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### EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

How times have changed. Six months ago we were leading (journalistically speaking) a carefree, irresponsible life. Safely hidden behind the non-de-plume 'WARRIOR' we wrote reams of drivel, and gaily took literary pot-shots at Prof. Edwards and other favourite targets. Now those happy days are, alas, gone; and for our sins we find ourselves in the editorial chair wearing out our patience and stock of blue pencils on the ravings of others. Looking through the club notes we find that the shafts so often directed at D. Neeves are conspicuously absent: in fact, the opening paragraphs of the Uckfield and Eastbourne contributions are couched in terms of abject servility. Be warned, gentlemen; these tactics will not save you; past indiscretions are not lived down so easily. However, thanks for your support Prof, Landrover, Pop and C.R.S., though we hope that too many people don't come to share the latter's written opinion re the worth of most of the contents of BONK. Your editor and Arthur Linington will be out of work if they do.

Finally, to all readers, whether racing men or tourists, I'll say ----- best of luck and good riding.

Yours in Sport,

D. N.

TIME TRIALS RESULTS

12 Miles Hardriders

1st: D. de Grey

Eastbourne Rovers C & AC 33.45. (Course Record).

Team:

Eastbourne Rovers C & AC 1.43.13. ( do. ).

25 Miles 72" Gear

1st: D. de Grey

Eastbourne Rovers C & AC 1. 4.45. (Course Record).

Team:

Eastbourne Rovers C & AC 3.20.33.

25 Miles

1st: R.B. Siggs

Uckfield & District CC 1. 2. 4.

Team:

Uckfield & District CC 3. 8.46.

50 Miles

1st: D. de Grey

Eastbourne Rovers C & AC 2. 6.27.

Team:

Uckfield & District CC 6.39.37.

LADIES

10 Miles

1st: P. Novis

Eastbourne Rovers C & AC 29. 5.

Team:

Eastbourne Rovers C & AC 1. 0.22.

10 Miles

1st: B. Atkins

Central Sussex C.C. 27.52.

Team:

Eastbourne Rovers C & AC 59.59.

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 Entries for the Ladies and Gents 25 Miles on June 24th should be sent to R. Eldridge, "Red Tiles", Cornwall Avenue, Peacehaven, Newhaven, Sussex.  
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The Time-Trials Secretary of Eastbourne Rovers C & AC would like it to be known that the point which the club was asked to marshal in the recent ESCA '50' was fully covered throughout the event. He regrets the lack of a marshal at Polegate junction, but cannot accept responsibility therefor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS ROAD CLUB.

Once more contact is made with civilisation by the border club in the mountains of the north, having missed the last edition due to arctic conditions cutting off all communications (A likely story - Ed.).

Now that the summer months are approaching, the racing season is getting into full swing, with long-distance events already upon us. Our four stalwarts, Sheila, Phil, John and Dave, have once again upheld the club's name in the sphere of Association events; their performances having been well up to their usual standard with the hope of greater feats in the future. A little racing news that doesn't usually get far abroad :- Dave rode in the Wheelers Hilly '50' held on the Tonbridge-Hastings road, (the Wheelers being the Southborough and District Wheelers, our local rivals), and recorded fastest time of 2-22-4, after being caught and dropped by his minute man within seven miles. In a local evening '10' all our riders recorded personal bests. Sheila won the ladies race in 28-41 and proved herself fastest girl in the area. John clocked 24-48 for third fastest time and to complete the evening Dave finished with 23-52 to take six seconds off the three year old course record. But beware - a name to remember for the future - Roy Martin, a 15 year old schoolboy recorded 26-19 in his first event; an excellent achievement.

Latest news of our Forces members is that 'Mazey' Berry is at Llandwrog in N. Wales, but without cycle as he can't afford mountain-climbing equipment. Michael Patten is 'square-bashing' at Bridgnorth. Norman Rout has done one week's service so far, and managed a long week-end at Whitsun; while Ron Chantler is at the moment on leave from a life of luxury in Germany with the Medical Corps.

