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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEWYEAR TO ALL

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HELLO TO EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

It has been a very successful year for the club and cycling in general. Thanks to all the members who have helped out our first class team of officials, your help has been invaluable

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CLUB NIGHT WEDNESDAY EVENING ALDERSLEY 8.30 AM
COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1ST TUESDAY AFTER 2ND MONDAY
IN MONTH 7.30 PM @ ALDERSLEY STADIUM FAMILY ROOM

CHAIRMAN ALAN RETIRES AFTER 6 YEARS

Alan Cooper who has done a first class job as chairman has finally **with reluctance** had to resign due to commitments abroad for his company both now and in the future and **feels he cannot give all the effort needed to carry out the position.** Alan says he will always be available for help and advice in the future.



Jon Arkel who excelled as Time Trial organizer is also **standing down** and intends to tour Central America. We wish you all the best and look forward to hearing from you in the future.

RON/ED

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR ANDY TENNANT

Andy received his award at the recent club dinner and has been kind enough to donate the following article for our newsletter.

2012 AN EVENTFUL YEAR FOR ANDY

Hi Ron, My article for the newsletter as promised.

This year has been a year of firsts and also one with many ups and downs. Like with any cycling season I have had some great highs, the main high being a great win in Melbourne winning my first **senior world championship title.** Unfortunately, this massive high, typically was followed by one of the biggest lows I have faced in my career so far. This low came in the **London 2012 games**, my first Olympics, when I was told at the last minute I would not be riding. This was a **massive blow** for myself after preparing for it for 4 years and devoting all my time and dedication into riding as part of the team pursuit squad at London, to be told that I wasn't going to achieve what **I had worked so hard** for, and what had been my dream since the start of my career, **brought a feeling I cannot describe**, but I am sure you can all imagine.

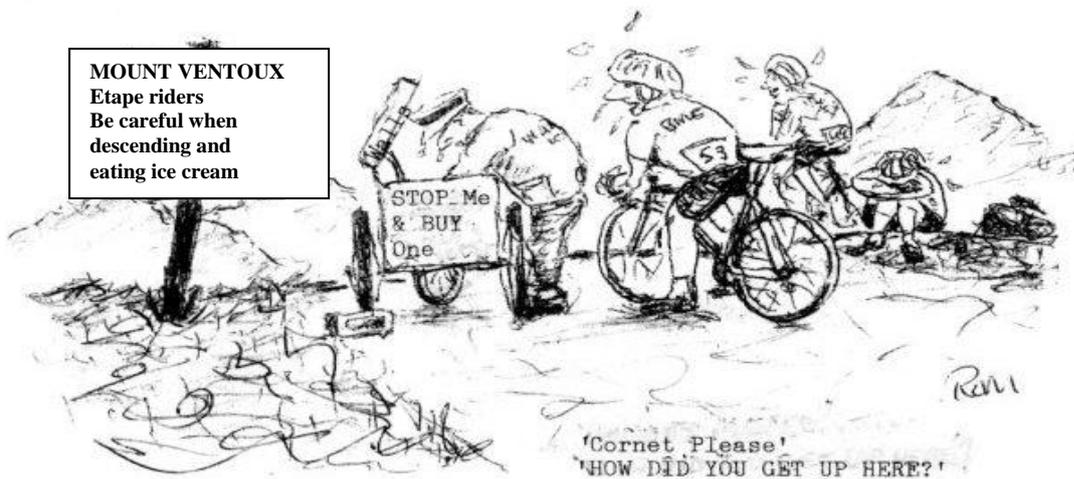
The Games left me feeling **sad, angry, frustrated**, I think I can safely say I felt them all, picking myself up from such a low was pretty difficult. Luckily after the games I had a much-needed break, in this time I spent time with my family and friends and also had a holiday to Borneo with my Girlfriend Lauren. After nearly an 8-week break, I felt ready and raring to get back on my bike. Now it's all about moving onwards and upwards. **Recently I had the huge privilege of being the guest of honor at the Wheelers dinner dance and was delighted at being presented with a life time membership.** I was also pleased to be able announce, my new team to the members who attended the dinner to support me. It was an odd feeling handing out the trophies I once aimed to win, especially the trier of the year trophy.

