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Dear Members,

I would like to try, throughout the year, to keep you all informed with the various club activities. As the racing season is well under way now 5 club events have already taken place. Last month Roy Hillman promoted the first of our two Open Road Races which proved a most successful event. On the 17th of this month I am organising the Clubs very first Open 25 TT. Still on the subject of racing, the Evening Events start on the 4th of May, the first one being a 10 at Broad Oak, (see handbook for details). The Eastbourne Rovers evening events start the evening before on the 3rd at Pevensey.

This year we have been joined by various new members and would like to welcome you all to the Club. Pete Baker is no stranger to us but I'm pleased to say he is riding as a First claim member this year. Dave Blackman has joined us after a career as a Pop Star and has already shown plenty of promise. Also as a Senior member is Mick Rawlings (O'Rourke to his friends). At long last its nice to see some younger members in the Club, Martin Baker has moved to Bexhill from Bromley and Matthew Ballard from Hastings both are Schoolboys and would welcome any help and advice from the older and more experienced members of the Club.

As mentioned in the Handbook, I have now got new Club racing caps available at a cost of £1-60p. Also we have had made new Club jerseys which are a slightly new and improved design. Road jerseys, made of Acrylic with two rear pockets, sell for £10-50p and Skin vests of the same design but without pockets and made with Lycra sell for £9-50p. I have a few cloth Club badges left at 50p each.

On the 29th of April there are about 20 dutch cyclists coming to Hastings in connection with the Twin Towns of Dordrecht-Hastings. They have asked to meet some members of the Club and it is hoped to meet them on the road from Dover to Hastings as they ride here. It is planned to have a reception with the Mayor at the Town Hall and afterwards go for a pub lunch.

Membership at the moment stands at 39 and I'm sure a lot of you will be interested who they are so I've made a list, if there is any one you dont know make a point of finding out who's who:

Schoolboys: Keith Burden, Miles Child, Jeff Smith, Martin Baker, Matthew Ballard, and David Lovett.

Juniors: Robert Sier, Russell Walsh, Wayne Spears,

Seniors: Peter Baker, Alan Brooks, John Willis, Keith Evans, Nigel Davies, Andrew and Roy Hillman, John Gumbrell, Roger Hardy, Maurice, Esther, Steve and Tim Carpenter, Arthur Coleman, Dennis Coleman, Ernie Spray, Sid and Barbara Powell, Ron Powell, George Jenkins, Ian Brett, Jack Southerden, Dave Blackman, Mick Rawlings and Ron Longley.

2nd claim: Tom Veitch, John Lehane, Clive Willis, Dominic Windsor and Bob French.

If you are not riding the Club Open 25 I would welcome any help to act as Marshalls, please give me a ring if you can.

Next month we have another Open Road Race and the Open 10 and the same applies to these.

Please note that as from the 12th of April I have changed my address but my telephone number stays the same.

Hope to see you all soon, maybe at the evening events when it's a bit warmer.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Brooks.