Social life keeps well to the fore; the club night being well supported despite invaders from Uckfield. The warmer weather seems to call for an earlier departure 'up the road' - evidently serious training has already started in preparation for the coming social season ..... well, it's only five months to go, now.

Roll on the club dinners,

Yours in Sport,

'POP'

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## PEN PORTRAITS - No. 1.

Bluff, pipe-smoking, forty-nine year old Frederick Roy Humphrey, was one of the founders of the East Sussex Cycling Association in 1946. Since then he has held office continuously in spite of a series of personal scandals beside which Dalton's Budget leak, Shirwell and the Fuel Crisis and the Horatio Bottomley share swindles were mere storms in a teacup. During his decade in power there has been disclosure after shocking disclosure of the malpractices hidden behind the facade of Humphrey, the genial 'Mr. E.S.C.A.': yet at each A.G.M. the delegates, mesmerised by the spell-binding oratory of his annual report, have fallen over themselves to re-elect him secretary, racing secretary, and (folly of follies) treasurer.

Having been foiled in his attempt to spread plagues among local racing men he next attempted to bring Sussex Centre N.C.U. mass-starts under Communist domination, and was later found to be transferring riders from one club to another without their knowledge. Besides these activities he has found time to compete in time-trials and to compile the dreaded Black Book of cross-toasts which has caused so many strong men to stumble fearful and trembling to their club dinners.

Like all villains, however, Humphrey is a coward at heart. When he deserted from the hard-pressed forces of batchelordom he conducted his courtship in a remote West Country hide-out, was married in the same place and spent his honeymoon at a secret address. Has matrimony subdued the ebullient Roy? The answer to this question may be found in this report from our correspondent HYAM BONKEDUP: "At the finish of the Association '50'", writes Hyam, "I had been there for fully twenty minutes, before discovering that Roy Humphrey was among those present".

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## THE AUTUMN EDITION !!!!!

Closing date for contributions to the Autumn Edition will be AUGUST 22nd. Like my predecessors, I will now plead with press secretaries to get their stuff to me on time. I know that writing club notes is a thankless job, I've done it myself so I can sympathise; but remember that the editor gets the blame if the mag isn't got out promptly. Do your best, chums; there won't be a Bank Holiday just before the next deadline day.

## UCKFIELD & DISTRICT CYCLING CLUB.

Greetings all, from your scribe burning the midnight oil (literally) in a desperate attempt to get this done in time to appease the Editor's wrath. And to think that I used to be able to say what I thought about the blighter without fear or favour, and now I have to say what a jolly good chap he is, to avoid having these pearls of wisdom consigned to the Editorial dustbin by way of revenge (or does he use rejected "copy" for wrapping rock?). (Certainly not! - Ed.).

Well the racing season is now well under way - a rough count shows fourteen road events under the Farmers' wheels to date - and the boys are doing very nicely, thank you. Star short-distance man Roy cut down on his football to find form earlier than usual this season, his score to date including five individual wins, including the club 25-miles championship for the second year in succession and the H.R. Stevenson Trophy, apart from a couple of association events and laying his medium-gear bogy into the bargain. Cedric, apart from excellent early-season short-distance form has already given us a foretaste of things to come with a "100", which in spite of a puncture, was almost as fast as his winning time in the Sussex championship last July, and has carried off the club 50 championship by a comfortable margin. Geoff and Ken have aided and abetted in several team wins, the most noteworthy of course being the regaining of the Sussex Team Championship after a terrific ding-dong with Eastbourne, resulting in the closest verdict in the history of the event (and that goes back to '21, mes enfants). The boys really pulled out all the stops in this event (and needed to) but the issue was in doubt right up to the last minute, your scribe nearly going round the bend doing feverish mental calculations and incidentally stopping "Cycling's" photographer from getting a picture of the Vicar in full career. Well, the silly man should have shouted louder. Webby distinguished himself by returning fastest time in the "B" section, but the real sensation was caused by Reg Adams, who screwed down nearly two-thirds of the field in only his second ride.

