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EDITORIAL

Once again it is my duty to pen a few words to introduce another edition of this quarterly magazine. I am afraid there has been slight delay in producing this edition due to various circumstances beyond my control, but I think you'll agree that it is worth waiting for even though some faithful scribes seem to have overlooked the closing date for material.

Since the last edition, the ESCA racing programme has progressed with its usual friendly rivalry; the longer distance events having been decided, the BAR competition is developing into its usual close struggle for honours and could well be decided in the final event on G.52.

There is one big question that appears to be building up around ESCA 25's and that is whether the present G52 is as fast as its old counterpart, starting and finishing at Magham Down. Taking the theory first, it would appear that the present course should be an improvement: it has a much better road surface and is far less winding in the early stages - but weighed against these facts, is the Polegate road too exposed (even the slightest breeze seems like a gale), and are the gentle undulations really steeper than they appear? In practice, the new course has not yet produced times like Dave Marsh, John Dutson or Colin Whittingham have managed from Magham Down, so what do you think is the answer to these assumptions. Why not dispel all doubts as to its potential speed by recording a '59' or better !!!

With the end of the racing season almost in sight - only the 'mountain goats' have yet to try and break the laws of gravity - there are the usual spate of retirements. I hope that those who have decided to give up competition will not be lost to ESCA but that they will still encourage and assist, and so put something back into the sport that has, and I hope will continue to, give them so much enjoyment.

D.P.

Once again the time has come round for me to write a few notes. Well here goes. We will hope that they reach the Editor in time for publication. With the racing season now drawing to a close, with the exception of events for the anti-gravity boys, most of us are turning our thoughts to the Social Season, which to-day if one goes the round of the Club Dinners, can become quite as hectic as the racing season. Our own Luncheon & Prize Presentation will take place on Sunday, 27th November. Efforts are being made to have this at a place other than Hastings, but at the moment nothing definite has been booked; the final decision will be made at the next Committee Meeting on 9th October. While on the topic of social events the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Stone Cross Memorial Hall on Sunday, 4th December, subject to the hire charge being reasonable. Should this be the venue, cups of tea will be obtainable, subject to advance booking. For those requiring liquid refreshment mid-day; this can be obtained at the Stone Cross Hotel opposite the Hall.

Competition in the Time Trials has been very keen during the season though entries have been much lower on the average than in the past years. Competition has been keen for the team awards. The Best All-Rounder Competition for the "Henry Gale Trophy" was not finally decided until the last 25 mile event, in which none of the leading riders were able to improve their times due to the fact that the weather was against fast times. Lewes Wanderers held on to their lead in the team section, with Southborough Wheelers as the runners up. Provisional results appear also where in this issue.

Next season it has been suggested that we drop the 25 miles 72" gear event and in its place run the Team Time Trial which proved a very popular event this year. Over a number of years the support for the Medium Gear event has been declining and it is felt that by making this change it will give more riders a chance to ride in the team time trial, when it is not so likely to clash with other events as was the case this year.

Every effort should be made to dispose of as many Draw tickets as possible for the Manchester November Handicap; these will shortly be available from all Club Secretaries.

R.H.

This quarter's headlines are Crow's 237 miles first place in the ESCA 12 hours. on Hayward's "double" in winning both the Club Championships at 10 and 25 miles and Eric Crook's shock win in a rollers event at Eastbourne.

Crow won the Club 50 at the end of May in hard conditions with 2.13.15. by just over a minute from Brian Leyland with Ron in third place a further two minutes behind. The evening 10 on 1st June went to Clive Ashby in 23.36. with Brian Crouch second in 24.38. and Brian Leyland one second behind (24.39.) for third place. The following Wednesday evening in gale force wet and windy conditions Mick Armitage ran out the winner in 1.7.29. from Ron Hayward 1.8.2. and Roy Pyne 1.9.52. But Ron turned the tables on Mick the following Sunday in the Prestonville 25 when Ron returned 1.4.56. to Mick's 1.7.28. Crow had a 2nd place to Dave Patten (1.2.45.) when he returned an excellent 1.3.15. in the June ESCA 25. Teddy and Brian Leyland rode their first 100's of the season with the KCA event in hard conditions. Ted 4.55.45., Brian 4.59.30. In the Redmon 30 a Club 30 mile team record was established by Brian 1.16.57., Geoff Hayman 1.22.05., and Mick (Honky) Hammond 1.23.17. The Club Championship 10 went to Ron in 25.23. with Brian Leyland second in 25.31. and Crow third in 25.37. In the South Ruislip 100 Brian returned a personal best of 4.43.28. as also did Geoff Hayman with 4.59.8. Ted Boorman unfortunately took a spill when his pump was dislodged and fell in his rear wheel. This put him out of action for the Catford 24 and ESCA 100. A very tired Crow ran out 24 hours and 400 miles in the Catford - his 1st all day event, whilst Phil in his first attempt at 24 hrs. on his trike rode 346 miles to establish a club record. July 20th and the second evening 25 on the good ol' Q.131 - the Marden lanes and Brian Leyland returned a winning 1.3.49. with Clive Orchard 2nd in 1.5.25. and Roy Pyne third in 1.6.16.

And so the ESCA 12 when out of a field of 20 there were 9 Southborough riders all of whom finished (East Grinstead riders - if any - please note). Crow ran out a worthy winner with 237 miles with Ted (229) and Brian (225) backing up to take the team. Geoff Hayman improved two miles to 221 and Mick Armitage to 220. Young Roy Pyne stayed on well in his first 12 for 218 miles whilst Giles Job in his first half-day event collected 217. Eric Crook 206 provisionally and Trike Hennessey 201 was just outside his best.

