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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

Just 18 members turned up for the AGM – at least it was 3 more than last year.

Frank Beale was re-elected as President and Roy Elliott was added to the list of current Vice Presidents (Ron Bates, Sybil Bates, Trevor Savage, Ed Ward, Eunice Watson and Walt Wilson) who were re-elected.

Craig Watson was re-elected as Chairman and Trevor Adams was elected Secretary taking over from Dave Gartside. Many thanks to Dave who has worked as Secretary for the last few years stepping in when no other volunteer could be found.

The following were re-elected to their posts :

Rob Godfrey - Membership Secretary, Ed Ward – Acorn News Editor and Club Captain, Dave Woodward – Club Representative, Martin Edjvet – Treasurer, Wayne Bradley – Club Racing Secretary, Paul Wilson – Social Secretary. Frank Beale, Roy Elliott, Harvey Maddock and Pat Gutteridge – Members without portfolio. Pat was also made Vice Club Captain.

Callum Bramley was elected as Young Members Representative. The Press Secretary post was not filled but Gisli Jenkins has since volunteered to do this. The Ladies' Representative post remains unfilled – and volunteers for this?

Membership Fees were kept the same except a new £5 Joining Fee for Seniors was introduced. This is payable for new Senior members but current members do not have to pay it unless they re-join after 31 March.

A vote of thanks to Dave Carter, Simon Hookway and Craig Watson was given in recognition of their work in the Go-Ride scheme.

Trev pointed out that if any member wanted to raise any topic at a Committee Meeting please let him know so it can be added to the agenda. Of course, any member is welcome to attend any Committee Meeting and participate.

BOXING DAY TEN FRIDAY 26 DECEMBER 10.30 A.M.

It was a cold but sunny day with a light easterly wind – pleasant if you were well wrapped up – that attracted a good field of 20 riders and quite a few cycling spectators. Perhaps we should have a winter series of tens? – only joking.

Giles was fastest – he had no excuse to lose as he was on his TT bike! Some chose to decorate their bikes with tinsel and various adornments. Santa hats were also used to keep heads warm.

Steve Adams, Paul and Matt Fostun had a competition amongst themselves to see who could get nearest 30 minutes without using a watch – Matt won with only an error of two seconds. Dad Pete took the rare opportunity of beating his two talented sons.

Timekeeper was Wayne Bradley assisted by Ed Ward

Giles White	26:42
Matt Hemsley	28:03
Rob Stevens	28:14
Darren Hodgkinson	28:15
Nigel White	28:34
Pete Fostun	29:00
Neil Copeland	29:05
Steve Adams	29:19
Paul Fostun	29:33
Joe Gosling	29:52
Matt Fostun	29:58
Craig Watson	30:18
Verity Butler	30:31
Dave Taylor	30:46
John Phimister	31:04
Private Trials	
Mark Burgoyne	27:33
Richard Palfreman	28:03
Sean Eden	28:19
Paul Ward	30:12
Amanda English	32:05

HOVERINGHAM LUNCHEON SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER

Thanks to Ann for organising another enjoyable meal for members and friends.

CLUB DINNER SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2009

The Club Dinner is on Saturday 7 Feb. 2009 at the Ramsdale Golf Club, Calverton **NG14 6NU**.

There will be a 3-course meal and the presentation of awards. It is the annual event when the Club can get together socially for an enjoyable evening. Partners, family and friends are welcome. The price is £18 each (cheques payable to Sherwood Cycling Club).

If you haven't yet booked please send your bookings as quickly as possible to: Paul Wilson, 19 Lascelles Ave., Gedling, Nottingham NG4 4GB tel. 0115 9614098.

The following riders have all won an award for presentation at the Dinner:

Gisli Jenkins, Mike Hankin, Matt Shaw, Joe Gosling, Giles White, Nigel White, Matt Hemsley, Chris Draper, Dave Woodward, Pete Fostun, Matt Fostun, Chris Dale, Simon Hookway, Craig Watson and Martin Edjvet.

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.

Wednesday runs meet at Lowdham 9.15 a.m. prompt.

On Sundays 4 January and 1 February the club run will be going to the Kingfisher Cafe at the Portland Fishing Lakes near Sibthorpe. Anyone not on the club run is invited to come along to the café. The club run normally arrives about 11.15 a.m. and the café closes at midday.

BBC SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

With four cyclists in the shortlist of 10, Chris Hoy still won by a comfortable margin. The popularity of cycling in 2008 hit a high with record membership of British Cycling, more holders of racing licences and more grants for cycling (competitive and leisure).

Let's hope even more progress can be made in 2009.

CYCLO CROSS, NOTTS & DERBY LEAGUE reports Trev Adams and Simon Hookway

Round 11 Stockley Country Park

Cold and foggy conditions at Stockley Country Park, the site of an old coal mine, by the looks of it. Sherwood riders were a bit thin on the ground but we still had a rider in every race.

