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MOTOR SCOOTERS

We have recently purchased **two motor scooters** which will be used mainly for **track training** and also for **Keirin racing**. These were recommended by a sub committee as the **most suitable** for the club after taking advice from many sources. Having seen them in action at Aldersley, I was most **impressed** to see pilot Robin leading a line out at a steady **30mph**. The scooters and also **refurbishing** of existing track bikes was financed from **hard earned grants** and club funds.

MOVING ON

Tim Arkell** is **moving down south west** to the **Plymouth** area to take up a new position, so he will be **unable** to carry on as time trial secretary. **Tim** assisted by his **brother Jon** has done a **first class job sorting out the time trial programme** and we shall miss his **cheerful face** around the club. However he says **Jon** is willing to carry on the **good work** when he leaves. **GOOD LUCK TIM IN YOUR NEW JOB WE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS. COME BACK AND SEE US WHEN YOU CAN.

THE ANNUAL PRIZE PRESENTATION

Angie Pike did an excellent job of organising the annual **prize presentation**. Held at the **Clarendon Hotel in Chapel Ash**, it attracted about 60 members. with an excellent Buffet. The guest of honour was **Cyclo Cross Champion Phil Dixon** who presented the trophies.

I was trying to find out when we had our first **prize presentation**, I thought it was about 1955 as an **overflow event** from the dinner and dance and another excuse for a **"booze up"**. Not the case, in fact, I found a write up in my scrap book it reads:-

***The W'ton Chronicle Sept 1903,**
40 Members of Wolverhampton Wheelers C.C.
were taken from Newbridge by steamboat to
Brewood, where they held a presentation tea party.
(A leisurely change from bike riding, Personally I don't remember it, maybe our President does!)*

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MEETINGS WEDNESDAY EVENING ALDERSLEY STADIUM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	ANGIE PIKE	01902780689
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YOUTH ..	JOHN COOPER	

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2ND MONDAY IN MONTH
VENUE "THE SWAN" COMPTON 7.45pm

AWARD OF MERIT

*Congratulations to **Ian Potts** for being awarded the **certificate of merit** for his contribution to sport in the **local area**. He was presented with it at a ceremony held by the **Mayor Councillor John Davies** in his parlour at **Wolverhampton Town Hall**.*

PROMOTION

Unfortunately for the club, but fortunate for **Alister Carr**, he has been **poached** by a professional club, an American organization called **Felt**. **We wish him well**. It is not unusual for us to lose riders to the highest bidder, but it has happened many times in the past and shows to the cycling world that **THE WHEELERS** are a mature and successful club, capable of producing such talent

GETTING BETTER

Brian Westwood** one of our our most loyal and vigorous competitors who also organised the time trials for about **twenty five years** is now at home and on the mend after having had a serious operation. **We look forward to seeing you around soon Brian
P.T.O. For future events.

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WEDNESDAY TRACK LEAGUE

*Starts in May, Fixed wheels only.
There should be some good results to show after all the hard training that has been going on through the winter.*

TIME TRIALS

Jon and Tim have done a good job of sorting out the time trial programme. There are also many local events, run by Wrekinsport, Walsall RCC. Elizabethan CC. Beacon CC. Speedwell CC. and Bromsgrove CC. Dates etc, can be obtained from the internet, Email or the Notice board..

Wheeler's events are as follows.

The **5 km** time trials held on the **Aldersley** track last year proved so **successful** that we are promoting four this year. **All on Fridays at 18.45.**

20th April, 27th April, 3rd August and 17th August.

11 MILES SPORTING TIME TRIALS K21/11

**Halfpenny Green Tuesdays 19.00
8th May, 15th May.**

22 MILES HILLY TIME TRIALS. K21/22

**Halfpenny Green Tuesdays 19.00
5th June, 12th June, 10 July, 17th July.**

HILL CLIMB KH/18

Ironbridge. TBA (Sept)

Walsall RCC. 10 Miles TT. K7/10

**Dunston 19.00 Tuesdays.
24th April. 1st May. 22nd May. 29th May.
24th. July. 31st July. 7th August. Sept 16th.**

Walsall RCC 25 Miles TT. K7/25

**Dunston 08.00 Sunday's 22 April. 19th August.
Tuesday Evenings 1900 K&/25
19th June. 26th June. 3rd July.**

THURSDAY EVENING ROAD RACE LEAGUE

*12 events this year through May, June, July.
We are marshalling on 10th May on the **Huntingdon Circuit**, where all riders will be required to help out. Also limited marshalling will be required at the **28th June** event.*

TWO COUNTIES ROAD RACE

22nd April for 3rd & 4th cat. riders. Start 9.30 am. Bridgnorth leisure centre.

THE SEVERN VALLY R.R.

To include National Junior Road Race Championships. 19th August.

Ian and Bernette Potts will need all the help they can get for marshalling etc, so no "spectating," just help.

SUNDORNE RACES SHREWSBURY

*Saturdays 19th May, 2nd June, 22nd Sep
30th June West Midlands Junior Circuit Champs*

ANNUAL ROLLER RACING CHAMPS

*A thrilling evening saw **Ex.Chairman Robin Kyte** win the event overall for the **eleventh time**, with **Angie Pike** second (1st.Senior & 1st lady. With new **Chairman Alan Cooper** in 3rd position. Like a good wine they improve with age.*

*1st junior Andrew Bingham. 2nd Robbie Burns.
1st U/16 John Cooper, 2nd Megan Hughes.*

NUTRITION

Michael Fish (not the weatherman) of **Science in Sport** gave us a talk and also some **free samples** of his firms products. **Very tasty**, but I didn't go any faster. Not as effective as a pint of **Banks** though, in my opinion.

CYCLO CROSS

*Our last open event of the season sponsored by **Fred Williams** went off well, organised by **Dave Cunningham and Andy Jones**.*

*The visiting riders said how they had **enjoyed** the **sporting course** and were looking forward to the next event.*

END TO END

There are **two** people in the club who are about to attempt the well tried and tested ride. **David Starkey** of **Carver fame** in April and the intrepid **Rosemary Churton (nee Almond)** on June 23rd. Having a rest from **Audax**, she is riding in aid of a **charity**. Rose will be accompanied by **Ex Ladies Champion Joy Potts**. Riding **71 miles a day** on the **CTC route** to complete in 14 days. **Donations** gratefully received. (see notice board) for subscription list.

***Brian Bonnick** ex. trophies sec. has now moved down to the pretty village of **Bishops Cleeve**, mainly to be near his family. We shall miss him helping out on the week end club runs and **encouraging the youth members**.*

SUBS The club now has well over a **hundred paid up members** and **cannot** exist without **subscriptions**. There are still a few people who need politely **reminding**. It would make life much easier for our **hard working Membership Secretary Gordon Jones**, if they popped him a **cheque** or cash **as soon as possible**.

OUR RIDERS ARE PERFORMING EXCEPTIONALLY WELL THIS YEAR

*mainly due to an early Winter start in training both on the track and road, **many in the top ten**. I would love to put all their names and performances in this **news sheet**, but do not have the space. However most results and future events can now be viewed on the **notice board, internet or Email**, if you have a PC. Or at the local library.*

*The club will be opening a **new website** shortly.*

www.wolverhamptonwheelers.co.uk

**"SORRY I CAN'T SQUEEZE ANY MORE IN.
KEEP ON PEDALLING". RON/ED**