Following the ESCA 12 came the Club Championship 25 when from 23

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riders Ron retrieved his title with 1.4.36. Brian Leyland 1.5.2. and Brian Crouch 1.5.26. were next bests. Crow and Brian Crouch were co-favourites for the title but Ron never left the issue in doubt to bring off the 2nd leg of his Club double, a grand achievement against a background of little training and many domestic calls. And Crow - nowhere down the field with a long '8' probably paying for his fine efforts the previous week.

Roller racing at the Eastbourne Carnival saw Eric Crook hand out a beating to his 3 opponents, Ian Jenner, Tony Moorhouse and H. Manser in the 440 yards event, quite a turn up for the book. His fine effort was instrumental in giving the Club a first place tie with Spartan C.C. in the series of events.

For the future the Club programme is the KCA 12 in which 7 riders are entered. The ESCA autumn 50, Club 30, ESCA 25, Club Consolation 25, and Medway 100.

Club events have again been very well supported and marshals and helpers easily forthcoming. Warwick Dunford and Lou Bathurst have been the timekeepers.

Ballyalgot's Pal.

SOUTHBOROUGH & DISTRICT WHEELERS - SOCIAL.

There are some people, especially in this Club, who have yet to learn that the cycling year is divided - unequally alas - into two seasons; racing and social season. And try to combine the former with the latter giving rise to a two ended candle complex which becomes quite prevalent about this time of year until relieved by the social season proper. The epistle concerns such people, for who else would indulge in a tea of gigantic proportions followed by antics which by rights should have made the shares in indigestion tablets rise sky-high at a time when most racing types, I'm told, worry about their stamina matching their speed.

Yes the Club birthday tea at the end of May went off most successfully. The auction of used cycling equipment was hilarious as usual and once again Wheelers went home with some extremely dubious bargains, not to mention white elephants - not to worry, though, they will all be up for sale again next year. The cricket match after tea would have given W.G. Grace a fit, whilst to round the evening off the records and rock 'n roll session proved that the clubroom can take the worst

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that energetic jiving can do.

Whitsun found most of the club on the Isle of Wight, touring, swimming and generally having a good time. A major scandal was feared when it was heard that Clive O and Lady Bostic were in the bath at the digs - anti-climax, though, they were only washing their feet.

Ted and Crow had meanwhile gone on an East Anglian hostelling tour spending the Sunday evening at the Thetford Bridge Youth Hostel which is a disused railway station. Being outdoor types they slept out of doors despite a thunderstorm and caused the latter to remark on rising in the morning that it was the first time he could remember standing in the nude on a railway platform!

Our evening stoolball matches with Tunbridge Wells Post Office telephones received good support and true to tradition were were defeated in all the matches, so once again we fall back on the Olympic motto about not winning but taking part, &c.

Due to the pressure of the racing season our hostel runs aren't quite so numerous in the summer, nevertheless we spent the YHA open-to-the-public week-end at Goudhurst YHA and attended the dance at Kilndown village hall in the evening, where the mode of dress was to say the least unusual. Terry Hues thought this was one of the best dances he ever went to - there was no admission charge. Our other hostel run was to Chaldon YH on our way up to Kew Gardens. Kew is an excellent place for viewing nature - as Clive remarked when viewing 20 ft. plants in the tropic house: "It makes you wonder what your back garden will look like when you return from your holidays". It's also a great place for seeing human nature too, especially if the weather is warm.

Several members have already had their holidays. Pat & Arthur made their annual pilgrimage to Ireland, covered 800 miles and voted it the best ever. This year's 'Irish' story is about the time the official press photographer failed to turn up at a local beauty contest so Pat unofficially deputised - we're sure looking forward to his film show this year. Lou, Brian Crouch and Joe, a triangulate enough to strain the Entente Cordial to the uttermost, visited France this year. Naturally, the interest was on food, drink and women rather than miles, and there circulates a story about a lady of questionable morals in Rouen. George and Crow went to Denmark where the highlight of the tour was in the Copenhagen public conveniences

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on the last night - the story will doubtless "do the rounds" during club dinners.

The annual Cuckmere haven camp over August Bank Holiday was blessed with good weather, and the 15 who went along seemed to enjoy themselves actively, and at the Southborough art of stodging up.

Maybe it was the thought that "only gannets really know how to feed gannets" that prompted the moguls of ESCA to call in Southborough along with Eastbourne to do the feeds in the ESCA 12, most of the club turned out either riding or as "groundcrew", and everyone seems to have received their full amount of nourishment (I believe this is rather a touchy subject with the editor) which is no mean feat, knowing some of them. Even in the heat of battle the social side was not forgotten, as one rider stopped at the "May Garland" for a quick one and after the event all the Southborough riders gathered at the Laughton feed to dance "Knees up Mother Brown", which provoked the remark that they didn't try hard enough.

Wagers laid by Southborough racing types on their racing performances are rapidly becoming legendary, usually worked on a pint-per-minute basis they are a strong enticement to try in the racing season as they are inebriated during the social season. New ground was covered though when two riders had a prime in the 12 as to who would be first to kiss a lady feeder at Earwig corner. The prime winner having got his winnings, pressed on whilst the rival came along about 1/4-hour later taking such a packet that he was only able to grab his food. Maybe this has some bearing on why Crow won the event for the second year running.

The President of the Association gets wed on August 20th to Joyce Teague. In some quarters there are remarks about his lack of enthusiasm as he will not be timekeeping on the circuit of the Kent CA 12 next day. Les and Diane get married in September, the bride to be had no choice of date and she was informed by the club which one would suit them best.

