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EDITORIAL

Once again it my pleasure to introduce you to another edition of our Association magazine "Bonk". As is to be expected at this time of the year racing takes the limelight, the social types have sobered up after a hectic season and as you will read in the club reports, competition appears to be keener than ever. It is very encouraging to see so many younger riders extending the older stalwarts with their performances - although the times produced by some of the Association's veteran riders will never cease to cause amazement.

Two Association clubs so far this season have added open promotions to the racing programme - the Eastbourne Rovers once again promoting an Open 25 after a lapse of 21 years - whilst the East Grinstead C.C. provided an open road race. Whilst on the topic of road races I think promoters will have to try and find circuits that are a little more sporting (maybe I'm biassed), for a flat circuit rather encourages the big bunch finish on roads unable to cope with racing cyclists and increasing motor traffic - it does appear that Roy Humphrey has found an excellent circuit around Cowbeech and Rushlake Green where traffic is not too dense and which is undulating enough to encourage attempts to cause a break.

With the summer season almost upon us, now is the time for the touring types to put into operation their winter planning of continental tours, &c., so if you should be going on tour this summer why not let us all enjoy your holiday by reading about it in the next edition of "Bonk"; material for publication to reach me by 22nd August.

Yours in sport,

D.P.

"GEN" from the Secretary.

Once again the time has come round and past so our Editor tells me, for me to get these notes to the printer, so here goes, we will see what can be done.

Firstly, our Time Trials have proved interesting inasmuch that the results have been in doubt right up until the end of an event, especially the destination of the team award, and it makes pleasant reading to see some of the smaller clubs coming along and taking these. Entries for the majority of the events held have been less than in past years, and as far as the Ladies are concerned only Mrs. Stevens has been riding. Our first promotion of a Team Time Trial is due to take place in just over a week's time and seven teams of three are entered. The course has been altered slightly from that approved at the Annual General Meeting, inasmuch as the part that forms the circuit is now used left handed instead of right handed.

Mr. Bill Collins, who for a great number of years has organised the feeding in our events, reports that in the recent Association 50 miles, and also in a club 50, only a very small percentage of riders took a drink or sponge, and he feels that perhaps the time has come when riders in events at this distance do not require these facilities that in the past were accepted by all riders. I should be much obliged if riders would let me know their views or for that matter, clubs, as Bill feels that if feeding is not required it is unfair to get people out and then not use them.

Once again the time is drawing near for the 12 hours; any offers of help for marshalling will be much appreciated. The main feeds in this year's event will be at Westham at approx. 101 miles, and at Boship Roundabout at 166 miles. Full course details will shortly be circulated to clubs.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Management Committee and all member clubs of the Association, we offer to our President, Warwick Dunford, and Joyce Teague, our congratulations and wish them every happiness for the future, on the occasion of their wedding due to take place in July.

Don't forget Club names or initials may be displayed on Racing Vests.

R.H.

Newick,

19.5.60.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I have before me a copy of the quarterly, published from your address, which you prudently withhold from publication, and am appalled by the numerous references to beer and other intoxicants, contained in almost every club report; many, in fact, seem to extol this deplorable practice of consuming large quantities of the stuff as a virtue.

It is gratifying to note that The Uckfield and District Cycling Club's report shares, with that of that other well known organisation the Central Sussex C.C., the distinction of being the only two reports not referring to alcoholic stimulants. In the former case, however, a bottle party is admittedly mentioned, but is so obviously a soft drink affair as apparently only three lads were adversely affected, indeed and I quote - "One managed to prang someone else's vehicle the following morning" due, on his own admission, to over indulgence in rich food! What a blessing this young gentleman, who is known to me personally, was not attending one of the functions promoted by one or other of the depraved organisations to which I refer in my opening paragraph.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Disgusted Horseman.

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

"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day ..." So wrote Gray in praise of an English summer evening, but the idyllic musings of the same poet would be rudely awakened if he planted his person on the kerbside in the neighbourhood of Udimore any Wednesday evening between May and September and witness the strange goings on that occur during these evenings. The sight of a dozen or so colourfully garbed individuals, balanced on equally colourful machines equipped with two wheels, plus one bearded type who must needs use three wheels to preserve his status, would no doubt cause him to hasten

back to his attic and re-write the entire ode. Enquiry, however, would reassure him that these are no malefactors on evil missions, but members of the Hastings Cycling Club engaging in an evening 10 mile event. Should he proceed five miles up the road in the direction of Broad Oak he would find our old friend Percy Bliss seated on his camp stool, watch in hand, awaiting their return. These evening events, based upon a points system, are very popular especially among the junior members. However, this is merely a prelude to the serious part of the evening, when having adjourned to the local fount of refreshment, Percy prepared to defend his title of undisputed Bar Billiard champion of East Sussex. On these occasions the tension is intense, and many notable roadmen would willingly take part in a 24 hour event in the wastes of Siberia in mid winter than face the intense strain of playing against Percy.

Two popular events contested during the early part of the season are the Rye-Hythe-Rye and Junior 15 trials, the latter being very popular among the juniors as it enables them to finish early and watch their elder brethren suffer. And speaking of suffering our spies operating behind the iron curtain of Polegate recently reported that one of our lady members spent half the morning and a goodly portion of the house-keeping money listening to records of Russ Conway on the Juke Box. Why, when for the price of a tube of Smarties she can listen to Neevo for nothing.

In the Seaford area recently the club experienced difficulty in finding a moderately empty inn in which to partake of lunch. In desperation Club Captain Cecil Blank called upon Arthur Coleman, who after sniffing the air and tuning in his radar equipment concealed in the headset, led them unerringly to a comfortable hostelry.

