

A stylized black silhouette of a bicycle with a rider, positioned above the word "GAZETTE". The bicycle is integrated into the lettering of the word "GAZETTE", which is written in a large, bold, serif font and slanted upwards from left to right. The front wheel of the bicycle forms the letter 'A', and the rear wheel forms the letter 'E'.

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We entered 1980 already saddened by the loss of our amiable Vice President, Alf Jones, and were shocked to hear, in March, of the death of Len Hughes at the age of eighty. Len's passing means that one more door to the past is closed, and the club has lost one more representative of the halcyon days of the Twenties.

Len was one of the leading track riders in the area, and brought several Championships to the club, besides featuring high in the results of many of the track meetings held at that time. As a lifelong cyclist, Len got pleasure awheel almost to the end of his days, and as the town's leading lightweight dealer for many years, was known to most of the cyclists who have passed through the club.

At this years club dinner he looked fit and well, and was talking proudly of recent rides he had had. We must console ourselves with the knowledge that our sport helped him to live a fuller life for almost his entire span.

Arthur, Ernie and Esther were present at the Cemetery, and conveyed the club's sympathy to the Hughes family.

SOCIAL SEASON JOTTINGS

Now that everybody is getting rid of their hang-ups, rushing around, heads down, bottoms up, racing, training, not a moment to breathe, this will probably be the last social report for some months.

The social season, for most of us, ended on 26th January, with our own club dinner, and it was pleasing to see so many people present. In fact, although some familiar faces were absent, a greater number of guests sat down for the meal than for several years. Friends and families of club members swelled the numbers at the dance afterwards.

Crosstoasting was the order of the evening during the meal, and involved, among others, the oldest and the youngest present. Indefatigable as always, Pete Wall warmed up for his speech - the Toast to the Club - with the lions share of banter. Pete's toast was followed by Alan's speech of welcome to the Visitors, and it was encouraging to see one of our newer members performing that duty.

The prize presentation was undertaken with charm by Maureen Wall, and afterwards we broke with tradition and were entertained with a disco. Some of those present lamented the lack of a 'live' band, but the disc jockey was live enough to ensure that our evening went with a swing. All too soon it seemed, we were improvising a version of 'Auld Lang Syne' before it was all over for another year.

A week or two later, Arthur & Joyce, Dave & Audrey and Maurice & Esther joined a lively crowd at Cranbrook for the Kent VTTA lunch. An excellent meal was enjoyed in the most convivial of company. A very happy finale to the winter festivities.

I will leave you with the news that the club dinner has been booked for January 31st, 1981, and trust that you will make a note of it in your diary.

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CLUB RECORDS

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h. m. s.

Schoolboy

10 miles	J. Coleman	24	15	1974
25 "	D. Windsor	1	03 25	1979

Junior

10 "	T. Carpenter	23	27	1979
15 "	I. Buckland	38	19	1948
25 "	T. Carpenter	1	00 05	1979
50 "	P. Baker	2	11 21	1975

Senior

10 "	S. Carpenter	23	04	1979
25 "	S. Carpenter	58	31	1979
30 "	M. Carpenter	1	11 39	1977
50 "	R. French	2	03 23	1964
100 "	G. King	4	34 56	1953
12 hours	J. Davies	234	939yds	1962
24 hours	P. Adams	392	" 1645 "	1957

