



## **Witham Wheelers Cycling Club for 50 Years**

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### **Newsletter – Feb 2008**

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

As you may know, 2008 has officially been declared the 50<sup>th</sup> year since the club was founded, memories are now fading but by those in the know, this is the year. As such it is planned that organization of the club will be generally sharpened up a bit, some new events will be organized and the year will culminate with a special anniversary club dinner, already being planned by Janet East, so start saving now, no excuses not to be there.

#### **Club Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation– 27<sup>th</sup> October**

The dinner passed quite successfully although numbers were down, possibly due to a clash with the school half term holidays. Guest speaker was Dave Gretton, from Nottingham, thanks to Dave for standing in at late notice, a few pictures of the evening are available on the club web site.

#### **AGM**

Took place at the Cricket Club with a reasonable turnout, your dynamic young(ish) committee elected for 2008 is as follows.

President	Dave Borchard	Vice President	Brian Mallett
Chairman	Janet East	Vice Chairman	Gordon Cakebread
Secretary	Hayley Culpin	Treasurer	Phil Atherton
Public Relations	Simon Cocker	Racing Secretary	Tony Mendham
Coach	Peter Pain	Welfare Officer	TBA
Membership Secretary	Pat Pennifold	Property Officer	Matt Pennifold
Members	Dave Beckett	Alan East	Anthony Conneely

A vote of thanks was made for Loz Willetts, standing down as Treasurer after many years service.

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sportive Rides**

Phil Etches and Phil Atherton are currently putting together final details for some club organized Sportives to be held this year. These will be rides of around 100 miles venturing into different areas from the usual clubruns, (don't panic maps will be supplied) at a pace to suit all riders, with the backup of a support car. First is one planned for 18<sup>th</sup> April venturing down to Rockingham Forest, with further rides planned for the Lincolnshire Wolds, Derbyshire Dales and Yorkshire Dales. If you think that the Vale of Belvoir is hilly it might be worth investing in a triple chainset. Further details are attached.

#### **Clubruns**

These are starting at 9.30 through the winter months and will revert to 9.00 when the clocks change. Monthly Family/Easy rides have been held with moderate success, maybe the winter months are not the best time and we will have to see if better weather in the spring and some more advertising produces a better response.

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### **Reliability Rides**

Good turn out for the rides so far, after the usual Free for All on Somerby Hill in the 25 it was suggested that a list of groups and time gaps be published before the rides to try and bring about some more co-operative riding. This appears to be working reasonably well and will be continued with listings published on the web site a couple of days before the ride.

There are some good pictures of the sportives on the web site, courtesy of Alan East and his new camera

### **Cycling Time Trials Handbooks**

Hayley Culpin has ordered a stock of these so please contact her for a copy, price £6.50 ea.

### **Club Open Time Trials**

No club Open time trials will be held this year, due to lack of volunteers to promote.

### **2008 Membership**

This is now due, membership rates are as follows

Individual £20, Family £30, Under 16 £10, Second Claim £10, Social £5

A Life membership is now available to senior members at the rate of 10 x current membership rate.

Pat Penniford is the new membership secretary and you will have noticed that she is chasing you for your money, please could all members complete the application form when paying their membership, as this will ensure we have your correct contact details.

Remember you are not covered by any club insurance unless you are a paid up member.

### **Lincs Handicap Road Race League**

I have added the 2008 events into the attached club programme as I know quite a few club members ride them. They are on Wednesdays alternating with Barkston Heath. The events are held under the rules of The League International (TLI). They cost £6 per event plus you need a TLI licence, you can either pay for a day licence at the event or you can join the TLI which would be cheaper if you are planning to ride several events. I will add the application form and more information to the website.

### **British Cycling**

If you are not already a member of British Cycling then they have a special joining offer giving free membership to under 16s and reduced membership for seniors. If you want personal insurance cover while riding then this is an option you should consider, again forms are on the website.

### **Spinning**

Spinning classes started at Oceans gym after Xmas on Tuesdays (coach Phil Etches) and Thursdays (coach Peter Pain) and will continue for 12 weeks. Seats are all booked, but the odd seat does become spare so keep an eye on the club website message board or contact the coaches if you want to see if a seat is available.

### **New Members**

New members that I am aware of, Paul Letchworth, another middle aged Triathlete, where are they all coming from.

### **Social Events**

We are looking at holding the odd get together, meeting in a pub etc. details to be posted as and when, feel free to organize something.

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### **Clothing**

I have one Medium Short Sleeve Road Jersey available, first come first served, cost £32.00

Attached you will find the order list and sizing chart, prices have been held by Impsport at the same as last year, please complete the attached and return to me by the end of February.

### **Coaching – Go-Ride**

To build on the coaching this year at Barkston Heath we really need more people to get involved with a view of qualifying as coaches, to avoid having to rely on Peter Pain to promote sessions, if anyone would like to get involved please contact Peter. This has to be the way forward if we want to attract and keep younger members into the club.

### **Barkston Heath**

Events will be run again this year on a similar format to previous years, with hopefully better weather, details to be published at a later date.

### **2008 Club Events**

A list of the events planned for 2008 is attached, please note the dates for the open events, if not riding, you will be needed for marshalling duties etc.

### **E-mail addresses**

If you receive this by post and have an e-mail address please let me know, as it does make distribution a lot easier, as well as keeping costs down.

### **Website**

We try and keep this as upto date as possible and no doubt the layout etc could be tweaked, if you have any suggestions, comments or want to post anything please let me know.

Note there were reports recently of a virus issue, which seemed to be emanating from the message board pop-ups.

This issue has now have been resolved by upgrading the message board to eliminate the adverts.

Thanks to Rich Ellingworth of Echo Personnel for his continued support of the website and Terry his IT man for deciphering my witterings.

### **Random Local Dates for the Diary**

These are just a few local events that come to mind, if you want more information with regards Cycle-Sportives then the BCF website now has a good listing section.

27<sup>th</sup> April        East Midlands Cicle Classic

11<sup>th</sup> May         Lincoln GP

October         Witham Wheelers 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club Dinner & Prize Presentation at Belton Park Golf Club

### **Committee Meeting**

The next meeting is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at Janets house, if you want any issues discussed or have any ideas, let any committee member know and they will be put on the agenda.

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