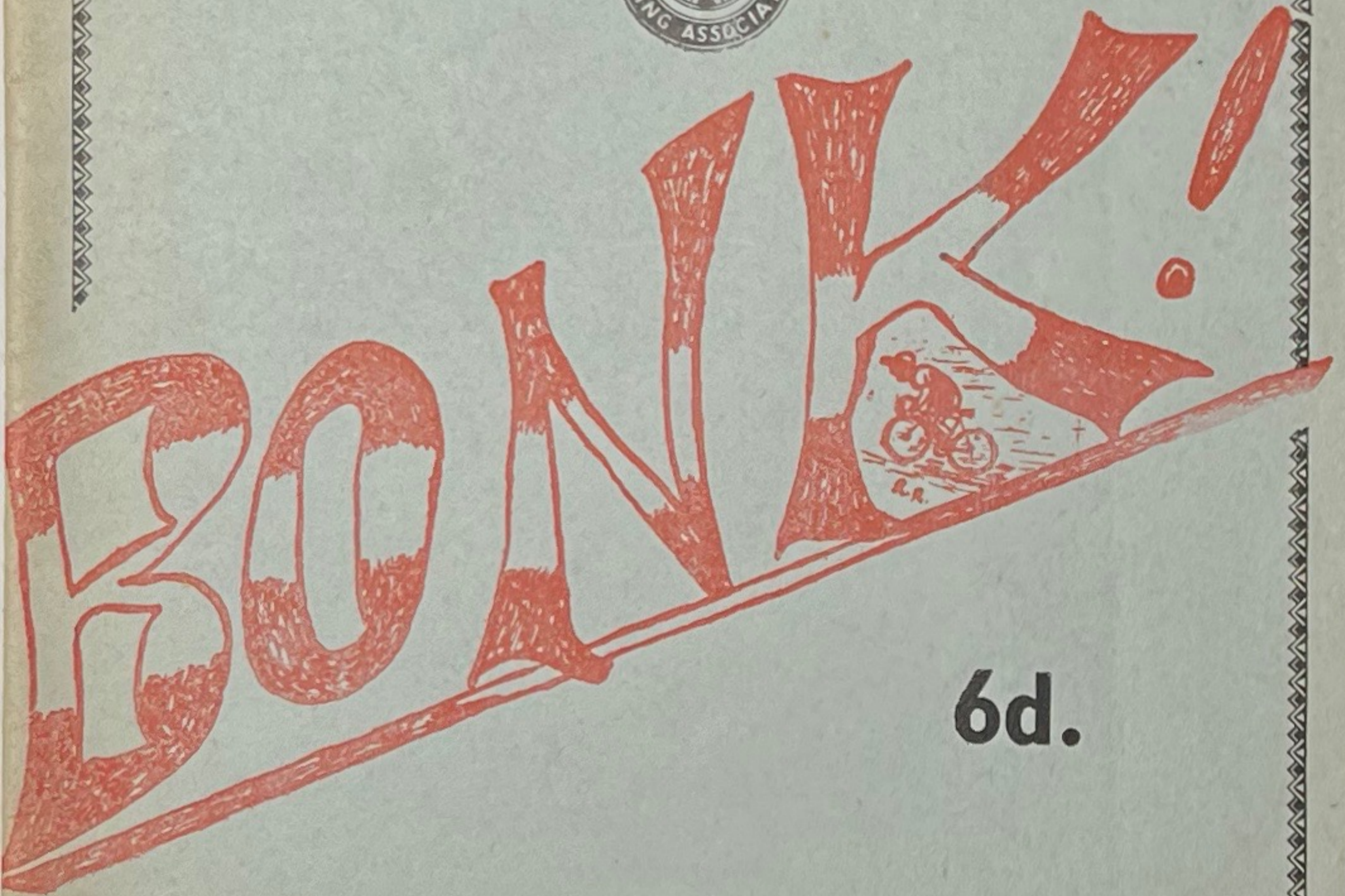


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EDITORIAL

This issue finds us with no weighty comments to pass on any subject; so those of you whose favourite reading matter is 'Gen from the Sec' will be able to reach page two without acquiring literary indigestion. However, before wishing all readers a good Summer's riding we would like to draw your attention to the letter on page eleven from the Chief Constable of East Sussex. It deals with a forthcoming Road Safety Campaign which should certainly have the attention of all club cyclists. The cyclist is a very vulnerable person, and with the roads becoming more and more crowded there is little margin for careless or selfish riding; so let's all resolve to have a Road Safety Campaign ALL the time, and so make things easier for all road users and the Police who control them, besides safeguarding our own lives and limbs.

A minor piece of history was made on Sunday, June 8th, when the first Association road race was run on a circuit round Hellingly. We feel that this promotion could be called a success, and in spite of traffic lights on the course and a pile-up in the last lap, most of the competitors seemed to enjoy the race. Many of them were trying the bunched game for the first time, and we think that many of them will be keen to have another go. All in all it seems to us that this type of event, with an early start and a medium sized field is the way in which clubmen can enjoy the colour and excitement of mass-start racing without interfering with normal road traffic.

D.N.

"GEN" from the Secretary.

Once again the time has arrived to write a few notes for this edition of our Magazine. Whether or not you ever read them depends on our Editor as they are already four days overdue.

