## Cleveland Wheelers SPOKESMAN

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#### **NEWS AND DATES**

#### **Open Events**

Christmas Day Time Trial

Newton under Roseberry

11am

#### **AGM Report**

This year's AGM was held on September 18th in Stokesley.

It saw a number of changes with in the club's officers with Chairman Paul Howe standing down after 7 years, Secretary Andrew Howe standing down because of University and Racing Secretary Steve Binks also relinquished the post. Mike Cole is our new chairman, Graeme Tate, Secretary and Marcus Smith, Racing Secretary. All other officials are as the back page.

A number of motions were put forward these being;

#### COLOURS and DESIGN

The colours shall be Blue, Yellow, Red. The design is to be reviewed on a 5 yearly basis

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

(a) This shall be open to male and female, subject to being accepted by the General Committee upon completing an application form, with the Membership Secretary. Under 16's will be accepted only when the Declaration on the reverse side of the standard application for membership form has been duly signed by the parent/ guardian of the applicant.

#### ORGANISATION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in August/September to receive the reports of the officers and a financial statement and to elect officials and a committee for the ensuing year and to confirm or amend the Constitution and Competition rules as deemed advisable.

#### **FINANCE**

(v) Arrange for approved withdrawals on the signature of him/herself, and two others agreed by the General Committee (i.e. any 2 from 3)

#### APPENDIX A

Senior, Junior, Ladies Best All Rounder

3. The Senior trophy distances should be 1x 10 miles, 1x 25 miles and 1x 50

mile time trials

As the Club is a recognised British Cycling Go-Ride Club and to keep this position requires to have;

- At least one Qualified British Cycling Coach who has attended a Level 2 Cycling Coaching Award, (Steve Binks)
- A Club Contact who has completed A Club For All course, (Clive Thornton)
- A Club Welfare Officer who has attended a Safeguarding Young Person Workshop, (Bill Millen)

These positions should be included as officers of the club, but not necessarily as members of the Committee

To encourage the views and opinions of the wider membership to be considered the committee should commit to a consultation exercise on an annual basis by pre arranged informal meeting, email exercise or both, to take place at least 3 months before the AGM. This would benefit the club in many ways e.g. it would give the wider membership the opportunity to be involved, it would provide the opportunity for ideas and issues to be discussed fully outside of the AGM which curretly does not provide the time to do this, it would also take potential tensions out of the AGM'

All these motions were passed.

Congratulations go to Stan Douthwaite who was recently granted Life Membership following his 17 years as General Secretary, a well deserved reward.

Also congratulations to former club member David Fisher who recently got married in Newry, Northern Ireland to Helena. David is Sherry Binks' brother. Daniel Smith was best man and other guests included Marcus Smith, Chris and Wendy Smith and former members, Andrew Jackson, Chris Smart, and Ian Childes, not forgetting Sherry and Steve.

#### 2013/2014 WINTER SOCIAL EVENTS

Pre Christmas lunch again is being held at Great Ayton W.I. hall. **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December** is the date for the festive event. Good buffet lunch, soup, Christmas cake and wine. It is well known that everyone enjoys singing carols so again a few carols will be sung before dining, however those that try to avoid the singing by coming in late may be cajoled into a little solo carol

singing. Some have fallen foul of this in the past years. Cost £6 per head, money in advance. Contact Bryan Bevis 01287 633087. Start 12 SHARP.

The Annual dinner dance and prize presentation is booked for **Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> 2014** at the sporting lodge, Low Lane. This is the venue that was used last year and we received a lot of positive feedback from those attending saying how they enjoyed the new venue. Cost will be £22.50 and tickets are on sale from all committee members. This is a night to celebrate all the achievements of club members during 2013, and with over 200 members in the club should be an excellent evening..

The Monday night youth coaching sessions will start again after Christmas, January 13<sup>th</sup> being the date.. Steve Binks, Josef George and Michelle Roberts, with the assistance of Bill Millen are the leaders and numbers of participants is encouraging. Sessions cost £2.50 and run from 6pm till 7.30pm. Tea, Coffee available for parents but you will have to make it yourself!.

