

SLEAFORD WH LERS

Reformed in 1964
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Intro...

Following discussion by the committee, it has been decided to publish all further newsletters on the club website **ONLY** so you'll need to start using the website [Sleaford Wheelers](http://www.sleafordwheelers.co.uk) . Chris Close has put a good deal of work in turning the site into a useful resource for the club and others and the intention is that most club information will be fed to members by this means – hence the decision concerning the Newsletter. Chris is very happy to receive information for the site, including club and event information, and other material with a reasonable shelf life, so make sure you keep in touch with him via the e-mail link on the site. Chris has asked however that all material for the site is sent to him as electronic copy (so you type it up instead of him!).

The main use for future Newsletters will be to draw your attention to forthcoming events, which may already be detailed elsewhere on the site, and also provide an opportunity for you to pass on material which may be of interest to clubmates but which need not be a permanent feature on the site. Articles (what you did on your hols etc.), requests for help with future events and Sales and Wants would be the kind of thing I mean.

What's been happening?

Well, the dinner has come and gone, as has signing on – if you still need to join for this year please send form (available on the site) and money to the Treasurer (Kathy Smith at address above) **NOT** to the Secretary.

The kit order has been sent to Impsport but there have been a few problems in getting the artwork signed off by the club and sponsors. It is hoped to get final approval sorted within the next few days so that we can all look forward to getting our new kit on for the start of the season. When items are ready for collection, details will be placed on the website.

Spinning is continuing its last session for the year at Harpers on Thursday nights despite the recent sad death of our coach Paul who had led the sessions for the last couple of years. For those of you who wish to pay your respects, his funeral is at 1pm this Friday at St Denys church in the Market Square.

If you want to go along to the remaining spinning sessions, you need to speak to Russell on 01529 415758 who will be able to tell you whether there's a spinner slot available or whether you can take your turbo along instead.

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What's coming up?

The first cycling event is the long (75 miles or so + shorter 50-60 miles) reliability trial organised by Russell for next Sunday 21 February. Start is from the Market Place, 9am as normal with refreshments at Russell's place afterwards. Full details of the route etc. will be available on the day.

Other Audax type events you might want to consider are the Cheshire based Pointon-Chirk 200k event on 28 March – details from Audax UK at Audax UK. There is also a 100 mile sportive in Rutland on 24 April for which we already have a small team - details at www.sientries.co.uk.

Details of club events, starting with the 22 mile hilly on 7 March can be found on the website using the 'Calendar' tab at the top of the home page. Entries should go to the Racing Secretary, Ann Pike, at least a week before the event. Her correct address (it's wrong in the printed club handbooks) is: Ann Pike, 15 Londesborough Way, Metheringham, Lincoln LN4 3HL.

Also, don't forget to check for LRRRA events which are listed on the site and in the CTT handbook – the 10 is quite early this year.

Sales and wants

Winter Training Fuel and Amino Load

I hold a small stock of Allsports products on behalf of the club – Winter Training Fuel (Strawberry or Butterscotch flavour) and Amino Load recovery drink (Blackcurrant or Apple). 3kg tubs cost £23 for WTF and £27 for Amino Load which is a 20% saving on the retail cost – let me know if you want either item. Cheques payable to Sleaford Wheelers please.

Rudy Project

Rudy Project stuff (eg cycling glasses, aero helmets in club colours etc.) is available to club members at a substantial discount from Martin Smith Opticians in Lincoln. If you want anything, let me know or ring him direct on 01522 521100, mentioning you are a member of Sleaford Wheelers. He'll also give you good prices on high quality frames and lenses for general use.

Other items

I'm starting afresh with these so if you have any items you want to advertise (or advertise for), or would like a previous advert reinstated, send the details to me.

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Outro....

Next issue will be on the website in about a month so don't forget to keep using the site – treat it as your main resource for all club related information.

If you know of someone who would be interested in the Newsletter or other information on the website but hasn't got internet access, perhaps you would be kind enough to print a copy for them.

Please do not forget to:

- send items for the website to Chris Close*;
- send Newsletter items to me*;
- get your entries in for early events.

* electronic copy essential

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