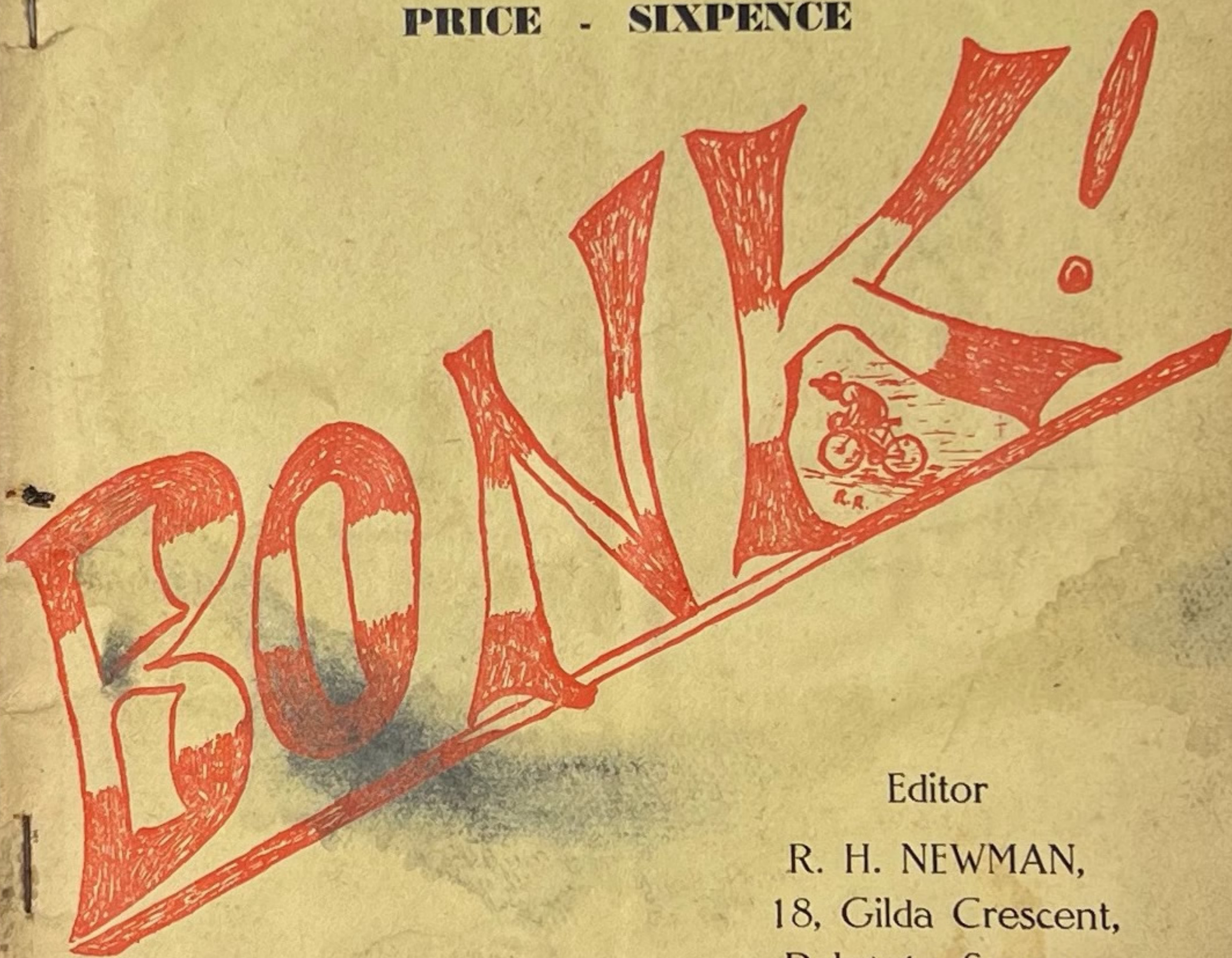


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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR.

I must thank all you members for your encouragement and approval of the last edition, and also for your co-operation in getting this one out ON TIME, but as you will see for yourselves, some of you have missed the beat even after a definite deadline was given, and a reminder sent to all.

I held it back for two days longer than I should, in the hope of receiving some more entries, but in fairness to those Clubs who have saved their news for the last days, so that it is "Red Hot", I had to go to press without it.

In order that we do not get the same next time, I notify you here and now that the "DEAD LINE FOR THE NEXT EDITION IS FRIDAY - AUGUST 28th".

Once again, "Thanks" for your help, and don't hesitate to criticise - it's your magazine, and what about those ideas for a new name for it - let's have them all: the more the merrier!

Yours sincerely,

The Editor.

P.S. My apologies to S.E.N. I've lost his poem.

Let me start these notes with a word of warning to the Ladies. The support that has been given for the first three events this year has been very poor indeed, and I appeal to all you Ladies to see that the next event on June 28th has a much better entry, otherwise it is quite possible that the remainder of your events for this season will have to be cancelled. It was but a short time ago that you were asking for more and regular road events, and this Association decided to give you a full programme. It is not up to you to prove that this is what you want by giving more support to the forthcoming events.

Already this season four event and three course records have been bettered. D. Thompsett of Uckfield claiming the Hardriders and G. King of Hastings the 25 mile, 25 mile 72" gear and 50 mile, all with outstanding rides, despite the ever present unfavourable winds this year on Sunday mornings. Not since the days when G. Jenkins was the outstanding 50-miler have we in East Sussex had a rider who could be compared with him, but in Gordon King I think we have a man who is going to make the grade among the fastest 50-milers in the country.

