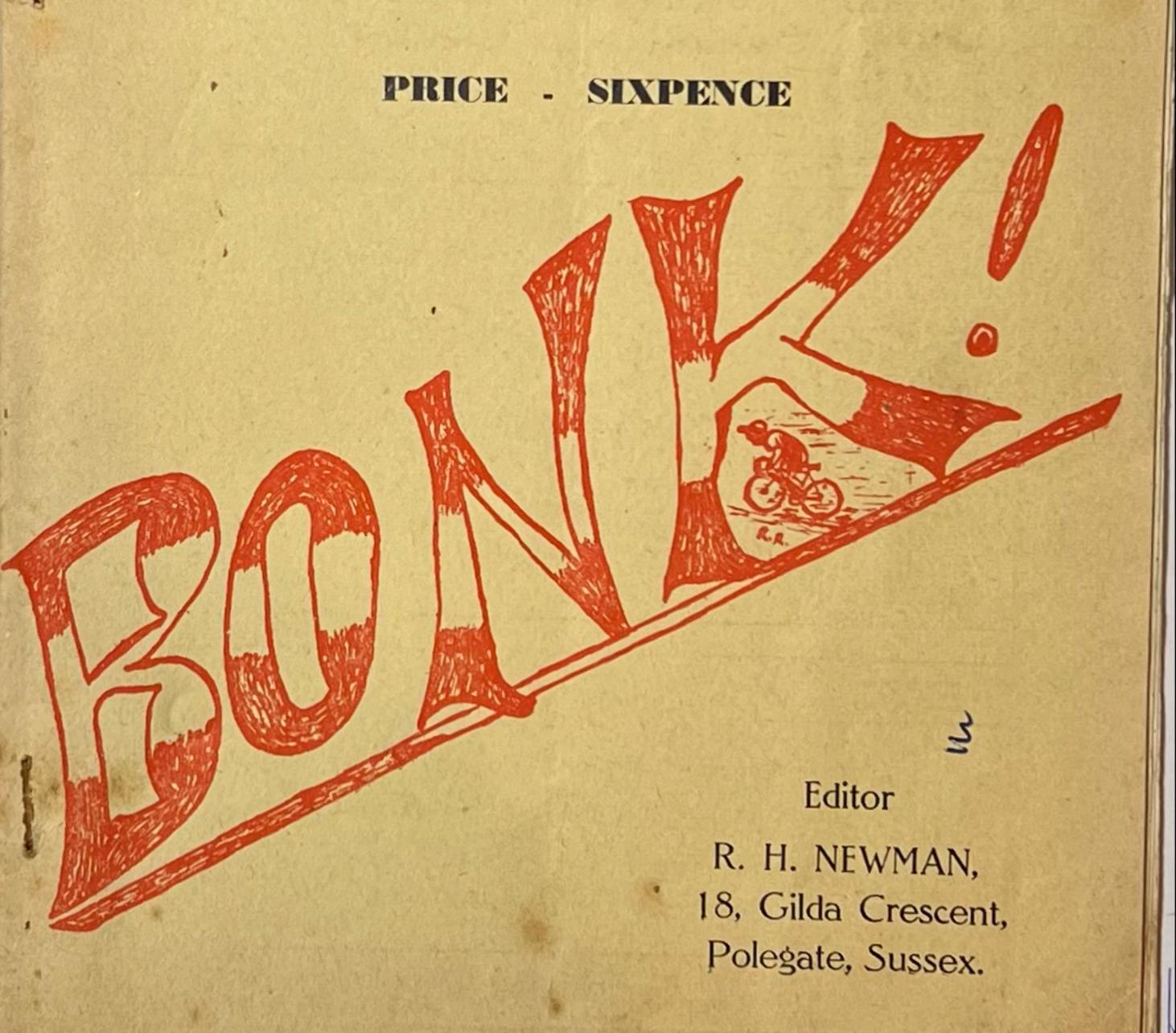
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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

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Dear Readers,

The first thing I feel I must do before my usual "natter" is to thank those Clubs who have written voicing their approval and congratulations on the last edition. My sincere thanks, a little encouragement goes a long way, and I hope this edition will also please.

You will note that again there are one or two defaulters (no names no pack drill). There is to be one more edition this year, around Xmas, so make it a bumper Xmas number and send me your articles by November 25th at the latest, please, and to my new address :-

18, SPRING STREET, BRIGHTON.