Colin Westgate gave everyone just as big a shock in the ensuing individual championship with an outstanding handicap win, a personal best and a club standard, while Geoff and Spindle have also had well-earned handicap crusts in the E.S.C.A. 25 and 50 respectively. Peter had the awful luck to go off course in the S.C.A. event, never mind, Pete, there's always next time and I bet you don't go off course on G.41 again.

## Uckfield & District C.C. (continued).

Don has made a welcome return to the game, and is really getting down to it now his T.A. camp is over. Doug has hardly been able to give his undivided attention to racing so far this season, but now that he has definitely put himself out of the sidecar class we hope we shall see more of him again. Johnny Watt's trailer was nearly bursting with three aboard, so how you cope with four I don't know! Anyway, congratulations, Doug and Marjorie, on the arrival of baby Diane. And talking about sidecars and so forth, when are you going to bring the family out, Eric? Linda's made a good start getting the miles in this season (at Dad's expense) and I can assure you thoroughly enjoys it. So does Phyl, riding solo and watching her old man propel the "chair"!

Back to racing, and before we leave the road game, a word for our youngest rider, Ken Achard, first man off in the first event of the season (on a borrowed trike, since his own iron wasn't ready) and I believe at 13 the youngest member we've ever had complete a "25". And don't think you others that I haven't mentioned are forgotten, as you'll find out when you're told your handicaps for the next club event. So keep quiet.

Thanks to some fine spadework by several of the committee the runs programme has continued to function smoothly, with attendances showing a steady increase. And let the dismal jimmies who were loudest in their criticism of the racing boys, who they said indulged in their racing to the detriment of all else in the club programme, take note of who attend the runs and the club-room. Oh, I forgot, you can't, never being there to see.

What a pleasure it was to see so many old-timers - not to mention a fair sprinkling of future cyclists - together with us at tea on the Founder's Day Run. "Boss" and Mrs. Eves put on a most enjoyable programme, Thelma and Charles excelled themselves in coping with the record influx, and the result was a most memorable occasion.

And now to the bods who're away in the Forces. At the time of writing Reg is down to a week to go, but by the time this is in print he'll be Mr. Trott once again (and paying for his mag. instead of getting it buckshee). John is still at Laindon, and manages to get home quite frequently at week-ends, though duties during the week leave little scope for serious training.

However, we gather that he's joining forces with Arthur for a dabble in the Tandem 30, which we are assured will be treated strictly as a social occasion. Welcome to Ken (Lofty) Savage - we now have four "Kens" and it's quite a game sorting them out - in the R.A.F. at West Malling, who's recently joined us after moving his home from Kingston. Ken has survived a couple of outings with the club already, and if he can stand that he can stand anything. Rob writes cheerful letters from Cyprus (mostly about how to skive) but I'll be the first to admit I shouldn't want to be out there. Hope to see you back in Blighty soon, Rob. No news from Micky Siggs, he's been seen on odd occasions so is still surviving in spite of the C.S.M.

Well, you've met some of our new members in the foregoing paragraphs, here's a hearty welcome to a few more, some of them already well known to many of you, but - step forward and take a bow, Dennis-the-menace, Ken (Teddy) Short, Bert Setterfield (ex Norwood Paragon), "Berlie", our cheer-leader and char-walloper from Ringmer, and the Sid of all Sids, Sid Stoner (reverse lease-lend from the other side of the Scaynes Hill herring-pond).

No time for more now (Spindle will be very relieved to hear that, anyway. Our Lothario has been sweating on the top line in case his indiscretions are revealed in "Bonk", still, after the way he carries on I should think he's completely without shame). So, signing off with the usual cheerful cry -

The Best of British Luck to One and All,

THE PROF.

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## PROBLEM PAGE

Your letters answered by EVELYN GRANT.