Ah well, that's about all, guess it won't be long now, the morning mists and shortening evenings - by the way, it's a long time yet, but earmark December 17th at Tonbridge Social Centre

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its the SWD dinner and general orgy, hope to see you there. Happy wheeling to you all from the tribesmen and women of the North.

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TUNBRIDGE WELLS ROAD CLUB

Hello, once again from the Road Club, with the racing season drawing to a close it can be noticed that certain members of the club are getting in training for the social season. In fact, Dave Neal hasn't left off since the last one.

Well, getting back to racing results, the end of May found Dave Patten, Ian and Graham riding the Crabwood C.C. 25 at Southampton. Dave was 2nd in 1.2.8. and together with Ian 1.4.7. and Graham 1.5.46. we won the team award. Ian, it seems, is used to company in bed on Saturday nights, as the night before the event he was seen to be passionately embracing the bed-post. The week after saw Dave, Ian and Ron Day ride well the ESCA Team Trial to win in 1.28.56. by nearly 2 minutes from the East Grinstead and Eastbourne. The following event was the Prestonville Nomads 25 run on a very wet morning which stopped Dave Neal from riding after he had come for a week out of retirement, however Dave, Ian and Graham still rode and returned times of 1.3.29. and 1.4.37. and 1.6.1. respectively. After the Lewes Police Sports in which Dave and Ian rode, Dave collecting a good share of the prizes, came the ESCA 25 here Dave won the event in 1.2.47. and Ian was 3rd with 1.3.24. he also gained 2nd handicap. These two together with Don Day 1.6.18. won the team, fourth rider Graham doing 1.7.8. While some of the club went on a week-end camping Ian and Graham rode the Folkestone 25, Ian doing a 1.3.21. and Graham 1.4.6. which gained 3rd handicap were both personal bests. As usual the club held its annual inter-club events with the Southborough Wheelers. The Ladies 10 fielded 4 riders, 3 from Southborough, but this was won for the Road Club by Sheila in 30.15. who after starting No. 3 cleared the field just after the turn. In the men's 25 Dave won the event in 1.2.32. and second was Ian in 1.4.15., 3rd was Brian Leyland, Southborough, in 1.6.10. Dave and Ian together with Graham 4th in 1.6.16. gave the Road Club the team by over 7 mins. The last event to date was the Brighton Mitre 25 on another

very wet morning. In this event Ian really got down to business and was fastest of the local riders being placed 6th with a time of 1.1.42. a personal best. Dave did not ride due to a pile up a couple of weeks previous at Bexley grass track. Graham being the other club rider did a 1.6.20. In the Sussex 4,000 metres Individual Pursuit at Brighton, Dave rode through to the final and also in the Team Pursuit over the same distance Dave together with Ian and Graham have reached the final. Owing to bad weather the finals have not been decided. Dave also won the B.C.F. 10 Miles Championship.

As that seems to be the end of the racing news I'd better see if I can find something else. Mazzy it seems doesn't mind sharing as he raised no objections when Ian started "necking" with his girl friend when returning in the car from Brighton on August Monday. Also I heard that his girl-friend was taken home by Ken Chantler a little time ago. Ian was forced to go into hiding as he was being pursued by a woman with matrimonial ideas. This same woman was later informed by Ian that he was taking a long holiday in Scotland. Well there doesn't seem to be any more to write about as the rest of the social news is under review at Scotland Yard together with Lady Chatterley's Lover, but just to give you something to thank about until next time, how and under what circumstances did an article of ladies' underwear come to be in Ian Jenner's van?

ANGEL

CENTRAL SUSSEX C.C.

It seems almost too soon to have to set pen again to paper to bring you the latest from the far flung realms of the Central Sussex C.C. but fate (and the Editor) has decreed it, so here goes.

As mentioned in the last edition of this now anti-scandal sheet, we have gained three new junior members, well they it seems have 'mates' and the roll now reads twelve new members, all under 18, and all very keen to start racing, although for the life of me I can't think why. Our junior events for this year then have been very well subscribed, and although not on the very flattest of courses, as a few readers (and the Editor and Editor's Secretary) will bear witness, some quite good performances were put up. Results as follows :-

Central Sussex C.C. (continued).

1st 10 Miles		2nd 10 Miles	
M. Verey	25.50 (Junior)	M. Verey	25.17 (Junior)
D. Dalziel	24.24 (New club record)	J. Gallsworthy	25.47
C. Grainger	26.14	M. Wren	28.53 (Junior)
P. King	29.45 (Junior)	R. Snelling	30.00 (Junior)
M. Birkett	29.43 (Junior)	Miss B. Mortimer	28.39
R. Byrnes	27.28	Editor	23.37 (Course record)
J. Gallsworthy	25.54	Editor's Sec.	29.00
A. Morden	27.51		

1st 15 Miles		2nd 15 Miles	
J. Gallsworthy	40.6	J. Gallsworthy	43.39 (Trike)
M. Birkett	48.14	P. King	43.13
A. Morden	42.13	M. Verey	39.51
P. King	42.18	M. Birkett	43.21
W. Lovell	42.42	P. Snelling	45.20
		M. Wren	42.8
		W. Lovell	40.46

Malcolm Verey, who ruined his handicap in the Brighton Mitre 25 by doing a 1.3.20 (3 min. 34 sec. improvement), leads in the Junior BAR Competition with an average speed of 23.381 m.p.h. Not bad for a 16 year old, eh?

In our 2nd Club 25 David Dalziel played havoc with the field and did a 1.3.36. for fastest and handicap.

Happily the ESCA 12 hour was not one of the days that has been mucked about with, no rain and not a great deal of wind, and I am pleased to report that 'Big' John Gallsworthy kicked off his 12 hour riding with a 229 mile ride for 3rd place and 1st handicap. John leads 'Baron' C.R. Byrnes for our Senior BAR by approx. .047 m.p.h. a little improvement from either could swing things so we have quite a needle match this year.

