



# The Dark Side

## January 2006 Edition

The Word on the Street with Ted Striker

### **A Tale of 'The Three Bells'**

#### **Wedding Bells**

After such a tragic start to 2006, it is pleasing to report that Jenny Blizard has accepted Mike Hope's proposal of marriage. Can I say it gives us more hope for the future? Congratulations from all your friends in the Wheelers. Mike commented, "I'm in a bit of a dilemma about 6 August, should I get married or ride the National 12?." Go on Mike, you know you want to!

#### **Jingle Bells**

A late late Christmas present saw the arrival of tiny feet in the Maltby household as Mojo was presented with a baby Labrador called Henry. In an exclusive interview Henry said, "I'm hoping to get a job in Don Valley Cycles soon but no suitable position has become available so far. I'll be looking for a supervisory role, possibly in security."

#### **Hells Bells**

The new year was only 11 ½ hours old and Jenny Blizard had scored her first win of the season in the Rotherham Harriers NYD 5 miles road race. Her time of 29m 38s was a new Ladies course record. In the Yorkshire Cross Country Championship at Rotherham on 14 January, Jenny was up with the leaders in the early stages before dropping back to finish in an excellent 7<sup>th</sup> place

### **Say Hello**

New members for 2006 include Tom Stewart, Beth Wallis, Stephen Palmer, Ben Turner, John Halliwell and Mark Turner. Mark is ex Dinnington RC and will be a valuable asset to our racing squad provided we can get him racing! My favourite memory of Mark is many years ago on a first Saturday in December at Cantley Lights which was the meeting point for the training group. Only Kevin Dawson and Mark had turned up. For some reason Mark was overjoyed to see me.

### **Wave Goodbye**

Levi Huck will be riding in the colours of Pinarello RT for 2006 while Graham Briggs will be joining forces with Kevin Dawson in the newly formed Agisko-Dart-Cycling.TV team. We wish our fellow Doncastrian's every success with their new teams, but don't get any big idea's about winning the National 12 Hours Team, OK!



Mark in his 'younger' days with the Wheelers

### **January Questionnaire**

Mirror mirror on the wall who was the keenest of them all? The result of our in depth survey revealed that Sid Scoop was first to come into contact with his saddle on New Years Day at 8.35am while Adam Weaver's 90 miles ride put him at the top of the mile-eating charts on day 1. Interesting to note that I received a response from Alex Wallis on New Years Eve, stating that he would start at 0900hrs and cover 46 miles. Embarrassingly, his dad admitted he didn't get out until 0905hrs.



## ***Night Out in Nottingham***

Several members recently attended the British Best All Rounder dinner and prize presentation held at Nottingham on 7 January. Highlight of the evening was the receiving of the National 12 Hours Trophy by Martin Oliver, Ian Furniss and Martin Maltby. There were also National Age Awards presented to Laura & Adam Oliver, Martin Oliver and Ian Furniss. Levi Huck received recognition for his 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the British Junior Best All Rounder. Adam - next time wear a tie or you may face arrest by the Fashion Police!



## ***Memorial Ride***

There was a bumper turn out of members for the club run of 15 January where black armbands were worn as a mark of respect to the 4 members of Rhyl CC who were involved in the terrible accident the previous Sunday. It was pleasing to note that all 22 members present in the photograph in the Free Press set an excellent example by all wearing crash helmets. Well done everyone.

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## ***Mondays in Manchester***

A large contingent attended a track evening at the National Cycling Centre at Manchester Velodrome on 9 January. Members sampled the boards in a 2 hours session and unfortunately there were no major drama's to report. Steve Maltby was taken aback when he was offered a loan bike with no brakes. "I know Liverpool has a reputation for nicking hub caps but this is ridiculous" he said.



## ***Tuesdays in Tenerife***

Martin Maltby, Ian Furniss and Adam Weaver were among a party which flew out to Tenerife to get in some early season miles in less climatically challenging conditions than home. John Tanner and Gaz Hill were also present to ensure our boys kept it strictly professional. Late one evening Adam confirmed that "I'm not as thick as you drunk I am!"

## ***Weekends in York***

Last reminder to book your places on the York Youth Hostel extravaganza on Saturday 4 March. Names and deposits on a first come first served basis to Mojo or Sizzler.

## Remember When...

Oh how the standard of dress for timekeepers has changed, no smart suits standing by the roadside etc. If you long for those days to come back or just want to sample what the Wheelers of the past looked like then why not pay a visit to our Snapshots of History section of the website. Follow the link from the main page or from the Events page. We have photo's from the 1920's right through to the present day although we would welcome any more you may have, especially the 50's 60's and 70's. If you have any anecdotes or stories to tell to compliment our history of the Wheelers then write it down and send it to us, and we will endeavour to put it on the site so that others may read it.



## Testing Times

Anyone wishing to ride the Hull Thursday 2up 24miles ttt on 11 March or the City RC (Hull) 3up 25 miles ttt can give their entry forms and fees to me personally or via Don Valley Cycles for me to post. Details as per CTT Handbook or Website. Last year we were victorious in both events so a repeat performance would be a great start to what is going to be a great year. There are also some up and coming riders who would benefit from riding with more experienced team mates. Come on you golden oldies, you know you want to take a pasting!

The following are a suggested list of local(ish) events that could be used as a focus for entries by riders so that we stand the best possible chance of team prize wins.