### HIS WIFE LOVES ANOTHER MAN

I was married in 1939, and up till early this year my wife and I were ideally happy. My troubles started when a young man from a neighbouring town attached himself to our Sunday club runs. He is a dark haired, smooth type who wears a collar and tie with cycling clothes and combs his hair before tea; and my wife was soon attracted by his flattery and his expensive gifts of nut toffee and seaside rock. She has now fallen completely for him; and though I have pleaded with her to stop sitting beside him at tea, she just laughs. What can I do? .....

..... H.H. (Eastbourne).

This is a tragic example of how an unprincipled man can ruin a happy cycling partnership; but take heart H.H. I do not think this affair will last. Obviously your wife has been overwhelmed by this man's cheap flattery, so you must beat him at his own game. Give her unexpected little presents, such as a vase of flowers on her table at club tea. Give her back wheel when the wind is against you; tell her how attractive she looks in her shorts; it's these little things that mean so much to a woman. Follow this advice, be patient and I am sure that in time your wife will see that her admirer is a worthless cad and will cease to encourage him.

### COULD NOT WAIT

Owing to the late publication of your last edition I am very sorry to say that I had already joined the Tricycle Association before reading your reply.

..... Worried G.B. (Hastings).

My dear, if only you had waited to read my reply to your letter. Now through your weakness you will, I'm afraid, find yourself with an unwanted conversion set. All I can do now is to put you in touch with Saville's of Battersea, an organisation which may help you.

## PROBLEM PAGE (Continued).

### PURSUED BY AN OLDER MAN

When I ride from my home to Eastbourne and back every day on my motor scooter I am constantly followed by an elderly man on a racing bicycle. I am becoming very embarrassed by his attentions, but I do not know how to stop him pursuing me.

I would like your advice on how to discourage him, but I don't want to hurt his feelings as he looks quite nice.

..... BARBARA (Hastings).

Young girls are often found attractive by older men and my postbag is full of problems like yours. This man is obviously very active for his age and this, coupled with your opinion that he looks nice, makes me suggest the following plan :- Make his acquaintance by pretending a breakdown of your motor scooter, and then introduce him to an unmarried aunt or an older friend. In this way you will divert his attention to a woman of more suitable age, and, who knows, another happy marriage may result.

### IGNORANT OF THE FACTS

I am a girl of eighteen and am shortly going to have my first racing bicycle. I should be looking forward to the day I take delivery, but I am actually terrified because I am ignorant of the facts about derailleur gears. My mother knows little about the mechanical side of cycling and never tells me anything. Can you help me?

..... A.B. (East Grinstead).

Well, A.B. I must say that it's a terrible thing for a girl of your age to know nothing about derailleur gears, and you've left it very late before trying to learn the facts. I cannot, of course, help you on this page, but I am sending you the address of an organisation at Potter's Hill, Birmingham. If you write to them they will send you a booklet which will tell you all you need to know.

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The recent change in editorship of this esteemed journal puts me in a parlous position indeed, for having that high official "in the family", as it were, I feel the censorious blue pencil for ever poised to strike, should the reputation of he and his ilk - (a large animal of the antelope family) - be maligned. So, friends, with the editorial spectre of Neeves overhanging me, let me proceed on my expurgated way. (Half-inch space here for Editor's comment, please, Mr. Printer!). COWARD! - Ed.

Chief event of the racing season, so far as we are concerned, has been the recent needle match for the S.C.A. Team Championship, in which the Farmers screwed the City Slickers by a matter of seconds. What a fight, rivalled only by the nail-biting contest at the result board while the Prof and Land Rover did furious sums in mental arithmetic. Congratulations, anyway, Uckfield, but watch out next year!

