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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.