

Wheeler Bryant is clear winner

CYCLING: Southend Wheelers held their end of season Christmas 10-mile time trial at Steeple.

Thirty-four riders from Wheelers and guests braved the cold and blustery conditions.

Southend's David Bryant set a time of 25 minutes 54 seconds to score a clear win over guest riders Gary Poole (27.20), Dan Stuart (28.06) and Chris Milne (28.26).

Fastest Southend junior rider in sixth place overall was George Pearl (29.01) who beat clubmate Simon Alexander (29.11).

Fastest lady rider Christine Mowle (East Essex Tri Club), finished in 32 minutes exactly.

Following the race and to round off the year, 64 Southend Wheelers and guest riders had Christmas lunch at the Star public house in Steeple.

The first Southend Wheelers promotion in 2009 will be the Cyclo Sportive/Reliability Trial on February 8 with headquarters at East Hanningfield Village Hall.

Riders will have the choice of three distances: 100, 80 or 40km.

All profits will be donated to Cancer Research UK. Details will be published in the new year on the Southend Wheelers website:

www.southendwheelers.org