Next for me is Glasgow world cup, before heading out to Mallorca to spend the rest of the winter training in preparation for the **World championships in February.** I am very excited for Glasgow world cup, and truly looking forward to being back on the boards especially with the added honor of being able to ride in my **World bands.**

As a final note, I would just like to say it was great to see so many young riders full of enthusiasm and passion for their cycling. These young talents have a great support network of both coaches and helpers, giving their valuable time and dedication into developing these riders into young talents. **To those people I give my utmost respect, as it's great to see such great support going into the grass roots of cycling.**

Andy

MOUNT VENTOUX
Etape riders
Be careful when
descending and
eating ice cream



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CHRISTMAS DAY Don't miss Robin's Christmas morning refresher when starting from the West Park , Albert Road gates at 10.30 am .He leads a steady fun run that includes mincepies, out to the Hollybush at Epstree. for a quick drink, chat and back home for lunch. Fancy dress optional

NEW YEARS DAY If you fancy a short walk for a change, we move off from the 7 Stars Pub at Beckbury at 10.45 am. On return there will be soup and rolls that can be ordered over the counter. No other cooking is done by Caroline on New Year's day. This will be the 42nd walk since I first started taking it in 1970. This year Robin has kindly agreed to take over.

END OF SEASON TIME TRIAL REPORT BY JON

With one of the wettest summers on record, this year's Time Trial League definately had luck on it's side as, every Tuesday evening, the rain seemed to stop just long enough for riders to get their race done and get back to their cars without getting (too) wet.

As some of the stronger riders of previous seasons were not taking part in all of the events, the competition in the league was one of the most open for years, even I thought I might be in with a shot. However, Paul Hammond took an early lead and despite my best efforts to challenge him, he held on to take the title in convincing style (hopefully I made him work for it!).

Standards amongst the rest of the riders continued to rise with many improving their personal bests on the different imaginative excuses for underperformance and non-attendance.

Adele Handley made the most noticable improvement to take the overall Handicap Trophy, while Ros Clitheroe continued to dominate the Ladies competition.

The season also saw the return of Kevin Skidmore after an absence of several years, battling through to take the prize for Best Veteran on Standard.

Jon

It is with regret we note the death of Derek Rowland 80. after a long battle with cancer. Derek was a big friend of The Wheelers and a life member of the Elizabethans CC. He could be seen out on his bike until quite recently. He had a very successful list of wins in the past, that included The Tour Of Scotland. He leaves his wife Alma and three children, Dean, Clare and Jayne.

ROAD RACING REPORT BY AUSTIN JONES

We certainly had a tough act to follow after Ian and Bea Potts decided to move on, anyhow onward we went.

One big advantage was that I was inheriting two well established races on a well established circuit.

For 2012 I grasped the nettle with the BC on line entry and registration systems making administration of the events a lot simpler.

The Two Counties RR on Easter Sunday 8th April was won by super strong David Watson, Coventry Road Club.

The Severn Valley RR for a second year incorporated the West Midland Regional RR Championships on 20th May with Node 4 – Giordana Racing pro Kieran Fried winning a superb Senior race.

The support Junior race was won by our own Adam Lewis with Sarah Byrne taking the Ladies title.

We also support the SSSCCRRL Thursday evening handicap RR.

I have received nothing but positive feedback from riders, officials, supporters and spectators of our events which have included presence and professionalism of marshals & helpers, refreshments, NEG motorcycles, race HQ etc. Etc.

Thank you everybody who came out to help, RR cannot function without you.

Once again we topped the Regional rankings with a superb points total of 352 bettering Halesowen with 344 points & Fred Williams cycles with 251points

We finished the Road Season with seven 2nd Cat, thirteen 3rd Cat and four 4th Cat riders scoring BC points. For those riding races who didn't score points keep working and training hard and it will come!

I must also mention the many members who ride the fiercely competitive LVRC over 40's RR, these races are supported by many of our members who constantly 'trouble the judges' with exceptional places and wins against some of the top riders from the past that this country has ever had.

'Track League 2012 by John Ireson

2012 was a good year for the WWCC track league. By the end of the season we had registered 106 riders; 25 Freewheelers, 32 Youth, 49 Junior/Seniors from numerous clubs throughout the region.

The racing was good and very competitive from the offset, and the season finished without any major incidents.

The first night (Rachel's Night' being in memory of Rachel Lewis) saw a large crowd of supporters including many of Rachel's family where we raised over £150 going to a charity of the Lewis family choice.

We lost 4.5 days to bad weather (the 0.5 being a night where we managed to run the Freewheelers before the on-set of rain). Thank you to everybody who took part, all of the helpers involved week in week without whose help we wouldn't be able to put on such events.

Next year we have some big plans along with some 'new' faces helping to organise the evenings.

First race night will be Wednesday May 1st 2013.

Have a safe winter and remember it's the hours you put into training over the winter months that gives you the glory in the summer.

John