

CYCLING

FOR almost a year John Willis has needed just one point to gain his second category road race licence.

Despite good form in early season races the placing he needed had eluded him but on Sunday he changed all that with a fine third place ride in the 61 mile Kent Road Race League event at Hooe.

As well as securing that precious licence upgrading John also scored valuable league points and, with this good form, is set to do well in the overall league table.

Hastings and St Leonards Cycling Club now has three second category riders, demonstrating their increasing strength in the south-east, as a road racing club.

Mark Markowski was fifth in his event at Hooe, showing continued good form on a very hot and windy day which saw a large number of retirements.

In the Sussex Cyclist Association's '100' near Arundel, Peter Baker and Robert Sier both rode steadily to record 4hr 33min 49sec and 4hr 36mins 22sec respectively.

Robert's first effort at the distance proved that his strength over shorter distances is matched by the necessary stamina for the longer races, and he is sure to improve on a better day.

Wind and heavy traffic combined to slow riders on the final leg to Havant, Tony Deacon of the Lewes Wanderers emerging the winner in 4hr 3min 8sec.