

# Speedwell Bicycle Club

Founded 1876

President: Mr. R. L. Male

## Winged Arrow

Newsletter Dec 2004



### AGM

The clubs AGM was held earlier in the year at the Secretary's new house. With Dennis Moses planning an imminent move North, Roy Male was elected President. This is Roy's second spell in the role. We hope his reign is a long and wise one.

Other Officers are as before, Jeff Matthews is secretary, Rob Bishop is treasurer, Ed Matthews is Captain with Steve Lockwood and Jeff acting as Vice Captains.

The Secretary's report was approved along with the Treasurer's report and the Accounts.

### New Members

Two new members have joined with a few more threatening.

We welcome Gerry Cordes, who is Jeff's new next door neighbour. Gerry has been an active rider since the 1930's although a health condition has curtailed his cycling more recently. Although Jeff recently helped him take delivery of a George Longstaff trike, which has been given a few key but as yet, short outings. Gerry has been a keen spectator at Halesowen track and supported Jeff in his racing activity this year. Also a keen painter of water colours to a very high standard, Gerry is welcomed to the club.

Our second new member in a month is Guy Hale, riding second claim. Guy is a member of the Redditch R&PCC, but has been on a couple of club runs and dragged Jeff out on the Redditch "bash". However, in the winter he likes his café stop (along with several of his mates) and, as the Redditch

don't, he plans to come out during the winter. Guy has come back to cycling having stopped in his late teens and has been racing for two years.



### *Steve's new address.*

Whilst we are thinking about members, Steve Lockwood has moved house. You will find him now at:

131 Crabtree Lane, Bromsgrove, B61 8PQ  
Tel: 01527 880695

### SBC Racing (and touring) Kit

What seems to be the long running saga of ordering the kit reaches a crescendo in this *Winged Arrow*. It took us a while to sort the artwork, but I'm afraid the workload of the Secretary has been the main delay. You will find a copy of the artwork for the jersey design, to give you some idea of how it might look.

Even more crucially, there is an order form attached. Please return this to the Secretary, suitably completed with your order and a deposit of 50% of the clothing price. The deadline for the first order is Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, in time for the new season.

As you will see, there is a range of jerseys, track tops, tights, gloves and even socks. You can check the garment specifications on the Impsport website, which you will find at [www.imsport.co.uk](http://www.imsport.co.uk) (If you don't have access to the web then give Jeff a call and he will talk you through what's available.)

The site also includes the prices of items, but just to give you an idea, a straight forward track top in club colours with a full length zip, would be about £37.50. A long sleeve road jersey with three pockets and shorter zip would be about £36.00.

All tops are also available in a luminous yellow option to make them more visible, as previously.

(Sorry to those who have ordered verbally, but if you'd like to use the form, it would make life very much easier and far safer that you get what you want, thanks)

### Runs for coming period

It's been a while since we published a list of runs. The Redditch and Bromsgrove "3" have been going out virtually every Sunday now for a number of years and are now beginning to be joined by others, which is encouraging. So, to help that along you will find enclosed a list of dates and likely destinations.

If you are planning to join us, you might just check with either Ed (01527 452314), Steve (01527 880695) or Jeff (01527 892180) to confirm the meeting place.

We meet at 9:00am (8am in the summer), back by 1:15 – 1:30, usually 50 or so miles, with a café stop (of course). Pace is very steady, as befits our age and status.

The three meeting places are either, The Square in Feckenham, The Jinny Ring Craft Centre at Hanbury, and Studley Island on the A435 in the heart of Studley village.



## Christmas lunch run

*"Grimly to Grimley" as 'Griff' used to say* - well it was a long way from Ward End at this time of the year. And after a break of a few years there is a plan to return. Not unfortunately for the Turkey dinner of yore, but for a few pints and a torpedo roll.

## Dates for Next Year

We are again promoting the Mountain 36 next year, which has been brought back a week or so, to get clear of the Bank Holiday weekend – no excuses for being away then. The date is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

## News

### A Quiet Revolution in track racing

Several of us have been visiting the track at Manchester, getting our Winter fix of track racing and remembering fondly our 1970's sorties down to London to watch the Skol 6. These are one night affairs – Saturdays and well worth the trip. Revolution 5 in November, was a celebration of our Olympic and World Champions and haven't we got a lot of them. The field was made up entirely of domestic riders and there would have been a time when you might have frowned, but the first 10 riders in the programme were either world or Olympic champions or medallists. It included Bradley Wiggins, the entire Team Pursuit squad along with sprinter Chris Hoy and his pals. Great stuff.