Denzil you-know-who has been steaming around to good effect and seems to like East Sussex courses, having bagged the Hardriders 12, MG 25, and the May "50", the first two with event records. Fortune has not shone on him at Shoreham, however, where his recent sartorial innovations also met with mixed success. Denzil and Brian Moore are both "one-men" now and Whippet is slowly regaining his last-season's form. Dave Marsh, who is now stationed near Blackpool - (signed on for three years, the humorist) - has been getting fit with some Welsh under-the-hour blokes, and we were pleased to see him gain the S.C.A. Individual 25 Championship against keen opposition. Dave then led us to an individual and team victory in the Pompey 25 on Whit Sunday.

Post-race procedure these days usually consists of meeting on Ted's lawn - (a case of the lesser containing the greater) - whence run to sheltered spot and roast in sun till teatime. From which it can be gathered that long-distance ambitions are dormant, (literally), in our ranks at the moment. An exception was Whit Monday, when Alan Bourne and Mick Horner honoured us with their company and a series of tear-ups - (tears-up?) - but they, of course, are living in the past. Incidentally, one of the Whit Monday blinds was initiated by animateur-en-chef Stew Greenway, mounted on a motor-scooter, who led an "en-ligne" breakaway section, eight strong, out of Brighton at about 45 k.p.h. He out-grimiped us on Falmer Hill, however!

A recent club innovation has been the introduction of our own transport to open events - viz: George's car, a mellowed aristocrat, (the car, not George!), of the days when cars were cars. Equipped with every refinement which the Mind of Henty can devise, together with a capacious roofrack, this plush vehicle has now destroyed our last excuse for evading our weekly tussle with the watch.

This report has been a rush job as I have only just realised that entries closed yesterday, so if this doesn't appear you'll know that we've been rejected too late, too slow, or just plain illegible!

Good hunting.

"LAND-ROVER"

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HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS C. & A.C.

Hello all,

The racing season is now in full swing again, so here are the results of the club events held to date.

10 Miles (63" gear) Broadoak course :-

1. I. May, 27-9; 2. M. Carpenter, 27-12; 3. J. Southerden 29-7.

25 Miles.

1. M. Carpenter 1-5-54; M. Kenward 1-8-25; 3. J. Southerden. 1-8-59.

Rye-Hythe-Rye (April 22nd).

1. J. Southerden 1-58-45; 2. E. Coussens 2-21-55.

Maurice Carpenter clocked 1-54-50, but had forgotten to go round Hythe roundabout thereby cutting about three minutes from his probable time. (He's club Captain too! - Ed.).

15 Miles Junior Invitation.

1. M. Robins 42-47; 2. J. Holland 42-59; 3. D. Spooner 50-21.



Evening '10', May 9th, Broadoak course.

1. M. Carpenter (trike) 27-26; 2. J. Hollands 27-41;
3. J. Southerden (trike) 29-27.

Esther Rolleston rode a private trial in this event and clocked 29-23, while Arthur Coleman also competed on three wheels. (I can't find his time in these notes - Ed.).

Ian May having joined the forces he has had to give up racing, but I understand that this may be only temporary as he is believed to have some plans up his sleeve. The touring section is still thriving under club Captain Maurice Carpenter, with ever-increasing support for the runs. The all night run which was a great success last year has been repeated. Leaving St. Leonards at 7 p.m. on Whit-Saturday the ride was via Uckfield, Guildford, the Hog's Back and Farnham, reaching the breakfast venue at Arlford at 7.30 a.m. This was half an hour behind schedule owing to serious breakdowns before Uckfield the previous evening. After breakfast and a wash and brush up the riders left Arlford at 9-45 a.m. then continued the run through Petersfield, Midhurst, Petworth, Storrington, Clayton and Lewes to Ringmer where as usual on Bank Holiday Sunday members from various parts of South-East England met for tea.

Another recent run was to Old Romney church. In it's medieval tower hang three bells and on a beam above the bells can be seen the name P. Bliss carved thirty-two times, that is once for every year since 1934. The tower is now full of hay and straw, many birds nest there; and Percy always seems to come away with something to remind him of his visit.

