

# HASTINGS & ST LEONARDS CYCLING CLUB

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Dear Members,

As the evenings draw in and the last few events are ridden this month, all but a few have concluded yet another year and some their first. What a blessing the months of June, July and August were and some of the best turn outs were seen at the evening events in which victory in the Senior Competition went to Peter Baker closely shadowed by Tim Carpenter and in the Junior Section Russell Walsh emerged the winner.

A warm welcome to two new members, Tony Jevons and Mark McKroski. A lot of you already know Tony, who helped in the Open 10 in May and also marshalled in the Kent League Road Race. Mark very quickly got to grips with the Broad Oak course recording a fine 25-54 after just a few rides. All in all some good rides were done this year in Club Events with Miles Child improving a great deal since the buying of his new bike, Martin Baker in his first year has also done very well especially having a go on the 25's. As we know, the Sidley course is no dragstrip so it was pleasing to see Rob Allen set a new course record with 1-1-37 in one of the evening events.

The Barbeque, which was kindly staged by Roy and Eileen, went very well although the turn out was a bit poor. Keith Evans in his very first promotion of an event, made an excellent job of the Kent League Road Race, in fact the whole event came in for a lot of praise from outside the Club, thanks go to Roger, Ian, Tony, Pete, Bill Baker, Vick, Rob and Eileen for the teas.

On the subject of Road Races this year has seen a lot more people taking an interest. Rob Allen has had two wins and a couple of good placings on the way to getting his 2nd cat licence. Keith Burden won a criterium and has been joined by Jeff Smith at Eastway and Brands Hatch. Incidentally, they both attended the Youth Week Scheme at Eastway this year. Another rider to get his upgrading was Andy Hillman with a number of good rides. John Willis is chasing one more point for his and I'm sure he will get it. Russell Walsh, Robert Sier and Myself have been in support.

Congratulations all round to Pete Baker, firstly on getting married to Ann, I'm sure all the Club wish you both the very best for the future. Before having to decorate their new home Pete managed to set a new Club 50 record with 2-2-5 and successful attempts at two Club Place to Place Records. The Hastings-Eastbourne-Hastings in 1-27-8 and the Hastings-Worthing-Hastings in 4-27-53.

Another Club Record to be broken is the Ladies 10, Esther has reduced her own record a couple of times this year and it now stands at 25-58, not content with that she has clocked 1-8-45 for a new Ladies 25 record. Esther is also the Club 12hr Champion this year after riding 204 miles in the KCA event.

It is hoped that Sunday Clubruns will start again very soon, we are without anyone to take these so if you feel you can help please let me know. The Club Room is to start again on a Wednesday Evening, starting on the 28th of September at 7-30. Help of various kinds is needed so as before, let me know. Also suggestions would be appreciated as to what activities should be done. For those of you who don't know where the

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Club Room is, the address is The Ore Congregational Hall, Grove Road. Ore. Please try to get up there when ever you can as it needs all the support to survive.

For those of you still turning the pedals, dont forget the Rye Hythe Rye event. It is on Sunday 9th of October starting at 9-00am,  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile east of Rye on the A259. On the 23rd of October the Club Hillclimbs will be held. The first in the morning at 1030 at the bottom of Battery Hill, Fairlight and at 2-30 at Potters Lane near Brede.

The date for the Annual General Meeting has been set for Wed 16th of November 1983 at the Club Room, starting at 7-30pm. Anyone who wishes to have any item on the adgenda should let me know not later than 6th of November.

This year it is hoped that everyone in the Club attends the Annual Prize Presentation, Buffett and Dance. It will be held on Saturday 10th of December at the Royal Victoria Hotel at a cost of £4 per head.

The Christmas 10 will be held at Broad Oak on Sunday 18th of December starting at 1100am and in the afternoon there is to be a Christmas Party for children of members of the Club as well as everyone else, it will be at the Club Room, time approximately 3-00pm.

Hope to see you all at the AGM.

Yours in sport,

Alan Brooks.