The Open Tandem 30 miles event is due to be run on the last Sunday in this month, and quite a lot of people are required to marshal the course; offers of assistance will be very much appreciated. Remember local riders know the course, but the entrants from away are not so familiar with our roads, so we need many more marshals than for local events.

Our Open Track Meeting at Eastbourne on Saturday, July 4th, also needs quite a lot of people on the day to ensure everything running smoothly, and anyone free on this date and willing to do a job would they let me know as soon as possible, please. Entry forms and details have already been circulated to Club Secretaries and for the benefit of intending competitors entries close on Saturday, June 13th for certain.

In conclusion, what do the clubs think of the idea of next season running a Grass Track League at Eastbourne. Think this over and let me know in due course what you think of the idea. Perhaps later in the year we can get together and talk it over.

R.H.

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A young lady returning an inner tube to the dealer :

"This tube is faulty".

Dealer: "You've pinched it".

Young lady: "How dare you! I bought it from you this morning."

For the first time in the history of the E.S.C.A. an affiliated club won the County 25 Miles Team Championship on 17th May, 1953, when Uckfield and District C.C., second for the two previous years, beat Brighton Mitre C.C. by a narrow margin to secure this coveted honour.

Central Sussex C.C. were fifth, and other E.S.C.A. clubs competing were Lewes Wanderers C.C., Heath C.C., and Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C. Unfortunately, Lewes were deprived of two of their best riders by illness, and Eastbourne had three non-starters.

The winning Uckfield team comprised Johnny Dutson, Ken Griffiths, Reg. Trott and Arthur Thorpe. Don Thompsett also ride, despite the handicap of a heavy cold, while Colin Whittingham was forced to scratch owing to injuries received in a tandem-paced pursuit at Preston Park on the previous Wednesday.

An especially cheering feature for the Uckfield team was the strong support from their clubmates who had ridden down to the start of the event. With Dutson starting at the end of a field of 112 riders from 19 Sussex clubs, the result was in doubt until a few minutes before the end of the event. With half-an-hour to go, it was apparent that he would need to equal a 1-5 to secure the verdict for Uckfield, no easy task on G.46, with a head wind on the return half and the course reputed to be 3/4-mile long, and the excitement among the large crowd at the finishing point as the black-and-gold vest came into view with only four minutes elapsed over the hour was such as is seldom encountered at the end of a time trial.

Central Sussex C.C.'s team were Tony Honess, S. Stoner, Don Cook and P. Pelham, with "Chuck" Smith and Don Goodfellow also competing.

Team Result (4 riders to count)

		h.	m.	s.
Championship	- Uckfield & District C.C.	4	23	48
2nd	- Brighton Mitre C.C.	4	24	27
3rd	- Bognor Regis C.C.	4	25	56
4th	- Brighton Stanley Wanderers	4	27	3
5th	- Central Sussex C.C.	4	32	24
6th	- Worthing Excelsior C.C.	4	34	26

Individual Result

1st	A.H. Limbrey (Prestonville Nomads C.C.)	1	3	43
2nd	D.C.W. Poor (Bognor Regis C.C.)	1	4	17
3rd	(D.G. Smith (Horsham Unity C.C.) (A. Corbett (Brighton Mitre C.C.))	1	4	25
5th	J.R. Dutson (Uckfield & District C.C.)	1	4	33
6th	C.E. Brenman (Prestonville Nomads C.C.)	1	5	0

Dear Fellow Cyclists,

The next time you find yourself in our locality, try a sample of our hospitality at our Franklands Village H.Q. We go there every Tuesday evening for a cup of char and perhaps a game of table tennis, so don't forget, there's always room in our club room for you if you happen to be that way.

Thanks to some good work put in by Vic Drake and Tom Plummer, our racing boys will be riding over the new Club "25" and "30" courses by the time this is in print. The new courses will eliminate several undesirable corners and gradients, and are expected to prove faster and safer. One of the first trials over this course will be the Rit Boseley 25 Mile Cup recently presented by Mr. Gus Bellchambers and valued at £75. Arrangements have been made for the trophy to be presented at a breakfast following the trial and Gus is expecting a number of his old club mates from Brighton Mitre C.C. to attend. As the "do" is laid on at the "Rainbow" they will probably be staying for dinner, tea and supper as well !!

Club runs are proving most successful again this year, and there are very few members who do not realise with what keenness Reg. Tew is tackling the difficult job of Club Captain. One of Reg's main objectives is to arrive back from club runs with at least as many members as he started out with, and so far he has only failed once, and that happened to be the Chessington Zoo run. Strange as it may seem we all escaped from the zoo okay but when returning via Reigate Hill, "new boy" John Tucker, who hadn't up till then discovered what nasty things motor-bikes were, suddenly came to grips with one. We won't say what part of John's bike was damaged, but we won't be surprised if he "forks out" quite a bit to have it repaired. John, who was unhurt, finished by train, and finishing a club run by train is liable to lead to an awful lot of leg pulling the following club night, and should be avoided in the same way as the other kind of "training" on club runs.

This is our first contribution to "Bonk", but you'll be hearing from us again in the next issue, Editor permitting.

