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Toby Tanfield with a Paris – Roubaix cobble

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Tourist Trials

2nd September 50 in 4 Castleton Marton X Roads 9 am

Club Open Events

16 th September	10 mile TT	Crathorne	8am
7 th October	Hillclimb	Carlton	10am

28th October Speed Judging Competition Great Ayton 10am
Riders to ride at 12.5 mph or 17mph around a set course (unveiled on the day).
Closest to the speed wins.

25th November Freewheeling Competition Ingleby Greenhow 11am
Start at the top of the hill and freewheel all the way down. The rider who
freewheels the furthest wins.

Christmas Day TT Newton under Roseberry 11am

Youth Training Sessions

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

Club AGM Wednesday 19th September St Josephs Church Hall, Stokesley.
7.30pm start please be on time.

Club Subs are now due. If you fail to renew by December 31st YOU WILL
INCUR a 50% extra payment so get them paid.

Club Social Events 2012

Bring and Buy Fair, November 2nd 7pm Stokesley Town Hall

This is the 25th year at Stokesley and during this period a lot of second hand
cycling items have been sold and conversely a lot of bargains made. Do not
forget a lot of quality home made cakes have also been sampled.

The cost of entry and refreshments has increased slightly over the 25 years, in
1988 the entry fee was 20p and in 2011 it is only 50p. A cup of tea in 1988
would have cost 10p and this has risen to 30p in 2011. The club has made
some small profits through these years mainly due to the supply of of
donations made by members in supply the home made cakes. Some members

have been baking and supplying the cakes through out the 25 years (a record?) so a big THANK YOU goes to them all.

The evening always attracts a good deal of interest in buying and selling all manor of things cycling, as well as meeting up with friends you may have not seen for a long time. A good social, and cheap, night.

Club Quiz Night, Friday November 23rd 7.30pm

Bryan has again booked The Globe in Guisborough for the quiz night. After turning some away last year a bigger venue was sought but the asking price for room hire made it a big problem so it is back to the Globe again which has a limit of 45. This means advance booking required first come first served absolutely no EOL.

Simple quiz!!! good buffet **starting 7.30**, cost £6 per person contact Bryan 01287 633087

Pre Christmas Lunch Sunday 16th December Great Ayton WI Hall Newton Road 12.00

The carol singing last year without any musical accompaniment, to my surprise, was said to be quite good. However I cannot confirm this as I had my hearing aid switched off.

I always think it is nice to remember what Christmas is all about and singing a few carols helps the Christmas spirit. A good buffet for all to enjoy after the singing but you will have to bring your own liquid refreshment. Tea and Coffee will be available. Cost of the event is £6 per head and please book in advance. For those who do attend please be there for the 12.00 start time and be warned late comers may have to pay a penalty of SOLO carol singing. It has happened in the past. Please contact Bryan.

For those who ride there please be careful not to mark the hall floor with cleats.

Club runs

will run all year round, we meet at 9.45 am for a 10 am start, meeting at the car park at the small Tourist Information Centre on the High Street, Great Ayton. (this is near the green just round the corner from Suggitt's cafe).

Rides will be typically around two to three hours depending on the weather

and what people want to do. The rides will be at an average of around 15-18 mph depending on the course we do, the fitness of the riders who attend and the strength of the wind! Nobody will be left on their own.

Any questions please feel free to email me at pwchriston@googlemail.com or John Kelly at johnkelly@btinternet.com At the moment we typically get around 6-12 people out but it would be good if we could get a few more out.

Racing Reports

Open Events

Our youth riders continue to pick up wins in the local races at Prissick and Hetton with Aaron Preston, Toby Tanfield, Joe Howard, Henry Demoily, Zac Raw and Annabelle Sefton all in the placings. Aaron is currently 3rd in the national rankings for his category.

Toby finished fourth in the National Championships in Kent only to get promoted when one of the first three was disqualified, however when his gears were rechecked the commissaire decided it was too big even though it was checked at the start and passed, however he was still disqualified.

Mike Rennison has also been placed in the senior events at Prissick taking his points total to 37 for the season, Stewart Tanfield has picked up 6 points to date.

