

A short-ish history of the Inter Club. The Withington have a long history of social inter club events, the first recorded such was versus the Irwell Castle which was held on Sunday 8th October 1933. Many such opponents have come and gone over the years but in 1987 the first event versus our old friends from the Dukinfield CC took place. 30 years on it's still going strong.....

1987

Club "25" - 12th April, 1987

We were blessed with another good day for this, the first of our Club "25"s. Plenty of sunshine, and not much wind. On the face of it a more attractive morning than the previous Sunday of our Open "Novices" and one to produce a batch of improved times we thought. But not so. It must have been a trifle harder, for of our four riders to finish the previous week, three "went back" a little.

The event carried with it the first of our Handicap awards - the Bert Jenkinson Trophy - and additional interest was occasioned by the fact that it was run as an Inter-club event with the Dukinfield and the Stockport Clarion.

Seven of our members faced Timekeeper Maurice and all finished. Simon Pearson, welcome back in the fold, was on scratch but as he had been suffering from a cold all week he could only manage 1.7.27. Greg Armshaw was fastest in the Club and second fastest overall with a time of 1.6.09 - a few second slower than in the "Novices".

The Handicap Trophy went to John Lowe, the only one to improve, with a ride of 1.8.48, and an allowance of 10 minutes. John had had the misfortune to break his chain in the second "25" last year, so he must have felt delighted with the outcome of this year's effort. Second handicap place went to Roger Godfrey, riding in his first-ever event and putting up a creditable 1.12.47, with 13 minutes allowance.

The Dukinfield proved to be the winners of the Inter-club, with an aggregate time for three riders of 3.18.12. We were second with 3.21.31, and the Stockport Clarion third with 3.26.29.

This event is the first of the three which count for the Harry Lloyd Handicap Trophy - the others being the second Club "25" and the M.D.T.T.A. "50". Now that some of our younger riders have had a fair amount of experience in the shorter distances it would be good to see several competing for Harry's Trophy by entering all three events.

If my memory serves me aright, it is some time since we had an Inter-club event. It seemed to me on the morning that there was a good atmosphere engendered throughout and particularly after the finish at the Headquarters, with lots of tea and cake (thanks to Nan and Edna). Let's think of having more of these Inter-clubs.

Altogether a total of ten members entered in this event and the "Novices", so I think we can look forward to an interesting season in the offing.

Here are the details :-

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Nett</u>
1. John Lowe	1.08.48	10	58.48
2. Roger Godfrey	1.12.47	13	59.47
3. Russell Forbes	1.07.55	8	59.55
4. Greg Armshaw	1.06.09	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	1.00.24
5. Leon Wilkins	1.10.49	10	1.00.49
6. Rod Slater	1.18.23	13	1.05.23
7. Simon Pearson	1.07.27	Scr.	1.07.27

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Footnote:

I think the idea of an inter-club event, particularly with our close friends in the Dukinfield C.C. (I could think of no other Club I would choose) an excellent one. I personally would like to see it a permanent fixture in our calendar.

Congratulations to Mike Ruddy on his first club promotion. It was certainly hectic at the start, but no doubt future events will run much more smoothly. Thanks also to his brother Peter who 'pushed-off' for us as he did in the Novices "25". Lance made an excellent job of the handicap (at very short notice) bringing the first five inside 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ mins.

Congratulations to John Lowe who in taking the Bryan Purcell Cup recorded a Personal Best of 1-8-48.

Pres.

Inter-Club "25" and The Brian Purcell Handicap Cup

Again this year the Club welcomed the Dukinfield CC to yet another Inter-Club "25". Using the Chelford course, everything was set for a closely contested event, with previous comparative times of the riders being very even. The morning, bright and dry, had a slight biting wind, promising a hard ride though an easy finish.

With Rod first man off, timekeeper Maurice sent him on his way some 16 minutes late, a welcome sight no doubt to the foot stamping marshalls around the course. Soon to be at the head of the field was John Lowe, staying there to the finish and recording a personal best of 1.7.48. It turned out to be a disappointing ride for Russ who unshipped his chain to finish with a 1.9.52, this delay sadly affecting the result of the Inter-Club.

Greg headed our riders with a sterling ride of 1.4.33 but this was not to be the fastest of the day, R. Watson of the "Duks" taking that honour with an 8 sec. advantage over Greg. With John taking second team place and Robert Bealby third man with 1.9.47, the Withington had lost the Inter-Club by 19 secs. Congratulations to the Dukinfield CC

Result:

<u>Dukinfield CC</u>		<u>Withington Whlrs.</u>	
R. Watson	1.04.25	G. Armshaw	1.04.33
J. Kerr	1.06.35	J. Lowe	1.07.48
M. Beswick	1.10.49	R. Bealby	1.9.47
Aggregate: 3hrs.21mins.49secs.		Aggregate: 3hrs.22mins.08secs.	

The Brian Purcell Cup

The following times were recorded:

	<u>H'cap. Time</u>	<u>H'cap</u>	<u>Actual Time</u>
X J. Lowe	1.02.18	5½	1.07.48
M. Dancy ✓	1.03.30	8.30	1.11.33
R. Stern ✓	1.03.50	7	1.10.50
G. Armshaw ✓	1.04.33	Scr.	1.04.33
R. Forbes	1.07.12	2.40	1.09.52
R. Bealby ✓	1.07.17	2.30	1.09.47
X R. Slater	1.08.25	16	1.24.25
L. Koch	—	7	D.N.F.

The winner: J. Lowe Handicap time 1hr.2min.18secs.

After the event, riders, helpers, spectators, all descended on the H.Q. for cuppas and cakes. A very pleasant way to round the event off; an opportunity to put names to faces we regularly see up the road. A sweepstake was organised by the Dukinfield on the Paris-Roubaix road race to defray the cost of the room.