Conversation piece between two very young juniors on a recent clubrun:

1st Junior - "I hear girls are two a penny in Westfield".

2nd Junior - "Is that so! and to think I've been buying

Jelly Babies !"

Recently it was brought to our notice that one of our speedier juniors was devoting good cycling time to the pursuit of females. Married members of the club have been trying to show him where his folly will lead him, but we fear our advice may have fallen on Stony Ground.

Recently the club dared to explore the uncharted depth of Bedgebury Park and led by Blanco left the well metalled London road to explore the unknown. A little way in they passed a party of young ladies on foot. Three circuits of the Park and two hours later they arrived, not at Goudhurst as planned, but back to the party of young ladies.

Clubruns are now very well attended and an average of twenty sit down to tea on Sundays. Looking through the year's fixture list one can see that our Captain and his helpers have prepared a list of runs to suit all tastes. Some worth noting are the club 100 in 8 on May 22nd. Whilst not strictly a club run this event does provide something for the member who likes something a little bit harder. On June 4th, Whitsun, there is an all night run with the destination Ripley. It is fitting that one of the country's oldest clubs should make a pilgrimage to one of the birthplaces of club cycling and it is to be hoped that the run will be well supported. With fine weather all night runs are the ideal way to spend a Whit Weekend, and as Ted Cousins has so often remarked, "it gets the miles in" Looking forward to July 31st we note that a run is being made to Seasalter. This appears to be a departure from the usual run to Whitstable or Reculver.

It is also good to notice the reappearance of two very popular pre-war tea places at Swiftsden and Stone. Older members will suffer a touch of nostalgia when as they recall the enormous spreads put on by these places, together with Cranbrook and Wartling, now alas no longer catering for cyclists, for the modest sum of one and nine-pence.

On the racing side one notes that there is now an event on every Sunday in which members can participate, plus three end of season hill climbs. What more can a man want.

On the membership side we have now one of the strongest junior sections for many years, who now have a programme of events of their own, and also provide the main support for the Sunday clubruns.

SCRIBE.

Well here we are once again in the thick of the racing season with everyone flying around chasing other people's back wheels. Here are just a few of the highlights of the "cold" end of the season. The boys started in the usual fashion with the ESCA 12, (miles of course), and Cedric came equal 3rd, in 35.4 with Siggy at 7th with 35.21. Down the list came the usual cliché, still stiff from the rigours of a furious social season - Pete Brook, your twisted Scribe and the nunk. The following week Siggy carried off the 10 in fine style with 26.25, pipping Webby 26.32 and John 27.23. Week-end No. 11 saw a crowd on their way to G.9 where Mauve Fred (now known by other names, see below) surprised everybody by screwing Webby by 2 seconds in 1.6.9. Yours truly struggled round in 1.12. 1. and Skippy (that's Mummy's little Lewis), punctured and packed. Webby was in his usual consistent fine form for the Club Championship 25 which he ran away with in 1.6.45. Newly wed Griff was the only other to get inside a 10 with 1.8.58., and newcomer Pete Kirby came third in 1.10.26. - watch out for this name in the future. We all felt sorry for the Rovers with such filthy weather for their 25, but John came second with a fine 1.3.29. Skippy improved in the ESCA L/M 25 with 1.16.34. and Hos kept the flag flying round the Surrey lanes of G12 where he did 1.11.50. in the London Vets 25. At Easter John produced a sizzling 2.8.13. in the Charlotteville and the following week at Shoreham ten members rode the Sussex Championship. Terry roared round with a 4 and there was a welcome return to racing to Oz after all the wedding and whatnot, who did an 11. ESCA 50 day and as ever Webby came out on top with 2.12.39., in the L/M section Hos came third and the Farmers wiped the team. The Sussex Team Championship was a tale of woe for the rural fraternity, but the boys certainly put up a meritorious show, in light of the circumstances, in coming third. Without A man John and B man Oz, both laid up with 'flu, the colours were upheld with Terry surprising everyone with a fabulous 4th place ride of 1.3.33. With the B team surely in our pockets, even without Oz, Mauve.....Fred decided not to go to bed until 1.30 and then overslept. As you can imagine Arthur, who pulled out all the stops with a fantastic time of 1.5.29., and the rest of the boys, were disagreeable to say the least!!

And now here's the most important part of the notes - the scandal! The racing season started off on an amusing note when Barbara photographed new boy Pete Kirby in the 10. After the event

he was heard to ask Siggy if Johnny's GIRLFRIEND would get him a print!!!! At Easter a party went, as usual, to the Isle of White, comprising three tandems, Skippy and yours truly. Altogether it was a most enjoyable and hilarious week-end what with a certain boy supplying the missus with a sprinter saddle on the back of the tandem, boys gorging fish and chips all day and Mrs. Boxall sitting on the tandem ticking about food. Geoffrey and Woppit would like to inform all ESCAbods they are "Hot Stuff" whilst Jenny is "Dangerous" and Auntie is "Romantic", (she loves getting that out).

It may interest the local gossips that a certain very well known East Sussex cyclist has taken up camping - at least he spent 4½ hours under canvas with TWO young ladies one morning. Is this a way to get a place in the Rovers 25? Copies of very pointed photographs taken at THE bottle party may be obtained from Spin., who seems to be cashing in on the scheme quite well. As for the Editor's plea - "Who was Cedric with?" - it's more than my life's worth to tell. Who was the well known cyclist whose bicycle fell off the top of his car? At the inquest the question was raised - what was he doing when he should have been securing the luggage rack? The Prof's "7" is reported to be almost completed except that the window disappeared into the door the other day! The "Menace", (that's the queer Dennis one), couldn't get the stem out of his frame so he sawed it off and then heated it up red hot! Who fell in when the club-run went boating? We have been informed by Martin Stevenson that Skippy and Edie are in his wild animal and wild bird books respectively! Who were the two members seen in a shop doorway with ONE girl? Well I must sign off now or else I shall be in the new Editor's bad books.

