

FROM THE FIFTIES TO THE SEVENTIES

A Record of the
Hastings and St. Leonards
Cycling Club
from 1957 to the Centenary
Year of 1976

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HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS CYCLING CLUB

1957

The Officers:- P. H. Bliss President and general secretary, J. H. Southerden chairman, E. Spray treasurer, A. Coleman Vice-chairman and racing secretary, and A. Moorhouse captain.

Membership at 46 was down on the previous year, but there were good attendances on the club-runs, with an average of 12.8 at 52 Sunday teas.

The annual dinner was held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on 26th January. W. "Bill" Underhill, Medway R.C., and R. "Bob" Webster, Cambrian Wh., were guest speakers.

Maurice Carpenter successfully combined bicycle and tricycle racing. He was 5th in the Tricycle Association's national "B.A.R." competition with an average speed of 20.136 m.p.h. for 50 miles - 2h 15m 26s, 100 miles - 4h 58m 55s, and 12 hours - 218.25 miles - all club records.

Esther Rolleston improved her club records at 25 miles to 1h 12m 2s, and at 100 miles to 5h 13m 6s. Esther also set a club record of 211 miles in her first 12 hours time trial.

Peter Adams, although moved to Aldershot, still rode for the Club in open time trials, and in the Catford C.C. 24 hours event he did 392 miles 1, 645 yards to add 20 miles to club record. Tony Moorhouse, Maurice Carpenter and Jack Southerden had a team win in the E.S.C.A. September "50"; and Jack did the fastest time - 1h 2m 32s - in an inter-club "25" with the Rye Club on 29th Sept.

Club time trials:-

10 miles	63" gears	M. Carpenter	27m 41s
10 "	junior championship	L. Chambers	26m 52s
10 "	Christmas Day L/G	M. Carpenter	28m 31s
25 "	7th April	" "	1h 8m 23s
25 "	16th June	" "	1h 4m 54s
25 "	22nd September	A. Moorhouse	1h 3m 51s
30 "		M. Carpenter	1h 21m 45s
50 "		A. Moorhouse	2h 13m 45s
100 "		M. Carpenter	4h 54m 32s
12 hours		" "	221m 412y

Rye-Hythe-Rye 41.8 miles " " 1h 52m 39s
 Hill Climb Willingford Lane A. Moorhouse 2m 57.4s 970 yds
 Evening events competition - 8 "10s" and 5 "25s" held at

Broadoak on Wednesdays from May to August - won by A.

Moorhouse who also did the fastest times of 24m 50s and 1h 6m 16s.

Best All-rounder: M. Carpenter 21.114 m.p.h. for 25, 50 & 100 miles, and 12 hours.

1958

Colin Sinden as runs captain, and Maurice Carpenter as racing secretary were just two changes of officials which had been made at the annual meeting. Membership was only about 40, but an average of about 10 were out riding, either on club-runs or racing, every Sunday. There were also some Wednesday evening club-runs, and 25 club time trials were held. A 100 miles in 8 hours reliability trial, with 17 starters and 14 finishers, was held on the old 100 miles route from St. Leonards to Worthing and back as used for Club races and records in the 1890s. Maurice Chauncy became the third member of the Club to be elected President of the Fellowship of Kent and Sussex Cyclists in March.

Several members competed regularly in open and association time trials throughout the season. Ian May was fastest at 25 miles with a time of 1h 3m 10s in an E.S.C.A. event. Peter Adams did some good times, including a 4h 42m 26s effort in the De Laune C.C. 100 miles. Esther Carpenter made a club 10 miles tricycle record of 30m 16s; and had two 12-hour rides, covering 203 miles 653 yards in Kent, and 200 miles 333 yards on a tricycle in an Essex event.

Club time trials:-

10 miles junior championship	L. Chambers	26m 02s
15 " juniors	" "	43m 36s
25 " opening trophy	M. Carpenter	1h 14m 46s
25 " Ron Eastes Memorial	I. May	1h 4m 41s
25 " Carpenter trophy	" "	1h 4m 05s
30 " "	M. Carpenter	1h 18m 52s
50 " Croft trophy	I. May	2h 13m 16s
100 " Martin trophy	M. Carpenter	4h 48m 41s
12 hours	" "	229m 1,300 yds
Rye-Hythe-Rye	J. Southerden	2h 2m 9s
Hill climb 970 yds	I. May	3m 7.4s
10 miles Christmas Day L/G	R. French	28m 40s

Evening events competition - 12 "10s" and 3 "25s" held: Won by I. May who was fastest in 9 "10s" and the 3 "25s" - best times 24m 59s and 1h 5m 57s.

Best All-rounder competition Martin trophy: M. Carpenter 21.321 m.p.h. third win.

1959

The annual dinner was again held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on 31st January. The principal guest speaker was Tom Owen, a senior member of the North Road C.C., who cycled from his home in Whitstable to attend and afterwards rode back through the night.

Membership, exclusive of vice-presidents, was down to 32, but there was plenty of activity by members. 30 club time trials were held, and the Club was represented in 31 open events. Esther Carpenter was general secretary, and Ian May runs captain, while other official posts remained unchanged.

Ian May was fastest in 27 club time trials - all the senior events except the Christmas Day "10", and Lynn Chambers was again the best junior. Among awards gained were team medals for I. May, R. French and L. Chambers who were team winners in a K.C.A. "25".

Club time trials:-

10 miles junior championship	L. Chambers	25m 30s
15 " Juniors	" "	41m 26s
25 " Opening trophy	I. May	1h 3m 36s
25 " Ron Eastes Mem. trophy	" "	1h 3m 25s
25 " Carpenter trophy	" "	1h 3m 20s
30 "	" "	1h 16m 31s
50 " Croft trophy	" "	2h 9m 02s
100 " Martin trophy	" "	4h 43m 41s
12 hours Bliss trophy	" "	219.73 miles
Rye-Hythe-Rye	" "	1h 53m 54s
Hill climb 970 yds	" "	2m 51s (record)
Evening events competition	" "	
Fastest evening "10"	" "	24m 04s
" " "25"	" "	1h 4m 48s
Best All-rounder	" "	21.62 m.p.h.
Christmas Day low gear "10"	R. French	27m 43s

A speed-judging contest was held on 20th December, and a Christmas tea was enjoyed on the same day at the Ash Tree Inn, Ashburnham.

1960

At the annual dinner, held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on 30th January, the guest speakers were Alan Bathurst, Southborough C.C., and Derek Roberts, Southern Veteran-cycle Club. Another special guest was Alec Watson, the oldest national cycling champion and one of the few surviving members of the Fellowship of Old Time Cyclists.

Membership improved to 43 by the end of the year. Regular Sunday runs were held with attendancies varying from 7 to 22. Fixtures included inter-club meets, the "100 in 8" reliability trial, an all-night ride, Speed-judging, "hare and hounds", and the Christmas tea. Martin Chambers won a "Best Clubman" award. Cecil Blank was runs captain, and Wilfred Baker was social secretary, otherwise no changes of the officials.

Bob French made a new club record for 10 miles in 24 mins 1 sec., he was also the fastest member over 25 miles with a 1h 3m 11s time, and he had a win to his credit in the E.S.C.A. L/M "25". R. French, I. May and J. Southerden made a winning team in a K.C.A. "50". Maurice Carpenter won Tricycle Ass. S.E. events at 25 miles in 1h 9m 10s, 50 miles in 2h 25m 35s, 100 miles in 5h 5h 50s, and 12 hours, which incorporated the Tricycle Trophy, with 208 miles 694 yards, to become the Region Best All-rounder.

