

# SPOKEN



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## trailbuilding special

Dear members,

**Welcome to the Spring edition of Spoken.** The worst of the winter is surely behind us and an endless summer of balmy weather and dusty trails awaits, ahem. I'm pleased to report that the MTBG crew are now woken from their winter hibernation and various activities are again kicking off.

First up is the second coming of the Errington XC race on 25th April. Last year's event was a cracker with the highest turnout of all the races in the NE XC series and by all accounts the best course. Entry is now open so don't delay to put that early season fitness to good use and get entered! If you don't fancy racing then we're looking for hecklers, sorry marshals. A couple of hours of your time could make a big difference to the success of the event - email us at [coaching@mtbguisborough.com](mailto:coaching@mtbguisborough.com) for details.

On the guided rides front the 2014 Juniors programme has already started and after member feedback we've initiated a new series of adult rides that are free for MTBG members. The 'First Tuesday' series has groups suitable for different ability levels and is perfect for those wanting to explore the forest or just indulge in a spot of social trail shredding - full details on the website.

This issue has a big feature on trail-building so I won't go into too much detail apart from saying a massive thanks to Dan P who, alongside Rory, has put in a massive effort over the winter getting everything ready for this year.

As always please get in touch if there's something you'd like to see us doing or you're interested in getting involved.

Happy riding!

Nick

## XMAS RIDE *by Martin Coleby MTBG Club Secretary*

The annual MTBG Xmas Fancy Dress Charity Ride took place on the 15th December 2013 and once again proved to be a great success. The event was enjoyed by over 50 riders ageing from seven to 70. The weather gods obliged with fine weather, not to dampen the spirits and generosity of all the participants and their sponsors.

The massive sum of **£1186.86** was achieved through sponsors, a raffle and donations from riders and unsuspecting customers of various coffee shops in Guisborough town.

Andy from the Walkway Café provided excellent nourishment to some very hungry riders on their return and Neil from the Forest Visitors Centre arranged wonderful hospitality and undercover facilities making the event an enjoyable and problem free occasion.





# TRAILBUILDING UPDATE



**by Dan Pattinson**  
**MTBG Trailbuilding Coordinator**

*As a relative new comer to the trailbuilding team, I knew there was a lot to learn taking over the role of Trailbuilding Coordinator from Andy and Rich. Carrying on from the excellent work they had done over the previous years I set about making some plans for 2014...*

The first task was getting to know the team at SingletrAction and our Forest Rangers a little better. I requested a few new tools to replace worn and broken items from our arsenal, and agreed to attend the January dig at Dalby, where I would collect the tools. During the weeks leading up to the day, SingletrAction were busy buying tools for the other sites and put together a selection of tools that they considered most useful, so my order for a handful of spades turned out to be a full trailbuilding kit. Not only that Tim at SingletrAction had managed to do a deal with Ghille Kettle to get some of their Adventurer kettles for the SingletrAction sites. The kettle boils up water on site so we can now have a nice fresh brew whilst working out on the trails. A very welcome addition.

I have now attended a few digs at Dalby and it's great to see what can be done with better access and machinery, which although makes me slightly jealous, it does give some great ideas and inspiration. Working alongside Stuart, our FC Ranger at Dalby I have learnt of some things that are available to us, and a lot about the long processes things have to go

through. It's really not a simple case of putting spade to mud. Stuart also told me I had £1000 to spend by the end of March on materials for Guisborough, so I promptly set about ordering some stone with the help of SingletrAction. You may have noticed the huge new piles of stone up at the Christmas Tree Carpark. This is 80 Tonnes of hardcore and will keep us going for some time, saving vital club funds for other materials.

It's not just myself that has been putting in lots of time behind the scenes for the trailbuilding cause. Rory has been working hard over the winter to successfully secure further sponsorship from Orange Bikes. They will once again be providing us with a voucher for a Crush or Clockwork frame for the winning trailbuilder at the end of the year, as well as some spot prizes throughout the year. We are also hoping to have a section of trail sponsored by Orange Bikes in the near future.