Beryl Mortimer is still flying about, and won the SCA 15 to add to her 10 win earlier in the year.

David has now been hooked by the Army, and is now enjoying the delights of Her Majesty's Barracks at Aldershot. It does not seem to have done his courting a lot of harm, though, as I have heard a tinkle of wedding bells in the not so distant future, although he has not said anything officially yet, of course. Still time along will tell. Myself, well I should like to know just who the young lady

was he was with during the Sussex 12 hour. I bet he says its just an old friend.

During the recent weeks the club paid a social visit to the Southern Wheelers and drank all their tea. However, I think we lost the table tennis, although I am given on good authority that Malcolm Verey lost no time in chasing the Southern Wheelers latest Belle. He is very quiet about it though. We have having a return visit from them soon, so perhaps the operation will continue.

Our services are again in demand by Maywards Heath British Legion (Ladies Section) at the annual Darts Match. I foresee another good evening here with cheese and onion sandwiches all round and indigestion all week. Heigh-ho for the social season !!

John Gallsworthy, Tony Bridle and Alan Robinson spent their holidays touring Scotland this year, they saw a lot of the sights and John bears witness to the cannibalistic habits of the gnats up there, but then who else would spend his time brewing tea UNDER a bridge out of the rain!

Just a short reminder to finish off with of the Central's Xmas Hilly TT. Entry forms will be about in good time, and this year we hope for a bumper entry and a dry day. We are always pleased to see our friends in the event or around the course, not forgetting afterwards at the clubroom.

That's it then, Happy Social Season, see you at the dinners.

HONEST GINGE.

BRIEF ENCOUNTER by P. Crowsley.

Have you ever wondered what it's like to bowl up to an airport and ask when the next plane to so and so is leaving and having found out coolly saying: "Right, that will be OK", and paying your money and flying off? Well it was a favourite day-dream of mine until it happened. But I'm getting ahead of myself, you see the Editor asked for a touring story for the Autumn 'Bonk', so if you've nothing better to do you can can this. The week-end of June 25th/26th found yours truly at a loose end as I'd forgotten to send a 50 entry in and most of the club were away at different events, so thoughts turned to a big tour, preferably out of England. A quick survey showed the scheme to be extravagantly expensive and completely impractical, and this

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being so I made my way to Gatwick airport, a seven minute sprint from work, with a hairbrained scheme of going to Jersey for the week-end. That is what all that bit at the beginning is about. I got fixed up and flew off on a pouring wet Friday evening in a Dakota of Jersey Airlines, after just over an hours flight of improving weather we touched down to a beautiful summer's eve and having reassembled my iron I potted off with the strange feeling that I was in foreign parts and yet was at work only two hours previously. It was a short downhill run to St. Aubin and along the prom to St. Helier. Then the fun began, there are no youth hostels on the Channel Isles and the place was full of holiday makers. To cut a long story short it was a desperate 10 p.m. before I got booked in at a hotel, having first covered just about every street in St. Helier, but having got in it was decided to have a quick recce on foot to weigh up the merchandise potential of the place - how the K & S Fellowship would love its liquor, in fact all luxuries were ridiculously cheap, but where was the Continental atmosphere? I heard Scotch, Yorkshire, Cockney and hardly a word of French.

Next morning I went out in search of contacting the Caesarian CC who had sent my club an open invitation to join them if we were ever over that way. By luck the first cycle shop I entered happened to be run by the Caesarian president, so I was "in" and was invited to join them at their club 25 in the morning.

The rest of Saturday morning was spent in a hectic rush of laying in supplies of cheap "Hooch" and diverse luxuries to bring home and food for the day's consumption, and this being completed and dumped at the hotel, I went off on the first tour of the island.

Water Works valley doesn't sound a very attractive name although it is one of the most beautiful roads running from South to North of the island past a series of lakes that form the main water supply.

The first things to be learnt are that most of the roads are very narrow and twisty and have no signposts except at main junctions, so map reading is at a premium. From the scenic angle Jersey is very like Devon, especially on the northern coast, where the trees come practically to the water's edge - and those hills. I know now why nobody uses 'fixed' in the Caesarian CC.

Saturday afternoon was spent at Booley Bay, famous for its hill

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climb both motoring and cycling, where I met up with the Middlesex RC crew, Rob and Tessa and whiled away the time swimming, and admiring the scenery which is quite rocky and more than a little resemblance to parts of Cyprus. I should add that the scenery included the female half of the Middlesex RC partnership, she was petite, blonde, tanned and with a figure that showed off her turquoise bikini to the very best advantage, all of which accounted for the fact that I didn't leave there until 5.30 p.m. However, as some touring just had to be done I returned to St. Helier via the western circumference of the island through St. Johns, down the lovely Greve de lecq valley, and along the five mile straight from L'etac to Corbiere in the south-west corner and round St. Brelade's Bay to St. Aubin and St. Helier. The scenery over this western part is more open but not unattractive, although the five mile straight is a bit of a grind.

There's always something happening in St. Helier on a Saturday night, and this was no exception, a French v. Irish fight started smashed plateglass windows, scuffles with the police, all very exciting but not laid on for the tourists.

