



• Mayoress Mrs Margaret Saunders starts the riders.



• All ages line up for charity.



• Chris Kitchenham, 9, left, and Darroll Skinner 10.

# Eyes for a ride!

## Cyclists on charity trail

THEY huffed and puffed for 15 miles, but nearly 60 cyclists with an eye on charity completed a sponsored bike rally organised by Hastings' mayoress on Sunday.

Now hundreds of pounds for the Eye Laser Appeal is likely to be raised by their ride around the town.

Cyclists of all ages, led by the Mayor of Hastings, Councillor Roy Saunders — complete with his gold chain of office, Observer T-shirt and shorts — lined up for the start at The Fishmarket, Old Town.

### FUN

With backing from the Hastings and St Leonards Cycling Club they made the gruelling journey north to Queensway, then along The Ridge and back into the Old Town before a triumphant arrival in Alexandra Park — the scene of fun, family cycle races and a BMX display by the Turners Cycles team.

Mayoress Mrs Margaret Saunders said: "I think people had great fun thanks to the support of many, including Bill Slack, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and the St. John Ambulance Brigade."

Alan Brooks, cycling club secretary, said: "The family fun races were enjoyed by many. A lot of help came from club members, Turners Cycles and the council.

Fastest cyclist in the 15-mile event was Nigel Davies of the Hastings and St Leonards CC who clocked 44 min 29 secs. Other sponsored riders and their completion times (mins and secs) were as follows:

Results: S. Johnston, 67-19; P. Field 75-41; J. Pearce 85-26; S. Camburn 61-44; T. Pearce 85-26; J. Cocker 55-53; C. Venner 56-53; D. Nice 56-28; N. Martin 50-19; S. White 55-14; G. Kitchenham 72-14; C. Kitchenham 72-14; D. Skinner 72-14.

M. Stevens 54-53; A. Field 59-36; S. Cosens 50-12; L. Watters 110-30; A. Watters 110-30; M. Watters 110-30; P. Johnston 84-48; G. Cook 54-53.

F. Webb 91-17; A. Webb 91-17; V. Webb 91-17; Observer editor G. Chapman 99-07; S. Chapman 99-07; P. Harding 49-12; A. Ainsworth 70-47; S. Ainsworth 70-47; S. Ainsworth 98-07; C. Davies 52-14.

D. Brown 52-14; P. Vickeys 69-22; M. Crouch 50-12; P. Balch 67-58; M. Balch 67-58; H. Plattis-Judd 67-58; A. Plattis-Judd (no time); C. Rout 55-06; N. Davies 44-29; The Mayor, Councillor R. Saunders 82-48.

R. Kitchen 66-58; M. Eppleston 66-58; A. Baker 57-21; M. Clayton 82-48; M. Banford 110-14; N. Prou 98-29; J. Dooley 51-53.

N. Merrick 63-19; S. Carrier 78-48; A. Purser



• The BMX display at the end of the rally.

## 62-mile scorcher



HASTINGS club cyclist Alan Brooks organised a long-distance charity ride to boost eye laser funds.

He set himself a 62-mile journey through all the Cinque Port towns to publicise the mayoress' appeal on Friday last week. Starting at Sandwich he visited all mayors to obtain signatures for a special scroll. The 28-year-old's ride is set to raise £130 through sponsorship. Alan said: "There was a head wind all the way and the sea was crashing over the road at some points." Alan, who took four hours to do the journey, is pictured above with Hastings' mayor and mayoress at the end of the journey.

45-12; R. Longley 79-51; C. Longley 79-51; A. Field, K. Tate, D. Skinner (no times).

Family fun race results with lap times in brackets: Under 6: Stacey Brooks, (47); 6-8: Katrina Izzard, (41); Duncan Izzard (43); Alan Welch (48); Kelly Brooks (39); James Boden (45); Matthew Skinner (43); Phillip Stutely (33); Daniel Pepper (39); Darren Mizen (36); Daniel Stretton (39).

9-11: Gregory Field (39); Brian Rosewell (31); James Stutely (30); Steven Hall (31); Paul Denne (31); Tracy Mizen (45); Michael Day (34); Sarah Balch (36); Daryl Skinner (Accident); Christopher Kitchenham (32); Stuart Day (31); Adam Morely (34); Andrew Fenaar (34); Sophie Mitchell (43).  
12-14: Carl Denne (1min 20); James Cocker (32); Joseph Fitzgerald (31); David Pepper (31); Kevin Lewis (24); Amanda Ainsworth (34); Mary Walton (43); Margaret Balch (30).

Robert Sier third with out on the last 2-mile stage at Offham. The team showed the...  
Vic Butler rode on...  
fast 1100...  
Steve Geran was fourth...  
15sec. and