As ever, good as gold,

WOPPIT.

P.S. This post-script is written just after the farmers' club-run has shown the Editor's pater (par moped) that it's quicker by bike.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I was interested to read of the efforts of the ESCABOD from Hastings to perfect a formula for Dehydrated Ale or, for want of a better term, NESBEER.

There are three main methods of dehydration, Esterification, Evaporation and Hydrolysis.

Esterification, or removing the Ester (nothing to do with taking the micky) was the first method I tried. I had just got going nicely and had got everything set up and steam issuing rapidly from the bleeding valve (sorry but that's its proper name) when someone told my wife that I was in the workshop mucking about with ester and when I got back after trying to explain and the missus threatening to tell Maurice (I don't know why) the whole lot had boiled dry.

Evaporation proved no more successful although no one could say the beer did not evaporate but, as anyone will tell you when beer starts to evaporate it is difficult to know when to stop. This experiment might have been successful, I don't know. There was quite an encouraging brownish film deposited on the sides of the flask in which the beer had been boiled, but as it was a very narrow neck the only way to get it clean was to wash it, so I lost my beer.

Hydrolysis. I can't say much about this for although I started with about a gallon of bitter when I started to swot up in a fat text book, you'd be surprised what thirsty work swotting up hydrolysis is - anyway it wasn't long before I found that all the beer had gone. Perhaps it evaporated only this time there was not even any brown film left.

Incidentally, there is a way of condensing beer, this is done by freezing and after the frozen water is thrown away leaves a jolly nice liquid rather sticky but of course being still liquid is hardly NESBEER. Heigh ho! Never mind.

Yours hopefully,

Happy Beerfancier.

CENTRAL SUSSEX C.C. CLUB NEWS.

Here we go once again with the latest edition of the news from Cuckfield and District.

Since the last time that this esteemed journal came off the press the Racing Season has come back into the fore, and with the coming of light evenings the sweating training (?) bodies have come out into the open. Racing news to start with then.

In the S.C.C.U. 25 in February David Dalziel had the misfortune to pull his wheel over at the start of his ride, spoiling a short 1-4 ride into a 1-5-4, a very good effort for so early in the season, and still the club fastest to date. We ran off our first Club event on the dreaded W/C course resulting in a win for Ken Atkins in 1-6-47. Malcolm Verey clocked a 1-10-41 in the Sussex C.A. Championship 25, whilst other members were wasting their time in the Southampton region. Ken went to the Bath Road at Easter for the Charlotteville 50 and came home with a 2-15-31. The following week David tried his hand at 50 miling for the first time this season and did a 2-15-4 in the S.C.C.U. event.

The Sussex Team Championship 25 showed the Central's Team in the cold clear light of day. This year the team was 7th in the competition K. Atkins 1-5-45, D. Dalziel 1-6-34 with a puncture, M. Verey 1-6-54 and J. Gallsworthy 1-8-10.

Whilst the boys were in action that day Beryl Mortimer won the S.C.A. Ladies 10 with a time of 27-52, and got her name in the papers.

Ken had another bash at the 50 distance in the Addiscombe event returning a 2-9-7 reducing his own club record by 23 secs. That ends the racing news to date.

Over Easter the club had a tourlet to Blandford. A very good time was had by all and the reported mileage was something around the 400 mark. While in the area the company visited Cheddar and saw our Editor performing in the Bournemouth 3 day race. (Charmed, I'm sure. Ed.).

I will refrain from too much comment regarding our Lady member over this week-end, suffice it to say that one club member was rather embarrassed when taking his spool in to be developed. For further details please ask Roy Amey.

As we hoped, Don Goodfellow has accepted a Vice Presidency in

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the Club for services rendered, and we hope to see him at the usual dimer functions.

The Club has decided on a recruiting drive for this year, and a number of rather natty posters have been printed and displayed in the area. The net result so far has been three very keen Juniors. We hope that with a little luck we may gain a few more and help keep the club numbers up.

It seems to be rather a good year for club runs so far, whilst other clubs are bemoaning the fact that they do not now have Sunday Runs, the Centrals seem to go on as big as ever, perhaps it shows just what a sociable lot we are.

Although it may seem rather early to mention it the Club Dinner and Prize Presentation for this year has been fixed as the 3rd December at the Hayworthe Hotel, Haywards Heath. The price of the tickets has been fixed at 13/6d., so save up your pennies and come along. I can guarantee that an enjoyable evening will be had by all.

That about terminates it for now then,

See you around,

HONEST GINGE.

EAST GRINSTEAD C.C.

Once again the club's racing season started well. The first club event as in past years was the 10, and as usual it was cancelled.

The first event was the E.S.C.A. 25. That as most of you know was a little damp. Most of the boys since then have ridden every week, and I am glad to say that the younger members have become very keen. The times recorded so far this year have been: John Ashdown 1-17-23, Terry Sales 1-17-0, D. Russell 1-14-30, this is his first event and he rode this after pushing an 81 up to Herne Hill "just to see what it felt like". Alan Hirst has done a 1-12-1 and the fastest this year by a junior is 1-9-35 by Richard Marchant.

