

Cyclists win us prestige abroad



21 years at Marine Court



PICTURE shows Mr. Nigel Petts, Principal of John Gray and Sons, on behalf of the owners, residents and managing agents, presenting a record player and cheque to Mr. A. Woodcock at the dinner.

Many members and guests of the Hastings and St. Leonards Cycling Club were at the Royal Victoria Hotel on Saturday for their 93rd annual dinner and dance, when they heard Mr. Geoff Wiles of the Medway Velo Cycling Club talk on the part played by cycling in the world of sport.

Mr. Wiles has represented England in many parts of the world and he laid great stress on the part played by cycling and the prestige that British cyclists have brought home to England.

He added that when he was abroad he was freely given friendship and help, and even behind the Iron Curtain it was the visitors who came first.

'It's a pity that the rulers of countries cannot show the same spirit of comradeship between themselves,' he declared.

Mr. Ron Powell, for Hastings, in welcoming the guests, spoke appreciatively of the help and support they received from other clubs — notably the Southboro Wheelers, Catford C.C., Eastbourne Rovers C.C., Carlisle C.C., San Fairy Ann C.C. and the Veteran Time Trials Association.

Mr. Dennis Neeves was toastmaster and the dinner was followed by dancing until midnight.

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