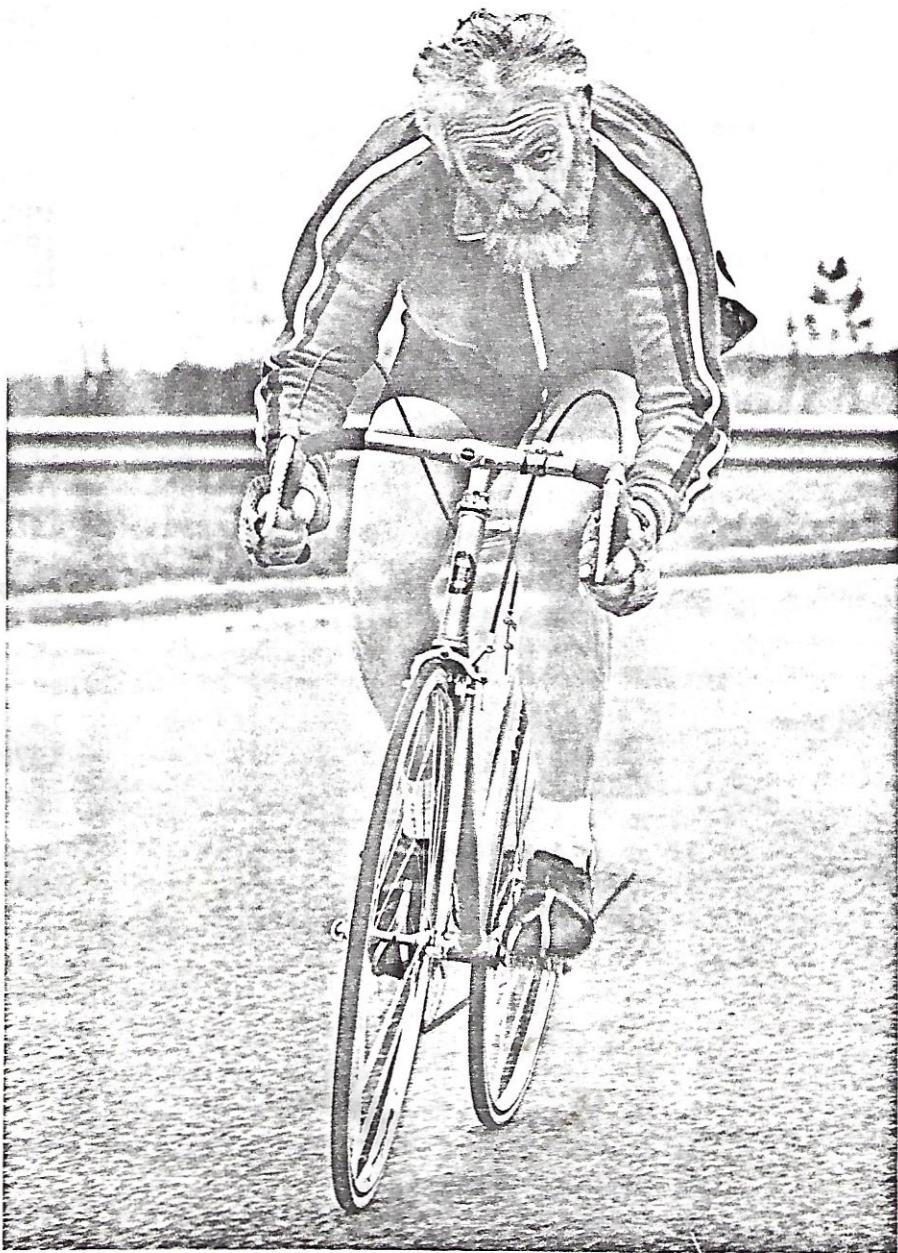
Tandem

10 miles	M & T Carpenter	21	53	1978
25 "	M & T Carpenter	59	07	1978
30 "	J. Southerden/ A. Moorhouse	1	09 33	1951
50 "	J. Mackie/W. Griffen	2.	00. 00	1933
100 "	J. Mackie/R. Harmer	4.	24. 09	1931
12 hours	J. Mackie/R. Harmer	239½	miles	1931

Team

10 miles	M: S & T Carpenter	1	09 59	1979
25 "	M: S & T Carpenter	2	57 55	1979
50 "	J. Davies/L.Chambers/ J. Southerden	6	28 43	1962
100 "	J. Davies/J.Southerden/ M. Carpenter	14	09 59	1962
12 hours	J.Davies/M.Carpenter/ J.Southerden	692.39	miles	1962