Wood Rider.

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A little rabbit came out of his hole and saw that it was a new moon. He immediately rushed back to his burrow and turned his "dough" over.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

I am interested, and indeed gratified to learn my suggestion that we should invest our magazine with a new title has been not unfavourably received, and has, in fact, been discussed in Committee.

My own Club has produced a magazine for several years with the not inappropriate title of "AWHEEL IN SUSSEX". As it appears most unlikely that this will ever be revived as a purely club venture, I have sought and received permission to put forward the suggestion that it might be considered for adoption by the Association as a magazine title.

Our own magazine was circulated free to club members serving in H.M. Forces, and did much to maintain their interest in club activities during their absence. We are continuing this practice with this magazine taking its place, and would commend the idea to other affiliated clubs.

Yours truly,

NORMAN D. EDWARDS

UCKFIELD & DISTRICT CYCLING CLUB.

Although the dinner is now ancient history, I feel that I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without referring to it, just for the sake of the record. We were especially privileged to have as guest of honour and principal speaker Ted Jenner, Lewes Wanderers C.C. President and a prime mover in the formation of our own club, and we hope that our many visitors enjoyed the occasion as much as we did their company. A special word of thanks to Don Goodfellow, of the Central Sussex C.C., who deputised for an absent speaker at a moment's notice.

On the road, the boys have taken all the 25 mile team honours in East Sussex and County events to date, with extras in the way of the Hardriders and a "double" in the last S.C.A. event. At the longer distances, now imminent, the situation remains fluid - the defeat by Lewes in the recent E.S.C.A. "50" was not entirely unexpected in view of their form in the preceding club event - it will be interesting to see if Geoff can fill Cedric's place at 100's and 12's. The dark horse of course is Pedlar - our only worry that he may want to take from 12 to 2 out of a 12-hour for other amusements !

Outstanding individual performances this season include Don Thompsett's record ride in the Hardriders, and first Johnny Dutson's and then Windows' breaking of the club "25" record, the latter with a "1", in the Bec 25. Colin is still winning laurels with tandem

partner Arthur (Arfamo) Thorpe, too.

I'd like to mention everyone who's done and is doing his bit to keep the club in the forefront of things, but space just doesn't permit just a word then, for such stalwarts as Ken, Dennis and Cyril, and rising hopes such as Reggie Trott, "Tufty" and Roy Siggs. Trouble with this writing business, once I get started I don't know when to stop. As George has promised to cover Club runs and photographic activities for the "Mag" I'll pass over them and come to our latest venture.

Bicycle Polo was revived with the idea of putting on a novelty event for the local Coronation festivities, but has already gained such popularity that it looks like becoming a permanent feature of club activities. Most of the equipment we use is makeshift, and so the only essential expense has proved to be the purchase of the special bamboo balls. We shall see how we fare next Monday when, after only 3 practices, we meet the Worthing Excelsior C.C. in a friendly match. I have appealed to any of our chaps in the Services stationed near a cavalry regiment to do what they can in the way of scrounging equipment (anything except ponies!), but no luck so far. Talking of the Services - Cedric is still at Larkhill, Tony at Calne, and Webby at Eastbourne when he's not on leave! Pat Turner is a fairly frequent visitor from Bicester, while Johnny Pearce is now at Tidworth and John Humphrey at Whale Island. Don has had his "medical" and expects marching on shortly. Anyway, it's grand to know that for the time being at any rate they're all within reasonable distance (though some have oiled luckier than others!), and we all look forward to seeing them - or at least hearing from them - whenever possible.

Having heard that Gordon King is a water-polo player, Don thought he'd found the formula for success - take to the water - after all, he'd developed a very nifty "stroke" playing bicycle polo. So far he's got is a wet seat!

Just to wind up with - a tribute to Eric and his committee, who made such a success of the recent dance at Heathfield. Well, no more I can almost see the Editor fingering his blue pencil with a horrid gleam in his eye. Over to you, Pedlar . . .

THE PROF.

. Through the long and chilly winter, Club Runs carried on. Sometimes a little "disorganised", but nevertheless runs were made every Sunday. The start may have been a little late sometimes. (The bus station doesn't start to brew until 10 a.m. anyway). The question often asked, "Why do we do it?" Some said "We must be mad", others said "We must like it". Anyway "ain't it grand to be mad? (and know it)", and surely we all push "irons around because we like it. The

winter "stay-at-homes" miss a lot of fun. They never head the sweet music of the happy winter cyclist as he mends a puncture, or replaces this chain, after dark, with the temperature in the twenties, with pretty little snowflakes falling around him. Oh great fun. Now 'tis spring (or is it?) and the season is well on its way. Our first high-light being of course, Easter on the Isle of Wight. The "gang" of 14 "took over" the Turks Head at Ryde on the Saturday evening after a good run down during the day. A clean up and a meal prepared them for a "raid" on the amusement arcade. Here "What the butler saw" and "Evening in Paris" were ignored for more healthy and profitable pastimes. Skill was tried, and shown, with "shooting irons" and "spikes". Our Club Run Queen also demonstrated she "packed" a good straight right, on the "punch ball". (A couple of locals were seen to stand back after the first blow). After a "night cap" the gang decided to retire. This was done with some difficulty, as various articles of bedroom "furniture" had found their way in and on the beds. The high winds did little to damp the spirits of the party on the Sunday morning, for the ride out to Brading Downs to see the "massed start". Later to visit Newport, Yarmouth and Cowes. The return on Monday with a stiff rail wind ended a really good week-end, with a mileage around 200. Club run mileage is again quite good. From January to date (May) 1,297 miles have been covered, with a tea attendance average of 12 members. Future runs are to include London, to view the Coronation decorations, and Kew Gardens, to mention only two interesting runs planned for this season. The "farmers' boys" do get around, don't they? Who called us a "shower"? I'll tell the Club Run Queen.

