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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR.

Well, friends ! Here is my first effort at producing your magazine, and believe me, it has been no easy task.

My first task when taking over the job was to write to all the Clubs in the E.S.C.A. and advise them that I was the future Editor, and asking them to send without delay their items for publication.

The results of this were very small, as you will find when & if you read the rest of this magazine.

It's very important to me and yourselves that I receive all your articles for this magazine in time for me to get it sorted out and printed. It would go a long way to making it a success if your secretaries would send along any item in the cycling world that will be of interest to others, as soon as they receive it, and not wait until I write to them.

You will perceive that I have introduced a new feature, namely, a column for club members to advertise their articles for sale or may want. This service is ENTIRELY FREE, and as you will see has been taken advantage of by a few.

It is up to you now to see that YOUR magazine is made a successful publication, as I can't print the items of interest about YOUR CLUB if I do not receive them.

THE NEXT EDITION WILL BE IN JUNE, so it is important that I receive your entries by MID-MAY AT THE VERY LATEST.

Yours very sincerely,

The Editor.

POLEGATE & DISTRICT ROAD CLUB.

Well friends ! We have now closed a not unsuccessful season, having had a dabble in most cycling events, and not done too badly for first timers. We have, sad to say, lost a few of our old members to the Forces, but taking it all round new members have kept up the membership, and are still rolling in. We have, we think, arranged a full social season, to keep out the rot, and up to the time of going to Press everything has run smoothly, and to (I hope) everyone's satisfaction.

We are expanding still further next season, with our own Time Trials to include longer distances, and to cover events run in West Sussex. 115

We are indeed indebted to the local Traders, for their fine gesture in presenting the Club with two very fine Silver Challenge Cups. These are to be awarded for B.A.R. and for the fastest time of the season in ANY 25 mile Time Trial. This should encourage the "Boys" to go all out in the coming season, as well as having the "Davis" Cup to compete for. This is awarded for the highest points of the season gained in Club Time Trials only. The points being awarded 1st - 3 points; 2nd - 2 points; and 3rd - 1 point.

Our young member of "82" is still going strong, and it is to him that we owe much of the credit for the two "Traders Cups", as he arranged all the donations, not without some expense to himself. "Jeff", we thank you !

It is with gratitude to you other Clubs in the E.S.C.A. that we have a member of our club as Editor of this "Mag". Considering we are young u'ns to the game, it is gratifying to think you old timers have such confidence in us, or have you? But still, you will have probably changed your minds by the time you have read this edition through. AH WELL !!! we can take it.

M.W.

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THE HASTINGS WARRIOR CYCLING CLUB

Hello again ! from the Warriors, as fine a body of unfit social season cyclists as you'd meet in a day's ride.

Sprints and Tubs have long since been stored away, alarm clocks at 4.30 a.m. are just an unpleasant memory, and one or two "fast" men have even fitted mudguards to their irons.

Social activities are of course well to the fore, the club's next promotion being a whist drive, while plans for the "New Year" include a social and dance or two, and the SECOND annual dinner and prize presentation. We hope some of you will be there. The Warriors enjoyed themselves as much as anyone at the recent E.S.C.A. Luncheon, where they had the dubious honour of having one of their members cross-toasted by "Roy Humphreys".

Some few weeks earlier, three members spent an enjoyable evening at the "Royal Tunbridge Wells Albion" dinner, where they emptied a few bottles, won some prizes, and somehow came through unscathed from those gentle games organiser by YOU KNOW WHO.

Then there are the private social activities, of individual members. At least, they think they are private, but my spies are everywhere, and can tell you of a well-known trackman who CARDIFF, (not by cycle), and of another trackman who wears his best suite every day, and has been seen brushing his hair. AH WELL !

However, enough of the fun & games, and back to the serious business of turning those pedals. The late racing season ended with the Warriors looking back on a mixed bag in the way of performances and luck. On the track Ivan Buckland continued to carry the flag at Preston Park and elsewhere, while 16 year old George Smith showed steady improvement in his first track season. These two riders with the discovery of the season Brian Moore also did well at grass track events. On the road the club did not come into the B.A.R. picture as none were attracted by the "pleasures" of 12-hour riding. Messrs. Smith and Moore did well in short-distance events, with 25-minute "10's" and I point 24 minutes to their credit, Moore's 1. 4. 6. giving him the "25" championship cup for a year. The new 50-mile trophy, donated by Mr. Frank Rix was won by Mr. DENNIS NEEVES, who hates going all the way round stationary vehicles (he tries to go straight through), and is now trying to popularise the use of "100" fixed for the Eastbourne-Hastings run.

