

HASTINGS & ST LEONARDS CYCLING CLUB

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Dear Members,

The racing season seems long forgotten now with cold dark evenings here, everyone is talking about next year already.

In the past few months negotiations took place to try to secure sponsorship for the Club next year but unfortunately these did not turn out possible. The Committee feel that the Club has a lot to offer to a Sponsor but securing a deal with a company has proved difficult.

Sadly Robert Allen has left the Club, he has moved back to Bristol where next year he will be riding for Team Zoyland. In the 2½ years Robert was with the Club he did an awful lot to encourage Road Racing and produced some fine rides with first class results. I'm sure we all wish him well in the future.

Congratulations to Pete Baker on winning the Club Best All Rounder and to Martin Markowski the Junior Best All Rounder. Also to Pete on a new Club Record at 12 hours of 235.538 miles and to Mark Markowski on a new Club 25 Record of 57-21.

The recent Club Hill Climbs turned out to be very eventful, firstly the weather was marvelous and we saw nearly 40 people out to watch the ten who rode up Battery Hill. Mark Markowski won the first of two climbs in an impressive 3-45 for a new record. Second place was fought out between Danny Clehane and Pete Baker with Danny getting a one second advantage over Pete with 4-04. The afternoon event at Brede saw Mark with another record ride with 1-45 to win the Trophy. Danny increased his lead over Pete by 4 seconds with 1-50 to take second place with Pete in 3rd.

The attendance on the Club Runs just lately has been very encouraging with 20 out at one time. I'm sure that if everyone made the effort these numbers could be more every week.

The touring section has had two successful trips to France, one just for the day, the other for a weekend although the numbers have not been that great both trips were enjoyed.

We have been without a Clubroom for too long now and just recently it has been made possible for the Club to use part of the Bar in the Royal Albion Public House in the Old Town. To start with this will be on Monday evenings starting as from now, you don't have to buy anything if you don't want to all we ask is that you behave sensibly. On your first visit please make yourself known to the man behind the bar. The time is up to the individual, please support it.

The Club's Annual General Meeting is THIS Friday, 15th Nov. at the Welcome Stranger, Silverhill starting promptly at 7.30. Please don't be late.

Places for the Club Dinner, Prize Presentation and Disco are on sale at £7 per person, the latest possible date to secure a place will be 31st November as the Dinner is on Saturday 7th December. Money in advance please to Sandie Brooks, ideally if you can do this on the night of the AGM it would help matters.

Finally would all 1984 Club Award Winners please ensure that Trophies are returned to me by 17th of November.

Yours in Sport,
Alan Brooks.