Simon Coates, Richard Lillekar and Frank Montague continue to have a number of top 10 placings in timetrials. Simon was 4th in the Stockton Wheelers 10, Richard 10th in the Darlington 10, 5th Ferryhill Wheelers 20, 5th Ferryhill Wheelers hill climb, 8th Border City Whs 22, 6th Clifton CC 13, 8th Tyneside Vagabonds 18, 4th Derwentside CC 25. Frank has had a 3rd in the Darlington CC 25.

Tim Hodgkinson & Tony Main won the VTTA (Yorks) 25 (Tandem) event.

Junior Paris – Roubaix

The front photograph shows Toby Tanfield at the finish of the Paris – Roubaix with a replica of the trophy that the winners of that race receive. The Tanfield family were there supporting oldest son Harry who was riding the Junior version for Great Britain for the second year. His first attempt saw him crashing and not finishing. This year Harry made it to the finish in the famous velodrome finishing 18th behind Mads Schmidt of Denmark.

The 119km race, which takes place two hours before the senior edition, joins up with the Paris-Roubaix course after the Arenberg Forest and includes 16 sectors of cobbles.

Clare Tanfield takes up the story. We set off for the ferry to France on the Friday; the car only just got us to Dover. After calling out the RAC the car was fixed and we were on our way to France, after Toby ran around the car park taking pictures of the white cliff of Dover on his iPod.

We arrived at our Motel and decided to cycle our way to the stadium where the race finished. We took the opportunity to grab some photos while it was quiet and were allowed entry to the stadium and the club house, Stewart and Toby promoting the wheelers in their kit. We met up with some friends who gave us the sat nav code for the start of the race. We decided to have a rekey out to the start of the course in the car, in the afternoon. We also had a drive over some of the cobbled sections that Harry and the other juniors were going to tackle the next day. After two sections I felt sick in the car, made us realise just how it was going to shake the riders up.

It was the morning of the race, we had a good breakfast and set off to the start where all the teams were gathered in the centre of the town, the atmosphere was exciting as each team were called up onto the stage and introduced to the crowd. We all tried to make as much noise for our GB boys as we could! The race got started and we all got back to our cars to head out for the first section of cobbles. We could see all of them to our relief, all the team came through. On route back to the stadium we stopped again and managed to see the, it had spread out after a few crashes but all the boys were still in. Not wanting to miss the final stage into the stadium we decided to park up and ride over to the stadium in good time for the finish. We got Toby perched up onto a high wall with his iPod in hand ready to capture some photos. Stewart and I waited just outside to shout them on. John Dibben was the first GB rider in with two others in tail, claiming 3rd position. Next the second bunch came in containing Same Lowe who finished in 14th place, 3rd bunch in was Harry at the back. We gave an extra loud shout of encouragement and as he entered the stadium (where they got the bell for the last lap) He sprinted round the other riders to win his bunch sprint and came in 18th place. We were all thrilled with 3 GB riders in the top 20 out of 110 riders from various countries across Europe. It was definitely agreed that it was the toughest race any of them had done.

Harry has also just returned from the European Junior Road Championships in

the Netherlands. Unfortunately he was one of the 62 riders who did not finish due to the many crashes on the very narrow roads that took place.

CWCC Youth Crits race report

June 17th saw the club organising youth races at the Cycling Circuit including the North East Regional Championships. The 1st was a 1 lap dash with riders in the same category starting together. Unfortunately the heavens had opened and the races were run off in a downpour.

The first race Cat E (U8) saw Lititia Hay (Hetton Hawks) winning Zac Raw 3rd, Cat D (U10) race was a win for Henry Demoily. Cat C (U12) had Aaron Preston outsprinting team mate Toby Tanfield. Cat B (U14) was a win for Jake Dobson (Newcastle Phoenix) The Cat A (U16) Dash Charlie Tanfield (Velo 29) crossing the line 1st

The main events were a 13km race for Cats C/D/E which incorporated the North East Youth Championships and a 33km race for Cats A B again incorporating the NE youth Championships

The rain had started to ease for this event. 5 riders moved clear fairly early on in the race Aaron Preston, Toby Tanfield, Ross Turner (all Cleveland Whs) Joe Wilson and Connor Eyeington (both Stockton Whs) the 5 worked together well. In the final sprint Aaron edged out Toby with Ross third.