First, on behalf of the Association, I would like to extend to Mrs. Neeves and her family our sympathy in the loss they have recently suffered in the death of Mr. Neeves. Another very familiar face that is well known to those of us who have been to Rye for the August Monday Sports Day, namely Miss Blackman, passed away recently after a long illness. Miss Blackman has been the Secretary of the Sports Day Committee for a number of years. To her family we extend our sympathy.

Quite good support has been forthcoming in the way of entries for the time trials, but the times have been slower in comparison with past years, due to a large extent to the very cold mornings. Competition for the team awards has been very keen, with East Grinstead running Uckfield to within 18 seconds in the 50 miles earlier this month.

By the time you read these notes the first Road Race to be promoted by the Association will have taken place, with a field of nearly thirty riders. From the entries it appears that the main interest will be in the team race.

Once again, the August Monday Sports Meeting is being held at Rye, with the usual two E.S.C.A. Championships included in the programme of events, namely the 440 and 1,000 yards, besides a full supporting programme.

It has been found impossible to run the Clubmans Touring Competition on the date approved at the last Committee Meeting, due to the lack of marshals on that date owing to holidays. It will now be held on Sunday, 14th September, starting from Magham Down at 11 a.m.

A change of venue for the Annual Luncheon on November 30th has been agreed. It will now take place at the Hayworthe Hotel, Haywards Heath, after being held at Hastings for quite a number of years.

In conclusion, I would appeal to all clubs to let be have the names of persons who are available to assist with the marshalling and feeding for the Association 12 hours early in August.

R.H.

UCKFIELD AND DISTRICT CYCLING CLUB.

The last time I "did the stuff for BONK" was exactly one day before the start of the racing season, and here we are with Whitsun on top of us (gone by the time you read this). Despite rain and cold, things got off to a flying start, with Simon winning the 10, and next week, with sunny weather, but still cold enough for the Prof' fur collar, found Spindle joining Grand-dads Pearson and Griffiths for a two-minute team win in the Hardriders. On the way home that evening Reg found a hole in the road which bent his bike (and dial) more than somewhat, so the medium gear found him well below par, apart from missing the Caterham dinner at which he was to have been guest of honour. Ced. and Griff had a new third man in the M.G., Tony pushing Spin out, while the same day the Newick contingent made up their own private team for the "Counties" event. The first Sussex 25 - marred by wind and cold - Griff took second place and led the team to their third successive win, while Simon took first handicap in the longmarkers. Spin was a convincing winner of the 25 championship, with Roy making a welcome return and Ced. turning in a 1-8 for his first attempt on a barrow. Meanwhile John had his first outing with third place in the Solent 25 and Griff was down to a short "4" in the same event. Easter week-end was chiefly remarkable for the number of non-starters in the Vectis 25, but we are assured that a "good time was had by all". Griff and Horace sorted out the London Group "Vets" event, and John was way ahead of the field in the first unrestricted gear E.S.C.A. 25, with Spin second and Cedric weighing in for a nine-minute team lead. The next week the "terrible twins" (vide "Cycle Sport") repeated their success in the V.T.T.A. Surrey and Sussex Group 25, while Ced took to the hills only to puncture. The individual championship 25 provided plenty of excitement, with Gerry Atterbury - a worthy champion - successfully defending his title against a very strong challenge from John and Dave, and a dozen riders inside a "six". Griff as usual was well up, and Reg and Bob Hedger also figured in the awards list. The E.S.C.A. 50 was a clear win for Reg by nearly three minutes on a hard day which sorted out quite a few people, the team result, with Cedric punctured and out of the running, was a near thing, in spite of Spin's improvement, but Os weighed in with a first-time 2-19 to give us an 18-second margin, while Tony's and Pete's first 50's on a difficult day were also very creditable.

With several riders of about the same potential it was quite a difficult job to decide on who should represent the club in the Team Championship, and I must say those who had to stand down rose to the occasion nobly, either in the "B" team, marshalling, or providing

Uckfield & District Cycling Club (continued).

moral support on the line. The result - most gratifying - the first "hat-trick" for twenty years, a three minute beating of the 1956 record, and the "B" team into the bargain. And now I must leave the racing scene to remind you that there are other things, theoretically less strenuous, but judging by what one hears on occasions, in actual fact a darned sight more hectic. Be that as it may, a runs programme is published every month, and more or less adhered to. Os still leads the competition, with 100% attendance, and Simon a mere couple of points behind, so I imagine there won't be much of a let-up. The Prof, alas that he should have to confess it, is well down the list, pleading the burdens of home and family, but did essay one sunny afternoon to sally forth complete with nipper on kiddie-seat, having flogged sidecar. This meant Phyl taking the saddlebag, but as the need for a bag-support had been overlooked Phyl now wants a new rear mudguard. The Prof finished up with the Saddlebag on his handlebars so he was no better off anyway.

To wind up with, I have a special treat for you, a few words from the gifted pen of that well-known writer on cycling matters - yes, you've guessed it - "Up the Kerb with Achard" hold your hats on !

THE PROF.