The Open Sports Meeting at the Central ground in August was as always superbly organised by George Jenkins; but the combination

of atrocious weather, football at the Pilot field and a Conservative Fete proved too much, and red ink had to be used in the accounts for the second year running. This will probably be the last "Open".

Well ! That was all three months and more ago, and next season is still two months off, but many miles are still being logged and "parcelled" now and again.

Though interest in club runs is far from 100%, every Sunday sees a small band of enthusiasts enjoying its 80 to 90 miles' run, and tea round the fire in some snug cafe.

Some of you have met them up the "Road" before, and no doubt will be seeing them again.

And so before the Editor gets busy with the scissors, the "WARRIORS" will say "Au Revoir".

All the best, and good riding in the New Year.

Warrior.

Did you hear about the new Club girl, who thought that a "Bottom Bracket" was a slang term for a saddle ?

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UP AT FIVE, FOR A TWENTY-FIVE

My minute man has just shoved off,
His back tyre looks pretty soft !
Sixty seconds, and I'm away,
Looks like being fast to-day.

Number thirty, half a minute to go,
Wonder if he HAD a slow,
He screwed me, last time trial,
I'll wipe that grin off his dial.

5-4-3-2-1, away I go,
Who's behind me ? I don't know,
Doesn't matter, don't care a damn,
Main thing is to screw my man.

Ah ! there he is, way up the straight,
He's looking round, "I'm coming mate".
Watch the road at the round-about,
Bet it's slippery, without a doubt.

"Yes mate !", I'm not far behind,
Blast this Dicker, blinking grind.
Here's old Tom, walking back,
'Said his chain was very slack.

Swing out and dodge that glass,
Bloke behind, coming fast.
Dig in, son ! Make up that loss,
Be easier, when past Golden Cross.

Where is he ? Can't see him now,
Probably will, up on the brow.
Yes ! That's him, he's drawing away,
This can't be my lucky day.

It's easy going round this bend,
Bet they're all away, t'other end.
There he is, slogging hard,
I've made up about a hundred yard.

Here's that bloke from up behind.
He holds the record, I don't mind.
Good luck to him, I say,
He's younger than me, anyway.

Slowly round East Hoathly bend,
One skid here would be the end.
Coo! There he is honking hard:
This is where I screw you, Pard.

He's seen me coming, and dropped his head.
If he hits that car, he'll be in bed.
Another passed me, don't give a darn,
I'll screw my bloke before the turn.

Up out the saddle, sprint like mad,
I've passed him! Crikey, he looks bad.
Better hold it for a while.
Another one up, quarter mile.

Ah! Now I can see the turn.
This is for what I always yearn.
Show up here as round I go,
Hit the ground with my blinking toe.

Now for a bash, it's easier back,
Blimey! I've caught old Jack.
Surely, he's not beginning to slip.
No, he's slowing, broken clip.

Round the bends and up the straights.
Try for the team, with my mates.
Down through Halland and the "Cross".
I must beat last time, if poss.

Over the Dicker and round the "Ship",
Through Horsebridge, to finish I nip.
By the pole stands old Fred,
See the shine on his bald head.

A final burst over the line,
Not bad at all, I feel fine.
I turn about and trundle back,
Grab my clothes and have a snack.

They say my time is 1-8-11.
Not bad, I s'pose, at 37.
Ought to know better, at my age,
Ah well! Turn over the page.

NEVERWIN.

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CENTRAL SUSSEX C. C.

On December 4th the Club held its Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation. The venue was the "Pilgrim", Haywards Heath, at which 85 members attended, including members of the Heath C.C., Southern Wheelers, Uckfield and District C.C., East Grinstead C.C., and Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C., also Roy Humphrey, C.F. Turner, Harold Breden (S.C.A. Handicapper) and J. Randall the S.C.A. Best All-Rounder, 1952.

The club champion for 1952 was A.R. (Tony) Honess, with an average speed over 25, 50, 100 & 12 hours of 21,686 m.p.h. Tony was the winner of six of the club trophies.