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On Sunday May 15th the Club held it's first open. This was a 60 mile Road Race held on the Ashington Circuit. The winner was Dave Adams of the Fountain in 2-19-2 with the Morden taking team honours. With a great deal of help outside, I would now like to thank all helpers for the time they gave and all the boys who rode for making it a good race. The race attracted 72 riders, which in itself presented quite a problem, but with all due respect to E.S.C.A. members who did not get a ride, the field was ten times better than we hoped for, consisting of at least twenty-one 1st Category riders.

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RADAR.

This sonnet penned by one quite long of tooth,
 A tribute to a man no longer young,
 But strong of limb and powerful still of lung,
 With prowess and physique to rival youth,
 Throughout the shire his praise is often sung,
 To gainsay this would be to scorn the truth,
 Confirmed bachelor he was forsooth,
 Though wedded now his sprints he has not flung,
 I wonder if G.52 or 3,
 Another "Vet" as fit and fast will see.
 Should he retire twill be the Uckfield's loss,
 Good friends, be you a woman, man or boy,
 Pray drink a toast and wish Ken Griffiths joy,
 As does his fellow "Vet" signed here as Hos.

FOR SALE Sun Wasp D.G. 21 Tandem, perfect mechanical order,
 new tyres and bearings, Sturmey three speed,
 overhauled, hub brakes, useful machine though
 elderly.
 Any reasonable offers: Achard, Rectory Cottage, Newick.

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 New bottom bracket. Very good condition generally.

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 Hove, 4, Sussex.

Results :-

M/G. 25.		1st Unrestricted 25.	
1.	Clive Ashby 1. 7.42.	1.	Ron Hayward 1. 6.28.
2.	Brian Leyland 1. 8.53.	2.	Brian Leyland 1. 7.28.
3.	Ted Boorman 1. 8.46.	3.	Clive Ashby 1. 7.54.

Last year's junior B.A.R. Clive Ashby made a good start to his season when winning the M/G. 25 on a windy and cold March morning in 1.7.42. and riding sensibly clothed in a track suit. There were 15 riders; Ron Hayward was not competing. An even colder morning with severe ground frost greeted the riders a fortnight later in the Club's first unrestricted 25 on the same club course. Ron showed the way round for first place from 15 riders and Brian Leyland reversed placings with Clive Ashby whilst Ted Boorman could not improve on his previous long eight. The 30 on 24th April saw Clive Ashby in top gear again for 1st place in 1.17.47., with Crow having his second club outing returning 1.20.43. and Mick Armitage in 3rd place with 1.23.18. There were 12 riders. Brian, Ted and Ron not competing. The Interclub on May 15th with the San Fairy Ann saw another victory for the Maidstone club but our riders fared quite well, there being several improvements. Roy Manser of the Fairies won in 59.37 (course record). Crow riding 86 cleaved his way round in 1.2.46. but Clive Ashby improved on his last year's 1.5.17. to knock 2 pips off Crow's ride to return an excellent 1.2.44. Brian Leyland, the third of the club's 22 riders, came home with a personal of 1.3.24. Ron Hayward with lack of training miles due to domestic calls was in fifth place in 1.5.37. A startling ride was that of Roy "Stoker" Pyne. Having his 3rd ever ride he improved from a 14 to 1.6.53. Without any serious training miles behind him and riding a borrowed machine Don Brooks improved again to 1.5.54., also an excellent ride as was George Cheesman's first 6 from a previous best of a short 8. The first evening 10 on Wednesday May 18 (22 riders) in cool, hard conditions resulted in a win for Clive Ashby in 24.25, with Brian Leyland 2nd in 25.00 and Crow third in 25.03. "Stoker" Pyne again surprised, recording 25.31 in his first 10 miles, this time riding his own machine equipped with heavy roughstuff type tyres! Club events in the near future are another evening 10 miles on 1st June, and an evening 25 on 8th June. Carol Muir, Ann Barnes and Diane Elkington rode well in their club 10 miles T.T. on Wednesday, May 18th, with Carol getting the verdict by two minutes in 29.02. Phil Hennessey failed in a gallant attempt on the club TONBRIDGE - HYTHE return (88 miles). Standard of 4.30. 0. tricycle by 15 minutes on

Southborough Racing News (continued).

Sunday, 22nd May. In open events Crow rode well for 3rd place with a 2.14 in the ESCA Spring 50, whilst good rides have come from Clive Ashby (1.4.17.) in the Canterbury 25 on Q.8 and Mick Armitage (2.17.40.) a personal best in the K.C.A. 50 on Q.3 (Headcorn).

The Club Open Hilly 42 held on the usual 3,600 feet up and 3,200 feet down course again proved a success with 109 entrants, 54 marshals plus a team of Army signallers who relayed turn times and Ide Hill prime times to the finish. There were two feeds provided, whilst a wide variety of refreshments could be obtained at the finish. The weather made the event hard with Ron Carlton depriving Dave Patten of the hat trick of 3 in a row wins by a mere 20 seconds.

Result:		Time	Turn (20 mls.)	Ide Hill
1.	R. Carlton	1.59.51.	1. 0. 6.	4.27
2.	D. Patten	2. 0.11.	1. 0. 9.	4.35
3.	J. Goodrum (Catford)	2. 0.19.	1. 0. 3.	4.34.

Team winners (Bidlake System) - West Kent R.C.

2nd Mercury C.C. 3rd Avenue C.R.C.

Fastest climb of Ide Hill - R. Carlton 4.27.

Group A winner (25 best outside 1.3.0.) - B. Stroud (Avenue C.R.C.) 2. 2.24.

