



Witham Wheelers Cycling Club

Newsletter – March 2007

Newsletter

The more alert amongst you will have spotted my deliberate mistake last month where I gave my wrong e-mail address, this is the correct one. gill_simon_cocker@hotmail.com please try again if you tried to send me your details last month.

I now have around 30 e-mail addresses out of around 70 members, the more I have the easier and cheaper distribution will become.

Clothing

An order has been placed to the value of around £2500, therefore an additional 15% discount should apply.

Delivery is expected in around 4 to 5 weeks, I have noted the individual balance on your newsletter and the balance will be required on collection/delivery, cheque to *Witham Wheelers Cycling Club*.

We have also ordered a small stock of Medium and Large Short Sleeve Road Jerseys for new members and anyone who has not yet purchased one. Provisional cost £32.30.

2007 Programme

This is unchanged except

- 1) Clubruns will start at 9.00 on Sunday morning from the Market Place, commencing March 25th and reverting to 9.30 when the clocks change back in the Autumn
- 2) Cyclo-Cross will now be on 21st October

Coaching

Peter Pain has now attended a BCF Level 2 Coach and Go Ride course and is running training sessions at the National Primary school in Grantham.

Barkston Heath

Meetings are being held with Sleaford Wheelers to finalise the format for the year. Main points are

- Other local clubs have been approached and some riders have indicated that they will join as 2nd claim, so helping to increase numbers.
- St Johns Ambulance are being asked to attend this year.
- Race entries will be £3 per senior and £1 per junior per week
- Richard Ellingworth is donating a trophy in memory of Jim James for the Senior event and Sleaford Wheelers will donate one in memory of Nev Crane for the Juniors.

Reliability Trials

These have been well generally well supported this year, although unfortunately the 80 was abandoned at half way as the promised heavy rain arrived on schedule and nobody started the 100 due to the strong winds and threatened snow showers. As current day riders are obviously becoming too soft to complete these short rides, maybe it is time to review the reliability ride schedule and move the longer rides to later in the year, when hopefully the weather will be warmer. In this connection Phil Etches has an idea for a club Etape style event for later in the year, watch this space.

Clubruns

Sunday - By general consensus these will now start at 9.00 from the Market place from Sunday 25th March onwards, through the summer.

2007 Memberships

Memberships fees for the year are now due, these are still the same incredibly good value of £15 Individual, £25 Family, £8 Under 16, £10 Second Claim, Social £5

Any new members let me know and I will send you a membership form.

Website

This will hopefully be re-energised shortly.

Spinning Classes - Oceans

These are now winding up for the winter and from all comments have been very well received, hopefully we can do something similar next winter. For those who want more now, then Oceans Gym does have an ongoing programme of Spinning classes and you can get membership details from their website.

Marshalling

Dates for your Diary when marshalls / helpers Open events requiring marshalling this year are as follows

- Lincs League - Tony Mendham
- Time Trials - Dave Herd
- Open road Race - 15th July - Geoff Ellingworth
- Cyclo Cross - 21st October – Tony Mendham

Club competitions

A list of club competitions is currently being compiled along with criteria required

Triathlon

Grantham Event

Tour De France

Anyone interested in organizing a trip down to London to view either day or both?

Club Bikes

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.

- 22th April Hereward the Wake Cyclo-sportive – around Peterborough.
- 29th April Melton CiCLE Classic Road Race
- 6th May Caythorpe Duathlon
- 13th May Lincoln Grand Prix
- 13th May Valve of Belvoir – British Heart Foundation
- 20th May East Midlands (Melton) CiCLE Challenge Cyclo-Sportif
- 10th June Grantham Sprint and Taster Triathlon – Meres leisure centre
- 1st July Belvoir & Rutland Cyclo-sportive – starting from Loughborough
- 7th / 8th July Some event called Tour de France starts in London – club trip?
- 14th / 15th July Sprint and Long Course Triathlons at Belvoir Castle

Race Results - Grantham Journal

Please send me brief details of events you have been competing in, as John Burgess is always looking for news to put in the Journal or you can send direct to john.burgess@granthamjournal.co.uk .

Deadline is Tuesday evening for Fridays edition.

Committee Meeting

The next meeting is on Tuesday 1st May if you want any issues discussed or have any ideas contact the secretary Hatley Culpin (tel e-mail) to have them put on the agenda.

Time Trials

As agreed at AGM

Seniors £2

Juniors £1

CTC Membership

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