

Although the sun shone for most of the afternoon, the wind was bending the tops of trees, making it a struggle to complete the course based at Raglan, which was used for the Abertillery Wheelers open 25 miles time trial. There were only five non-starters, although three did not finish the course, leaving an excellent total of 52 recorded times on the result board, at the event headquarters, at Dingestow Village Hall. The first rider to finish the course was Gary Jones, Cwmcarn PRC, and his 58m.14s. was leading until Dave Dickerson, Lukracing.net, who had started at number 30, took over with 56m.52s. However when number 50, John Pritchard, Leo RC finished with 55m.26s. it was obvious that was the winner. Dickerson was 2nd, Colin May, Acme Wh 3rd in 57-15, 4th Derek Rogers, Lukracing.net 57-53, 5th Gary Jones, and 6th Colin Wallace Port Talbot Wheelers 58-21. Wallace who had been considered as a possible winner, was disappointed to be outside the first three, but had the consolation of leading clubmates Gerraint Evans, 58-47, and Wendy Hall 1-05-07, to the 1st team prize. Wendy also taking the 1st Lady award. The Veterans section was won by John Pritchard, whose 55-26 was a huge 19m.29s. beating of the standard time for his age. 2nd Gordon Butler, Hereford Wh, clocking 1-03-13, 18-40 inside his age standard, 3rd Alan Colburn 1-08-28, 17-50 inside. Abertillery Wheelers: Tony Hudson 1-01-20, Ian Davies 1-02-05, Ross Phillips 1-02-19 (Personal Best), Gareth Chislett 1-08-48, and the club's oldest racing man Owen Pocock 1-15-47. The following day the Ross on Wye CC held an open Hilly 25.5 miles time trial, on a course based at Cross Ash, and one of the fastest racing cyclists in the country, Stuart Dangerfield Science in Sport RT won with 1h.00m.07s. giving him a large lead over the 2nd man Gethin Butler Preston Wh 1-02-47. 3rd Matthew Cook RAF CC 1-10-00. Abertillery Wheeler, Ian Davies was 12th in 1-16-23. Next Saturday there is an open 10 miles time trial at Ludlow, and on the following day Merthyr CC promote a 3 up team time trial on the fast Vale of Neath 25 miles course.