



Preston Wheelers

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As Matt, our new Press Secretary states in his "Off the Back" report – it is now only two weeks to the first race. We hope that all of our riders, no matter at what level, are fit and ready to face the 2005 season.

Our social season ended on a high note with a great night spent at the 78th Anniversary Dinner and Prize Presentation – see report on page 7. On this occasion as well as the presentation of the many certificates and trophies to our riders Gethin received his certificates verifying his End to End and 1000 mile records..

In early January 13 members of the Club travelled down to Derby (not all by bike!) to honour our four riders – Gethin, John, Paul and Jose. The first three were 2nd, 4th and 10th respectively in the BBAR Competition Table and Jose took 36th place. The first three again took the BBAR Team award for the third time running and Jose took 2nd place in the National 24 hour championship. It was a very proud moment for those Preston Wheelers member who attended the Celebration to see our lads once again up on the stage of champions.

As the new President I was proud to be there as I was also proud to take my place on the top table at our own Annual Dinner. As your president I am sorry that you will not be getting the usual "President's Report" which is normally given pride of place on page 2 or page 3 – there was just no room available!! As your Editor I say "Hard Luck"!! – and how great it is to get so many articles from members. Everyone who sent in copy has been allotted a spot and there is no backlog at all – so keep the articles coming and they can be stock-piled for the next issue.

At this point a special thanks goes to Leo Wall for allowing one of his bottles of wine to be "raffled off" at the clubroom – proceeds to go to postage for the magazine. Thanks must also be expressed to Leo for his special wine-offer that goes to the best attendance over the year at our Friday night club meeting. This year we had joint winners – Terry and Roy.

Club-room numbers appear to have picked up recently. Last week we had an attendance of over 30 members.

There are quite a number of our members – seen regularly at the 10's and other events – who are rarely seen at the clubroom. Don't make the excuse that your girlfriends, wives etc. don't want to come. I hear, by keeping my ears open, that they are rarely asked! Now is this true?

Can I at this point add my plea to that of our Membership Secretary for an early payment of club membership fees. The Club does rely on this source of income for a great number of things – printing, postage, clubroom fees, engraving, subsidization of events etc. etc. etc. – and it's great to know that cash is in hand to meet all the commitments.

You will find below a list of future activities under the "What's on" heading but there are two or three other events coming up about which enquiries have been made. First the CTC.KM Rally This is to be held on May 27 – 30th at Barnsoul Farm, Dumfries. Details and application forms can be obtained from Jack Stokes or Dot.Wood. So far we have five units interested (caravans/motorhomes). For those who require accommodation there are chalets and wooden shielings available to rent for the weekend. York Rally will be held sometime in June (date TBA) Another event is the Mildenhall Rally at the end of August. Details later.

What's on

- Feb 27th - Combined Clubs 25 Mile TT
- March – TBA spring Weekend
- March 18th Quiz. Night Feb
- March 27th - P.W. 2 Up 25 Mile TT
- 1/2nd April - Gents Weekend at Ulverston
- April 19th - PETTS League Begins
- May 29th - Preston Wheelers Open 25 Mile TT
- June 28th - Martin Greenwood Hilly 21 Mile TT
- July 3rd - Preston Wheelers open 50 Mile TT
- July - Summer Luncheon at Pilling TBA
- August 21st - 12 Hour TT
- Sept 25th - Combined Clubs 25 Mile TT