At Whitsun we kept to the lanes to avoid the main road traffic and in doing so had some very narrow escapes from fast-moving cars and motor-cycles. I presume that it was all part of the plan to 'Keep the traffic moving' and to use our lanes as alternative routes. The organisations behind the scheme don't seem to realise the danger of speeding through narrow Sussex lanes at 40 m.p.h. I conclude that in future roads on Bank Holidays will be no place for cyclists and not much of a place for motorists either.

Now for engagements and marriages :- Congratulations R and C, we wish you all the best ... oh, and don't forget to arrange the wedding on a fine day. The club would also like to wish Roy and his wife all the very best. The way things are going there soon won't be many left to do as they like. We now have an additional vice-captain in Alan Oliver, who serves the club very well although he now lives at Maidstone.

# CYPRUS CAPERS

Rob Harrison describes the delights of Army life in the outposts of Empire - on arrival at Famagusta "the organisation for disembarking was marvellous. Orders read - The ship will reach Famagusta at 0600 hours (which strange to say it did) - reveille 0300 hours - B Sqdn. disembark at 0630 hours into landing craft and will then be loaded into trucks when they reach shore. The trucks will leave for Limassol at 0800 hours. THIS is what did happen. Reveille was at 0300 hours all right. The first landing barge arrived at 1040 and then gave up the ghost, they at last got it going at 11.45 and when we did reach shore nobody knew where the trucks were. They at last found them outside a cafe and at about 1.30 we were away. We reached camp at 4 o'clock and the first thing they told us was that we were out on patrol at 0330 the next morning . . . . .

"On Friday morning I had a bit of a sore throat so I thought it was time I went sick again, landing up in the Army hospital at Polomedia, with luck I should be here about two weeks . . . . .

"(Sunday) . . . . . Ah well, life is fine once again, a nice little blonde nurse to wake me up every morning. Good food and a wireless set. Cups of tea about eight times a day. The only thing is that we get a lot of horrible medicine to take, it's not them giving me the medicine I dislike, it's having to keep getting out of bed and pouring the stuff down the sink when nobody's looking.

"When one of my mates came to visit me yesterday he saw how many nurses there were and how comfortable it was. He told the boys and there were about 12 on sick parade this morning, so I'm told . . . . ."

Well, readers, it's obvious that Rob still has the spirit that makes a time-trialist force a grin when he's taking a packet; and that it's helping him to get a laugh out of what we all know is a very unfunny situation. Thank's a lot for your contribution, Rob, and here's hoping that the powers that be will soon get things sorted out, so that you, ex-Warrior Roy Bicknell, and all your mates will be able to speedily say farewell to Cyprus. THE EDITOR.

The time is 8 p.m. on the 22nd of May. I have before me a dirty great sheet of paper - blank, which I've got to fill in in order to send a contribution to the Association mag; but what the hell I'm going to write about I don't know. However, on behalf of the Central Sussex C.C. I would like to welcome the new Editor, Dennis Neeves. We all know him as a great sportsman and of course a great speaker at club dinners as well (I understand there is a waiting list among clubs for him to visit and respond for the visitors). Anyway, we are pleased to have him as Editor, and think that it will benefit the magazine and the Association. (Thank you for those kind words, Reg, I'll do my best to live up to them - Ed.). I'd like to congratulate Geoff Willcocks, our late Editor, on his last issue of BONK. General opinion is that it was the best issue to date. I had a good roar of laughter myself, especially at the Horrorscope and the Problem Page; we would like to see this continue in some shape or form.

We are pleased to say (no doubt some of you will already know) that Association president Frank Leppard is now back in harness after his operation ... he will be riding his familiar bike round the courses again, soon. Frank has been missed by us all through his irability this year to bash round with the rest of the gang.

