## HASTINGS & ST LEONARDS CYCLING CLUB

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Dear Members,

We are now enjoying the warmth of the sun so there should be no excuses for not getting out on your bike by now. I would like to start by welcoming some new members to the club, Robert Allen who has already won the two evening 10's that he rode as well as getting a 3rd in a Kent League Road Race. Mike Flynn who is a local PC and will I'm sure keep us all in order, Vick Butler has been overseas for a while but has decided to settle down now and youngsters Ian Mepham and Geoff Glazier, our membership stands at 44 at the present time.

Now to catch up with a few things that have taken place over the last couple of months. With the racing season well under way congratulations go to Pete Baker for setting a new 50 mile Club Record with 2-2-05 in the Sussex CA 50. Also to Keith Burden who won a Schoolboys Criterium in Norwich, Keith has also picked himself up many prizes in events he has ridden. Andrew Hillman, John Willis, Robert Sier, Robert Allen and Myself have all been riding Road Races and young Jeff Smith has ventured far afield riding at Eastway and at Brands Hatch. Pete Baker is riding both the Road and TT's and is at present leading the evening events series with Russell Walsh leading the Junior section.

We have promoted 5 of the 6 Open events already with the second Road Race the most successfull I think, both the 10 and the 25 went well but they did lack numbers as did the first Road Race. Thank you to all who rode these events and supported the club and thanks to Roy Hillman for all the work he put in on the R/R promotions. Esther Carpenter organised the East Sussex CA 50 on behalf of the club and Keith Evans is promoting the Kent League Event on August 21st, anyone able to help with marshalling or any other duties Keith would apreciate a ring on 425810.

As many of you know the visit we had from the Cycling Club De Mol of Holland went very well and the club has been invited to visit Dordrecht some time, we hope to arrange a visit if there are enough interested people.

It must be mentioned that many of the activities we promote could not be possible without the invaluable help and generous assistance from certain people, I would like to mention Ken Apps in Ore village and Gordon Wilsher of Heathfield. John Pratt of Phoenix Cycles who has also donated a prize or two for the Road Races has opened up a shop in the town along Bexhill Road.

An incident involving a member of this club was brought to attention of the committee concerning paced riding and I would just like to remind everyone who rides Time Trials that there are regulations as to taking pace from other riders and also to the regulations concerning motor vehicals being on the course in short distance events.

The date for this years Club Prize Presentation, Buffet and Live Band has been booked for December 10th so make a note in your diaries, Nigel Davies and Co are to provide the entertainment this year.

I think that by now Keith Evans is well on the mend but a week before the Open 10, was unfortunate to come off his bike and crack his collar bone, which put him out of action for a few weeks, just as he had got his new bike ready for action. Ian Brett also has at long last got his new bike, not the conventional frame though but a Flying Gate, this wont be the first time Ian has flown though. Also on the new bike scene is Miles Child as is Wayne Spears.

The first of two Barbeques will be held on Friday night of the 15th July at 18. Fernside Avenue. St. Leonards. everyone is welcome, starting at about 7-30pm tickets are 75p from either Roy Hillman or myself. So I hope to see you all there.

Enjoy the rest of the racing season.

Yours faithfully, Alan Brooks.