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COLNE GRAND PRIX
2017

Wed 26th July

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The Town Council would like to extend a big thank you to our race sponsors and also to Colne businesses who've supported us on Colne Grand Prix night.

6.15pm
Youth Race

7pm
Sprint for Success Race

7.40pm
Chopper dash - tribute to Colne legend Billy Bantam

8pm
Colne Grand Prix

9.25pm
Prize presentations on the podium

The race is run under the rules of British Cycling and organised by Cycling Development Pendle Partnership.

Welcome to Colne for the 14th cottages.com Colne Grand Prix,
Final of The HSBC UK | National Circuit Series

WE'RE proud to be picked by British Cycling to host the final again, on the fastest, toughest circuit in the UK series, here in the Capital of Pennine Cycling!

It’ll be an action-packed night of high speed racing as cyclists from elite British cycling teams battle it out to a nail biting finish.

World class and top UK riders will compete to win not just the Colne Grand Prix, but to become overall winner of the prestigious 2017 Circuit Series.

Talented young riders start the line up with the Youth Race. Hot on their wheels are up and coming riders competing in the Fort Vale Sprint for Success. The seventies style Chopper Dash is back by popular demand before the temperature rises for the cottages.com Colne Grand Prix.

Enjoy a free evening of racing and take advantage of the many pubs, restaurants, takeaways and other businesses which will be open.

For a full report of tonight’s racing results, please visit the Elite Circuit Series pages at www.britishcycling.org.uk

Re-live the highlights on EuroSport on Monday 31 July 7-7:30pm.

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As part of a planned recruitment strategy, Fort Vale are proud to have always had an apprentice programme in place; in fact, our first ever apprentice engineer is still working for us as we celebrate our 50th year in business!

Alongside longevity of service for our employees, developing talent for the future is equally important to us, and we strive to create an environment to encourage that. By having dedicated apprentice training facilities on site we currently and continually support just under 30 apprentices through their practical and academic studies.

Over the recent years, we’ve seen some fantastic results from our apprentices: in 2017, a first-year engineer has won overall ‘Apprentice of the Year’; as well as best in class for Welding and Maintenance at the T2000 Training Centre. In the past three years, previous apprentices have claimed one 3rd and three 2nd places in the World Skills UK events within the disciplines of Milling and Turning; with one just falling short of representing Squad UK in Abu Dhabi.

Other apprentices, within disciplines such as IT, continually receive distinctions from the colleges they are studying at.

These achievements illustrate why our young engineers are amongst the very best in the country! We are delighted to be able to share them with you, and are very proud of all our apprentices.

We sincerely hope some of our apprentices will go on to be the future key people at Fort Vale, within either engineering and manufacturing or other areas of our company. Presently, half of the management and director team at Fort Vale is comprised of ex-apprentices.

We hope that you will talk to us about starting your engineering career with Fort Vale, and look forward to building a successful future together.

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For your safety – barriers are placed around the circuit. Please do not attempt to enter the riding area – you will put yourself and others in danger. There are designated crossing points and marshals will be there to ensure you can cross safely.
The Battle is on to Win the Colne Grand Prix and the Stakes are High!

UK elite and world class cyclists will be powering through Colne in this deciding race for the overall winner of the six stages across the country. Four of our top northerners will be sweating it out to secure a place on the winners’ podium:

Ed Clancy OBE riding for JLT Condor

It’ll be tough going to beat the legendary five times world champion, triple Olympic Gold medallist from Huddersfield! An explosive sprinter, he’s the most successful team pursuit rider in history and a vital part of the record breaking team which includes Colne Cyclone Steven Burke. Ed is no stranger to the podium at Colne – he won the Grand Prix in 2011 and 2013.

Graham Briggs riding for JLT Condor

A Colne Grand Prix winner in 2016 and 2014 and a close second in 2012, Graham is a powerful sprinter whose rapid turn of speed puts him in front on our tight, fast circuit. Hailing from Doncaster, he’s a member of the Donny Chain Gang - a group of some of the best northern riders. The ‘Gang’ includes Olympic champion and fellow team-mate Ed Clancy.

Matt Cronshaw riding for Madison Genesis

Carnforth’s bike ace who describes competing round the world on a bike as “priceless” is a stalwart of the British racing scene. He came third in the Colne Grand Prix in 2016 and 2nd in 2015. He looks like a safe bet to be on the podium in 2017.

Ian Bibby riding for JLT Condor

It’s been a good year so far for the Lancashire-born cyclist. The Prestonian’s new career with JLT Condor got off to a high speed start this year. He became the first British overall winner at the Mitchelton Bay Classic in Australia. Nearer to home, he won the Chorley and Lincoln Grand Prix races. A cyclist with staying power, he was also the overall winner in the 2015 British National Circuit Race Championships.

Here in the Capital of Pennine Cycling you can take to the saddle for a leisurely ride, gear up for a cycling challenge, try out BMX biking or simply enjoy the colourful spectacle of competitive racing.
As UK and world class cyclists power over Colne’s finish line in a blur of team colours, who decides those all-important finishing positions?

This year the man in charge is himself a gold medalist. Alan Gornall from Barnoldswick, a cyclist who won gold in the Commonwealth Games Team Trial, is Chief Judge at Colne for the first time.

Using electronic transponders and photo finish photography, he’ll be working with the team at top speed to ensure the night’s racing results are spot on.

“It’s a team effort and we don’t just rely on the electronic timing from the transponders attached to the front fork of the cycles, we look at the cameras too.”

Getting technical, he explained: “The winner is judged by whose front wheel crosses the line first, not the fork, so photography is vital when two or more riders cross the line together.”

Alan can’t afford to get caught up in the excitement of a nail-biting finish. He said: “I get focussed. The Colne Grand Prix is a short, demanding and continually fast circuit with two sweeping corners which stretch the riders out. It makes for a compelling race.”

As a cyclist with a world class pedigree, he can see it from a competitor’s perspective: “If you get behind, it makes it hard to move up. For riders who lose the bunch, there’s no coming back...”
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