Club time trials:-

10 miles junior championship	Dave Marks	25m 58s
15 " juniors	L. Chambers	41m 20s
25 " Opening trophy	R. French	1h 6m 46s
25 " Ron Eastes Mem. trophy	L. Chambers	1h 5m 0s
25 " Carpenter trophy	" "	1h 4m 37s
30 " R. French		1h 17m 12s
50 " Croft trophy	R. French	2h 12m 07s
100 " Martin trophy	M. Carpenter	5h 7m 41s
12 hours Bliss trophy	" "	224m 554y
Rye-Hythe-Rye	I. May	1h 56m 03s
Hill climb Bliss trophy	R. French	2m 53.8s
Evening "10s" - 15 held	" "	13 wins
Christmas Day low gear "10"	" "	27m 04s
Junior "B.A.R."	L. Chambers	
Best All-rounder Martin trophy	M. Carpenter and J. Southerden (tie) 21.090 m.p.h.	

At the annual meeting in November it was agreed to delete the "and Athletic" from the Club's title. Officials elected:- Frederick T. Martin President, after 10 years as a vice-president; J. H. Southerden chairman (11th year); A. Coleman vice-chairman (4th year); E. Carpenter general secretary (3rd year); E. Spray treasurer (10th year); M. Carpenter time trials (4th year); C. Blank runs captain; and W. Baker social sec.

Felix Lelyveld (Staff Sargeant R.E.) won some road races held for the services on Christmas Island during the year.

1961

Little general change to note. The membership remained at about 43. Runs were fairly well supported with an average of between 12 and 13 at the Sunday teas. Some easy paced runs for a "Tyred Tims" section were introduced by Cecil Blank.

At the annual dinner, held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, in January, the guest speakers were Fred Churchill, President of the Catford C.C., and Jack Warner, Secretary of the Tricycle Association.

The racing section was not very strong in number, but there was keen competition in the Club events. Bob French, Lynn Chambers, Jack Southerden, Dave Marks and Martin Chambers also performed in many open and association time trials. Bob, Lynn and Dave had a good win in the E.S.C.A. 35 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles 3-up team time trial. Bob was well placed in several events, and he was fastest of the Club at 25 miles with a time of 1h 2m 29s. Jack did the fastest times in two V.T.T.A. Kent Group events, a "25" in 1h 6m 26s and a "50" in 2h 16m 34s.

Club time trials:-

10 miles juniors Powell Shield	M. Chambers	25m 28s
15 " "	D. Marks	38m 42s
25 " Opening trophy	" "	1h 5m 16s
25 " Ron Eastes Mem. trophy	R. French	1h 2m 45s
25 " Carpenter trophy	" "	1h 4m 20s
30 " "	L. Chambers	1h 16m 56s
50 " Croft trophy	" "	2h 10m 57s
100 " Martin trophy	J. Southerden	5h 1m 14s
12 hours Bliss trophy	" "	222.503 miles
Rye-Hythe-Rye Hughes trophy	" "	1h 55m 04s
Hastings-Rye-Hastings	R. French	1h 5m 12s
Hill climb 970 yards	" "	3m 1s
Evening events competition	" "	
Christmas Day low gear "10"	" "	28m 25s
Junior "B.A.R."	M. Chambers	22.965 m.p.h.

The "Best All-rounder" competition for the Martin trophy was won by Lynn Chambers with an average speed of 21.439 m.p.h. for 25, 50 & 100 miles and 12 hours.

1962

Some notable achievements by the Club this year included the promotion of an open 50 miles time trial, a Southern R.R.A. record, a race in France, and the launch of a club magazine. Also, "Eighty Years Awheel", a record of the Club's first 80 years, was published.

The annual dinner was again held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, in January. Tom Bray, Medway R.C., and David Patten, Tunbridge Wells R.C., were guest speakers.

L. Chambers as time trials secretary, and Dennis Neeves as social secretary, were the two changes of officials which had been made. Membership remained at about the previous years level. Club-runs and other club activities had quite good support. There were some Y.H.A. tours, an invitation slide show, and a speed-judging contest which was won by John Jary. Geoff Skinner was "Best Clubman". Cecil Blank brought out the first issue of a club magazine, "1066", in October.

Early in the year the Club lost a very good member when Phyllis Coleman died at the age of 31 years.

The open "50" was held on 8th July, with 59 entrants, and won by Roy Manser, San Fairy Ann C.C., in 1h 58m 50s. Fastest of the Club was John Davies in 2h 8m 5s, and Edward Coussens made a national record of 2h 35m 17s for 69 years of age.

John Davies, who was experienced in road racing, encouraged other members to try that branch of the sport, and five competed in an invitation event near Paris at Easter. Among several other races contested was the Weybridge Club's 90 miles event in which prizes were won by Bob French (4th) and Lynn Chambers (6th).

Bob French won the East Sussex "Hardriders" 12 miles, and the Association's March "25" in 1h 5m 21s, leading a winning team on each occasion, with the support of Lynn and Martin Chambers. Bob, Lynn and Martin also won two 3-up team time trials - the K.C.A. 30 miles in 1h 16m 57s, and the Wigmore C.C.'s open "25" in 59m 9s. Jack Southerden was fastest in a Kent veterans' "25" in 1h 5m 40s, and he won the V.T.T.A. Kent Group's "B.A.R." competition.

John Davies, Maurice Carpenter and Jack Southerden road over 1,365 miles in two 12-hour time trials on consecutive Sundays in August. In East Sussex John Davies made a new club record of 234.939 miles, and in Kent the three members made a club team record of 692.02 miles.

1962 continued:

A Southern R.R.A. tandem-tricycle record for the London to Hastings and back was made by Maurice Carpenter and Michael Dunn in September. Their time of 5h 39m 45s for the 112 miles was over 40 minutes better than the standard which had been set despite very bad weather.

Club time trials:

10 miles junior championship	M. Chambers	24m 45s
15 " juniors	B. Coles	42m 15s
15 " " 2nd event	M. Chambers	41m 09s
25 " Opening trophy	R. French	1h 5m 03s
25 " Ron Eastes Mem. trophy	" "	1h 1m 40s
30 " "	L. Chambers	1h 19m 34s
50 " Croft trophy	J. Davies	2h 8m 05s
100 " Martin trophy	" "	4h 40m 03s
12 hours Bliss trophy	" "	234.939 miles
Rye-Hythe-Rye Hughes trophy	L. Chambers	1h 59m 15s
Hastings-Rye-Hastings	J. Davies	1h 5m 10s (record)
" " " juniors	M. Chambers	1h 6m 49s "
Hill climb 970 yds	" "	2m 55.2s
Evening events competition	R. French	
Christmas Day low gear "10"	J. Southerden	33m 52s
Junior "B.A.R."	M. Chambers	
Best All-rounder	J. Davies	22.024 m.p.h.

At the end of the year Edward Coussens claimed membership of the exclusive 300,000-mile Club after having cycled and recorded 325,000 miles since 1925.

1963

Membership remained stable at about 44. Two new officials appointed for the year were Tom Skinner as time trials secretary, and Stan Russell as social secretary. Stan Newport, Catford C.C., made the main speech at the annual dinner which was again held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on 26th January. President Fred Martin entertained 41 at lunch on the occasion of his "opening" run in March. Other club events, also well supported, were a map-reading contest, a photographic competition, and the Christmas tea at Battle on 22nd December. Dave Swaffer was "Best Clubman".

The open "50" attracted 87 entrants from 31 clubs. Brian Kirby, Medway Wh., the 1961 British B.A.R. champion, was the winner in 1h 59m 45s, Roy Manser, San Fairy Ann C.C., was second in 2h 0m 17s, and Andy Kirk, Scottish 50-mile champion and record holder, was third in 2h 1m 7s.