Our thanks to the catering staff, Nan and Edna, to Jim for organising the event, to Maurice for his timekeeping, to the marshalls and to the riders who took part.

L.T.

Inter. Club "25" - Sunday April 16th 1989Dukinfield C.C.South Lancs R.C.Withington Wheelers

This event was enjoyed by competitors and helpers alike who numbered round about one hundred.

At the beginning of the week prior to the event our hopes were justifiably high for a team victory, but as news of the 'minor' calamities sank in, we began to wonder if we would be able to field a team worthy of opposition. Dave and Malc with knee problems, Ric down with a throat infection, Russ a stomach upset and Simon knocked off his bike going to work and taken to hospital with suspected head injuries. Leo on Sunday-duty working, and Leon still with back trouble which he can't rid himself of. So, on the morning we were relieved to find 6 of ours on the start-sheet. Most praiseworthy were the actions of John Lowe and Greg Armshaw who faced the timekeeper despite being in temporary retirement.

The Dukinfield had 11 riders, the South Lancs 12 and it was superior numbers that took the day. The Duks packing well with a 1-3, a 1-4 and a 1-5 to take the team plaques. The South Lancs, whilst providing the fastest time (R.Grudzinski .. 1-00-45) finished in second place, whilst Rbt.Bealby was fastest of ours with 1-4-19, Greg and Malc were our other 'counters'.

1990 ~ a Withy win!

22 April 1990

R Meadows	1.04.36	5.40	58.56
AJ Baxter	1.13.13	14.00	59.13
L Koch	1.03.47	4.10	59.37
R Stern	1.08.37	9.00	59.37
D Slater	1.07.47	7.40	1.00.07
S Parnell	1.21.54	20.30	1.00.54
R Slater	1.20.58	20.00	1.00.58
R Forbes	1.05.16	3.30	1.01.46
S Pearson	1.02.10	scr	1.02.10
T Perry	1.13.44	11.15	1.02.29
R Godfrey	1.14.01	11.20	1.02.41
B Vincent	1.06.27	3.00	1.03.27
J Law	1.34.15	29.30	1.05.15

Team Positions;

Withington Wheelers	3.10.33
Duky	3.21.55
South Lancs	3.22.22

1991

Inter-Club "25" - Withington/South Lancs R.C./Dukinfield

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The Result (in Handicap Order) as follows:-

		Actual	H'Cap Allow	H'Cap Time	
1.	I. Blackburn	1-00-37	4m. 00s.	56-37	Medal
2.	N. Byrne	1-08-31	11m. 00s.	57-31	Medal
3.	D. Slater	1-03-18	5m. 10s.	58-08	Medal
4.	R. Stern	1-07-24	8m. 05s.	59-19	
5.	REY. Slater	1-22-07	20m. 40s.	1-01-27	
6.	R. Meadows	1-04-24	2m. 50s.	1-01-34	
7.	P. Howarth	1-06-08	4m. 10s.	1-01-58	
8.	L. Koch	1-02-19	10s.	1-02-09	
9.	J. Law	1-27-06	24m. 30s.	1-02-36	
10.	R. Forbes	1-06-26	3m. 15s.	1-03-11	
11.	J. Lowe	1-10-52	7m. 00s.	1-03-52	

Our thanks to Lance for another excellent handicap performance.

President

1994

Rik Meadows	1.04.30	handicap 1.04.30
Neil Byrne	1.09.49	handicap 1.07.49
Simon Pearson	1.10.27	
Russ Forbes	1.11.02	handicap 1.04.02

Fastest rider Phil Pearce 57.11

Russ Forbes took a wrong turn on the course but still somehow managed to win the handicap and the Bryan Purcell.

Unfortunately we have no record of who won the Inter Club.

1995

Neil Byrne	1.02.15
Russ Forbes	1.07.23
John Lowe	1.15.11

Not much details about the 1995 Inter Club but suffice to say, the WW Journal records that the Withy were team winners probably due to two second claim riders;

Phil Pearce	1.00.02 (fastest riders on the day)
Ian Fleming	1.04.19

1996

Phil Pearce	57.20
Ian Fleming	1.01.07
Rik Meadows	1.03.44
Leo Koch	1.03.58
Neil Byrne	1.04.16
Tony Baxter	1.07.47
R Palmer	1.10.54
Dave Phillipson	1.11.58
Steve Huntbach	1.14.58
Rod Slater	1.23.40
John Lowe	DNF
Russ Forbes	DNF

Rik Meadows wins the Bryan Purcell Trophy.

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6	R Meadows	1.04.24	2.50	1.01.34
7	P Howarth	1.06.08	4.10	1.01.58
8	L Koch	1.02.19	0.10	1.02.09
9	J Law	1.27.06	24.30	1.02.36
10	R Forbes	1.06.26	3.15	1.03.11
11	J Lowe	1.10.52	7.00	1.03.52

Team Standings;

Withington Wheelers	3.06.14
South Lancs RC	3.07.49
Dukinfield CC	3.13.46

1998 ~ Duky Win!

Inter Club 25. Withy v Duky. 25 April 1998 ~ J2/9

Six Withys took up the gauntlet thrown down by the Dukinfield in the annual inter club 25, held this year on the J2/9 car boot sale course. It was our turn to organise, originally scheduled for the J4/5 we were forced to change to the J2/9 because of roadworks on King Street. Unfortunately the South Lancs RC were unable to make up the usual manage- a trios as they have no active riders this year, apparently they have all left the SLRC and gone to the Duky!