Group B winner (25 best outside 1.6.0.) - B. Charouneau (Dulwich Paragon C.C.) 2.10.48.

Event Secretary was Ron Hayward. Southborough riders fared quite well, Pete Crowsley returning a creditable 2. 6.15. Clive Ashby turned in an excellent 2. 7.36, Brian Crouch 2.18.47, Brian Leyland 2.20. 3. and Steve Armitage 2.22.32 rode well. East Sussex riders who competed and did well were W. Hamilton-Webb (2. 7.59), Ian Jenner (2.10.25), and D. Dalziel (2.12.12). And back to trikes for the finish - Phil Hennessey improved on the club 50 when recording a short 2.28 on his barrow in the K.C.A. event at Headcorn.

Keep hammerin'

Ballyalgal's Pal

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

(See Spring Edition).

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LEWES WANDERERS C.C.

Salutations, once again, to all kerb-scuffers and gutter-huggers of the wheel world from their colleagues, the Lewes elite ! The "Collection of wrecks" referred to last time seem to have become "seaworthy" in a surprisingly short time, only Willcocks (as usual) having let the side down, as it were, by achieving - if that's the right word - no less than four DNS's out of four events entered. Although a past master in the art of excuses he cuts no ice with the racing secretary who got his own back by excluding him from the SCA Team Championship, much to Willcocks' annoyance !

Brit Hawkins surprised us with a fine short "38" in the Hardriders 12 and later repeated the dose in the Lewes-Newhaven, won by Burberry on a very cold and windy morning. He thus proved himself anything but "ancient" ! Mention of the Hardriders event reminds us of the hilarious one minute's silence for Neevo as he was on the line:

however, his "39" caused Willcocks to say: "There should be a law against it. I'll have to get my finger out".

Elsewhere our boys have really been improving on past years with that cycling "arm of the law" Mick Burgess doing some useful rides, notably a "9" in the SCA Team Championship, a couple of "7's" and also poaching the handicap in the Association 50 in which we managed the team award.

Our old pal "Tourist" Agg led the aforementioned team and since then has done a "9" in the Yiewsley 50. In this event "Diok" Barton, another greatly improved rider, "walked" the handicap with 18 mins. allowance off a 2-12 ride, quite a facer for the locals !! The "Tourist" won the club 25 hotly challenged by Barton and Burbery, a matter of seconds deciding the issue in that order.

The evening "10's" commenced on May 8th and Dave Dunbar, of Brighton Velo, promptly banged down the course record to 24.10. on a not too easy evening. Agg was the best of our riders with a short "25" and it is worth mention that the slowest man did a short "28". In the second event conditions were much harder but even so Beryl Mortimer, of the Central, got round in 29.4 and tied with Willcocks. Actually she morally beat him as she had to stop to recover some tools which worked loose en route ! This hardly qualifies Willcocks to give Neeve lessons on how to overcome the ladies - at cycling anyway !! These events have proved very popular and, as last year, four more are scheduled to complete the series, ESCA bods within reach of the Rodmell course are invited to come along and join in. Details can be had from any of our members and the usual starting time is 8 p.m.

It seems that so many of our men have been concentrating on bike riding lately that the usual wealth of scandal is conspicuously absent. However, one item of news that will surely raise an eyebrow or two is that Russell has not rejoined us this year, and rumour has it that he has followed the Carder/Peacock/Forshaw trend and shifted his loyalty to the Southern Coureurs. Grover has paid his subscription but as he's living and working at Horsham now we see very little of him at all.

A further flash re the famous "Maggie", for so long our star attraction, is that she expects twins in July. This, as a couple of well-known Uckfield "scraggly 'erbs" remarked, "should be enough to keep her out of mischief for some time to come". She is reported as saying: "One at a time is really enough, but I'll get by" - a typically

carefree remark from one of the most popular girls the Association has known. We at Lewes wish her all the best, anyway, and not too many sleepless nights !

