

SEVERN VALLEY ROAD RACE/ ANDY POOLE MEMORIAL TROPHY

VIEW FROM THE FRONT BY OUR PRESIDENT

The headquarters (Worfield) was alive with activity at 8.30 am on the 25th July. The weather was ideal for racing.

I was installed in Shaun Hammonds car for what I thought would be a **joy ride**. We were one of the lead cars, so there was continuous radio activity.

Where I sat, I could see into a **wing mirror** and almost immediately after the start, an attack saw **eight riders** go clear off the front. Soon they had a **clear lead** and after the second lap were joined by another **eight riders** gaining a **six minute lead** on the peloton.

Before the end of the third lap a **rider broke away** on his own eventually being caught by another rider. These two powered away with the original rider doing all the work reaching an **unbelievable 30 mph** through the fourth lap to the finishing line. We reached the finish in time to see the **original leader** winning the duo sprint. As you must understand there was plenty of action **as seen through a wing mirror**, hence the lack of rider identification.

RESULTS

1st No 42 Marcin Bialiblocki Willier/Big Maggies 2:35:15
2nd No 5 Richard Cartland Team Corley Cycles
3rd No 46 Rob Partridge Endura Cycles @1:30 min
20 riders finished.

The event was well organized by Ian and Bee Potts with good marshalling and was a credit to our club.

Ron Moule

SEMI RETIREMENT

After organising the Tuesday and Thursday runs for retired riders for over 15 years, **life member Don Trubshaw now 91 years young**, has stepped down due to other commitments. **Don still comes out regularly.**

TV STAR

Did you see one of our **younger riders** running alongside the leaders in this year's **Tour De France**? Apparently it was young **Ben Hardwick** on holiday who was sprinting over the top of the **Port de Bales**. I would love to have done that. The clubs **new vest** certainly showed up.

TIME TRIALS

John Arkell continues with his excellent organising of the time trials and 5 km events on the track in cooperation with Walsall Roads. He says he will repeat the same successful programme next year and thanks **Pete Hartill and Matt Nichols** for their support.

CYCLO CROSS

Our recent event was **very successful**, with a nice day and a big turn out of both riders and helpers.

Well done Andy and his team.

Next club open cyclo cross event **23rd January 2011**

CHRISTMAS DAY

Robin will be taking his usual morning ride. Starting out from the **Albert Road gates** at the **Westpark at 10.30 am** and enjoying sherry and mince pies on the way to **THE SEVEN STARS AT SEISDON** for a festive drink before returning home refreshed for lunch. **FANCY DRESS** is encouraged/

New Years Day

I will be taking a **short walk (my 40th)** about 3 miles. Starting from **THE SEVEN STARS AT BECKBURY at 10.45 am** and on return to the pub you can order **soup and a roll (no cooked meals)** before finding your way home. **Please park as far back as possible.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **AGM** went off quite smoothly conducted by **Alan**, our very able chairman, who was here between flights. He certainly has some stamina. The officers were mainly elected **en bloc** with a few changes. **Welcome to John Ireson our new social sec and track organiser.** I understand he has various ideas lined up which sound **interesting.**

ROAD RACING

Ian and Bee Potts have done a good job of organising our two big road races this year. **The Two Counties and The Severn Valley RR** were well worth watching although the latter did not have a full field due to **BC new regs** which said **Elite riders** have to be included in the field. Thus 1,2 & 3 cat riders were put off by the opposition. I can't understand that, as at one time it was seen as a **privilege** to be able to compete against the **semi professionals**, where you could learn a lot about tactics etc.

We also organised two events in the **South Staffs & Shropshire evening R.R, league** and four days racing at **The Sundorne Circuit.** **Alaster McDonald** has proved himself invaluable and has now taken on organising the circuit events, which placed us as **the best entry in the series.**

Our riders have improved a lot this year, with Lauren Creamer now a senior and 2nd cat, Joe Charley 2nd cat and joint club RR champs, Dave Starkey and Jason Colledge. 2nd cat.

Next years programme includes, Severn Valley Sunday 22nd May. For Elite, 1, 2 & 3 Cats. Incorporating West Mids RR Champs. 135 km. Two Counties, Sunday, April 24th. For 3 and 4 Cats 85 km

Also possibly an event for women, juniors and 4th cats. 80 km.

New HQ Bridgnorth Community Hall near the Hermitage **3 days of circuit races have been booked for Shrewsbury Sat. May 14th, Sat June 18th and Sat 16th July**

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WELL THATS ABOUT ALL I CAN CRAM IN FOR THIS ISSUE. ANY COMMENTS AND TIT BITS ALWAYS WELCOME. I AM USUALLY IN THE BAR ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER WITH OUR PRESIDENT RON MOULE AND TED. WILLIAMS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR