

# Cleveland Wheelers **SPOKESMAN**

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John Carr Christmas Day TT 2011



### **Tourist Trials**

18<sup>th</sup> March 50 in 4 Northallerton Marton Shops 9am  
20<sup>th</sup> May Mountain Tourist Trial Marton Shops 9am  
23<sup>rd</sup> June 100 in 8 Marton Shops 9 am  
19<sup>th</sup> August Rough Stuff Ingleby Greenhow 10am  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 50 in 4 Castleton Marton X Roads 9 am

### **Club Open Events**

11 <sup>th</sup> March	21 mile TT	Seamer	10am
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Youth Races	Cycle Circuit	9am
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	SPOCO event	Stokesley	9am
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Youth Races	Cycle Circuit	9am
27 <sup>th</sup> May	25 mile TT	Crathorne	8am
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Mike Binks Mem	Stokesley	9.30am
16 <sup>th</sup> September	10 mile TT	Crathorne	8am
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Hillclimb	Carlton	10am

### **Youth Training Sessions**

6 – 7.30 Monday evenings, at Middlesbrough Cycling Circuit  
cost £2.50 to club members.

### **News**

John Carr, won his age group in the TLI National Cyclocross Championships at Gateshead in November. John was riding his trusty single speed bike in an event which had some fierce headwinds.

Harry Tanfield scored his biggest win to date as a member of the Maxgear Team which won the 4 event Revolution Series at Manchester Velodrome. Team Sky finished second

Congratulations to Pat and Norman Bielby on their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

## **DINNER DANCE AND PRIZE PRESENTATION 2012**

A full house of 120 members and friends attended this years dinner dance, once again held at Middlesbrough FC's Riverside Stadium. A change from previous years was the room this time being the Middlehaven Suite.

Steve Davies, Ferryhill Wheelers and Worlds Master Track Champion was Guest of Honour and was introduced by our Chairman Paul Howe. Steve thanked the Club in his speech for the work we have carried out over the years in the local scene.

The biggest winner of the night was Simon Coates who required a box to carry all his trophies and certificates home, however the biggest ovation went to Margaret Bevis who was the recipient of the Mike Binks Salver who, after many years of unstinting support at all club events, has decided to retire.

Prize presentation over it was time for the dance and the dance floor was quite full during the evening.

Many Thanks to Bryan for his very hard work in putting the night together.

## **LEAGUE 2000 JUVENILE CYCLE RACE SERIES 2011.**

Norman Bielby

In 2011 the 'League 2000' was held at our "new venue" at the Prissick Base, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Our 14 years participating at the 'Off Road Centre', South Bank had come to an end with mixed feelings. The 'League 2000' is now well established in the North East, and we all have happy (and sometimes hectic) memories of nights at the "Go Kart track".

In our 15<sup>th</sup> year of organising the Series, we once again scheduled 12 no. Monday evening events, every two weeks from mid- April to mid-September. Unfortunately, Middlesbrough C. had to close the circuit for a short period due to a serious accident, which had taken place on a 'Senior training night'. This necessitated cancelling event no. 2 (25<sup>th</sup> April). Event no. 4 also had to be cancelled, this time due to hurricane force winds on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. These 2 events were re-scheduled to take place later on in the Series.

As it turned out, event no. 12 (12<sup>th</sup> Sept.) also had to be cancelled due to hurricane force winds - this never happened in 14 years at the Off Road Centre! Since it is normally the riders best 10 events from 12 to count towards the overall series competition, the organising committee decided that in 2011 it would be the best 9 from 11.

The format on each evening was the same as in all our previous years i.e. a Skills test, a one lap time trial + 5 No. time handicapped Road Races of various distances, each one based on a combination of age and ability. 110 individual riders (23 of these being newcomers to cycling) took part in the Series, as against 113 in 2010. In the last 5 years we have averaged over 60 riders per night. The total number of rides over the 11 events was 667.

The high point of the Series was 72 riders taking part on the 6<sup>th</sup> June, whilst the low point was a wet and windy night in August, when 40 hardy souls braved the elements.

8 riders did a full house of 11 events. Samantha Verrill, Ross Turner, Nathan Sefton, Lauren Kilcullen, Patrick Kilcullen, Daniel Leng, Martin Leng & Rachel Leng.

17 others rode in 10 events. Charlie Tanfield, Declan Bowler,

Brandon Stock, Joe Howard, Gregory O'Neill, Megan Hopper, Angus Brown, Aaron Preston, Toby Tanfield, Joe Wilson, Robert Forrest, Arran Brown, Roshan Parker-Mian, Abigail Slack, Chantelle Tucker, Finlay Davies & Ellie Bielby.

Whilst a further 15 other riders competed in 9 events.

