



# THE WHEELER



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COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY IN MONTH

VENUE ALDERSLEY STADIUM AGM 11 NOVEMBER.

## “HELLO ALISON, BEEN SWIMMING”?



FOR FULL STORY, SEE PAGE TWO.

**WELL IT'S FINALLY FINISHED** we hope, one of the longest winters for decades. It's nice to start getting some miles in, although the track has been a bit restricted for training what with the sealing of **surface cracks** (which I believe is all sorted out now) and some frosty and wet nights.

I think our **track organizing crew** deserve medals for their efforts, especially the dedicated **coaches** out on the **freezing track**, which always seems cold to me, even in the summer.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Two of our club **Life Members** now have their names inscribed in the **Hall of Fame** at **British Cycling's H.Q.** Manchester.

**Hugh Porter** **M.B.E** four times **World Prof. Pursuit Champion** and now the **B.B.C.** resident cycling commentator.

**Stan Kite** who has dedicated his life to cycling from the **early 1940's** and held **most** positions in **The Wheelers** , was a **brilliant organiser** both in the club and as an **administrator** of the **City Centre Races**.

He organised the first **The Severn Valley Grand Prix** and took over from **Percy Stallard** promoting the famous **London to Hollyhead** single stage **261 miles one day race** for many years.

**Stan 88**, and a **great grandad**, is now living in a Bilston retirement home..

### **ON THE MEND**

**Alastair Carr** is is due to have an **operation on his leg**, so his dad **John** tells me, and will need to have extensive **physiotherapy** for **some time** before he will be fit enough to start training again. His injury happened when he **piled up while skiing** on the continent. **I think he thought he was on his bike**.

Meanwhile sister **Lauren**, after **back packing around Europe**, is now studying hard at **Liverpool University**. We wish them both well.

### **NEW STRIP**

It's finally arrived, the **new strip**. The other Wednesday, "**our adopted clubroom**", (The Bar), was full of members **strutting about** trying on the latest garments. They all seemed **quite happy** with it and raring to go. I am sure they will go a **lot faster** now.

### **THE PRIZE GIVING NIGHT**

Unfortunately I couldn't make it to the latest venue at **Bishops Wood**, but I am told it was a **very well organised and enjoyable evening**, thanks mainly due to **Ed Gill**. Congratulations Ed in your first year as **Social Secretary**.

### ALISON'S SWIM

Our youth secretary Alison decided she would like a swim at **Wolverhampton baths**, which she thoroughly enjoyed. Not many there and the water temperature was OK. On returning to the dressing room she found someone had **broken into her locker** and had stolen everything, including her **wedding ring** and keys to her car, which was **rifled** but not driven off.

It didn't turn out as the cartoon sketched by our **President**. Luckily Alan was at hand at home and was quickly summoned in with **spare clothing** to save her any embarrassment.

### NATIONAL CYCLO CROSS CHAMPS

The last event of the season to be held at **Aldersley** which included the **National Universities Champs**, was for all classes of riders from **6 upwards** who all put on a good show of aggression. **Our Heroes were Lauren Creamer who finished 9<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> junior) and Rob Burns 4<sup>th</sup> in the Under 23s.** The well supported event by both riders and spectators was graced with good weather and together with the **three gazebos** gave off a very enjoyable atmosphere. **Well done Andy Jones and team.**

### TIME TRIALS ( Co/organisers Walsall Roads)

**John Arkle our worthy time trial sec has produced the following list for 2010, which looks very interesting.**

Date	Time	Event	Dist	Course
Mo26/04	19.00	TrackTT	5 km	Aldersley
Sa 1/5	09.00	..	5 km	..
Tu 4/5	19.00	TT	10 miles	K6/10
Su 9/5	10.30	Intro. TT	5 miles	K31/5
Tu 11/05	1900	TT	10 miles	K6/10
Tu 18/05	19.00	Sporting TT	10 miles	K21/11
Tu 25/05	..	..	..	..
Tu 1/06	..	TT	10 miles	K6/10
Tu 8/6	..	Hilly TT	22 miles	K21/22
Tu 15 /6	..	..	22 miles	K7/22
Tu 22/6	..	TT	25 miles	K7/25
Tu 29/6	..	TT	25 miles	K7/25
Tu 6/7	..	HillyTT	22 miles	K21/22
Tu 13/7	..	..	..	..
Tu 20/7	..	TT	10 miles	K6/10
Tue27/7	19.00	TT	..	K6/10
Tue 3/8	..	TT	..	K6/10
Tue 10/8	..	TT	..	K6/10
Mon 2/8	..	Track TT	5km	Aldersley
Sat 7/8	09.00	..	5km	..