For the first time for many years the Club was represented in Sussex C.A. events. E. Carpenter was third fastest in a ladies' "10"; and R. French, M. Carpenter and J. Southerden were placed fourth in a 3-up 32 miles team time trial.

Another first for some members was participation in some events on the Isle of Man during the cycling week there.

The East Sussex C.A. time trials in which Club members competed with success:-

- 12 miles "Hardriders": Bob French fastest in 36m 31s.
 - 25 " March 10: Andy Kirk fastest in 1h 4m 55s, Bob French 5th and Maurice Carpenter 6th team winners.
 - 35 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 3-up team time trial: Won by R. French, M. Chambers and J. Southerden in 1h 35m 4s.
 - 25 " June 16: R. French, 4th in 1h 2m 28s, M. Chambers and J. Southerden team winners.
 - 50 " Sept. 1: Don Hook, 2nd in 2h 8m 21s, M. Carpenter and M. Chambers team winners.
 - 100 " D. Hook, the winner in 4h 28m 58s, J. Southerden and M. Chambers team winners.
 - 12 hours: M. Chambers, J. Southerden and B. Kent team winners.
 - B.A.R. competition: M. Chambers (3rd), J. Southerden (4th) and Brian Kent (8th) averaged 20.460 m.p.h. for 25, 50 & 100 miles and 12 hours to win the team contest.
- Altogether nine members won 34 E.S.C.A. awards.

In Kent C.A. events R. French was second in the March "25" in 1h 4m 52s, and J. Southerden was third in the June 100 miles in 4h 48m 19s. In August Bob French did a personal best "25" of 1h 1m 20s in the Mephisto C.C. event. Jack Southerden won the V.T.T.A. Kent Group "B.A.R." competition for the second year.

1963 continued:

Maurice Carpenter again competed on both bicycle and tricycle. He won a Tricycle Association S.E. Region "50" in 2h 26m 5s despite a puncture delay, and he made a club 30 miles tricycle record of 1h 24m 18s. Maurice also did a 12-hour ride of 226.297 miles on two wheels.

Bob French had some successes in road racing, with wins in a kermesse at Crawley in April and in a Southern Coureurs C.R.C. 40 miles event at Chailey in May, as well as a second place in a Tunbridge Wells R.C. 48 miles race at Frant. In a 40 miles event held by the Brighton Velo at Rushlake Green in July Jon Dumas, on holiday from France, rode for the Club and took third place just ahead of Bob who was fourth. Members were also active in several other road races, including the Sussex senior championship. Paul Brooker won the Sussex heat of the national schoolboys' championship at Brighton in June.

On Sunday, June 9th, Maurice Carpenter became the first member of the Club to gain an R.R.A. certificate when he and Michael Dunn of the Catford C.C. made a successful attempt on the London to Brighton and back tandem tricycle record, with a time of 4h 44m 43s, an improvement of 2m 13s.

At the Rye sports meeting on August Bank Holiday Monday members won several prizes in the six cycle races. Bob French had three wins, a second place, and third place in each of the two East Sussex championships held. Maurice Carpenter had a second and a third placings; and for the first time the Club took the Gasson team trophy home.

Club time trials:

10 miles juniors	Powell shield	G. Skinner	26m 40s
15 "	" Bliss trophy	P. Brooker	43m 53s
15 "	" second event	G. Skinner	40m 58s
25 "	Opening trophy	R. French	1h 8m 42s
25 "	Ron Eastes Mem. trophy	" "	1h 3m 44s
25 "	Carpenter trophy	M. Chambers	1h 6m 55s
50 "	Croft trophy	R. French	2h 6m 41s
100 "	Martin trophy	J. Southerden	4h 46m 00s
12 hours	Bliss trophy	M. Chambers	217.197 miles
Rye-Hythe-Rye	Hughes trophy	J. Southerden	2h 0m 0s
Evening "10s" competition:	Won by	R. French for the fourth	
	year,	and fastest time -	23m 36s
Hastings-Rye-Hastings		M. Chambers	1h 7m 53s
" " " juniors		G. Skinner	1h 9m 52s
Junior best all-rounder		" "	
Best all-rounder Martin trophy		M. Chambers	21.103 m.p.h.

Membership was down to about 34 and the reduction was reflected in some events, although the year as a whole was quite a successful one. Ron Powell as vice-chairman was the only change of office. Cecil Blank brought out four more issues of the Club magazine.

The Alexandra Hotel, St. Leonards, was the venue for the annual dinner held on 25th January with 120 diners. W. "Bill" Collins, Eastbourne Rovers, and H. "Bert" Britton, Catford C.C., were guest speakers.

Fred Martin conducted the "opening" run for the fourth time, with 30 for lunch at Chitcombe. Also early in the year was the run to Pembury for lunch with members of the Catford C.C. Other activities included some Y.H.A. tours, Wednesday evening runs to Chitcombe, and a reliability trial in November. Stan Russell was in charge of a photographic competition and film show at the Abbey Hotel, Battle, and about 40 enjoyed the Christmas tea at "White-gates", Westfield.

Bob French achieved an outstanding success when he won the Club's open 50 miles time trial with a club record time of 2h 3m 23s. There were 87 entrants, plus 7 for a ladies' event which was won by Pam Wells, San Fairy Ann C.C., in 2h 24m 47s.

Martin Chambers, Jack Southerden, Peter Miles and Bob French competed in a good number of time trials and road races, including the Sussex championships, throughout the season. Bob, who had gained first-category status, lost little time in getting with some of the top riders in road racing by competing in the Dover-London event in March although, like many others, he failed to finish owing to bad conditions; but he did finish, and in a very fast time, in the Mackeson Premier 50-mile race at Crystal Palace. Bob made a good start to the racing season by winning the E.S.C.A. "Hardriders" 12 miles for the third year in succession in 33m 53s, his fastest time for the event, and by 1m 33s; and he won the Association's March "25" in 1h 7m 8s on a very difficult morning. Bob, Martin and Jack were second this year in the East Sussex 35 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles team time trial, losing by 41 seconds in 1h 35m 23s. In K.C.A. events, most of which were supported, Bob did 2h 10m 53s for third place in the May "50"; and in the 30 miles team time trial Bob, Martin and Jack were fourth fastest in 1h 13m 57s. In the Club's annual Rye-Hythe-Rye event Bob made a new record time of 1h 46m 45s, an improvement of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, and in a club "25" on a quite windy morning he clocked 1h 0m 36s to improve club record by 21 seconds. Bob's other 25-mile times included a 1h 1m 12s third fastest in the Folkestone C.C.'s open, a 1h 0m 59s (4th) in the Eastbourne Rovers open, and a 1h 0m 49s in the Mephisto C.C. event. Bob and Peter also tackled some hill climbs, including the Catford C.C. test in which Bob did his best time of 2m 16.2s for Yorks Hill.

1964 continued:

A successful attempt on the Southern R.R.A. 50 miles tandem tricycle record (out and home) was made by Maurice Carpenter, with John Mansell of the Worthing Club, in April, their time of 2h 0m 52s making an improvement of 38s.

At the Rye Sports Festival on August Bank Holiday Monday Bob French won a place in each of the six cycle races. He was first in the East Sussex C.A. 1,000 yards championship for the Les Martin trophy, and third in the Association's 440 yards championship; three second places came in the 880 yards handicap, the mile open and the "Devil-take-the-hindmost"; and Club members were third in a team pursuit event.

