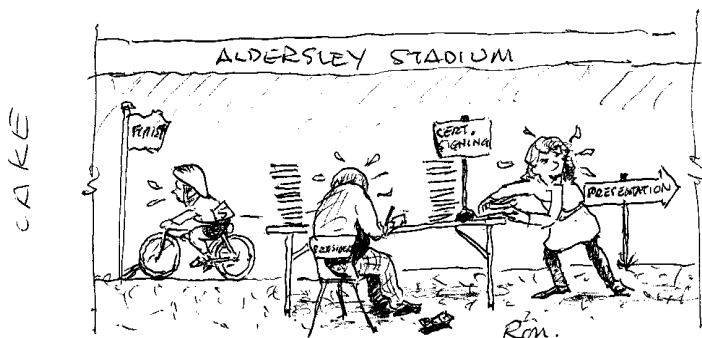


WHEELER'S YOUTH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



OUR PRESIDENT WORKING HARD SIGNING CERTIFICATES

A bright sunny day greeted 28 excited Wolverhampton Wheelers for the inaugural running of the youth omnium which consisted of 500m TT, sprint, and pursuit. The U14's and U16's also had a scratch race. This is to become an annual event, with the hope that it will encourage more youth riders to enter open events.

For some it was their first attempt at track racing whilst for others it was the culmination of a year of riding the Fred Williams track league. There was also the opportunity for the riders to achieve age group speed awards in the flying 200m and 500m TT. The time standards to get a gold speed award were difficult to obtain, only 4 riders across the age groups managing to obtain two gold awards and three other riders one each.

There were some impressive performances and some close fought results, but more important were the smiles.

RESULTS AS FOLLOWS

U16	Lauren Creamer	1	
	Josh Burke	2	
U14	Adam Lewis	1	
	Tim Metcalfe	2	
	Lauren Evans	3	1st girl
U12	Jack Escritt	1	
	Jessie Ansell	2	1st Girl
	Toby Robinson	3	
	Joshua Evans	4	
	Jake Freeman	5	
	Danielle Simmons	6	2nd Girl
	Sarah Hopkins	7	3rd Girl
U10	Ben Hardwick	1	
	Ross Mc Donald	2	
	Rebecca Simmons	3	1st Girl
	Georgia Hilleard	4	2nd Girl
	Sam Morris	5	
U8	Matthew Lewis	1	
	Joe Bolton	2	
	Sebastian Bacon	3	
	Billy Robinson	4	
	Oliver Evans	5	
	Jamie Mc Donald	5	
	Matilda Bacon	8	1st Girl
	Daniel Morris	7	
	Ewan Mc Donald	9	
	Elodie Gage	10	2nd Girl

TIME TRIALS

Jon Arkell has done a **first class job** in organising time trials and intends to continue with the same events next year, with the inclusion of a **5km. ladies time trial**, in line with the Monday night sessions and a short **T.T. around Halfpenny Green**.

However he **needs helpers** preferably with a car for the sporting T.T. **Volunteers welcome**.

SEASONS FESTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS DAY Robin will be taking his **appetiser run** with mincepies included. Starting at 10.30 am from the West Park, Albert road gates. As the Hollybush is not suitable at present he is arranging an alternative venue. **Fancy dress optional**.

NEW YEAR'S DAY I will be taking the annual short walk from **The Seven Stars pub at Beckbury**. Start 10.45 for about 2 hours. **Soup and rolls will be served in the Ramblers bar**. Place orders at main bar. Park as far back as possible. Let me know if you are coming.

ROAD RACING

Ian and Bernice have really worked hard organising events this year again both locally and at the Sundorne circuit. Here is part of Ian's report.

It's a treat to see so many young riders in **Wheelers jerseys**. We now have a **very strong youth section**, all **learning fast and improving week by week**. Could there be another **Andy Tennant** out there amongst all that talent? I don't think it will be too long before we have another young **champion** in the club.

Moving on to the **juniors**. **John Cooper** has had an outstanding 1st season in the junior ranks in which he has gained his **1st cat. license**. John has achieved excellent placings, riding up and down the country in the National Junior series. Despite a nasty crash in the **Junior Tour of Ireland**, he showed guts and courage by battling on and supporting his **West Mids Div. team mates**, and gaining a **best** stage placing of **6th**. John also claimed a few **elite scalps** with wins at **Shrewsbury** and in the road race league. Despite not riding for the full season, **Eddie Corbett** still gained enough points to secure his **1st cat. license** for another year, and retains the clubs road race champions trophy.

Rob Burns showed great improvement riding in his first year with the seniors. **He crossed the finish line 1st to take wins at Shrewsbury and in the road race league, where he was deservedly awarded the best improver trophy**.

Alistair Carr dropped in from France to claim **another** road race league win, on his way up to putting in a spirited performance in the **National Road Race championship**. **Alistair has been based in the Alsace racing for a French U23 team**. Not one to shy away from tough competition, anyone caring to tag along on a training ride with **Alistair** will witness a huge improvement, gained through racing at a very high level. He will be **returning to France** next season to a new base in Fougères, Brittany. We wish him all the best, and hope he keeps up the **Ali Blog**

Next years promotions have been registered with BC.
 Two Counties April 19th. Bridgnorth.
 Shrewsbury No.1 May 16th.
 Shrewsbury No.3 June 20th.
 Severn Valley July 19th Worfield.
 Shrewsbury No.4 September 19th.

Thanks to our President for the cartoon and all the info. from members. Contributions are always welcome. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. RON/ED