

THE TANDEM CLUB

North Wales Section

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Run Report – February 2006

Updated Runs List - **Note change to April and August dates.**

Run Report – Sunday February 12th 2006 – by Hugh and Ann Taylor

Attendance: Ann and Hugh Taylor (Run Leaders); Gwyneth & Peter; Vicky & Graham; Doreen & Helen; Debbie & Gareth; Sue & Gerald; John & Dave; Luke (solo); Mike (solo)

Ann and I set off from home in fairly good weather, (overcast and raining slightly). Arrived at Pensarn wondering if anyone would brave the elements, a pleasant surprise then when 7 tandems and 2 solos turned up. Although it was cloudy and raining slightly it was a bright start for the journey along the cycle track. A coffee stop at Rhos then on towards Llandudno. Helen and Doreen headed back for home at Rhos, doing well on their first tandem run together against a fairly strong head wind (which I forgot to mention). Arrived in Llandudno for our journey around the Great Orme (wind getting stronger and rain slightly heavier). John & Dave left us in Llandudno having to get back to Deeside by 3pm, this was also their first tandem ride together as John normally rides with his partner, and with the stoker thinking he had to steer as well, there were some pretty hairy moments for the steersman, John, especially negotiating bends and going down hill.



The rest of us set off and around the Orme, Ann and I praying the café would be open. Forgot to mention the 500 or so runners we had to negotiate on the promenade in Llandudno but we all managed to thread our way through without colliding with anyone. (*Ed – it was the Llandudno*

10Km road race around the Orme) Eventually arrived at the top, our prayers had been answered, the café was open, which was just as well because the wind had got up to almost gale force and with it the rain fell like hail stones, in fact the flag flying from the café looked as though it had been starched. We spent a pleasant time in the café getting our breath back and slowing the heart beats down to something like normal, then on our way. We all got to the bottom OK, Mike and Luke doing their Kamikaze bit down hill. The decision was made to cut out Conwy and head back, then it was all plain sailing back to base with the wind (which hadn't changed direction) right behind us. Everyone said they enjoyed what turned out to be a bit of a challenge for 'flat ride along the cycle track'. Hope to see you all on some of our future rides.

Ann & Hugh

Ed - Three (only !) photos from this run are available at

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/gerald-davison/sets/72057594063249744/>

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RUNS LIST as at 20th February 2006

Date	Run Description	Contact
Mar 12 th 2006	Anglesey – Details through the website or by calling Luke or Gerald.	Luke Stephenson 01286 870653
Apr 2nd 2006	Note change of weekend to accommodate an offer to lead this months ride. More details to follow	Richard and Winsome Brown
April 14 th – 17 th 2006	Easter 2006 National Tandem Club Rally – Coalport Youth Hostel, Ironbridge	Robert Moore 07793 11 77 01
May 14 th 2006		Coleman Family
May 27 th – June 3 rd 2006	International Tandem Rally 2006 – Limburg Belgium	Tony Prichard 01793 520734
June 10 th and 11 th 2006	Camping Weekend Lancashire	Chris and Siobhan
June 24 th – 25 th 2006	York Rally	
Jul 9 th 2006		Gareth and Debbie
Jul 22 nd – 29 th 2006	Tandem 2006 (UK National Tandem Rally) ~ Edinburgh, Lothian, Scotland	Lindsay McKay 01316 221116
Aug 6 th 2006	Vale of Clwyd. Note change of weekend	Pat and Ken Brown
Sep 10 th 2006	Probably from Corwen	Martin and Julie Gray 01606 781787
Oct 8 th 2006		
Nov 12 th 2006		
Dec 10 th 2006		
Jan 14 th 2007		
Feb 10 th – 11 th 2007	Annual General Meeting – Venue TBA, possibly a Local Youth Hostel	Gerald and Sue Davison 01352 752068

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