I got rather a queer look from the hotel keeper when I told him that I wanted to be away by 7 a.m. on Sunday morning. He obliged, however, and 7 a.m. found me pottering through St. Helier to St. Aubin to the start of the 25 which ran round the South Coast of the Island and up the east side as far as Gory and returned. The event had no Continental atmosphere except for the names of the riders, otherwise it was all in the best RTTC tradition. Being at the finish I was able to get some 'big takes' and see the Junior 25 record brought down to a 1.4.15. The event was won with a '3' and there were about 15 riders - all on gears. One rider seemed somewhat familiar - Good lor', Don Cook of the Central Sussex CC. Yes, 'Cooky' has been living over there for a couple of years and is doing very well both in cycling and working in the building line, he did a 1-5 odd.

Tradition has it in the Caesarian CC that at the finish of an event they all retire to the President's house for coffee and a post-mortem and it was there that I learnt more about club life on this island. Because of its smallness there is no touring interest as such, and to compensate there is a large social programme of table tennis and Sunday fun and games, including visits to neighbouring guernsey and the French mainland. The club membership stands

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about 90, although only about one third are bona fide cyclists.

The coffee and post-mortem having finished, I bade au revoir to the club and continued the rest of the day's touring in Don Cook's vintage Austin 7, painted Red, Yellow and Black. He took me over the 25 course and I soon saw why gears were used - Mount Bingham - three hairpins up one side and 1 in 5 up the other. The 50 course includes all this and more hills - alongside which some of the roads are composed of granite and cement, which makes things very dicey in the wet - personally I prefer the flat courses like the Southborough Hilly 42 !

My "Cook's tour" called on several hotels en route (they have few pubs in Jersey), a veritable paradise for the dypsomanica and also visited the famed Gory Castle but all too soon time had run out and after bidding Don adieu I flew off from Jersey on a cloudless and hot day - north over St. Johns, over the Cherbourg peninsula and crossed the English mainland at Littlehampton before touching down at Gatwick.

Yes, it was a very brief encounter and rather expensive for so short a time, but I recommend it to anyone with a week-end to spare, and you can be sure of a welcome from the Caesarian CC.

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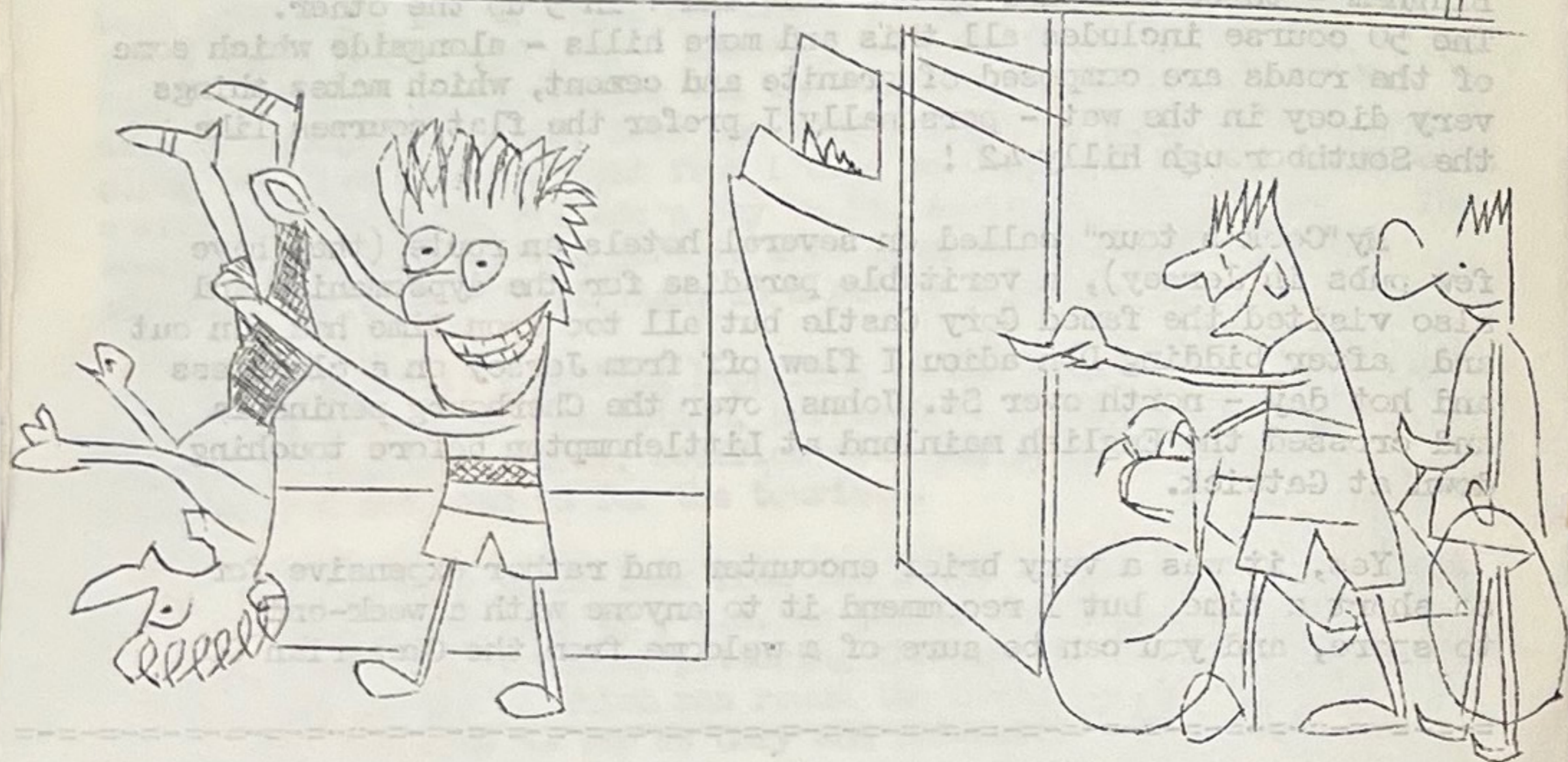
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POLAR BEAR



LEWES WANDERERS C.C.