Date	Event	Distance	Course Reference
19 Feb	Team Swift	15	V767
26 Feb	Yorks CF	10	V318
<b>04 Mar</b>	<b>York YHA Week-end</b>		
05 Mar	<b>FEATHERSTONE RC</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>V963</b>
11 Mar	<b>HULL THURS 2UP</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>V733/24</b>
	<b>VTTA</b>	<b>18K</b>	<b>018K</b>
	Scunthorpe RC	10	C10/27
12 Mar	Harrogate Nova	19	V863
18 Mar	<b>NMCF</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>025/10</b>
	Halifax RC	25	V133
	Cherry Valley	10	C10/28
19 Mar	<b>CLUB BECKINGHAM</b>	<b>13</b>	
	Yorks RC	10	V810
25 Mar	<b>CITY RC3UP</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>V733</b>

## Club Subscriptions

Remember that your Club subscriptions are now due and are at the relatively cheap price as shown below:

Under 16's	FREE
Junior (16-18),	£5.00
Seniors	£10.00
O.A.P, Members Wife, 2nd	£10.00
Claim Membership	

Send the money to Mojo or Trevor via Don Valley Cycles



Evidence of Super 'Sizzler' Siddons first race. The flapping clothing was thought to help aerodynamics just like the dimples on a golf ball, and the bell was to.....keep you amused while riding the 12hr by composing tunes consisting of only one note.

## My First Race

The much respected Mr Sizzler Siddons was selected as our first subject for this new feature. However, when his immediate response was "my records don't go back that far" you sense that you are not on to a winner. Next out of the hat was the equally respected Mr Alan Mattinson. You can imagine my dismay when the half wheel king of the world responded with "when did the wheelers reform?" I think it is pertinent here to ask whether these long Saturday and Sunday runs really do cause long term damage.

In his defence, Big Al's suggestion of "my first road race" is at least a face saver. Enjoy;

Doncaster Wheelers 4th Category Road Race 36 miles September 2004

"I sat in for the first 3 laps (how can the 2 times club half wheel champ admit that?) and got bored so I went on to the front for a lap. Then Phil and me went on the front from Bawtry on the last lap. I found it very easy until the last 300 yards where I went from first to last in the uphill sprint. I had dominated the race with my half wheeling reputation clearly scaring everyone until that fateful last 300 yards." Asked if he would ever ride a road race again the great man replied "probably never again." As a previous Doncaster Rovers Manager once said, "you lose some you draw some."

## **Early Road Races**

This year British Cycling (BC) are introducing new ranking systems whereby the club is ranked nationally and regionally (i.e. Yorkshire) based on placings gained in BC road races. Elite category riders will be ranked nationally and lower category riders will be ranked regionally in their own category. So come on all you closet roadmen, get out there and lets prove what an all round team we are.

4 11 18 March - Darley Moor Circuit Races  
12 March Rockingham Forest RR Corby - 40 miles 3 & 4 Cat  
19 March Danum Trophy RR Wentworth - 63 miles 1 2 & 3 Cat

Full details are on the British Cycling Website or if you are a Gold Member in your quarterly magazine.

## **Rider Cam**

**Name:** Alexander Wallis

**DOB:** 16 August 1991

**Personal bests;**

10 miles - 24.11    25 miles - 1.1.56

**What are your aims for 2006?**

23 minute 10 miles tt, sub 1 hour 25 miles tt, qualify for national finals of national youth circuit race series.

**What is your first race in 2006?**

Probably the 1<sup>st</sup> Darley Moor or the Hull Thursday 2up.

**Are you going to be gentle with Sid Scoop in the Hull Thursday 2up 24?**

Never!

**The word on the street is that the Scoopster has employed 2 new fitness coaches, a dietary adviser and will be going on a 2 weeks altitude training camp in February. Is he showing you enough respect?**

No! We all know you need 3 fitness coaches if you are really taking things seriously.

**Last year your chain snapped in the GHS heat robbing you of certain victory. What was your reaction?**

At first I was in a state of disbelief and then when it sunk in I was distraught.

**What do you think was your best performance last year?**

Probably 6<sup>th</sup> in the Hillingdon National Series round and my personal best 25.

**Describe your training programme from 1 to 7 January.**

Sunday - 2h 46m 46 miles with my dad  
Monday - 1h 22m 22 miles with my dad  
Tuesday - 2h 39m 42 miles with Paul Staton  
Wednesday - 6 miles school and back  
Thursday - 6 miles school and back and 20mins on turbo  
Friday - 6 miles school and back  
Saturday - Rest

**What animal describes you best and why?**

My star sign is Leo but I don't think I'm fierce enough to be a lion.



**Favourites:**

**Cyclist**

Miguel Indurain

**Sportsperson**

Lance Armstrong

**TV Programme**

Sponge Bob Square Pants

**Musician/Group**

KT Tunstall

**Song**

Every Step I take by P Diddy and Faith Evans

**Meal**

Fish and Chips

**Place Visited**

Majorca

**What is your lifetime ambition?**

Become a professional cyclist.

**How do you like coffee?**

I don't like coffee. I prefer a cup of tea.

**Describe yourself in 5 words.**

Tall, athletic, ginger, friendly, modest (but only sometimes)

## **The Final Word**

From Eddie Torial and Sid Scoop we hope you have enjoyed this latest edition, and can't wait for the next to drop through the letterbox. We appologise for it being such a small edition because:

***'Nothing ever happens in the Wheelers'***