- 1 Aaron Preston (NE Champion) 13km in 23.17
- 2 Toby Tanfield Silver
- 3 Ross Turner Bronze
- 6 Henry Demoily Cleveland Whs
- 9 Annabelle Sefton Cleveland Whs
- 11 Lauren Kilcullen Cleveland Whs
- 12 Nathan Sefton Cleveland Whs
- 13 Zac Raw Cleveland Whs

The Cat A B race saw Jake Dobson (Newcastle Phoenix) attacking at the end of lap 1 taking with him Charlie Tanfield (Velo 29) Matthew Worton and James Morgan (both Hetton Hawks) Alex Foster and Harry Craig (both Border City Whs) Harry losing touch a couple of laps later. These 5 went on to lap the remainder of the feield with 5 km remaining. Charlie winning the sprint.

- 1 Charlie Tanfield NE Youth Champion 33km in 53.54
- 6 Joe Howard Cleveland Whs

On a personnel note this is the last time I will be organising the youth Divisional Championships. I first organised it in 1994 at the Police HQ on Ladgate Lane. The 1st three that year were Martyn Dobson, Daniel Smith and Chris Hatton. Thanks to all those who have supported me

Mike Binks Memorial RR

The sun shone again for the 36th running of the Memorial race again organised by Nigel Hopper. The circuit used was again 9 laps of Seamer, Thornton, Maltby. The field split into three distinct groups before the leading nine piled on the pressure in the closing three laps to stretch out to a three-minute advantage.

Herbalife, Velo29 and Blackhawk Bikes were all well represented at the front, and it was 36-year-old Hawdon who was strongest on the uphill drag to the line to win from Scottish visitor Scott McCrosan (Rock To Roll Cycles) – the only one in the break without team support – and Dan Smith (Velo29).

Result:

- 1 Andrew Hawdon (Herbalife-Leisure Lakes Bikes.com)
- 2 Scott McCrosan (Rock To Roll Cycles)
- 3 Dan Smith (Velo29)
- 4 Kit Gilham (Herbalife-Leisure Lakes Bikes.com)
- 5 Will Haynes (Blackhawk Cycles)
- 6 Craig Anderson (Blackhawk Bikes)

Club 25

Paul Howe

Early on the morning of 27th June we set off for Crathorne village hall. It was a bright day for most of the journey. As we got closer the fog started to roll in. I thought that this time trial was going to be like the other ones (i.e very wet) that I had organised and would have to make a decision as to whether it should run or not.

There were eighty one riders; seven from Cleveland Wheelers, Keith Alderson, Simon Coates, Andrew Howe, Ian Hutchinson, Rob Lee, Frank Montague and Dennis Punshon. Other riders had made long journeys to ride the course before the national 25, due to be run two weeks later.

Andrew went off to warm up as he was the first rider off while Vic started to set up in the kitchen and I drove the course. Bryan arrived with the numbers

and other bits and pieces. Soon other riders were arriving. Norman went to the Tontine to put up signs to warn motorists. At this point one of the riders arrived telling me that they had seen some workmen putting out cones on the A19! There had been no sign of this when I drove the A19. I waited for Norman's return hoping that if the weather did not mess up the time trial the road works would not either. Norman had seen the cones being placed along the verge but the A19 was open.

The marshals had all arrived and were in place. The fog had lifted at the headquarters and was now just cloudy. Reports came in that the sun was out past the Tontine. Steve was acting as pusher off and had hold of Andrew with one minute to go, ten seconds, five, four, three, two, one; my first 25 was underway. In under two and a half hours it was all over, except for the eating drinking and of course the chatting.

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone that helped on the day to make the event run smoothly. £40 was raised with the donations for the drinks and food which will be donated to a charity.

