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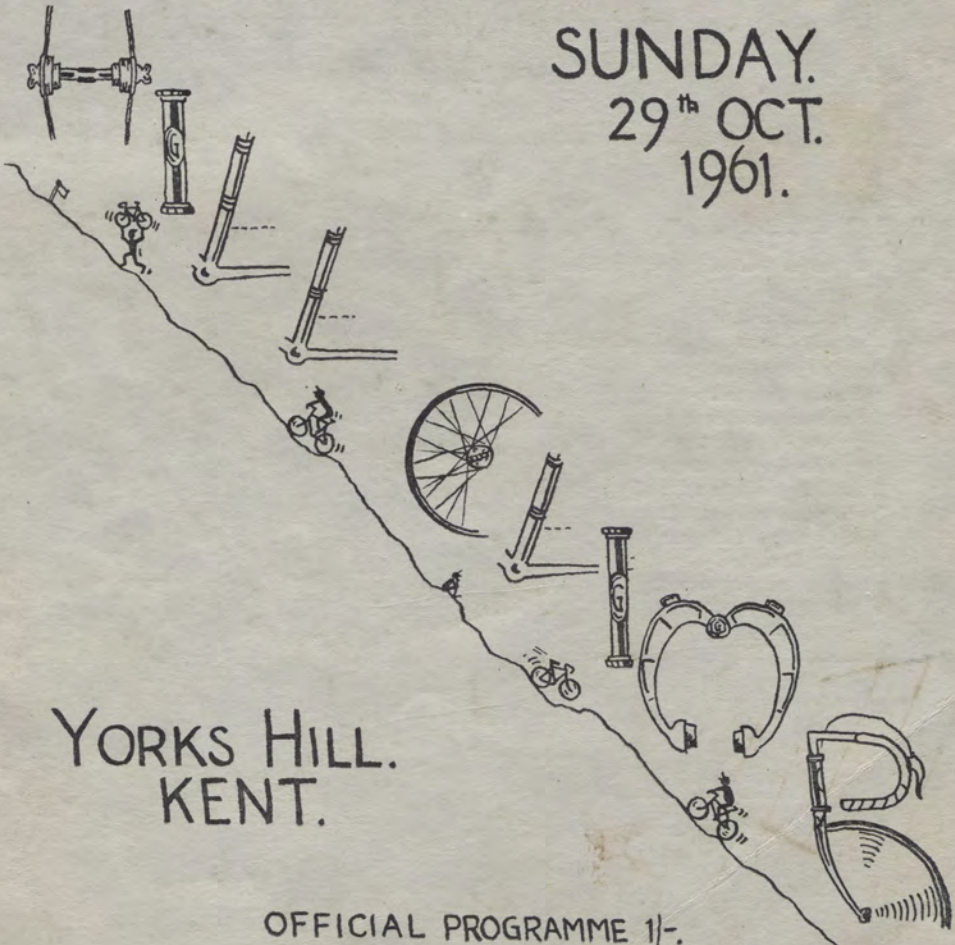
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CATFORD CYCLING CLUB 67th ANNUAL HILL CLIMB

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THE
R.T.T.C. NATIONAL HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY.
29th OCT.
1961.



YORKS HILL.
KENT.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 1/-.

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AWARDS

(Subject to Championship Condition No. 13)

Fastest Time :—R.T.T.C. Championship Trophy and S. F. Edge Cup,
R.T.T.C. Medallion and prize value £3 0s. 0d.

Second :—R.T.T.C. Medallion and prize value £2 0s. 0d.

Third :—R.T.T.C. Medallion and prize value £1 0s. 0d.

Fastest Team of 3 riders :—R.T.T.C. Championship Shield, H. W.
Bartlett Memorial Shield, R.T.T.C. Medallions and Catford
Medals.

Catford Certificates to all within 30 seconds of winner.

COURSE

Yorks Hill, Goathurst Common, Ide Hill, Nr. Sevenoaks, Kent.

Course : Yorks Hill is 660 yards long with an average gradient of 1 in 8,
including two stretches of 1 in 4.

Headquarters : Tent, at top of the hill.



E. W. Hussey, Finsbury Park C.C. Winner of the Catford Hill Climb in 1930/31/32/33/34/35/36/37/38.

Welcome to the Hill!

