

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 2nd 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 21st 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.

HEADQUARTERS and PARKING

Event Headquarters is the Village Hall (Willow Bridge Lane) at Dalton, near Topcliffe. No Postcode for Village Hall, but **YO7 3HY** will take you to Jolly Farmer Pub, just around the corner. The village lies to the south of the Thirsk by-pass. Access the village via the A168 junction at Topcliffe, or from A19, south of Thirsk. Turn into either Moor End Lane (signed Dalton) or Low Lane (signed Sessay, Dalton). Body-numbers, signing-on sheets, result board and refreshments will be located here. Please return your numbers after your ride. Showers are available. Please park sensibly, and do not block entrance to rear car-park. Please do not park outside the new houses **opposite** the HQ, **or in the estate**.

SHOE-PLATES ARE NOT TO BE WORN IN MAIN HALL

Although there is a not a lot of parking space at the HQ, there is a long 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

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).

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 left at end of slip-road onto A19 (York) - continue south, to start layby, or continue further south and take next right turn (care) to return to HQ.

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.

It is approx. 3 miles from the HQ to the start, so allow plenty of time to get there. From HQ turn left on Willow Bridge Lane, continue under railway bridge (East Coast Main Line), follow signs for Bagby & Thirsk - road becomes Islebeck Lane, Sandy Lane, then Moor End Lane. Turn right into Bagby Lane (CTT arrow). At the A19 junction, turn left. Start is in a couple of hundred yards.

There may be some over-lapping of riders on the section of course north of Thirsk. There will be Observers out on the course. Any reports of accompanied riding may result in disqualification of the riders involved, and possible further action by Yorkshire D.C. The onus lies with the overtaken rider to drop back in order to avoid accompanied riding.

KEEP TO THE LEFT OF THE CARRIAGEWAY, KEEP YOUR HEAD UP, HAVE A SAFE RIDE
