

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.

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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.