Club time trials:

10 miles juniors open to members of the Rye Club	M. Ashdown (Rye)	25m 41s
15 " juniors invitation	" " "	40m 33s
25 " Opening trophy	R. French	1h 5m 17s
25 " Ron Eastes Mem. trophy	" " "	1h 0m 36s
25 " Carpenter trophy	J. Southerden	1h 10m 20s (P.)
50 " Croft trophy	R. French	2h 3m 23s
100 " Martin trophy	J. Southerden	4h 57m 33s
12 hours Bliss trophy	" " "	221.31 miles
Rye-Hythe-Rye Hughes trophy	R. French	1h 46m 45s
Evening competition - 10-mile events	" " "	5th year
Junior "B.A.R.": P. Miles	22.33 m.p.h.	for 10, 15 & 25 miles.
Best All-rounder Martin trophy:	J. Southerden	21.156 m.p.h.
		for 25, 50, 100 & 12 hours.

At the annual meeting, held at the Cambridge Hotel, Hastings, in November, Ronald and Sydney Powell, members since 1939, were made Life Members for their services to the Club. The post of captaincy was changed to runs secretary and Cecil Blank took the position. J. Southerden as time trials secretary was the only other change to note.

1965

The annual dinner and dance again took place at the Alexandra Hotel, St. Leonards, with over 100 members and friends present, on 30th January. Frank Marshall, President of the Kent C.A., and George Page, President of the Fellowship of Kent and Sussex Cyclists, were the guest speakers.

There was a further reduction in the number of members this year to about 30, half of these no longer active as cyclists and few to keep up the racing. However, Sunday runs were maintained, the Wednesday evening "10s" were held as usual, social events were quite well supported, three club magazines were produced, and the open "50" was again a success.

The Club's small band of enthusiasts enjoyed a variety of activities. In February there was a ride in the snow to meet members of the Catford C.C. for lunch at Tunbridge Wells. President Fred Martin conducted the "opening" run on 7th March when the luncheon was at Westfield. There were some Youth Hostelling weekends, and many marshalling duties for the associations were undertaken. Weekly club nights were held during the winter months at a club room in Tackleway, Old Hastings, and the Christmas tea was arranged there.

The open "50" received 97 entries, plus 5 for the ladies' event. Mike Tebbutt, Clevedon C.C., was the winner in 2h 0m 10s, Roy Manser, San Fairy Ann C.C., was second in 2h 1m 44s, and Robin Buchan, Norwood Paragon C.C., came third in 2h 5m 22s. S.F.A. riders formed the winning team, and Iris Stevens, Eastbourne Rovers, won the ladies' section in 2h 33m 5s.

In the E.S.C.A. "Hardriders" 12 miles Bob French, with very little training, managed to do 35m 40s for 5th place, while Peter Miles went round in 38m 49s; and in the Association's March "25" Bob was 6th in 1h 7m 1s. John Grant, who also rode in the opening events, had joined the Club as a junior before spending some years in Germany where he did some cycle racing and achieved a win in an Army area championship at Lengo. In June Bob French found the form to do a 1h 2m 38s time in the Eastbourne Rovers open 25 miles. Bob again competed on the grass at the Rye Sports in August and had two second places.

Club time trials:

10 miles juniors Powell shield	Paul Steele
15 " "	Richard Wall (Rye) 42m 32s
25 " Opening trophy	R. French 1h 7m 01s
Rye-Hythe-Rye	" " 1h 57m 56s
Evening events	" "

All officials of the Club were re-elected at the annual meeting held at the Cambridge Hotel, Hastings, on 30th November.

1966

The Club's 90th year was celebrated with the annual dinner held at the Royal Victoria Hotel, St. Leonards, on 29th January. The assembly of 150 included members of many cycling clubs, and national cycling organizations were well represented. Eileen Sheridan, former national champion and record breaker, made the main speech in proposing "The Club", and Lionel Blundell, Q.C., President of the Cyclists' Touring Club, was also a guest speaker. Unfortunately, Freddie March, the Club's oldest member was unable to attend and a few days later members were saddened to learn of his death.

The year seems to have been a good one for social activity if not for actual cycling by members. A New Year party with members of the Rye Club took place at Westfield, and there was a round of club dinners. President Fred Martin was the guest speaker at the San Fairy Ann C.C. dinner at Maidstone, and Mrs Blanche Martin was Guest of Honour at the Kent C.A. dinner at Chatham. A fairly good number turned out for the President's run with lunch at Pope's Farm, Herstmonceux, on 6th March. At the East Sussex C.A. annual party, held at Hellingly in February, Dennis Neeves was inaugurated as President of the Association, an honour in recognition of his many years of service.

Fred Martin had his usual busy year, serving on the R.T.T.C. District Council, attending meetings of the E.S.C.A., K.C.A. and V.T.T.A., besides doing regular marshalling duties throughout the racing season. Club-runs were carried out on most Sundays but on the whole were not very well supported. Wednesday evening "10s" (13) were held at Brenzett as usual, with members of the Rye Club helping to make up the numbers, but the only other club time trial was a 15-mile won by R. Wall (Rye). Esther Carpenter organized an open "25", with a separate event for women, on 5th June, and the open "50" on 3rd July.

The men's "25" was won by Cliff Sharp, Eastbourne Rovers, in 59m 20s. There were 98 entrants, and Folkestone C.C. riders were team winners. Ted Coussens (73 years) was the only Club rider. The women's "25" had 23 riders and the winner was Lorna Partington, Brentwood R.C., in 1h 8m 23s.

K. Corder, C.C. Bexley, won the open "50" in 2h 2m 50s, and Folkestone C.C. had the fastest team. There were 80 entrants. Bob French produced a time of 2h 10m 23s for the occasion, while Ted Coussens, the only other Club rider, finished in 2h 54m 42s.

The annual meeting was again held at the Cambridge Hotel, Hastings, on 15th November when most of the officials were re-elected, one change being M. Carpenter as racing secretary. It was reported that the Club would not hold an open "50" in 1967, but the open "25s" had been booked.

1967

A rather quiet year with little general change. The regulars kept things going by having the usual Sunday runs, keeping in contact with other cycling clubs and assisting with events in East Sussex and Kent.

There were 82 supporters for the annual dinner, held at the Royal Victoria Hotel, St. Leonards, on 28th January. Derek Roberts, Southern Veteran-cycle Club, was the guest speaker.

The President's "opening" run, with lunch at Herstmonceux, was held in March as usual, and the annual meet with the Catford C.C. again took place at Pembury. Runs were made to Ringmer for the E.S.C.A. annual party, and to Cranbrook for "Fellowship" and T.A. luncheons. A club speed-judging contest held in October was won by Andy Stanhope. The Christmas tea was enjoyed at the Netherfield Arms in company with members of the C.T.C. on 18th December.

There were no evening "10s" or other club time trials. A few members rode in the East Sussex "hardriders" event just to "show the flag" for the Association's 21st year; and a club hill climb held with the E.S.C.A. contest in October was won by J. Southerden.

Roger Burchett, a second-claim member from Hythe, rode for the Club in the East Sussex time trials and he was placed fourth in the Association's "B.A.R." competition having times of 1h 6m 4s for 25 miles, 2h 16m 18s for 50 miles, 4h 49m 15s for 100 miles and 212.453 miles in the 12 hours.

Dennis Neeves ran the open "25s" on 4th June, with 76 male entrants and 9 for the women's section. Roy Manser, San Fairy Ann C.C., who was fastest in 57m 30s, led the winning team, and his wife Pam made it a treble success for the Maidstone Club by winning the women's event in 1h 7m 9s. Ted Coussens, the Club's only rider, did 1h 22m 21s at 74 years of age. It should be noted that the course used, also for the 1966 event, was over half a mile short.

The 21st annual luncheon of the East Sussex Cycling Association, held at Langley, near Eastbourne, on 26th November, brought together a large number of past and present associated members, and George Pearson, former Editor of "Cycling", was a special guest. Among the formalities was the presentation to the Association of the F. L. March memorial trophy which the Club had obtained through subscriptions.

