

THE ANDY WILSON MEMORIAL

“Andy” Wilson, son of the late John Wilson (ex-Secretary of the Rugby League, and ex-President of the Yorkshire Cycling Federation) was an outstanding rider of the 1920s. A one-time member of the Yorkshire RC, Hull Thursday RC and the Clifton CC, he excelled at all distances up to 100 miles, and in the three years prior to his death was defeated only once in a time trial in Britain. A BSc, he worked as a Chemist at **Terry’s**, York, and had lodgings at Ebor Street. He was sturdily built; having the ability to ride at a consistently high speed in any conditions, but at all times was a modest person. He never rode a “12”, but on the 2nd April (Good Friday) 1926, he broke the York – Edinburgh record by a handsome margin. In mid-April of the same year, he caught a chill, complications set in, and he died on the 21st April – the same day Queen Elizabeth II was born. He was then 23 years of age.

The Funeral was one of the largest Leeds had ever seen, and the many cyclists present, walked, with their cycles, in front of the Hearse, from his parents’ home at Grange Avenue, the one mile to Harehills Cemetery, where his grave is still in good condition.

The Memorial was inaugurated shortly afterwards, being subscribed to by clubs and individuals from all over the country. Trustees were appointed, and a unique Memorial Trophy, bearing a facsimile figure in silver, of Andy Wilson on his machine, was purchased. The first Memorial “50” took place in August 1926, and has been held annually (with the exception of the 1940-45 war years) ever since. Many famous names have been engraved on the Memorial Trophy over the years.

This year’s Andy Wilson 50, due to be held on 1st July, had to be cancelled at the last minute due to an extension to the road works on the A168 west of Topcliffe. This would be the first time the Andy Wilson Trophy had not been awarded since its inception (1926), apart from the war years. Incorporating the event in this Yorkshire Road Club event will hopefully ensure that we have a name on the Trophy for 2017.

The Trophy will be presented to the winner at the YCF Luncheon to be held at the Dintingdale Restaurant, Scarthingwell, near Tadcaster on Sunday February 25th 2018.



Course Details – V259/1

Thirsk – Ellerbeck -Topcliffe – Ellerbeck - Thirsk

Start on A19, approx. 1.1 mile south of Thirsk by-pass, at northern exit from lay-by on west side of road. **Proceed north** on A19, under by-pass, to traffic island, where take **3rd exit (right)** and continue up slip-road to join A19 dual carriageway.(1.53 mls).

Continue on A19 to slip-road to A684, signed Northallerton. (11.15 mls).

Bear left down slip-road, **keep left, give way (care)** and continue under dual carriageway, **keeping left, to join A19 southbound** carriageway.

Stay on A19/A168 to slip-road to A167 (Topcliffe, Northallerton). (25.67 mls).

Bear left on slip-road, continue **under A168** dual carriageway, where **turn right (CARE), right again (give way)** onto slip-road to A168 northbound.

Proceed on A168/A19 to junction with slip-road to A684 (2nd time). (40.24 mls).

Bear left down slip-road, **keep left, give way (care)** and continue under dual carriageway, **keeping left, to join A19 southbound** carriageway.

Continue on A19, to finish at start of last kerb-stone parallel with carriageway, in **penultimate lay-by** (approx. 1 mile) before slip-road to A19 (signed York) (50.00 mls).

Riders must not stop at the finish - continue on A19 to next exit (approx. 1 mile, signed York A19), bear left down slip-road, turn right (care) to return to HQ (straight across TI).

If parked at start, bear left at end of slip-road onto A19 (York) continue south, to start layby.

There will be direction boards on the course, as well as marshals on the slip-roads, although marshals are not permitted on the dual carriageway. Look out for these. Note: Marshals are only to indicate your direction, and not to control traffic in your favour. At each junction it is your responsibility to ensure that it is safe to proceed. Keep your heads up, and keep to the left of the carriageway.

Although there is a not a lot of parking space at the HQ, there is a long lay-by in lay-by at the start, but take care not to obstruct start point at north end of lay-by.

There is no parking, other than for Officials, in finish lay-by.

STANDBY COURSE: If there are roadworks on the A19/A168, the following course will be used.

Approx. 5 miles from HQ – from Topcliffe follow A168 DC to take exit signed Dishforth.

V251: START on unclassified road leading from Dishforth village to traffic island on A168, at clearway sign on southern side of road. Proceed to roundabout, where take 1st exit (left) onto A168. Continue to Kirby Hill TI (2.95ml), where take 2nd exit (straight across), stay on A168, to Roecliffe Road TI (4.60ml). Straight across (2nd exit), stay on A168, to Boroughbridge South TI (5.35ml). Take 2nd exit, continuing south on A168 to Walshford TI. (12.90ml).

Encircle island, retrace outward route via Boroughbridge South (20.45ml), Roecliffe Road (21.25ml), and Kirby Hill TIs (22.95ml). to Dishforth TI (25.80ml).

Encircle island and repeat circuit via Walshford TI (38.70ml), back to Kirby Hill TI (48.75ml), where straight across, on A168, to **FINISH** approx. 1.6 miles south of Dishforth TI, 0.6 miles south of windsock on airfield, opposite gap in hedgerow on eastern side of road, “50” mark on wooden fence. (50 miles).

PARKING:

On north side of road into Dishforth (opposite side to start).

Do not park in front of driveways, or on any planted margins.

On verge to east of A(1)M (next to Dishforth North TI). Note A168 is a CLEARWAY – NO PARKING.

Also NO PARKING on Rainton Lane (Police request).