Salutations to one and all. Events with the Farmers have been moving quickly these past few weeks, and so have some of the Farmers! (alas, not I). I have been informed that some of the keener members of our fraternity are changing status - Spin now leads a domineering team riding bicycle races sponsored by Bert's Candy Floss whilst others are considering contracts with Pink Fred Bicycles, Ltd., so beware, your amateur status is at stake. The affiliation to the League seems to have had devastating effects and gears are now the trend with races known as club runs held under B.L.R.C. rules. "In the Trough with Achard" is now on general release (any offers for serialisation, Mr. Editor?). Beware the Greater Striped Clipsham!! This rare species of humanuscyclomaniac cum hossus is worth seeing, and a picture of same can be seen in the above publication. My special investigators tell me that Pronks, Gonks and Twonks may be seen in profusion stirring up wild groups of Dicker-bashers belonging to the Boreham Street Velo Training Club on Wednesday evenings. And incidentally what's this about the Framfield Road Teddy-boy gang over on the Isle of Wight? If any reader who has stuck this twaddle up to here should venture to Speldhurst let me warn him not to read the S.D.W. notice board. It bears the fatal inscription "Beware the dreaded Grippe". This disease can cause great discomfort going up hills after Mrs. Chambers' delicious repast. With that, I hope for your sakes you don't, but just in case you do, I'll see you up the road, and the best of flaming red and white abdabdical luck.

EASTBOURNE ROVERS CYCLING & ATHLETIC CLUB
CYCLING SECTION.

Greetings from the Bourne ! Anyone here seen Suntrapper ? We certainly need his services these days and I'm not necessarily referring to literary efforts !

Our Road Race on the Battle Circuit duly took place and the organisation was I think appreciated by all the riders - (take a bow, Stew !). Friend Tony from the Spartans was largely responsible for the interest from the spectators' point of view and it was a pity that he and Chittleborough, who went with him on the break, mistakenly sprinted the line with one lap to go, eased off, and lost some of their advantage. However, Tony was still there at the finish and claimed a well-merited fourth place.

A week earlier the boys had nearly made it a 1-2 for ESCA down at the Sussex Team Championship, when Worthing pipped us for second place by the odd seconds. Denzil did a short "2" on 84, and Steve and Mick Horner both did "5's". Opera did a short "9", not bad considering that a short time ago he was a pitiful sight going about with his jaw in crutches, existing on a staple diet of milk and soup. Well done, Opera, it shows what keenness and National Health Guinness can do !

Mick, by the way, has been doing some racing for his University Club and recently gained second place in the inter-University Massed Start Championships. I knew those Wednesday evening Boreham Street - Amberstone sessions were leading up to something ! Personally I find undiluted agony and death, the only compensation being to watch the panic-stricken manoeuvres of the inhabitants of Herstmonceux in attempting to avoid the entourage as it sweeps through !

Other eventide amusements are the Evening 10's being held at fortnightly intervals on the Marshes. Only one has been held at the time of writing, Steve winning with a "24". A big advantage here is our own private cafe, courtesy of Arthur and Mrs. Cheshire, strategically situate 50 yards past the finish. If anyone feels lonely, alternate Tuesdays will find us there in strength, and you don't have to race 10 miles to use the catering facilities ! Nevertheless anyone wanting to try out our course, (record 23-50), is very welcome to do so.

Eastbourne Rovers Cycling & Athletic Club, Cycling Section.

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is very welcome to do so.

Now summer is, or should be, in, thoughts turn to touring topics. Ted Durrant has in fact had a week in Cornwall already, and the two Johns, Bruce and Keith Scott are planning a July sortie to the land of heather and haggis. They have taken note that the wild haggi are apt to be a little uncertain at that time of year, and Bruce, always the practical member of the party, is taking a correspondence course in haggis-charming. He has a "Worthy" bag-pipe-carrier on order, so they will be setting out well-equipped!

Our competition rollers are going into action again when we are putting on a show at the Eastbourne Carnival Fete on June 28th. We hope a goodly number of you cycling types will turn up (advt.). There may be other things to see too!

On which note of festive optimism, May I bid you a very good day on behalf of all Rovers, or, as the French say, "Vous l'avez eu!"

LAND ROVER.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS ROAD CLUB.

'BONK'! The brick has just dropped, and I am detailed to get some news in print, or else (late again Mr. Editor). We are getting some results in first. Our boys have been riding in all the ESCA events without getting in the first three. The KCA saw Doug Wright on Q.52. This brings me to the "open" promoted by Southborough and District Whs., a hilly 42 mile time-trial. Dave carried the club colours in fine style to win by several minutes, his first "open" success on the road, to add to his many club and Association wins. The "beardless" Cedric was going well in second place when he unfortunately punctured. Let me mention the excellent organisation of this event. A tricky course was well marshalled, drinks to hand for all who wanted them, and a "canteen" at the finish near Sevenoaks. Congratulations to promoters and winner. Proceeding, in brief, Dave was third in the SCA '25' less than a minute behind the winner. Gay, our second competitor, was riding her first '25' and performed well. Can she get her name in the prize list this year? Yes, if she goes fast enough! And we think she will. Sheila rode the SCA '10' and once more was placed third.

Tunbridge Wells Road Club (continued).

