

Abertillery Wheelers promoted an open 30 miles time trial on a course comprising two laps of a circuit between Raglan and Abergavenny. It was also the closing event of the Welsh CA Magic Dragon Time Trial Series, but a very warm afternoon in a strong wind slowed times, with only sixty competitors completing the course. The winner in 1h.7m.44s. was Dan Hunt Science in Sport, which brought his tally to five open wins on his visits to Wales this year. 2nd Jason Bohin Sodbury CS 1-9-18, 3rd Gerard Oram Bynea CC 1-10-04, 4th Paul Sander 53-12 Multi-Sports 1-10-08, 5th Rhys Rowlands Abertillery Wheelers 1-11-08, 6th Geraint Evans Port Talbot 1-11-56. 1st lady Kirsten Brooks Abergavenny RC 1-17-39 Rowlands clubmate Tony Hudson did well to take 12th place with 1-13-54.

Fighting to regain form after his annual holiday, Rhys Rowlands still turned in a good enough performance to win the Abertillery Wheelers annual Heads of the Valley Climb. He clocked 13m.04s. for the 3.5 miles climb from a point near the bottom of Black Rock to high on the steep hill out of Brynmawr on the Blaenavon Road. 2nd was Ian Davies with a personal best of 14m.00s. Tony Hudson 14-26, Gareth Chislett 15-38, Nick Thomas 15-45, Brian Phillips 16-14, Nick Charman 17-14. Charman's ride was truly remarkable, as he was still using a walking stick five weeks ago, having had a bad fall earlier this year, when he broke a few bones. Two evenings later he was riding the latest of Abertillery Wheelers' 10 miles time trials on the difficult circuit course between Hafodrynys and Pontypool, another event won by Rhys Rowlands in 24m.33s. Ian Davies and Tony Hudson tying for 2nd with 24m.53s. Andy Haines 25-59, Martin Latewood 26-54, Gareth Chislett 27-01, Nick Charman 29-00, Wally Ham 29-03, Dave Evans 29-13, Owen Pocock 31-57. Next Saturday Ogmere Valley Wheelers promote an open 10 miles TT, and on Sunday Port Talbot Wheelers an open 50 miles TT, both on courses in the Vale of Neath.