PEDLAR.

It is with great regret that we report the sudden death at his home at 8 Manor Way, Uckfield, of 16-year-old Richard Brundle, of the Uckfield and District Cycling Club. A keen cyclist and clubman in spite of the handicap imposed by frequent illness, "Dickie" Brundle will be much missed by his clubmates.

HASTINGS WARRIOR CYCLING CLUB.

The highlight of the past few months' activities was undoubtedly the club's second Annual Dinner and Dance, which was in all respects a great success.

Over sixty people, including members of neighbouring clubs, and well-known Sussex officials, enjoyed an excellent dinner, after which there was dancing to a band led by club captain Dennis Neeves. Our

HASTINGS WARRIOR CYCLING CLUB (Continued).

old friend Roy Humphrey made so many cross-toasts that he must surely be the brewers' No. 1 Blue-eyed Boy. We would like to know how many bottles of Curacho he uses on his elbow during the social season.

The morning after the Dinner the boys came down to earth with a loud bump. In other words, the racing season commenced with the club Hardriders "12". The winner was George Smith, who nipped round in 37 mins. 5 secs. He must have sat out all the sambas the night before.

George also showed good form in winning the first club "10", but unfortunately is not now active, which means that Ivan Buckland will be on his own at Preston Park this season. Ivan has just recovered from a nasty attack of tonsillitis, which has put him behind in the struggle for League points. Two of the other lads are getting their No. 6's ready, and hope to ride at most of the local grass meetings.

The club "50" championship for the RIX trophy was ridden with the E.S.C.A. event on May 10th. Doug. Floyd rode into form for his first crack at the distance, and won the cup with a good ride, while last year's winner, D. Neeves, had an off-day.

Sunday club runs are still functioning with varying support, while the Wednesday night "blind" to Boreham Street and back is becoming increasingly popular.

Talking of runs, have you heard about the member who recently rode to Chislehurst with the dual purpose of "getting the miles in" and visiting an old flame. He arrived at Chislehurst only to find that the young lady was on an excursion to Yes, that's right Hastings! Another member has joined the CAR-BASHERS CLUB, but we are not publishing his name, as in the opinion of the club's "president", D. Neeves, Esq., he put up a very poor show, only making a small dent in the back of the car.

Well, that's how it goes with the Warriors, so with a brief reminder that our Carnival Sports Meeting takes place on July 10th, good luck and good riding -

WARRIOR.

EAST GRINSTEAD CYCLING CLUB.

Membership up and racing times down are the main items of news from the East Grinstead C.C. Our pipe-opener was, as usual, the Southern Elite Rel. 100 miles in 7 hours. This may sound relatively easy, but with some of the major climbs of Kent, Surrey and Sussex and a snow storm for the last 50 miles, it was no easy task. Ray Lunn had an argument with a cat going down Groombridge Hill, and although it is not known how the cat came off, Ray did. After all this only

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1 of our 5 riders, led by "Basher Brooker" retired (although one who shall be nameless got a car home and stopped in bed until 3.30 p.m. the following afternoon.

In Association events we have not been placed so far, but it's nice to know that if you want to find the name East Grinstead quickly, you've only got to look a little way from the top - instead of the bottom. In club events the times have also gone down; these are usually disputed by the two Peter Johns (Messrs. Crowsley and Brooker). So far P.J.C. has had lead over P.J.B. but its only because of his hair-cut (it's done with a lawn-mower, but don't tell anyone).

Over Easter several of the boys went over to the Isle of Wight to see the sights - those on two wheels (and two legs). Yours truly went roller-skating (?) at Ryde, and I'm sure that was responsible for my bad time at the E.S.C.A. 25! There were also some other non-cycling events which involved our members, but the Editor would be certain to censor them ('nuff said)!

Our Club Runs are really well attended now that the distance and pace have been cut down. They usually become the "Mystery Run" variety - the Captain is usually as lost as everyone else. This state of affairs is O.K., but it went a bit farther than a joke last winter when we came to a signpost marked "NORTH POLE 1/2 mile" - this was outside Maidstone, so the Captain lived to see the light of another Club Run.

We have no births, engagements, marriages or burials to report, except the time they buried Mickey (all 8 stone of him) Robinson in a public litter bin at Littlehampton.

And now, Ladies and Gentlemen, we come to the subject of track racing. This year we have joined the Sussex Cycle Racing League, and been competing (?) down at Preston Park. We are all raw novices at the track game, and the best I can say is that we don't ALWAYS come last.

Now if any reader has struggled thus far in this epic manuscript, I will finish by saying that we have our club room at the back of "The Swan", East Grinstead, every Tuesday night, and our grass track at East Court every Friday night, so if you are down our way, give us a look in.