Well, boys and girls ! I hope to see you all at the "RALLY" in force this year - it's up to you to make it a "Rally Good Do".

Yours sincerely,

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"GEN" from the Secretary

Well, here we are nearing the end of another racing season, and it will not be many weeks now before the Social season really gets under way. Already several well-known local racing men have been seen having a crafty cigarette or pipe of tobacco, their first since the start of the racing season.

Our own Prize Presentation and Luncheon will take place on Sunday, November 29th, when we hope to see all the season's prize-winners present to receive their awards from our President's wife. It is also hoped that the Editor of "Cycling", H.H. England, and Jack Rossiter, the well-known road rider of pre-war days, will be present. Let's make this a bumper "DO" this year - full details will shortly be available from your Club Secretary.

On the road, course and event records have continued to call, D.J. Marsh taking the 100 miles with an outstanding ride of 4-30-39, and G. King the 12 hours with a ride of just over 231½ miles, which I think is his best performance to date, considering that only this year has he ridden at distances over 50 miles. At the time of going to Press, it appears that G. King has a commanding lead in the B.A.R. Competition, with only one more qualifying event, a 25-mile on September 13th.

Ladies' events are still poorly supported, and it appears that unless more lady riders are forthcoming we shall have to omit their events from the 1954 programme.

Our Track Meeting at Eastbourne in July was a first-class promotion as far as the racing and helpers were concerned, but financially we lost about £17 on the meeting.

All the Track Championships with the exception of the 880 yds. Junior have been run off this year with the wholehearted co-operation of various promotors in East Sussex. A full list of the winners appears on another page in this issue. The medals for these events will be presented at our Prize Presentation in November.

In conclusion, on behalf of all the Member Clubs of the Association, we were all deeply grieved to hear of the accident to B. Thornton of the Heath C.C. To his family and the Heath C.C. we extend our sincere sympathy.

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Owing to circumstances beyond my control, I regret the Rally has been postponed, my apologies to all clubs in the E.S.C.A. A date will be fixed later.

I would like to remind all clubs of the PRIZE PRESENTATION on 29th November, 1953.

Very many thanks to you lads and lasses for your co-operation in selling the draw tickets for the St. Leger.

Lastly, I do not like the attitude of a certain Club Secretary who demanded by telegram that I reply immediately advising him of the date of the Rally. At the moment I could if I wanted to.

Yours, Fred Sealy.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS ROAD CLUB

The premier news is that we now have a proper Club-room in Mount Sion, Tunbridge Wells. There are table-tennis facilities, darts, etc., and tea is served by lady members. If anyone is "down our way" on a Tuesday evening, they will be very welcome at the Toc H Room.

Dave Patten did very well at the Whit-Saturday Meeting at Eastbourne, by Winning the 1,000 yards and Five Miles Track Championships; and Eric Martin put up a very good show at short notice in the Individual Pursuit.

Club runs continue well supported, and mostly they go to the coast, but the weather hasn't been too bright, has it?

The Club Dinner is provisionally fixed for November, but Clubs will receive invitations in good time. We hope to have an even larger gathering then, with some of the ex-Service members. Alec Damper has just been demobbed from Korea. Tony Balawin is in Malaya, and has been sent a copy of "BONK".

Finally, watch out you Uckfield C.C. members. Plans are well in hand for another trip to the Isle of Wight next Easter! Hope to see you at the Dinner, Percy, Roy and all the rest.

Can any other Club equal the Uckfield record of nine members serving in H.M. Forces? We are assured that the copies of "BONK" which the Club send to each serving member are much appreciated.

HASTINGS & ST. LLECNARDS C. & A.C.

Following his success in the recent Association "12", Gordon King moved to the head of the B.A.R. Competition. Gordon has had a very successful season and incidentally is the first member to break every club record from 10 miles to 12 hours. There still remains the 24 hr. record to break, but, as one member recently observed, the only 24 he will ride is the one that is a mile shorter than a "25".

This year has also seen the re-introduction of the Junior 10 Mile event, held this year on the Romney Marsh course, good times being returned by the winner, M. Jones (25-58), and the runner-up, M. Cutting (27-4). Riding a private time trial, Mike Kenward recorded 25-1 to set up a new course record.

