

What's been done!

The Start!

On stripping the components from the frame it really became obvious that this was going to be a decent project. The oiler cap on the frame at the bottom bracket was missing, however this had not affected the bottom bracket components which were well lubricated and in very good condition. Like wise, the headset proved to be in very good fettle. For some reason the seat post had a very short length, which needed replacing.

Middle bits!

The bike needed to look cool! So colour co-ordinated effort was applied. Powder Coating a bike frame gives a really good finish and transforms the total look! This was carried out by Bourne Powder Coating Ltd, Digbeth, Birmingham.

Polishing gets you dirty but it makes the components look outstanding. The combination of a bench grinder, polishing mop and compound makes things shine. The original short period mudguards took a bit of effort.

Sourcing the bits that make the difference can be quite time consuming. What would we do without the internet?

End Challenges!

White cloth handlebar grips on this project do make a difference, doubled up because the single application is not good enough. (Note: I have fallen in love with cotton tape, various colours available.)

The "Huret" rear gear mech. is period and brand new!

New, wheels, tyres and freewheel finish the job off!

Comment!

I have enjoyed rebuilding this bike, it was a challenge finding the right name and sourcing the decals but I believe it works. The bike will give the new owner many hours of enjoyment.

Wainwright I

The Specification

Weight :	12kg
Frame	Reynolds 531 main tubing
Size:	22½"
Gender:	Ladies
Forks:	Steel
Pedals:	Lyotard
Wheels:	New! Raleigh Trubuild Polished Aluminium Rims wheels 27" x 1¼"
Bottom Bracket	Square Taper
Freewheel	New! 5 speed
Chain	KMC
Chainset	Solida
Front Brake	Weinmann
Rear Brake	Weinmann
Gear Lever	Huret
Rear Mech:	Huret (New , Old Stock)
Geometry:	High step through
Grips:	Double white cotton tape
Handle Bars:	Lady pacific narrow bars
Saddle:	New! Brooks B17 L Honey
Seat post:	New! 1"
Tyre Size:	27" x 1¼"

£380

Erocia Ready!

The bike compiles to the requirements needed to enter the Eroica Britannia event, held each year to celebrate vintage bikes.

The main rules:

- Road Racing bikes built before 1987
- Gear shifters must be on the downtube
- Pedals with toe clips and straps, no quick release
- Wheels, at least 32 spokes, max of 20mm profile rim.
- Brake Cables must pass outside the handlebars

The gear lever are original, however can be difficult to operate. The solution is to mount a replacement lever on the handlebar stem with a cable conversion, thus relieving the body bending exercise. Additional cost only £20.



"Vintage Collection"



TAB's "Vintage Collection" are bikes from the bygone age that have been restored to their former glory. As a time served mechanical engineer I have applied my skills to give these bikes that little bit extra.

Peter Howe

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A ladies large road bike circa 1970's! The bike came from a find at the Re-User recycling charity in Sutton Coldfield. It was dark pink with no logo's, only a Reynolds 531 on the seat tube and no wheels! Under the dark pink the frame looked really nice for a project. So the project started.

A name for the bike was required. Several names were considered, Howe - too short, Prism - name taken, Dimension - existing bike shop! Then it occurred to me to use my middle name "Wainwright", its my mothers maiden name. And history kicked in, my Grandad Wainwright worked down the pits in the 1920's. He came out in the General Strike of 1926, started repairing bicycles and never went back down the pit! Hence "Wainwright" is a fitting name for my rebuilds with no name.



The Type face for the "Wainwrights" is Gill Sans, this was used by Nigel Gresley on the world's fastest steam train at 126 mph, the "Mallard".

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Before

After