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The Good Friday Run.

This time-honoured institution was duly carried out on April 16th, but the weather was not all that could be desired. However, weather or no weather, the pluck of the Hastings cyclist may be damped but cannot be extinguished, and, consequently, the muster was the largest ever seen in this district. Robertson-terrace at 10 a.m. presented a most animated scene when the Hastings and St. Leonards C.C. and the Ore and Clive Vale B.C. assembled, a number of ladies lending a special charm to the occasion. A start was made in good time, and the road to Silverhill was safely traversed, notwithstanding the sloppy water-carts. At Silverhill a large muster of the St. Leonards C.C. awaited us, and together we made for Battle, viâ Seddlescombe and Cripps' Corner, helped at times, but hindered mostly, by a healthy south-westerly gale. Up to Cripps' Corner the most notable feature was the altogether unprecedented quantity of Sussex dust which blinded and choked us all. A thick dust, however, like an ill wind, must be thick indeed without somebody being benefited, and the host of the chief hotel at Seddlescombe dispensed sundry foaming pots and sparkling glasses of nectar which he otherwise might have kept in his cellar. At Cripps' Corner rain, which had for some time threatened, made up its mind, and came to Mother Earth, but as it came slowly we were barely damp when we reached the historic town of Battle, and, what was more to the point to the hungry wheelers' mind, the George Hotel, where the banquet was spread. Rain then came down in good earnest, very considerably, knowing we were out of harm's way. At half-past one there was a mighty crash of crockery and clashing of steel, and the battle of lunch and ale was fought and won by the hungry hundred. In the absence of the President (William Stubbs, Esq., J.P.), the chair was taken by G. G. Gray, Esq., LL.D., J.P., a Vice-President of the Hastings Club, and was supported by the following Vice-Presidents: G. T. Jenkins, Esq., H. Batt, Esq., and E. H. Moor, Esq.

Letters of apology for absence were notified as received from the following: The President and the following Vice-Presidents of the Hastings Club—W. Lucas-Shadwell, Esq., M.P., D.L., J.P., Sir James Colquhoun, Bart., His Worship the Mayor (Alderman Weston, J.P.), C. E. Beeching, Esq., J.P., Dr. Frank Shaw, A. Milne, Esq., M.A., Major F. G. Langham, W. H. Banks, Esq., and others.

A complete list of those present, together with the Clubs they represented, is appended;

Hastings and St. Leonards C.C.—Miss Bayley, Mrs. Watkinson, Miss Robell, Miss A. E. Hughes, Mrs. Wingfield, Miss Loveridge, Messrs. H. J. Cheale, J. R. Brown, F. Heathfield, W. Mills, H. A. Fuller, H. Cheshire, A. Cheshire, W. Wingfield, C. A. Tharle, W. D. Tharle, J. P. Wheeler, C. T. March, F. Shaw, J. R. Gillett (captain), R. T. Watkinson, T. A. Noakes (sub-captain), C. Gillham, E. Wingfield, F. G. Hatton, A. Moule, E. C. Craske, W. Cheale, W. Laird, W. Boulanger, A. Dray, W. J. Crane (secretary), Vallance, J. Moren, Rix, F. Macer Wright, F. Smart, H. Prince, W. J. Gammon, H. J. Clarke, J. A. Thomson, J. Blackman, Bob Watkinson, W. J.

Ockenden, W. Hughes, R. A. Gant, C. Mitcham, H. Dubbin, A. Carey, F. Emary, G. Hooker, W. J. Cox, and A. Coburn.
St. Leonards C.C.—Miss Balchin, Mrs. Turner, Miss E. Bishop, Miss Sutton, Miss A. Turner, Miss Morley, Miss A. Hughes, and Messrs. C. Elphick (secretary), Freeman, Adams, F. Bridgeland (captain), D. Rawlinson, E. Goldsmith, W. Miller, C. E. K. Bennett, A. Willard, A. Turner (assistant secretary), W. G. Turner, F. Watkins, F. Rymill, W. Tolhurst, C. W. Muller, G. Hide, A. Monk, W. Bell, Mills, R. Tremble, G. Turner, C. Creed, H. Pollard, E. Stutely, W. Watts, H. G. Smith, W. Weatherseed, and G. Smith.

Ore and Clive Vale C.C.—Messrs. J. F. Brewster and W. Chapman.

Eastbourne Rovers C.C.—Messrs. C. Knott, R. Reed, I. Crick, W. Thorpe, C. Bean, H. G. Wyatt, R. Wove, C. Payne, A. Tracey, Townsend, Dewing, Nash, Grey, Knight, Carpenter, F. Thorpe, J. Nash, and C. Cox.

After dinner an impromptu smoking concert was carried out, thanks to the general kindness of the musical members of each Club, who all did their best to amuse the company, and succeeded admirably.

An enjoyable hour having slipped away, and the weather having in some degree recovered its equilibrium, a move was made for home, the ride being a dry one. Tea was provided at the Club House at Ninfield, where a programme of sports was to have been carried out, but these interesting items had perforce to be dropped. The evening turned out to be a regular soaker.

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Jottings by the Editor.

All members of our old-established Club must be highly gratified to see the practical interest the Vice-Presidents are taking in the doings of the Club. At the opening run several of these gentlemen put in an appearance, and Dr. Gray attends Committee meetings and presides over the deliberations of the Committee. Our President has taken to the wheel, and is now quite proficient; everybody knows he is a real friend of the Club and a good sportsman to boot, and nothing would have given us more delight than to have seen him at Battle. The post of Vice-President is often looked upon as a purely ornamental one, and naturally enough, many gentlemen object to being mere figure-heads, but the facts recorded above show that in our Club at least Vice-Presidents feel that they are wanted and expected to work.

