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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 Pevensy, 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.