

## New record

PETER Baker of the Hastings & St Leonards Cycling Club has been in record breaking form recently in his attempts to create new times in some of the clubs' place-to-place records.

Last week he attempted the Hastings to Eastbourne and back and was aiming to beat the 1hr 27min 44sec set by Gordon King in 1953. His task was made difficult by a strong headwind on the return leg but he was rewarded, after some very strong efforts in the last few miles, by beating the old record by 36sec, to set a new time of 1.27.8.

On Sunday morning Peter made a 6am start to attempt the much longer distance of Hastings to Worthing and back. The record, 4.38.4, set by Jack Southerden in 1951, looked set to be broken on the warm and virtually still morning and it took Peter only 4.27.53 — knocking over 10min off — to set his second record within 10 days.

Representing the club in Sunday's Kent League road race at Smallfield, John Willis was placed sixth over the 50 miles, finishing strong in the bunch sprint.

Robert Sier finished in the same bunch in 18th place and Alan Brooks one place behind him, a couple of minutes down.

Russell Walsh was unlucky to be involved in a crash. Although not hurt, he retired. And Andrew Hillman was unlucky to hit a pothole and punctured both tyres.