

C&NW CTC Hill Climb & Freewheeling Competitions 3rd October 2015

After gathering and registering in Llysfasi car park the riders who had entered the hill climb and the various supporters and volunteers move to the hill climb course. Once numbers had been issued the 22 competitors set off up the hill at one minute intervals. As usual the choice of machine varied; there were carbon road bikes, hybrids and touring bikes reflecting the image of the event as a 'fun' rather than a serious hill climb (although the riders may not have felt too much of the fun on the steeper sections of the climb). The winner of the event was Ben Hughes in an extremely fast time of 6 minutes 30 seconds. The first CTC member was Steve Jones in 7 min 25 sec Third place, and first veteran went to last year's winner Steve Larwood (7.49); he was closely followed by Sarah Hamill (7.50) who was the first Lady as well as 1st Lady vet. Aled Williams came in 14th in his first event (10.17) and was the first Junior, followed by the first super vet – Dave Statham (10.51).

1	Ben	Hughes
2	Steve	Jones
3	Steve	Larwood
4	Sarah	Hamill
5	Graham	Arnold
6	Paul	Mills
7	Terry	Davies
8	John	Wilkie
9	Andy	Polakowski
10	Lowri	Evans
11	Katherine	Morris
12	Michael	Gilbert
13	Andy	Whitgreave
14	Aled	Williams
15	David	Statham
16	Brian	Joyce
17	Sylvia	Joyce
18	Sue	Booth
19	Sonia	Williams
20	Gareth	Williams
21	Andrew	Blomfield
22	Martin	Brooks

The freewheeling competition was held in Graigfechan with a turnout of 26 solos and a tandem. As always the higher places were closely fought with Roy Bunnell being

delighted to return to winning form. Dave Statham was second, with Martin Brooks third and the C&NW CTC Chairman David Matthews fourth. Sarah Hamill was the first lady (in 16th place), and Aled Williams was the first junior. The 1st tandem was Peter & Irene Dilworth.

The results are for the solo riders are shown below:

1	Roy	Bunnell	
2	David	Statham	
3	Martin	Brooks	
4	David	Matthews	
5	Michael	Gilbert	
6	Andy	Polakowski	
7	Mark	Jones	
8	John	Wilkie	
9	Steve	Larwood	
10	Ben	Hughes	
11	Andrew	Blomfield	
12	Paul	Mills	
13	Graham	Arnold	
14	Steve	Jones	
15	Andy	Whitgreave	
16	Sarah	Hamill	L
17	Gareth	Williams	
18	Sue	Booth	L
19	Katherine	Morris	L
20	Brian	Joyce	
21	Sonia	Williams	L
22	Terry	Davies	
23	Lowri	Evans	L
24	Christine	Matthew Lumb	L
25	Sylvia	Joyce	L
26	Aled	Williams	

Once the events were over people went to the Three Pigeons to have lunch; as the weather was so good they were able to eat outside and enjoy the views over the Vale of Clwyd. The results were calculated then the prizes were presented by Arthur Miller.

Thanks are due to all of the volunteers who helped with the event, and to all who took part with good humour whatever their results.