On Whit-Monday D. DALZIEL and P. LEPPARD tried their hands at track racing, and we were pleased to see that they stayed on their bikes - this must make quite a change for David. I think he is to foot a bill for damage to a wheel, due to trying to copy an 'Old Master' at back wheel jumping; needless to say, it didn't work. By the way, the 'Old Master' came unstuck on the way from Burwash by kicking the wheel. The 'tub' rolled off, jammed under the mudguard, smashed this to pieces, seized front and back wheels and slid to a stop on a nice alloy sprint rim. It's the first time I've seen a wheel with a 'flat' six inches long. I'm mentioning no names, but doubtless you will realise who we mean (U.D.C.C. classic rider).

We congratulate Denzil de Grey on his great riding. He got away to a fine start this season, and his 2-6-27 in the Association '50' was a really good ride. We wish him every success this year. (As for Stan Nash, he owes me a pint, blow a bloke who can't pay his racing debts). Brenda Cullip unfortunately is not racing this year, on doctor's advice, I believe, although she does ride her cycle to the clubroom on occasions. Tony Honess is also not racing owing to the fact that he works away from this area. This is a definite

pity as we were all looking forward to competitive riding from Tony, both on road and track. However, we hope he will soon make it. Don Cook and Colin Isted entered a beard-judging contest but were not placed ..... neither of them has yet decided to shave it off. Once again, Don took his tramp's outfit as well ..... can't think how he didn't get roped in by the local 'Gestapo' - it's certainly realistic enough.

Before I forget, please note that the club dinner will be on December 1st at the Hayworth Hotel, Haywards Heath. You have been warned ..... keep this date free. Yes, roll on the social season. It will be noticed after racing events that Cedric and I do 'Knees up Mother Brown' simply to keep in trim for when the dinners start again.

Well, cads and cadesses, I really can't think of much more to say. On behalf of the Central Sussex C.C. may I wish you all every success in your racing activities, and "Happy Holidays".

Be seeing you,

Amen.

THE VICAR.

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PEN PORTRAITS - No. 2.

Burly, pipe-smoking, forty-seven year old Stanley Ebenezer Nash is one of the oldest and certainly the most feared member of Eastbourne Rovers C., M-C., C. & A.C. He holds the offices of runs leader and time-trial secretary, from which positions of power he flogs his clubmates through fifty-two weeks per year of back-breaking toil. After eight months of time-trials the weary Rovers are forced to endure the even worse horrors of Nash's Winter Runs, which are of incredible length and severity. A man of deep cunning who once came out with the club on an Alpine geared machine, then quietly let the run up High and Over. Nash is also the evil genius behind such misguided youths as Denzil de Grey of "De Grey up front" infamy. When asked about his rumoured interest in an attractive blonde from Hastings Stanley replied: "As soon as her motor scooter breaks down I hope that Barbara and I will quickly become just good friends".

# HERE & THERE

The mag's new editor got off to a rather bad start with a series of snubs from high places. In the first place BONK was not asked to send a reporter to the Bulganin-Kruschev Press conference; then we sent Ron Russell to cover the Prince Rainier-Grace Kelly wedding, only to hear that he had been deported from Monaco. We therefore reluctantly conclude that neither Marshal Bulganin, Mr. Kruschev, Prince Rainier or Miss Kelly (can it be possible?) do not even ride bicycles.

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For different reasons, we suspect, BONK was not represented at that other famous wedding. To adapt a famous Willcocksian phrase: "You coward, Humphrey!" We will now be serious about this for the first and probably the last time. On behalf all East Sussex cyclists .... good health and good luck to you Dorothy and Roy. The same good wishes go to all the other local wheelfolk who have tied the knot this year, and don't forget if things go wrong, Evelyn Grant is on the staff to help you.

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The money which you contributed to the Roy Humphrey Memorial Fund was spent on the gift of a bureau for the happy pair. A few months of married life should see this piece of furniture crammed with start sheets, handicap lists, old inner tubes and copies of La Vie Parisienne.

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We regret the absence of copy from the old firm of Willcocks and Russell. Rumour has it that the pair are at present in the Bastille at Lewes awaiting trial on charges of arson, bigamy, counterfeiting, high treason and allowing a dog to foul the foot-path.