### THE SHROPSHIRE HIGHLANDS CHALLENGE

Organised by **Danny Mason Sunday 20th June.**

Starting from Ludlow. **62 miles** at your own pace.

**Fee £8.50** including light refreshments and finishing medal.

Camping or caravan **£5.00 per night.**

42 The Bull Ring Ludlow, SY8 !

AB. Phone 01584 874655

### WILD WALES CHALLENGE

Event **cancelled** this year due to **PC and H&S** ruling.

See Mersyside CTC or WW web site for more info.

### CDWM (Cycling Development West Midlands)

A recent addition by **British Cycling** designed to make circuit racing **more enjoyable** for the **youth, both girls and boys, is Group Ability** racing instead of **Age Group** racing. No more **struggling** to keep within age groups. Held on **safe circuits**, riders will be sorted into **four groups**, named after **top local riders** who will be turning up (when available) to lend a hand, namely, **Rob Hales, Jess Varnish, Andy Tennant and Liam Killian.**

Provisional dates for races are as follows.

March 7	Tudor Grange Solihull
April 17	.. ..
May 29	Curborough Lichfield
June 27	.. ..
July 17	Sundorne Shrewsbury
August 28	Lichfield TOWN CENTRE

**Your contacts** for further information.

**Alison Cooper, Craig Ansell, Alastair McDonald**

### ROAD AND CIRCUIT RACES

#### TWO COUNTIES /NORMAN SOUTHALL

#### MEMORIAL

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Start Worfield Village Hall 9,30 am.

We already have a full field of 80 riders plus reserves entered.

#### THE SEVERN VALLEY / ANDY POOLE MEMORIAL

TROPHY RACE Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July. 9.30 am Start

Worfield Village Hall.

#### SUNDORNE CIRCUIT EVENTS

All events held on Saturdays. May 15<sup>th</sup> June 19<sup>th</sup>. July 17<sup>th</sup>

Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. (July 17<sup>th</sup> includes a round of the **West**

**Midlands Youth League**)

### TRACK AND COACHING

**Monday Ladies only.** 7pm to 8pm. Followed by **novice track bikes** 8pm to 9 pm.

**Wednesday Track bikes** 7 pm to 9pm

**Wolverhampton Track league starts 5<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Friday Youth from 6.30 pm till 8. Adults 8.00 pm til 9,30 pm.**

**Sunday club runs,** Fast 9.0 am. Intermediate & Classic 9.30

#### YouthTrack Omnium Saturday 5/June/010

**Part of the Midland Youth Series.** (best of Midlands Youth will be competing)

Events will include a **time trial, sprint and a points race.**

### HARD LUCK ALAN

**Our chairman** nearly made it when competing in the recent **Swinnerton Race**. He was in the **breakaway**, when he hit a **pothole** and punctured, missing the **finishing sprint**. He then had a nice little **walk** back to the start. I think he should **sue the council for compensation**

### BREWOD CYCLE CHALLENGE

Organised by 2<sup>nd</sup> Brewood Scouts Sat 19<sup>th</sup> June.

**10, 30, or 60 miles.** Entry fee £10 adults, children **free.**

For info. pack see web [www.2ndBrewoodScouts.org.uk](http://www.2ndBrewoodScouts.org.uk).

*Well that's it for the season. Always double-check these times and dates as they can be altered either due to bad weather or other circumstances. Anyone wishing to add stories or comments for the next issue would be most welcome*

*Hope you enjoy your Summer cycling.*

*Ron/ed*