In 1887 the Catford promoted its first Hill Climb at Westerham, today 74 years later we proudly promote the National Championship. This promotion is indeed appropriate, for it fits into our 75th Anniversary year and brings back the title to its birth place.

For we of the Catford have promoted 67 hill climbs, and for many years it was regarded by all as the Championship of England and riders came from far and wide to contest the title event. Today with the "title at the top," riders have again come from far and wide and we welcome them all.

It is our wish that every competitor has a trouble free ride and we know that you the onlooker, will ensure free passage to every man. For those who are making their first ascent of the famous "Yorks" let it remain a happy memory for many a long day of the chant up - up - up, the cry that has so long been linked with all Catford climbs.

Stan Newport,
President & Organiser.

Spectators

The Promoters Request that all spectators should view the **Competition** from the **Banks** and keep the roadway absolutely free from obstruction, so that each competitor has a clear course. There is ample space on the banking for **Everyone** and in fact, much better views are obtained from the banks, than from the road itself.

Cycle and Car Parking

Please comply with the **Police and A.A.** officials, to ensure that parking will not interfere with other road users.



A. Pursey Medway R.C., winner of the Catford Hill Climb in 1954/55 /56/57/58. Holds joint hill record of 1-57.4 with D. A. Patten. Second from left, the late E. J. "Teddy" Southcott. On his left E. W. Hussey, Finsbury Park C.C.

The History of the Catford Hill Climb

The Catford Open Hill Climb ranks amongst the leading classic events in the cycle racing world and its history is as old as that of the club itself.

The first event was held in 1887 and the site chosen was Westerham Hill. The conditions were : a limit weight of 35lbs. for bicycles and 45lbs. for tricycles ; no gearing to be less than 52 inches. G. Lacy Hillier acted as judge and E. A. Powell was timekeeper. Twenty-four riders started, of whom half reached the summit. S. F. Edge, of the Anerley B.C. and late of the Catford C.C.; riding a Safety, was successful in 6 minutes 24 seconds.

The S.F. Edge Cup, a perpetual trophy presented to the Club many years afterwards by the winner of the first Catford Hill Climb, is now awarded annually to the rider making fastest time.

The 1900 event was the first of the series in which motor vehicles competed and was probably the first motor hill climb ever held. The motors essayed the climb after the bicycles, the distance being exactly a mile and V. Lee on an Ariel tricycle, was fastest in 2 minutes 58 $\frac{4}{5}$ seconds.

Although the venue has been changed once or twice, Westerham Hill or Betsoms Hill, its correct name—was the favourite before the first World War, but Brasted Hill has now been used the record number of times. In 1894, the only year previous to 1920 in which the event was held on Brasted Hill, seventeen riders started and only two completed the ascent. In 1912 the contest was abandoned owing to lack of entries. The site chosen for that year was Waller Hill, Caterham.

In 1901, the minimum gearing allowed was in the ratio of ten inches of gear to one inch of crank and this gear restriction operated until 1910 ; it was then discontinued. Eventually, the handicap was also discontinued, and the Hill Climb became a scratch event in 1922. The team race was not included until 1929.

In 1936 the Club decided to use Yorks Hill, Ide Hill, in place of Brasted, as the latter was becoming too congested and the riders were frequently hampered by motor vehicles. E. W. Hussey (Finsbury Park C.C.) was the first winner on the new hill, with a time of 1 minute 22 $\frac{1}{5}$ seconds ; and the Team Race was won by the Barnet C.C.

In 1941, owing to World War II and road users being fewer, the event returned to Brasted. Ron Gunn of the Barnet winning the climb in 1 minute 46.3 seconds for the 611 yards. The event remained at Brasted until the cessation of hostilities, when in 1945, George Fleming of the Belle Vue, scored in his first hill climb in 2 minutes 35.2 seconds.

