

# Speedwell Bicycle Club

Founded 1876

President: Mr. D. Moses

## Winged Arrow

Newsletter May 2004



### Club AGM

With the Secretary moving house, organising an AGM for this year has been put back. The suggested date is Tuesday 22nd June at 8:00 pm at 8 The Square, Feckenham. If you have any motions for the meeting can you send them to the Secretary, so that an agenda can be issued, otherwise the agenda will be the usual one of the minutes of the last AGM, Secretary's report, Treasurer's report and Accounts, election of Officers and any other relevant business.

### Secretary's Report for 2003

Here is the Club Secretary's report to members.

#### Formal Events

The year was marked by the promotion of three open events: a Mountain 36, an Open 10 mile TT and the final of the School Children's 10 mile championship, the GHS.

The Mountain 36 was based on a revised course, using the HQ at Cleobury Mortimer, but taking the riders over Brown Clee as well as Angel Bank. We had 26 riders enter and the event was won by David Johnson of High Wycombe CC in 1:39:49. Even though the course is some 10 miles shorter than its predecessor times were only about 2 minutes faster, a sign of the difficulty that the road from Bridgnorth over Brown Clee presents. We hope to be able to re-establish the event in the calendar. (Signs are that entries will be up for the 2004 edition due to be run on May 23rd.)

The Saturday afternoon 10 was a new departure, put on to "dry run" the championship event planned for later in the year. It proved very popular, attracting 65 riders. It was won by Richard Bradley, Stourbridge CC, on a blustery afternoon in 21:18. We were trialling a course based on Alcester – this was just as well as traffic volumes proved too great for this course to be used for the school children in September.

So August saw some rapid course design and re-measuring to make a left handed circuit devised using a start at Dunnington cross roads on the old Alcester - Evesham road – just beyond Ragley Bank to finish back at Alcester via Salford Priors and A46.



When September 12th dawned, it was soon obvious we had a fast course when a 13 year old off early in the field recorded a short 23!

And so the Speedwell again promoted an excellent National Championship. We received full marks from the attending 'great and good' who liked the course, the standard of marshalling and the cakes! We even had a photographer out on the course using digital technology was able to beam photos of the event back to the HQ for doting parents to get a copy of before they left.

The boys event overall was won by Ian Stannard in 20:59 (at 16 years old!) and the girls event by Cayley Ennett in 23:58.

The finances were successfully balanced for the events, which including the catering made 50p surplus! So thanks again to those who marshalled and who helped balance the books by selling the tea and cakes.

#### Informal Events



Club runs continued throughout the year with rides going from Redditch and Bromsgrove most Sundays and also from the Wythall/Solihull area in league with the CTC.

A Christmas lunch run was held at the Brook Inn, Elcocks Brook, Near Redditch which was attended by some 10 members.

#### Committee

Your Committee met twice during the year, with one of those a standing committee.

#### Club Trophies

As announced in the previous Winged Arrow, views were sought on loaning some of the club trophies, which are not currently being awarded, to the Long Distance Sporting Courses Competition; a National event which features long distance events in points based award system.

It was agreed to loan them 3 trophies, the Memorial Trophy, the Capener Shield and the WH Robbins Trophy. The secretary duly drove to Southend and left them with the Secretary of the competition having got agreement to the inclusion of the Mountain 36 in this years' competition. The event needed special dispensation as normally they have to be over 50 miles, but once we had explained that it went over two 1,000 foot peaks, they decided it counted.

#### BC Affiliation

It was agreed that the club would reaffiliate to British Cycling (new name for BCF) amid dark rumours that members were planning a return to racing.

*These rumours were further fanned by a sudden rush of activity in redesigning the club's racing kit – something not seen for over 13 years. A return to the colours of navy, sky blue and claret is suggested in a move to reinstate the old classic jersey design. See elsewhere in this WA for order details.*

#### Club Accounts

The accounts are attached.

## News

### President moves on

We have news that Dennis Moses and partner Denise are to move to Scotland sometime in June / July. Dennis has been looking to move North for a while and finished work at the end of last year. We wish them well. The house is overlooking a Loch on the West Coast – address to follow.

### Secretary Moves Also

After living in Callow Hill Redditch for the last 15 years, Jeff and Ann Matthews and family have moved three miles down the road to the village of Feckenham. Their new address is: Chestnut House, 8 The Square, Feckenham, Worcs B96 6HR. There's a new telephone number: 01527 894801

### Open Events 2004

In 2004 we have the following open events planned:

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mountain 36

July 24<sup>th</sup>, a circuit time trial based on Inkberrow

### Club Night Reinstated: All Welcome!

After more years than any of us care to remember, there is a suggestion of re-establishing some form of club night. We are going to experiment meeting once a month on the first Tuesday of the month at the Rose and Crown, Feckenham. (Yes, it is the *secretary's* local – but it's better than nothing and the beer is very acceptable!) This will begin from June 1st June. I suspect you will find Ed, Steve and Jeff there. If you fancy the ride out, we'd love to see you there.

### Club Clothing

We are putting together an order for club clothing. We are going to use Impsport again as they seem to have the most flexibility in ordering, cost effectiveness and good quality.

There will a wide range of clothing available from short and long sleeve jerseys, with full length or shorter zips, with and without pockets. A range of weights of tracksuit tops, shorts, even socks and track mitts if you want them! Perhaps most importantly we will be producing another batch of the fluorescent yellow tracksuit tops for safe winter riding and visibility with the club badge and logo on.

These will all be available in the new design of a navy blue body with Speedwell (sky) blue and claret bands with sky blue side panels. We will be using the intertwined SBC motif on the sleeves and the winged arrow on the front of the jersey. Shorts will have a navy blue body with sky blue panel and the intertwined SBC motif on the legs. The artwork is currently being produced and will be available for inspection / comment.

The full range of Impsport's clothing can be seen on their website, which you will find at [www.impsport.com](http://www.impsport.com)

We also hope to be able to produce a sweat shirt and a polo shirt, if there is sufficient demand.

Best regards to all,

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