At the beginning of autumn most riders begin to consider entering for end-of-season hill-climbs, the same riders must also note with relief that Mt. Everest has not yet been given a course number by the R.T.T.C., and is therefore unlikely to be used this season. Percy Bliss, however, has his eye on the Matterhorn for a free-wheeling contest (trikes only).

Touring has once again been in full swing during the past months, and one member has ventured a tour of Spain.

The track side of the game is represented by A. Sorenson, who performed with success at Rye, on August Bank Holiday.

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UCKFIELD & DISTRICT C.C.

By the perished knotted tubes of Basher Kent, how this year has flown! Hardly got the old vest out of mothballs and here we are round to the end-of-the-season 25's - and as for the call-up, it seems that someone goes every week, the only gleam is that the new 'uns still keep coming along.

First of all - Forces news. Cedric should by now be in Korea (and the best of British luck, as Arthur would say). Anyway, we've had letters from him posted en route with really graphic descriptions of Valetta, Port Said and Singapore. Always said that boy should go far, (and he has!). But I still think it a bit unfair for old Ced. to expect a Chinee tri-shaw wallah to do evens with a large and grinning Pearson in his side-car!

Tony Shrapnel, having passed out as a Junior Technician (meaning extra lolly and one stripe upside-down), is now at Duxford, about 10 miles from Cambridge, servicing unserviceable radio sets.

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Webby - crafty type - still adorns the mess at Hampden Park, and consequently manages to get around quite a bit. He's turned out pretty regularly for the team and has been riding very consistently, latest effort up to now is a very good first "12" of over 214 miles.

John Humphrey, Johnny Pearce and Pat Turner seem to be well dug in at Whale Island, Tidworth and Bicester respectively - Pat's even made his debut at circuit M.S. but had some low type of an Ordnance bod

stack up in front of him which didn't help matters.

Arthur's been home from Hednesford to see us, and we expect to hear shortly that he's been posted to a better 'ole where they don't have to mow the lawn with their eating irons. Latest to join Karno's is our old pal (Sir) Don Thompsett, who after nearly being forgotten finally managed to wheedle his way in and is down at Chi. Crafty fellow, Thompsett, found himself a wench just before he got called up, thereby ensuring a two years' supply of comforts for the troops.

Flash - Lofty leaves for Cardington on September 7th - we always thought he was going in the Guards, but it seems the R.A.F. want him

for an airship mooring mast instead.

Well, so much for the missing faces - now for the new ones - stand back, ladies and gents, and look what the dog's brought in ! We've had the misfortune to acquire some horrible types lately, Roy Siggs has brought his young brother along, another Barnes has appeared, one Spindle to wit (and what a wit !), no relation of Trooper Barnes, Rob MacHarrison has arrived complete with dirk, and Mick Bignell has passed his trade test as Gannet, 1st Class. What a shower! Terry and Spindle spent their holiday camping on the I.O.W. Spindle seems to be the complete Don Juan and left six weeping females behind (and also sat down hard through turning round and waving too often).

The road game has brought some interesting results with two of the Club place-to-place records falling, the Lewes-and-back going to Reg Trott with 45 mins. 29 secs., and the Hailsham-and-back to Don with a 1-4-47. Both Reg. and Don figured in the four tandem pairs we put into the E.S.C.A. Open event, partnered by Tufty and Griff respectively, while Geoff and Johnny with 1-6-37 for third place also paved the way for another team win. Ken, after a bad spell, is back in the running, he has been sorely missed not only by his club-mates, but also by everyone else who has ever seen his cheerful grin, and we hope he'll soon make up for lost time. What with misfortunes, the call-up and holidays, the road team has been somewhat eclipsed of late but I'm willing to bet that the end of the season will see the tail wag to

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good purpose. (We shall know by the time you read this !)

On the track, Den Funnell has been joined by a very worthy partner in Reg. Trott, who has what it takes and is rapidly gaining experience. Reg. retained the E.S.C.A. 1-mile Championship for the Club.

And we can't let this opportunity pass - belated though it is without recording our very sincere congratulations to Eric and Margaret on their engagement - most popular news for a long time any cracks about little troubles to be deferred till later. Bless you, my infants

HASTINGS WARRIOR CYCLING CLUB

During the past season the familiar cry of "Come on Ivan" has been missed from Preston Park, and will be heard no more. Ivan Buckland, the club's star trackman and founder member, having reached the advanced age of 21, has regrettably decided to hang up his sprints. Since then, two even more ancient riders, Douglas "Pop" Floyd (24) and Dennis "Granfer" Neeves (26) have kept the club in the picture at Eastbourne, Hastings, Uckfield and Rye, and have both shown considerable improvement. Floyd, who was a member of the East Sussex team in the East Sussex V. West Sussex omnium at Eastbourne, will do even better when he learns to turn left at the end of the home straight.