PREVIOUS WINNERS					
Year	Hill	Winner	Club	M	S
1887	Westerham	S. F. Edge	Anerley	6	24
1888	"	W. Chater-Lea	North Road	6	46
1889	Titsey	"	"	8	10
1890	Toys	F. Greville	Catford	6	40
1891	Waller	W. Chater-Lea	"	2	5
1892	Toys	F. L. Wade	"	6	42
1893	Waller	G. H. Oswald	Folkestone	2	18.2
1894	Brasted	F. L. Wade	"	2	43
1895	Westerham	F. W. Crewe	Victoria Ramblers	4	49.4
1896	Toys	J. Parsley	Vegetarian	5	44.4
1897	Westerham	F. G. Crowley	Herne Hill	4	48.3
1898	Waller	W. Williamson	Anglo Irish	1	51
1899	Toys	"	"	6	6.1
1900	Westerham	F. W. Wells	Dover Road	4	14
1901	"	"	"	3	55
1902	"	F. S. Bale	Croydon Acacias	4	0.4
1903	"	"	"	4	0.2
1904	"	"	Southern	4	13.3
1905	"	A. Garton	Brookdale	4	6.2
1906	"	F. S. Bale	Southern	4	24.2
1907	"	E. H. Grimsdell	North Road	4	16.3
1908	"	F. Dowell	Catford	3	51.3
1909	"	"	"	3	42.3
1910	"	J. E. Hollands	Chatham	3	26.1
1911	"	"	Croydon	3	41.3
1912-1919	No Event				
1920	Brasted (661 yards)	F. Dowell	Catford	2	26
1921	"	"	"	2	29
1922	"	C. F. Perridge	"	2	31.2
1923	"	A. J. Locke	"	2	17
1924	"	"	"	2	4.4
1925	"	"	"	2	8.2
1926	"	F. W. Southall	Norwood Paragon	2	10.1
1927	"	"	"	2	7.2
1928	"	"	"	2	13.1
1929	"	"	"	1	58.2
1930	"	E. W. Hussey	Finsbury Park	1	53.1
1931	"	"	"	1	54.3
1932	"	"	"	1	55
1933	"	"	"	1	55.3
1934	"	"	"	1	53.4
1935	"	"	"	1	53.2
1936	Yorks	"	"	2	22.1
1937	"	"	"	2	33
1938	"	"	"	2	12
1939	"	R. F. Gunn	Barnet	2	31.4
1940	"	F. Willett	Norwood Paragon	2	32
1941	Brasted (611 yards)	R. F. Gunn	Barnet	1	46.3
1942	"	F. Worthen	Manchester Clarion	1	32.3
1943	"	L. F. Dodd	Sheffield Phoenix	1	42.3
1944	Brasted (1,250 yards)	F. Worthen	Manchester Clarion	3	12.4
1945	Yorks	G. H. Fleming	Belle Vue	2	35.2
1946	"	L. H. Dodd	Sheffield Phoenix	2	10.1
1947	"	B. Foster	E. Mids Clarion	2	9.1
1948	"	V. Clark	Coventry	2	7.1
1949	"	B. King	Bec	2	6.4
1950	"	J. A. Pentecost	"	2	7
1951	"	"	"	2	3.2
1952	"	"	"	2	4.3
1953	"	L. Ingman	Norwood Paragon	2	4.2
1954	"	A. Pursey	Medwav R.C.	2	1.2
1955	"	"	"	2	0.3
1956	"	"	"	1	57.4
1957	"	"	"	2	0.1
1958	"	"	"	2	2.2
1959	"	D. A. Patten	Tunbridge Wells	1	57.4
1960	"	J. F. Hinds	Southern Roads	2	4.2
1960	"	D. R. Davey	Weybridge Wheelers	2	4.2

PREVIOUS WINNERS—TEAM RACE

1929	Catford C.C.	1939	Barnet C.C.	1949	Coventry C.C.
1930	Norwood Paragon.	1940	"	1950	Marlboro' A.C.
1931	Catford C.C.	1941	Barnet C.C.	1951	Barnet C.C.
1932	Norwood Paragon.	1942	Manchester Clarion.	1952	Barnet C.C.
1933	Catford C.C.	1943	Sheffield Phoenix.	1953	Tottenham Phoenix.
1934	Catford C.C.	1944	Manchester Clarion.	1954	Barnet C.C.
1935	Finsbury Park.	1945	Medway Wheelers.	1955	Medway R.C.
1936	Barnet C.C.	1946	Sheffield Phoenix.	1956	Medway R.C.
1937	"	1947	Medway Wheelers.	1957	Medway R.C.
1938	Catford C.C.	1948	Coventry C.C.	1958	Bromley R.C.
1959	Bramley Wheelers.	1960	Southern Roads C.C.		

