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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There was a further reduction in the number of members this year to about 30, half of these no longer active as cyclists and few to keep up the racing.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.