CYCLING

FOR the third weekend running, Hastings and St Leonards Cycling Club promoted a race for other riders.

The East Sussex Cycling Association 50-mile time trial, held at Hellingly, involved many of the club's members in organising and marshalling the 56 riders.

A cool, damp morning with a strong wind meant that there were no fast times.

Steve Dennis of East Grinstead CC/Allin cycles was the winner in 2hr 7min 13sec. Second was Adrian Jones of Central Sussex CC in 2hr 8min 3sec, and third Richard Shipton, Worthing Excelsior CC in 2hr 8min 5 sec.

Robert Sier was best of the Hastings riders, a fine 2hr 11min 11sec giving him seventh place. Steve Geran, riding his first '50', coped well with the conditions to record 2hr 22min 56sec.

Riding in the Thanet RC promotion at Lydden, near Canterbury, Jeff Smith and Dave Blackman were both successful in their respective races. Jeff was close to the leaders in his 10 mile event, coming fourth in the sprint finish. Dave finished fifth in the 20-mile race.