#### **EVENING SERIES REPORT 2013**

The 2013 Evening Series of Club time trials used the Seamer course once again, after a few years away due to the condition of the road surface close to the wind farm between Seamer and Hilton. For most this was a welcome return to the old favourite. The events were blessed this year with more appropriate weather for racing having endured the wettest season for many a year in 2012! This is reflected in the numbers turning up week on week, with 570 rides being completed with an average of 34 riders per round. It was also particularly good to see so many new members coming along and having a go. That is the beauty of time trialling! It is a race against yourself and the clock first and foremost.

#### Results.

The overall men's scratch competition was closely fought on a weekly basis by the slim- line Dave Kirton and the already slim Graeme Tate. There was never more than a hand full of seconds in it however Dave Kirton edged it in the final count. There was always great anticipation when the results were disclosed at the end of each night. Special mention must go to Adam McManus who very much gate crashed the party at the top of the leader board with a consistent display of top times. Next year Adam?

In the men's handicapped series it was pleasing to see the competition being fought over by a large group with Richard Danks prevailing from Neil Mentier and Richard Weatherill. The leader board changed almost weekly with your writer at one point being in the top 3 only to slip away in the last couple of

events. The late acquisition of a 'proper tt bike' being not sufficient to get back up there!

The most serious problem was in the ladies competition, the winner of both the scratch and handicapped was unfortunately initially miss- placed into the men's competition in the final analysis. Sorry Angela! You did indeed win both with a fine season's performance. You were not on your own having gender problems however as one of the men also had a sex change during the season and ended up in the ladies competition! In the scratch it was pleasing to see Tricia Bell take second, in her first year of competing in the evening series, from Kath Blakey and Sandra Main. Angela Ackerley, first: Tricia Bell, second: Kath Blakey Third. Ladies Scratch. In the handicapped competition Sandra Main and Kath Blakey swapped places. The final results there were Angela Ackerley, Tricia Bell, Sandra Main, and Kath Blakey. Ladies Handicap.

#### Junior Competition.

It was also pleasing to see junior riders coming along to the events, with big leaps in performance coming from all of the youngsters over the course of the season. It is certainly a benefit to young riders when they are ready to compete on the road they quickly progress. Using the handicapping system the result was Paige McLeod from Ross Turner and Toby Tanfield. With another season they will surely be showing the adults how it's done.

Scratch- age related.

Steven Turner was victorious in the 40/49 group, Robert Lee in the 50/59 section with John Carr taking the 60+ category.

A feature of the evening series is annual interclub competition with Stockton Wheelers over two nights in July. The first evening Stockton's riders join us and on the following Thursday sees our members rides their Long Newton course. It is always a couple of evening of friendly rivalry. After the first leg at Seamer the result was close however for the Stockton return a number of our riders rather selfishly went to play on Alp D'Huez thus Stockton ran out comfortable winners by a margin of 2.52. Stockton also booked the village hall in Long Newton for an after event cupper and chat, which was a nice touch. Thanks Stockton.

#### Thanks.

The 18 events over the season could not happen if one person had everything to do!

Thanks must go to the band of helpers who gave up their time;

Lesley Meadows, Bill Millen and Paul Christon for running events.

Bill Millen for chief timekeeper roll.

Ian Hutchinson for the results service.

Derek George for handicapping each event.

And everyone who turned up to marshal on the night.

THANKS!!

Developments for 2014.

After listening to the views of riders and discussing possible ways forward the following will be the format for 2014.

The Evening series will be known as the Cleveland Wheelers Seamer Time Trial Series. It will start mid-April and run with the same number of events as 2013 until mid-August.

The early start in April will for the first two weeks require an earlier start time of 6:30. Riders will be asked to register for the series in the usual way during March and will as usual be expected to marshal an event. As usual only registered riders will be eligible for the series competition. The cost will remain the same at £4 for adults and £3 for under 18s.