The Club's annual meeting was again held at the Cambridge Hotel, Hastings, in November when the only change of note was the appointment of M. Carpenter as runs captain.

1968

Some new members helped to increase the Club's cycling activity this year. The open "50" was held again, the evening "10s" were revived, and three open "10s" for juniors and schoolboys were added to the programme.

Barbara Powell started her organizing of the Club dinners with this year's function at the Royal Victoria Hotel, St. Leonards, on 27th January. Harry Kingsmell, President of the Kent Road C.C., proposed the toast to "The Club", and Charles Burrell, Olympic cycling competitor in 1928, made his maiden speech in a response to the toast to the guests.

The president's "opening" run, with 30 for the lunch at Netherfield, took place on 3rd March. Club-runs were made on most Sundays, with some for the new junior section. A club-room at a new Youth Centre in Hollington was used by members on Tuesday evenings starting in September.

The open "10s" were held at Camber and organized by Esther Carpenter. The first event on 4th May was won by A. Oram, Harold Hill C.C., 23m 7s, while Malcolm Gardner of Margate was fastest schoolboy in 24m 14s. In the next "10" on 15th June 10 of the 24 riders were Hastings schoolboys, and fastest overall was a schoolboy, C. Parker, Southborough, in 24m 3s; P. Carter, San Fairy Ann C.C., being the junior first in 24m 8s, and Steve Holland the best Club member in 28m 19s. The final event on 17th August was won by Tom Wilson, Folkestone C.C., in 24m 37s. Note: The course was about 400 yards short.

The open "25" was organized by Dennis Neeves on 9th June, and held on a newly arranged course between Rye and Dungeness. There were 75 entrants but no Club riders. Rodney Overton, San Fairy Ann C.C., was the winner in 1h 1m 38s and he also led the winning team. K. Carver, Wigmore C.C., won the junior section in 1h 2m 7s, and Rita Dongworth, Bromley R.C., won the women's event in 1h 11m 50s.

J. Southerden rode in some of the E.S.C.A. time trials and in the San Fairy Ann C.C. open "50" which was held at Brenzett on 7th July. S. Woodward rode his first time trial over 10 miles in the E.S.C.A. "50" on 1st September and was the handicap winner with the fourth fastest time of 2h 9m 47s.

1968 continued:

By missing out the previous year the Club lost its July date for the open "50" so it was held on 15th September and in consequence there were only 38 entries. The winner Keith Ratcliff, East Kent C.C., showed some of his exceptional talent by finishing in 2h 1m 20s on the very wet morning. Rod Overton, San Fairy Ann C.C., was second in 2h 4m 53s, and Don Hook, Folkestone C.C., was third in 2h 6m 52s. Folkestone C.C. riders won the team awards. The Club's Steve Woodward was 6th fastest in 2h 11m 40s, and Bob French who had not been riding in competition during the season still managed to finish in 2h 22m 43s.

Steve Woodward was mainly concerned with road racing during the season and he was well placed in some events. On 7th July he made an attempt on the Hastings to Folkestone and back club record and claimed a new record time of 3h 24m 34s. Steve also tried the grass track racing at Rye where he won a medal for second place in the East Sussex C.A. 1,000 yards championship.

Club "10s" at Broadoak:

June	5	H. Hazelhurst	25m 13s
"	12	S. Woodward	25m 47s
"	19	H. Hazelhurst	25m 45s
"	26	S. Woodward	25m 03s
July	3	" "	25m 59s
"	24	M. Ashdown	26m 22s
Aug.	14	S. Woodward	26m 17s

The annual meeting was held at the new club-room in Wishing Tree Road, St. Leonards, on 26th November. Arthur Coleman was elected chairman and Barbara Powell vice-chairman, while Graham Wilkes became racing secretary.

The Christmas tea was again at the Netherfield Arms, together with members of the Eastbourne Rovers and the C.T.C.

1969

Sunday runs and Tuesday evenings at the club-room was the order early in the year, with the Club's main social event the annual dinner at the Royal Victoria Hotel, St. Leonards, on 25th January. A special guest at the dinner was Geoff Wiles, international roadman of the Medway Velo who spoke on "The Sport".

Second-claim members Mike Ashdown, Richard Wall and Tom Wilson rode in some early season events in East Sussex. Mike was 5th and Richard 7th in the "Hardriders" 25 miles; and in the March "25", held in freezing fog, Tom was 5th in 1h 8m 9s, Mike 6th in 1h 8m 57s and Richard 8th in 1h 9m 59s. In October Jack Southerden was 6th in the E.S.C.A. hill climb at Firle.

The open "25" was organized by Dennis Neeves on the Romney Marsh (short) course on 8th June. R. Mellor, C.C. Bexley, was the winner in 58m 8s, J. Plaine, Ashford Wh., won the junior section in 1h 2m 37s, Folkestone C.C. riders were the team winners, and Wilma Webb, Gravesend C.C., won the women's event in 1h 7m 00s. George Fowler - 1-9-50 and Jack Southerden - 1-9-55 were the Club riders. Entries totalled 97.

Two open "10s" for juniors and schoolboys were held on the Camber course. D. Lummes, Ashford Wh., was the winner in 24m 00s on 3rd May, and he also won the second event in 24m 23s on 16th August. In the second "10" the Club had a winner in Steve Holland who was fastest schoolboy in 26m 14s. Other members who rode were Nigel Thwaites - 28-32, Peter Hoath - 30-42, and the event secretary's 10-year old son Steve Carpenter - 41-23.

Graham Wilkes won the first of the Wednesday club "10s"; Steve Holland was fastest on six evenings, and he made a club schoolboy's record in 25m 35s; Nigel Thwaites was fastest on two occasions, and Jack Southerden also won two. Mike Ashdown rode in three of the "10s" and did the three fastest times - 24m 25s, 25m 06s and 25m 21s. Some of the boys rode in the E.S.C.A. "10s" and in a heat of the G.H.S. championship at Farnborough.

At the annual luncheon of the Fellowship of Kent and Sussex Cyclists, held at "The George", Cranbrook, in April, President Fred Martin became the 10th member of the Club to be made a life member of the Fellowship. Another honour for Fred Martin came in December when he was elected President of the Kent Cycling Association.

All Club officials were re-elected at the annual meeting, held at the Cambridge Hotel, Hastings, on 21st November.

The last note of the year to record is a very sad one for at the end of December the Club suffered a great loss when Cecil Blank died at the age of 53 years.

1970

Gordon Ely, former Mayor of Faversham and President of the Faversham C.C., was the principal speaker at the Club's annual dinner held at the Royal Victoria Hotel, St. Leonards, on 31st January. The customary "opening" run, on 1st March, was again conducted by President Fred Martin with 20 riders and a further 20 for the lunch at Netherfield. Other fixtures included another open "25", two more open "10s" for juniors and schoolboys, the club evening "10s" at Broadoak, and a revival of the Hastings-Rye-Hastings event.

The first open "10" at Camber was held in a gale on 25th April and won by K. Taylor, Tooting B.C., in 27m 57s, with Terry Leach, Eastbourne Rovers, fastest schoolboy in 30m 45s. The second open "10" was held on 3rd October when the winner was Malcolm Gardner, Thanet R.C., in 24m 03s, and P. Woodman, Southborough, fastest schoolboy in 25m 30s.

A new version of the Romney Marsh 25-mile course, designed by the R.T.T.C. D.C., was used for the Club's open on 7th June. Roy Gaskell, South Eastern R.C., was fastest in 1h 1m 6s, Mark Vowells, San Fairy Ann C.C., won the junior section in 1h 7m 55s, and Rita Dongworth, 34th Nomads C.C., won the women's event in 1h 12m 34s. The Wigmore C.C. had the team winners. R. Wall - 1-9-13 and J. Southerden - 1-10-01 were the Club riders. Entries totalled 69.