Greetings to all 'Bonk' addicts enjoying the privilege of reading a further instalment of "Ouse Who", that chronicle of Wanderers' manifold misdemeanours. Since the last edition the club's fair name has been kept well and truly before the public by that go-getting quartet of Agg, Barton, Burgess and Burbery, despite the bad weather that has gone to make up this apology for a summer. The evening 10's duly ran their course, Burgess winning

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the last one with a short 26, and the overall winner was 'Dick' Barton. Willcocks won the handicap but, as you've probably guessed, a 'fiddle' was attached thereto. The Wanderers only allow one award per event so Barton's handicap win went to the next in line who, despite strenuous checks and rechecks by the Chancellor, still proved to be Willcocks! This worthy performance caused a laugh when 'Auntie Beryl' of the Central asked him: "Don't you like me riding?" He replied: "I don't mind you riding - its when you keep beating me that gets me down". Apart from this he has yet to be seen in the early morning and were wondering what keeps him between the sheets. Possibly a certain "wildcat strike" has ended, although he denies that.

The Portsmouth 25 saw "Tourist" Agg, Barton and Burbery all "doing their nuts" to return their best times this year, 2, 3 and 5 respectively. Next the Marlborough 50 provided another episode in that long and colourful saga "The misfortunes of Agg". He contrived 2.11.16. including almost losing a crank which was finally fixed with the aid of a hammer lent by that rarity, a sympathetic motorist. To hear Agg tell the tale one would think it cost him competition record! The De Laune 100 on a vile morning of continuous rain gave Agg 4.47 and 'Copper' Burgess 5.14; then came the Association 25 in which Barton crawled to 1.4.27. and beat Agg's 5.47, Burbery's 7.47 and Burgess's 8.41. The Chichester 50 saw Burbery record 2.16.24. plus a puncture, his fourth in five events (seems as if there's a need for some decent tubs here somewhere!). The SCA 50 brought more woe to Agg, the gremlins this time getting into his back wheel and stripping the sprocket! This entailed two changes of bike and slowed him to 2.14.16. Barton's 2.12.37. just pipped Burbery by 5 secs. while Burgess trampled round in 2.18.39. In the Regent 50 the gods at last smiled on the "Tourist" who recorded a personal best of 2.9.13. The "little people" shifted their attentions this time to Barton who punctured and also revelled in a couple of crashes, one going and one returning, in exactly the same place, and did - dare we print it - 2.39.39.!

In the Association 100 on an appalling morning that more than lived up to ESCA tradition, our boys notched their second team win this season. Second place in the event was filled by Agg with 4.53.41 (!), Burbery third with 5.4.24., Barton down to 5.18.4. and Burgess doing 5.32.5. A week sufficed to erase these unpleasant memories, however, and in much better weather the SCA 100 saw Agg

leading our boys and doing a 4.43, and gaining fourth place, while Burbery managed 4.56.35., and Burgess made amends with 5.9.23. The club 30 then came round, and with Agg absent it looked a win for Barton. However, he was screwed by 22 secs. by Burbery who did 1.18.3., with the 'Copper' third with 1.22.17. Next he started the same insatiable quartet in the Association 12 but hopes of a high team placing were dashed when the "Tourist" failed to finish after being bullied back on to his 'iron' at the 166 mile feed. The reason is not too clear as he didn't show up at the finish, so all credit to "Dick" Barton who did around 225 miles in his first bash at a 12, and also to Burbery (212) and Burgess (204) for finishing on such a scorcher of a day. The latter caused some merriment when he revealed that after a couple of hours' rest he had to be on duty that night for an 8-hour stretch - on cycle patrol !! He said: "I hope no one looks too closely into the shelter in Hove Park in the early hours because as likely as not one of the inert bundles therein will be me !" Burbery got into the Westerley 100 on H5, the hallowed Bath Road course, and finished in 4.50.46. He should really have done better than this as our spies report that he had his sprints carried for him and also a pre-event massage !

And what of all the other former "household words" among the Lewes clique ? Well, Grover has exchanged the delights of cycling to those of gunning around in a TR3. Brit. Hawkins, who showed such promise, has been hauled off to Mexico, Johnny Cox is still up to his ears in building the family mansion at Ringmer, while the aforementioned Willcocks has once again been bitten by the car-building bug. As the last one took some two years not much hope of his doing any record-breaking this season can be entertained, even by the most optimistic of us ! Peter Sharp greatly assists with lifts to and from events, for riders, and also does a bit of recording and marshalling, while the evergreen Chancellor continues to "frame" handicaps and hold the watch.

Well, brethren, those of you who are still with us will breathe easier when we say that its time to "belt up the blurb" until the final season's summing up in three months' time. All the best awheel to all ESCABods for the remainder of the 1960 racing frolics, and here's to much better weather than we've suffered so far !

ALSORAN

Well it's 'Bonk' time again and here are the highlights of the last three months from that 'obscure rural club' (if the Editor has patience).

Latest acquisition to the club is one Norman (Spanker) Wright who at the age of 16, in his first year of riding, has done a 5.16 and is reducing Woppit to a state of tears in his last year for the Junior BAR. Lady ESCABods should beware ! One Saturday evening on the way to digs, he remarked on the vivid checked trousers of a certain young lady in Lewes. When the wench started to emit vulgar language Roy suggested slapping her backside. Together with a "No guts" from Woppit this was too much for Norman, who up-ended her and gave her a good tanning. Roy was heard to mumble "Mmmm, another Pearson !"