In Revolution 6 on 4<sup>th</sup> December Jeff sponsored a team – seeking some publicity shots for a corporate brochure and website. So it was all rather exciting! This round included a Madison – here you can see Magnus Backstedt, winner of this year's Paris Roubaix, slinging Jimmy Madsen into the fray, both riders sporting Madison Group jerseys.

### **"My generation" at 50**

Time marches on - as the generation of members that formed the "new influx" of club members in the late 60's and early 70's have started reaching 50. The first is Andy Seabourne, who celebrated in grand style at an Indian Restaurant in Stirchley. A collection of Andy's acquaintances were gathered – a true testament to his networking abilities. There were CTC, Saracen and Speedwellians gathered together with friends of Andy's sister Liz. With another two such anniversaries up in the next 12 months, the tone and precedent has been set....

## Racing News

There is some!

Andy has had his best season for some years, riding various events. Most notably the Mountain 36, where he recorded a very creditable 1:48:31 to give him 9<sup>th</sup> place. We also hear that he has broken the hour – the first time for a number of years.

Talking of the Mountain 36, we had a team in it for the first time for a while also. Jeff rode, as well as promoting – a testament to the competence of the promoting team. He got round in 1:56 :18, quicker than he expected and Kevin was third counter in 2:07:48, some 2 minutes quicker than last year.

Kevin also rode the second club promotion – the time trial circuit.

Jeff raced through the early part of the season - the first time for more years than he cares to remember. All was going well until he surprised himself by winning a track league point at Halesowen track and then promptly touched a wheel on the next lap, crashing heavily and badly bruising a hip. Nothing broken but it put paid to the rest of the planned season. Still, *there's always next year....*

## Open Event Promotions 2004.

We ran two events during 2004, the Mountain 36 and for us, a new venture of a circuit time trial.

The Mountain 36 used the now firmly established triangular lap of Cleobury Mortimer, Bridgnorth and Ludlow. This gives us a circuit of the Clees. One of this year's competitors rode with a smart computer that was able to plot the profile of the course and the height climbed. This comes to a staggering 1000 metres, which is the equivalent of an Alpine or Pyrenean Pass.



## Runs list 2005

Date	Day	Time	Meet	Destination
02 January 2005	Sunday	09:00	F	Wellesbourne
09 January 2005	Sunday	09:00	JR	Kinver
16 January 2005	Sunday	09:00	F	Upton
23 January 2005	Sunday	09:00	JR	Holt Fleet
29 January 2005	Saturday	02:00	F	Family Run
30 January 2005	Sunday	09:00	F	Broadway
06 February 2005	Sunday	09:00	F	Worcester
13 February 2005	Sunday	09:00	JR	Stourport
20 February 2005	Sunday	09:00	F	Chipping Camden
26 February 2005	Saturday	02:00	F	Family Run
27 February 2005	Sunday	09:00	SI	Kenilworth
06 March 2005	Sunday	09:00	F	Lavender Farm
13 March 2005	Sunday	09:00	JR	Holt Fleet
20 March 2005	Sunday	09:00	F	Wellesbourne
26 March 2005	Saturday	02:00	F	Family Run
27 March 2005	Sunday	09:00	JR	Wyre Forest
03 April 2005	Sunday	09:00	SI	Warwick
10 April 2005	Sunday	09:00	F	Broadway
17 April 2005	Sunday	08:00	F	Upton
24 April 2005	Sunday	08:00	JR	Tenbury Wells
30 April 2005	Saturday	02:00	F	Family Run
01 May 2005	Sunday	08:00	SI	Kenilworth
08 May 2005	Sunday	08:00	F	Winchcombe
15 May 2005	Sunday	08:00		Mountain 36
22 May 2005	Sunday	08:00	JR	Quatt
28 May 2005	Saturday	02:00	F	Family Run
29 May 2005	Sunday	08:00	F	Stow on the Wold
05 June 2005	Sunday	08:00	SI	Halford
12 June 2005	Sunday	08:00	JR	Clee Hill
19 June 2005	Sunday	08:00	F	Malvern
25 June 2005	Saturday	02:00	F	Family Run
26 June 2005	Sunday	08:00	JR	Bromyard

### Meeting Places

F	The Square, Feckenham
JR	Jinney Ring Craft Centre
SI	Studley Island, Studley