

THE TANDEM CLUB

North Wales Section

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Updated Runs List - **Note change
to April date.**

Run Report – Sunday January 8th 2006 – by Gerald Davison

Attendance: Julie and Martin Gray; Ann and Hugh Taylor; Sue and Gerald Davison; Luke Stephenson (solo); Clare Whitehouse (solo); Jonathan Vaughan (solo)

Given the overnight snow and obvious freezing roads I was confidently expecting no one to turn out, except for Luke who had stayed with Sue and I on Saturday night. So I was amazed and pleased by the number of people that did eventually make the effort of coming over to Mold for this, our first run as ROs. The conditions would make the use of our normally preferred narrow lanes difficult or even dangerous so I modified our planned route to make use of some B roads and extend the use of A roads. Not entirely what we normally want, but given the conditions I had little choice to ensure the best chance of providing a safe route for the day. We set out at 10:00am, all well wrapped up against the cold wind, towards Gwernaffield. The climb up into this village soon got everyone warm and we even had a stop to remove some layers ! After this it was over to Cadole, before turning onto the A494 heading for Ruthin. Shortly after Llanferres we turned right and headed to Llanarmon-yn-Ial. We had climbed up quite a bit by this point and all the trees and hedges were lightly dusted with snow, which was very pretty. Fortunately all of the roads had been gritted so there were no real worries about falling off.

Once in Llanarmon we stopped at the bus shelter for some 11'ses which consisted of coffee, tea and biscuits which Sue, Luke and I had carried. It was too cold to hang about so we soon set off up to Llandegla, braving one lane, which although slightly snow covered in places proved to be not too slippery to ride on. After this it was onto the A525 so we could get to lunch at the Llandegla Mountain Bike Centre. We dined on various soups and baked potatoes whilst listening to a group play excellent live music, not quite what you expect in the middle of nowhere on a snowy Sunday ! We prevaricated for sometime with extra cups of tea, none of us particularly keen to go back out into the cold. Once we did I quickly decided that a swift return to Mold was sensible and so we took a quite direct route through Rhydtalog, Treuddyn and Nercwys back into Mold. The lanes lower down where now beginning to unfreeze and this made for easier and quicker going. Once back in Mold everyone was made welcome in our house for tea, cake etc. All together an excellent start to the year, especially given the difficult conditions. There are pictures of this run available through the website as above, or directly from <http://www.flickr.com/photos/gerald-davison/sets/1791531/>

Details of the February Run – by Ann and Hugh Taylor

Our February run will start from the Pensarn Beach car park at 10:00am, it will be a run along the cycle track to Llandudno and for those who want to, a trip around the Orme – *or an hour in a café for the rest ! – Editor*

Ann and I would also like to thank all of you for your support and sponsorship for my ride around the block !

The ride started in April and finished in June last year. I covered over 4,000miles and raised sponsorship in excess of £3,000 all of which was shared between Christies in Manchester and Glan Clywd Bodelwyddan. *for those who don't know him, Hugh rode around the coast of the UK last summer ! – Editor*

Editors note - this ride will be a great opportunity for members who have not been out for a while, or possibly not at all with the Tandem Club, to have a ride on a relatively flat run, which is away from main roads. The Orme section is completely optional and Sue and I will turn around and accompany anyone back to the start if they are uncomfortable at all. WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU !

Gerald and Sue Davison.

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RUNS LIST as at 12th January 2006

Date	Run Description	Contact
Feb 12 th 2006	North Wales Cycleway to Llandudno, with Orme loop if desired. Pensarn, Abergele at 10:00	Hugh and Ann Taylor 01745 353807
Mar 12 th 2006	Anglesey	Luke Stephenson
Apr 2nd 2006	From R&Ws house, to Chirk, over Berwyns to Glyndyfrdwy. Lunch at Grouse Inn. Home via route to be decided.	Richard and Winsome Brown
May 14 th 2006		Coleman Family
June 10 th and 11 th 2006	Camping Weekend Lancashire	Chris and Siobhan
Jul 9 th 2006		Gareth and Debbie
Aug 13 th 2006	Vale of Clwyd	Pat and Ken Brown
Sep 10 th 2006		
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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