Scott Hookway won again in the Under 10's and looks to be getting stronger by the week. He seems to have the measure of his main rivals and now looks virtually assured of winning the Under 10's championship. He has 7 wins & four 2nds from his 11 rides.

Sam Marriott rode the U12's and the results have him down as 15th, but I know he was at least one place higher. The judges seem to have got the results wrong for this race, so his placing might change. Sam currently lies 10th in the League.

Callum Bramley was our sole representative in the Youth race, where he again finished 11th in a strong field. This was a better ride than the week before, as he beat 2 of the riders who beat him at Long Eaton. Callum lies 13th in the league.

Craig Watson was our only rider in the seniors. He is beginning to find some form again as he finished 57th, 30 places higher than at Long Eaton, in a similar sized field. Steve Adams also rode, still recovering from his illness, he started off in the lead group of four, but dropped to 9th at one stage until a last lap charge moved him up to 6th place.

Round 12 Alvaston Park

Only 2 Sherwood riders in what turned out to be a very wet and muddy event. It rained all morning, stopping during the Youth and senior races but the ground was already soaked.

Scott won the U10 race convincingly by 35 seconds. He got away first and took the lead at the first corner, pulled away and never looked back. Scott seems to ride very well in the wet. This is his 8th win of the series, and after getting maximum points last week in the Midlands Championships U12 race is now unbeatable in the league.

Callum did a great ride for his best result to date, 4th place in the Youth race where he looked in control on the wet course that was now starting to get churned up. He had a great start taking the lead going into the first corner.

Round 13 Allestree Park

On a new course mud was the order of the day, with parts completely waterlogged. If this was a football match, it would have been called off, but cyclo-crossers are made of sterner stuff.

Scott won again, not having any real challengers; he tried to get a bigger winning gap than the previous week and won by 17 seconds to confirm his place as the U10 league champion.

Callum continued his run of good form in the youth race with 8th place.

Just Steve and Craig in the seniors. Craig finishing 71st on a course that was a slog all the way round, with several sections that you had to pick your bike up and run, and one bit where your wheels sank almost up to the hubs in muddy water.

Steve was up at the head of affairs for much of the race. Among the first away, he led for part of the first lap. He managed to get in the leading group of eight, which got whittled to four, then

three by the third lap. He was up against the current National Vets champ and the current U23 national series leader and couldn't quite match them as they started attacking each other, with 3 laps to go. He eventually finished 3rd, completely covered in mud, and had to be hosed down with the jet wash before going off to get changed.

Trev needs some helpers for the Club's cyclo-cross at Watchwood Plantation, Gravelly Hollow, Calverton on Saturday 24 January. Helpers are needed throughout the day so there is some flexibility on times between 8.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Contact Trev if you can help and wrap up warm.

Anyone who helps out will receive a free bottle of wine - please indicate whether you prefer white or red.

Forthcoming Notts & Derby League Events

	Date	Venue	Club	Organiser	Phone	Cat
14	03-Jan	Thornbridge	Matlock CC	H Gould	01629 822259	B
15	24-Jan	Watchwood Plantation	Sherwood CC	T Adams	0115 9614415	C

CLUB MEETINGS 2009 AT ARNOLD VICTORY CLUB

Club nights and open Committee Meetings are held monthly on Mondays from 7.30 p.m. at the Arnold & District Victory Club, Church Drive East, Arnold from 7.30 p.m. Click this link <http://tinyurl.com/ykzvku> for a map.

Provisional dates for 2009 are 26 January, 23 February, 30 March, 27 April, 18 May, 29 June, 27 July, 24 August, 28 September, 26 October, 30 November and the AGM on 7 December.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP 2009

Club subs are due for renewal from January. If you haven't renewed yet please do so as soon as you can. Renewal forms have been sent out by e-mail and can also be downloaded at http://www.sherwoodcc.org.uk/member_form.php . For those not on e-mail, a form is enclosed with your copy of this newsletter. If you delay re-joining until after 31 March you have to pay a £5 joining fee.

Message from Rob Godfrey, Membership Secretary. "Good news - the club AGM decided that the cost of membership will be the same as 2008. But **please note**: all applications for membership renewals must be received by 31 March 2009. An application for renewal of senior membership or family membership on or after 1 April 2009 can no longer be accepted. A new membership application form will be required together with an extra £5 joining fee, at a total cost of £20.'

RALEIGH ROAD TEAM

Paul Fostun has been selected to ride in the development squad of the Raleigh Road Team in 2009. It is great to see the progress Paul has made over the past two years from a raw novice to a strong mature rider. Certainly being a member of the British Cycling Talent Team has helped enormously. We wish him well in his future racing.

Paul intends to stay as a second claim member of the Club and sends the following message: "I would like to thank everyone for all the help and support that they have given me over the past few years and believe it has been critical for my development. Thank-you again."