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Notes by the Editor.

Our Race Meeting on August 8th was a gratifying success, the weather was fine throughout, the attendance was good, and the racing was as keen and interesting as any we have seen during the year. I was sorry that Newman Chennells did not ride up to his usual form in the Jules Mastin Cup Race, for I was looking to him to claim it as his own. This year the race was won in the same time as two years ago, when Chennells was successful in 14mins. 7secs. After his record of 7mins. 7secs. for three miles on the previous Monday, it was a great disappointment that he did not carry off the trophy. It is evident that he did not feel up to the mark for I am told that he has done the five miles on grass in 13mins. 15secs., whereas if he had done the full distance here his time would work out at something like 14mins. 40secs. for the five miles, a difference of about 1½mins., which, considering the improvement in machines and tyres, must be accounted for in some way.

In answer to several inquiries, the C.T.C. headquarters in Hastings are at the Provincial Hotel, Havelock Road. Mr. A. G. Foord, Queen's Road, is the Consul.

The boisterous weather of the past few weeks has very nearly knocked cycling on the head, but as soon as the sun came out and the roads began to get dry hundreds of wheelers made their appearance on the Front Line, showing by their eagerness for a spin that the spirit is not in the least a decaying quantity. It may not be out of place for me, as the "guide, philosopher, and friend," and the readers of the *Record*, to caution ladies of riding in a very high wind. If you must go out when it is blowing a gale, be very careful how you manoeuvre street corners and all places where the wind is likely to have extra force. Last week a young girl was blown over, bicycle and all, at the corner of Beach Terrace, where the wind is always very dangerous, and she was considerably shaken.

When will universal lighting really be *universal*. At the present time riders are comparatively safe in the country, but often there is danger in some of the bye-streets of the town—which are not particularly well lit—of running full butt into an approaching horse and carriage. Beware of indiarubber-tyred carriages carrying no lights! I should like to see the Chief-constable enforce the law—if there is one—and then we should have justice all round, for at the present time a great anomaly exists.

There will be a novelty to be seen on November 9th next—a clean sweep. Now, as every class of the community has its fads and crotchets, would it not be well for cyclists to show themselves keeping pace with the times, and run some candidates for the enlarged Council? We want a track as soon as possible, wood-paving all along the Front—and everywhere else! We want every vehicle to carry lights, and we want permission to ride on the footpath when the roads are up! We could start with these; we won't be too exacting just at first.

Touring during September and October, if the weather is fine, is a most delightful experience. The crisp air in the morning, and the appearance of freshness everywhere after the showers, make you feel as though you could ride for a week at a stretch. The lovely shades of the trees and hedges, as the early autumn tints appear; the picturesque villages, and the country sights and sounds can be all admired, and, it seems to me, impress themselves much more upon the rider at this time of the year. When everything is heat and dust your attention is divided between keeping your eyes shut and drinking "stone ginger."

Gwendoline and Mashington had been out for a tandem ride, and had just returned. Gwendoline had smuggled the young man into her father's drawing-room, and they both sat close together, cooing, as only young people can, and the young man said, "Do you really love me?" "Yes, yes," she whispered, nestling on his manly chest, "You are the light of my life." The father, just at this interesting point, arrived on the scene, and after a short scuffle her "light" went out!

As this is the last *Record* of the present season that I shall have the pleasure of contributing to, I should like to congratulate the members on the highly successful season the Club has experienced, and to thank them for the kindness I have always received at their hands. The *Record* has not been all it should be, perhaps, but any suggestions as to future progress will be heartily welcome. I only hope the 1898 season may be as prosperous as this has been.

ODDS AND ENDS.—Hotel proprietors are responsible for visitors' bicycles.—Never ride on a tandem without a break.—When you see a policeman ride carefully, they will say anything!—Have you ever seen a tipsy cyclist?—When wet through with rain, don't stand about for shelter, keep riding.—Keep your bearings well oiled and tensioned.—Give consideration to pedestrians when you are cycling.—Don't ride under omnibuses or tram cars.—Do not smoke while riding.—If you knock anybody over, don't ride away like a coward—take the consequences.—Make the most of the fine days; we shall not have many more.—Keep your lamp reflector bright.

What We have Done.

Now that the season is nearly at an end it is interesting to look back and see what we have been doing since last March. We first of all had an opening run; we have a roomy and pleasantly-situated Club House, where we have had teas, ladies' days, and evening runs. We have had a Race Meeting, and have participated in the Bank Holiday Sports. The boat on the river Rother has found some patrons. We also have a Road Race this month, and a competition for 100 miles time medals. The Wednesday evening runs have been well attended, and we have had many pleasant runs. The end of the year will show a balance in hand that has been unknown in the annals of local sport, and altogether the Hastings and St. Leonards Cycling Club has broken the record.

Road Race.

Our 10 mile Road Race has been postponed till Wednesday, September 22, and it must be understood that only those who have attended six Club Runs during the season, or have 18 points to their credit for attendance, can compete. The course is a good one, commencing about 200 yards from Stunt's Green, Ninfield, and finishing close to the Lamb Inn, Sewer's Bridge. The surface is good, and there are no awkward turns. The Club will start from Robertson-terrace at 2 o'clock sharp, the race will take place at 4 o'clock, and tea will be served at the Club House at 5 o'clock, 6d each being charged. Entries, fee 1s, must be sent to the Secretary by the Monday morning previous to the race.

100 Miles Ride.

Any member of the Club is at liberty to compete for the 100 miles time ride medals during this month (September) and October. Twenty-four hours' notice must be given to the Secretary or any member of the committee of the intention to ride. The course is from the Memorial to Worthing and back, finishing at the Bopeep Archway. Members cannot ride on Sunday, and no two competitors may go together.

For beating the record and doing fastest time, a special gold medal is offered; for six hours and a-half there is a gold medal, under seven hours silver medal with gold centre, and a silver medal for seven and a-half hours or under.

Club Runs.

During September the runs will be to the Club House every Wednesday at 6 o'clock from Robertson-terrace.

Cycle Carnival.

We are hoping to have an amalgamated illuminated cycle ride during the month, in aid of the local hospitals. A start will be made from Robertson-terrace at 7 o'clock, and it is hoped that as many as possible will take part and do their best to make an attractive display. Full particulars will be given in due course.

Things to Remember.

September 22—10 Miles Road Race and Tea.
September and October—100 Miles Ride.
Illuminated Cycle Carnival by Local Clubs.
September 8, 15, 22, and 29—Club Runs.

When to Light Up.

		H. M.
September	10th	7.25
"	15th	7.13
"	20th	7.2
"	25th	6.50
"	30th	6.39
October	5th	6.27
"	10th	6.16
"	15th	6.5
"	20th	5.55
"	25th	5.45
"	30th	5.35

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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