On the serious side of racing at which nobody seems very gone on this year, Terry is the only one to spring any surprises. His track wins amounted to some 18 or so last time I heard, and two RAF CA Championships, with one of the fastest 1,000 metres TT times of the year. Riding for the RAF he has also done an "0", and Roy is our next fastest 25 miler with a "2". (Mr. Sociable packed up for the year with a "3" to his credit). Woppit got down to an "8" again in the Counties 25 beating Uncle Horace by 6 sec. for the first time at the distance. Everyone I think enjoyed the ESCA T.T.T. especially the event tuggoes, who comprised youngest member Lewis, oldest member Horace and Woppit, (and what a combination !!). The first evening 10 went to Arthur with a 24.54, the other one and the 15 going to Roy with 24.14 and 36.50 respectively. Ken Savage wiped the Barnes Cup handicap 25 for a second time with a time of 1.9.12. and an allowance of 8½ min. The annual President's Flying ¼-Mile T.T. proved a win by Den. with 31 sec. into the wind. Surprise seconds were Woppit and Pete with 34 sec. In the ESCA 100 Hos wiped 1st handicap which paved the way for him to beating the Uckfield-Winchester and back veteran standard of 8 hr. 24 min. by 5 mins. John and Woppit travelled Essex way for the Viking RC Tandem 50 in which they retired at 45 miles. With John virtually packed up for the season and Woppit far from 50 fitness it seemed a very long way ! In the Mitre 25 Roy began to hit the old form with a 3 which he followed up in the Becontree event with a 2.41. He, Spanker and Woppit rode away to the latter but Woppit was dogged by bad luck. After his chain flew off down Eridge hill and careless Tunbridge Wells motorists

nearly shot his bolt for him, he went and fell off on the way to the start in a load of and finally punctured when doing a decent time. Of course, everyone was pleased to see the distance men on form for the Sussex 12, where they wiped 1st, 3rd and 1st Team by 20 miles, the stars (!!!) being Cedge, Dennis and Hos. But all the racing honours must go to the venerable Chairman, who put up such a fine display in the National Veterans 25 and 50 Championships in which he came 12th and 9th respectively on age standard. This I must be sure in saying is a unique tally in Sussex circles.

On the scandalous side the picture is of great booming, starting with the disintegration of one of the back springs of the Buggy ! Woppit could kick himself over his zeal for obtaining his free 1961 membership by introducing a female member. However, we see quite a few more (few, not two !!) faces at the clubroom now. Skippy has started work, much to the amusement of one and all, Agricultural Reg has got spliced and it seems Kirby has nearly also. The club now boasts yet another 7 and so beware next season; it will have to carry 6 blokes and bikes at least ! The Savage from Five Ash Down has been keeping bad company when riding away and rumour has it that a 75 degree headed and 92-in. geared bicycle will be used in the ESCA 50. Four ESCAbods went to Belgium with the "Sporting Cyclist" and apart from trying not to be known when Agg was around the least said the better about the trip, which everyone including your trusty (?) scribe enjoyed.

By now it will be common knowledge that there has been an addition to the learned Edwards in the form of a baby boy Derek. Lots of luck to Phyl and Prof. and to the infant. The prize for the longest nose this quarter goes without a doubt to Mrs. Webb, who appears to spend all her time in the local hairdresser's stirring - now I wonder why ? The antics of the Woppit on Chichester grass track are now well known, and rumours that he has accepted an offer to enter the church or to ride as pro. on the Continental board tracks are totally without foundation. Anyway, he stayed on at Lewes ! Well, I must sign off now with the triumph over the impossible. Woppit has something on Siggs !! Yes we have it on reliable information that Uncle Roysewoysee had a flair for interior decorating at an early age when he took delight in plastering the walls of his room with the contents of his nappy !!!

Chuffed to bits

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EASTBOURNE ROVERS C. & A.C.

With the season beginning to reach its closing stages, the Rovers have had a successful season. Two outstanding rides have been done this year, one by Iris Stevens, when she rode in the First Chard Wheelers 25, and she recorded 1.10.12. The disappointing thing is that it was just five seconds short of the club record, and just 13 seconds short for a gold medal presented to the club for the first

woman to beat 70 minutes. Brian Cornwell after the club record for 12 hours came second in two events with his tries. The first, ESCA 12 hr. he covered 232 miles, a good try in itself, but in the Sussex 12 hr. he bettered this with a ride of 234 miles. This distance would have been greater if missing marshals had not allowed Brian to go off course. Unfortunately, the record did not go, but the distance was the second best ever covered by a member of the Rovers.

Another racing spotlight was that Whippet Manser beat Ken Stevens in an exciting battle royal for the fastest club 25 cup. An unexpected win in view of Ken's consistent improvements.

It was hoped that Brian Cornwell and Quentin Rance would have had the support of a third member from the Rovers in an attempt to win the East Sussex Best All Rounder Team as both riders are making this their last competitive season. For two seasons now a rider to record about 200 miles in the 12 and a 5 1/2 hour hundred would have been sufficient but it was not to be, and both have work commitments that will not allow the necessary training for a third year attempt.

John Mayes is well in the throes of his square bashing, and should soon have this enjoyable session behind him. John was unfortunate to be called up in the last group of deferred apprentices.

A contingent from the club went to watch the Bath Road Hundred and as usual they expected to be able to spend the night in a barn normally frequented by cyclists for this event. They found the barn boarded up and filled with geese, but like true cyclists they decided to stick it out and sleep rough. Everything went fine till about two o'clock and then down came the rain, still they managed to keep reasonably dry, and saw the fine performances recorded in the morning.

Stan Nash and Mick Horner have just left on a tour in the South of France. Stan who normally goes abroad every year has a vast knowledge of the area, and the two should have an enjoyable time providing the weather holds.

