

# Twin wins for the Wheelers



■ Pedal power — George Pearl finished 12th among a field of experienced riders

**CYCLING:** Southend Wheelers Cycling Club came away with two wins from the San Fairy Ann Spring series races held at the Redbridge Cycling Circuit, Hogg Hill, on Saturday.

In the under-16s Simon Alexander made his intentions known from the start, holding a 70-metre lead at the end of the first lap of the hilly circuit.

He retained his lead for a further two laps before being caught by a pair of chasing riders.

Alexander continued to lead as the front-running group dwindled to two members and on the last climb he proved too strong for his challenger, finishing in line style for a well-deserved win.

The club's other medal went to 11-year-old Hannah Kane who performed brilliantly in the under-12 mixed category where she finished in sixth place overall and won the prize for first girl.

Elsewhere, 16-year-old George Pearl competed in the third category event amongst a field of 60 experienced senior riders.

Having broken away early in the race, Pearl was pegged back by the group and in the final dash to the line took a creditable 12th place.

The final action of the day saw veteran rider Graham Pearl, George's dad, race for the first time this season in the category four event.

But lacking racing fitness, he had to be satisfied with an unplaced finish with the main pack in the sprint to the line.

The club run regular Sunday training sessions, as well as leisure rides and encourage anybody interested to visit [www.southendwheelers.org](http://www.southendwheelers.org).



■ At the front — Simon Alexandra leads the way in the under-16's race