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The first date for an evening run was wet, and kept all cyclists at home, but on Wednesday, April 28th, the evening was calm and summer-like, a good number of lady and gentleman riders enjoying the trip to Seddlescombe. All members are specially requested to make a point of attending all runs, if not so much for the prizes offered, at any rate for the honour of the Club. Every member must feel that he or she has a personal interest in the concern, and to make it hold its proud position of premier Cycling Club in this district must lose no opportunity of pushing it to the front.

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We are ready to enrol more members, as many as you please. There must be scores—I was going to say hundreds—of ladies and gentlemen who do not wear the light and dark blues of the Hastings Club.

Here is another Jubilee suggestion—let each member of the Club send to the Committee the name of a cycling friend to join the ranks, and then we should have a muster-roll of 300. When that is accomplished we'll have a Club run together—all the Clubs—and show what we in Hastings can do to keep a healthy pastime in a real flourishing state.

I had a visit from Dr. Nansen the other day, and he asked me to say that it is a fact that he will make his next journey to the North Pole on a safety bicycle with balloon tyres. All other statements to the contrary are mere fabrications. I had the pleasure of taking him round to the local cycle manufacturers to see if I could fit him out—I like to keep trade in the town. All he saw he liked very much, and said he hopes to get the "Wingfield" gold medal, because he reckons he'll be first at the Pole if he's "Smart" and gets his tyres "Allard"; there's "Moor" of the "Royal Warrior" in him than he is likely to want in his "Ascent," but he is going to wear one of Rodway's hats that don't blow off. Nansen "Noakes" a thing or two, and reckons he will beat the "Record." This is genuine.

Cycling accidents in this neighbourhood are getting quite the correct thing, but it is rather unfortunate that they should all occur on Sundays, because it gives people an opportunity of saying that you are no better than you ought to be and in fact it serves you right. This is not very comforting when you have a patch over one eye, a bandage round your head, and one arm in a sling. Talking about patches—if you want some of the conceit taken out of you just put a patch over one eye and perambulate the streets, meet a friend or two and hear what they say. One comes up to you, puts out his hand in sympathetic style, looks at you in a reproachful way and says, "Hullo, old man, drunk or fighting?" You bolt in a huff and just as you are simmering down you meet a friend who says, "I've heard about you old chap, drink tea in future." It's the same with everybody, and it's calculated to make one feel pleasant and surprised as well at the remarkably good character he bears!

If you are at any time unfortunate enough to seriously damage yourself in a bicycle accident you may be glad to know that at the Buchanan Cottage Hospital—an institution which cyclists, with their parades, have done much for—the nurses take a special interest in all cycling cases because they are all wheelers and have had some exciting moments themselves. At Easter time a damaged rider was temporarily patched up on the road near the Harrow by one of the Buchanan nurses.

The Secretary of this Club (Mr. W. J. Crane), your humble servant the Editor, and Mr. W. Gallop, a member of the Club, have all wilfully thrown themselves from their machines in the laudable desire to make copy for the RECORD. Of course they came off second best, and I regret to say that Mr. Gallop was seriously hurt. We all hope to see him about soon quite recovered.

Members of the Club who intend disporting themselves upon the racing path this season, may be interested in hearing that they will be able to avail themselves of the services of "Toff" Lynch, the professional champion walker, who will attend at the Central Ground regularly through the summer. He is a capital trainer, and Messrs. Newman Chennells and H. Dubbin were locked after by him last season. His charges are moderate.

The boat, "The Safety," on the Rother, is quite ready for sailing, and the Secretary, Mr. W. J. Crane, Ashburnham-road, will be pleased to let any member have the key upon applying to him. The boat has been smartly painted in blue and white.

We have had two interesting marriages lately. On Easter Saturday Mr. F. Vidler led the lady of his heart to the altar, and on Monday, May 3rd, Mr. G. R. Walker was married to Miss Annie Catt, daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Catt and Mrs. Catt, of Saxonhurst, St. Helen's-road. Both the happy husbands have been for several years members of the Club, have acted on the committee, and have done a good deal of racing, Mr. Walker having held the Mastin Cup. Everyone acquainted with the ladies and gentlemen will wish them many years of happiness. Hope to see them on tandems at the Club runs.

Road Races.

Another attraction! The committee are making arrangements for several Road Races. In one the first prize will be worth three guineas, but to be entitled to compete it will be necessary that riders shall have attended eight Club runs. No time to lose, start next Wednesday.

Whit Monday Sports.

With commendable enterprise the committee has hired the Central Ground for Whit Monday, and, with the aid of the Alliance Athletic Club, intend running a first-class cycling and running meeting. An interesting programme is being arranged, and, given fine weather, there is no doubt the affair will be a complete success. Mr. C. Gillham, Norman-road, St. Leonards, and Mr. H. Stoakes, George-street, will act as race secretaries, from whom entry forms and all particulars may be obtained. Members of both Clubs are asked to do all they can to push the fixture to the front, so that each Club may reap a substantial benefit.

Evening Runs.

May 12th.—Sidley and Bexhill.
 " 19th.—Saddlescombe.
 " 26th.—Catsfield.
 June 2nd.—Winchelsea.
 All runs start from Carlisle Parade at 6 o'clock sharp.
 All Cyclists will be welcome.
 Lamps must be taken to all Club Runs.

When to Light Up.

	H. M.
May 10th	8.35
" 15th	8.43
" 20th	8.50
" 25th	8.56
" 30th	9.3
June 5th	9.9

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.F.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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