Prize list

Ron Longmire Trophy for fastest Teesside based rider Keith Murray

Overall prize Handicap prize

First	£50	Keith Murray	First	£45	Ian Beveridge
Second	£40	Andy Fuller	Second	£35	Stuart Gordon
Third	£30	Harry Armstrong	Third	£25	Richard Keenlyside
Fourth	£20	Paul Thirling	Fourth	£15	Kerry Gowland
Fifth	£15	Jed Millward	Fifth	£10	Elliot Gowland
Sixth	£10	Steven Fullerton	Sixth	£5	Ben Hetherington

Ladies Prizes

First	£20	Lynn Hammel
Second	£15	Christina Slater
Third	£10	Katherine Pimlott

North West Youth Tour 2nd to 4th June

Barbara Preston

Well, what a weekend! The weather threw everything at us, cold and windy on day one, freezing cold, windy and very wet on day two and sunny with a cool breeze on day three. Did this put us off? - No. Did this stop a small but very talented North East contingent from performing magnificently? - No. It made you proud to be there, just to watch the effort and determination needed,

to do their best.

This was our first National, and a bit of a baptism of fire for Aaron who seemed just a little overwhelmed at the first event. With 68 riders in category C, he took his place on the back row and must have wondered just how he would fight his way through on what was a fairly narrow track. The only other Cleveland Wheeler rider was also in this category. I speak of course of Toby Tanfield.

The event, as I understand it was the bigger than ever this year with more than 300 competing riders. International representation came from Belgium, Czech Republic and Holland. Many of the UK and Isle of Man Clubs, had teams riding, this was good to see. Seven riders represented North East clubs, Cleveland Wheelers (2) Stockton Wheelers (1) MTS Cycle Sport (1) Newcastle Phoenix (1) Tyneside Vagabonds (1) and VELO29 (1). Small numbers maybe, but big in heart.

Waiting around in the cold and wet, day one and two, was hard for both riders and spectators. Fortunately the hand dryers were very efficient and well used as desperate attempts were made to dry out soaking kit. However, due to the foresight and kindness (I think they may have done this before!) of the Dobson and Tanfield families, many of us were able to shelter from the worst of the weather in their gazebos.

Throughout the racing there were many heart stopping moments, as race after race came to a halt with riders down and injuries galore. Youth A Boys had 85 riders, Youth B and C 68 respectively, so on narrow, wet circuits, collisions were inevitable. Our own two (Cleveland Wheeler) Youth C riders were both involved in incidents. Aaron brought down in the final lap, of the first event, day 2 and Toby off in the last lap of the final event in Blackpool. Did this stop either of them from finishing? – What do you think?

Each circuit has different characteristics. The first, at UCLAN Sports Arena, Preston, was one mile in length, slightly undulating and narrow. Sunday's stage took place at the Salt Ayre Sports Arena, Lancaster. Again, narrow but fairly flat. This being the coldest and wettest day, we were all glad to be able to go into the sports centre for changing, toilets and showers. And, thanks to the brilliant organising ability of one Mrs T, some of manage to meet up at an Italian restaurant in Lancaster and had a great evening, which compensated for the horrible day. The final stage was along the Promenade and cycle path in Blackpool. At 1.25 miles the circuit was challenging with a sharp incline and

tight bend coming together at around the half way stage.

Having only ever been a fairly mediocre tandem cyclist myself, (always on the back) it's hard to really appreciate, when you are standing in the sidelines, the dedication, determination and effort, shown to us by these young people. Our "North East Team" did us proud, several finishing in the top 10 of very highly contested groups. Maybe next year we can encourage a few more riders to compete.

Despite the highs, lows, and emotional turmoil of the whole three days, would I do it again? See you next Year!!

Go Ride Games

As part of the post Olympic effort to attract more youngsters into the sport British Cycling had set up a Go Ride Games initiative. As part of this the club joined with Stockton Wheelers on Sunday August 19th, Most of the promotion work was carried out by Stockton club members assisted in the coaching sessions and the time trial. 33 youngsters attended 12 of these coming along for the 1st time. The club also organised a separate event on Monday 13th August which attracted 21 youngsters but this included some more experienced riders who ably helped out in the coaching.

