

SEACROFT WHEELERS

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Hello Members,

As this is the first newsletter since our Annual General Meeting let me bring you up to date with what took place.

First and foremost we have a new president in Colin Crampton. Although he is a new member of the club he is not new to cycling and administration, and I'm sure we all feel that he is an ideal man for the job. Brenda Crampton volunteered to act as Social Secretary and was gladly accepted. I carry on as General Secretary and take over as Racing Secretary. Members of the committee are David Barnes, Stephen Brook, John Gamson and Alan Goldsbro. We have asked to join the Yorkshire Cycling Federation and sent off our remittance, but I guess they can't have had a committee meeting yet as they haven't said they've accepted us or returned our money! I don't really think we'll have any difficulty getting in as it will probably be to the benefit of the Y.C.F. just as much as it can be to us.

The prize presentation took place after the meeting, a little inauspicious maybe, but all we could manage this year. Maybe we can make it more of a social occasion next time.

Membership is once again on the increase, though nowhere up to last year's figures. Membership stands at 17, made up as follows:

1st claim Senior, 8; 1st claim Junior, 2; 1st claim Juvenile, 2;  
2nd claim Senior, 2, 2nd claim Juvenile, 1; supporter, 2.

This is a complete reversal from last year when the club was made up almost entirely of juveniles and supporters. There's still room for many more of every kind, so please tell your cycling friends all about us.

Club runs continue every Sunday but are still not very well attended, and now comes the sad news that 'regular' Stephen Brook has succumbed to the motor bike so that makes one less on the runs. Points to date are as follows:

B. Goldsbro, 48; Stephen Barnes, 40; Stephen Clark, 30; Stephen Brook, 16; Heather Siddle, 15; then Graham Irons, David Barnes and Bob Craig each with 6, and bringing up the rear Mike Penrice with 3. Last year's members who haven't yet renewed their subscriptions - David Hawkridge, 7 and Ken Hobson, 6.

Don't forget the G.H.S. Reliability Trial on Sunday, 11th April. You can choose from 100 miles in 8 hours, 80 in 7 or 65 in 7. Entries close on 29th March so let me have your entry fee and instructions as soon as possible. Entry fee is 20p.

The racing season is upon us once again and Colin Crampton and myself start the ball rolling by riding the Harrogate A.A.C. 10 mile trial at Wetherby. The Club 10's start on 6th May and continue every Thursday until 26th August, entry fee 10p. Senior, 5p for the Under 18's. Course is as last year, starting on the A.64 about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile west of Bramham Crossroads flyover.

Before that we have a Hilly 11 mile event, twice round a circuit near Thorner. Start is on the Bramham Road approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles N.E. of Thorner; date is the 29th April at 7.30 p.m. and entry fee the same as for the 10's. You asked for something different, now come along and ride it! There will be another 'Hilly 11' on the 26th September, Sunday at 9.00 a.m., the entry fee to be announced later. Then to finish off the season there's the Hill climb up Arthington Bank on Sunday, 17th October at 11.00 a.m. Entry fee for this event is 20p for Seniors and 15p for Under 18's. To qualify in the 10's competition members must ride a minimum of seven events, fastest three to count. Prizes are limited to first claim members as per club rules.

Now for some exciting news. The committee have decided that it would be a good idea from a prestige point of view to promote a Ladies Road Race this year on a course round Seacroft Centre. Obviously as we become established as a cycling club we shall be expected to do our bit to promote races for other cyclists. We can start straight away with the Ladies Road Race as there is a very great need for this type of event in Yorkshire and in fact all over England, and we do have five World Championship prospects here in Yorkshire and another three or four just over the border in Lancashire all crying out for events to ride. The event will cost us a bit of money but I shall endeavour to get as many prizes donated as possible so as to ease the burden on the club. Mike Penrice has offered his services as Event Organiser which will be a great help, but it will mean an all out effort on every member's part, helping with the marshalling and at event headquarters. Full details will be given as soon as I know if the application to the B.C.F. has been successful. Meantime if any member has any objections or comments, please let me have them immediately.

Putting on the race could deplete our funds, but don't forget we do benefit from other cyclists by allowing private trials in the club races and this brings in a nice revenue for the club. Nevertheless we shall probably need a jumble sale towards the end of the year, as whatever our financial position we could always do with more! So don't throw away any of your old clothing, furniture or bric-a-brac, remember, one person's junk is another's precious acquisition.

However, more about the jumblesale and race next time. Now let's all hope for better weather so that we can get some ENJOYABLE cycling in.

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