PRESENT NATIONAL CHAMPION

E. Wilson, Rossendale R.C.

Team

Rossendale R.C.: E. Wilson, B. Clegg, R. Ashworth.

ORDER OF START

No.	Name	Club	Start	Time
1.	S. G. Bough	Catford C.C.	10.01	.....
2.	B. P. Waxman	Army C.U.	02	.....
3.	R. O. Butler	Bromley R.C.	03	.....
4.	M. R. Dongworth	De Laune C.C.	04	.....
5.	R. J. Wilkings	Gravesend C.C.	05	.....
6.	T. D. McCall	Festival R.C.	06	.....
7.	J. S. Healey	Medway Whs. C.C.	07	.....
8.	P. G. Freullet	Mddx. Clarion C. & A.C.	08	.....
9.	J. Platts	Norwood Paragon C.C.	09	.....
10.	R. Piggins	R.A.F. C.A.	10	.....
11.	R. A. Layberry	Rochester Olympique	11	.....
12.	A. D. Smith	Ruxley Whs. C.C.	12	.....
13.	M. E. Jury	Sittingbourne C.C.	13	.....
14.	D. E. Brewer	Southern Rds. C.C.	14	.....
15.	K. I. Mathews	34th. Nomads C.C.	10.15	.....
16.	M. S. Tiffin	Belle Vue C.C.	16	.....
17.	M. R. Hawes	Weybridge Wheelers	17	.....
18.	M. V. West	Wigmore C.C.	18	.....
19.	R. Cromack	Antelope C.C.	19	.....
20.	B. Wray	Bec C.C.	20	.....
21.	N. A. Smith	Bramley Wheelers C.C.	21	.....
22.	R. J. A. Stemp	Bromley R.C.	22	.....
23.	K. J. Fairhead	Camberley Wheelers	23	.....
24.	T. C. McGavin	Charlotteville C.C.	24	.....
25.	M. J. Dunn	Catford C.C.	25	.....
26.	J. W. Cain	Hull Thursday R.C.	26	.....
27.	C. R. Stevens	Mddx. Clarion C.A. & A.C.	27	.....
28.	A. White	Orpington C.R.C.	28	.....
29.	R. G. Chandler	Oxford City R.C.	29	.....
30.	D. W. H. Gambles	Polytechnic C.C.	10.30	.....

ORDER OF START

No.	Name	Club	Start Time
91.	M. Robinson	East Grinstead C.C.	31
92.	R. Martin	Derwent Valley Wheelers	32
93.	T. Bloxham	Coventry Paragon C.C.	33
94.	K. A. Daniels	Comet C.C.	34
95.	D. W. Gibbins	Colchester Rovers C.C.	35
96.	V. F. Caswell	Bramley Wheelers C.C.	36
97.	J. Ashdown	Rye & District Whs.	37
98.	E. W. Smith	Saracen R.C.	38
99.	B. F. Keogh	Solihull C.C.	39
100.	S. Gilbert	St. Neots & District C.C.	40
101.	D. A. Patten	Tunbridge Wells R.C.	41
102.	W. J. Sharman	Southern Roads C.C.	42
103.	A. Creacall	West Pennine R.C.	43
104.	P. B. Park	Weybridge Wheelers	44
105.	R. E. Kilsby	Wolverton A. & C.C.	11.45
106.	R. Foster	Birdwell Wheelers	46
107.	I. G. Stone	Gravesend C.C.	47
108.	M. J. Cowley	Derwent Valley Wheelers	48
109.	M. F. Ives	Coventry C.C.	49
110.	A. W. Stone	Camberley Wheelers	50
111.	P. J. Graham	West Pennine R.C.	51
112.	W. Lawrence	Charlotteville C.C.	52
113.	D. W. Carter	Aylesbury C.C.	53
114.	R. D. Adshead	Stretford Wheelers	54
115.	W. L. Blackburn	Wigmore C.C.	55
116.	D. R. Davey	Weybridge Wheelers	56
117.	D. V. Wren	Barnet C.C.	57
118.	J. Lowrence	Bromley R.C.	58
119.	R. M. French	Hastings & St. Leonards A. & C.C.	59
120.	E. Wilson	Rossendale R.C.	12.00



D. A. Patten, Tunbridge Wells R.C.
Winner of the Catford Hill Climb in 1959 with 1-57.4, equalling A. Pursey's record time.

