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### EDITORIAL

Another season of racing completed the all too short social season appears to be well under way, with many of the East Sussex member clubs having held their annual Dinners. Our own luncheon and prize presentation held at Hastings in November was it's usual highly successful function with Mr. and Mrs. Syd Amey being our guests on this occasion.

With regard to the venue of our luncheon, efforts were made to try and move a little more central this year, but as everyone knows, without much success, being unable to find the right venue at the right price on a SUNDAY. This has mooted the opinion that maybe the time has come to change to a Saturday function, in order to meet everyone's requirements, so I suggest that this matter be given very serious consideration in anticipation of any decision that may have to be made.

This edition brings to a close my first year of editorship (and finds me starting my second) with, I am glad to say, not too much of the 'blue pencil' having to be used. One or two articles have been a little controversial I'll agree (especially CROW's latest in this edition), but I am sure that if they are read in the light-hearted way in which they are meant to be, no harm is done.

And so to Xmas, and I would like to wish all my readers a very merry time and a successful 1961.

D.P.

IMPORTANT: Closing date for Spring Edition 22nd February, 1961.



"GEN" from the Secretary

At this time of the year we are all thinking about Annual General Meetings and Dinners and Prize Presentations. It is about the latter that I should like to dwell on, in particular. During recent years at a number of Prize Presentations I have noticed that quite a number of the persons called upon to receive awards for performances during the year have been conspicuous by their absence. Surely the Prize Presentation is the highlight of the year's activities, whether it be one's own club or Association. I feel that all awards winners are under an obligation to promoters to make every effort to attend such functions.

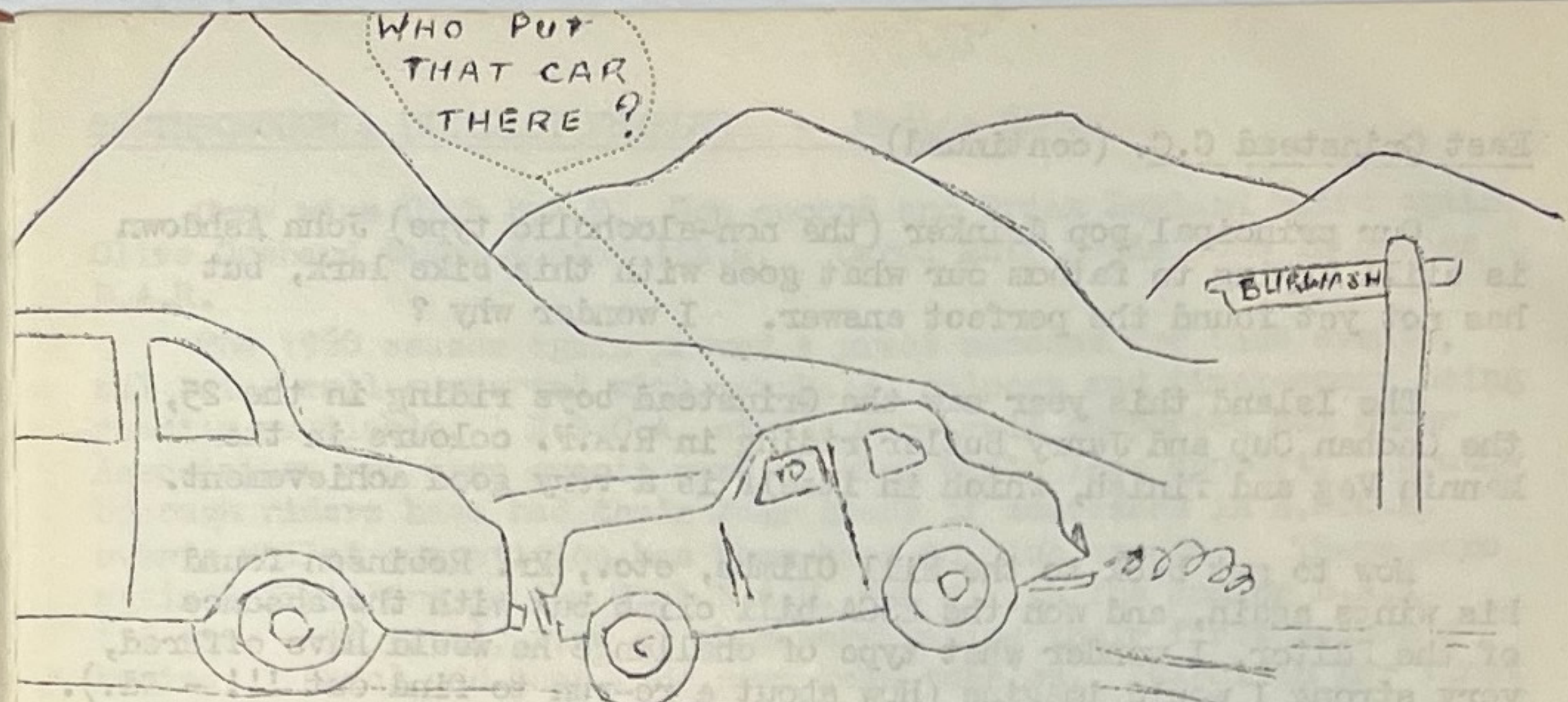
By the time these notes reach you we shall have had our A.G.M. Elsewhere in this issue our Editor no doubt has included a paragraph giving details of the main decisions of this meeting.