Steve Butterworth	Dukinfield CC	58.02		
Phil Pearce	Withington Wheelers	58.22	(2 nd claim)	
Jonathan Bawden	Dukinfield CC	1.01.33		
Brendan Casey	Dukinfield CC	1.02.13		
Adrian Thorp	Dukinfield CC	1.02.55		
Rik Meadows	Withington Wheelers	1.03.20	scratch	
Pete Howarth	Withington Wheelers	1.03.54	(2 nd claim)	
Phil Cunningham	Dukinfield CC	1.03.56		
Leo Koch	Withington Wheelers	1.04.20	h'cap 2.30 net 1.1.50	Leo wins the Bryan Purcell Trophy
Tony Baxter	Withington Wheelers	1.05.04	h'cap 3.00 net 1.2.04	
Russ Forbes	Withington Wheelers	1.05.57	h'cap 3.00 net 1.2.57	
Steve Holt	Dukinfield CC	1.07.51		
Colin Ellis	Dukinfield CC	1.17.57		

1999 ~ Duky again!!

Rik Meadows	1.2.46	
Neil Byrne	1.4.26	
Simon Pearson	1.8.42	} Simon and Rod joint
Rod Slater	1.28.42	} handicap winners
other riders (Dukinfield CC?); J Nunan 57.43; S Brecknell 59.50		

2000 ~ Duky Benefit!

Inter Club 25. Withy v Duky v Hyde Olympic. 16 April 2000 ~ course J2/9.

Six Withy Wheelers greeted the timekeeper at the start of the Inter Club (otherwise known as the Dukinfield Benefit) 25. Needless to say the Duky walked away with the spoils once again with their riders taking the top three places and four out of the top five. Our best rider was Rik Meadows with an excellent 1.3.31, unfortunately this was only good enough to put him in seventh place. Dave Phillipson has not ridden a 25 for several years and was thrilled to win the Bryan Purcell Handicap Trophy. Tony Baxter was most unfortunate (but not disappointed) to be the victim of a puncture.

Full Result

Steve Butterworth	Dukinfield CC	58.05
Jimmy Froggat	Dukinfield CC	58.54
Rob Nelson	Dukinfield CC	1.00.13
Dave Gregson	Hyde Olympic	1.00.45
Adrian Thorp	Dukinfield CC	1.01.50
Gary Hill	Hyde Olympic	1.02.49
Rik Meadows	Withington Wheelers	1.03.31
Eion Fitzgibbon	Hyde Olympic	1.04.39
Phil Cunningham	Dukinfield CC	1.05.50
Roy Travis	Hyde Olympic	1.06.32
Dave Colley	Dukinfield CC	1.06.55
Neil Byrne	Withington Wheelers	1.07.22
Russ Forbes	Withington Wheelers	1.08.25
Jack Agnew	Hyde Olympic	1.08.30
Brendan Casey	Dukinfield CC	1.08.45
David Phillipson	Withington Wheelers	1.12.37

2001 ~ Duky Winners

Inter Club 25. Withy v Duky v Hyde Olympic. 8th April 2001 ~ Goostrey J2/9

Only 3 Withy Wheelers, Leo was fastest Withy with 1.3.47 and also won the Bryan Purcell handicap Trophy off scratch. Simon Pearson narrowly beat Rik Meadows by 12 seconds, recording 1.10.06 and 1.10.18 respectively. The Dukinfield CC ran away with another victory with Froggat, Thorp and Gregson recording 1.0.47, 1.1.55 and 1.2.14. Our turn to buy the trophies again!

Leo Koch	1.3.47	scr	1.3.47	Leo wins the Bryan Purcell Trophy
Simon Pearson	1.10.06	6.00	1.4.06	
Rik Meadows	1.10.18	4.00	1.6.18	

2002 ~ Duky once more!

Inter Club 25. Withy v Duky v Hyde Olympic. 21 April 2002 ~ Gawsworth J8/13

Any hopes we had of winning this year Inter Club 25 were dashed when Jimmy Froggat turned in an outstanding 58 to lead the Duky to victory once again. Backed up by Rob Nelson with 1.4 and Adrian Thorp 1.5 the Duky ran away with the team prize, these three recording the fastest rides of the day.

The course consisted of two laps around the Gawsworth, Pexhill, Siddington, Congleton circuit.

Eight Withys faced the timekeeper, seven finished, John Moore the victim of ill-fortune when his seatpost began to slip during the race. Fourth fastest on the day behind the 3 Duks was Steve Pennington who was disappointed with his 1.5.11 but he is currently studying hard for exams and his training has been strictly limited. Leo Koch showing no signs of sleepless nights with baby Tyler turned in an excellent ride of 1.8.30 to beat Rik Meadows who finished on 1.8.52. Rik however scored his own personal triumph over arch-rival Neil Byrne who was down for the weekend from Newcastle. The night before Rik had ensured victory over Byrne; taking him on a pub crawl and getting him rat-legged seemed to take the edge off his racing legs – Neil was just a minute slower with 1.9.50. Simon Pearson's early season training rides in the hills with John Moore are paying dividends, his time of 1.10.22 was much the same as his 1.10.06 on the much quicker J2/9 last year. Howard Newhall and Tony Baxter were only separated by 5 seconds and they can take encouragement from good early season performances on a difficult course. Howard 1.12.50 and Tony 1.12.55.

Finish order as follows

Steve Pennington	1.5.11	scr	1.5.11	
Leo Koch	1.8.30	5.00	1.3.30	
Rik Meadows	1.8.52	4.00	1.4.52	
Neil Byrne	1.9.50	(2 nd claim)		
Simon Pearson	1.10.22	8.00	1.2.22	Simon wins the Bryan Purcell Trophy
Howard Newhall	1.12.50	8.00	1.4.50	
Tony Baxter	1.12.55	6.00	1.6.55	
John Moore	DNF	3.00		

2003~ Duky first, Withy fourth in three horse race!