The main development is to extend the season with a four week Hill Climb series. This will be separate from the normal time trials. The cost will be same as for the time trials. The rider's best 3 rides will count from the 4, on a position basis. These events will follow on from the time trials, mid-August to mid-September. Riders will register in the usual way for the hill climbs, probably on the same registration form. Marshalls will be required in the same way. The course will be Clay Bank, from a field entrance opposite the garden centre to a point 20 metres before the turn to the car park at the top of the hill. This is a distance of 1.55 miles. Signing on will be in the car park at the top of the hill from 6pm, riders will then make their way down to the start as no cars apart from the timekeeper will be at the start area. The first rider off will be at 6:30. As these events are separate from the time trials they will have their own results, however they will not be handicapped.

It is hoped that there might be prizes and a prize giving opportunity on the last evening at a venue to be decided and published.

If anyone would like to help and get involve by running a few nights that would be great. Please contact Mike Cole!

#### **NOVELTY EVENTS**

The club has again held the annual Freewheeling completion on Stone Stoop Hill, Ingleby Greenhow and the Speed Judging completion which was based on Stokesley.

The Freewheeling saw 23 solos and 1 tandem taking part on a wet and cold

morning. The first rider(s) away from start man, Steve Binks, was the tandem of Stan Douthwaite and Maureen Daniel. Stan and Maureen then took up the post of judges, positioning all the solo riders.

Marcus Smith controversially was the winner of the solo event after being disqualified on his first run. The full result was Freewheeling result

#### Solo

1 M Smith	2 M Brearley	3 M Rennison
4 H Tanfield (2nd Claim	n) 5 C Tanfield (21	nd Claim)
6 C Smith	7 S Tanfield	8 S Greenwell
9 D Cole	10 J Foley	11 K Bate
12 M Pountain	13 S Tilley	14 G Tate
15 T Bell	16 R Lee	17 M Burton
18 N Smith	19 P Christon	20 M Storey
21 S Binks	22 J Kelly	23 T Tanfield

#### Tandem

1 Stan Douthwaite & M Daniel

The speed judging was organised by Paul Howe and attracted only a small entry. The course from Stokesley High Street, went via Tanton, Seamer, Thornton, Maltby, and Hutton Rudby before returning to Stokesley. Steve Binks was first away from timekeeper Sherry Binks. Stan Douthwaite and Maureen Daniel on the tandem 2<sup>nd</sup> away followed by Vicki Howe and Paul Howe. Paul being the only rider to choose the 17mph speed the other three on 12.5.

Paul was victorious being only 9 seconds out with Vicki 2<sup>nd</sup> and Stan and Maureen 3<sup>rd</sup>. The course length being just over 15 miles.

### Two Friends Cycle London To Paris For Breast Cancer Charity

When Hannah Raw turned 40 she decided she wanted to mark the occasion with a charity challenge; having fun and completing a personal goal, while raising money for charity at the same time. Hannah then asked friend Claire Norris to join her on this adventure!

The pair tell their story;

After asking my friend Claire to do various challenges, we decided to register

for the London to Paris cycle challenge, covering 234 miles over 3 days. We chose Breakthrough Breast Cancer, as close friend Sharon Evans survived breast cancer the previous year at the age of 39. Hannah and Sharon have been friends since primary school and so it seemed the ideal charity to represent. Once registering, we then had to get to work fundraising to raise our minimum sponsorship goal of £1,850 each, as well as training for the cycle challenge. We decided on ways to raise the money, firstly with a just giving page. But we knew we were never going to raise the whole amount this way so had to come up with other ideas.

The next few months we held various charity fundraising events including a psychic nights, a fundraiser at Dorman's Club where local singing trio 'Ignite', performed free of charge alongside local band 'Hype'. It was a fantastic night with lots of people coming out to support us, and we managed to raise £900 this night. Following that, we also held another fundraiser which was a race night, this was a fun way to get some sponsorship as people could place bets on horses and have fun winning at the same time as raising money for our cause. We then held an 80's tribute where 'Manic Monday' performed free of charge, and we also spent 6 hours stationary cycling in the local shopping centre! Fundraising was tough but we got lots of support from local businesses with raffle prize donations, and even had a bike donated from Smyth's toy shop for our raffle.