Next season should see a much stronger Warrior's track team, as two or three younger members have been bitten by the track bug, and are eagerly awaiting next season and their first track licences.

The Carnival sports at the Central ground was a success in spite of typical Carnival week weather. G.W.J's. heart must have sunk down to his boots when a tremendous downpour started at teatime; but luckily the clerk of the weather turned off the taps ten minutes before the first race, and about one thousand five hundred people watched the evening's sport. Smooth tubulars on the slippery track caused several pile-ups, but there were no serious casualties.

To complete the track story we take you to Rye, where the Warriors proved their great versatility, Messrs. Lewin and Piper, determined to show that Gordon King doesn't win everything, gained two first prizes in the "Walking the greasy pole" event. Mention of Gordon reminds us that he rode 92 fixed, over the marshes, in

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HASTINGS WARRIOR CYCLING CLUB (Continued)

his club's last "10". On hearing about this, Neevo, who holds the gear record (100") for the Eastbourne-Hastings run, immediately called a Press conference. "This is a challenge", he declared to the awe-struck reporters; "but I will defend my record until my chainwheel touches the ground !" Fighting words, indeed.

It's been good to see a partial come-back this season by Derek Hughes. Derek, another original Warrior and one-time racing secretery, has been working at Epsom since finishing his National Service last winter. He had his first track outing for two years at Rye, came third in the club "30" and did a personal best in the club championship "25". This was a gear v. fixed battle, with Derek making good use of his gears on the G.52 "mountains", while Dennis Neaves bashed a "fixed". They tied at the turn, and tied at the finish in 1 hr. 6 mins. 30 secs., and so share the President's cup. Dennis, who last year was wooden-spoonist in three club "10's", has turned the tables this year to gain three wins.

Last year's "25" champion, Brian Moore, is with the R.A.F. in Germany, and was unable to defend his title. He has his bike with him and sends this advice to any one contemplating a tour of Germany on a sprinter saddle. It is DON'T!

Young John Dent, our secretary, had a very slow but very useful ride to Brighton on a recent Saturday, when he acted as "attendant" to N. Guilmant of Belgrave Harriers, winner of the Hastings - Brighton walking race. John enjoyed the job and also enjoyed the reception given for competitors and helpers by the Mayor of Brighton.

And so to our preparations and for the social season, which will soon be with us, One more "50" and one more "25", and then Aaah !!! One member is already cleaning (and not before time) an extremely obnoxious pipe, which he intends to smoke at all social functions. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

Is it a fact that "Tourist Agg" of Lewes Wanderers on the Sunday of an East Sussex C.A. event, walked up to a well-known Lady member of his Club, and proceeded to kick her in the stomack for no apparent reason? A new name for "courting" according to Johnny Cocmber of East Grinstead C.C. is "decorating". This is what he calls it in a recent letter to Mrs. Funnell of Chiddingly.

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LEWES WANDERERS CYCLING CLUB.

The racing wallahs in this club are having a good season.

Nearly every club record has been broken. Dave Marsh is the chief participant in this. He clocked 1hr. 1min. 18secs. in the Bellingham Wheelers 25, 2hrs. 6mins. 8secs. in becoming Sussex 50 Miles Champion, and 4hrs. 30mins. 39secs. in winning the E.S.C.A. 100. Keep 'em turning Dave.

Tony Cornford captured the club 12 hour record by his fourth place ride in the E.S.C.A. 12 hour event, while Derek ('I'm under the hour") Agg holds the 30 mile record with a fine 1hr. 20mins. 29secs. ride in the Leo R.C. 30.

Club runs have not unduly suffered by the mania for racing. Recent rides have included a bathing run to Pevensey, where the Lewes Manderers Dodgers thrashed a motley Uckfield & District team at rounders, and a boating run to Pulborough. It was at Pulborough that Tony Cornford's boat-race crew, ably coxwained by Johnny "Iron Man" Grover, out-rowed Derek Agg's "Invincibles". This victory was hotly disputed as Johnny was unjustly accused of unshipping the coposition's rudder, much to their consternation and confusion, on the last bend.

