

C&NW CTC Llysfasi Hill Climb and Freewheel 30th September 2017

With a slightly drizzly start to the day the riders checked in at the Llysfasi bus shelter, which was used as a temporary office, and at about 11.30am they rode round to the start of the event.

There was a good turnout of volunteers and supporters; Pete Dilworth put up warning signs before the event, Dave Statham, Peter and Gwynneth Jones drove to the top of the hill to record the times, Christine Matthews Lumb and Gerry Machell got organised at the start, and Glennys Hammond found a good spot to photograph the riders on the climb.

Riders tackled the hill with varying degrees of energy and enthusiasm. Ben Hughes was clear winner with a time of 6 minutes 11 seconds; his best time yet. He is now a Cycling UK member so was presented with the trophy for his victory. Steve Jones was second in 8 min 1sec narrowly beating Emily Larwood who was 3rd and also first junior and first lady rider (8 min 8sec). Steve Larwood was 4th (and 1st Vet)

1	Ben	Hughes	Chester & N Wales CTC	
2	Steve	Jones	Chester & N Wales CTC	
3	Emily	Larwood	Chester & N Wales CTC	Junior Lady
4	Steve	Larwood	Chester & N Wales CTC	Vet
5	Terry	Davies	Chester & N Wales CTC	Vet
6	Kenneth	McDonald	Chester & N Wales CTC	Super Vet
7	Mike	Gilbert	Chester & N Wales CTC	Vet
8	Lowri	Evans	Chester & N Wales CTC	Lady Vet
9	Kath	Morris	Chester & N Wales CTC	Lady Vet
10	Paul	Mills	Chester & N Wales CTC	Vet
11	Graham	Gadd	Chester & N Wales CTC	Vet
12	Ifor	Jones	Chester & N Wales CTC	Super Vet
13	Roy	Spilsbury	Chester & N Wales CTC	Mega Vet

All of the competitors then went to Graigfechan for the freewheeling competition; 15 people took part, helped by a good tail wind. Once again Gerry Machell started the riders whilst Peter and Gwynneth waited to mark the finishing positions. Mike Gilbert won the event, with Roy Bunnell a freewheeling specialist coming in second place.

Unusually there was a tie for third place with both Paul Mills and Graham Gadd reaching the same spot. Kath Morris repeated her previous good form in the event with 5th place as well as first lady; Emily Larwood was first Junior.

1	Mike	Gilbert	Chester & N Wales CTC
2	Roy	Bunnell	Two Mills
3=	Graham	Gadd	Chester & N Wales CTC
3=	Paul	Mills	Chester & N Wales CTC
5	Kath	Morris	Chester & N Wales CTC
6	Steve	Jones	Chester & N Wales CTC
7	Ben	Hughes	Chester & N Wales CTC
8	Kenneth	McDonald	Chester & N Wales CTC
9	Ifor	Jones	Chester & N Wales CTC
10	Emily	Larwood	Chester & N Wales CTC
11	Steve	Larwood	Chester & N Wales CTC
12	Lowri	Evans	Chester & N Wales CTC
13	Christine	Matthews Lumb	Chester & N Wales CTC
14	Terry	Davies	Chester & N Wales CTC
15	Roy	Spilsbury	Chester & N Wales CTC

Once the Freewheeling was finished people retired to the pub where the results were calculated and everyone enjoyed their meals and a further chance to socialise. The presentations were then made and the riders and volunteers were thanked for making the event a success. Thanks also to Coleg Llysfasi for allowing use of the yard and the Three Pigeons Graigfechan for their hospitality.

Lowri Evans - Organiser