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MEETINGS EVERY 2nd MONDAY IN MONTH. VENUE T.B.A.

NEWS ROUND UP

Another good year for the club, we now have over **140 members** and if the family members are included, it amounts to **just over 200**.

There are new members, old members and “**old young**” members and in the latter category is **Life Member Fred Nicholds** who is **91** and still riding many miles every week.

Robin, Gordon and Rob have been working hard, and have **successfully recruited** many new youngsters and their families into the club. It is up to us to **encourage** them into the sport and make them feel at home. Especially on **Wednesday evenings** when we now have permission to open the **clubroom** at **7.30 pm** and will be starting to have the **rollers** out for the first hour and also various **lectures** during the winter. If anyone has ideas to fill the programme, I am sure our **social secretary** will be pleased to hear from them.

THE ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE proved a very enjoyable evening, with our chief guest **Roger Hammond** giving out some useful information on how to become a **professional bike rider**. Next morning he led a short training run wearing his **Wheelers jersey**, as he is now a **Honorary member**.

Unfortunately we are not seeing a lot of **Alan Cooper's** smiling face on club nights lately, as he is working out of town

temporarily. Nevertheless his **charming wife Alison** makes up by calling in to see us regularly and also goes out with the **Thursday crowd**. She is also an **enthusiastic dancer**.

Etape du Tour

Congratulations to **Richard Allen** and **Andy Whitehouse** who successfully completed this event in the Alps, which is a tough stage of the Tour De France. Though exhausting it must have been a wonderful experience and quite an achievement. Both received bronze medals, **Richard** for the third time and **Andy** the second.

Sport England

An open day was held recently at Aldersley Stadium for all local sports to be displayed. A very boisterous and enjoyable time was had by all ages. The Wheelers put on a good show on the newly refurbished track with a demonstration of handicap, team pursuit and four up sprint races, following up with Roller racing in the arena.

Not many cyclists achieve an obituary in The Times as did our BOB.

Past president and longest serving member of the club, **Bob Thom** died on August 1st aged 87 and had been ill since January, when he suffered a stroke. Bob was well loved by all and left an impression of good will wherever he went. He was well known **internationally** in the cycling world, both as a **team manager, mechanic** and in competition, where he won many classic races including **The Severn Vally R.R, Tour of the Peaks** and **The National Independent R.R. Championships**.

He regularly attended the Tuesday and Thursday runs, always immaculately turned out. We could go on forever about his achievements but suffice to say, he was the complete cyclist and a great loss to **his wife Jean, his family and The Club**.