Contact is still maintained with Paul Turner, who has returned to his home at Northiam. At Paul's invitation the club had tea recently with him and his hospitable parents. Plenty of provision had been made for the benefit of the man with the insatiable appetite, Geoff. In his absence, however, there was enough food left to feed half-adozen normal eaters.

The boys, at the moment, have got "dragon" trouble. Pauline and Maureen. Pauline is developing into a first-class rider who will shake the ladies, and the lads, next year. "Maggie", the wicked one, is enamoured with an unknown male from the Central Sussex area and has threatened to sell her bike. Can any club suggest a cure for love?

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EAST GRINSTEAD C.C.

Dear Readers (if any),

Before beginning the sage of the East Grinstead C.C., I should like to give a large bouquet to the Editor of "Bonk"; the last issue was really excellent.

Since the last issue, there has certainly been a lot of variety in the fortunes of the club. I'll begin with the track gen. As -:8:-

reported in the last issue of "Bonk", our Track Riders, Johnny Coomber, Pete Brooker, Peter Crowsley, Mickey Robinson and Ray Lunn were beginning to get their "track legs" at Preston Park Track, Brighton, and what they lacked in placings they made up for in experience. First misfortune (though that is a matter of opinion) was when Peter Crowsley had a high-speed argument with the banking on dressing room corner on May 20th. This put him off his bike for nearly two months, most of the time being spent in Pembury Hospital, where we believe he had a really good holiday (and what about those Irish Nurses?), though when some of the Club members saw him in there for the first time, they immediately got plans ready for a "Peter Crowsley Memorial 25". Three weeks later Mickey Robinson became another pile-up victim and had to have three stitches in both arms and his face patched up (No, it hasn't always been patched up). On the credit side, Pete Brooker got a Third in the Novice 5 min. pursuit. Mickey Robinson came Third in the Brighton Junior Grand Prix, and Mickey and Ray got another Third in the double-harness pursuit on August Monday, and these were in addition to several heat wins and general good performances all round.

On the Grass, Johnny Coomber has been our outstanding rider; he took the 440 and 880 events at Horley in May, the fastest lap at Uckfield in June, and winning the Courier Cup at our own Club promotion on our own track on Coronation Day. (Incidentally, the Coronation "do" was an excellent event (Fred Marshall of the Redhill C.C. (a club 2nd claim member) won the 440 from Pete Brooker and Gino Bishop), while the Courier Cup (2½ miles) and the pursuit both produced close finishes. In the former the winner was the aforementioned Coomber, followed by Peter Brooker and Fred Marshall. In the latter Ray Lunn won from Johnny and Pete).

Now the gen on the Road Game, beginning with the E.S.C.A. 50.

This became a "Crowsley v. Brooker" duel with doses of bonk all round.

P.J.C. was fastest with 2.16.30. to P.J.B's. 2.18.36. Another notable performance has been Roy Pelham's superb ride in the E.S.C.A. 100 of 4.46., which collected him 4th place and 2nd handicap, and in his first race, too!! Our Club 25, on the G.9 also yielded high speed results, the Club 25 mile record of 1.4.27 was well and truly shattered.

Mickey Robinson scorched round with a 1.4.10., followed by Don Lock 1.4.20., and Pete Brooker 1.4.29.; nearly all the Club did personal bests, the exception being Peter Crowsley, who found that Hospitals are 0.K. for a rest but not for training, and was relegated to next to last place.

Our "Place-to-Place" records have also had their share of attention, the "Grinstead to Eastbourne and back" is now held by Pete Brooker with 3.2.21., the next best being Johnny Coomber with 3.6.25. The "Grinstead

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10 0		A.R. Honess, Central Sussex C.C.	4.40.27. Record)		
H'cap.		F. Leppard, Central Sussex C.C.	4.21.34.		
Team.	Lewes	Wanderers C.C	14.11.24.		
12 Hours.	1st:	G. King, Hastings & St. L. C. & A.C.	231.27 Mis. (Course		
to capald		S.J. Stoner, Central Sussex C.C.	223.1 " & Event		
H'cap.		J. Southerden, Hastings & St. L.	222.62 " Record)		
Team.		F. Leppard, Central Sussex C.C.	245.65 " (New team		
2.5 S.	OCITOT.	al Sussex C.C			
Record)					
00		Ladies' Event	STORY OF STREET		
25 Miles.	1st:	J. Cruttenden, Heath C.C.	1.16.12.		