There are many other benefits to joining the trailbuilding team too, such as discounted Hope and Pace products after completing 5 digs, and a parking

pass for PVC after completing 4 digs. For a rundown please visit [www.singletraction.co.uk](http://www.singletraction.co.uk). The biggest benefit though is the great sense of satisfaction, having made your local trails better for other riders, as well as having a laugh with fellow volunteers.

Now onto the stuff you're all really waiting to read about, Les'. Having pushed over the winter, with the backing of the local FC Rangers, to get the engineer on site to install a large drainage pipe at the top of the trail, no real progress was made. The engineer covers the whole of the UK so getting him to Guisborough for a couple of minor jobs was proving impractical. Like any business in the current climate the FC are stretched financially too. But fear not! Plans are still at an early stage yet, but following a site meeting the Guisborough FC Rangers discussed using an alternative line. One option is to use the existing Bones Trail which runs adjacent to Les'. This would eliminate the need for major drainage work, and once the paperwork has been done, we can look at starting work on the trail. In the words of the Rangers, 'it's a good line' which is testament to whoever put it in there.



Slightly ahead of Bones Trail in the planning stakes is a new section of trail. The rooty track that links the Black Track to the Secret Path climb is to be added to the Red Route. The paperwork has been submitted and we are awaiting its imminent approval. There are a few building challenges on this section so something for the team to get their teeth into. The plan is to keep its current rooty character, whilst generally improving the sustainability of the trail. One major improvement will be bridging the stream at the beginning of the section and putting in a switchback climb just after. This new section will avoid riders having to drop down to the fireroad, only to then have to climb the sloppy track at the bottom of the Secret Path.

Work on the Black Track recently has improved drainage on the last half of the section massively. A bit of de-



berming here, a bit of drainage there, and things are drying out nicely now. There is some serious erosion over the final part of the section, and we have plans to add some rocky paving over the worst part which has lost its character.

Outside of the work in the Forest we will shortly be getting involved with building a skills loop at Laurence Jackson School for our up and coming mountain bikers. This will be used by our team of coaches and leaders to help develop skills before heading out onto the trails. We also hope to be running some adult skills sessions here in the future. The plan is to complete the first stage of the loop at the end of May during the school holidays, so if you're interested in giving a hand please get in touch.

Overall things are shaping up to be an exciting year for trailbuilding in 2014. If you want to get involved don't hesitate to get in touch. You will need to join SingletrAction at £15 per year, but after attending 2 digs at Guisborough we will reimburse that membership fee if you are an MTB Guisborough Club member.





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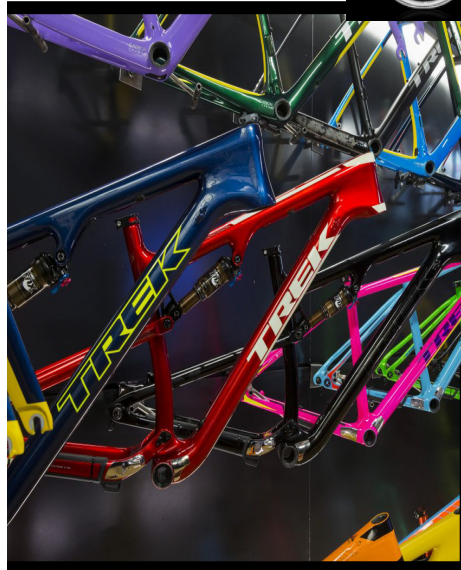
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## **For more info and entry details...**

### **Online entry:**

<http://tinyurl.com/race-entry>

### **NEXC website:**

<http://nexcmtnb.com/north-east-xc-mtb-series/>

## **Want to get involved?**

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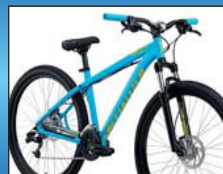
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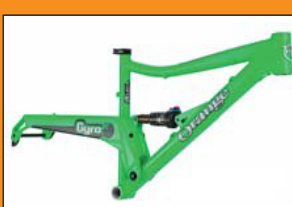
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