Inter Club 25. Withy v Duky v Hyde Olympic. 13 April 2003 ~ J4/16

Scott Newbery did a repeat of his excellent ride in the Novices last week and was the fastest Withy on the same course as last week. The ride of the day was done by Howard Newhall who turned in another PB on a difficult morning. H always does his PBs and wet and windy days when everybody else is considering giving up and heading back to the HQ. Leo expressed disappointment with his 1.4.52 after recording a 23 minute 10 on Levens the day before. Colin improved by 13 seconds over last weeks time and Dave was pleased to finish with 1.11.36.

Scott Newbery	1.2.35	1.00	1.1.35	
Leo Koch	1.4.52	2.00	1.2.52	
Howard Newhall	1.6.08	7.00	59.08	Howard wins the Bryan Purcell Trophy
Colin Pritchard	1.7.48	5.00	1.2.48	
Dave Phillipson	1.11.36	10.00	1.1.36	

The Duky took the team honours again, their three riders were the only ones under the hour and I'm disappointed to say that their second 3 finishers were faster than us and the Hyde Olympic. To complete our misery the Hyde pipped us by 2 seconds and we had the dubious honour of finishing fourth in a three club event!!

2004 ~ Withy Win *(please ignore the fact that the Duky only fielded one rider)*

Inter Club 25. Withy v Duky. 9 May 2004 ~ J8/13

This year found us back on the ever-popular Gawsworth course for the anticipated humiliation at the hands of the Duky. Last year we managed to finish fourth in a three horse race so confidence was not high – blimey things were looking that bad that even Russ was considering coming out of retirement!

However I'm happy to report that for the first time since the early 1990s we actually won the team event beating the Duky into second place. This was mainly due to the fact that the Duky only managed to field one rider and the Hyde Olympic none at all. But, come the hour come the man. Ignoring all the minor details it was till good to see Simon Pearson at last pull his finger out and lead the Withy to a well earned team victory. Having been given the biggest handicap Simon rode out to the event and then proceeded to surprise everyone with a ride that took him back to his halcyon days, fastest rider on the day, beating Rik Meadows by two minutes.

Simon Pearson	1.6.26	6.00	1.0.26	Simon wins the Bryan Purcell Trophy
Rik Meadows	1.8.15	scr	1.8.15	
Colin Pritchard	1.10.00	6.00	1.4.00	
Eion Fitzgibbon	1.12.01	3.00	1.9.01	

2005 ~ Back to the usual, Duky back to winning ways.

Inter Club 25. Withy v Duky. 8th May 2005

Your boys took one hell of a beating! As we all feared last year was a bit of a fluke and it looks like the only way we'll ever beat the Duky is when they only field one rider like 2004. With Scott still in bed, I'm sorry to say that the Duky's slowest of their 3 team 'counters' was quicker than our fastest man. So no need to do the maths then but for the record; Duky 3.11.51.....Withy 3.24.13 Only four of our riders made it to the chequered board with Colin, Leo and Dave all falling by the wayside and returning to the HQ at the end of the first lap. Rik was fastest of our finishers with 1.06.47, Simon second with 1.07.11 and Howard third with 1.10.15. New member Steve Baillie, in his first race for the club, finished with an excellent 1.15.13. Welcome to the Withy Steve, don't worry, the courses aren't all as bad as that!

The Bryan Purcell Handicap was won by Simon for the second consecutive year.....

Rik	1.06.47	scratch	net time 1.06.47	
Simon	1.07.11	3.00	net time 1.04.11	Simon wins the Bryan Purcell Trophy
Howard	1.10.15	6.00	net time 1.04.15	
SteveB	1.15.13	(Steve will be included in future handicaps based on this ride)		

All seven of our riders deserve a pat on the back for giving it a go on a tough day, the course is bad enough but as Simon says (eh?) with the wind in the west on this triangular course it'll never be behind you anywhere. Gawsworth is a lovely venue for this type of event and as usual the morning was a thoroughly enjoyable social occasion - especially if you hadn't ridden. A number of Withy Wheelers turned out to give the lads a shout including Amanda, Lance and Edna, Rod, Scott (out of bed eventually) and Russ. The Duky turned out in force and at one point there must have been in excess of forty hungry and thirsty riders in the hall. At this point, we must say a big thank you to Colin's three daughters, Toni, Natalie and Stephanie who saved the day when we ran out of tea and magically produced jugs of coffee and blackcurrant juice. These three honorary Withy Wheelers really brightened everybody's day and even brought a smile to our DNF's! Come back any time girls!

2006 ~ Duky Team Winners!!

Leo did a storming ride in the Inter Club 25 on Sunday 7 May 2006, not only fastest Withy on the day but also winning first handicap in the Bryan Purcell Trophy. Riding gears for the first time this year he stormed round the hilly Gawsworth 25 course in 1.5.25. Full result as follows;

Leo	1.5.25	2.00	1.3.25	Leo wins the Bryan Purcell Trophy
Rik	1.6.33	scr	1.6.33	
Howard	1.8.37	4.00	1.4.37	
Paul	1.12.21	7.30	1.4.51	

A bit of a baptism of fire for new member, Nigel Goldfinch who having ridden out with Rik, Paul & co then gamely decided to ride his first ever race on the difficult Gawsworth course on his touring bike. Needless to say discretion got the better part of valour and he called it a day after one lap, but well done Nigel. Paul also invited his mate Geoff Howarth along and he finished in 1.16.33.

Leo wins the Bryan Purcell Trophy.