Maurice Carpenter - Runs Leader, Potterers Section



RACING NEWS

So far this season all the scheduled club events have been held, with Colin Robilliard, Michael Waite and Alan Brooks emerging as winners of the '10s', and Alan and John Willis coming first in the 2 up circuit event. The club has been well represented in ESCA events, with a good entry in the Hardriders, and several pairs competing in the 2 up. John and Alan seem to be a well matched duo, as they were the best club pair in the latter event. On the same day as the Hardriders, the club was also represented in the SECA '10', and Paul Mockridge, riding in only his second race, won the second handicap with a time of 29m 7s. A couple of weeks later he improved his time to 28m 1s. In between, he found that Cross Channel Ferry lag after a hectic forty eight hours in Belgium, and a tumble from his motor bike, resulting in a damaged leg, played havoc with his racing and training. Irvine Watson was another new member who made a promising start, quickly reducing his '10' time to 30m 7s, when on a training ride he found himself draped over the back of a car. The BCF are pacifying the motorist, hopefully, with a new rear window; the NHS are patching up Irvines wounds, but unfortunately there is no hope of replacing his bike at the moment. Anyone who can lend or sell Irvine a frame will make him very happy.

Andy Hillman is being very busy on the Road Racing scene. For the first time, we are affiliated to the Kent Cycle Road Race League, and Andy has promised to promote an event for them later on in the year, on the club's behalf. Any offers of help will be gratefully received. No date has been fixed as yet, but it seems probable that we shall be allocated the Frant course.

As well as being responsible for the Road Racing within the club, Andy has also ridden several events himself. He considers his best performance so far to have been his ride at Hove Park, when he finished up well in the first half of the field. Dominic on the other hand, was very unlucky on the same day, when riding in the Division Schoolboys Championship, to puncture with only a few laps to go. He took a lap out, as he thought he was entitled to do, only to hear him-

self called out as a lapped rider. This must have been a great disappointment to Dominic, as he was well placed in the leading bunch, and this is the last year that he qualifies to ride. Both Andy and Dominic have been very active at Eastways, and Roy Hillman has also had one excursion there this year, when he did well to finish in the first event of the Peter Fryer Championship series. Alan has ridden in the two SCRL promotions held so far this year, finishing 13th in the handicap event and 17th in the thirds/juniors race. Alan must overcome his reprehensible habit of working at the head of the bunch. When he does so, we should start seeing some good results from him.

Whilst the aforementioned have been our most outstanding riders so far, there are others who deserve a mention. Richard Longley, riding on the by-pass on a diabolical day, was unlucky to jam up his chain and lose the chance of doing a certain personal best ride. Jack has already recorded 28m 12s for a '10', and Martin did 28m 7s in the same event. Ron Longley has got down to 30m 5ls, and Steve and Tim rode various events during the holidays, and got down to 25 somethings, and Maurice also started racing again when he was allowed back on his bike in March.

The latest news concerning the club racing programme is that the '10' due to be held on May 10th has been cancelled because a motor bike rally was planned across the Marsh. The rally has also since been cancelled, but we are now holding our event on May 17th. The '25' on May 11th promises to be well supported, and evening events start on May 7th.

Don't forget, your friendly club racing secretaries, Jack and Andy, are here to help YOU, and will be pleased to do so.

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CLUBRUNS

Despite some very bad weather earlier in the year, Sunday clubruns were very well attended from the New Year until the start of the racing. Numbers increased as we got into February, and I only hope some of the more recently joined members are encouraged to take part as the racing season begins.

From the first week in January, there were seven Sunday runs, with a total of 57 riders covering approximately 350 miles. The best attendance was on the 10th February, when eleven riders turned up. On that particular morning we rode north as far as Hurst Green, then down to Heathfield and on to the Boship, where we stopped for coffee. We then came home via Herstmonceux and Battle.

It was very promising to see the fifteen or so members who turned up in the pouring rain for the club's first '10' at Broad Oak, and even more pleasing to have eleven riders representing the club in the ESCA Hardriders event, let's hope this enthusiasm carries on throughout the season.

On March 9th we held an event on Pevensy, and although we seemed vastly outnumbered by Eastbourne Rovers, who held their own event, we had eleven riders, including the Longleys, whom some of us hadn't seen since last year's evening events.

