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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club Annual General Meeting is on Monday 10 December starting at 7.30 p.m. at the Arnold & District Victory Club, Church Drive East, Arnold. Click this link <http://tinyurl.com/ykzvku> for a map. All members are invited to attend and should have had an Agenda.

CLUB LUNCHEON

There is a club luncheon at the Ferry Farm, Hoveringham on Sunday 16 December starting 1.00 p.m. Cost is £15 for a 3-course meal (always good food here) and you can take your own wine. You can go by bike but, as the start time is later this year, don't forget it gets dark early. Bookings to Ann Spencer, 9 Woolacombe Close, Spring Lane, Mapperley NG3 5SL 0115 9200971.

OPEN TIME TRIALS 2008

If you are riding open time trials next year you will need a CTT Handbook to find details of events - full details are not given on the CTT Website.

The Club has, in the past, ordered copies in bulk at a saving of 50p per copy but it is difficult to distribute them to members.

To ensure you get a handbook order direct from the CTT - publication date is 5 January 2008.

Order on-line at <http://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/store/index.asp> or send a cheque payable to "CTT" for £7 to Vanessa Marsden, 7 Baysdale Avenue, Ferncrest, Bolton BL3 4XP.

The Club is running a round of the Rudy Project series next year so we will need more helpers. Dave Gartside is co-ordinating the helpers again and we will need volunteers as well as those scheduled to take their turn. If you volunteer now, you can choose at which event you help – just let Dave know (0115 9525881). The events we are down for are:

Saturday 5 April 2008	2.00 p.m.	Rudy Project 14/28m
Saturday 14 June 2008	5.00 p.m.	Open 10
Saturday 21 June 2008	5.00 p.m.	Open 25
Sunday 14 September 2008	9.00 a.m.	Lighthouse 25

CLUB DINNER AND PRIZE PRESENTATION 24 NOVEMBER 2008

It was disappointing to see only 45 attending the 76th Club Dinner and Prize Presentation (we get more on a Saturday morning run!). Any suggestions that members have regarding the format of the Dinner/Prize Presentation are welcome. Should we look at a different day, date, venue, format or whatever?

Our President Frank Beale presented the awards.
The prizewinners were:

Nigel White - 10-mile Champion (John Watson Trophy), Tens League winner, BAR 26.506 mph (Bert Morris Trophy), Skegness Race 2:43:51 (D H Brooks Trophy), Lighthouse 25 55:35 (Mick Oldnall Trophy), 1st Circuit TT 46:08, 2nd 25 59:15.

Dave Woodward – 50 mile Champion 1:59:03 (Judge Trophy), 100-mile Champion 4:15:54. Tens League Handicap (Millennium Trophy), Vets' BAR on Standard +20.32 (Gino Brown Trophy), Vats' BAR Fastest 25.609 mph. Dave also finished 3rd in the E.Mids Vets' BAR.

Craig Watson – Acorn Points Trophy 37pts, Skegness Race Handicap (Jack Ferguson Trophy), Handicap Winner in the 1st Circuit TT and in the 1st and 2nd 25s.

Paul Fostun – Junior Tens League on fastest and handicap, Club Juvenile 10 record 26:14.

Matt Fostun – Road Race Champion (Jack Henstock Trophy).

Scott Hookway – Most Promising Junior (New World Trophy).

Matt Shaw – Club 25-mile Champion 1:00:24 (Albert Sharp Shield).

Giles White – 25-mile Handicap (Halford Trophy), winner 1st 25 1:00:58, 3rd 25 1:01:36, 4th Circuit TT 50:22.

Adrian Staiano – Club Cyclo-cross Champion.

Martin Edjvet – Handicap winner in 2nd and 4th Circuit TTs.

Darren Hodgkinson – Winner 2nd Circuit TT 52:29

Anton Newell – Handicap winner 3rd Circuit TT

Matt Hemsley - Handicap winner 3rd 25.

Rob Stevens and **Pete Walton** won the Grand Prix de Gents (Corona Shield).

Nigel White, Matt Fostun, Darren Hodgkinson, Rob Stevens and **Dave Woodward** won the Lighthouse Trophy with 4:51:00 for the team.

Ed Ward – Clubman of the Year (Orford Spencer Trophy).

CYCLE JUMBLE

There is a Cycle Jumble Sale on Saturday 1 December at the Scout Hall in Radcliffe on Trent. Free admission, doors open 10.00 a.m. Contact Stuart Collins 0115 9119793.

RAPHA ROLLER RACING 17th NOVEMBER 2007, Classic Car Club by Dave Ashcroft

The event hosted by top bike gear manufacturer Rapha (<http://www.rapha.cc/>) was billed as a 'culture clash' between media types, journalists, messengers and strangely, the Dutch.

The question was would it be an event full of wannabe bike couriers in £250 jeans who would no more cycle to Skegness for four hours into a head wind than drink Carling or would I find a few 'jerseys'?

It started badly for the jerseys. The event was held in a restored car garage used by the Classic Car Club (<http://www.classiccarclub.co.uk>). As it says, the club lets you use classic cars part time. Classics like Fiat Spider, Rover P5 and Inspector Morse Jag. It was also near enough to Hoxton that you could smell the prestige lager.