Don't miss the next thrilling instalment and until next "Bonk", Good Luck, and may all your pullovers be of the knitted sort and not pertaining to Wheels!

CROW.

"G.A. King as good at 50 Miles."

So reads the headline in "Cycling", May 7th, confirming that Gordon King was continuing his winning run, this time choosing the San Fairy Ann C.C. Open 50 for his first attempt at the distance this season. Twenty-eight years old Gordon, successful in other sports, besides cycling, recorded a time of 2. 8.47. to beat second man A. Pursey of the Medway Road Club by one minute, and to lower the club record figures set up by Bernard Kemp last year. By a coincidence, Bernard beat the old record last year on a course which the old record holder, George Jenkins, performed with such success in the twenties, namely Pangbourne Lane.

At the time of writing our road programme is well under way, with events contested at 10 and 25 mile distances, as well as the 42-mile Rye - Hythe - Rye, all won by Gordon King.

Jack Southerden, chairman and acting racing secretary, is once again well to the fore in the racing sphere this year. Jack, in spite of heavy duties by shouldering both the racing and general secretaries jobs during the early part of the season, in addition to travelling many miles as a R.T.T.C. delegate, still managed to get the winter training miles in, and once again achieved his usual early season fitness.

Trying his hand at time trialling this season is ace marshal Ron Longley, who had his "baptism" in the Rye - Hythe - Rye event, and returned a creditable time of 2 hrs. 27 mins. We hope to see more Ron in events this year. A bird whispers that he goes out training with G. King, so watch out shortmarkers.

Mike Kenward, A. Sorrenson and Veteran Ted Coussins can also be seen up the road most week-ends.

Congratulations to bearded trike rider Arthur Coleman, and committee member Phil Clinche on their recent marriage. Another convert to the broad gauge machine is President Percy Bliss, at present recuperating from the effects of a broken leg. Hope to see you around again soon, Percy!

Our other casualty, Racing Sec. Bob Downey is at the time of writing still waiting to go back to East Grinstead for yet another operation. Bob, as most of you know, sustained injuries last year when in collision with a car. We all hope that it will not be long before Bob is once again burning up the miles.

Finally, will someone enlighten me as to who the rider was who stopped to have his photograph taken in a recent event?

W. B.

First of all the Road Club would like to congratulate the new Editor for his very good first issue of this magazine. There is no general feeling in the club against the name "BONK"; so we have no suggestions for, or objections to a new name.

Unfortunately, the season has not started very successfully as yet, due I believe to some members having got petrol fumes in their noses. The first event was the Hardriders, which had to be put back a week, and for which there were more spectators, apart from marshals, than riders! Dave Patten won in a good time of 38 mins. 47 secs., though outside the course record. This was Reg Godley's last race before leaving for his R.A.F. National Service. He also became engaged to Molly Adie the same week. Congratulations and good luck Molly and Reg.

Only two Road Club riders turned up for the E.S.C.A. Medium Gear 25-mile event in which Dave Patten was seventh. The 25-mile of April 12th was better supported by us with three men, with Dave again our club best with a time of 1 hr. 5 mins. 1 sec. The club is sadly lacking riders, I fear, although the membership is now very good.

The Easter week-end was spent a-wheel by half-a-dozen of the club, who sped to Pompey on Good Friday for the S.C.C.U. Track Meeting. They crossed to the Island for the events there, but as spectators only. A very good week-end was had by all, although their footsteps were dogged by the Uckfield and District C.C., I am informed, who also endeavoured to get them deported - while a certain person from Eastbourne was seen boarding a Brighton train.

A few other members joined the Southborough Wheelers' coach to Herne Hill for the Good Friday meeting. Although the Island had all the week-end sunshine, the rain held off and we enjoyed a good meeting. We also went to Brighton on Easter Monday, don't breathe a word, by train, W.C. having no bike. But we were disappointed by the meeting at the Park. The organisers must have been dismayed at the poor attendance, probably caused by the bad weather, which made a slower meeting than the Hill seem rather unexciting.

News Flash! Call out the fire brigade, two veterans' have taken up pipe-smoking. What was that I heard about training? Latest reports are that Griffiths & Co. have been sighted coiling up the Wells hill - on foot - on a Sunday afternoon. Club run?

J. C.

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 † A CYCLIST'S NIGHTMARE †
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The other night I went to bed and lay reading the advert in "Cycling", eventually I fell off to sleep, and this is what I dreamt :-

I was going on a tour with some of the lads, and we were in "NORMANDY" and heading for Switzerland and the "ALPS". As we were from England we had "G.B." plates on our cycles.

One of our blokes named "WILLIAMS" said we were "GNUTTI", but he came with us all the same. When we arrived at "SCANDIA" we were very hungry, and looked for a place to get some "GRUBB", so we went into a little cafe, but when we saw inside we changed our minds, as it looked as though we might pick up a few "HOPPERS". However, next door was a better place, so in we went and had a good meal, costing about 3/-, but old Harry with the "Harden Hubs" moaned about the charge; he always was a "TITAN".

We then took the "BAYCLIFF" road that crossed some very fast running "BROOKS" rushing down from the ricks, displaying some wonderful "STRATA", and came upon some Romany gypsies cooking over their "HOBBS", and their leader called "AMBROSIO" invited us to join them in a meal, but we declined and went over to where one of the lads was looking up at a "COVENTRY-EAGLE" on her nest, a wonderful sight as the "SUNBEAMS" fell on her bright plumage.