Alex Hopper, Elliot Davidson, Andrew Howe, Katie Howe, Peter Dawson, Aidan Bowler, Ben Honeysett, Rhys Selby, Connor Eyeington, Annabelle Sefton, Jack Vernon, Henry Demoily, Zac Raw, Zac Johnstone & Kacey Eyeington.

A hardcore of 40 regulars, an excellent achievement by one and all.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, a **Grand Prize Presentation** and slide show was organised at the Southlands Leisure Centre, Ormesby Road, Middlesbrough. Approx. 85 riders attended the Presentation and with support from parents, grand-parents etc. we had a turnout of over 200. Each rider received a Certificate + a cash award based on the points they had gained, in their particular age group, over the whole series + a Mars bar or Milky Way!

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each age group also received their Gold, Silver or Bronze medals.

**Under 6.** = **Gold.** Rachel Leng & Kacey Eyeington  
**Bronze.** Ellie Bielby

**Under 8.** **Gold.** Arran Brown = **Silver.** Roshan Parker-Mian & Henry Demoily

**Under 10.** **Gold.** Connor Eyeington **Silver.** – Joe Wilson  
**Bronze.** Nathan Sefton

**Under 12.** **Gold.** Angus Brown = **Silver.** Aaron Preston & Toby Tanfield

**Under 14.**      **Gold.** Joe Howard      **Silver.** Daniel Leng  
                         **Bronze** Gregory O'Neill  
**Under 16.**      **Gold.** Charlie Tanfield. **Silver.** Alex Hopper  
                         **Bronze.** Elliot Davidson  
**Over 16.**      **Gold.** Harry Tanfield      **Silver.** Josh Teasdale

The winner of the “**Paul Curran Trophy**”, presented to the rider with the greatest improvement in their time trial time in 2011, was Kacey Eyeington.

### **A few thank yous.**

To all the 110 **riders** - well done for taking part, we hope you all had a ‘fun night’. To the **Mam’s & Dad’s, Aunts & Uncles and Grand-parents** - thank you all for your support over the year. To all the **Officials (47 no.), Tea ladies & signing on ladies** who assisted during the year Many, many thanks, without you the system would not work.

Many thanks to the following organisations and individuals who gave financial support to the Series, your generous donations were very much appreciated and helped in the ‘day to day’ running costs of the ‘League 2000’.

Cleveland Wheelers Cycling Club  
Hartlepool Cycling Club, Albert Harrison (Cleveland Coureurs), Shaun & Josh Teasdale

### **The “League 2000” in 2012.**

So if your children, your Grandchildren, your nieces & nephews or your neighbours children would like a ‘fun night’ at the Middlesbrough Cycling Circuit (with a bit of a challenge too) then give me a call for more details spread the word. 7 no. “Age categories” - 3 years to 16 years.

Any 'road worthy' Bike + helmet. (Stabilisers OK - No scooters or hobby horses). Cost - £3 per night - Main Prize money at the end of the Series. 6pm to 9pm

Dates: Monday evenings. April 16th & 30th, May 14th & 28th, June 11th & 25<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup> & 20th, September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

## **CLEVELAND WHEELERS EVENING SERIES 2012**

As you are aware there was some discussion during the 2011 series regarding possible changes to the format of the Evening series. The Club AGM asked the committee to look at a range of suggestions. This has now been completed.

### **Seamer Circuit**

Approaches have been made to North Yorks C. C. regarding the condition of the road on the fast decent on the Seamer circuit. This is will not be repaired until the work on the Wind farm is completed. There may also be traffic lights on this section of road. This means that this circuit is not suitable for time trialling in 2012. The Stokesley, Ingleby Greenhow circuit will be used again in 2012

Suggestions from members discussed were:

**Change the scoring system** from one where the lowest overall score wins the series to one where the highest score wins. It was felt that there would be little to be gained from this course of action particularly as there is a computer programme built to work out scores.

**Introduce age related categories** to the overall competition, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+.

The committee felt that whilst there will be more work needed to administer the series it would be a worthwhile change. There will be classifications for men and ladies in the scratch

and handicapped, 1<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup>. as well as the winner in age related categories for both men and ladies. To encourage younger riders there will be both Junior and Juvenile awards, with 1<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. in each group. There will be a tandem classification.

**Reduction in the number of 2 lap events** needed for qualification. For 2012 there will be three 2 lap events in the series only one of which will be needed to qualify for the series.

**Use a range of courses.**

This is not feasible due to logistics and police notification requirements.

**Publish lap records.**

This will be done in time for the new series.

**Extend series.**

There will be events each Thursday from the beginning of May to the end of August, extending the series by two events. The series will comprise of 14 single lap events, 3 two lap events and 1 two up fun event. To qualify in 2012 a rider will need to compete in 6 single lap events and 1 two lap event. The two up event is not part of the series. The two lap events will be in May, June and July. The last events of the season will start 30 minutes earlier at 6:15 to ensure all compete in good light conditions. Notification will be given of the start time change in due course.

