



# The Dark Side

## Doncaster Wheelers - Nov 2008 Edition

### A NEW YEAR AND A NEW LOOK!



#### Club Clothing 2009

Along with a new sponsors name for 2009 (Nordest instead of Ziniz, although the sponsor is the same) we have changed suppliers and have a new design of kit plus many more options on the type of clothing available. Have a look at the new design and download the order form and size chart. We would like to get a December order in as soon as possible to allow you to have the kit for the late winter\early season.

As a guide please note use of the word Guide!!!

The jerseys measure up (roughly) as follows:

M/3/uk36-38inches (chest size)

L/4/uk38-40inches

XL/5/uk40-42inches

XXL/6/uk42-44inches and so on

The long sleeve jersey seem a slightly bigger fit but not by much. The club shorts seem quite stretchy compared to a standard Giodarna short i.e. a little more forgiving! There doesn't appear to be a huge difference in fit between the sample med and large when Alex tried them (approx an inch per size).

If you want to make sure of getting your size and or selection from the initial order please use the order form at the end of this newsletter and drop it in at the shop as soon as possible so that they will be reserved. No payment required to order...just make sure that if you do order that you collect and pay when it arrives!

### PRIZE PRESENTATION 2008



*Smoked Salmon & Prawns  
Roasted Tomato & Red Pepper Soup  
Earls Pate*

*Traditional Roast Turkey x  
Sliced Crown of Turkey served with a Chipolata, Seasoning and a Rich Roast Gravy  
Loin of Pork x  
served with Apple Sauce and Seasoning  
Supreme of Salmon x  
served with a Prawn & Champagne Sauce*

**VEGETARIAN OPTION**  
*Wild Mushroom Risotto x*

*Black Cherry & Chocolate Truffle with a Cherry Coulis x  
Traditional Christmas Pudding coated in a Brandy Sauce x  
Peach Melba Cheesecake x*

*Coffee served with Chocolate Mints*

Well its soon come around again, yes its that time of year to e thinking about the Prize Presentation Dinner and yes.....Christmas!!! This year is again at the Earl of Doncaster Hotel on Saturday 29th November. The tickets are now available from Phil Henson, Trevor Siddons or Don Valley Cycles at £22.50 each. Menu choices would be needed when purchasing said tickets preferably with the money as well!

## CLUB AGM

### ...NOTICE...NOTICE...NOTICE...

The 2008 AGM for the Wheelers is to take place at the Salutation pub on Sunday Evening November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. So come on, don't be shy, come and make your views or opinions heard, its your chance to say what happens in the club or put new ideas (or name for that matter as club positions are up for grabs) forward. If you don't go and don't like what's voted on...don't complain afterwards. Its your vote..as they say, use it or loose it. As an added incentive the Salutation does just happen to sell beer, wine spirits, so what could be better? Answers on a postcard to...

## CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Its that time of year again, so without further a do please pay up, you know it makes sense and its such good value as well. We still have a great number of members with outstanding payments for 2008 so its time to check and pay up if its you or risk having your names published! Be Warned! 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

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

Unless of course it gets changed at the 2008 AGM so you need to be there to vote or it may cost you more for 2009!

## BRITISH SCHOOLS CYCLING ASSOC NATIONAL FINAL

Well the boys did us proud, Coach Scoop was there to guide the boys with his usual snippets of knowledge and advice, "start in a big gear, when it starts to hurt, pedal a bit harder and faster"

The team finished 5th team overall. Conditions were quite tough with a headwind on the 5.2mls outward leg. Big Dog was in the lead when he finished from start number 50. Unfortunately he was in the silver medal position 3 mins later & bronze a further 3 mins later. A pb though for the boy wonder by 25secs. Dan the Man just held off the Dog by 14secs & Adam's time showed how tough the conditions were although he didn't hit top form on the day.

33 Adam Oliver Doncaster Whs 00:24:20  
63 Daniel Ward Doncaster Whs 00:26:15  
66 David Ward Doncaster Whs 00:26:29

The winning time of 20.59 was too impressive for words



## DWCC PREMIER HANDICAP LEAGUE 2008

In what ended up being nearly a close run thing, Alex Perkin ran or should we say cycled out a winner for the 2008 edition of this popular series. Amassing a total of 141 points (the biggest total so far) he finished comfortably ahead of comeback maestro Graham Mottram with 123. Many thanks go to all the marshalls, timekeepers and helpers who enabled this event to go ahead, without them we would be well and truly stuck. If anyone fancies helping out with pushing off, number taking, results service or just marshalling on a regularish basis over the course of the league please take one step forward and make your self known to Trevor "Sizzler" Siddons.

## CLUB ANTI GRAVITY HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

This years championship was yet again a savage affair. A change of hill for this years event, no longer so to speak the drawn out affair of Gringly where the weather could play as much a part in the results as the hill itself, but a move to the old Don Valley Hill Climb at Brookhouse, between Thurcroft and Maltby. Brookhouse is a steep short affair, gradual at the start, leading to a double bend where the gradient really kicks up and the lactic acid burns!

Many at this years well attended event will confirm that starting too fast on the first section was a big mistake as they were made to pay as the hill reared up. Many thanks go to Maureen and John Beaumont for their assistance with number taking and timing of the event. And now for the results...(Fanfare is playing)...1<sup>st</sup> in a fantastic time was The man on a mission, young (to anyone my age, anything below 25 is young!) Jake Tanner. Congratulations.

1<sup>st</sup> 1:19.82 Jake Tanner  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1:21.16 Alex Wallis  
3<sup>rd</sup> 1:24.48 Josh Cole



## ROAD RACE NEWS

### Rutland CC Evening Road Race Tom Stewart wins!!!

Me Alex Wallis and Tom Stewart road this 3,4 race last night in the beautiful countryside in wadshelf derbyshire. Alex had the easyist race possible (well not that easy, it was 15 times round a circuit with a fairly tough hill). Really early in the race I attacked and a lap later was joined by 3 Rutland riders, and then Tom after shrewdly following wheels managed to get over on his own, we dropped one of the rutland riders, and the four of us worked together to keep away. Thus alex didnt really need to attack and could follow as did the other Rutland riders, which helped us! On the last couple of laps we attacked a bit and tom did a cracking turn to get away on the final decent, staying away to finish first with a good gap! I ended up getting 4th as I thingyed up the sprint. A good event and well done Tom and Alex who were both riding on junior gears! (Reported by Jack Ibbotson)

### Rockingham Forest 2 Day

Just to say that this weekend I have been riding this event, 3/4 cat race.

1<sup>st</sup> day

6th in road stage out of a break of six, we had to over take a route master red bus on the blind bend 500m before the finish and i was taking no risks having lost enough teeth by doing silly things!!

9th in the TT just riding a normal bike (except for fast wheels!) finished the day in 5th place.

2<sup>nd</sup> day

2nd in road race, was in a group of 8 and attacked on last climb/decent. good to get up there although glad I wasnt in the bunch much, apparently 4 riders rode into a hedge!?! hope there alright!

2nd overall about 20 seconds off the winner.

I won 90 quid in the process so I might be able to eat for part of next month!!

## CLUB RECORDS SMASHED AGAIN!

In what can only be described as a fantastic season our main contender in the ladies timetrialing world (to be joined by others next year) Bash Tufeki has come on in leaps and bounds smashing club all time records as she goes. She now holds the 10, 30 and 50 mile records and I am positive that next year she will claim the 25' recon without any problems at all. This is for someone who at the beginning of the year commented that she didn't think she could ever race a 25' as it was too far to ride that fast for as she only just managed to finish the 10's! After coming over that fear, becoming more focussed (not seen anyone so devastated after finishing an evening 10 with a personal for that course that it was not even faster!) she rode a 30 one week and a 50 the next, claiming club records in both. Well done Bash. Not content with all the hard work involved in training to race she and Bob have decided to tie the not and have become engaged, a good way to end the season. Its congratulations to you both from all at the Wheelers.

### City Road Club 2up 10'

On the back of their GHS 10' final form the lads gave another good showing in the Hull event.  
 Martin & Adam Oliver 23.09 - 1st Father & Son Prize  
 Gary & Daniel Ward 24.35 - 1st Team with a Juvenile Prize  
 Big Dog & Scoop 25.40 - 1st Team with a Fat Lad Prize (Report by Sid Scoop)

### Rockingham 10'

In what must have been one of the better days of the year, i.e. it didn't rain and the sun managed to raise the temperature to a stage where thermals were not needed five riders completed the Rockingham 10' on the Hatfield Blaxton course. The wind although slight in the morning rose to make it a hard effort to the turn which affected the times of the mere mortals (see tope riders results!) First of the wheelers was the returning hero, Rob Watkinson with a fine 22:44. Second Claim Andy Williams followed closely with 23:50, almost a minute later was Dale Coan with 24:58, John Slater with 26:23 and finally the fifth rider, Helen Reeve with 31:44. Good to see we have a growing interest of ladies in this sport of ours, Well Done.

