



# HAWK TALK

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## CELEBRATION WITH A FIZZ

On Tuesday April 19th 1966 Hethersett Hawks entertained Norwich Icenians in the first-ever competitive match at the new cycle speedway track on the Memorial Playing Field. On the same date fifty years later 20 current members aged from 6 to 62 rolled up for their regular Tuesday Club Night in glorious but chilly sunshine to find the night going with a fizz.

In addition to the normal mix of graded races, time trials, a manic 9-a-side relay race, handicap races and the popular 30-lap eliminator race, they, plus committee members and supporters, were treated to some champagne / soft drinks and cakes to celebrate this very special anniversary for the village club started by a group of teenagers all those years ago.

With 20 members there it was a crazy night with the highlight being the appearance later on of former star Hawk of the late 70s/early 80s Glyn Morgan who, having watched the previous week, decided to have a go. He looked in good shape and certainly was under-estimated by the handicapper as he won Rider of the Night with 13 points!! Also Dan Butler put in his appearance at Club Night this season. He set a personal best time, as did Sam Crossley while Alfie Holmes set his best time of the season. The climax Eliminator saw those key rivals Harley Hamill and Owen Wells battle it out to the end with Harley winning for the fifth time.

Thanks to everyone for making it a very special night for me.

The club will be having a day of special events on Saturday May 21st at the track and hope to welcome along as many ex-riders as can make it to share their memories and maybe show their old skills on the track before a social evening at Hethersett Social Club.

Then on Sunday June 26th club members will parade through the village streets at the head of the annual Run-the-Square fun run which will be followed in the afternoon with the staging of the Norfolk Championships at the track.

Later this year a book will be published cataloguing the history of the Club.

## EAGLES SWOOP IN

The Hawks suffered their first South-East League Division 1 defeat of the season when Ipswich Eagles visited the Memorial Playing Field. The Hawks were without four of their first-team squad for a variety of reasons and the strong Ipswich side soon took command and led by 15 points at the interval. After the break the Hawks rallied with wins from Leigh Cossey, Olly Buxton and Dan Butler to support Dan Chambers who only lost one race all afternoon. A 7-2 win in the final race meant that the Hawks only lost the second half by one point, but they had the advantage of inside gates throughout this half.

### HETHERSETT 71 IPSWICH EAGLES 87

(D.Chambers 22+1 L.Cossey 14+1 D.Butler 12 O.Buxton 12 R.Carter 5+1 L.Hulcoop 4 K.Adams 2)

In the Division 2 match Ipswich were again too strong as Hethersett gave more team experience to Adam Reeve, Sam Crossley and Daniel Longlands. Credit is also due to 60+ vet Roger Carter and Lee Hulcoop, in only his second match back after 14 years. Called into first-team action as well they were required to do eight races each on the day. Katie Adams found a burst of speed in her final outing to pass her old rival Chloe Pearce.

### HETHERSETT B 59 IPSWICH B 101

(R.Carter 12 L.Hulcoop 10 S.Crossley 9 A.Reeve 9 D.Butler 7 K.Adams 7+1 D.Longlands 5)

## DAN FLIES THE FLAG TO 2<sup>ND</sup>

Dan Chambers was the only Hethersett rider among 63 competitors at the second South East Grand Prix (linked with the British Youth & Junior League) held at Ipswich. In town for his adopted Elite League squad's night out, he joined other top riders in the Senior category. He had to come through a race-off to make the A Final and then took his chance to defeat Charlie Rumbold and Australian Cody Chadwick to follow Ash Hill home in second place. The third Grand Prix is at Kesgrave on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

## WAS THAT COLDEST NIGHT?

The latest Tuesday Club Night must surely have been on the coldest night of the year!!! At least it seemed like it with the sleet and rain at the end. Still 11 hardy souls braved the weather, which had helped to make the track in good condition. There were some fast times but surprisingly not many record-breakers – Adam Reeve cracked his personal best and young Lewis Fierro also beat his one-lap personal best. These two went on to compete a good night with Adam winning Handicaps with 12 points and the, after the elimination race was stopped midway due to a heavy fall from Lewis, he got back up for the restart to great encouragement and was rewarded as older riders contrived to leave the two youngest in at the end and Alfie Nixon generously faded on the line as Lewis carried on speeding by!! That is what makes our Club great!!! I will not be back from Poland this Tuesday in time so Katie, Lisa and Kevin will be running the show.