The Duky ran out team winners with Rob Nelson, David Clayton and Adrian Thorp recording 1.1.27; 1.3.30 and 1.7.42 respectively. We were pleased to welcome the Stretford Wheelers to the Inter Club. Phil Lawton was DNF with a nose bleed (no, really) and Darryl Shaw finished with 1.4.12. With Scott in bed with a bad back, we were relieved when they only had one finisher and therefore didn't beat us into third place ☺

2007 ~ Duky Again!!

Sunday 29th April 2007

A disappointing entry saw only Leo ride for the Withy. The full result was as follows;

Rob Nelson	Dukinfield CC	1.02.42	
Leo Koch	Withington Wheelers	1.07.11	Leo wins the Bryan Purcell Trophy
Adrian Thorpe	Dukinfield CC	1.10.05	
Steve Holt	Dukinfield CC	1.11.23	
Megan Nelson	Dukinfield CC	1.21.24	

2008 ~ Withy Victorious!!

Sunday 27th April 2008 (7.92 miles ~ short course due to roadworks)

Team Withington showed strong force and good legs to win the Inter Club race at Gawsworth in rainy but mild conditions.

Astonishingly Leo and Rik recorded the same time to finish joint second overall only 3 seconds behind Rob Nelson, with Mike Irvine as 3rd team counter recording 20 minutes. Leo won the handicap prize for the Bryan Purcell trophy with his excellent ride. Russ tells me it has been ten years since we last beat the Duky, so congratulations to The Strong Team Withington ... the Majorcan mile eating training week is now paying off!

Withington Wheelers

Rik Meadows	19:20	scratch	19:20	
Leo Koch	19:20	1.00	18:20	Leo wins the Bryan Purcell Trophy for the third consecutive year
Mike Irvine	20:00	1.00	19:00	
Howard Newhall	22:35	2.30	20:05	
Paul Sawyer	24:12	3.30	20:42	
Paul Ekgren	25:11	3.30	21:41	
Martin Ekgren	27:45			

Dukinfield CC

Rob Nelson	19:17
Adrian Thorp	20:34
Karen Newby	21:24
Tim Deykin	21:48
Alison Deykin	25:18

2009 ~ Withy on a roll! – the first consecutive wins for the Withy since Adam were a lad.

26th April 2009 (10 miles – used J2/3 Chelford 10 course for the first time)

After a number of years on the unpopular Gawsorth course we finally decided to reduce the event to a 10 and move to the J2/3 Chelford course. Even this didn't tempt many Withys out of bed and a depleted Withy team just managed to cobble together three riders when the Duky kindly agreed that we could include our tandem pairing of David and Amanda Phillipson. We promptly repaid their kindness by pipping them to the team prize by 8 seconds. Rik was fastest overall in 25.07.

Withington Wheelers

Rik Meadows	25.07	scratch	25.07	
Howard Newhall	26.55	2.00	24.55	Howard wins the Bryan Purcell Trophy
David & Amanda	29.03	4.00	27.03	
	Total		1.21.05	

Dukinfield CC

Steve Holt	26.16		
Adrian Thorp	27.18		
Karen Newby	27.39		
Chris P	28.13	Total	1.21.13

Others Bill Prout (ABC Centreville) 28.04

2010 ~ It's a Withy hat-trick and we keep the ball!

Stretford Wheelers join the party and come along mob-handed but the first six riders were all Withys. Phil Pearce found himself pushed hard by a brilliant ride by Darren Maironis leaving Rik Meadows picking up the pieces in third. Andy Harrison in his first ever time trial won the Bryan Purcell handicap and fourth place with an excellent 25.59. If not for Andy's exceptional ride David and Amanda would have won the handicap again but they have the consolation of seeing their times coming down regularly. Howard just pipped them by 3 seconds and good to see Paul Ekgren back on the bike hopefully over his back problems, he and Norman had their own personal tussle only separated by 13 seconds.

	<i>act</i>	<i>h'cap</i>	<i>net</i>
Phil Pearce	23.28	Scr	23.28
Darren Maironis	23.52	0.30	23.22
Rik Meadows	24.01	0.13	23.48
Andy Harrison	25.59	3.30	22.29
Howard Newhall	26.30	2.30	24.00
David & Amanda	26.33	3.30	23.03
Norman Bradbury	32.40	5.00	27.40
Paul Ekgren	32.53	5.00	27.53

Fastest (Actual Time) Phil Pearce 23.28

Winner ~ Bryan Purcell Cup (*net time shown*) Andy Harrison 22.29

Full Result

1	Phil Pearce	Withington Wheelers	23.28
2	Darren Maironis	Withington Wheelers	23.52
3	Rik Meadows	Withington Wheelers	24.01
4	Andy Harrison	Withington Wheelers	25.59
5	Howard Newhall	Withington Wheelers	26.30
6	D&A Phillipson	Withington Wheelers	26.33
7	Ian Brown	Stretford Wheelers	27.31
8	Adrian Thorpe	Dukinfield CC	27.40

9	Steve Langdon	Stretford Wheelers	28.06
10	Iain Hall P	Stretford Wheelers	29.59
11	Ian Fielding	Stretford Wheelers	31.16
12	Norman Bradbury	Withington Wheelers	32.40
13	Gill Hall P	Stretford Wheelers	32.47
14	Paul Ekgren	Withington Wheelers	32.53
15	Steve Holt	Dukinfield CC	35.02 (punc)

Withington Wheelers

Phil Pearce	23.28	
Darren Maironis	23.52	1.11.21
Rik Meadows	24.01	

Dukinfield CC

Steve Holt	35.02	only two counters
Adrian Thorpe	27.40	

Stretford Wheelers

Ian Brown	27.31	
Steve Langdon	28.06	1.25.36
Iain Hall P	29.59	

2011 – Withy take top 6 places – no need to do the maths!!

Sunday 17 April

Inter Club 10.