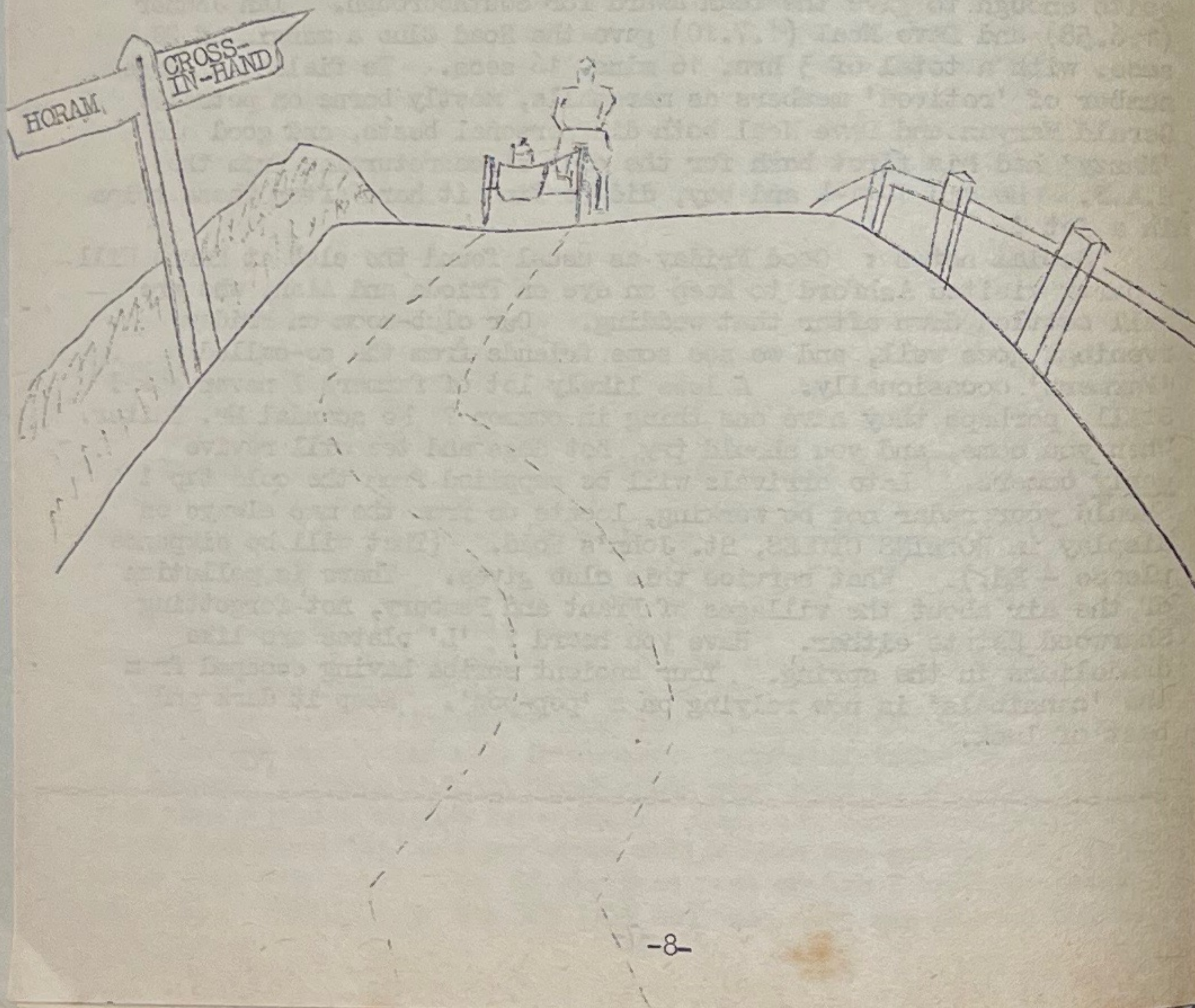
How this girl tries! Southborough evening '10's' have attracted several of our riders for "privates". 27-47 - that's our Sheila that was! Dave with two '23's' seems to be in a rut! A new 'double-clanger' machine sounded just like that when starting last week near Yalding. Now to our own promotion, an inter-club '25' for the boys and a '10' for the girls on May 18th. We started six ladies, having four entries from Southborough, our opponents in both events. Sheila won by over two minutes in 28 mins. 25 secs. This proved to be an omen, for the lads were battling it out over "that thar tough old '25' course" (ask R.H.) and Dave, starting No. 5, cleared the field and completed the course in 1-2-10. Second was B. Crouch with 1-4-51 and third R. Hayward with 1-4-58. This was not quite enough to give the team award for Southborough. Ian Jenner (1.6.58) and Dave Neal (1.7.10) gave the Road Club a margin of 29 secs. with a total of 3 hrs. 16 mins. 16 secs. We fielded a large number of 'retired' members as marshalls, mostly borne on petrol! Gerald Maryan and Dave Neal both did personal bests, and good old 'Mazzy' had his first bash for the club since returning from the R.A.F. He did 1-11-4 and boy, did he find it hard after those trips in a jet!

Social notes: Good Friday as usual found the club at Herne Hill. A party visited Ashford to keep an eye on Frieda and Alan, who are well settled down after that wedding. Our club-room on Friday evenings goes well, and we see some friends from the so-called 'Farmers' occasionally. A less likely lot of farmers I never saw! Still, perhaps they have one thing in common? No scandal Mr. Editor. When you come, and you should try, hot dogs and tea will revive early comers. Late arrivals will be supplied from the cold tap! Should your radar not be working, locate us from the map always on display in ROBBINS CYCLES, St. John's Road. (That will be sixpence please - Ed.). What service this club gives. There is pollution of the air about the villages of Frant and Pembury, not forgetting Sherwood Estate either. Have you heard? 'L' plates are like dandelions in the spring. Your ancient scribe having escaped from the 'cannibals' is now relying on a 'pop-pop'. Keep it dark and best of luck.

