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# The Dark Side

## Doncaster Wheelers - October 2007 Edition

**ROLL UP...ROLL UP...GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!**



The club dinner is at the Earl of Doncaster on Saturday the 1st December it starts at 7.30 and sit down to the meal at 8 o'clock, the tickets are £22.50 each , the bar is open till 2am. There is the usual disco and we have a live band called the Steve Love Band and the guests of honour are the Downing brothers. The tickets are now available from Don Valley Cycles and you will then be able to make your menu choices at the same time.



**Tickets are selling fast so order them while stocks last!!!**

### MIDSUMMER MADNESS!!!

#### What should you do on Midsummers Eve?

Well quite a few of the Wheelers thought it would be a good idea to ride from Doncaster to the Humber Bridge and back again to raise money for the Firefly Cancer awareness charity. This charity is close to the Wheelers as one of the founding members is none other than Andy Hurst. In recognition he wrote the following:

*Well, what can I say, hundreds of acres of land flooded in and around Doncaster, devastation abound and yet all you kind riders, 40 in all through your legs over the top tube and ride out for 100 miles in beautiful sunlight between verdant green fields and woods of our beautiful countryside and experience ... three small puddles! Let*

*me tell you the Gods did shine on us on that perfect night, and yet to my knowledge no difficulties were reported.*

*I had forgotten how proud and how emotional seeing a group of riders clad in Doncaster Wheelers club colours, riding and looking like a continental pro squad would make me feel, the cut and thrust of the big hill, the struggle and the bravery at the back, the smoothness of the changes and the sharpness of the echelon and the speed of the travel, the passengers in my car had never witnessed such skill and were truly amazed by the prowess of you all. Both Denise and I on behalf of the Firefly Trust and the rest of the people at the Firefly Club would like to thank you for all your efforts on that brilliant evening and especially knowing that what you did may indeed help a human's life.*



**Was 2006 your best season ever?**

*No, I should say either 2001 or 1995 were my best seasons.*

**What is your best performance?**

*I've done a few good rides over the years; won Nottingham-Skegness six times on the trot against some good opposition. Targeting the 18K when I was just a vet and setting course records on it was also satisfying. Beating 270miles in the 12 Hour, but my best ride must be the Sherwood 100' in 1995 when I did 3:53 on an extremely sporting course around Grantham and beating a very good field on the day.*

**What are your Personal Bests for all the distances you race?**

*10 mile: 20:47  
25 mile: 53:25  
30 miles: 1:6:29  
50 miles: 1:50:20  
100 miles: 3:49:31  
12 hr: 270.31 miles*

**Last year you finished 2nd in the British Vets BAR but you were beaten by someone over 60years of age. What do you need to do to win this competition at your age?**

*Get 10 years older!*

**Last year you were a clear winner of the North Mids BAR. Would you swap this for a National 12 medal of any colour?**

*Yes, definitely!*

**You joined the Club in 2005 and led us to a team victory in the National 12 with an outstanding 4th place. Can it get any better?**

*I hope so!*

**Can we regain our 12 title with or without Mike Hope?**

*With the riders we have in the Club I would be looking to be 3rd counter if we put out our best team.*

**How do you assess your chances this year of an individual medal?**

*I need to be on top form on a bad day then I could get a bronze hopefully.*

**What does it feel like to go sub 3:50 for a 100'?**

*Its good to know you can do 10, 22 minute tens on the trot but as I say the 3:53 was still my best 100'. I think that would have been a sub 3:45 if it had been done in the BDCA event.*

**Will Hucky ever get any of his Club records back?**

*Watch him in the 12!*

**What are your plans for 2007?**

*I will be riding all distances and the Rudy Project events, a few LVRC races but hopefully put in a good performance in the 12. The BAR depends on getting a good time in the BDCA 100'.*