## SHIRT PAYMENTS DUE

Thanks to the four members who have already paid for their shirts. The other 12 of you who have made provisional orders need to pay £25 to the Club by next week so we can get the personalised shirts ordered. Anyone else who wants to make an order needs to do the same.

## POLAND HERE WE COME

Friday this week sees Janet and I accompany Dan Chambers, Leigh Cossey, Harley Hamill, Josh Herring and Dan Butler to Ostrow in Poland for the European Club Championships, the first-ever Hawks trip abroad as a team (individuals have been to Poland, USA and Australia before) It will be tough as only three other British teams are making the trip – Wednesfield, Ipswich and Birmingham. We are still not sure of the programme other than we are guaranteed three rounds over the three days. Our first round brings us out against Elite League Champions Wednesfield, home Club Ostrow, who have the World Champion in their side, and Zelona Gora. We will have fun completing the programmes with team and rider names!!! Full draw

Round 1

Gniezno, Mikolow, Torun, Polish Fed team

Riund 2

Zelona Gora, Ostrow, Hethersett, Wednesfield

Round 3

Czestochowa, Birmingham, Katowice, Leszno

Round 4

Swietochlowice, Rybnik, Ipswich, Kalety

## GET READY FOR HELLINGLY

The weekend after Poland sees us go to Sussex for League racing for the first time as we are away at Hellingly Lions near Eastbourne for A and B team matches. You need to start planning transport with teammates – we will be leaving soon after 9 a.m. on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> as the first match starts at 1 p.m. (B team at 2.30) Let Dan Chambers and Katie Adams know if you are available.

## OTHER RECENT RESULTS

### Division 1

Ipswich Whirlwinds 94 East London 46

East London 66 Kesgrave 93

Gt.Blakenham 81 Hellingly 79

Ipswich Whirlwinds 86 Norwich 74

### Division 2

Ipswich 82 Hellingly 76

East London 83 Kesgrave 91

Gt Blakenham 93 Hellingly 97

## 2016 CLUB NIGHT SO FAR

| NAME             | ATT | TIME   | HCAP | ELIM | PB    |
|------------------|-----|--------|------|------|-------|
| Nick Myhill      | 4   | 40.78  |      |      |       |
| Oliver Buxton    | 5   | 40.84  |      |      | 40.56 |
| Harley Hamill    | 8   | 41.06  |      | 5    |       |
| Leigh Cossey     | 2   | 41.25  |      |      | 40.02 |
| Lee Smith        | 1   | 41.67  |      |      |       |
| Josh Herring     | 1   | 41.87  |      |      |       |
| Scott Grimes     | 1   | 42.22  |      |      |       |
| Owen Wells       | 8   | 42.83  | 1    | 2    |       |
| Daniel Butler    | 1   | 43.00  |      |      |       |
| Roger Carter     | 3   | 44.16  |      |      |       |
| Lee Hulcoop      | 7   | 44.18  |      |      |       |
| Carly Cameron    | 3   | 45.68  | 1    |      |       |
| Katie Adams      | 7   | 45.73  |      |      | 43.13 |
| Adam Reeve       | 6   | 45.81  | 2    |      |       |
| Sam Crossley     | 5   | 46.00  | 1    |      |       |
| Nigel Longlands  | 5   | 46.12  | 1    |      | 44.72 |
| Daniel Longlands | 8   | 47.09  | 1    |      |       |
| Alfie Holmes     | 3   | 47.84  |      |      | 46.50 |
| Alfie Nixon      | 5   | 48.43  |      |      | 48.31 |
| Olivia Nicholas  | 5   | 48.87  |      |      | 48.16 |
| Giles Awbery     | 4   | 51.44  |      |      | 50.22 |
| Glyn Morgan      | 1   | n/a    | 1    |      | n/a   |
|                  |     | 3 LAPS |      |      |       |
| Leo Mallett      | 5   | 37.81  |      |      | 37.43 |
|                  |     | 1 LAP  |      |      |       |
| Lewis Fierro     | 3   | 16.19  |      | 1    |       |

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> sees a GO-RIDE session for juniors Under-16 at Spixworth and there will also be a one-off Grand Prix event for older riders – may lead to a full series this summer on Thursday nights. More details next week.