The club "10s":

May	20	R. Wall	28m 06s
"	27	J. Southerden	27m 46s
June	3	R. Wall	27m 20s
"	10	R. French	27m 50s
"	17	R. Wall	26m 55s
"	24	" "	27m 24s
July	1	J. Southerden	28m 10s
"	8	R. French	26m 26s
"	15	" "	26m 59s
"	22	" "	26m 30s
"	29	" "	26m 26s
Aug.	5	R. Wall	26m 37s
"	12	" "	26m 22s
"	19	" "	26m 48s
"	26	R. French	26m 06s

May 17: Hastings-Rye-Hastings 23 miles: R. Wall 1h 9m 54s.

Some members rode in several of the Eastbourne Rovers' Tuesday evening 10-mile time trials at Pevensey and J. Southerden's 25m 31s was the best of the times made.

1970 continued:

Richard Wall raced on most Week-ends throughout the season, Bob French rode several "25s", and Peter Hoath did his best in junior "10s". Jack Southerden had his first full season since 1964 and having an average speed of 20.149 m.p.h. for 25, 50 and 100 miles, and 12 hours he was awarded the club "B.A.R." trophy.

Some of the events:

E.S.C.A. 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles 2-up: R. Wall and J. Southerden 7th in 1h 44m 47s.

E.S.C.A. 25 miles 2-up: R. French and R. Wall 2nd in 1h 7m 49s.

Ashford Wh. 30 miles: J. Southerden fastest veteran in 1h26m18s.

Norwood Paragon C.C. 50 miles: R. Wall 2h 18m 12s.

K.C.A. 100 miles: J. Southerden 4h 58m 1s (his 50th inside 5 hours).

E.S.C.A. hill climb: J. Southerden 8th and 1st of Club.

Club Chairman Arthur Coleman, described as "a man of outstanding character" was the recipient of the "Fellowship" trophy, a special honour, at the annual luncheon of the Fellowship of Kent and Sussex Cyclists held at Cranbrook in April.

Most of the Club officials were re-elected at the annual meeting held at the Cambridge Hotel, Hastings, on 26th November. One change of note was the appointment of David Morris as runs captain. The Christmas tea was again provided at the Netherfield Arms and enjoyed by 25 members on 13th December.



1971

Vice-president George Page presided at the Club's annual dinner, held at the Royal Victoria Hotel, St. Leonards, on 30th January. W. T. "Bill" Collins, President of the Eastbourne Rovers, was the guest speaker. Missing from the dinner was President Fred Martin who was unable to attend and the Club lost a valuable member when he died a few months later.

Dave Morris led the Sunday runs, often joining members of the C.T.C. for teas at Alfriston, Hellingly, Hadlow Down, Brightling, Witherenden and Chitcombe. The club-runs in general were not well supported, but there were 21 out on 7th March for the "opening" run with lunch at Netherfield, and 24 attended the Christmas tea at the Hope Inn, Guestling.

An open "10" for all ages was held by the Club at Camber on 24th April. Malcolm Gardner, Thanet R.C., although still a junior, was fastest overall in 24m 24s. Pip Mcvey, Folkestone C.C., was second fastest, and Kevin Hickman, Ashford Wh., fastest juvenile in 28m 30s. Best of 7 Club riders was Bob French, 10th in 27m 9s.

The open "25", held on 6th June with 94 entries, was won by Mick Burrow, Tooting B.C., in 58m 17s. Mick Ballard, also Tooting B.C., was second in 59m 01s, and Brian Vaughan, Wigmore C.C., third in 59m 53s. C. Stephenson, Bristol R.C., won the women's event in 1h 12m 25s, and P. Woodman, Southborough, was first junior in 1h 5m 58s. Bob French was well placed in 1h 2m 50s.

The evening "10s":

May 19	P. Watson	26m 16s	July 7	P. Watson	26m 26s
" 26	J. Southerden	28m 11s	" 14	R. French	25m 04s
June 2	" "	27m 48s	" 21	J. Southerden	25m 59s
" 9	" "	27m 55s	" 28	" "	27m 27s
" 16	T. Leach	25m 59s	Aug. 11	R. Peters	27m 28s
" 23	P. Watson	26m 45s	" 18	T. Leach	25m 47s
" 30	" "	26m 00s	" 25	" "	25m 08s

In E.S.C.A. events Bob French and Richard did 1h 2m 42s for 3rd place in the 2-up "25"; Robin Peters did 1h 9m 44s for his first "25", and Dennis Neeves managed a 1h 12m 54s in his first "25" for six years.

J. Southerden was Club "B.A.R." with times of 1h 5m 54s for 25 mls, 2h 20m 11s for 50 mls, 4h 52m 44s for 100 mls and 211.318 mls in 12 hrs. Jack also won the V.T.T.A. Kent Group "B.A.R." competition.

New appointments made at the Club's annual meeting, held at the Cambridge Hotel, Hastings, on 30th November, were Ernie Spray for President, Dennis Neeves for general secretary, and Robin Peters for racing secretary.

Arthur Coleman was elected President of the Kent Cycling Association when the annual meeting was held in December, 1971.

1972

Ernie Spray's first duty as Club President was to preside at the annual dinner which was held at the usual venue, the Royal Victoria Hotel, St. Leonards, on 29th January. Gordon Ely of Faversham proposed a toast to "The Sport of Cycling", and Arthur Coleman welcomed a large number of guests. Other social functions supported by members early in the year included the East Sussex C.A. Silver Jubilee supper at Framfield on 12th February.

There were not many riders for the Sunday club-runs, led by Dave and Audrey Morris, but regular outings were made throughout the year. The President's run, led by Ernie Spray on 24th September, went to Ewhurst for lunch at the "White Dog". In December some members enjoyed C.T.C. Christmas festivities at Brightling and Nutley.

The club evening "10s" were held at Broadoak as usual, and a club "25" was held on 16th April, but there were no Club open time trials this year. The club "25" was held on the Rye -Dungeness course on a very windy morning and won by Jack Southerden in 1h 15m 55s. Robin Peters was the fastest Club rider, with a best of 25m 39s, in the club "10s", but Terry Leach, Eastbourne Rovers, headed the results on three occasions with times of 25m 20s, 25m 26s and 25m 29s. Dave Morris rode his first time trials in some of these evening events. Robin was also the fastest Club member in the Eastbourne Rovers' "10s" at Pevensey, with a personal best of 25m 04s.

Most of the East Sussex C.A. events were supported. Robin and Jack did 1h 25m 20s in the 29 miles 2-up team time trial with a delay due to a puncture. In the "50" in June Jack did 2h 23m 6s and won the handicap; and Robin was third fastest with a time of 26m 29s in the 10 miles on 24th June.

At the Club's annual meeting, held at the Cambridge Hotel, Hastings, on 23rd November, Barbara Powell was made a Life Member. Esther Carpenter took over the duties of general secretary, and J. Southerden became racing secretary, while the other official positions remained unchanged.

1973

Dave and Audrey Morris on tandem continued to lead the Sunday runs with support from a few regulars. On some occasions members of the C.T.C. Sussex D.A. were joined for refreshments at Blackboys, Witherenden Hill, Cross-in-Hand, Hellingly, Ashburnham and Alfriston Youth Hostel. The "Fullers Arms", Brightling, was one of the few places still available for the traditional club tea. The President's run was on 30th September, and a Christmas tea was enjoyed at the home of Chairman Arthur Coleman on 30th December.

Alan "Lou" Bathurst of the Southborough Club, the R.T.T.C. S.E. D.C. Secretary, was the guest speaker at the Club's annual dinner, held at the regular venue, the Royal Victoria Hotel, St. Leonards, on 27th January. Organizer Barbara Powell welcomed the visitors, and Dennis Neeves was M.C. for the dancing.

