



The Dark Side

Doncaster Wheelers Newsletter — June 2009

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Round 4 Rudy Project Sporting Course Event

The Clubs promotion of the 2010 Rudy Project Sporting Time Trial was again another great success and all down to a lot of hard work that paid off in the end. The main promoter and event secretary was Basak Tufekci who organised a wonderful prize list to go with the main event. Thanks also go out to anyone who helped in any way. As can be seen from the above photo, Chapman Physiotherapy provided a free massage service to riders finishing the event. Gary Ward (far left) when asked if he would want another massage or ride another lap chose, to ride another lap! A post ride massage did not suit all it seems! Well done Bash another well run event and the weather held out and stayed dry.

Open 10' and 25' mile Time Trials

The first event to be promoted by the Wheelers in 2010 was the Open 10' at Hatfield Woodhouse promoted by Basak Tufekci. Unfortunately after having a strong entry we were let down by the weather which deteriorated to such an extent that due to concerns over surface water on the first section of the course, Bash was left with no option to cancel the event before a pedal had been turned in anger.

Next on the list of regular time trial promotions is our 25' on June 9th, which will require all offers of help for marshalling etc. So far entries have been slow to arrive but what ever the final field it will be a good promotion. The event promoter Beth Perkin has again lined up a cracking set of prizes with a chance for everyone to take something home. It's a new course for this year and lets hope it encourages more to ride and promote on courses away from the A1. With the possibility of events being promoted on the A1 there has been a drop in locally promoted events so lets hope that with a bit of imagination new courses like this one can be designed and more local events will be promoted.

Never Too Old for Targets

Now just to show that you are never too old to set yourself targets, take a leaf from our past Cub President Bob Waddington, who was recently in hospital. His target is to get to his 90th Birthday in August! Well that's definitely one I'm going to mark down to try and copy. All the best Bob from all your many friends in the Wheelers. For those new to the club, Bob is one of, if not the oldest surviving member of the club and has had virtually every post in the club, and was President for many years. In all his years with the club he always turned out rain or shine to help marshal events, a true Club Member in every way, Get Well soon Bob.



Premier Handicap League Kicks Off!

The Wheelers Premier Handicap League is again roaring in to life again with last years Champion Andy Gurnhill chomping at the bit to try and retain his title. Early indicators show John Ensor could be a main contender (leading as I type) along with Gary Ward and Alex Perkin. It's a long way to go yet and it may be who can keep their form for the whole league. As someone once said, 'form is temporary, class is forever!', So who has the class and who has the form only time and the timekeepers watch will tell. Some of the younger riders are now starting to show their talents as muscles (and height it seems) increase. Worthy of a mention are Bradley Burleigh and David 'Big Dog' Ward. Bradley rides track at Scunthorpe and is it seems now reaping the benefits of riding with the senior riders. Also worthy of a mention is Beth Perkin, who is coming along in leaps

and bounds with a fine 28:06 only to surpass that by miles with a fine effort in another event (see later story) Current League table stands as follows:

Handicap League Table - 18 May 2010

39 J Ensor
37 A Gurnhill; A Perkin
36 G Ward
24 R Dugher
21 G Mottram
19 N Taylor
18 B Burleigh
16 D Coan; M Garner; B Perkin; A Williams
15 J Hadley

DWCC RR 13th June

A request from organizer Phil Henson, "I am once again promoting a LVRC Road race on Sunday 13th June. Racing starts at 10am, headquarters Harworth Pavilion and the circuit goes through Serlby Park, so I would like help with Marshall's, lead and following cars/motorbikes. Cheers Phil"

June Caption Competition



Now no prizes for the rider, Paul Staton or for the female, the physio from Chapman Physiotherapy, but the question is, What is he or she saying an what is he doing with his hands? Answers to the usual no fixed abode.

Wheelers Find and Show Good Form

Five Wheelers entered and rode in the City RC 10' event on the fabled V718 (based near South Cave) in the hope of catching favourable conditions for a fast time. Well they were lucky and obviously fit enough to make the most of them as they all came away happy. Fastest of the Wheelers on the day was the ever improving Big Dogs Dad, Gary Ward, who after listening to specific instruction from training Guru 'Charlie', stormed around in 22:04. Speaking after the event he was still a little disappointed at not getting a magic 21' until it was explained that the 5 seconds to get a 21 would have equated to about 100yds, which he confessed that as he was already 'breathing through his ar**!' it hay have been beyond his reach...for the moment! Next home was Mark Dyer with a fantastic 22:33, obviously now over his chest problems in the Rudy Project Event. Alex Perkin, enjoying a fine run of good and improving form over 10 and 25 miles stopped the timekeepers watch with a 23:08. Evergreen John Slater finished the mens entrants, on fixed wheel as usual (a real mans bike), clocked a very respectable 25:07. The final Wheeler was Beth Perkin who rode out of her skin (we presume not skinsuit though) to record a 26:11, that's almost a two minute beating of her personal best and for a 10 mile event that's a huge margin!