Withington Wheelers v Stretford Wheelers v Dukinfield CC

Back to Goostrey again and the weather held fine for this event too, with Russ absent at Wembley to watch City beat United in the FA Cup semi-final (not necessary to mention that but thought I would anyway!) David Phillipson did an excellent job taking over the reins and organising the race. 21 riders turned up, the Withy ran out worthy winners filling the first 6 places with Darren Maironis again impressing with fastest on the day.

Great to see Tony Baxter over for the day and I'm sure the long journey home was shortened by the fact that he won the Bryan Purcell Handicap Trophy. (see below)

Inter Club 10 ~ result of the Bryan Purcell Cup

	<u>actual</u>	<u>hcap</u>	<u>net</u>	
Darren Maironis	22 : 51	scr	22 : 51	
Andy Harrison	24 : 36	0.41	23 : 55	
Rik Meadows	25 : 38	1.24	24 : 14	
Mike Irvine	25 : 45	1.46	23 : 59	
David & Amanda	25 : 57	2.19	23 : 38	
Pete Howarth	25 : 59	5.17	20 : 42	
Tony Baxter	26 : 40	6.47	19 : 53	Tony wins Bryan Purcell Cup
Howard Newhall	26 : 52	5.13	21 : 39	
Norman Bradbury	32 : 57	9.34	32 : 57	

2012 – the 1988 Giro d'Italia had nothing on this!

Steve Holt of the Duky has written his own description of the Inter Club, I think it says it all.....

"Bunch of tarts the lot of you.

Probably the most horrendous conditions I have 'ridden' in, in the last 35 years. Race would be an inappropriate term. The Duks equivalent of Stage 14 of the 1988 Giro d'Italia.

Hypothermia was setting in just getting to the start although the temperature had apparently leapt up to 4 degrees by 10am. Riders cowered behind the timekeepers car at the start. Rain was lashing down horizontal on the block headwind leg down the A50. It's hard to get warm at 8mph! Thoroughly dejected, bedraggled, frozen to the bone and losing the will to live we floated round the sharp left hander onto Middlewich Road and aquaplaned through Lower Peover or was that Completely and Utterly Peover. We were 'cruising' now although in a Costa Concordia kind of way until reaching the lone marshal at the Three Greyhounds.

Left onto Pennys Lane, over the col de M6 and then a long headwind drag to the finish. Still the misery wasn't over as it is 2 more rain lashed, headwind miles back to Goostey Village Hall. Threw bike against the car, ran inside and stood under the hot air dryer in the Gents for 5 minutes. Still shivering now as I type. Epic"

Result of the Inter Club 10 ~ 29th April 2012

Pete Howarth	26.59	WW		
Dave Clayton	27.37	Duky	WW total;	1.25.22
Graeme McCulloch	28.26	SW		
Tony Baxter	29.01	WW	SW total;	1.36.36
Howard Newhall	29.22	WW		
Steve Holt	31.53	Duky	Duky; only 2 counters	
Ian H-P	33.40	SW		
Ian Fielding	34.30	SW		
David & Amanda	45.31	WW		

Withy Wheelers ~ Bryan Purcell Trophy

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>H'cap</u>	<u>NET TIME</u>	
Pete Howarth	<u>26 : 59 .</u>	3.53	<u>23 : 06 .</u>	Pete wins Bryan Purcell Cup
Tony Baxter	<u>29 : 01 .</u>	3.22	<u>25 : 39 .</u>	
Howard Newhall	<u>29 : 22 .</u>	4.00	<u>25 : 22 .</u>	
David & Amanda	<u>45 : 31 .</u>	2.49	<u>42 : 42 .</u>	

2013

After last years' deluge the weather this year was positively tropical by comparison and a record turn-out of 31 riders made for a fascinating event.

The Withy ran out worthy winners once again, that's six on the trot, well done to Andy Harrison, Mike Irvine and Pete Howarth who led the Withy victory.

Here's the full result of the Inter Club 10 and below that the result of the Bryan Purcell Handicap.

Well done to all the riders competing in their first time trial. You've all now set the standard for your own handicap if you fancy having another go in the Mere handicap in June.

1	Chris Powell	Dukinfield CC	25.25
2	Vicky Probyn	Dukinfield CC	25.21
3	Sheila Loftus	Withington Whlrs	42.03
4	Bernard Loftus	Withington Whlrs	31.42
5	Brid McMahon	Withington Whlrs	31.02
6	Phil Butter	Withington Whlrs	30.00
7	Alan Woods	Sky Ride	38.43
8	Jon Townend	Withington Whlrs	27.22
9	MM Yok	Withington Whlrs	33.01
10	Phil Langslow	Withington Whlrs	30.03
11	Chris Sims	Sky Ride	32.25
12	Chris Stubbs	Sky Ride	24.00
13	Nick Lewis	Dukinfield CC	26.06
14	Duncan Chandler	Dukinfield CC	26.21
15	A&D Phillipson	Withington Whlrs	26.38
16	Leigh Appleton	Dukinfield CC	26.51
17	Joanne Harcourt	Stretford Whlrs	30.01
18	Norman Bradbury	Withington Whlrs	28.42

19	Dave Clayton	Dukinfield CC	23.18
20	Adam Bentley	Stretford Whlrs	40.00
21	Andy Harrison	Withington Whlrs	21.55
22	Mark Liddell	Sky Ride	26.06
23	Dave Pargeter	Stretford Whlrs	23.29
24	Phil Rowsell	North Lancs Clarion	22.41
25	John Lowe (Treasurer)	Withington Whlrs	27.20
26	Robbie Harcourt	Stretford Whlrs	22.49
27	Mike Irvine	Withington Whlrs	22.28
28	Pete Howarth	Withington Whlrs	23.19
29	Trevor Thirsk	Stretford Whlrs	DNF
30	Tony Scallan	Withington Whlrs	27.11
31	Howard Newhall	Withington Whlrs	24.50

2014

Another success for the Withy. This is our seventh consecutive win in this event. Bearing in mind that prior to 2008 we had only recorded one win in the previous 15 years, you could say we are on a bit of a roll!