**You're only 49 and Sizzler is still flying at 61. How long can you keep going?**

*I don't know as soon as I stop competing in events I am packing in!*



## ROAD RACE SUCCESS

Doncaster Wheelers riders brought the 2007 season to a close with some outstanding results. In the Eagle Road Race near Lincoln, the club scored an impressive 1-2-3 in the 57km 3rd Category/Veterans event. In form Bradley Johnstone scored his 2nd successive victory when he led home team-mates Ian Furniss & Rob Watkinson. Following some impressive performances in his first ever racing season, Johnstone has now secured a 2nd Category Licence for 2008. In the supporting race for 3/4 Category riders, there was further success when Steve Maltby & Dave Furniss finished in 2nd & 5th places respectively.

## AGM NOTICE

The 2007 Club AGM where you get to have your say is to be held at the Salutation Pub (a room has been booked upstairs). The date is Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm prompt! If you have any items for the agenda please make them know to your Chairman Trevor Siddons before the event. Please make every possible attempt to attend as this is your chance to have a say in how the Club is run, and of course the chance to become an official of the Club.

## CYCLINGS A GAME OF TWO HALVES...ONE UP ...ONE DOWN

Sunday 21st October brought the road season to a close for the club with the annual hill climb and freewheel contest followed by a slap up meal, well bacon butty at Beckingham cafe. The day was sunny but cool with a slight headwind for the hill climb. In the end defending champion Tom Stewart retained his title by a slender 1 second from comeback man Rob Watkinson. Not satisfied with winning the hill climb, Tom duly rubbed everyone's noses in it by also winning the Freewheel contest. Well done Tom, what an all rounder!

1	Tom Stewart	4.36	15	Simon Hall	5.26
2	Rob Watkinson	4.37	16	Danial Ward	5.27
3	Graham Briggs	4.44	17	Dale Coan	5.29
4	Chris Harbon	4.47	18	Anthony Heald	5.30
5	Adam Weaver	4.51	19	Jamie Chester	5.36
6	Alex Wallis	4.55	=20	Gary Ward	5.40
7	Dave Furniss	4.56	=20	Ben Hindley	5.40
=8	Adam Oliver	4.59	=22	Dave Harpham	5.45
=8	John Hadley	4.59	=22	Kevin Avery	5.45
10	Jake Tanner	5.13	24	Billy Mallender	5.56
11	Fred Easton	5.15	25	Dave Harbon	6.00
12	Mike Hope	5.16	26	David Ward	6.08
=13	Alan Corish	5.18	27	Carol Shepherd	6.17
=13	Jack Ibbottson	5.18			

## 2 UP 10 MILE TIME TRIAL

The event was won by Pete Williams and James Sampson of Kinesis UK in a time of 20:25. Best of the Wheelers teams entered was Ian Cooper and Bradley Johnstone with a time of 21:04, good enough for 3rd place overall. Organiser Martin Oliver rode with Adam Oliver and produced a respectable 23:09. Other Wheelers riders & times were, Dale Coan & Phil Henson 24.00, Alan Corish & Steve Bell 25.09, Garry & Daniel Ward 25.42, David Ward & Ian Hindley 27.56. Many thanks go to Martin for running an enjoyable event and to all those who helped to make it possible.

## NATIONAL GHS 10 FINAL

In the National Schoolboys 10 Miles Championship held in East Yorkshire, the Doncaster team of Adam Oliver, Alex Wallis & Daniel Ward were just 1mins 15secs away from taking the team title. Oliver clocked 24mins 28secs for 30th place, while Wallis managed 25.02 for 42nd & Ward 25.41 for 54th. Beth Wallis was 10th fastest girl with 29.13.

## CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

There have been recently 30 letters sent out to last years members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 2007. If you received one of these please make every attempt to pay your subs for this year and why not at the same time pay your fees for 2008 as they are due in December. When paying subscriptions please send them direct to the secretary Trevor Siddons at the address shown or hand them in to Don Valley Cycles, with your name clearly marked on the envelope.