POP.

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25 Miles.

J.R. Dutson	Uckfield & District C.C.	1 2 35
Team:	Uckfield & District C.C.	3 12 26

50 Miles.

R. Adams	Uckfield & District C.C.	2 10 16
Team:	Uckfield & District C.C.	6 45 13

LADIES.

10 Miles.

B. Honess	Central Sussex C.C.	31 38
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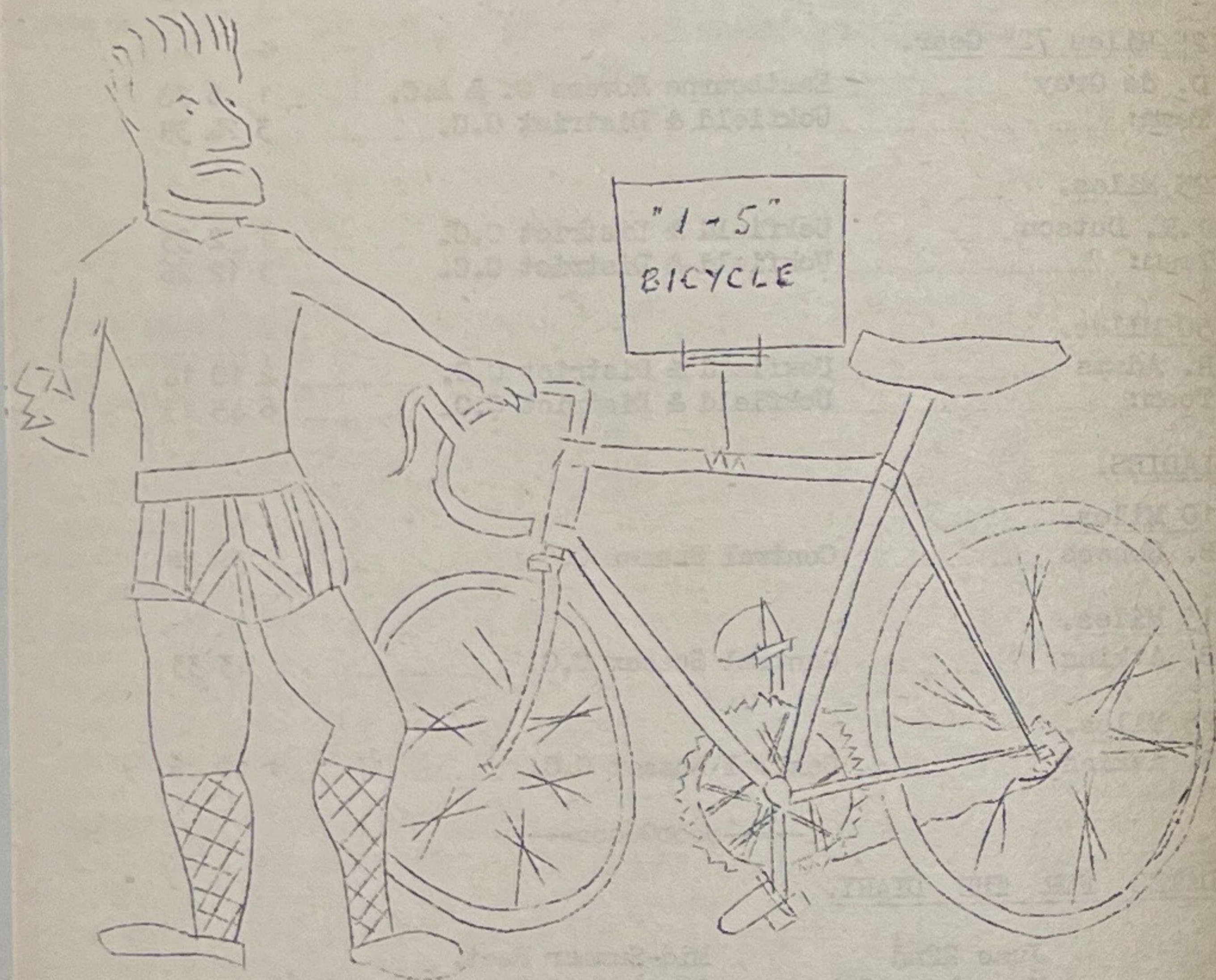
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DATES FOR THE DIARY.

June 22nd	Mid-Summer Meet.
November 30th	Luncheon & Prize Presentation.
December 7th	Annual General Meeting.
September 14th	"Clubmans Touring Competition".

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BEWARE THE GREATER STRIPED CLIPSHAM !



This delightful illustration is reproduced by kind permission of the author of "In the Trough with Achard" - the third volume of the trilogy from the pen of this gifted author.

The following letter concerning the M.o.T's. Summer Road Safety Campaign has been received from the Chief Constable of East Sussex. Copies of this letter have been sent to the secretaries of all Association clubs and to local Road Safety organisers. - Ed.

EAST SUSSEX ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

County Road Safety Headquarters,
Malling House, Lewes.
27th May, 1958.

Dear Sir,

A special summer campaign directed to the safety of cyclists and motor-cyclists is being planned by the Ministry of Transport on a national basis for the period commencing 16th June till the end of September.