That's all for now, until next time.

A. B.

POTTERERS

Once I was back in action again after my lay off, E. ! thought it would be a good idea if I organised some Sunday afternoon clubruns. The main idea was to introduce new members to club riding before they decided to go on the main rides, or else got the racing bug. So far this venture has been quite successful, with a run of some sort every week since we started. We leave the Harrow at 2 o'clock sharp, potter through the lanes, walk up the hills when the fancy takes us (or when our legs ache), and arrive at either Eileen's or Eric's between 3 and 3.30 for a cuppa and a cake. After allow-

ing a suitable time for resting and digesting, we take to the lanes again, and usually arrive home at 5 o'clock. When the weather improves I hope to take the rides further afield, and am trying to make arrangements to meet other clubs for tea, thus extending our riding time into the early evening. Another treat lined up for the faithful is a speed judging competition sometime in May.

A fairly typical ride that we had recently found us following the road through Westfield to Brede, where we indulged ourselves by strolling up Brede Hill. A left turn in the village took us along the lane towards Sedlescombe, right at the reservoir and another walk, left, then later right, and bingo! there we were on the main road leading to Eileen's. After a mug or two of tea each, and a large slice of Miles' favourite sponge, we wandered along to Whatlington, through the lanes to Battle and then home.

It seems to be a popular undertaking. The boys are suitably grateful at the end of the afternoon, and E. ! says the young company is doing me good. Actually the rides are not only for the youngsters, anyone who would like to come out with us is welcome, as long as it's understood that nobody overtakes the leader! So, shall we see you?

M. C.

HARE & HOUNDS 1980

Many years ago, in 1953 if my memory serves me correctly, Ron Longley was first chosen to be a 'hound' in the club's annual 'hare and hounds' run. As can be seen from the accompanying photo, Ron undertook the task in a truly professional manner, and such was his success in 'going to earth' on that far off day, that very few such rides have been held since then without Ron being one of the pursued. Our most recent 'hare and hounds', held to give the new riders a break from Maurice, was no exception, and Ron, accompanied this time by Richard, duly left Westfield at 2 o'clock, scattering a trail of serapite in the surrounding lanes. Ten minutes later the baying 'hounds' gave chase, and were soon in hot pursuit. Paul and Steve soon dropped

the rest of the pack, and could be seen in full flight across the tops of the hedges, senses primed for sight or sound of the quarry. As Martin had never been fortunate enough to take part in such a sporting event before, Tim and I stayed back and explained the procedure to him. After following numerous false trails, a little bit of help from some friendly Scouts and some psycho-analysing of Ron's methods by Tim (who had once been a 'hare' himself), our trio arrived back in Westfield, where we decided that with subterfuge we could save our legs and catch Ron from the front. Our ploy couldn't have worked better, as both Ron and Richard were spotted as they were about to emerge onto the main road from a very hilly lane. Paul, who had been lucky enough to pick up the right trail every time, had already caught up with them, and during the discussion about the ethics of the tactics employed by the lazy 'hounds', Steve also caught up with the bunch. Just as we were about to press on to Eileen's, the musical sound of gear changing attracted our attention, and we espied Connie riding towards us, and she accompanied us the rest of the way. After refreshing ourselves at Eileen's it was homeward bound. Ron's reputation had suffered a blow, but being Ron he enjoyed himself every bit as much as the rest of us.



E. C.

MARKET PLACE

For Sale - SUGINO 'MAXY' DOUBLE CHAINSET 40/52 with
BB, 171mm CRANKS. £9.50 o.n.o.

GB 3" ALLOY STEM ON GB MAES BENDS, 14½"
WIDE, 5½" DROP, TAPED UP and FITTED WITH HOODED
WEINMANN LEVERS, ALSO A SET of WEINMANN 999 CENTRE
PULL BRAKES (TO MATCH LEVERS on BARS). £8.50
the lot.

Contact KEITH EVANS on HASTINGS 425810

Joanne Longley has now reached the advanced age of 16,
and has hung up her wheels in preference for a moped!
Consequently Ron and Connie have now got a PUCH tourer
for sale, in very good condition. Offers around £60
will be considered.