Three Sunday club "10s" and 18 Wednesday evening "10s" were held:-

March	18	Broad oak:	R. Peters	26m 59s				
"	25	Pevensey	" "	25m 47s				
May	20	Camber	" "	25m 18s				
"	2	R. Peters	26m 03s	July	4	R. Peters	25m 05s	
"	9	" "	25m 46s	"	11	" "	25m 22s	
"	16	" "	26m 35s	"	18	" "	26m 59s	
"	23	" "	25m 34s	"	25	" "	25m 18s	
"	30	" "	25m 46s	Aug.	1	" "	26m 35s	
June	6	" "	25m 47s	"	8	" "	26m 11s	
"	13	" "	25m 51s	"	15	" "	25m 45s	
"	20	" "	25m 45s	"	22	" "	26m 50s	
"	27	" "	25m 33s	"	29	" "	25m 35s	

John Blackman, Eastbourne Rovers, was fastest in three of the evening "10s" with times of 25m 33s On Aug.15, 25m 53s on Aug.22 and 25m 29s on Aug.29. Also among the riders were John Coleman, John Ashdown and John Southerden.

In a club "10" held by the Eastbourne Rovers on 1st May Robin Peters, with only three days to go before his 18th birthday, made a special effort to improve the Club junior record by 30 seconds with a time of 24m 09s. Robin did five other rides inside 25 mins. on the Pevensey course. Other members who took part in the Tuesday evening events were R. Wall who did a 25-37, J. Southerden a 26-46, J. Coleman (age 13) 27-6, and D. Neeves 27-39.

1973 continued:

Some of the open and association events and times made:-

March	4	E.S.C.A. "Hardriders"	16.9 miles:	R. Peters	45m 24s.
April	8	E.S.C.A. 29 miles 2-up:	R. Wall and M. Ashdown	1h 20m 13s	6th.
"	15	Eastbourne R. circuit	24 miles:	R. Peters	1h 4m 8s.
"	29	E.S.C.A. 25 miles:	R. Peters	1h 5m 38s.	
May	12	E.S.C.A. 10	" "	" "	26m 4s 4th.
June	3	K.C.A. 50	" "	" "	2h 19m 51s (first "50")
"	10	E.S.C.A. 50	" "	" "	2h 13m 05s
"	17	Ashford 30	" "	" "	1h 20m 08s
"	23	E.S.C.A. 10	" "	" "	25m 04s
July	15	San Fairy Ann C.C.	50 miles:	R. Wall	2h 21m 25s.
"	22	London St. Christophers	"25"	" "	1h 6m 33s
Sept.	16	E.S.C.A. 25 miles:	R. Peters	1h 5m 35s.	
"	22	Central Sussex C.C.	27 miles 2-up:	R. Wall and R. Peters	1h 9m 23s.
Oct.	7	E.S.C.A. hill climb	Firle Beacon:	J. Southerden	4m 53.8s.

Robin Peters was able to claim the Martin trophy for the Club junior "Best All-rounder" for the third year; and Jack Southerden gained his 20th certificate for the East Sussex "B.A.R." competition by finishing 8th with an average speed of 20.195 m.p.h. for 25, 50 and 100 miles.

Ron Powell was in the chair for the Club's annual meeting, held at the Cambridge Hotel, Hastings, on 27th November. Dennis Neeves was elected general secretary, and Robin Peters was appointed press secretary. No official runs captain was made.



1974

The Club's annual dinner and dance took place at the Royal Victoria Hotel as usual on the last Saturday in January. Geoff Willcocks of the Lewes Club, B.C.F. Sussex Division Secretary, made a speech in proposing a toast to the Club. Dennis Neeves welcomed the many guests, and dancing was enjoyed to the "Hastonians".

Club "10s":

March	31	J. Southerden	28m 49s
April	14	J. Coleman	29m 27s
May	8	R. Peters	26m 35s
June	5	J. Coleman	26m 58s
"	12	" "	27m 10s
"	19	V. Butler	27m 00s
"	26	" "	26m 07s
July	3	J. Coleman	25m 33s
"	10	" "	27m 13s
"	17	P. Baker	28m 10s
"	24	" "	28m 00s
Aug.	7	" "	27m 30s
"	14	" "	27m 30s

Eastbourne Rovers' club "10s":

July 2: V. Butler 25m 02s, J. Coleman 25m 44s, P. Baker 26m 01s.
" 30: R. Wall 25m 53s. Aug. 13: R. Wall 25m 46s.

Other events and times:

March	3	E.S.C.A. "Hardriders"	16.9 miles:	R. Wall	46m 50s
June	15	K.C.A. 10 miles:		R. Wall	25m 08s P.B.
"	22	E.S.C.A. 10 "		J. Coleman	26m 31s
Aug.	11	E.S.C.A. 50 "		R. Wall	2h 20m 00s
"	18	Eastbourne R. open "25":		P. Baker	1h 10m 02s (first "25")
Sept.	14	K.C.A. 10 miles:		R. Wall	25m 17s. P. Baker 25m 45s
"	15	E.S.C.A. 25 "		P. Baker	1h 8m 41s
"	22	K.C.A. 25 "		R. Wall	1h 8m 46s

John Coleman, 14-year-old son of Club Chairman Arthur Coleman, made a new Club schoolboy record with his time of 25m 33s in the club "10" at Broadoak on 3rd July, just two seconds better than the record by S. Holland in 1969.

At the Club's annual meeting, held at the Cambridge Hotel, Hastings, in November, Arthur Coleman was elected Club President and he was also chosen as President-elect of the East Sussex Cycling Association for 1975. All other officials were re-elected, and at the next meeting of the committee it was agreed that Dave Morris should be runs captain again.

1975

On New Years Day a club-run was made to Haffenden Quarter, near Smarden, for the Southborough Club's 10 miles time trial and the installation of a seat as a memorial to Alan Bathurst who died in 1973. In the "10" Peter Baker was 4th in 28m 23s, J. Southerden 8th in 29m 54s and J. Coleman who lost his way in the lanes was D.N.F. The three mentioned, plus Robin Peters, had some hard rides before the start of the racing season. Dave Morris led regular club-runs during the year, with activities which included camping weekends, Youth Hostelling, touring competitions and the National cycle Rally in London.

There was a good attendance for the annual dinner at the Royal Victoria Hotel, St. Leonards, on 25th January. H. "Bert" Britton, Catford C.C., was the guest speaker.

Three members attended a British Cycling Coaching Scheme course at Godmersham on 16th February. In the early morning 12½ miles time trial J. Coleman was 14th in 35m 39s, P. Baker 16th in 36m 16s and J. Southerden 27th in 38m 15s.

March	9	Club "10" Pevensey:	P. Baker	26m 10s.	
"	16	Eastbourne R. "10":	" "	26m 53s	2nd
"	23	Club "10" Pevensey:	" "	27m 07s	
"	30	Club "10" Broadoak:	J. Coleman and P. Baker, as a 2-up	27m 55s.	Snowstorm.
April	13	Club "10" Pevensey:	J. Coleman	26m 07s	
"	19	Eastbourne R. "10" Whitesmith:	J. Coleman	27m 27s	3rd
"	20	" " circuit "24":	J. Coleman	1h 4m 31s	"

Wednesday "10s" at Broadoak:

May	7	P. Baker	26m 14s	June	25	J. Coleman	25m 44s
"	14	J. Coleman	25m 27s	July	2	" "	25m 47s
"	21	" "	26m 10s	"	9	" "	25m 43s
"	28	R. Schavrz	26m 20s	"	16	" "	25m 50s
June	4	J. Coleman	26m 03s	"	23	" "	25m 37s
"	11	P. Baker	26m 04s	"	30	" "	25m 48s
"	18	J. Coleman	26m 17s	Aug.	13	P. Baker	26m 09s

Eastbourne R. Tuesday "10s" at Pevensey:

May	6	J. Coleman	25m 56s	July	1	P. Baker	24m 34s
"	13	P. Baker	25m 10s	"	8	" "	24m 44s
"	20	" "	25m 00s	"	15	J. Coleman	25m 56s
June	3	J. Coleman	24m 39s	"	22	P. Baker	25m 14s
"	10	" "	24m 53s	"	29	J. Coleman	24m 15s
"	17	P. Baker	25m 04s	Aug.	5	P. Baker	24m 33s
"	24	J. Coleman	25m 24s	"	12	" "	24m 53s

Road racing: B.C.F. Sussex Junior Championship: P. Baker 4th.