The object of the campaign 'Cycling and Motor Cycling in Safety' is to reduce accidents to cyclists and motor cyclists who on account of their vulnerability sustain a comparatively high casualty rate, and the campaign will in fact constitute an appeal to all road users to join in this special effort. In the case of cyclists, over 61,000 were injured and some 780 killed in Great Britain during 1957.

I feel confident that your Club will wish to support the campaign, and having in mind the considerable experience in cycling which members of the Club will undoubtedly have acquired, my Council would welcome any suggestions which you or members would put forward as to the best means of making the campaign effective.

It is suggested for instance that should your Club be arranging trials or events during the summer months the inclusion of items directly related to road safety based on the Highway Code might be considered.

For your information special propoganda material for the campaign is on order. Samples of this can be sent to you when available.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) R. BREFFIT,

Chief Constable of East Sussex,
Secretary to the Council.

East Grinstead C.C. (continued).

Don, Bill and Gordon rode in the Bournemouth Arrow '25', where Don did 1-3-52, followed by Gordon with a personal best 1-4. Which just about brings us up to date with the Catford '50', where Don did a 2-10, the fastest ride by a club member this year. The mass-start boys rode in the Battle Circuit road race in which Micky came 9th and Gordon 15th. One event that I missed was the Appollo middle-markers, where Gordon gained fourth place with 1-7-1, Doughy Wood 1-14-36 and Allen 1-22-36. (He didn't go off course this time).

One name missing from the result sheets this season has been Pete Brooker (Mrs. Funnell's isn't the same without him). Pete has had a recurrence of the eye trouble that hospitalised him last autumn and this has rather curtailed his cycling activities. However, he has entered the club '25' next week so we all hope it won't be long before the countryside rings with 'Brookerisms' once again.

Another rider absent from our ranks lately has been Bill Payne who had a rather nasty motor-cycle accident some time ago but is now back on his bike though his studies limit any training. Must have been rather 'Payneful' for you, Bill (couldn't resist that one).

Rivalry between club members is now no longer fought over Carltons v. Clauds or Campag v. Simplex as in days of yore. The issue is over courting, with 'Dragonless' doing their best to prove that girls and racing don't mix, and their opponents trying to show that they do. Regrettably, there seems to be no scandal to report, but that's what racing does to bods -

Roll on the Social Season for some REAL news.

CROW.

STOP PRESS FROM THE GRINSTEAD

Hot from the press is the result of the Bellingham Wheelers '25' on Whit-Monday. Mickey put up his best-ever with 1-0-44 for 5th place, while Don recorded his best this season with 1-3-36, and Crow we'll leave it at that.

LEWES WANDERERS C.C.

In this age of sputniks and satellites it is pleasing to record the launching of one of our own into the cycling firmament. I refer to Mike Carder, a 16 year old who has been administering some nasty shocks to the aura of complacency which had settled round certain of our riders. The first eye-opener came in the Lewes-Newhaven and Back, when he got to within eighteen seconds of Pete Burbery's winning time with 36-54, in his first time-trial.

Next came a 1-9-33 in the Association '25', followed by a splendid 1-5-13 in the S.C.A. Team Championship on a hard morning. More recently he won the Club '25', once again on a windy morning, with 1-4-23, and two days later was best of the club riders in an evening '10' with 25-58. We only hope he doesn't emulate the said sputniks too closely and end up by 'burning himself out'.

On the debit side we hear that he now finds trouble in getting a hat big enough to fit; a state of affairs that has led to his being told to duck whenever the club-run passes under a low bridge !

Another newcomer to our ranks, Brian Reed ('Chunky') has also started off in great style. He managed 39-28 in the Lewes-Newhaven thereby beating Willcocks who, as usual, was full of excuses, and has rattled round the evening '10' course twice - in 27-44 and 26-49 respectively. With yet another new rider, Dave Crouch, clocking 28-33 in his first-ever event, we can present a pleasing picture of active membership both in racing and club-runs - even 'old man' Peter Sharp having shown himself at odd times !

Our latest recruit is Winston Rackham, yet another Seafordite; while Chris Stone has returned from a three-year spell in the Forces and is getting down to serious training. We are also glad to see Mick Burgess riding as duties permit, also a rage of keenness from our old pal 'Tourist' Agg, who intends to contest the Association B.A.R. this year. Russell has now been 'blooded' in League events and has managed to finish in one or two tough affairs. 'Iron Man' Grover joined him in a recent skylark on the Chailey circuit, and caused a sensation by being the only rider with unshaved legs. His mass of bristles led one bloke to remark that it looked as if they'd got a rider from the Arizona C.C. still wearing his chaps !!

Lewes Wanderers C.C. (continued).

Willcocks has been adding to his considerable tally of D.N.S's., mainly (he says) through oversleeping since Russell took to the mass-start game and no longer wakes him up. Some time-triallist!

Since an abortive tour to the South of France (it hammered down with rain most of the time), Gordon has not been seen, and is presumed to have once more taken up hiking, possibly due to the number of shapely 'dragons' in one such outfit we passed on one occasion. To all those would-be suitors and others (if any) of the famous 'Maggie' who rode with us for so long, we can now say that she gave birth to a baby daughter at the beginning of May. This would seem to be in direct contrast to the accepted order of things when one remembers her pronounced affinity for the opposite sex! She and her hubby are now living at Woking, where they are buying their own house.