In the centre of the garage was a boxing ring with two sets of rollers set up on either side of the clock. One set of rollers was blue, the other was red. One finger on the clock was red, the other blue. First on to 500m won. A board listed the leading names and teams. I had arrived a bit late so one round of heats had been run. So far as I could tell this was going to be messengers against the Dutch.

In one corner of the garage was a single set of rollers. These were owned by Catford CC and were there so that 'all comers' could be trialled against the clock. The top 4 got to race in the boxing ring. I also spotted a Catford CC jersey. One guy I saw step up had tweed plusses, ex army webbing braces and pointed pixie boots. He took mouthful of what looked like Johnny Walker and did 500m in 25 and a bit seconds. This got him in the ring.

The DJ (oh yes) played some Led Zeppelin while this was going on, and Dutchman Tomrok (I think) and Charlie raced in the ring. Tomrok did under 21 seconds and won, but the race was neck and neck as the needles on the clock moved together until half way, which seemed to be the point where people pushed or failed. Tomrok pushed on and won by a few hundredths of a second. Public Enemy and Aerosmith started and they stepped off. Matt Seaton (writer in the Guardian) was beaten by another Dutchman.

Unfortunately, I did not stay for the whole event – it went on until 1 a.m., which is too late for a family man. And the trains stop at 12ish anyway. So I missed the ladies' event (there were many female messengers, media types etc) and I missed the winner. I had seen a classic Look woolly hat that I had wanted when I was 17 and Bernard Hinault was in the team, and I had seen quite a lot of nice jeans. I also thought that it is great that this sort of event goes on, that a load of youths (and not so youths) can get together, not smoke, drink enough to enjoy and cheer and get tense as a big Dutch bloke was almost sick racing a pasty messenger type. There were jerseys, people that looked proper and could race and a few posers. But it looked like everyone enjoyed it

WIGGLE

If you want to buy anything from Wiggle go through the icon on our website. Anything that new account holders buy earn a commission that goes to the Club.

BOXING DAY TEN WEDNESDAY 26 DECEMBER

Our festive Boxing Day 10-mile time trial starts 10.30 a.m. at the lay-by north of Oxton Island using the usual course turning at Longdale Lane and finishing south of Oxton Island.

Take it seriously or just ride round to burn off your Christmas pudding.

CYCLO CROSS NOTTS AND DERBY LEAGUE

These are the events in the immediate future.

Date	Venue	Club	Organiser	Phone
8 Dec	TBC	Bolsover & D CC	Matt Conley	07767 444598
15 Dec	Alvaston Park	Cyclo-cross.com	Michelle Gascoigne	01332 360034
29 Dec	Brickyard Farm	Matlock CC	Harry Gould	01629 822259
19 Jan	Watchwood	Sherwood CC	Trevor Adams	07749 216680
2 Feb	Allestree	Beauvale CC	Gareth Whittall	07973 791041

Note that Trev Adams is organising a cyclo-cross on Saturday 19 January and will need helpers before, during and after the event. If you would like to help out please contact Dave Gartside on 0115 9525881. Watchwood Plantation is off Gravelly Hollow (the road that is now blocked off between the Patchings Farm crossroads and Burntstump near Calverton).

There are cyclo-cross training sessions for Club members only at Arnold Hill School, Gedling Rd, Arnold on Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. Meet at the middle car park.

CLUB RUNS

Saturday Club Runs leave Lowdham at 9.45 a.m. Sunday runs meet Shearing Hill/Burton Rd junction at 9.30 a.m. leaving 9.40 a.m. These Sunday runs are about 50 miles. If you wish a longer faster ride there is an alternative run meeting at Wilford Bridge at 9.00 a.m. Keep an eye on the Forum for confirmation as occasionally they may go to Derbyshire and meet elsewhere. Wednesday runs meet at Lowdham 9.15 a.m. prompt.

There will be an additional run on New Year's Day (a Tuesday) meeting **10.00 a.m.** at Shearing Hill.

CLUB CLOTHING

I will be ordering some more Club kit soon. Pro-vision have been making some improvements to the clothing including a better quality Lycra and an optional gel seatpad (about £2.50 extra). They also do a range of women specific garments.

I still have quite a lot of stock in sizes shown in the table. The new order will be to fill in some gaps – armwarmers, gilets, shorts etc.

If anyone wants any specific garments now is the time to order.

The order is unlikely to be large enough to qualify for maximum discount so the prices in the table may not apply to new stock.

Jersey Coolmax/BioActive s/s ¾ hidden zip	2,3,4,5,6	£28
Jersey L/S Jacquard winter full zip	3,4,5,6	£36
Jersey L/S Jacquard summer full zip	6	£30
Jersey S/S Summer jacquard full zip	1,2,3,4,5,6	£26
Jersey S/S Summer jacquard ¾ zip	5,6	£25
Jersey no sleeves summer full zip	6	£24
Wind Vest - light gilet	2,3,7,8	£29
Atom Rain jacket- waterproof/breathable pockets	2,3,5,6	£46
Windtex winter jacket	3,4,5	£58
Skin suit Short Sleeve	2,3,4	£45
Skin suit Long Sleeves	5	£45
Super Roubaix winter bibtights	1,2,3,4,5	£40
¾ Super Roubaix bib tights with seat pad	3,4,5	£44
Bib Shorts	1,2,3,4	£30
Lycra bib tights	3	£31
Gel Track Mitts	S, M, L	£10