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Talking of Lewes, who were the two Lewes cyclists seen climbing up a signpost at Halland to find the way home, after coming out of a nearby hostelry?

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## HERE & THERE (continued).

Time-trial entries took a nose-dive in the early events. Was it lessening interest or our old enemy the Cold N. Easterly air stream that did the damage? Now that warmer weather has come at last perhaps the numbers will increase. Come on chaps, have a go; even the Editor rode a '10' the other week - yes, and finished (that's for you, Siggo). It's pleasing to note the way the Uckfield and Eastbourne teams are "showing 'em" in open events between mighty battles on the Shoreham and Magham courses. Denzil de Grey is certainly in no danger of being labelled Taurus the Bull; while Roy Siggs is giving nothing away, and Best All Rounder Cedric Pearson is running nicely into form at the longer distances.

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A hearty welcome back to the open road to Association President Frank Leppard, after a long lay-off due to an operation. It will be like old times to see his cheerful grin coming over the crest of the Dicker again. Also glad to hear that George Palmer is out of hospital following an operation. Hope you'll soon be back in action Pedlar.

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The Tricycle Association gained yet another recruit last week - none other than our whiskery friend Windows. While driving a van full of Thorpe, Dutson and bikes, the near-side back wheel came off, somehow circumnavigated the van and shot past it on the off-side.

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Congratulations to popular Eastbourne rider Les Springett on his engagement to Valerie Collins, daughter of the Rovers' President. They plan to marry on Val's 21st birthday.

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A few days after Easter a postcard reached the Editor purporting to be from BONK's special correspondent in Bournemouth. It bore the cryptic message "Everything going according to plan", but as the mysterious sender had not signed his name, and in any case did not state what his plans were, we are none the wiser.

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Film fans should make a point of seeing a great cycling epic now on general release: "SADDLESORE HEROES" - stars Jose Southerden and Trevor Moorhouse - in the story of two riders who pedalled their flimsy machines from Hastings to Guildford, across country to Ashford, then back to base. Two hundred and five miles in a day my masters! Still honking, lads?

BY DAVE TURNER

DAVE TURNER has had more trouble with women than any other cyclist in the history of the E.S.C.A. He ruefully admits that a lot of it was deserved, but indignantly adds that a lot more was uninvited and undeserved. As the psychologists would say, Dave Turner is scandal-prone. Troubles with women just naturally come his way.

"Of all the wild women I have met", he says, "the craziest were the wild women of Hurstmonceux".

Read about -- the girls who shout Yoo-Hoo in the High Street.....  
the girl with a boy-friend for every day of the week....  
why Dave had tea at Boreham Street eight weeks running.

This is the most fascinating story ever to come from an Association club; it is written by a cyclist who has the courage to tell the truth about himself - and laugh it off.

The Wild Women of Hurstmonceux vividly and racily proves that life is a lark for Dave Turner.

DO NOT MISS HIS ARTICLE IN THE NEXT....

**BONK**

## STOP PRESS

With no date clashing this year the 18 machine entry for the Tandem 30 was a big improvement. Congratulations to R.T. & F.L. Powney, once again worthy winners; also to local boys Cedric and Griff, who nicked well to gain second place. The Kingston pair's 1-5-53 a first-class ride on a tough morning. The Touring competition won by N.D. Edwards (U), 2nd N.J. Barnes (U); tie for 3rd between T. Shrapnel and G. Boxall. S. Nash and R. Russell, R. Siggs and Sheila Adams went off course (together).

### 'OBITUARY'

Sundry members of all affiliated clubs will join surviving members of Lewes Wanderers in making June 23rd a day of mourning. On that day the club's celebrated former lady member, to wit, Maggie, gets hitched to of all creatures \* at Newhaven church. Our sympathy is extended in this sad loss. → N.B. Name of bridegroom lost in hurried 'phone conversation. Will find out who and send it on a post-card as soon as poss.

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