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### Good Friday Run.

We shall open the cycling season of 1897 with an amalgamated run with the St. Leonards Cycling Club, the Ore and Clive Vale Bicycle Club, and the Eastbourne Rovers C.C., on Good Friday. These runs have always been most successful, and largely attended, but we hope this year to eclipse all previous records, and, to do this, all members are asked to attend, and begin the Jubilee with a monster run. A start will be made from Carlisle-parade at ten o'clock sharp, proceeding along the Front, meeting the St. Leonards Club, and then going together to Battle, where the Eastbourne Rovers will be found. A cold lunch will be served at 1.30, at the George Hotel, at 2s. each. There is a capital menu. After this interesting part of the proceedings, the four Clubs will move on to Ninfield, where tea will be provided at the St. Leonards Cycling Club House.

attendances, the winners to have the privilege of choosing their own prizes, which will be of the following value :

	£	s.	d.
First Prize.....	1	0	0
Second Prize .....	12	6	
Third Prize .....	7	6	

We want as many ladies as possible to attend the runs, and compete for the prizes.

The winners will be those who gain the most points during the season, calculated in the following manner :

Three points for starting and going the whole distance and returning with the Club.

Two points for going the whole distance, if starting late, and returning with the Club.

One point for starting with the Club, but falling out, say after two miles.

The Captain and Sub-Captain are barred from competing for the prizes.

### FIXTURES.

Good Friday (Opening Run), April 16th—Battle and Ninfield.\*

Wednesday, April 21st—Bexhill.

Wednesday, April 28th—Sedlescombe.

Wednesday, May 5th—Winchelsea.

\* Starting from Carlisle Parade at 10 o'clock sharp.

The Wednesday Evening runs will start from Carlisle Parade at 6 o'clock sharp. All Cyclists will be welcome. Lamps must be taken to all club runs.

No arrangements would be complete without reckoning with the cyclists' arch-enemy, Jupiter Pluvius—though, be it said to the gentleman's credit, he is as a rule in his best behaviour on Good Fridays—so, should it be raining, or the roads unrideable, waggonettes will be engaged to take us to Battle at a small charge per head.

It is particularly requested that all members of this Club will do their best to be present, and keep up a good beginning by attending all the weekly runs during the summer.

### Evening Runs.

Every Wednesday evening throughout the summer Club runs will be held, starting from Carlisle-parade at six sharp, and this year the Committee offer three prizes for the best

### The Boat.

The Club boat on the River Rother, close to the Star Inn, to the east of Rye, was not so well patronised last summer as might have been expected, but this must be due to the fact that our members are not aware of the great amusement and pleasure to be derived from a sail up the river; and the only way to know anything about it is, of course, to go and sample the article. Once the members get up the river on a fine summer day they will like it so much that the Club, as somebody remarked at the annual meeting, will have to get a fleet of half-a-dozen boats. The boat is named "The Safety," and is at the present time being thoroughly overhauled, painted, &c., and will be ready after Easter, when the Committee hope to see it extensively patronised. The Secretary will endeavour to make up parties for trips on some Sundays in the summer, but further particulars will be given later.

Road Race.

The 100 miles Road Race is going to be revived this season, and full particulars will be published in a future number of *The Record*. Meanwhile, weather permitting, all road flyers had better see about getting into condition, for the gold medals will not be walked away with; the best man will win, and he will have to be pretty good to keep in front of the little crowd of scorchers enrolled in this Club.

The Exchequer.

All those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current season are respectfully informed that the Secretary will be very happy to forward them their receipts if they will kindly let him have the necessary Jubilee crown, that is to say, five-shilling piece. Love makes the world go round, but money makes most other things shift along, so please send early.

When to Light Up.

	H. M.
April 5th .....	7.38
" 10th .....	7.46
" 15th .....	7.54
" 20th .....	8.3
" 25th .....	8.11
" 30th .....	8.19
May 5th .....	8.27

It may be mentioned that these times also apply to motor cycles, motor cars, and other ill-smelling horseless vehicles.

First Annual Ball.

On Wednesday, the 13th January, our first Cycling Ball was held at the Royal Concert Hall, and it is gratifying to have to chronicle a complete success, both as regards the enjoyment afforded those who attended and the augmentation of Club funds, which, after all, is a matter of some importance. The admirers of the fair Goddess Terpsichore numbered about 50, and the Concert Hall had been turned into a real palace of delight, the floor and decorations alike being of the best. The programme of 24 dances was much enjoyed, Mr. Robinson's band providing good up-to-date music. The company separated in the wee sma' hours—4 o'clock to be exact—everybody speaking in the highest terms of the arrangements made and the amusement afforded. Messrs. Gillett, Brown, and Lawrence made expert M.C.'s, while the duties of stewards were carried out by Messrs. Moren, Dubbin, and Gillham. Mr. Moor as Secretary worked hard, and the success achieved was to him ample reward for his labours, which were by no means light.

