

It was a breezy morning, with a few autumnal showers, for the Port Talbot Wheelers open 25 miles time trial on the fast Vale of Neath course. The winner, as expected, was Michael Hutchinson API-Metrow, who clocked the fastest ever time for the distance in Wales of 47m.03s. When he won the British 25 miles championship, held on the same course in June, he amazed by clocking 47m.15s This year he has become the first rider to win the 10, 25, 50 100 miles and 12 hours British Championships in the same year. This outstanding performer on the road, against the clock, now holds Welsh records at 10, 25 and 50 miles. Clocking 19m.19s. to win the British 10 championship here in 2002, and 1h.40m.41s. to take the British 50 championship on the Abergavenny- Mitchell Troy roads in 2000. His time here this week is his fastest for the distance this year. 2nd was veteran Ray Hughes Clarence Wheelers 50m.31s, and 3rd Lawrence Harding Agistoviner.com 51m.05s. This week a large number of Abertillery Wheelers were on their annual tour to Ireland, but in the Port Talbot event Ian Davies clocked his fastest time for 25 miles this year of 57m.52s, while his clubmate Martin Latewood recorded 58m.27s.. Although beaten in this event, Latewood has the fastest time by a member of the club this year, when he clocked 56m12s. last month. He also has 22m.19s. for 10 miles, and he will be picking up the trophies for those achievements at the club's Annual Dinner at the West Mon Golf Club in September.

Next Sunday the Abergavenny RC will promote the Welsh Championship Hill Climb using the first 1.8 miles of the Keepers Hill, starting at Govilon. The hill has become better known in recent years as the Tumble.