We went on to a little village called "CURACHO" and had a drink in a pub, and old "CLAUD" starter to make up to the landlord's daughter, named "RIBENA", who was quite sad when we left, but when we told her we were coming back the same route it "BUKTA" no end. Our stop that "KNIGHT" was at "HURET", and the landlady, whose name was "ALESA" had her arm in a sling, as she had fallen off a chair and given her arm a "RENSCH". Her husband was in the "KITCHING" preparing the evening meal. His name was "INCICLO" and was a "CARPENTER" by trade, making "DAWES", and he looked a proper "HERCULES". A queer thing was the address, "531" "BATH ROAD". In the morning the "SUN" was shining bright, and we set off for "SAN GEORGIO", which had some very fine "PARKES", and our destination was Mrs. "HIGGINS", of "GILLOTT" Avenue. There we met some other cyclists who had been competing in the "MITCHELIN 25", a very popular event in the "BENELUX" countries.

Then I woke up !

With apologies to the manufacturers whose trade names I have used.

1953 Road Events Results

2 Miles Hardriders.

		H. M. S.
1st:	D.S. Thompsett Uckfield & Dist. C.C.	34.36. (Event Record)
2nd:	B. Penfold Eastbourne Rovers C & AC	35.17.
3rd:	A.W.D. Thorpe Uckfield & Dist. C.C.	35.35.
	<u>Team:</u> Uckfield & Dist. C.C.	1.48. 5.

25 Miles 72" Gear.

1st:	G.A. King Hastings & St. L. C.C.	1. 5.52. (Event Record)
2nd:	S. Stoner Central Sussex C.C.	1. 7.15.
3rd:	G. Boxall Uckfield & Dist. C.C.	1. 7.19.
	<u>Team:</u> Uckfield & Dist. C.C.	3.23.39.

25 Miles.

1st:	G.A. King Hastings & St. L. C.C.	1. 1.49. (Event and
2nd:	J.R. Dutton Uckfield & Dist. C.C.	1. 2.33. Course
3rd:	C.D. Whittingham Uckfield & Dist. C.C.	Record).
	<u>Handicap:-</u>	
1st:	G.A. King Hastings & St. L. C.C.	59.49.
	<u>Team:</u> Uckfield & Dist. C.C.	3. 9.58.

50 Miles.

1st:	G.A. King Hastings & St. L. C.C.	2. 6.11. (Event and
2nd:	D.J. Marsh Lewes Wanderers C.C.	2. 8.52. Course
3rd:	B. Penfold Eastbourne Rovers C & AC	2.11.35. Record).
	<u>Handicap :-</u>	
1st:	B. Penfold Eastbourne Rovers C & AC	2. 5.35.
	<u>Team:</u> Lewes Wanderers C.C.	6.42. 4.

Ladies' Events

25 Miles.

1st:	S.A. White Central Sussex C.C.	1.14. 8.
2nd:	P. Wickham Eastbourne Rovers C & AC	1.20.29.
3rd:	B. Elphick Eastbourne Rovers C & AC	1.23.17.
	<u>Handicap:-</u>	
1st:	P. Wickham Eastbourne Rovers C & AC	1.10.59.
	<u>Team:</u> Central Sussex C.C.	2.37.52.

25 Miles.

1st:	P. Wickham Eastbourne Rovers C & AC	1.19. 5.
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10 Miles.

1st:	J. Cruttenden Heath C.C.	30.12.
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EAST SUSSEX CYCLING ASSOCIATION

Team Records as at 1st May, 1953.

<u>12 Miles Hardriders.</u>			
Uckfield & District C.C.	1.46.16.		1952
<u>25 Miles 72" Gear.</u>			
Hastings & St. Leonards C. & A.C.	3.22.55.		1952
<u>25 Miles.</u>			
Uckfield & District C.C.	3. 8.59.		1951
<u>30 Miles Tandem.</u>			
Uckfield & District C.C.	2.15.54.		1952
<u>50 Miles.</u>			
Uckfield & District C.C.	6.31.53.		1952
<u>100 Miles.</u>			
Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C.	14.11.28.		1951
<u>12 Hours.</u>			
Uckfield & District C.C.	653.85 miles		1952
<u>Hill-Climb (Wellingford Lane).</u>			
East Grinstead C.C.	5 mins. 25 secs.		1951

Ladies' Team Records

<u>10 Miles.</u>			
Central Sussex C.C.	55.39.		1952
<u>25 Miles.</u>			
Hastings & St. Leonards C. & A.C.	2.26.39.		1951
<u>50 Miles.</u>			
Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C.	5.21.11.		1952

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Here are four items, each representing a sum of money -
 A PIG, A CYCLE, A KING, and a ONE LEGGED WOMAN.
 When these items are added up they come to £2.11. 1¼.
 Can YOU work it out? If not, the answer is on the back page

EASTER IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT

By our Special Correspondent.

When our Editor detailed me to go to the Isle of Wight for the Easter Holiday with strict instructions to cover the activities or otherwise of the East Sussex clubs, I had visions of a very quiet week-end, but this was not to be the case.