J. Cruttenden, Heath C.C. 2nd: J. Golds, Heath C.C.

Change of Officials: Heath C.C. General Sec.: Miss J. Cruttenden, "The Nook", Colwell Road, Haywards Heath.

Seven active cyclists,
Desiring to form a Club,
Met in a drawing room
And thus formed it's "hub"

Others came to join them, It's headquarters in a "pub", And gradually got organised, In spite of many a "Snub".

They affiliated to this and that:
And upheld our noble sport,
They put a team onto the track,
Success, their only thought.

They grew to be two score strong. In spite of "Forces" calling, And then things started going wrong, Their attendance started falling.

: They let a "few" do all the graft,
: "Interest" was not their "will",
: At administration they only laughed,
: But the leaders struggled still.

The others did'nt rally round,
Official jobs, they did'nt seek,
Excuses they had always found,
And so the "Club" grew weak.

Then, came the day of reckoning, "Club's" policy to declare, In spite of pleas and reasoning, They disbanded then and there.

So let this be a warning,
And always do YOUR part,
Uphold this noble calling,
And take this sport to heart.

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UCKFIELD AND DISTRICT C.C.

Since the lively "kick-off" for the season at the "Isle of Wight" at Easter, the Club Runs have again been varied and well supported. Considering the very full racing programme, the new found interest in Polo, the call-up for the services, etc., I suppose we must not frown if at times the turn-out is not so big as in past years. Even so, the club runs have gone places and seen things. The two "high-lights" being the run to London to view the Coronation Decorations, and a visit to Lullingstone Silk Farm. A tough ride against a Northerly wind was experienced for the run to London. Arriving a little before mid-day, the "irons" were safely stored, as arranged, near Victoria Coach Station. Little white bags, cameras, etc., were hung on the "bods" and a start was made to "foot it" round the Coronation Route. Buckingham Palace and the Mall being the first places viewed. The "inner man" called, and, (believe it or not), a quiet Inn was found, after which, we all felt "Younger" (a nice brew), and took our picnic lunch in the beautiful St. James' Park. Refreshed, the tour on foot got under way via Westminster, Whitehall, Trafalgar Square, Regent Street and Oxford Street, to -:12:-

UCKFIELD AND DISTRICT C.C. (Continued)

return via Marble Arch and Hyde Park Corner, again into St. James'
Park, where the cry was heard "ain't it nice to get your dogs on cool
grass again?" For the camera "shutter-happy" types, it was a field
day, and they have recorded what must be a sight of a life-time, and a
club run (or hike) well worth the effort. After a "stoke up" at
Victoria, the return was made with a stop at Godstone for a "cuppa", to
arrive at Uckfield just before 10 p.m.

It was unfortunate that "Griff" mistook the time of start, arrived a little behind time, started a "private tear-up" to catch the club, and attempted to alter the shape of a car at East Grinstead, and so missed this run.

A part of the country not often seen by the Club was covered on the run to Lullington Silk Farm. Taking the main road, via Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks, our party duly arrived at Lullingstone Castle and were shown the whole "art of sericulture" (I got that one from the book). Our guide explained and demonstrated the whole process from the egg of the silk worm to the skeins of pure silk. Eggs hatching, grubs feeding, growing into large silk worms, the cocoon, taking the silk from the cocoon, winding on skeins, etc., to articles made from silk produced on the farm. Oh how those worms "stoke". Put any of the "gannets" in the shade. To those who have not been to Lullingstone Silk Farm, I can recommend it as being well worth a run there sometime. There are other attractions at the Castle, including an Angora farm. It was decided we did not want to see the "rabbits". At the suggestion of the Big White Chief, who said we could get a few more miles in and see a lovely panorama, we set off. Eynsford district is quite interesting, but we pressed on, finding outselves around Swanley Junction area (no panorama there). Into the lanes again and, at last, the "panorama". But only a fleeting glimpse of it, a much better view of the "Big White Chief", head down, tail up, hareing down a "1 in 8". Through Shoreham (Kent) we found our way to Borough Green for tea. (Four Ways Cafe. Not a bad "stoking joint", boys). For the return ride, it was decided we should have a "nice flat run" through the Weald of Kent (or is it Kentish Weald?). Now, are maps made wrong, or do places move from time to time. Our "nice flat run" found us at one time about 500 feet above sea level with Hadlow on our right instead of our left. Strange how these things happen, or is it ?