Winning team for the Withy, retaining the Inter Club Trophy once again were

Andy Harrison 24.38, Scott Newbery 24.51 and Mike Irvine 25.30.

Well done everyone who rode the event. It wasn't an easy day with a head wind both ways.

A total of 46 riders started and seventeen of those were Withy Wheelers, most riders struggled in the strong wind and few recorded anything like their PBs. Having said that an excellent ride by Paul Ekgren saw him win the Bryan Purcell Handicap Trophy pipping Scott Newbery into second place by 47 seconds. Well done Paul.

Great to see Steve Baillie out and racing again after his accident.

Eight Sky Riders came along for their first 10 mile time trial and some impressive times were recorded by all the riders.

			act time	handicapnet time	
1	Howard Newhall	Withington Wheelers	27.51	3.00	24.51
2	Carl Farrow	Sky Ride	29.47		
3	Paul Windor	Sky Ride	30.12		
4	Paul Martin	Sky Ride	30.26		
5	Debra Johnson	Withington Wheelers	33.44		
6	Mark Johnson	Withington Wheelers	31.05		
7	Matt Evans	Sky Ride	28.41		
8	Alastair Fox	Sky Ride	32.58		
9	Nick Aler	Sky Ride	29.38		
10	D&A Phillipson	Withington Wheelers	28.12	4.30	23.42
11	Norman Bradbury	Withington Wheelers	33.46	7.00	26.46
12	Gill Hall-Patterson	Stretford Wheelers	31.41		
13	A Richardson	Stretford Wheelers	36.53		
14	T Ball	Stretford Wheelers	34.17		
15	N Lewis	Dukinfield CC	29.11		
16	P Richardson	Stretford Wheelers	35.32		
17	Ian Hall-Patterson	Stretford Wheelers	32.09		
18	J Harcourt	Stretford Wheelers	30.32		
19	Phil Williams	Withington Wheelers	32.42	6.00	26.42
20	Andy Mitchell	Dukinfield CC	30.04		
21	Andrew Spencer	Stretford Wheelers	27.54		
22	Bernard Loftus	Withington Wheelers	32.51	8.30	24.21

23	Dave Pargeter	Stretford Wheelers	24.36		
24	Sheila Loftus	Withington Wheelers	44.52	19.50	25.32
25	Ian Brown	Stretford Wheelers	28.10		
26	Brid McMahon	Withington Wheelers	33.36	9.00	24.36
27	Scott Newbery	Withington Wheelers	24.51	1.50	23.01
28	Phil Butter	Withington Wheelers	35.37	9.30	26.07
29	Stephen Baillie	Withington Wheelers	25.59	2.00	23.59
30	Phil Rowsell	North Cheshire Clarion	24.58		
31	Kevin Cawcey	North Cheshire Clarion	29.06		
32	Colin McArdle	Withington Wheelers	38.30	n/a	
33	Andy Harrison	Withington Wheelers	24.38	scratch	24,38
34	Trevor Thirsk	Stretford Wheelers	29.14		
35	Mike Irvine	Withington Wheelers	25.30	0.30	25.00
36	Robbie Harcourt	Stretford Wheelers	24.45		
37	Adrian Thorpe	Dukinfield CC	27.36		
38	Karen Newby	Dukinfield CC	28.44		
39	Katy Youle-Grayling	North Cheshire Clarion	29.28		
40	Chris Stubbs	Sky Ride	26.12		
41	Tony Baxter	Withington Wheelers	27.21	1.50	25.31
42	Paul Ekgren	Withington Wheelers	28.14	6.00	22.14
43	Stephen Longdon	Stretford Wheelers	27.33		
44	Ian Fielding	Stretford Wheelers	32.36		
45	John Lowe	Withington Wheelers	29.19	5.00	24.19
46	Tom Clarke	Stretford Wheelers	31.59		

2015

The end of the run!

Woe, owe and thrice woe! Our run of seven consecutive victories had to end sooner or later, the Stretford got the better of us for the first time in this event but unfortunately (for them) the new boys on the block, North Cheshire Clarion came in and took the team award and the Inter Club Cup. Well done Andy Harrison, Mike Irvine and John Lowe but with the NCC taking the first three fastest places they were always looking like convincing winners. Not to worry, there's always next year!

Howard Newhall nearly pipped John to that third team place but he was just 7 seconds slower. Ben Davies, Phil and Brid put up good times on a tough course that will stand them in good stead for the summer months on faster courses.

Ade Hughes	NCC	23.46
David Grindley	NCC	24.19
Ben McCaulder	NCC	24.28
Dave Pargeter	SW	24.30
Robbie Harcourt	SW	24.42
Andy Harrison	WW	24.44
Mike Irvine	WW	25.15
Phil Rowsell	NCC	26.08
Paul Hayes	NCC	27.21
Ian Bracegirdle	SW	27.26
John Lowe	WW	27.48
Howard Newhall	WW	27.55
Steve Longdon	SW	28.28
Adam Bentley	SW	28.32
Dave Houghton	SW	28.48
Karen Newby	Duky	29.39

Ben Davies	WW	29.53
Joanne Harcourt	SW	30.06
Wayne Jones	SW	30.09
Graham Fisher	SkyRide	32.55
Wai Hing Shek	SkyRide	33.09
Brid McMahon	WW	34.05
Phil Butter	WW	36.29
Kev Cawley	NCC	DNS (punc)

Upon reflection, some months after the event, the Inter Club Cup was belatedly awarded to the Stretford Wheelers.

