

LIONEL A. BLUNDELL, G.C. President of the Cyclists' Touring Club. One of our two guest speakers. Although professional duties entail a lot of motoring, Mr. Blundell, in company with his wife, is a very keen cycle tourist. As well as being a tower of strength at national level, he is a well known organizer and supporter of the West Kent District Association. Mr. Blundell enjoys all rounder and map reading contests.

FREDERICK L. MARSH Our oldest member aged 76. Fred was a famous track rider during the 1920's and has a mass of trophies and certificates to his credit. He would frequently ride to Margate in the morning by way of a warm up before competing on the track during the afternoon. After collecting his awards he would ride back to Hastings. Fred was the hero of many exciting sprints when sports meetings were held at the Hastings Central Cricket Ground. He still enjoys a ride on Sunday, weather permitting.

F.T. MARTIN Our President for the past five years, took to cycling late in life. Fred is a very fit man due to a lifetime of horsemanship and found cycling suited him well. He is now a useful member of several Sussex Committees. He is a glutton for hard work. As sponsor of the Club's 50 mile TT, he motors some 150 miles checking the arrangements on the day.

TED COUSSENS A life long abstainer and non-smoker, Ted at the age of 72 is remarkably fit and is one of our most consistent riders. He did not take up cycling until his late thirties. He has always kept a record of his activities and has amassed a total of some 350,000 miles on his stable of 3 cycles. He still likes to enter the occasional time trial and some two years ago he did the creditable time of 2 hours 31 minutes in a 50 mile TT held on Romney Marsh.

JACK SOUTHERDEN Our Chairman, has just completed 30 years of time trialling, competing in all events from 10 miles to 12 hours. Jack is a hard-working and reliable Sussex official. His other hobby is ballroom dancing.

GORDON KING One of the finest athletes the Club has ever known. A decade ago Gordon was almost unbeatable in the County, some of his Club records still stand. He is still a powerful rider and would surely still put up a good performance if he ever decided to race again.

GEORGE JENKINS George was a rival to the great Frank Southall. Although he did not often beat him, he gave him many a hard ride. He was once chosen to represent Great Britain in the World Championships. He is now a lone rider and a familiar figure cycling round the district on summer evenings.

Mrs. ESTHER CARPENTER Esther is a first class organizer of any event and has proved a most efficient secretary over many years. Before settling down to married life she was a splendid time trialist at all distances. Two rides come to mind, 211 miles in 12 hours on a bicycle and 200 miles on a tricycle. Much of the credit of organizing the dinner belongs to Esther.

MAURICE CARPENTER Maurice is well known as a tricyclist. His Club record of 218 miles for 12 hours still stands. Two years ago, partnered by Maurice Dunn of the Catford C.C., the London-Brighton record for the tandem tricycle was broken.

PEROY BLISS The son of a pre-1914 member, has given great service as a Marshall and Timekeeper. He was for many years president of the Club, and responsible for keeping it going during the 1939-45 War years.

J.F. MACHIE Jim Machie's racing successes were achieved during the early 1930's. He is still extremely fit and enjoys touring the countryside. Until a recent operation, his wife was able to enjoy tandem rides with him.

DENNIS NEEVES Dennis has given great service to Sussex cyclists. A man of quick wit and with a refreshing brand of humour, he can always be relied upon to report on any event. As he is a competent musician and able M.C. his services are frequently in demand during the winter. Of powerful physique, he always gets the task of pushing off some 100 plus entrants in the Club's open 50 mile TT.