1975 continued:

March 2 E.S.C.A. "Hardriders" 16.9 miles: P. Baker 45m 56s
April 6 " 29 miles 2-up: P. Baker & J. Southerden 1h 18m 49s
" 26 " 10 miles: J. Coleman 25m 59s
" 27 " 25 " " " 1h 5m 33s
June 1 K.C.A. 50 " P. Baker 2h 13m 57s Fastest junior
" 8 E.S.C.A. 50 " " " 2h 11m 21s Club jun. record
" 15 Ashford Wh. 30 miles: J. Southerden 1h 26m 05s
" 22 S.C.A. 50 miles P. Baker 2h 13m 41s
" 29 E.S.C.A. 25 " " " 1h 4m 21s
July 13 San Fairy Ann "50" " " 2h 15m 57s Fastest junior
" 27 E.S.C.A. 50 miles " " 2h 11m 44s
Aug. 17 The R.T.T.C. 25 miles National Junior Championship:
" P. Baker 1h 2m 54s Club junior record.
" 17 Eastbourne R. open "25": D. Morris 1h 13m 36s (first "25")
" 31 K.C.A. 50 miles: P. Baker 2h 15m 45s Fastest junior
Sept. 13 " 10 " " " 24m 13s P.B.
" 21 " 25 " " " 1h 5m 48s
" 27 S.C.A. 25 " " " 1h 6m 49s. R. Wall 1h 7m 49s
Oct. 5 E.S.C.A. hill climb: 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles: P. Baker 8m 25.4s 3rd
" 19 Brighton Mitre C.C. 25 miles: P. Baker 1h 5m 32s.

John Coleman claimed the "Opening" 25 miles trophy with his 1h 5m 33s time in April, the Powell shield for the 10 miles junior championship (best aggregate of 3), and certificates for his schoolboy records for 10 miles in 24m 15s and 25 miles in 1h5m33s.

Peter Baker was awarded the Ron Eastes Memorial trophy for his 1h 2m 54s "25", the Carpenter "25" trophy for his 1h 5m 48s on 21st September, the Croft 50 miles trophy for his 2h 11m 21s on 8th June, certificates for his club junior records at 25 and 50 miles, and the Junior "B.A.R." trophy for the second year.

Jack Southerden rode all distances for the club "Best All-rounder" competition and averaged 19.641 m.p.h. for 25 miles in 1h 12m 20s, 50 miles in 2h 25m 44s, 100 miles in 5h 3m 03s, and 209.29 miles in 12 hours.

Club officials elected for the ensuing year at ^{the} annual meeting, held at the Cambridge Hotel, Hastings, on 17th November:-

President and Chairman: Arthur Coleman

Vice-chairman: Ron Powell

General Secretary: Peter Baker

Treasurer: Ernie Spray

Time Trials Secretary: Jack Southerden

Social Secretary: Barbara Powell

Runs Captain and Press Secretary: Dave Morris

Committee: Dennis Neeves, John Coleman and Sid Powell

1976

One hundred years of cycling by members of the Club was celebrated at a Centenary Year dinner at the Royal Victoria Hotel, St. Leonards, on 31st January. Many cycling clubs were represented. Mrs. Christine Watts of the Women's R.R.A. proposed a toast to "Cycling", Ted Harrison, North Road C.C., proposed a toast to the Club, and the Mayor of Hastings Councillor John Hodgson responded to the toast to "Our Guests".

An open 10 miles time trial was held by the Club at Pevensey on 23rd May, with 35 riders, including 8 of the Club. Mark Vowells, San Fairy Ann C.C., was the winner in 24m 04s, Club Secretary Peter Baker was second in 24m 47s, and Ken Stevens, Eastbourne Rovers, third in 24m 54s. Esther Carpenter was the event secretary.

The club "10s":

March	14	Pevensey	P. Baker	26m 05s
"	21	Broad oak	" "	26m 45s
"	28	Pevensey	" "	26m 20s
April	18	Broad oak	M. Carpenter	29m 35s
"	25	Pevensey	J. Southerden	29m 22s
July	14	Broad oak	M. Carpenter	27m 15s
"	21	"	P. Baker	25m 03s
"	28	"	M. Carpenter	26m 51s
Aug.	11	"	" "	26m 55s

Some times in various events - mostly Peter Baker's:

March	7	E.S.C.A. "Hardriders" 16.9 miles:	P. Baker	44m 43s
"	13	Central Sussex C.C. open junior hilly 10 miles won by P. Baker in 28m 44s.		
"	20	S.C.A. 25 miles:	P. Baker	1h 3m 46s
"	27	Gravesend C.C. "10":	P. Baker	24m 53s Fastest junior.
April	4	E.S.C.A. 29 miles 2-up:	P. Baker & J. Southerden	1h. 16m 38s.
May	29	C.C. Bexley 25 miles:	P. Baker	1h 2m 32s
June	13	E.S.C.A. 50 miles:	P. Baker	2h 11m 12s
July	3	Woolwich C.C. 25 miles:	P. Baker	became the first Club member to "beat the hour" in 58m 59s.
"	11	San Fairy Ann C.C. 50 miles:	P. Baker	2h 10m 31s
"	18	S.C.A. 100 miles:	P. Baker	4h 40m 21s (first "100")
"	25	Medway Velo club 15½ miles:	P. Baker	fastest in 38m 02s.
"	27	Eastbourne R. club "10":	P. Baker	23m 33s
Aug.	1	E.S.C.A. 50 miles:	P. Baker	2h 11m 19s
Sept.	18	Rodney C.C. 10 miles:	M. Carpenter	24m 54s
"	19	E.S.C.A. 25 miles:	P. Baker	1h 3m 08s
"	25	S.C.A. 25 " " " "	" "	1h 3m 28s
"	26	V.T.T.A. Kent 25 miles:	M. Carpenter	1h 7m 21s
Oct.	10	" " 10 " " "	" "	23m 44s
"	10	E.S.C.A. hill climb 2¼ miles:	P. Baker	8m 2s 4th
"	24	Catford " " Yorks Hill " " "	" "	2m 24.6s 12th
"	24	Bec C.C. " " Titsey Lane " " "	" "	2m 29.4s 11th

1976 continued:

A "Centenary" reliability trial of 50 miles in 4½ hours was held in October, the month in which the Club was formed in 1876. The route was from St. Leonards to Laughton and back, with a half hour stop at Chalvington. Twelve qualified for certificates.

Peter Baker was able to claim the Martin Junior Best All-rounder trophy, by reason of early season rides before senior status, for the third year, as well as taking the Ron Eastes Memorial 25 miles trophy, the Carpenter 25 miles trophy and the Croft 50 miles trophy.

1876 - 1976

These notes on the years from 1957 to 1976 have been compiled as a supplement to "Eighty Years Awheel", published in 1962, to complete a record of the Hastings and St. Leonards Cycling Club's 100 years of activity.