On August 22nd this year, the day had come to head for London! We took the train to Kings Cross, then the circle line to Gipsy Hill, carrying our bikes the whole way, before finally arriving at Crystal Palace ready for an early start the following day.

Day one saw us depart from the original stone steps of Crystal Palace, heading South through Beckenham and Hayes. Then on through the countryside of Godstone, through Surrey via Turners Hill, through the South Downs, on to Newhaven. This first day was very tough, with some big hill ascents. We faced a combination of lots of steep hills, blazing sun (the temperature was noted as being 30 degrees by the support team), and it was a long day being approx. 9 hour of cycling in total. On this day, our thoughts were 'what have we let ourselves in for- this is going to be very hard'. We both doubted our ability to complete the challenge at this point! At the end of day one, we had to board the ferry to Dieppe, which was an overnight ferry, however, we did not have a cabin so got no sleep on board! We finally arrived at our hotel in Dieppe at 6.15 am, where we were told to be up again by 10am in time to cycle day 2!

After managing less than two hours sleep, we set off for day 2.

Day 2 was a lot cooler and cloudier, a more relaxing kind of day through the French countryside. Day 2 was approx. 8 hours on the bikes, going through St Martin, on to Gournay where we stayed overnight. Today we managed to overcome the previous day's fears as we got to know our fellow cyclists and support team, we started to believe we could do it!

Day 3 was another very early start, we were on our bikes for 7am in the pouring rain -the rain stayed with us the whole day which made it very difficult. The ride until lunch time was very challenging with several major climbs to negotiate over a distance of 43 miles. We then stopped for lunch in Cergy, and then headed on to Paris via the busy streets negotiating heavy traffic along the way! This was a very tough day, with all the cyclists in our group saying it was more of a mental challenge of stamina and determination! As the rain and wind persisted the whole day, we all got soaked through to the skin and very cold. There was numb hands, very slippy roads and at one point we cycled across open moorland for about two hours with just a field either side of us with the wind blasting in our faces and rain so heavy we could barely see! Once in Paris we cycled to the Arc Oi Trimophe, around the Place Ou Trocadero, before completing the challenge at the Eiffel Tower. On arriving at the Eiffel Tower, the rain had stopped, we had warmed up a little and the feeling of elation that we had done it, we had completed our challenge was amazing. We then celebrated our great achievement with champagne at the Eiffel Tower before cycling the last mile to our hotel (a challenge in itself after that champagne)! We both feel we have made a great achievement completing this challenge. Claire had never rode a bike for over 20 years and only started cycling four months before the event, also has four young children aged 18 months up to 7 years so this was a big challenge to take on.

Also for Hannah, finding time to fundraise and train was a challenge with children, three jobs and being a scout leader at the same time!

We are both very proud of ourselves, have a new love of cycling and can't wait to do it all again!

http://www.iustgiving.com/Claire-Norris20 12

http://www.justgiving.com/Hannah-RawO

To sponsor Hannah, text NDAG82, then your amount in pounds £ to 70070.

To sponsor Claire text, CYMJ87 then amount to 70070.

