbury** and in the road race league. Despite not riding for the full season, **Eddie Corbett** still gained enough points to secure his **1st cat. license** for another year, and retains the clubs road race champions trophy.

Rob Burns showed great improvement riding in his first year with the seniors. **He crossed the finish line 1st to take wins at Shrewsbury and in the road race league, where he was deservedly awarded the best improver trophy**.

Alistair Carr dropped in from France to claim **another** road race league win, on his way up to putting in a spirited performance in the **National Road Race championship**. **Alistair has been based in the Alsace racing for a French U23 team**. Not one to shy away from tough competition, anyone caring to tag along on a training ride with **Alistair** will witness a huge improvement, gained through racing at a very high level. He will be **returning to France** next season to a new base in Fougères, Brittany. We wish him all the best, and hope he keeps up the **Ali Blog**

Next years promotions have been registered with BC.
 Two Counties April 19th. Bridgnorth.
 Shrewsbury No.1 May 16th.
 Shrewsbury No.3 June 20th.
 Severn Valley July 19th Worfield.
 Shrewsbury No.4 September 19th.

Thanks to our President for the cartoon and all the info. from members. Contributions are always welcome. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. RON/ED