**Due to an increase in CTT levy and other costs the entry fee will increase to £4 per person for the new season.**

Whilst this would appear to be a large hike in the price the old fee had been held without regard to increased costs for a number of years. The current situation has caught up with us!



As you may be aware a rider had an accident at the last corner during the last event of 2011. Whilst everyone takes part abiding by the rules of the Highway Code it was felt that problems of turning onto the A173 would be greatly reduced by shortening the course slightly. The finish will now be near to the farm approximately 200 metres before the turn. For two lap events the junction to the A173 will be marshalled.

At the end of the 2012 series there will be an opportunity to evaluate the changes.

Entry forms for 2012 will be sent to all competitors who have e mail addresses held by the event coordinator in March 2012. Entry will also be available via the club web site. For members without access to computers please request an entry form by telephoning Mike Cole on 01642 318886.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY TT**

A strong wind from the south west greeted the 15 solos and 1 two up in the Christmas Day TT. The course as usual was Newton-Pinchinhorpe-Nunthorpe-Great Ayton-Newton. Harry Tanfield, Team Wallis, regained his title from 2010 being fastest rider with a time of 25.05 for the 9 miles. Fastest Cleveland Wheeler was John Carr 25.32. Special mention to 12 year old Toby Tanfield 33.52, 11 year old Evie Montague, riding a two up with dad Frank, 44.00 and Anna Holloway (The other end of the age range!) riding her first race 38.58. All entry fees will be donated to a local charity.

Thanks to timekeepers Steve and Sherry Binks, pusher off Nigel Hopper, wine & mince pies suppliers Margaret and Bryan Bevis.

- 1 Harry Tanfield Team Wallis 25.05
- 2 John Carr Cleveland Whs 25.32

- 3 Charlie Tanfield Velo 29 25.53
- 4 Dave Kirton Cleveland Whs 25.55
- 5 Alex Hopper Velo 29 25.56
- 6 John Main Cleveland Whs 26.21
- 7 Richard Lillekar Cleveland Wheelers 27.21
- 8 Stewart Tanfield Cleveland Whs 28.01
- 9 Paul Howe Cleveland Whs 28.07
- 10 Steve Potter Cleveland Whs 28.23
- 11 Andrew Howe Cleveland Whs 32.00
- 12 Ian Holtby Teesside Clarion 32.08
- 13 Toby Tanfield Cleveland Whs 33.52
- 14 Vikki Howe Cleveland Whs 37.33
- 15 Anna Holloway Unattached 38.58
- 16 Evie & Frank Montague Cleveland Whs 44.00

## **THE GREAT GLEN**

Steve Binks

The Caledonian Canal is a 62 mile link South west to north east from Corpach on Loch Linnie to Inverness in the Scottish Highlands. It follows the Great Glen which is a major geological fault dividing the Highlands of Scotland in two. Although only a third of the canal is man-made the rest being made up of Loch Lochy, Loch Oich, Loch Ness and Loch Dochfour. Our ride started at Banavie locks better known as Neptune's Staircase.

Neptunes Staircase is the greatest engineering feat on the canal comprising eight locks. It is the longest staircase lock in the United Kingdom, and lifts boats 64 ft. (19.5 metres). The weather was being kind to us as we headed up on the tow path beside the locks. The stone tow path is on the southern side of the canal and is sometimes on a narrow strip of land between the canal and the River Lochy. After two miles we came to Torcastle Cottages. At this point the canal goes over

an aqueduct, the tunnels below leading to the cottages and remains of a castle.

4 miles into the ride was the Loy Aqueduct which was built to take the canal over the River Loy. There are three arches with the river flowing through the middle arch the others being tracks. A mile further on is the first bridge over the canal since the Staircase. The Moy Swing bridge is to allow the farmer to reach his meadows. The bridge is opened for boats but it is hand operated. It can only be opened half at a time so the bridge keeper has a small boat so that he can cross the canal to open the far half.

6 miles saw us reaching Gareloch, where the B8004 crosses. We continued for a further half mile to the lighthouse which is where the canal meets Loch Lochy and the end of the tow path. We had to retrace back to Gareloch, although the map says it is a village there are only a very few properties and after a quick ride through we decided to cross the canal on the B8004 and head up towards Loch Arkaig, however we were held up as the bridge was opening for a boat to pass by.