RESULT



1st Time

2nd Time

3rd Time

Team Time

A BRIEF HISTORY

OF THE

CATFORD CYCLING CLUB

SEVENTY-FIVE years ago on the 12th April, 1886, twenty-five young cycling enthusiasts gathered together at the Old Hither Green Hall and under the chairmanship of the Rev. W. Hook-Longsdon, decided to form the Catford Cycling Club, C. W. Nettleton is our oldest surviving member.

Cardinal and Black were adopted as the racing colours, but the following year were changed for the present day Claret and Gold.

Right from its inception the Club made rapid progress. Its officials led by Charles Percival Sisley, founder, first President and first Secretary, and later first Editor of *Cycling*, adopted an ambitious programme with such success, that in the space of five years it had become the largest cycling club in the world, one that could rightfully lay claims to the proud title of champion racing club on road and track.

It promoted an open 25 miles road race three months after its formation, changing the distance to 50 miles the following year. So began the series of Open 50 miles events which with one or two breaks is still carried on to this day. The same year the Open Hill Climb was instituted, Westerham Hill being chosen as a suitable venue, and S. F. Edge of the Annerley B.C. later a member of the Catford C.C. proved the winner. In 1888 the Club commenced the series of race meetings, destined to blaze its way to the ranks of first-class promoters of the sport.

Such a programme of events naturally led to a large increase in the wealth of racing talent attracted to the Club, and in 1889 a challenge was issued to any other club to race a six-a-side team contest on road or track. The Polytechnic took up the gauntlet so daringly thrown down, and in September at the Paddington Track the rival Clubs fought out the first of the Catford—Polytechnic duels. Victory went to the Catford Club. Other Team Contests, including one with All-Holland, were inaugurated.

On the track the Club possessed such men as J. H. Adams, F. E. Annison, W. G. H. Bramson, S. F. Edge, A. G. Fentiman, W. Heasman, C. W. Nettleton, T. C. Pullinger, Gus Cherry and J. W. Stocks. Whilst on the road such men as M. A. Holbein, P. C. Wilson, W. W. Arnott, J. E. L. Bates, J. Blair, W. Chater Lea, S. F. Edge, G. P. Mills, R. C. Nesbitt, E. R. Scantlebury and J. E. Smith held sway.

THE CATFORD CYCLING CLUB



BOARD OF WORKS, CATFORD, 1887

A. G. Fentiman Alf. Nixon A. J. Olyett C. W. Monk A. F. Ilsley McKenzie C. P. Sisley Bert Jackson A. R. Scantlebury H. Boddington
front line — Percy Cooper P. J. Renouf Trevor Davis

In May, 1895, the Club opened a first-class cement track just off Brown-hill Road, Catford, and in a short time this proved to be the finest track in the Kingdom. At the end of the season all safety records from $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to 145 miles had been broken on this track. Racing festivals were promoted, and in 1896 the Club won a victory in a team contest with Denmark, beating the Danish team again in a return match at Copenhagen.

By this time the Club had increased enormously, being truly "National—Not Local". Branches sprang up in Cardiff, Nottingham, Bristol and even Paris. Besides racing fixtures, club runs and socials were regular features. An Inter-Club Run with the Manchester Wheelers and the Midland C. & A.C. at the "Woolpack" Warwick, became a regular Annual Reunion.

Tennis, Bowling, Boxing, Cycle Polo and Billiards were indulged in, the Club possessing a spacious pavilion in the track grounds, in 1896 a Ladies Section of the Club was formed. It was in this year that the Club became a Limited Company.

In 1900 cycle racing lost favour in the eyes of the public, and as "gates" dwindled, it became increasingly difficult for the Club to carry on successfully. In November, the track came "under the hammer", but it is interesting to note, that the old Pavilion in Sportsbank Street, Catford, still remains. The various branch organisation fell away and in 1901 the Club possessed only twenty-eight members, but the undying spirit of these few carried the Club through to better times.

Road racing was preferred to track racing during the next few years and in 1906, a 200 mile event was promoted to celebrate the Club's "coming of age". The following year a track meeting was held in Catford and proved highly successful.

During the years prior to the 1914-18 War the Club had regained a notable success in road sport. W. R. Hammond competed in the Olympic Road Event in Sweden in 1912 and the following year was successful in breaking the S.R.R.A. London to Dover and back record. Other record breakers on the road at this time were J. E. Patmore and S. Hulbert, while F. Dowell "swept the board" at nearly all Hill Climb Contests.