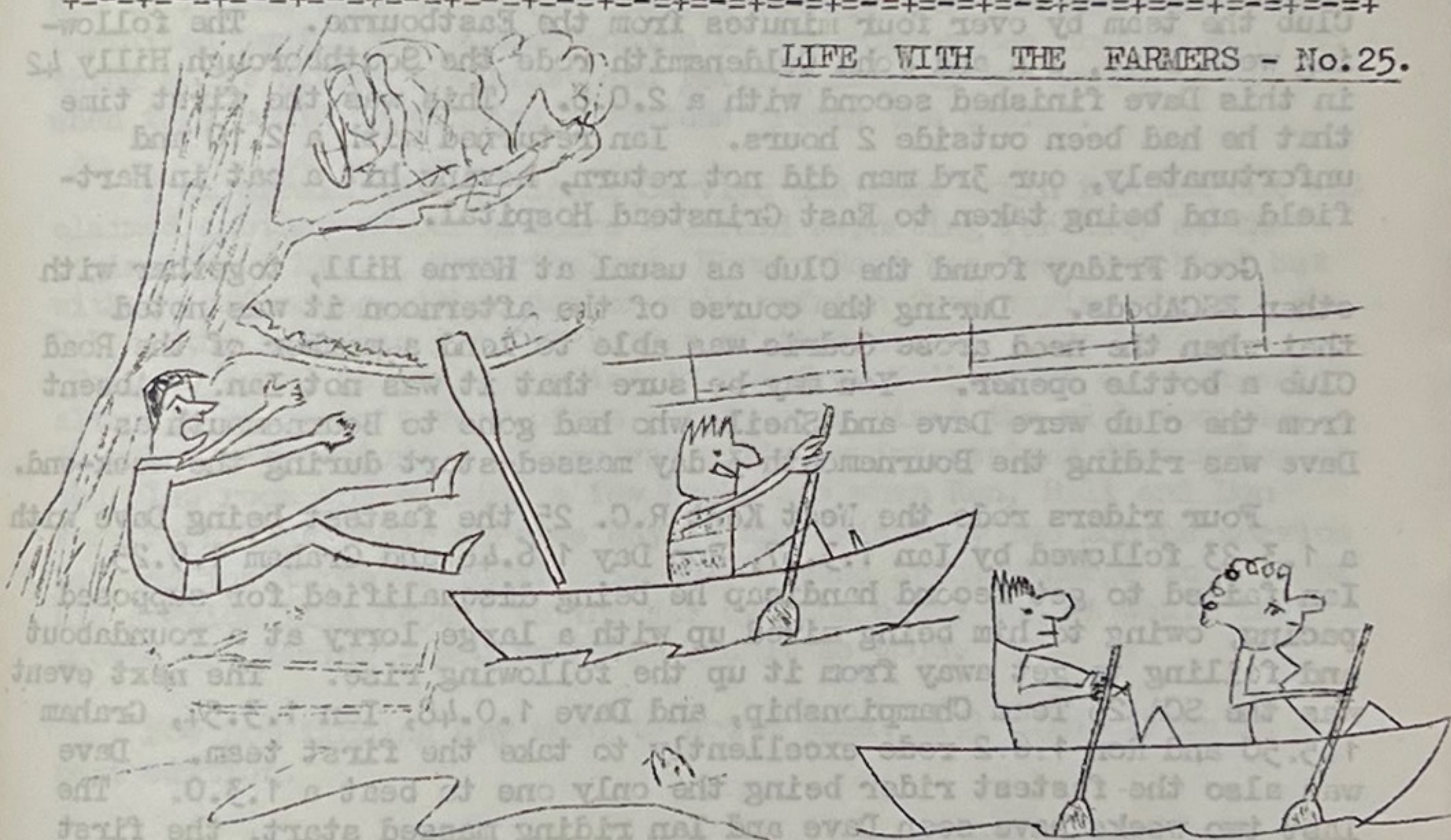
We understand that the normally tolerable - well, just about ! - "Mr. E.S.C.A." has lately embarked on a course of conduct compared to which Hitler was a public benefactor and Krushchev like unto a whipped puppy cowering in the corner ! Really, Roy, we're beset by enough regulations and red tape as it is without any extra burdens being imposed on chaps who just want to ride bikes and have no ulterior advertising motives whatsoever.

Well, having got that off our chests, let's say cheerio again and lots of fair weather, good luck and better rides to all ESCA bods wherever they may be performing.

Cheers for now,

ALSORAN.

LIFE WITH THE FARMERS - No.25.



Famous last words: "Let's try rowing, standing up !"

With the racing season in full swing it's hello to one and all from the Road Club. Starting with the racing results, we begin with the first ESCA event, the Hardriders, Dave Patten won the event with a time of 32 mins. 33 secs., and the team, Ian Jenner 36.31 and Graham Lade 36.17 finished second to Eastbourne by only 23 secs. After this Dave concentrated mainly on massed-start, but unfortunately without much success. Meanwhile Ian and Graham rode the ESCA medium gear returning times of 1.8.9 and 1.7.34 respectively. Ian was most disappointed with his time, because the week before he had done a 1.6.54 medium gear in the Southborough Wheelers club event, and this was after a night of beer and women. A week later Ian, Graham and Gerald Maryan rode the SCA short and long markers and finished with times of 1.7.27, 1.8.56 and 1.9.34. The first wet Sunday of the season saw the Road Club at the Eastbourne Open 25, in this event we had a good deal of success, Dave won the event with a 1.2.37 and Graham's 1.7.4 took second handicap. These, with Ian's 1.7.1 gave the Road Club the team by over four minutes from the Eastbourne. The following week Dave, Ian and John Goldensmith rode the Southborough Hilly 42 in this Dave finished second with a 2.0.8. This was the first time that he had been outside 2 hours. Ian returned with a 2.10 and unfortunately, our 3rd man did not return, having hit a cat in Hartfield and being taken to East Grinstead Hospital.

Good Friday found the Club as usual at Herne Hill, together with other ESCAbods. During the course of the afternoon it was noted that when the need arose Cedric was able to lend a member of the Road Club a bottle opener. You may be sure that it was not Ian. Absent from the club were Dave and Sheila who had gone to Bournemouth as Dave was riding the Bournemouth 3 day massed-start during the week-end.

Four riders rode the West Kent R.C. 25 the fastest being Dave with a 1.3.23 followed by Ian 1.3.57, Ron Day 1.6.48 and Graham 1.9.25. Ian failed to get second handicap he being disqualified for supposed pacing, owing to him being mixed up with a large lorry at a roundabout and failing to get away from it up the following rise. The next event was the SCA 25 Team Championship, and Dave 1.0.48, Ian 1.3.54, Graham 1.5.50 and Ron 1.6.2 rode excellently to take the first team. Dave was also the fastest rider being the only one to beat a 1.3.0. The last two weeks have seen Dave and Ian riding massed start, the first being the East Grinstead event on the Ashington circuit, where they both finished in the bunch with the same time as the winner. The second being the BCF Championship Road Race. In this Dave finished

8th after being in the main break for the first 4 laps, and Ian retired on the 6th lap with cramp.