T. Siddons  
36 School Lane  
Auckley  
Doncaster

Fees for 2008 remain unchanged at the following rates:

Under 16's	FREE
Junior (16-18),	£5.00
Seniors	£10.00
O.A.P, Members Wife, 2nd	£10.00
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## WHEELERS AUTUMN ROAD RACE

- 1 Bradley Johnstone Doncaster Whs
- 2 Dave Thorpe Dinnington RC
- 3 Dave Furniss Doncster Whs
- 4 Steve Wilson MTS Cyclesport
- 5 Ben Shelton Obri Coaching
- 6 Marc Etches Sheffrec
- 7 Jimmy Finch Newark Castle
- 8 Tom Stewart Doncaster Whs
- 9 Stephen Holmes Sheffrec
- 10 Kevin Stuart Leeds St Christ



In the Doncaster Wheelers Road Race at Styrrup the previous week, it was Johnstone who scored a magnificent solo victory, charging away from a leading group of 5 riders with less than 5 miles remaining. Dave Furniss produced his best ever performance to finish 3rd while Tom Stewart claimed 8th place.

## DONCASTER WHEELERS – Regional Team Road Race Champions

The scores on the doors say it all. The road racing lads of the Doncaster Wheelers really did us proud this year. They came top of the Yorkshire region points table with a staggering lead over the second placed team. Special mentions must go to Paul Bell who has had a stunning year and first year racer Bradley Johnston, who not only won an event in his first year of racing, made it to second category status and completed his first 12 hr event!

### Yorkshire Club / Team Rankings

<b>1</b>	<b>Doncaster Whls CC</b>	<b>258</b>
2	Cottingham Coureurs RT	176
3	Obricoaching Racing Team	140

### Doncaster Whls CC

1	Paul Bell	104
2	Martin Wheeldon	54
3	Bradley Johnston	33
4	Ian Cooper	29
5	David Furniss	15
6	Ian Furniss	12
7	Fred Easton	6
8	Thomas Stewart	3
9	Garry Hill	2

## G' DAY FROM DOWN UNDER

Below is an email I received from Ron Clark in Australia, can anyone help?

*G'day from Tanunda, Barossa Valley in South Australia*

*I thought that I would browse through your website this afternoon to try and find any information about races that my dad (Arthur Worsley Carr) may have been involved with in the 1930's.*

*He used to tell me that he 'went all over' racing in the days before getting married in 1934. I'm afraid I wasn't really old enough at the time to ask - "where?"*

*The fact is that he won at least one medal with Doncaster Wheeler (I possess it now on his passing away in 1996). The silver medal is for his 3 hours 8 minutes and 56 seconds time for the Doncaster to Brigg and back Standard ride in 1933. Have you any details on this race (and any other races he may have been involved with)?*

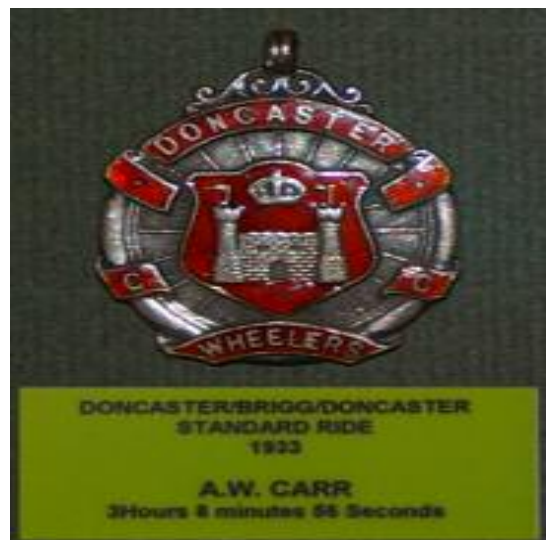
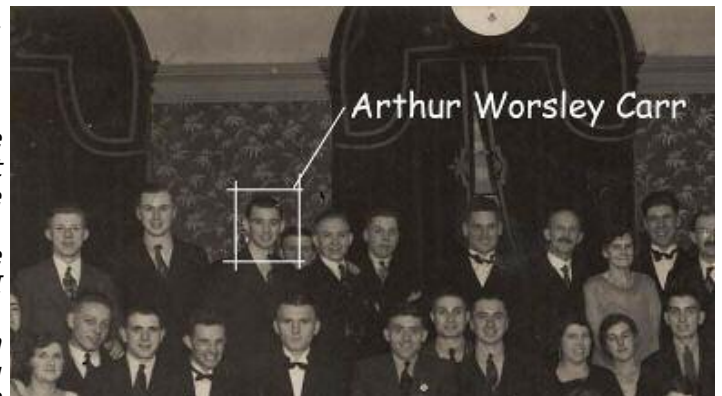
*He did mention to me on one of visits back to the UK that he and other Doncaster Wheeler mates (Gil Driver being one I remember) used to assemble at a cafe in Askrigg, North Yorkshire. I am sure there would have been other haunts.*

