

Secretarys Report 2012 .

2012 was the 80th anniversary of the club and 149 people attended a celebration dinner at Formby Hall Golf Club. Barney & Sarah Storey Olympic medallists were the guests of honour, and Sarah gave an interesting talk.

The club moves on much as before, - promoting events such as School children's circuit Races in the Park, club 10m & 25m time trials at Tarleton and the Bill Bradley Memorial Ride.

We are having some problems covering some events with marshalls and timekeepers as we are down from 5 timekeepers to 1, and he (Bill Lloyd) would sooner be in the race than timing it . Any member who feels he or she could help please contact the Chairman or Secretary.

Club membership is 194 this year and is at record levels - Bradley Wiggins win in TDF and Olympic TT which seems to have boosted the numbers of school kids giving the sport a try. Beginners rides continue from the club at 09-30 on Sunday mornings, with the best attendance this year being 17 - 13 kids and 4 adults. Moving the track season from summer to winter and more track racing on TV also helped membership. The new outdoor Velodrome in Huyton is now open for racing and training and club members make use of it if they wish. It is open in winter when the weather is suitable. Road bikes can be used for some sessions

The clubroom has had a £5000 makeover to keep it up to scratch and a grant of £975 was received from the Community First Grants people to help with the costs. Incidentally the makeover has cost more than it did to build the place some 23 years ago. The outside is to be painted in the spring.

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