And that's all from the Wanderers for this time, chums.

Roll on the '100's' and '12's', so that Willcocks gets a chance to show us what he really can do.

ALSORAN.

SOUTHBOROUGH AND DISTRICT WHEELERS.

From Southborough the racing news is of well-supported club events with keen competition. The 6 mile Roughstuff went to Phil Hennessey; the Medium Gear '25' to Brian Leyland with 1-10-15; the April '25' to Ron Hayward with 1-5-13; the May Double '10' and '30' to Brian Crouch with 25-21 and 1-19-51; and the late May evening '10' to Ron Hayward with 24-48, beating Brian Crouch by one second. Ron Hayward and Les Hayman have each recorded short 2-12's in the Yiewsley and K.C.A. '50's'. The interclub '25' with Tunbridge Wells Road Club resulted in a win for the Road Club by 29 seconds, teams of three counting. Dave Patten 1-2-10, Brian Crouch 1-4-51, and Ron Hayward 1-4-58, were the placed riders from a field of 24. A ladies '10' was held on the same morning. Again the Road Club provided the winner, Sheila Adams coming home in 28-25. Dawn Hayward head-heated with Gay Lord of the Wells for second place with 31-10, while the Wheelers debs Joyce Boorman (31-14) and Pam Jones (31-27) were close up with Diane Elkington home in 33-27. In the ladies club evening '10' on the following Thursday Dawn Hayward improved to 29-50, while Pam Jones reversed placings with Joyce Boorman, recording 30-23 to the latter's 30-45, and Diane Elkington on the line in 31-30.

On the touring front Ron and Dawn have returned from a tandem fortnight in North Wales and the Lakes, whilst at this moment the Andorra quintet: Diane Elkington, Les Hayman, Lou Bathurst, Dave Wright and George Cheesman are thousands of feet up in the Pyrenees at the tiny republic doing the roughstuff, the mule-tracks, the ten gear grinds and the racing descents. July sees Tony Wallace, Brian Leyland and Chris Walters on a tour of the Scottish Highlands for a fortnight, making use of the Glasgow steam-oil each way. Also in July in the same weeks the Connemara Roads second claim members are moving north-west to Sligo and Donnegal to sample the Guinness and get in the odd mile or so. (To heck with the odd mile or so - Ed.).

The club visited East Anglia for it's Easter tour, making use of the steam-oil to Cambridge on the Thursday night, while the Whitsun tour was as per usual to the Isle of Wight, where twenty-two riders enjoyed a happy week-end. Club runs have been maintained at their seasonal average and have included a visit to Maidstone Zoo which brought out the big take photographs and provided a novelty on a sunny day. The Birthday Tea on May 18th saw a large gathering at

Southborough and District Wheelers (continued).

the Speldhurst Headquarters on a traditionally warm day. After tea there was an auction sale of cycling equipment ably conducted by Warwick Dunford where bidding continued for ninety minutes.

And finally back to racing with the club Open Hilly '42' held in excellent weather on April 20th and which attracted 45 entries of whom 39 started and 39 finished. Dave Patten rode a 77 inch fixed gear superbly to the tune of 1-54-26, which necessitated climbing 3,200 feet and descending 3,000 feet. Altogether there was a splendid turnout of forty marshals and helpers all from the club, and it is hoped that we will put on the event next year - same week-end, same course.

This is the gen from this end of the ESCA front, so here's wishing for big 'bombing' mornings and days for the peak season from the Southboroughs and :-

BALLYALGOL'S PAL.

AN INNOCENT ABROAD

by the Editor.

"Tea and Hot Dogs", the notes proclaimed; "First come first served - clubroom opens at 7-30 p.m.". And so it was that the following Friday, after touring the Kentish orchards to work up a thirst, I strode expectantly into the club's H.Q. Then came anti-climax. No steaming tea-urn met my gaze, no succulent smell of cooking reached my nostrils - instead a room chill and bare except for two dubious looking characters erecting a table-tennis table.

"Tea?", they said. "No, there won't be any until Sheila comes, she's got the matches". I settled down to wait and was greeted with varying degrees of rudeness by the cyclists and motor-cyclists who began to drift in. A game of table-tennis with a bespectacled youth who's eyesight miraculously improved as soon as he began to play, served to heighten my thirst and at the same time lower my morale. This was given a slight fillip by the change of

An Innocent Abroad (continued).

expression on Farmer Pearson's face when that worthy breezed into the room and found the Editor of 'BONK' among those present, but was soon pushed even lower when a White Haired Gentleman introduced me to a peculiar local version of Whist in which I held all the low cards while he and his friends had the high cards and trumps. At long last Sheila arrived. "Now", I thought, "my thirst will soon be quenched". But no - with rapidly swelling tongue I saw her perform endless manoeuvres with kettles and cups without actually producing tea. Further discomfiture was about to come. A Young Lady in Short Shorts slapped my knee, but though I pursued her strongly, I lost her in a gloomy maze of billiard tables and mass-start bicycles. It was then that a far-off voice cried the longed-for words, "Tea-up" ! Unbelievably, I groped my way through the maze and staggered to the refreshment table just in time to secure a cup of the precious fluid. But alas, happiness was doomed to be short-lived. The White Haired Gentleman suggested a game of table-tennis, and fool that I was, I agreed. How was I to know that he was actually Richard Bergmann in disguise. While tasting the bitter ashes of defeat the Young Lady in Short Shorts re-appeared. Again I gave chase and again she eluded me in the dreaded billiard table maze. I dragged myself back to the refreshment table. "More tea please", I croaked; but coolly, callously, Sheila pronounced the fatal words: "It's all gone". Warily, I reached for my cap - it was obviously time to go. The White Haired Gentleman administered the coup de grace. "Well," he said (with a confident air befitting a man who has a moped parked outside), "I'm going home; how about having a drink with me?" I brightened. "Good idea, Pop", I said, "Where do we go?" "Well now," he replied, "There aren't any good pubs round here, the nearest one is up in Frant". My spirits sank. "Er, er, not just now - perhaps some other time", I said. And so, with the jeers of the members ringing in my ears, I struggled along the homeward road.

