

# Cornwall BMX Racing Club Report

The National BMX Series started early this year utilising the new indoor facility built at the National Cycle Centre in Manchester. In addition to being a round of the Series, the first three meetings are an opportunity for riders to qualify for the World Championships in May if they hadn't already qualified through last years' National Series. So, with much to gain it was an intrepid eight riders who represented the Club and took to the track for the first time in the company of over 750 others. Ashley England was the youngest of the Club's riders in one of the largest groups, Male 9 years, in which there were an incredible 47 competing. Ashley made it through to the semi-finals but found himself boxed out and fell hurting his hip which put him through to the B Final in which he came a creditable 6<sup>th</sup>. Iwan Ellis-Davies had his first experience of national competition in another large group for 11 year old boys but was moto'd and did not take part in either of the finals. Finley Keogh in the 12s rode well to a B Final 6<sup>th</sup> place after surviving the motos and semi-finals. The only older male rider was another newcomer to the national scene in Rhys Ellis-Davies who took on the might of the 40-44 Cruisers but did not make it through to the finals.

There were four young ladies representing the Club with Yasmin England out first in the Female 11-12s in which she netted 3<sup>rd</sup> in the B Final. Alisha Phillips is one of the younger riders in her group, the 13-14s, and things didn't go her way, being moto'd from the finals. Abi Roberts and Hazel Stewart both debuted at national level in the 15-16s with Abi placing 6<sup>th</sup> and Hazel moto'd but they will both have learned important lessons from the experience as the next two rounds of the Series are at the Manchester indoor facility again on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February.

The South West Summer Series dates have been set and that Series starts in late April but in the meantime the Club's track at Blackwater, next to the ATV Centre, is usually open on a Saturday from 10:00 until 13:00hrs and on a Sunday from 13:00 to 16:00hrs. Additionally some of the riders are being put through their paces under the watchful eye of Club Coach Ian Wherry. The weather plays a major part in the opening times so interested parties are encouraged to look at the Club's website at [www.cornwallbmx.co.uk](http://www.cornwallbmx.co.uk) or the Facebook group "Cornwall BMX Racing-Club" for updates.

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