*I have attached a copy of a photo he also handed to me ages ago. This is of the dinner of 1933. It's the same picture featured on your website but "slightly panned more to the right". I have located my Dad in the pix.*

*Any light that you can throw on any other of my Dad's achievements will be very much appreciated.*

*Best regards*

*Ron Carr*



## The Final Word.....

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

## NATIONAL 12HR CHAMPIONSHIP

We had three riders enter the National 12 on relatively local roads. Ian Furniss, Gaz Hill and virgin 12Hr rider Bradley Johnston adding yet another string to his bow. On what was described as a relatively hard day, they all produced outstanding rides. A very honourable mention must go to Bradley after producing 256.96 miles for a first attempt. A good starting point for next year Bradley? Full results were as follows:

10th	Ian Furniss	262.24miles
15th	Bradley Johnston	256.96miles
16th	Garry Hill	256.58miles

Ian gave out some of his secrets in his post race comments:

*For any data freaks out there, here is the SRM download.*

*Average Power 254 watts. ( 399 for last 10').*

*Average Heart Rate 127 bpm (this would be around 165 in a 10').*

*Average cadence 74.5 rpm. (average in a 10' would be 90-100).*

*Average speed 21.94 mph (had four stops, so higher than actual as computer stops recording).*

*Calories burnt 10,904.*

*I planned to ride at a cadence of 80-90 rpm so must have lost concentration somewhere. Probably after I got two wasp stings on the head. (It got trapped inside my helmet, though god knows how as there are no vents).*

Thanks must go out to the helpers who shepherded them around the course. As Ian say and I feel the other would agree that they are a very important part of the ride.



## I REMEMBER WHEN....

Ian Furniss remembers when...

*When I did the Land's End to John O'Groats ride with Mojo in '98, I actually put five pounds on. You can imagine my horror when I got back home and got on the scales. Especially as I had banked on loosing around the same weight.*

*It was a good trip though. On the last day, we had our usual breakfast, and then had a stop at a chocolate shop around eleven. After eating a kilo of the stuff, I got a bit giddy and started riding a bit too hard on the front. An hour and a half later I blew big time, and rode at about three miles an hour with double vision to the fish and chip shop were we going to have lunch. Although only getting dropped with a couple of miles to go , I arrived at the chip about twenty minutes after Mojo.*

*I then had fish and chips and peas and bread and tea three times.*

*That was not enough though, as we left the chippy, I called in at the newsagents opposite and had a litre of chocolate milk and a Marathon bar (Snickers to the younger ones). Mojo has pictures to prove all this.*

*After setting off on the final leg we hit the days main climb after about three hundred yards, and had a battle all the way to the top with Mojo (and wasn't sick, which still amazes me).*

## CAPTION COMPETITION



Just to idle the cold dark nights away, why not suggest a few (clean!) captions for these fine pictures of riders and helpers from the club.

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