2016 ~ the Stretford at the double!

Inter-club 10 mile time trial 10th April 2016 ~ Incorporating the Bryan Purcell Trophy

There was a great turn out of 12 Withington Wheelers racing on Sunday in the annual inter-club 10 against the Duckinfield and Stretford Wheelers. Three of our riders Jane, Chris and Simon were novices and all returned great times. Russ worked out the handicaps for the Bryan Purcell Trophy and the close run contest produced a popular winner in Jane Yianni.

The Inter-club competition was won by Stretford, with us in second place and the Duckies third. Andy and Paul unfortunately punctured.

Rod Slater had a cracking ride and broke the Club Age Record for 80+ year olds - many congratulations to Rod. Annia Modlinsky also rode for the Club, returning 28.54.

-----	Actual time	Handicap	Net Time
Mike Irvine-----	25.58-----	scratch-----	25.58
John Lowe-----	26.38-----	2.00-----	24.38
Howard Newhall---	27.49-----	2.30-----	25.19
Tony Baxter-----	29.08-----	3.00-----	26.08
Chris Yianni-----	30.11-----	5.00-----	25.11
Simon MM-----	30.12-----	5.00-----	25.12
Russ Forbes-----	31.37-----	3.00-----	28.37
Jane Yianni-----	33.43-----	10.00-----	23.43
Phil Butter-----	35.03-----	10.00-----	25.03
Rod Slater-----	41.09-----	15.00-----	26.09
Andy Harrison-----	DNF (punc)--	scratch	
Paul Ekgren-----	DNF (punc)---	7.00	

Winner of the Bryan Purcell Trophy – Jane Yianni

2017

A great turnout by the Withy and even though we gave it a good go we were beaten into second place by the Stretford for the third consecutive year. We are getting closer though, the difference this year was only 48 seconds. It was our turn to organise and Paul Ekgren should take a lot of pride in the event that was a credit to the Withington Wheelers.

The Withy were well represented on the marshaling front by Dave and Tom Taylor, Jon Newton and Rod Slater. Phil and Hazel Lawton and Ian and the Stretford boys manned the Three Greyhounds Valerie Baxter and Janice Slater did sterling work in the kitchen and Karen and Emma Taylor managed the Sign On and finish board.

23 riders took part, 14 Withy's (including 6 new members), 2 from the Ducky's and 7 from Stretford. John Lowe won the Brian Purcell handicap. Well done John !



INTER CLUB 10 MILE TIME TRIAL SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 2017

POSITION	RACE NUMBER	NAME	CLUB	TIME
1	21	PETE HOWARTH	STRET福德 WHEELERS	24.18
2	7	DAVE PARGETER	STRET福德 WHEELERS	24.26
3	18	ANDY HARRISON	WITHINGTON WHEELERS	24.39
4	5	JOHN LOWE	WITHINGTON WHEELERS	26.00
5	20	MIKE IRVINE	WITHINGTON WHEELERS	26.12
6	22	NATHAN POULTON	DUKINFIELD CC	26.49
7	10	ROB KIRK	WITHINGTON WHEELERS	27.17
8	9	PAUL SMITH	STRET福德 WHEELERS	27.19
9	13	TREVOR THIRSK	STRET福德 WHEELERS	27.42
10	17	BEN DAVIES	WITHINGTON WHEELERS	28.05
11	19	VICKY P POWELL	DUKINFIELD CC	28.34
12	16	TONY BAXTER	WITHINGTON WHEELERS	28.43
13	14	SIMON LEVER	WITHINGTON WHEELERS PB	28.59
14	2	TOM WARD	WITHINGTON WHEELERS PB	29.12
15	3	MeI STELFOX	STRET福德 WHEELERS	29.21
16	15	PHIL WILKINS	WITHINGTON WHEELERS PB	29.42
17	8	IAN BRCEGIRDLE	STRET福德 WHEELERS	29.52
18	6	JOANNE HARCOURT	STRET福德 WHEELERS	30.09
19	12	WILL KIRK	WITHINGTON WHEELERS	31.09
20	1	DAVID TAYLOR	WITHINGTON WHEELERS PB	33.07
21	23	AMANDA MANEKSHAW	WITHINGTON WHEELERS PB	33.11
22	11	IAN SOUTHAM	WITHINGTON WHEELERS PB	34.12
23	4	PHIL BUTTER	WITHINGTON WHEELERS	34.18

TEAMS

1	21	PETE	HOWARTH	STRET福德 WHEELERS	24.18
	7	DAVE	PARGETER	STRET福德 WHEELERS	24.26
	9	PAUL	SMITH	STRET福德 WHEELERS	27.19
			TOTAL		1.16.03
2	18	ANDY	HARRISON	WITHINGTON WHEELERS	24.39
	5	JOHN	LOWE	WITHINGTON WHEELERS	26.00
	20	MIKE	IRVINE	WITHINGTON WHEELERS	26.12
			TOTAL		1.16.51
3	22	NATHAN	POULTON	DUKINFIELD CC	26.49
	19	VICKY P	POWELL	DUKINFIELD CC	28.34

Congratulations to all riders today who competed in today's inter club 10 mile time trial. A close result in the end and Dukinfield were unable to field a team.

WINNERS FOR 2017 - STRET福德 WHEELERS CONGRATULATIONS



Bryan Purcell

Bryan Purcell joined the Club in 1949 and quickly became established as a regular club rider. Racing was not much to Bryan's taste but he rarely missed a club run or a club event and even during his service with the RAF he returned home as much as possible to get out with the club. Bryan married a local girl June and emigrated to Canada. He donated his favourite Jack Sibbit frame as a prize in the Club 25, which was typical of Bryan, always a good clubman