For an end of the season event this year, the club is promoting for its members a hilly "22". The course was carefully thought out by Stan, and need I say more, if Ditchling Beacon was nearer that would have been included as well. 'High and Over' is included, and an out and home stretch over the coast road from Eastbourne to

Seaford. In the finishing five miles there are three one in six climbs. This all came about as some members thought this would be better than a hill-climb - at least you only have one hill.

Our clubroom, which is at the Memorial Hall on Stone Cross cross roads, now has a full size billiard table, besides the other normal games, and should any East Sussex riders find themselves around our way on a Thursday evening, anybody would be most welcome. A first class cafeteria is also in operation.

Ann Heather, who we thought would be a budding champion has taken to hiking with Brian Strong. We doubt if we will see Ann in competitive cycling again, it is a great pity but that is how it goes.

Stew Cole and Brian Cornwell have joined the league of motor-cyclists, but they are still entering and riding in events. Brian has stated his intentions, but it could be the beginning of the end for Stew - again a great pity.

Weaknees.

E.S.C.A. B. A. R. RESULT

1.	P. Crowsley	Southborough Wheelers	21.407 m.p.h.
2.	B.E. Cornwell	Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C.	21.213 "
3.	W.D. Hamilton-Webb	Uckfield & District C.C.	21.020 "
4.	M. Carpenter	Hastings & St. Leonards	20.646 "
5.	M.J. Barton	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	20.569 "
6.	P.F. Burbery	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	20.486 "
7.	Q. Rance	Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C.	20.305 "
8.	M. Burgess	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	19.647 "
9.	R. Pyne	Southborough Wheelers	19.590 "
10.	P. Hennessey	Southborough Wheelers	18.463 "
Team: Lewes Wanderers			20.234 "
Southborough Wheelers			19.820 "

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- | <u>Across</u> | <u>CLUES</u> | <u>Down</u> |
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| 1. Stuffing for a parrot. | | 1. Used to cost a penny. |
| 6. To have a longing for. | | 2. Yes. |
| 7. Post Office. | | 3. To lose colour. |
| 9. Christian Name. | | 4. Revolting Irish. |
| 10. Finish. | | 5. Hymenopterous insect. |
| 12. And. | | 8. Kind of quartz. |
| 14. Cinque Port. | | 11. Early risers often see this. |
| 15. Rank in Royal Air Force. | | 12. 45". |
| 18. Piece of arable land. | | 13. 1½ Chinese ounces. |
| 20. La Mer. | | 16. Isle. |
| 22. Record. | | 17. Bare (anag.). |
| 23. Digger. | | 19. Well-known tourist. |
| 24. 2nd best amateur sprinter in the world, 1958. | | 20. Medicinal (Bath) water. |
| | | 21. Opposite to subtract. |

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H E R E a n d T H E R E

Teddy Boorman is now well and truly involved in the world of bee-keeping, although the black netting head-dress is not R.T.T.C. Regulation.

Don Cook sends his regards to all in ESCA and especially to Cedge and all the farmers. He hopes to see you over his way sometime and a welcome awaits you.

Rumour has it that "Tourist" Agg was seen to slink furtively into the night school at Brighton and enquire if they were considering running classes on cycle care and maintenance. Boy, could he do with some instruction !

The scene: The Southborough clubrun near Brasted. Diane waves to a girl friend of hers and a dozen pairs of male eyes turn. Result: 2 bikes, a trike and three bodies littering the Brasted road.

East Grinstead C.C. whilst on the Isle of Man chartered a boat for a fishing trip, but the only catch made is by Phil Hitchcock - he landed the anchor.

Mick Burgess's sergeant is supposed to have said: "Didn't I see you with a gang of roughs on bikes?" Mick replied: "That was my Club, Lewes Wanderers". The sergeant fixed him with a beer and barked: "Well, what's the difference?"

Rumours from the Isle of Man have it that Micky Robinson is almost engaged to a lady member of the Weybridge C.C., after sitting up all one night with her on the stairs at their digs. Returning home he rode the Kingston 25 staying the night before at Weybridge. (What time did he do !!).

The rock shop reports that a large number of ESCA'ites are to be seen in Hastings at week-ends wearing civilian clothes and in company with young ladies. (Is the attraction the cut prices offered at this well-known establishment?).

HERE and THERE (continued).

British Railways posters advertising Night Services to France are obtainable from Al Moran at 3/- per hundred, all handpicked and guaranteed illegally removed from the latest British Railways stock !!! (Manuscript copy of Lewes report can be seen by appointment with the Editor).

Dennis Neeves reports that one Sunday morning recently he observed to his astonishment two or three members of the Tunbridge Wells Car Club attired in coloured jerseys and riding racing bicycles. Did any other reader observe this phenomenon, or was he the victim of hallucinations?

The gate at Grantham House is now said to bear the sign "Beware of the wife". This was erected by Charlie Robson following an incident on the night preceding the ESCA 50, when Giles Job of the Southborough Wheelers was bitten on the leg by Mrs. Robson.

Mr. Tony Boynton, the supposedly 100% cycling enthusiast from Bexhill indulged in beer and women at the Stag Inn, Hastings, then had to rest at a certain sea-front house until he was fit to ride back to Bexhill.

Do intending participants realise that Dennis Neeves intends racing again and has bought a new bicycle? Could this be a "Battle of Chainwheel Creek" reunion? as it is rumoured that Geoff Willcocks is coming out of hibernation.

Uckfield 'gentleman' Cedric takes Mrs. Webb to Uckfield Carnival, whilst husband Dennis is sent away to ride in the Sussex C.A. 50.

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