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Dear Members,

We have come to the end of another year and looking back 12 months we have seen a few changes within the Club. Changes for the better I'm sure most of you would agree although some people had their doubts.

To catch up with events since the last Newsletter, it was pleasing to see so many of you at the AGM this year and all showing an interest by taking on positions within Your Club. It is a pleasure to have Jack Southerden as President, a fitting reward for Jack as 1984 will be his 50th year with the Club. We have a new Chairman in Roger Hardy and two new racing secretaries, Keith Evans as Time Trial Sec and Russell Walsh as Road Race Sec. Keith, I know has an exciting programme of Club Events planned for 84 with over 45 events. Nigel Davies is our new Club Runs Sec and since his appointment we have had nearly 20 out on a run on 2 or 3 occasions.

At the end of November 6 members of the Club all squeezed into Lindas' new car to go over to the Rovers end of season social. Apart from the appalling weather it was most enjoyable. Roger and Tony spent most of the evening admiring the bike display from Roberts Cycles while the rest of us tucked in to the nosh. I wont mention the band that they had, sorry what was that?

On to our own little do. All I can say to those who didnt come, Tuff Luck. Well done to Peter Baker for collecting the Lions share of the trophies this year and of course to all the other prize winners. it was good to see nearly all the people who now take an active part in the Club there and what about the Band then? I thought they were first class even when Dave Blackman took over on the drums. The next day it was a case of the morning after the night before. We had a big turnout at the briers with the exception of Wayne, which was not supprising after all he poured down his neck on Saturday night. We got as far as Whatlington when Mike Flynn produced the first of many pavement pizzas that morning. Mike didnt make it as far as the Cafe at Hurst Green where we all piled in for about an hour and a half. On the way back through the lanes there was some nice riding, sorry I mean Ice riding both the Roberts hit the deck on seperate occasions.

The Christmas 10 at Broad Oak saw its best turn out for a good few years with 20 riders and many others out to watch. There was about the same turnout in the Pub at Westfield afterwards which was a great improvement from last year. Funny things seemed to happen to bikes when they are left unattended. At the Clubroom in the afternoon 40 people let their hair down and enjoyed the Cartoons and the Paris Roubaix on the video, I think Donald D. won, well that makes up for not being elected on to the committee dosent it? I would like to thank Sandie for all the work she put in not only for the party but for the Buffet. Keith and Jan Evans did a lot of running about for me for which I'm grateful, thanks to Jeanette and Mrs. Child for providing some of the food and to Sue Butler and the rest of her energetic family for all the games. I think the adults enjoyed the whole afternoon as much as the kids did.

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Well that brings us up to date, with the next important thing being Subscription time I'm sure you are all eagerly awaiting to hand your money over to me. The rates for 1984 are as follows. 1st and 2nd Claim the same in all catagories. Senior £5. Junior and Schoolboy £2.50p and Senior Citezen £1. Membership to the BCF is £6 Senior and £4 Junior, the rates for racing licences are not yet known. Russell Walsh is taking orders for the BCF handbook and Keith Evans the RTTC handbook. The new Club Handbook will be published as soon as certain dates are fixed.

I would just like to wish you all and your families a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Yours in sport,

Alan Brooks.