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CLUB MEETINGS ALDERSLEY STADIUM WED 7.30 PM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALAN COOPER
ANDY WHITEHOUSE
JOHN MURPHY
RON ASPEY

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE OLIVER KYTE
UNDER FIFTEENS JESSICA POTTS

COMMITTEE MEETINGS EVERY 2nd MONDAY IN MONTH.
VENUE THE SWAN COMPTON 7.45.

WELCOME TO 2005 (A BIT LATE)

It's great to see the **spring flowers** coming up, although the **lawns** are too. Still it's **pleasant** to note the **lengthening** days heralding another **SPRING/SUMMER season** on the **bike**.

I expect you are all getting fit, with all these weekend training rides. **The president and I** would love to join you, but after our **Thursday escapades** with the **Geriatrics**, we need the rest.

Welcome to all new members to the **Wheelers `Family`**. I hope you continue to enjoy the activities as I have over the past half century. We have about **110 paid up members** to date with a few more who have yet to **renew** their **subscriptions**. It's nice to see how many **family members** we have, sometimes in the past as many as **three generations**. But that's another story.

IT'S A BOY The latest addition to the `family` is **Andreas and Kasia Greiner`s baby boy Carl** who is now the **youngest club member**. Also we have **Alaster Carr**, whose great uncle is life member **91 years old Fred Nicholds**. **Alister** is dead keen to start time trialing. He has a reputation to keep up to, as **Fred** is out most weeks getting the **miles in**.

Other Newcomers joining us lately are **Paul Preston, Paul Roberts, Paul Smith & Lee Smith and Andrew O`Hare and partner Amanda Grundy**.

I understand **Andrew** rides **17 miles** to work along the Birmingham New Road every day, **15 minutes quicker** than in his car, he deserves a **medal..**

POP DID IT AGAIN

Robin Kyte won the club roller racing competition for the **ninth time** after a **naïlbiting** finish from **Dave Singleton**, a repeat of last years final.

Angela Pike improved her time to become ladies champion again. **Oliver Kyte** won the junior title (**watch out Dad**).

CYCLO CROSS

Dave Cunningham`s, merry men & ladies did a first class job in **organising and marshalling** the club`s annual event. It was a beautiful and clear day, if rather cold. Run over a **tougher course**, it certainly made the riders **sweat**.

Our best finisher was **Craig Ansell** in the **senior event** who resplendent in the new **Fred Williams/W`ton Wheelers jersey** put up a terrific fight to finish **5th**. He is getting back nicely into form after a year`s lay off.

Stuart Jones finished **4th junior** and **Rob Burns (jun)** finished **2nd** in the **youth event**

CHAMPION

Rob Burns (jun) has now been crowned **British Schools C.A. Midlands Champion** after a **gruelling race at Redditch**.

Unfortunately two of our colleagues have passed away recently, **Horace Smith** and **Ralph Jones**.

Ralph worked very hard with **Percy Stallard** to introduce **road racing** to this country and visited **UCI** meetings in **France** many times, to argue our case.

Horace helped out a great deal in the club, especially in time trials and the Cycle track where he was **invaluable** as a coach.