On two occasions after events on G.52 Ian has gone to Rosemarys for breakfast and asked the young lady for "porridge" - what he meant by this I don't know. Ian reported that when meeting "Mazzy" late one Saturday night or rather early one Sunday morning, Mazzy said that he has just been blue-belling. One thinks where had Ian been, probably bird-nesting.

On the social side the club room continues to flourish - with cards providing the main attraction - although should any ESCA bods find themselves in Tunbridge Wells on a Friday evening, table-tennis and darts are also played during the tea-break! A lot has been heard about the Uckfield bottle party but not so much is heard about the gambling den that is now open at Mayfield Road, Frant - guaranteed not to finish till 3.0 a.m. Unfortunately, the programme is rather curtailed during the summer months as the racing men present have to think about having breakfast and getting away to the start of events when they could be winning a fortune 'round the table'.

I am afraid that National Service has once again reached out and claimed another of our members - Gerald reporting for duty at the beginning of May. Nevertheless, Norman Rout has been demobbed but without offending either member will refrain from saying whether the RAF or the TWRC has got the better of this deal. Dave Wright (Doug to some) is still cycling to and from Folkestone at week-ends although he doesn't very often get time to visit the club room due to other attractions! There was quite an interesting discussion at the club room one evening a few weeks ago when Ken, Bill and Don were recalling their service days - approximately two months service between the three of them. It only needed Arthur Thorpe to tell of his service life (spent in the RAF cycling club) and it would have proved the saying - you've never had it so good.

Now not finding any more to write about will sign off until next edition.

Angel.

With a good section of the racing season gone, the Rovers have fared very favourably. Team awards galore have been won, and we hope this will continue throughout the season. The Hardriders team award was the first this year with the club filling 2nd and 3rd places. In the medium gear, Mick Horner began showing his form, and won this from Ken Stevens by 4 secs. Mick surprised even himself, when he rode in the Sussex 25 and won this in great style with a time of 1.4.37 and led the team to another victory. The early morning 10 was the club's next event and Mick won this again, with a time of 25.33. Run in conjunction with this was the Novices 10, and we received 9 entries. The winner, Tony Hilton, screwed down a number of the seeded riders.

In the club open, we were more than pleased with the entry, in comparison with other events promoted this year. The weather did not help and out of the 73 entries, 47 started and of these 46 finished. Dave Patten won this with 1.2.37 from John Dutson who only managed 1.3.29. Mick Carder riding for his new club, the Southern Coureurs, filled 3rd place with 1.4.49. Our best rider was again Mick Horner who was 4th with 1.5.11.

In the E. Sussex shortmarkers 25 Mick Horner arrived late, and had a $3\frac{1}{4}$ minute late start. Should he have arrived on time he would have won the event by a clear minute. The breech was filled though by Ken Stevens with Whippet Manser following in 2nd place. In the longmarkers section Stew Cole gained 2nd place, being beaten by 11 secs. He was followed by Tony Bartlett and Chris Snelling for 3rd and 4th places. All these three have really found out how to 'motor' this season, and they look like being our fast men of the future. John Mayes went up to the Fountain 25 at Easter, and showed his fitness was coming back as he recorded 1.4.53.

When the Sussex Individual Championship was held over 25 miles we did not fare so well as anticipated, but Mick Horner gained 4th place, Ken Stevens 8th, beating John Mayes by one second. Brian Cornwell was surprised to find himself in 12th place, and Tony Bartlett, who improved from a long 9 to 1.7.44 took a well deserved 2nd handicap.

The E. Sussex short markers 50 mile saw Ken do a personal best at this distance, and besides being placed second he had the unusual distinction of gaining 2nd handicap as well. In the longmarkers 50 Stew Cole won this with his first ride at 50 miles and John Eley who

had only raced in the Novices 10, plunged into the event and was placed second. Each of them took a handicap award as well. Tony Bartlett was down to ride but got 'lost' on the way to the start, but his time would undoubtedly have made another team win, as riding his first 50 mile in a club event in May he recorded 2.15.11.

The Rovers were defending their title as Sussex Team Champions this year, but although Mick Horner's second place of 1.3.10 was a good foundation, with the backing of Ken, John and Whippet, Dave Patten's first place of 1-0-48 bettered our aggregate for a four man team of 4.16.55 by 50 secs. against Tunbridge Wells. In the B Section, though, Tony Bartlett, Len Novis and Ken Jones had a two minutes advantage over their nearest rivals.

In the Sussex Ladies 10 Mile, Iris Stevens found 2nd place with 28.24, failing to gain victory from Beryl Mortimer by a few seconds. Another solo rider was Brian Cornwall who entered the Addiscombe 50 and he was well pleased with his ride of 2.15.1.

The Club 50 attracted an entry of 20 riders and the honours went to John Mayes with 2.11.55, this was exactly the same as when he won this event last year. Second place went to Brian with 2.14.32, but had Whippet not had a 2.20 late start, his time would have been his personal best, and bettered Brian's time by 37 secs. Ken Stevens unfortunately punctured, and found he had a slow in his spare.

In the evening 10 mile series, Ken has won both events run at the moment but John and Whippet are both breathing down his neck. Veteran Harry Heather keeps pounding those pedals around, and many of the novices find a hard time holding him.

On June 25th the Eastbourne Carnival will take place again, and the Rovers will be promoting their Roller Racing, and Clubs from Tunbridge Wells, Spartan C.R.C., Southborough and Eastbourne will be riding for the 'Carnival Challenge Shield'. The event is due to begin about 6.30 p.m. at the Seaside Recreational Ground. Any visitors would be most welcomed.