#### **2013 TROPHY WINNERS**

25 trophy

1 Simon Coates

2 Adam McManus

3 Rob Lee

10

1 Simon Coates

2 Richard Lillekar

3 David Kirton

**Youth Trophy boys** 

1 Henry Demoily 2 Aaron Preston

3 Jack Warne

**Hill Climb** 

1 Richard Lillekar

2 Graeme Tate

3 Simon Coates

**Eve Series Male Scr** 

1. Dave Kirton

2. Graeme Tate

3 Adam McManus

Eve series H/cap male

1. Richard Danks

2. Neil Mentier

3. Richard Weatherill

Youth Road Racing
1 Henry Demoily

2 Aaron Preston

3 Toby Tanfield

**Speed Judging** 

1 Paul Howe

2 Vicki Howe

3 Stan Douthwaite/Maureen Daniel

Freewheeling Tandem

1 Stan Douthwaite/Maureen Daniel

25 Handicap

1 Adam McManus

2 Darren Wild

3 Rob Lee

**Ron Longmire** 

1 Paul Thirling Adept Precision

**Youth Trophy girls** 

1 Elizabeth Warne

2 Megan Hopper

3 Annabelle Sefton

Eve series female Scr 1 Angela Ackerley

2 Tricia Bell

3 Kath Blakey

Eve series female h/cap

1 Angela Ackerley

2 Tricia Bell

3 Sandra Main

Senior Road Racing

1 Marcus Smith

2 Michael Rennison

3 Dave Williams

Freewheeling Solo

1 Marcus Smith

2 Martin Brearey

3 Mike Rennison

#### THE BIKE THAT WENT TO UNIVERSITY

Vicki Howe

He has done the work. He has got the results. He has a place at Edge Hill University. Now all he has got to do is find a place to keep his beloved bike. It can't stay outside!

Bike boxes – that is what he is told they have (by one person). How do you get one? They don't have them (another person) You get one when you have your enrolment number, when you start (someone else). Enrolment number and student number are they the same thing? The cogs in Andrew's head start to work (he is getting desperate). Finally he is told he is on the waiting list for a bike box – 98th in the queue, ok if there are a 100 boxes, bad if there are 10! (but is there really a queue?) A bike bag is the answer. Wheels can come off – bike into bag and carried over his shoulder into his room – no one would be any the wiser, unless he drips oil everywhere!!

The bike bag is cleaned off. All systems go. Paul thinks of another problem. It is his winter bike that is going – full mudguards won't fit well in the bag! Mudguards are taken off and clip on ones are substituted, with full mudguards in the bag, just in case the bike box materialises. As September 22nd approaches – Welcome Sunday at the University, every room is filled with oils, tool kits, track pump, the list goes on. Together with cycling kit for warm and cold riding (he is after all hoping to ride with the local cycling club - Harry Middleton cycles, former coach to Chris Boardman) not to mention everything else he needs (he is self-catering!)

Saturday is spent packing the car. Surely it won't all fit in – but it does although he did have to go back for his shoes and helmet!!!!

Sunday morning – 9am – we are all in (just!!) the bike is on the roof, as is the dog!! We spend the journey looking at similar cars to us, full to overflowing, but with one exception – no bike!!!

We go into Ormskirk before we drop him off to have a look round and to show Andrew where the bike shop is. It's a nice town, bigger than I expected. It gets the thumbs up from Katie as there lots of good clothes and shoe (very important) shops – Andrew frowns but is pleased to see there is a Macdonalds. 12pm the time he has been allocated to register. After he has picked up his keys and seen someone from his department we go back to the car to start the unpacking process. As we are going Andrew comes out with "Oh there's Richard!" "Richard?" we question. He hadn't said he knew anybody else that was coming. He hadn't. He had already been talking to 4 people at registration and knew their names and what courses they were doing! He spent 5 years at

Ryedale and still didn't know the whole classes names!

There are trollies all over the place for moving boxes into the rooms. We had a good conveyor belt going. Paul and I took the boxes to the bottom of the stairs (Andrew was on the first floor) while Andrew and Katie took them into his room. It's a good size, which is a good job as when we took the final boxes in we were met with the sight of the messiest room you could ever see. They had (under protests from Katie – who unusually for her had wanted to put things on sides and cupboards) had unloaded everything onto the bed and the floor. Imagine! Bedding, crockery, food, laptops mixed in with a large bike bag, wheel bag and cans of oil. The tool kit was being used to prop open the door.

#### What's a blue road??

The bike box has not yet materialised so Andrew is still carrying his bike up and down the stairs – but this seems to be working alright.

Freshers week saw him out every night and whether he was in a drunken stupor when he did it, but he has signed up for football, rugby, cricket, volleyball poker and pool clubs! He has been down the Mersey with his department and has had a treasure hunt. This week sees the start of 'real' work!

Monday I got a phone call. "What colour were motorways?" He normally loads routes onto his garmin gps using garmin connect but we sent him away with memory map. He didn't really want to use it, but I did point out that he could at least plan his routes on a proper OS type map so he could stay clear of motorways!! He does have a habit of planning routes round here and then finding himself on the A19. The M58 runs close by to Ormskirk, so I had showed him that he was not allowed on blue roads! The next question was "what are pink ones?" I knew then it was going to be a long phone call. I brought up memory map on my laptop and together we planned a route. However he was still going to have to put it onto his gps using connect and it was then that the internet went down! No way to put a route on.