This year's Club Picnic was at Norman Bay. Again "a good time was had by one and all". "Bos" Eaves demonstrated how to play a straight bat on a pebbly wicket, and on the homeward run was up at the front to lead his "merry men".

UCKFIELD AND DISTRICT C.C. (Continued)

A number of members spent their holidays on the Isle of Wight this year. Three slept out each night. 'Tis rumoured they made and sold pegs for beer money. Don't believe it. They only drink "Freshwater" when they go for a Ryde. Did someone say "Hush, Yar-mouth"?

Tip for "sleepers-out". Don't get 'down to it" under an old straw stack. Earwigs are not comfortable in "ear 'oles", and I know.

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STOP PRESS

The Association "50", held on 30th August in vile weather conditions which reduced the field to almost half the entry, proved a titanic struggle in both individual and team sections. Gordon King (Hastings & St. Leonards), whose position as 1953 Best All-Rounder is now unassailable, was very closely challenged by Johnny Dutson, of the Uckfield Club, and by his own clubmate Mike Kenward, Johnny getting within half a minute of the redoubtable Gordon.

Biggest interest centred in the team result, Uckfield making a strong bid to re-assert their early season superiority, Lewes and Central Sussex - who had shared the more recent honours - determined to withstand the challenge, and Hastings, with Mike Kenward back in the running, the unknown factor. As it happened, Central Sussex were unable to complete a team, while Lewes, without Dave Marsh, suffered further ill-fortune when both Derek Agg and Johnny Adams lost time through punctures. Uckfield finally gained the verdict by over 30 seconds, Johnny Dutson being ably supported by Geoff Boxall and Ken Griffiths, the latter making a most welcome re-appearance on East Sussex roads.

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Team Result:	1st. Uckfield & District C.C	6 42 16
	(Dutson, Boxall & Griffiths)	
	2nd. Hastings & St. Leonards C. & A.C	6 42 48
	(King, Kenward & Southerden)	
	3rd. Lewes Wanderers C.C	6 58 33
	(Adams, D. Agg, 2.20.20., &	
	A. Cornford, 2.20.24.).	
Handicap:	1. M. Kenward (Hastings & St. Leonards)(10)	2 2 1
	2. S.J. Stoner (Central Sussex)(113/4)	2 2 42
	3. P. Brooker (East Grinstead)(131/2)	2 3 26

DISCONNECTED JOTTINGS

A word from the marshals and feeders - it's always a pleasure to turn our and hand up drinks and sponges to the chaps bashing round the course in a time-trial - but doubly so when the recipient finds time for a cheery word of thanks. Gordon King's unfailing good humour and cheerful courtesy set a fine example to riders of lesser calibre - including occasional visitors to our East Sussex roads!

Our readers will wish to join us in offering congratulations and all good wishes to Jill (Half-pint) Cruttenden of the Heath and Uckfield Clubs, and Tony Hayward, R.N., of the Bognor Regis C.C., on their engagement.

Another popular announcement was that Eric Kent and Margaret Axell, both of the Uckfield Club, are engaged to be married. Eric has taken an active part in the affairs of the Association since its inception, and is at the time of writing Press Secretary.

We were particularly pleased to see Ken Griffiths once again "up the road" in the recent "50" - and sharing team honours into the bargain - after his enforced absence from the game after a spill.

Disconnected Jottings (Continued)

Can anyone tell us why the Great White Chief takes "Hare and Hounds" corner at Framfield on his chin instead of his bike ? Must be all the pints he won from the Uckfield boys over the "50".

Can any other club equal the Uckfield record of nine members serving in H.M. Forces ? We are assured that the copies of "Bonk" which the club send to each serving member are much appreciated.

Professor E. wants to know if any aspiring 50-miler would like to buy a greyhound (sounds like the old Army gag of buying a battleship!).

A big hand from the riders to the owners of cars and vans who offer every help in the far from easy task of keeping kit dry during a wet event and changing into dry gear afterwards.

Congratulations to Roy on the speed with which the result sheet of the "50" was prepared and circulated, at least one club receiving their copies on the day following the event.

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