

CHRISTMAS DAY 2004

The traditional Christmas morning Fun Run will be led by our Chairman. He usually calls in Perton for coffee and mincepies before arriving at The Hollybush at Epstree. After an appetizing drink with the lads and lasses home in time for lunch. Fancy dress optional.

NEW YEARS DAY 2005

If you feel like walking, there is short walk organized by me. Meet at The Seven Stars, Beckbury at 10.30 am and move off at 10.45. Please park as far back on the grass as possible. Having used the landlords car park it is only polite that we use his pub. Soup and rolls will be available at the finish in the Ramblers Bar. Order at the counter.

THE CYCLE TRACK is now open for training on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8pm. All reports say what a first class job of refurbishment has been made of the surface. So let's see all you budding trackmen out there preparing for next seasons track league. Club track bikes are available for your use.

Unfortunately Manchester Track is booked up for several months, so Dave Cuninghame has arranged for two trips to Newport Gwent Velo. I understand the tracks are identical and visits will be on 5th Dec. 11am till 2pm and 29th Dec 11 till 2pm.

THE ANNUAL FREE WHEEL CONTEST.

Organised by our old friend Dave Hill "The Boot" It attracted 33 members and was won by Tony Kilcoyne. I understand he went further than previous winners - perhaps he had some bricks in his saddle bag!

Recruit them young.

Kasia and Andreas Greiner recently held a house warming at their place in Tettenhall. No doubt they will need the extra room as Kasia is expecting a baby shortly who will be the youngest member of the Wheelers.

Jack Mattox an older member of the club died recently he was 75. We shall always remember him for his very dry sense of humour which used to leave us all in stitches. He was great companion to ride with.

If you want a weekly news round -up and you are on line, please give Oliver Kyte your E mail number.

CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE SPRING EDITION

RON/ED

MUCK & BULLETS (Thursday Club)

The other Thursday, four of us had just had coffee at the "Spiders" and were heading for Bishops Wood, when someone said well why not go via Tong and up Hubbal Lane it was quite good last time I walked the dog along it. We started by going up the lane at the back of the RAF living quarters, by the farm and under the M54 into Tong. Then turned right up Hubbal Lane and hit the mud. Every bit of the way was deeply rutted and full of muddy water, worse than I have experienced in many years and we were all on road bikes. Near the top we also encountered a shooting party. Quite an experience when you consider it, George 81 who fell in and Don 85 did not give up and we finally arrived a little late for lunch at the Bradford Arms. You might try it sometime on your off road bikes.

Youth Events

The youth series is now back at the West Park on various Saturdays after a first class refurbishing of the paths by Wolverhampton Council. Run on Saturdays from 9am, the dates are as follows.
March 12, April 16, May 14, June 25, July 16, August 6.

The Midland Area Youth Tour will be held again next year during August and will include the bank holiday Monday at RAF Cosford. Further info from Rob Murphy who is doing a first class job organising youth events.

CLUB RUNS

The past year has been very succesful for Sunday club runs. These will continue starting at 9.30 am for the fast men and 10 pm for the novices and juniors. See notice board for list of runs leaders.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM went off quite smoothly, no punch ups or threats. Most officials were returned en bloc. Tim Arkle took over from Pete Escrit as Time Trial secretary and Handicapper. Oliver Kyte is now Junior Representative and Jessica Potts is rep. for the under fifteens. Andy Whitehouse has offered to help organise events on club nights and also assist the Trophy Secretary who has done a first class job for many years and wishes to stand down next year. It was decided to raise subscriptions, the first for many years, as follows:- Family £20. Senior £15. Retired members and other concessions unchanged. No enrolment fee is now required.