Take warning, dear readers - beware of St. Lukes Hall, and it's terrible inhabitants. How where is that list of next winter's club dinners - there is one I want to cross off

CENTRAL SUSSEX C. C.

As promised in the last edition of this doubtful publication, her is the latest news and views from the farthest-flung club in the East Sussex domain. (Any more of this 'doubtful publication' stuff, and you'll be flung farther still - Ed.).

With the Social Season now far behind us (shame!), our members are again trying their hands at this 'Racing' business: already this year several excellent time have been done, and several people have echoed surprise. Speed man number one is Robin Byrnes who won our second club event with a magnificent 1-3-57; this after a 1-5-59 including trouble in the Sussex Team Championship. These rides augur quite well for the rest of the year. Robin is making his come-back after about three years and two motor-bikes.

Second in the quest for speed is another older member, Tony Honess. Tony is also coming back after a long period in the quiet, and has been improving at the rate of one minute per event down to 1-5-11; now we hope that he can manage a further few minutes off by the end of the season. (Note ! Tony is club '25' record holder with 1-1-42). 'Dragon' of the above (pardon), Brenda, is showing very well indeed this year with a personal best '10' in the S.C.A. event (28-16), and a round half minute 'screwing' of Barbara in the club event. Barbara is training hard and shows a 28-5 this year so far, better things to come yet, we hope. Other racers are D. Dalziel (1-5-14 in the Bec event), K. Atkins (1-5-15 in the same), and R. Russell (1-5-43 in the club '25').

Socially the club is going very well, and the last few weeks have been extraordinarily good. Attendances at tea have never dropped below twelve, and have often been well over the twenty mark, which when you consider our forty members, shows great keenness.

We have been pleased to welcome during the last few weeks a new member in the person of John White. (In case the name seems familiar, it is the Central's Flying Sheila White's young brother). Some of the lads have known John for a good many years and it seems a little strange to the ears to hear 'Uncle Cedric' and 'Uncle Arthur'(Thorpe) being spoken of. Still, the universal opinion is that being in the company of such Uckfield 'gentlemen' he can come to no harm (???) . Since the last issue the club has had a very

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narrow escape ! Socially we meet the Haywards Heath Ladies British Legion darts team for a game and bunfight. This time we only managed to draw the contest five games to five after being four games to one down. Had we lost, the club would never have stood the shock.

That then is the lot from Central Sussex. Next time we hope to have a new correspondent (I think that's the right spelling - Ed.), so wait for further scandal.

See you around.

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The first ever Association road race was successfully run on Sunday, June 8th, and resulted in a win for Dave Patten of Tunbridge Wells Road Club. Dave's famed hill-climbing powers also gave him first prize in the primes section. Fortunately, the temporary traffic lights on part of the course did not affect the result, and no-one was seriously hurt in a pile-up in the last lap. The experienced Spartan C.R.C. team did not do as well as expected. Bernard Dean had trouble in Lap 1, and despite great efforts by clubmate Tony Moorhouse to get him back to the bunch, he failed to get going again, and finished several minutes down. 'Tourist' Agg also finished alone after 'stirring things up' in the early stages. Event Sec. Roy Humphrey acted as commissaire and Reg Eldridge was timekeeper.

HERE AND THERE

We hear that Arthur Thorpe paid five shillings to join the Peanut Club at East Grinstead Hospital, instead of the usual one shilling. Oh, Nurse Wiggins, you must be mighty persuasive!

Opera's recent statement that: "Nobody knows anything about me in E. Sussex" probably means that he has been hounded out of the district by irate parents and ex-girl friends. A rumour that he is now operating in the Hurstpierpoint area tends to confirm this.

Have you heard about the Association rider who took his girl friend to a London jazz club to 'get away from it all'. He met three members of Tunbridge Wells R.C. there and said that he was out training for a Hilly '42'.

Lewes Wanderers announce the publication of a new book on training: "How I Cured Easter Knees by Christmas", by the man who knows what suffering is - G. Willcocks.

'Iron Man' Grover, who has been 'under the weather' lately, is reported to be suffering from Alcoholics Constipation - he has difficulty in passing a pub.

It is suggested that as Len Price seems to be sleeping at so many diverse places, he must be on an extended tour of Sussex; consequently we hear that his mother now has a room to let because he is hardly ever at home! An anonymous Eastbourne rider, asked why Len prefers these establishments to Youth Hostels, answered: "He must consider them a greater convenience!"

Later reports are that Len has been touring France. His trade mark has been seen in l'urinour at the Gare du Nord, Paris, and as far South as Lyons.

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