

## THE WHEELER 2006 SPRING/SUMMER NO 9

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### The annual dinner and dance at Patshull Park

was a great night out with **Geoff Thomas** ex. footballer as chief guest. Geoff who is in remission from **leukaemia** cycled one day ahead of the **Tour De France** last year in aid of **cancer research** and is cycling across the **USA** this year and also intends to do the **Lands End to John o Groats** ride. The club raised **£250** for the cause.

The annual prize giving at the Pigot Arms was also well attended with much travelled **Andy Tennant** looking in the peak of fitness as he presented the trophies. It was nice to see **Craig Ansell's young son** walking away with his trophy and the **Horton family, father Ian and sons Mark and Paul** collecting trophies for the hillclimb.

### Everything is back to normal I hope or is it?

I heard about a chap no stranger to cycling, who after **50 years** decided he would like to make things **easier** by purchasing a **track pump**. He proudly pumped up his tyre and off he went. As he passed round the other side of **Claverley**, there there was a **tremendous bang** and part of the rim of his rear wheel blew off. Was his **pressure too high** or was the wheel **too old**? Anyway after taking refuge in a local pub and a phone call he was soon picked up and whisked home by a **loyal friend**.

### HISTORICS

#### 50 YEARS AGO THIS APRIL

Clive Drury won the club **25 miles TT in 59 min 56 secs** over the Albrighton/ Shifnal course which included the **Summerhouse hill**.

There were **56 riders** competing. He beat **Derek Evans**, ex National RR Champ by **2min 30 secs** also the course record and was the **fastest man** ever in The club up to that time.

Brian Westwood had his **first road** race win, the club's **52 miles Two Counties RR**, after a sprint finish, with the late **Joe Jilks, Bilston Couriers 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Graham Jarvis Midland C&AC 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Clive and Brian are both **life members** of the club with **Brian** still competing and **winning** in the **veterans events**

10 years ago **Stuart Dangerfield** was taking **47min 47 secs** for the **25 miles**.

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### Track

I take it you are all **screaming fit** after the **floodlit Wednesday training nights**. It has been very **popular** throughout the winter.

From **Wednesday 19 April** we **change** from **road** to **track bikes** ready for the **Wednesday night track league** which will run from **24 May to 6 Sept, start 7pm**. Open to **all classes** with **special events** for youngsters **from nine to fifteen** who may ride **any type of bike**.

#### Time trials.

Our T.T. secretary **Tim Arkell** who has done a **first class job** aided by brother **John** has a few **problems** to sort out. **Traffic lights** are being installed at **Four Ashes** cross roads and possibly at **Coven Heath**. So it looks like we must find **other routes** which will suit the **flat course merchants**. If we are to **continue time trialling** in the club he will need all the help he can get, both in **time keeping and marshalling**.

The **hilly T.T riders** are being catered for by **Peter and Sonia Cole** who are organising four events on **23<sup>rd</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Starting from **Bobbington H.Q.**

### YOUTH CIRCUIT & ROAD RACE EVENTS

**Ian Potts** has been very busy organising the following events and will need **plenty of help**.

**Two Counties RR 23<sup>rd</sup> April**.

**Severn Vally RR 23<sup>rd</sup> July**.

For a **trial period**, **circuit racing** for **all classes** on the **new one kilometer** track at the **Shrewsbury leisure centre**.

**Saturdays, May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup> and Sept 16<sup>th</sup>**.

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See notice board for following.

**"50 in 4" 14 May Wombourne CTC**

**15 th Shropshire Challenge. Sunday 18 June.**

**70 scenic miles organised by Danny Mason. HQ Ludlow. "Easy if you are fit".**

### W'TON SPORTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Consisting of representatives of **all sports** locally. I am the local **cycling rep.**. If you have any **bright ideas** to improve sports facilities please let me know **preferably in writing** and I will offer it up to the **powers that be** and try to get something done about it. At present we are pushing for a **general sports circuit** at **Aldersley** similar to **Shrewsbury** A minimum of **one kilometer** in length to allow for circuit training and racing in **safety**.

We are also trying for improved **refreshment facilities** for open events at the stadium.

**THAT'S ALL FOR NOW,**

**HAPPY CYCLING TO ALL.**

**RON/ED**