Have you bought your new racing hat yet? Club ones
are now available, price £1.15p. One size fits any
head.

There are still a few club jerseys left in both the
old and new styles. £7.50 and £8.50.

Don't forget to buy a copy of "Eighty Years Awheel"
if you haven't already got one. Wonderful value for
£1.05p.

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PUBLICITY. BBC 2 recently presented a "Horizon" TV
programme dealing with the ageing problem and the dis-
integration of the human body as it grows old. James
Murray in the Daily Express reviewed the film and came
up with the following two paragraphs:

"As for the rest of the body, they say that by the
time a person is 70 his muscles are 20% less efficient;
there is 20% less calcium in the bones; heart capacity

is reduced 33% and lungs are down 40%.

"The way to keep them all ticking over, say the Scientists, is for old people to exercise with ball-room dancing, RIDING BIKES and climbing hills providing there is nothing fundamentally wrong."

PUBLICITY

THEN (circa 1936)

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CYCLING

HASTINGS CLUB NOTES

During the week-end a party of members enjoyed a run to Reading to see the "Bath Road 100," which was won by F. A. Lyscombe in 4 hours 27 mins. 16 secs. breaking the English competition record. The return ride was through Bagshot to Guildford where a stop was made for lunch. The route continued through Horsham and Haywards Heath to Newick for tea, and home through Uckfield.

To-morrow (Sunday) an early start will be made, leaving the King's Head, Ore, at 5 a.m.

CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB

A small party of cyclists left in the early hours on Sunday for a holiday tour to Haslemere, which proved enjoyable in spite of the weather.

After an uneventful run via Fevensey and Lewes, a halt was made for breakfast at Offham. After another stop near Plumpton—this time for a puncture—the run was continued under threatening skies to West Grinstead. At Green Street, the rain started in torrents, continuing until after lunch, when the party were in the vicinity of Plaistow.

After spending the night at Haslemere, the party split up, one group returning to Hastings by way of Petworth, Pullborough, Steyning and Ditchling. The others spent a glorious day roaming around many lanes and byways and tracks by Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Pitch Hill—where lunch was taken—through Sutton Abinger to the picturesque Friday Street and then by footpath to the summit of Leith Hill, where some time was spent picking out various points on the panorama spread below. The homeward run after tea was via Handcross, Haywards Heath, Uckfield and Horsebridge.

The run to-morrow (Sunday) is to Newenden for bathing, boating and fishing, starting from the King's Head, Ore, at 10 a.m. An afternoon party will leave Silvernill at 3 p.m. to meet the others at Tenterden for tea at Laournum Cottage.

On Sunday, August 16th, there will be a mystery run, starting from Hastings Pier at 9.30 a.m.

Nothing

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few

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lucky and

the Sports Editor

is in a good

mood.

HUNTING

THIS 'N THAT

We are always pleased to welcome new members to the fold, and recent additions have been Linda Chambers; Martin Noakes; Dave Whiteside; Irvine Watson; Paul Mockridge and Miles Child. John Willis, a refugee from the South Eastern R.C., has joined us second claim, and after some confusion among Committee members who thought we were talking about Pete Wells, Pete WALL's application to join us as a second claim member was also endorsed with the seal of approval.

Fred says to remind you that the Open '10' is on June 1st. Entries should be sent to him by May 20th, at 11a Havelock Road, and offers of help will be received with joy at the same address.

It's a long way off, but these things have a way of creeping up on you, so a reminder about the ESCA '50' on August 31st won't come amiss. Esther is promoting this event on behalf of the club, so please, please, try and get out to help if you possibly can.

The next issue of this mag. is planned for late July, and contributions are welcome any time. This issue is dedicated to Dave and Audrey, who paid their 30p in advance for the year's editions. Don't disappoint them, they like reading anything about cycling, and if you can draw or have any photos we can borrow, it will make the Gazette a lot more interesting for them.

That seems to be the lot for now. See you at the evening '10s'.

E. C.