After crossing we climbed up a short steep hill to head eastwards through the Great Glen along the B8005 which gave us some tremendous views over Loch Lochy. We soon came to the hamlet of Clunes where the road swung to head away from Loch Lochy to Loch Arkaig. Upon reaching the Loch which is 12 miles in length and has a maximum depth of around 300 feet, we decided to head back. Up to now 12.5 miles had been travelled from Banavie. Our return route saw us returning to Gareloch via Clunes, however we continued along the B8004 above the northern side of the canal which gave wonderful views across. We could also look across at Ben Nevis which we were going to walk up later in the holiday. (We succeeded 7.5 hours in total). The road took us

through the hamlet of Muirsherlich to reach Banavie and the end of our journey, a total distance 25 miles.

## **A POTTED HISTORY OF INGLEBY GREENHOW**

Shereen Binks

Ingleby Greenhow, nestled in the alcove of the Cleveland Hills, has a history of habitation of over three and a half thousand years. The Bronze Age people buried their dead in Greenhow around 1550 BC. Later, Norsemen such as Ingialldr and Bothvar inhabited the area. Ingleby was valued at no more than 40/- in the Domesday Book of 1086, where it occurs as Englebi, Badresbi and Camisdale (Greenhow), in the soke of Stokesley.

Ingleby Church and mill were given by Adam de Aengelby, to Whitby Abbey for free and perpetual alms. Bernard de Balliol confirmed this gift between 1155 and 1175. The church is of Saxon or Norman origin and the Chancel was added in the thirteenth century. The fourteenth century saw the installation of the bells, which are still rung today.

In 1536, estate was forfeited to the crown due to Thomas Lord D'Arcy, the proprietor of Greenhow, being beheaded on Tower Hill. Three years later, the parish registers of Ingleby began. Ingleby Manor can boast of being the oldest in the area, as it was built around this time.

In 1603, James I came to the throne. He brought Scottish courtiers such as David Foulis, whom he created a knight. Six years later, Ralph Lord Eure sold his manors of Ingleby, Greenhow and Battersby, along with the church and the deer parks, to Sir David Foulis. Thereafter, the three Townships became one parish.

In 1729, William Parkingson was the last man to be hanged in Ingleby at Turkey Nab, for murder.

In 1741 St Andrew's church was restored and Commandment and Prayer boards installed, which still greet congregations every Sunday.

In 1845, Sir William Foulis, 8th Baronet, died, leaving the estate to his only child Mary, who married Phillip Sidney, 2nd Lord De L'Isle and Dudley in 1850. Ingleby had two inns, 'The Fox and Hounds' and 'The Shoulder of Mutton', which was renamed 'The Dudley Arms'.

In 1858, North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Company took over Ingleby Ironstone and Freestone Mining Company's private railway line and laid a line from Ingleby to Stokesley. In April, they opened the line to Burton Head in Greenhow and extended the line to Kildale. In 1861, Ingleby's Incline was created, transporting iron ore from Rosedale.

In 1872, choir stalls replaced box pews in St Andrew's church, and The Great Landslip occurred in Greenhow, due to jet mining.

In 1875, NER built thirty-seven houses and an engine shed at Battersby Junction, which was initially called Ingleby Junction

Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887 was celebrated by renewing the windows of St Andrew's church, which was renovated in 1906.

The last engine came down the Incline in January 1929

In 1954, Ingleby Station closed, in 1965, the same year Ingleby Village Hall was built. The Village Hall was rebuilt in 1999, finishing in time for Ingleby to celebrate the Millennium. With the addition of a beautiful '2000 Tapestry' which was woven from September 1998 to April 1999, by the Parishioners and friends of the village in celebration of the life and history of the village

### **PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Bryan Bevis

After the previous two editions had had to be cancelled due to heavy snow the decision was taken to move to a new venue. The new venue was Great Ayton's Village WI Hall, being next to a main road, if the weather was bad it would still stand a chance of going ahead. However the weather was kind, so I need not to of worried.

Nearly 50 people attended the 2011 pre-Christmas Lunch. Once again the festivities started with the singing of carols, however they were sung without musical accompaniment as there was no piano in tune at the hall. The thought crossed my mind that the singing could have been problematical, but they were sung very well, well nearly very well!

As for the rest of the proceedings, the soup, buffet, cake and wine went down very well along with the raffle, all seemed to have a good time. I did say that we had no musical accompaniment, not strictly true, we did have George Preston play the Bagpipes but not with the carol singing, would not been a good move.

I hope all who attended did enjoy themselves and I would like to express my thanks to the club's kitchen staff they did a grand job. Hope to see you all again next year.



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## NEW JERSEY DESIGN

Dave Kirton and a few other conspirators have been busy looking in to the possibility of a new kit. He has been pulling some designs together and trying to generate interest. The idea is to keep the same colours and any designs must remain visible. Designs can be found on the club's website/Facebook page, the initial thoughts are on the back page.

Please have a look at all the designs and start talking about it. Other designs would be welcome and a vote can be taken on the designs. Feedback would be appreciated thanks.

The final decision will be made at the club's AGM in the Autumn