Next winter it is hoped that more than one Dance may be held, and, considering the large number of ladies who have joined the ranks of our Club, there should be very little difficulty in arranging a very pleasant series of sociable "hops."

The Annual Meeting.

That good old institution, the annual meeting, was held at our headquarters, the Castle Hotel, on February 15th. Dr. Gray, J.P., one of our vice-presidents, who takes a very practical interest in the Club, presided, in the absence of Mr. William Stubbs, J.P., our president, others present including Messrs. Batt, vice-president, Gillett, T. A. Noakes, Elphick, C. Gillham, E. H. Moor, A. G. Foord, W. J. Ockenden, N. Chennells, A. Moule, F. Macer Wright, Elphick, March, T. H. Davey, and several others, including a lady member.

The annual report was presented, and showed a very satisfactory state of things, especially financially, the balance in hand being £19 13s. 4d. in hard cash, beside assets worth £2 4s, but, better still, all the Club debts were paid! A good year's work was accomplished in all the branches—race meetings, road races, Club House, and the boat on the River Rother. The annual Ball, as mentioned elsewhere, was a great success. The report concluded by thanking the president and vice-presidents for their generous donations, which had enabled the Club to offer the finest selection of prizes ever presented at a local race meeting.

Dr. GRAY moved the adoption of the report, speaking in high terms of the manner in which the Club was conducted, and of "the eminently successful" opening run last Easter, which he attended. He looked for a large increase in the membership this year, especially on the part of the ladies.

The report was seconded and adopted.

Mr. Stubbs was re-elected as our president, and the vice-presidents were re-elected, Mr. BATT replying on their behalf, and saying a good word for the Club.

Mr. GILLETT was re-elected captain, and he appealed to the members to support the Wednesday evening Club runs in large numbers this year. (Please make a special note of this, dear reader!)

Mr. T. A. Noakes was re-elected sub-captain, and Mr. W. J. Crane took up the secretarial duties instead of Mr. Moor, who had resigned, and Mr. A. G. Foord was made treasurer.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Moor for his services as secretary and treasurer, Mr. CHENNELLS remarking that the cash balance was the largest the Club had ever had; Mr. Moor was to be congratulated upon the excellent manner in which he had discharged the dual office. (Applause.)

Mr. Stratford was re-elected auditor, and a committee was also elected.

The Good Friday run (particulars in another column) was fixed for John's Cross, Battle, and Ninfield.

Mr. CHENNELLS said he should like to see the 100 miles ride revived if Brighton could be avoided, and he would give a medal in addition to the one he had already given. (Applause.)

The matter was left to the committee, and the meeting closed with thanks to Dr. Gray for presiding.

Club Rules.

I.—That this Club be called the "HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS CYCLING CLUB."

II.—That the object of the Club be the promotion of Cyclists' interests generally, the Hastings and St. Leonards districts in particular.

III.—That each member shall pay an entrance fee of 1s., on application for membership, to be returned if not elected, and a subscription of 5s per annum, payable in advance, at the Annual General Meeting, and any gentleman giving an Annual Donation shall be considered an Honorary Member. Any lady or gentleman being three months in arrears of her or his subscription and failing to pay on application, shall cease to be a Member.

IV.—That the Officers of the Club shall consist of President, Vice-Presidents, Captain, Sub-Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer.

V.—That the Officers and seven Members shall constitute the Committee, with power to add to their number.

VI.—That the whole of the Officers shall be elected by ballot, and hold office for the term of one year.

VII.—That the Committee shall meet when required, for the purpose of transacting the business of the Club, five to form a quorum.

VIII.—That the General Meeting shall be held in January or February at the option of the Committee.

IX.—That the Committee shall be the governing body of the Club, manage and control the expenditure and general business of the Club.

X.—That the Secretary conduct the correspondence of the Club, and receive the subscriptions. The Treasurer to keep the accounts.

XI.—That the Captain shall exercise control over all Members on Club runs; in the Captain's absence the Sub-Captain or an appointed deputy shall take command.

XII.—That any Candidate for admission to the Club shall send in his name to the Secretary or any of the Committee, and be elected by majority at the first meeting of the Committee.

XIII.—That all notices of Club runs be placed upon notice boards by the Captain or Secretary.

XIV.—That the uniform of the Club be similar to that of the C.T.C. with cap. The racing colours dark and light blue.

XV.—That all Members attending Club runs on machines must appear in Club cap and badge.

XVI.—That any Member failing to pay any fines on application shall cease to be a Member.

XVII.—That no Member shall compete in any race unless his entrance fee and subscription are fully paid up.

XVIII.—That any Member wishing to withdraw shall give notice in writing to the Secretary.

XIX.—That 14 days' notice be given by the Secretary to the Members of the Annual Meeting, and that seven days' notice must be given of the proposed alteration of rules, and that such proposed alterations shall be given in the notice calling the General Meeting, together with report and balance-sheet.

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