On the boat going over from Portsmouth I made contact with a party of the Tunbridge Wells Road Club and three members of the Uckfield & District C.C. who were to be my companions for the next day or two. On arrival at Ryde everyone's thoughts turned to eating, a cafe just off the High Street was selected for supper, and what a meal it turned out to be if you were lucky enough to beat the Road Club boys to the food. Don Rout's motto, where food is concerned is, self first and to blazes with anyone else. After paying our bill we all made our way to our appointed digs for the week-end. After a good clean up and a few pints of the Island's best, I turned in to bed for the night hoping for a good night's rest, but this was not to be, for an hour or so, as Ken Griffiths decided to relate his life story. I can assure you all that from what he related he has had quite a hectic life, or was it the Island's best talking. Saturday morning we were up bright and early and out for a stroll before breakfast. The day's objective was to be the Road Race round the island and the Track Meeting at Sandown. I made an early start in company with my three friends from the Uckfield club. We went via Newport and Yarmouth to Sandown, having had a view of the Road Race from the Prime Point just outside Shanklin. My first contact with the East Grinstead C.C. was on the front at Sandown while waiting for the finish of the Road Race. Following the finish of the Road Race we returned to our digs for supper at which we were joined by more members of the Uckfield Club. Following supper I decided to take a walk and see what was doing in the down. Ryde Pier Head was my first port of call, where I found Johnny Coomber roller-skating all on his own, this I later found the reason for, when walking back along the pier I found two of his mates doing a bit of sly "necking". Their names I will not mention as it may cause them a little embarrassment. After a brisk walk along the front I returned to my "digs" rather appropriately named the "Turks Head", where I found George Palmer and the rest of the Uckfield boys enjoying a pint. Believe it or not, but as I entered the bar they all emptied their glasses without delay, and then it was drinks all round on your humble. Hearing familiar voices coming from the public bar, I went

to investigate, and there was Don Rout and a full complement of the Tunbridge Wells Road Club, who had at last run me to earth. Not wishing again to get mixed up with these "roughs", I beat a hasty retreat back to our private bar as I had no wish to be escorted from the island with them, which I can assure you will happen to them if they ever try to reach the island again.

On the stroke of midnight we all decided to get in some shut-eye ready for an early start on Sunday morning, but before we went to our rooms we had the unusual experience of seeing our two ladies filling their Teddy Bear hot water bottles and putting them in the beds. This is the first time that I have seen hot water bottles produced from touring bags of any cyclist on tour, and for your information I will name the two ladies concerned (Joyce Wickens and Margaret Axell).

Sunday morning found me on Brading Downs to see the circuit Maiden Start Races, and what a job I had to keep away from Don Rout & Co. Everywhere I went they seemed to follow. My next call was at Newport for lunch, then on to Carisbrooke Castle, which as quite a few of you know is not open on Sundays. I heard familiar voices coming over the air from the region of one of the cannons and then into view came Johnny Coomber and his East Grinstead club mates, being pursued by a man with a dog, and I can assure you it was worth watching the boys leap from off the wall straight into the empty moat. It appeared they had climbed the wall and got into the Castle to have a cheap look round!

After a trip to Alum Bay I returned to Ryde for supper and then a walk round the town, where I found Joyce Wickens knocking the life out of the punch ball in the Amusement Arcade, and "Fishy" Moore walking out with two pieces of "Murk". A few yards along the road hearty laughter was coming from a back street, and there I found the younger members of the Uckfield Club studying a window full of comic cards, and some of them were not fit to look at, either.

Ten o'clock found me back at the "Turks Head" with two hours still to go before turning in for the night. Bedtime came, and what a sight it was to see Ken Griffiths climbing two flights of stairs all fours after drinking Peppermint all the evening. As I went upstairs I sensed that something had been going on up in our bedroom and it was not long before my instinct proved correct, for upon entering our room it was a horrible sight that met our eyes. The room had been completely turned upside down, beds pulled to pieces, wardrobes on the beds, chairs and chests of drawers under the beds, and as we later found out mugs with handles on in between the mattresses - for what purpose I cannot think. After straightening things out we all broke into the girls' room, and while they were

still asleep proceeded to roll the mattress round them and throw them out of bed, but before we could complete this operation the bed completely collapsed into about thirty pieces, much to the pleasure of Ken Griffiths, who started to laugh continually, as we all withdrew from the room, leaving Ray Wickens and George Palmer to put the bed back together. I shall never forget the scene of utter destruction. What the landlord thought of the noise we shall never know, as Peter Wickens was with him in the bar treating him to pints of "Old" and telling him that Ken Griffiths was falling out of bed every time he got in as the bed kept going round and round. Eventually we all turned in for a few hours' sleep, which I can assure you was very welcome.

Monday morning saw me on the boat at 9.15 a.m. bound for Portsmouth and the Track Meeting at Preston Park.

In conclusion, one more point I would like to mention, and that is to the disgust of Don Rout, I was seen to board the Southern Electric train at Portsmouth, which was bound for Brighton, and I can assure all you cyclists that this is a nice way of getting from place to place.

F. R.

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THE POLEGATE & DISTRICT ROAD CLUB.

May I first take this opportunity of recording our thanks to "R.N." on his first efforts as Editor of this Mag. I have now seen the enormous amount of work required to compile this book, and I was pleased to note the good results of his efforts.

Our elder member, "Jeff", will be riding up to London again very soon, so if any of you lads want a sixty mile bash up to town, you can join him.