**League Name** South East Division 1

**Season** 2016

|                    | Home |   |   |   | Away |   |   | For | Against | Pen | Pts |
|--------------------|------|---|---|---|------|---|---|-----|---------|-----|-----|
|                    | M    | W | D | L | W    | D | L |     |         |     |     |
| Ipswich Whirlwinds | 4    | 4 | 0 | 0 |      |   |   | 359 | 261     |     | 8   |
| Gt Blakenham       | 3    | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1    | 0 | 0 | 244 | 233     |     | 6   |
| Ipswich Eagles     | 3    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1    | 0 | 1 | 254 | 220     |     | 4   |
| Hethersett         | 3    | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1    | 0 | 0 | 244 | 234     |     | 3   |
| Kesgrave           | 3    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1    | 0 | 1 | 231 | 248     |     | 2   |
| Hellingly          | 4    |   |   |   | 1    | 0 | 3 | 311 | 322     |     | 2   |
| Norwich            | 3    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0    | 1 | 1 | 230 | 249     |     | 1   |
| East London        | 3    | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0    | 0 | 1 | 174 | 280     |     | 0   |

**League Name** South East Division 2

**Season** 2016

|                | Home |   |   |   | Away |   |   | For | Against | Pen | Pts |
|----------------|------|---|---|---|------|---|---|-----|---------|-----|-----|
|                | M    | W | D | L | W    | D | L |     |         |     |     |
| Ipswich B      | 3    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2    | 0 | 0 | 277 | 194     |     | 6   |
| Norwich B      | 2    | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1    | 0 | 0 | 185 | 135     |     | 4   |
| Hellingly B    | 3    |   |   |   | 2    | 0 | 1 | 274 | 243     |     | 4   |
| Kesgrave B     | 2    | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1    | 0 | 0 | 162 | 171     |     | 2   |
| Hethersett B   | 3    | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1    | 0 | 0 | 211 | 268     |     | 2   |
| East London B  | 2    | 0 | 0 | 2 |      |   |   | 151 | 192     |     | 0   |
| Gt Blakenham B | 3    | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0    | 0 | 1 | 223 | 280     |     | 0   |

## Riders' Averages

Division 1

| Pos | Name          | Mts | Hts | Pts | Ave  |
|-----|---------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 1   | Dan Chambers  | 3   | 17  | 66  | 3.88 |
| 2=  | Leigh Cossey  | 2   | 10  | 34  | 3.40 |
| 2=  | Lee Smith     | 2   | 10  | 34  | 3.40 |
| 4   | Harley Hamill | 2   | 9   | 26  | 2.89 |
| 5   | Josh Herring  | 2   | 7   | 18  | 2.57 |
| 6   | Oliver Buxton | 3   | 14  | 35  | 2.50 |
| 7   | Dan Butler    | 3   | 13  | 31  | 2.38 |
| 8   | Scott Grimes  | 1   | 2   | 4   | 2.00 |
| 9   | Roger Carter  | 2   | 5   | 7   | 1.40 |
| 10= | Owen Wells    | 1   | 3   | 3   | 1.00 |
| 10= | Lee Hulcoop   | 1   | 4   | 4   | 1.00 |
| 10= | Katie Adams   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 1.00 |

Division 2

| Pos | Name             | Mts | Hts | Pts | Ave  |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 1   | Oliver Buxton    | 1   | 6   | 24  | 4.00 |
| 2   | Dan Butler       | 2   | 7   | 25  | 3.57 |
| 3=  | Harley Hamill    | 1   | 2   | 7   | 3.50 |
| 3=  | Lee Smith        | 1   | 4   | 14  | 3.50 |
| 5   | Owen Wells       | 1   | 6   | 20  | 3.33 |
| 6   | Alfie Nixon      | 1   | 5   | 13  | 2.60 |
| 7   | Nigel Longlands  | 1   | 3   | 7   | 2.33 |
| 8=  | Olivia Nicholas  | 1   | 5   | 10  | 2.00 |
| 8=  | Lee Hulcoop      | 2   | 8   | 16  | 2.00 |
| 8=  | Roger Carter     | 2   | 9   | 18  | 2.00 |
| 11  | Katie Adams      | 3   | 15  | 29  | 1.93 |
| 12  | Daniel Longlands | 2   | 10  | 18  | 1.80 |
| 13  | Carly Cameron    | 1   | 4   | 7   | 1.75 |
| 14= | Adam Reeve       | 1   | 6   | 9   | 1.50 |
| 14= | Sam Crossley     | 1   | 6   | 9   | 1.50 |