Now the winners; it was a close call for first and second with Julian Ramsbottom taking the win by two seconds from Wayne 'What nagging headwind?' Randle, 20:43 to 20:45. It all came down to the final sprint or who took the best line around the squareabout at Blaxton. (Report by Dale Coan)

### Rockingham 25'

A day for racing in wellies! Two wheelers rode in what could only be described as differing conditions, one minute sunshine, the next throwing it down. I don't think anyone escaped a drenching, anyway same conditions for everyone...just not with the same result. After a short break for holidays and relaxation I tested my toe in the racing waters again with an effort that gained me a 1:04:20, which all being considered I was quite happy with (room for improvement). The other Wheeler to ride was Andy Williams who managed a creditable 1:0:41, just missing the hour. These time were however eclipsed by the winner, Julian Ramsbottom who somehow managed a 52:31. He was going like a train when he passed me due to the great differential in speeds! (Report by Dale Coan)

### Holme Valley Wheelers 50'

2 laps on V259 - Dishforth, you turn back at Osmotherley junction. Warm day, draggy course and was hard coming back, well that is what I thought at least. Apparently wind dropped down for the late starters. Lovely surface though. Really enjoyed it and really struggled the last 5 miles. Bob was waiting for me at the finish in case I collapsed. 2hr16mins33sec. I was pleased with my result as my target was 2hr20mins for the first 50. But still not fast enough compared to the other ladies. The weekend before was on the same course but it was 30miles. It was YCF event - V243. I cant remember but i think it was a good day. 1hr23mins40secs. (Report by Bash Tufeki)

### Shaftesbury 25'

4 Riders (including myself) rode this event yesterday and each came away with a pb - what a day it was. 1st stop was a Burger King/toilet stop and to stretch our legs on what was a long journey to Newmarket. After most of us had eaten a triple burger each with just 3 hours left to the start, we looked at each other and the prevailing strong wind and said 'this is gonna be a tough one'. Tough it was with a very strong headwind out to the turn and a tail wind on the return. 1st to stop the clock was myself with a 1:00:32 knocking 6:12 off my season's best and 2 mins off my all time best. Next in was Andy Williams with an impressive all time's best of 56:28 - he couldn't stop smiling. Graham Mottram, who punctured before getting on the bike, came in beating the hour with a 59:57 but said he could have bettered it had it not been for Alex's borrowed wheel. Last but not least, our man Alex Perkin came in with an impressive 1:01:45. We learned very quickly that his ride had a story to tell because having caught his minute man just near the round-a-bout turn, a couple of cars caused Alex to stop mid-flight and to see his minute man play dodgems with the cars, over take Alex and pull away. Alex, furious about this, set off again with grit determination, caught his minute man once more and left him for dust

Andy Williams 56:28, Graham Mottram 59:57, Alan Corish 1:00:32, Alex Perkin 1:01:45  
 A great day out. (Report by Alan Corish)

### Pooled Clubs Late Season 25'

Yet another unseasonably good day dawned for the belated Club Championship 25' incorporated into the NMCF Pooled Clubs 25'. Blue skys and a slight breeze welcomed the five riders to the start line, Graham Mottram sidelined through mechanical difficulties. The riders gainly battled round the Hatfield-Crowle-Blaxton course and it was Martin Wheeldon who came home fastest in 58:22, good enough for second overall, and Club Champion. Second on the day was Andy Williams with 1:1:07 (although not a counter towards the club championship as he is only second claim to the club), third was Dale Coan with 1:4:26, Alan Corish arrived with a 1:5:48 and tail gunner was Bash with 1:12:41.

Bash as usual provided the post race entertainment, analysis of her ride, "Can't believe I could ride a 25 that slow!", but after much consolation she had to accept that two weeks sunbathing on the beach was probably not the best preparation for racing and promised to try harder next year and after such a dissapointing season, only breaking most of the ladies club records, it could only be understood.

Alan Corish decided to enter the affray with his own post ride comment of "That course is a bit hard"; well I'm sorry Alan but thats a course for the real men not these namby pamby soft courses darn sarf that have a tail wind both ways.

# Doncaster Wheelers

Club Kit Order form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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	Cost	Size Required	Number Required
SS Jersey ¾ zip	£24		
SS Jersey FULL zip	£24		
LS Jersey FULL zip	£25		
Gilet - Mesh back	£25		
Skinsuit	£45		
Bibshorts	£28		
Roubaix bib tights	£35		
Winter Jacket	£44		
Arm warmers	£10		
Leg warmers	£12		
Overshoes	£10		
Mitts	£10		
Ladies fit Jersey	£24		
Ladies fit Bibshorts	£28		
Kids Jerseys	tbc		
Kids Bibshorts	tbc		



The availability of ladies and children's kit is subject to the Club being able to place a minimum order of 10

*The Final Word.....*

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