The other club promotion was the "Battle Road Race", this attracted a capacity field, and many entries from London clubs were returned. John Mayes and Mick Horner both late in getting their entries in found themselves on "reserved". The first entry was received more than six weeks before the event, and the number allowed was reached 10 days before entries closed.

Weaknees.

"Summer is icumen in" is a roundal for 6 voices attributed to a Reading monk, John of Fornsets, in 1225, and was a milestone in the history of music. All of which may cause you to ask what on earth that has to do with quarterly notes for Bonk, and yours truly is forced to reply that apart from being seasonal nothing at all, but one has to begin somewhere.

However, summer has come in and with it some "flying" mornings for the racing types, which Ballyalgal's Pal will doubtless tell you about. For the social side the weather helped the summer club run programme get into its stride without any teething troubles. Perhaps when the Hardriders 12 was run off in near perfect conditions it was an omen for the fair weather ahead.

Our hostelling run to Holmbury St. Mary in March attracted most of the rough-stuffing fraternity, who enjoyed themselves storming around Leith Hill woods, although some of the descents became a "test of nerves"; having climbed Leith Hill tower the view was just a great mist everywhere, even the foot of the tower was lost in it.

The Cotswolds was selected for one of the Easter tour groups this year. Geoff, Phil, Crow and Pam getting over to the Vale of Evesham at Blossom time too and making a rough-stuff crossing of Bredon Hill before joining the late-comers at Streatly hostel. Highlight of the tour was at a toll-bridge outside Oxford, when the charge was 1d. per wheel and trike-bound Phil didn't go much on it! Lou led the other group on a home counties hostelry tour which doubtless accounts for their low Easter mileage.

As many of the club runs come south to meet those doing battle on ESCA courses, there seems to be a marked affinity among certain members for the Elizabethan café at Heathfield - maybe it's the juke box - or something. The numbers on club runs are still keeping up, and at present the highest attendance points are being contested for by "Stoker" Pyne and "Honkey" Hammond, with Lord Daniel not far behind. "Stoker" is also something of a force in the racing world, and when asked about the secret of his success just replied "girl friends". This is not surprising when it was realised that a short time ago the club committee were thinking up ways to lace his tea with bromide to "cool him off a bit".

Our tourist trial this year didn't get quite the support of previously, due to a clash of events. Nevertheless, four riders, all juniors, got through in time, Honky, Clive Orchard, Colin and Phil.

The latter gentleman gets his name regularly in Bonk through stacking up his barrow and this issue is no exception - tried pushing in the front of a lorry. Well, he has got it back now, although I hear that Lloyds underwriters are getting rather worried.

Our two club weddings went off most successfully, Pete Cooke and Barbara Tipping were hitched on March 12th complete with an archway of wheels, and the following week Don Brooks and Pat were wed, those who attended the reception said it was of club dinner proportions.

For those who can't keep away from the social do's there was the Fellowship of Kent and Sussex cyclists' luncheon which was attended by Lou, Arthur and Crow, while a fortnight later "The George" at Cranbrook was visited again for the Kent C.A. high tea and prize presentation.

Among new members we have been joined by semi-nomadic club from the Walton C.C. (Liverpool) one Terry Hues who is now working as a printer in Tonbridge.

A happy event for those who think of future club members was April 18th, when Brenda presented John Chenery with a son, Keith.

On future social occasions the focus at present on the club birthday celebrations - the 28th, with the annual auction of cycle equipment, tea, film show and sundry amusements. For Whitsun there will be the usual exodus to the Isle of Wight, although two of our 24-hr. aspirants Ted and Crow, will be stacking in the miles over East Anglia.

So that is all the gen from the far north until the next issue - the Autumn number, the social season - ah well, when summer comes can autumn be far behind?

CROW

HERE & THERE

ANYBODY following a green checked cap on the back of a blue scooter, look out, the passenger puts his hand out to turn right and the driver carries straight on. He may still be loose somewhere.

WILLCOCKS, for some time the victim of his dragon's "Wildcat strike", said: "The only good thing about this is that I feel a lot fitter". And then he tries to tell us that he believes in platonic friendship!!

NORMAN ROUT (TWRC), having just completed approximately two months demob leave, had a nasty shock the other week when someone offered him a job - he is at present convalescing at a Fremains hostelry.

SEEN RECENTLY at the S.C.A. Team Championship 25 - Stan Nash getting the miles in BY CAR - suitably attired in modern day motoring garb - shorts and cycling shoes.

SOME of the Lewes boys, probably due to having read too many West End call-girl cards, have queried just what sort of "personal service by appointment" is being offered by Auntie Sheila !! Details are awaited. (Available from the Ed.).

GRAHAM discussing with Ian on the way to an event recent books he had read said: "You don't want to read Bedtime for Beginners - because you wouldn't learn anything you don't already know". (Now you know why he's called the Angel).

WHO was Cedric playing Romeo and Juliet with one moonlight night on the cliffs of Cornwall ?

IF the weather should be too bad on a Sunday for all but the hardy to venture forth, two members of the Eastbourne Rovers spend their time "on the rug".

THE PROPRIETORS of the George Hotel, Cranbrook, are anxious to contact Bob French of Hastings C. & A.C. concerning the payment of a syphon of soda water that he did not drink, after the K.C.A. tea. (Crow had his spirits dampened - Ed.).

PLANS are at present in hand to introduce a unique double act for next year's E.S.C.A. Party, Dennis Neeves on piano accordion with Dave Neal on guitar. (Book your tickets early!).

WHEN Mrs. Turner was recently asked whether she ever got fed up with Charlie she replied that what with football, ice hockey, and cycling, she never saw him often enough to get fed up with him.

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