Well done to all, good to see a few Wheelers getting together to enter the same event.

Tales from the Riverbank

Just an update of how I'm getting on in Amsterdam and thought you might be interested in these photos for the webpage. This was a fairly short trip I made a week last Friday (12th Feb) to the other side of the main river/estuary that goes through Amsterdam, Het Ij. I went through a few small villages and towns (Durgerdam, Monikendam and Broek in Waterland), and for a lot of the ride you are up on the top of a dijk (a levee separating a large manmade lake Markenmeer). In the photos the ones of ice show how cold it's been and the broken ice one is crazy, the ice here was at least 10cm thick. I have skated on the ice at a different lake which hadn't broken up which was fun, people skate really fast, and even with the cycling muscles I was terrible! I have done a fair bit of biking here, although like the UK the weather has been really cold, in fact I would say colder generally but with a bit less snow. Last week I made some good trips out and hope to start doing some of the club races soon on closed circuits. There are about 3 decent closed circuits in the wider area of A'dam and maybe do some of the crits. There are also klassieke's for amateurs which sound cool but you have to be at a good standard to do so will have to see how it goes, similar level and distance to premier calendars but less hills and more wind!

After the spring there is the Giro d' Italia and Tour de France so if any of the club folk want to come over they should get in touch! Looking forward to the Giro as it goes to about a kilometre from where I'm living now. The tour begins in Rotterdam and goes through to Belgium!

Anyway Success to everyone of the wheelers in the coming season, hope to see you at some point as I want to get back to do a few road races in the UK and also either the club 10 or one of the clubs open promotions.

Jack (jackattack) Ibbottson



Road Race Round Up

Bill Jinks Memorial Road Race (Rob Watkinson)

I was the only wheeler down to ride this 64 miler, my first road race of the year, although former wheeler Bellie was there. The race had a large field of 80 riders all keen to show there early season form. The organiser had told us there had been 10 punctures in the 3rd cat race previous due to tons of potholes. I assumed he must be exaggerating somewhat but decided to just figure out where the big holes were on the first lap.

Glad I did as there must have been 8 blowouts on that lap including Bellie. I then clipPed off with the eventual winner matt gee (Raleigh Avanti). I could see then this kid was super strong. A lap later we were joined by about 10 others. With about 7 miles to go the Raleigh lad clipped off and four of us formed a chase. With just myself and a Corley rider putting and work in to catch him. In the end matt gee took a well deserved win with me finishing a satisfied 4th and looking forward to a take-away and beer when I got home.

Shefrec CC—Stainton Circuit (Jack Ibbottson)

Shefrec CC organised a great RR on the Stainton Circuit today, very impressed with the national

moto mashals and change of finish to the top of the little hill. Martin Wheeldon was impressive, claiming a fine win from a breakaway group of around 13-15 after 80km's of racing. It probably should of been a wheelers 1-2 as Rob Watkinson, who shown he's on form yesterday and at Brid, was also in the break. However his pedal came off, and whilst most would say one pedal is sufficient, especially if you read the comics training pages, unfortunatley he had to stop!

Bridlington CC Road Race (Rob Watkinson)

In the first race won by Daniel Smith (velo 29) was Martin Wheeldon who finished a fine 7th and I believe took a prime. Apologies for not knowing which other wheelers were in this race but I've lost the start sheet..

Race 2 included myself and Lee Allen. Lee was active early on trying to get things moving. After many attempts myself and last years winner James Sharp (York Cycleworks) managed to clip off and get our heads down. We worked at it for about 25 miles having shared the primes and agreeing to fight it out up the final climb. Jamie proved the strongest and took me in the sprint.



5 Countries....5 Days...

A group of cyclists from Doncaster Wheelers Cycling Club are taking up a challenge to raise money for two local charities. They are aiming to pass through 5 countries in 5 days, between 10th-14th June covering ,England ,Wales ,Southern Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland on cycles averaging over 100 mile a day. The route is very challenging passing through Derbyshire ,Cheshire , North Wales then on the Irish Ferries catamaran to Dublin, then heading north to Belfast and on to the Stenna Line Ferry from Belfast to Stranraer , through to Penrith and a very challenging 130 miles on the last day through the hilly terrain of the Yorkshire Dales back to Doncaster .The two charities they are raising money for are Firefly Cancer Awareness and support and the nominated charities of the Doncaster Minster .All donations will be split between these two worthy causes. Any sponsorship donations will be gratefully received and can be placed with Martin or Paul at Don Valley Cycles on 01302 769531

The Final Word.....

'Nothing ever happens in the Wheelers!'