

Promoted for, and on behalf of, **Cycling Time Trials**, under its Rules & Regulations,
And on behalf of the **Wilson Trustees**, by the

YORKSHIRE CYCLING FEDERATION

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.

88th Andy Wilson Memorial

50 miles Time Trial



Saturday 20th July 2019
First rider 14.01
Course V150