The first few years following the war saw the Club once more one of the leading track clubs in the Kingdom. H. T. Johnson and T. Harvey representing the Club in the 1920 Olympic Games and in 1922 the former gained the World's Amateur Sprint Championship. In the same year H. G. Bramwell broke the One Hour Unpaced Record, while during the next few years, H. M. Ellis successfully lowered Motor-Paced Records.



THE CATFORD CYCLING CLUB, YORKS HILL, 1955

Meanwhile, road sport in the Club was far from dormant, S.R.R.A. and R.R.A. records being beaten in 1923, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929 by L. J. Phillips, H. T. Page, G. H. Newman and R. T. Reed.

In 1925 the Club instituted an Open 24 hours on the road, an event that not only created a sensation at the time, by the distance covered by the winner, but has consistently sprung surprises on the cycling world, competition record has been broken several times since National Championship was first incorporated in the event in 1951 and Catford members winning the event were E. J. Doubleday in 1929 and 1930 and G. A. T. Laws in 1952.

In 1926 the Club promoted a Race Meeting at Herne Hill Track, and this proving successful, made it an Annual Event, but had to abandon this fixture in 1930 when the interest in track sport waned.

Between 1922 and 1940 the Club had a active social side, with a Concert Party giving shows, at opening and closing runs, successful dances and socials were also run in the winter season.

In 1932 several North London members created a North London Branch of the Club not a separate body, like its predecessor in the provinces. In this year the Cycle Polo Section was revived.

Notable riders both on road and track were B. Bevan, F. Churchill, W. Coleman, G. E. Shepherd, R. E. Varney, L. and J. Wells and A. C. House

In 1936 our Golden Jubilee year, we celebrated with a Banquet with Ernest Perman a founder member in the Chair. The Club was at the peak of its "between the wars" successes. We had just won the team race in the B.A.R. contest and in 1937 we won the National Team Pursuit Championship on the track, with L. Warham, B. Talbot, P. Sopp and L. Irving.

Club runs, touring and social events were also flourishing and this state of affairs continued, although without any outstanding racing successes, until the outbreak of the Second World War. However unlike the 1914-18 War when practically all sport came to a standstill, the Club was able to carry on with a somewhat reduced programme, but still a very active one. The only Open event that had to be abandoned was the "24", owing to petrol and food rationing.

We inevitably lost a very large part of our active members to the forces and it was largely owing to the "Gazette" and to the untiring work of R. Reynolds, that we were able to keep in touch with them and to welcome a very large proportion of them back into the Club after the war.

In 1946 we celebrated our Diamond Jubilee with another Banquet, at Holborn Restaurant, food difficulties being overcome by providing our own chickens. This year saw the restoration of the "24" and a full racing programme.

The early war years, saw the beginning of the B.L.R.C. and massed start racing, the Club was very active in the development which led to frequent clashes with the R.T.T.C. and N.C.U.

We promoted a track meeting at Herne Hill in 1948 which had a gate of 9,000 and was a tribute to the organising ability of H. M. Ellis. On the road we had George Laws who won our "50" and "24" and also broke R.R.A. records as well as figuring high in the B.A.R. contest. Our officials too were doing yeoman service for the sport, over and above their work for the Club. The doyen of them all was "Teddy Southcott" whose work extended over fifty years for cycling sport.

Another great administrator was W. Lucas and our President this year, S. A. Newport, whose name is a household word in London cycling circles. During the last few years the Club has not been quite so successful in racing as before, but M. J. Dunn and J. Perry on the road and B. Laughton and M. Armstrong on the track also J. Goodrum and H. Willison in the massed start field, with others, have kept the name of the Catford well to the fore.

The object of the Club is to carry out the PROMOTION of ROAD RACING, TRACK RACING, TOURING and GOOD FELLOWSHIP and these are being well maintained by the present membership :—

4 Open Road Events, 2 Open Massed Start Races, 20 Club Road Events, Evening Track Meetings, Club Runs, also a regular weekly Clubroom attendance of over 60 members, Winter Dances and Socials are all part of our 75th Year Programme.

We have a large and enthusiastic membership numbering 260, including a very strong contingent of keen juniors, so we can confidently look forward to the next 25 years.



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