The lady of the evening was Sheila White, who at the Albert Hall the previous month received from Eileen Sheridan her medal for third place in the National Championship 25, her time being 1. 5.45. We wish her every success in 1953.

The evening was wound up by games and dancing organised by Mr. Joe Field and his party.

On January 3rd a party travelled by road to attend the Claud Butler "DO" at the Clapham Manor Baths, the principal attraction being Ted Heath and his Music, dancing, etc., was enjoyed by everybody.

Well, that is all for now, so all the best of luck for 1953 and the coming season.

D. GOODFELLOW

UCKFIELD & DISTRICT CYCLING CLUB

Well, our 21st year has come and gone - by the time this is in print I suppose we shall have wound up with the Dinner; at the moment of writing we are waiting for replies to the 200-odd invitations sent out by Reg. to members past and present. Trying to contact chaps and girls who were members in the early 30's has been a task worthy of the great Holmes himself (the girls are the worst to trace, most of 'em have married and hence changed their names!). If any old member reads this and finds that he was left out, helieve me it was quite inadvertently.

1952 has certainly been a year to remember - the outstanding feature, of course, has been the success of the road team with 9 first awards to their credit, apart from numerous individual successes, and 7 club records broken during the season. Club members now hold 5 E.S.C.A. records, at 25, 50, 100 miles and 12 hours, and the 30 miles tandem. Well, I mustn't dwell on this aspect, or I shall be accused of having a swollen head, but it's very gratifying to an "old un" who used to struggle round in about 1-10 in the early days of the Association.

While the lads have been collecting laurels "Pedlar" and his merry crew have quietly been notching the miles up on club runs - total on official runs for the year was over 3,500 - with the average attendance per run the best yet. Sunday runs are the backbone of club life, but they don't usually receive the publicity they deserve as there probably isn't a lot to write about as far as the average day trip is concerned, however much the riders taking part enjoy themselves. With George as Runs Captain the Runs Programme has definitely been re-established as a cardinal feature of the club's activities - more power to the elbow!

The last fling of 1952 was the Christmas Eve supper at the "Star", where we were joined by four stalwarts in the persons of Gnr. Pearson, Aircraftsmen Webb and Shrapnel, and Pte. Pearce (nominal rolls are a change from start sheets), aren't they, chaps!). It was very noticeable how fat they're all getting. Obviously the Army's not what it was in my young days.

UCKFIELD & DISTRICT CYCLING CLUB (Continued).

So - forward to 1953, with all best wishes from us here at Uckfield (not forgetting the District!) to our friends in the Association, to cyclists everywhere, and especially to our own lads away "O.H.M.S." - We'll be seeing you!

"The Prof."

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THE ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS ALBION CYCLING CLUB.

Since our Dinner on December 1st, our most successful junior member, A. Padley, has gone to "do time" - no! not in the local jail, but in H.M. Forces. During the past season he has broken all Club records except the Hill Climb. He also had a very good track season.

Still yet another two of our juniors have been called to serve in the Forces, "Tony" is one of them who has given Padley a good run for the past season.

Our last member to go was "Timber" Wood, who has not been very successful in racing, but not for the lack of trying. He has proved himself a very good club member.

We have no marriages to report, but two engagements over the Christmas. Ron Rogers, younger brother of "Jack", got himself engaged to "Joy" of Brighton, and so making our trips to the "Park" more important, perhaps not for Ron's track outlook.

And the other was that person commonly known as "Acker" who was engaged to Barbara, the little girl who makes Jack Rogers a very good seat for the Brighton trips. The general feeling is that "Acker" won't get up them hills in future.

The "Albion" wishes all the best to the other Clubs for the coming season.

Forthcoming Track Meetings

1953		
April 6th	Brighton Stanley Wanderers.	Preston Park.
May 25th	Sussex Cycle Racing League.	" "
June 13th	Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C.	Princes "
June 27th	Uckfield & District C.C.	Uckfield.
July 4th	East Sussex C.A.	Princes Park, Eastbourne.
July 10th	Hastings Warrior C.C.	
July 11th	East Sussex Police Sports.	Haywards Heath.
August 1st	Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C.	Princes Park, Eastbourne.
August 3rd	Rye Sports Day, The Salts, Rye.	
August 3rd	Brighton Stanley Wanderers.	Preston Park.

Note: All the above Meetings are Open, with the exception of August 1st at Eastbourne, which is an East Sussex confined meeting.

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