The Monday night coaching sessions have been attracting an average of 15 per night and will continue every Monday 6pm until Christmas.

Cycling Club Names

Bryan Bevis

Cycling in the North East has produced some strange club names. Years ago you could belong to a club, depending upon your employment, with names like Dockyard CC, Early Closing Association CC, Co-op Wheelers CC. In those days the bike was your vehicle of transport to and from work, church etc. If you did cycle to church your club could have been St. Augustines CC, St Hildas CC or even Congregationalists CC to name a few. If you just pedalled for leisure you had the choice of clubs with names like Help-One-Another CC, Tramps CC or how about Girls Echo CC.

All these clubs did exist plus those with other strange names. Cycling history is of an evergrowing interest to me. Cycling and its effect in our work, leisure and religion was quite considerable, an indication of just how important the cycling industry was becoming in the early part of the last century. The Ra-

leigh Cycle Company was employing a work force of 5000 and producing 100,000 bikes. What a great cycling history we have.

Cycling Humour

Considering what a crazy, illogical, mixed-up world we live in, it's a good trait to have a well-developed sense of humour. For instance, if you're riding your bicycle peacefully along and someone yells, "Get on the %\$#@! footpath," it's much better to laugh it off than to 1) worry about it, 2) attack his car with your air pump, 3) wait for him to get out of the car and then run him down on the footpath, 4) hijack an airplane to Cuba or Holland (where everyone supposedly rides bicycles, but where you'll actually get the same crude remark, this time in Spanish or Dutch), 5) go on a hunger strike in which you refuse to eat until every automobile is on the footpath, 6) make a secret agreement with exterrestials to body-swap famous cyclists for powerful political leaders, or 7) sell your soul to the devil for a few years of cycling peace, which will result in your spending eternity cycling in a fake, underworld New York City with real NYC taxi drivers (devils can't even come close).

The Wheelman's Life

The wheelman's life is free from care
If roads be smooth and winds are fair;
Then let us mount the steed so light,
With flashing nickel glist'ning bright.
We'll bowl along Victoria's roads today
With limbs so strong, and hearts so light and gay.
Then let's have a song lads as we pedal on so free
Fir a jolly band of cycling boys are we.

The Melbourne Bicycle Club 1882

Stokesley

Sherry Binks

The Domesday book of 1086 records that in Stokesley there was a water mill, with both water and horse drawn wheels within the same building, this was an unusual feature. The mill was demolished in 1983, but the wheel which is believed to date from around 1850, was rescued by the Stokesley Society, to be preserved as a relic of Stokesley's long association with milling. is still to be seen on the banks of the river Leven.

Stokesley Town Hall, an imposing building in the centre, was built in 1853 in the Italian style of architecture, at the expense of Col. Robert Hildyard replacing an older town house and toll booth. Originally this had an open arcade(butter market) at the rear.

The town centre is now protected by a Conservation Area with many Grade I and Grade II listed buildings. These can be explored following the 'Stokesley Trail', available from the Parish Council office in the Town Hall. The trail concludes with a peaceful riverside walk, as a contrast to the bustle of the High Street.

South Levenside was well planted with trees in 1934-35 in remembrance of Miss Jane Pace afterwards Mrs S Henty born at Stokesley on the 8th February 1817. She was the first white woman to settle permanently in Victoria, Australia in 1836

Stokesley had many industries such as printing and publishing, weaving and textile mills. Manufacturing of linen was carried on here, and that trade was extended, by two mills, one built by Thomas Mease, to be worked by steam, located on the banks of the Leven in the centre of the town. This building is still in use today as an Agricultural warehouse.

The former Preston Grammar School was the first Grammar School built in the town in College Square in 1832 with money bequested by John Preston, an attorney of Stokesley. This building is now in use as an Indian Takeaway.

The First Methodist Chapel dated from 1765-1812 at which John Wesley preached on 11th July 1776 on one of his twelve visits to the town but, according to his journal, 'it would by no means contain the congregation'.