Right I said "go into Ormskirk (I thought he would be able to find his way to there, as the houses of the town start right next to the university gates) and follow the A570 to Southport." He was moaning that this was not very far but I thought it was important that he stayed on a main road so he might be able to pick up signs back to Ormskirk. Stan(in particular) but anybody else who did the speed judging competition about three years ago will understand my concern as Andrew can get lost coming out of Great Ayton. He turned right

instead of straight on at the first junction and spent the rest of the morning going up and down the road between Stokesley and Nunthorpe hoping to see a fellow speed judger!

I spent the rest of the afternoon hovering around the laptop in case he needed to be talked in. Surprisingly, he didn't and we got a phone call at 4.30pm saying he was back. He was going to football at 5pm and wanted to have tea and do his washing. He had run out of underpants! We pointed out that you cannot get clothes washed and dried in half an hour, so he satisfied himself with just having tea. 2 days later I texted him. "Had he done his washing?" "No, I'm doing it today or tomorrow!" came back the reply. "What are you wearing?" questioned Paul. "Stuff that isn't quite as dirty as the rest!" Don't get too close if you see him!!!!!

#### **WHITBY WHALE BONES**

The first attempt to catch whales by the English was in 1594 and whaling became the most important part of the fishing trade for Whitby

Whaling was introduced to Whitby in 1752, between the years 1753 and 1833, 55 sailing ships from Whitby were engaged in Whaling. It was an exciting and dangerous undertaking. Many Whitby men were killed, boats overturned and ships crushed by pack ice. Slender whale boats, lowered from the sailing ship each manned by a crew of six, did the actual killing of the whales with hand thrown harpoons. During this period over 25,000 seals, 55 polar bears and 2761 whales were brought back to Whitby, and great boiler houses alongside this harbour rendered the blubber into oil. When the time drew near for the return of a whaling ship to Whitby close watch was kept for the sign of the masthead appearing over the horizon. If pair of whale jaw bones was tried up to the mast then the waiting wives of Whitby knew that the ship was full.

Little is now left to remind us of the prosperous days, other than this pair of whale jaw bones. To perpetuate the memory of these hard times, thordhal of Norway presented this whale jawbone arch to Whitby in 1963. not only are they here to remind us of this town's whaling past, but of Whitby's captain William Scoresby, senior, inventor of the crow's nest, later adopted by every fishing fleet throughout the world. It was from this crow's nest that the traditional cry of the lookouts, "a fall – a fall" began to be heard on all the oceans where the whale was hunted in his lifetime. Captain Scoresby was the most successful and daring of all captains engaged in the whale fishery at this time. Not only did he capture 533 whales but he took his sailing ship the

"resolution" to the highest latitude within the arctic, getting to within 510 miles of the North Pole. The current replacement was donated by Alaska in April 2003 The unveiling and dedication was performed by Miss Alaska on 6.04.2003.(15ft long bones from Bow-head Whale killed under licence by Alaskan Inuits.)

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## HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A WONDERFUL 2014 TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS OLD AND NEW

People who say to get your Xmas shopping done early to avoid crowds are liars. I did mine a full 12 months early and the shops were as busy as ever.

I regret making a herb belt as a Christmas present, it was a complete waist of thyme.

Just finished my Christmas shopping online but accidentally used my Donor card instead of my Visa card. Cost me an arm and a leg.

I used my B&Q loyalty card to scrape the ice of my windscreen this morning. It didn't work, I only got 10% off.

What's the best Christmas present in the World? A broken drum, you can't beat



I just went to get my Christmas cake out of the cupboard only to find it Stollen.

Came home last night to find my doors smashed in and everthing gone! Why would someone do that to my advent calendar?

Good King Wenceslas phoned Domino's for a pizza. The salesgirl answered "Do you want your usual? Deep pan, crisp and even?"

What do you call Santa's little helpers? Subordinate clauses.