Up to now, "Jeff" has been steadily getting in the miles, and at the rate he is going, he will be up to the 5,000 miles mark again this year.

Our touring section is going quite well; runs are taken every week-end with good attendances, but we have still room for a lot more members, especially older ones.

We now have new Clubroom premises at St. Elizabeth's Hall every other Monday at 7.45 p.m. We hope to be able to hold it every week in the near future after further negotiations.

THE POLEGATE & DISTRICT ROAD CLUB (Continued).

We have Table Tennis, Badminton, Darts, etc., for the more energetic members, and the teapot is on the go for t'others. (Good old Auntie !). Next club night is 1st or 15th of June, so if any of you bods are around that way, please drop in and see us, you don't know what a Polegate welcome is like until you've tried one, and then it's too late.

M.D. WILLIS.

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Club Secretaries please note :-

Our General Sec. is now:-

Mrs. C. Paice, 20a, Gilda Crescent
POLEGATE.

Forthcoming Track Meetings.

Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C.

Saturday, 13th June.

Entries close to R. Humphrey on Sat. 30th May, 1953.

Uckfield & District C.C.

Saturday, 27th June.

Entries close to H.J. Head on Sat. 13th June, 1953.

East Sussex C.A.

Saturday, 4th July.

Entries close to R. Humphrey on Sat. 13th June.

1953 Team Pursuit Championship.

Tunbridge Wells Albion v. Tunbridge Wells Road Club.
At Tunbridge Wells, Wednesday, 3rd June.

East Grinstead C.C. v. Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C.
At Eastbourne, Saturday, 13th June, 1953.

Final to be run off at East Sussex C.A. Open Meeting
at Eastbourne on Saturday, 4th July.

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LEWES WANDERERS CYCLING CLUB.

Fellow sufferers !

At last the racing season has started, the "Wanderers" having held three Club Trials to date. The first was a 10 mile event, and was won by D. Marsh, the second a "25" won by Johnny Adams, and lastly a "50" - this was won by D. Agg.

We are very proud of our "win" in the S.C.A. 25 mile event by D. Marsh, with a time of 1. 2.27., and also of our team win in the E.S.C.A. 50 mile, won for us by D. Marsh, D. Agg and A. Cornford. Well done, boys !

S. ADAMS

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OUR BASHER

Due to work, he cannot train
But each race Sunday rides again
With energy and good intent
If he beats "evens" he's content.

OUR BASHER (Continued)

Down upon the starting line
The "Knotted tube" is holding fine,
It's time for "Off" - just hear that squeal -
"What rotten luck - I've pulled a wheel !"

At last he's off, and o'er the dales,
Boy! what a noise as he exhales !
The grunts now cease - his face gets red,
He wishes he were home in bed.

The field then catch him, one by one.
He takes the chance to eat his bun.
He makes the turn, he's half way back,
And now he's glad he did not "pack".

Still very game, he keeps them turning.
Knotted tubes are now near burning,
And, 'spite the "Bonk", still glad he went . .
Well ridden, "Basher" ! - Eric Kent.

Curly Stays.

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Solution to the money puzzle (see page 14).

A Pig	= Guinea Pig	£1. 1. 0.
A Cycle	= Penny-farthing	1½
A King	= Sovereign	£1. 0. 0.
One-legged Woman	= Half a Knicker	10. 0.
		<u>£2.11. 1½</u>

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"What's the dimension of your top tube ?". "Twenty-two inches".
"Thank's very much" "D'MENTION it".

Two cyclists out dining started to argue about politics when the proprietor came rushing up. "Lads, stop arguing about politics, and eat and drink". "Nonsense !", snapped one of them. "If we think only of eating and drinking, what distinguishes us from cattle ?". "Paying the bill", said the proprietor firmly.

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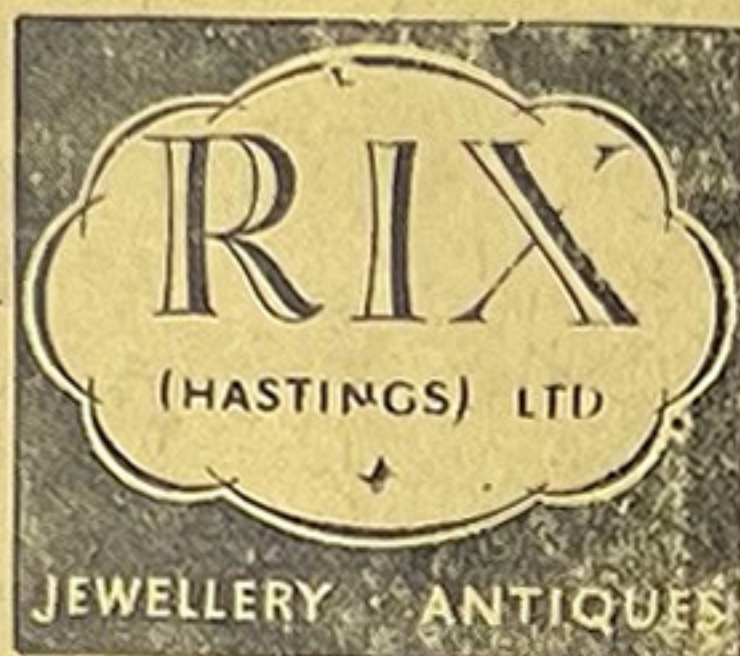
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