The White House. Traditionally John Wesley stayed here on one of his preaching visits to the town The home of Lady Mary Hullock under whose will the Lady Hullock's Charity was created in 1854 to provide fuel and clothing to the poor of the town Stokesley had a parish workhouse accommodating fifty inmates in operation from as early as 1755 on High Green. A number of other parishes in the area paid for paupers to be taken in by Stokesley. The dilapidated building receiving, sick, and vagrants' wards was unable to provide segregated accommodation for the different classes of inmate. Eventually, in 1847, the Stokesley Guardians were persuaded to build a new workhouse accommodating 104 inmates at a site to the north-east of Stokesley. It was completed in 1848 and at the end became a Care Home, it

was closed in 2005 and is now awaiting redevelopment.

Stokesley Manor House is an imposing building at the eastern end of the Market Square, the gate piers came from Angrove Hall which was demolished in 1832

Stokesley Agricultural Show is held every year on the third Thursday in September. It was founded in 1859 with a meeting held in 'The Golden Lion' on the High Street (now Chapters Hotel). The West Green area has trees with old buildings surrounding the green. The whole of the town provides features of planted floral tubs in the summer months to welcome visitors to the area.

Cycling and the Government

Cycling is far from a minority pass-time enjoyed by men in lycra but has become a core Government policy, the Transport Minister told delegates at a conference called to provoke a "national cycling revolution". More than 40 councils from around the country attended the event at City Hall addressed by Norman Baker, the Minister responsible for cycling,

So do you know what they are doing to assist us cyclists? As an example did you know that there was a Government website page totally dedicated to cycling. The page, <http://www.parliament.uk/topics/Cycling.htm>, highlights some of the current parliamentary material available on cycling. This includes select committee reports, briefing papers on current legislation and other subjects produced by the parliamentary research services.

Cycling is promoted by the Department for Transport through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. Schemes supported include :

Bikeability – cycle proficiency for the 21st century, designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. There are three Bikeability levels. A child will typically start Bikeability lessons once they have learnt to ride a bike, with 10-11 year olds progressing through to Level 2, and then Level 3 at secondary school (11-18 year olds). Children are encouraged and inspired to achieve all three levels, recognising that there is always more to learn and to enjoy on a bike.

Bike Club - main aims are to encourage young people to use cycling as a means of transport so they can take part in more activities beyond the school day.

Bike It – run by Sustrans, Bike It has 80 expert cycling officers in over 1,400 schools, helping over 380,000 children cycle safely to school.

Links to Schools – the project is in its eighth year and local authorities across England are working with Sustrans to connect schools and their communities to the National Cycle Network.

Cycle Journey Planner

DFT also promote the Cycle to Work Guarantee which is where they want to help enable more people to cycle into work by encouraging employers to sign up to the ‘Cycle to Work Guarantee.’ Employers who sign the Guarantee, pledge to implement a series of simple, low cost measures to make cycling to work easier for those who wish to do so, thereby encouraging as many people as possible to cycle to work. It is basically about removing the barriers that might stop people getting on their bikes.

TRIBUTES were paid to club member Adam Cumbor, who died after a road accident on his bike just over half a mile east of Kildale on the North Yorks Moors.

Adam, is believed to have been travelling from Percy Rigg Crossroads to Castleton across the moor, down the bank to West House Farm and back to Percy Rigg when the accident occurred.

Police confirmed Adam’s bike collided with a wall in the country lane, Adam had been a member of the Cleveland Wheelers cycling club for several years.

Club president Norman Bielby said members were devastated at the death of a “very keen and talented cyclist.”

He said: “He was a quiet young man and a very promising rider. He was at university this year - Durham I think - so we hadn’t seen him much, but now university had finished for the summer, he may have been intending to take part in a few events.

“As a junior, he was very promising and took part in a lot of our competitions. Two years ago, he won one of our major awards after a series of evening races. He was really keen and virtually there every week over the 16 events.”

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Congratulations to Stalwart club member Bryan Bevis who carried the Olympic Torch though Durham on June 16th. As you are all aware Bryan is one of of the hardest workers behind the scenes and at all of our e4vents whether Social or racing. Well done Bryan and we all hoped you enjoyed your day.



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