# THE ANDY WILSON MEMORIAL

"Andy" Wilson, son of the late John Wilson (ex-Secretary of the Rugby League, and ex-President of the Yorkshire Cycling Federation) was an outstanding rider of the 1920s. A one-time member of the Yorkshire RC, Hull Thursday RC and the Clifton CC, he excelled at all distances up to 100 miles, and in the three years prior to his death was defeated only once in a time trial in Britain. A BSc, he worked as a Chemist at *Terry's*, York, and had lodgings at Ebor Street. He was sturdily built; having the ability to ride at a consistently high speed in any conditions, but at all times was a modest person. He never rode a "12", but on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April (Good Friday) 1926, he broke the York – Edinburgh record by a handsome margin. In mid-April of the same year, he caught a chill, complications set in, and he died on the 21<sup>st</sup> April – the same day Queen Elizabeth II was born. He was then 23 years of age.

The Funeral was one of the largest Leeds had ever seen, and the many cyclists present, walked, with their cycles, in front of the Hearse, from his parents' home at Grange Avenue, the one mile to Harehills Cemetery, where his grave is still in good condition.

The Memorial was inaugurated shortly afterwards, being subscribed to by clubs and individuals from all over the country. Trustees were appointed, and a unique Memorial Trophy, bearing a facsimile figure in silver, of Andy Wilson on his machine, was purchased. The first Memorial "50" took place in August 1926, and has been held annually (with the exception of the 1940-45 war years) ever since. Many famous names have been engraved on the Memorial Trophy over the years.

#### YCF POINTS COMPETITION 2017

Members of YCF Affiliated Clubs Only. This is the 6th of 11 counting events for the 2017 Competition A rider's 6 best performances to count. Leading positions after 4 events:

## MEN

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Pos	Rider	Club	Rides	Total		
1	Lawrence Burrows	Vive Le Velo	4	457		
2	Tim Humphries	Team Swift	4	429		
3	Daniel Shaw	Halifax Imperial	4	411		
4	Andy Whitehead	Rockingham CC	4	384		
5	Adam Cockroft	Albarosa CC	4	382		
6	Chris Harris	Holme Valley Whs	4	380		

# WOMEN

Pos	Rider	Club	Rides	Total
1	Maria Mulleady	Team Swift	4	467
2	Ala Whitehead	Rockingham CC	4	447
3	Kirsty Smith	Team Swift	3	360
4	Sarah Lewthwaite	East Bradford CC	3	347
5	Tracey Coldwell	Holmfirth CC	3	334

#### Course Details - V259/1

### Thirsk - Ellerbeck - Topcliffe - Ellerbeck - Thirsk

**Start** on A19, approx.1.1 mile south of Thirsk by-pass, at northern exit from lay-by on west side of road. **Proceed north** on A19, under by-pass, to traffic island, where take **3rd exit (right)** and continue up slip-road to join A19 dual carriageway.(1.53 mls).

Continue on A19 to slip-road to A684, signed Northallerton. (11.15 mls).

Bear left down slip-road, keep left, give way (care) and continue under dual carriageway, keeping left, to join A19 southbound carriageway.

Stay on A19/A168 to slip-road to A167 (Topcliffe, Northallerton). (25.67 mls).

Bear left on slip-road, continue under A168 dual carriageway, where turn right (CARE), right again (give way) onto slip-road to A168 northbound.

Proceed on A168/A19 to junction with slip-road to A684 (2nd time). (40.24 mls).

Bear left down slip-road, keep left, give way (care) and continue under dual carriageway, keeping left, to join A19 southbound carriageway.

**Continue on A19**, to **finish** at start of last kerb-stone parallel with carriageway, in **penultimate lay-by** (approx.1 mile) before slip-road to A19 (signed York) (50.00 mls).

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Riders must not stop at the finish - continue on A19 to next exit (approx. 1 mile, signed York A19), bear left down slip-road, turn right (care) to return to HQ (straight across TI).

If parked at start, bear left at end of slip-road onto A19 (York) continue south, to start layby.

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There will be direction boards on the course, as well as marshals on the slip-roads, although marshals are not permitted on the dual carriageway. Look out for these. Note: Marshals are only to indicate your direction, and not to control traffic in your favour. At each junction it is your responsibility to ensure that it is safe to proceed. Keep your heads up, and keep to the left of the carriageway.

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Although there is a not a lot of parking space at the HQ, there is a long lay-by in lay-by at the start, but take care not to obstruct start point at north end of lay-by.

There is no parking, other than for Officials, in finish lay-by.

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**STANDBY COURSE:** Currently, there are no road-works on the intended course, but should any appear on the day of the event, or if there is any inclement weather, the following course has been notified (single carriageway, quiet road). – not a fast course, but better than no event.

<u>V50E:</u> START on unclassified road leading from Dishforth village to traffic island on A168, at clearway sign on southern side of road. Proceed to roundabout, where take 1<sup>st</sup> exit (left) onto A168. Continue to Kirby Hill TI (2.95ml), where take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit (straight across), stay on A168, to Roecliffe Road TI (4.60ml). Straight across (2<sup>nd</sup> exit), stay on A168, to Boroughbridge South TI (5.35ml). Take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit, continuing south on A168 to Walshford TI. (12.90ml).

Encircle island, retrace outward route via Boroughbridge South (20.45ml), Roecliffe Road (21.25ml), and Kirby Hill Tls (22.95ml). to Dishforth Tl (25.80ml).

Encircle island and repeat circuit via Walshford TI (38.10ml), back to Kirby Hill TI (48.75ml), where straight across, on A168, to **FINISH** approx. 1.6 miles south of Dishforth TI, 0.6 miles south of windsock on airfield, opposite gap in hedgerow on eastern side of road, "50" mark on wooden fence. (50 miles).