We have now honoured our winners of 1960 and our thoughts are now turning to the 1961 Racing Season (who said the Social Season should be extended to 12 months?), which is but a few weeks away, worse luck. Our programme for 1961, subject to A.G.M. approval, is more or less the same as past years, though one or two dates have been altered. The main difference being the dropping of the Medium Gear 25 miles and the revival of the Ladies 12 hours at the request of the fair sex.

Changes have been made regarding the promoting Secretaries for 1961, our Assistant Racing Secretary will be promoting the May 50 miles, the June 25 miles, the 100 miles and the 12 hours, with myself promoting the remainder. Club Racing Secretaries are asked to check on the entry forms as to whom the promoter is, as it is possible that alterations may have to be made during the season from the details printed in the R.T.T.C. Handbook.

In conclusion, I should like to thank our Social Secretary for the very able way in which he has carried out his duties during the year, also those persons who made such a nice job of overwriting our Certificates, to the Management Committee and Club officials for their whole-hearted co-operation in making my task an easy one. Thank you one and all. To you all the Season's Greetings, and may 1961 see us going from success to success.

R.H.



STILL DRUNK!!

WHAT A PARTY!!

EAST GRINSTEAD C.C.

Well after getting a ticking off for not getting the last report in this one will consist of a quick round up of the year's racing achievements.

This year Micky (ATOM) Robinson got down to a '58 with Richard Wood the second fastest with a 1.1.34 and Ray Lunn breathing down his neck with a 1.1.35, and Fred Marshall the club veteran, doing a 1.1.40, a 2.9 "50", plus a 4.40 "100". Ray fought it out with Fred and managed a 4.36 and a shorter 2.9 to gain club B.A.R. honours.

Phil Hitchcock did his personal best 25 this year with a 1.3, but Bill Francis failed once more to better his best time, but has had a consistent string of rides that have given good support.

Among the younger members, Dick Marchant managed an excellent 1.4 and Chris Danials in his first ever time trial managed a best ever novices club time of 1.5.3. for a 25 and a 26 min. "10", securing the Junior B.A.R. Terry Sales, Dereck Russell, Jim Golden, Toby Wyant, and Mick Dean have all enjoyed a first full season of racing, and if keenness is anything to go by, these boys should do well in the future.



East Grinstead C.C. (continued).

Our principal pop drinker (the non-alcoholic type) John Ashdown is still trying to fathom our what goes with this bike lark, but has not yet found the perfect answer. I wonder why?

The Island this year saw the Grinstead boys riding in the 25, the Onchan Cup and Jerry Butler riding in R.A.F. colours in the Marnin Veg and finish, which in itself is a very good achievement.

Now to get back to the Hill Climbs, etc., Mr. Robinson found his wings again, and won the ESCA hill climb but with the absence of the Editor, I wonder what type of challenge he would have offered, very strong I would imagine (How about a re-run to find out !!! - Ed.). Dick and Terry had a bash at the hill but soon found how hard it was. Micky didn't find his form so well in the Catford, but put up a very good show getting in the first dozen. In the fields this chap Robinson seems to turn up again (Hm. - sounds interesting - Ed.) but this time he has a bit more support for the mudlarking that seems to go on in this Cyclo Cross. These other odd bods usually turn out to be Dick, Dereck and Terry, when the mud's been scraped off them, but they seem to like it.

The Social Season really kicked off well for the members of the Grinstead, who attended the excellent Tunbridge Wells dinner, with yours truly getting slightly too merry and suffering for my fun at about 3 o'clock the next morning.

All the boys enjoyed themselves and are willing to accept any free tickets for other club dinners, if only to make the numbers up, and if any tickets are available please send them care of "Burtarni Land, Somewhere".

As that about rounds up all I can think of at the moment, I will just let you know that the East Grinstead C.C. Annual Booze up is on January 21st, 1961, at the Olde Felbridge Hotel, and tickets are available at 14/6d. each from: R. Wood, 83 Hammerwood Road, Ashurst Wood, East Grinstead, Sussex.

I hope we see some of our friends there. Until we meet again.

Yours,

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RADAR.

SOUTHBOROUGH & DISTRICT WHEELERS - Racing News.

Crow wins Club B.A.R., Ron second and Brian Leyland third again. Clive Orchard takes Junior title. Carol Muir heads Down in Ladies B.A.R.

The 1960 season again proved a great success for Club events, all being well supported with marshals, helpers and timekeepers being readily available. E.S.C.A. events were well supported but other Association and Open events were showing again less support. Southborough riders have had their fair share of successes in E.S.C.A. events whilst competition has been keen in Club events. There were again 9 finishers in the Club B.A.R. and six in the Junior B.A.R. (15 yrs. - 18 yrs.), five of whom were having their first season's racing. Carol and Dawn rode some keen tussles. Carol in her first season has some consistent rides to her credit whilst Dawn not appearing on the scene until late in the season was improving with every ride with the season's end coming too soon for her.

The following are the Club B.A.R. tables and the figures in brackets denote previous placings :-

SENIOR B.A.R.

		25	50	100	12	Av.
1.	P. Crowsley (2)	1. 2.46.	2. 9.53.	4.30.31.	237.300	22.237
2.	R. Hayward (-)	1. 2.53.	2.10.48.	4.47. 2.	225.770	21.627
3.	B. Leyland (3)	1. 3.14.	2.14.33.	4.43.28.	225.380	21.492
4.	E. Boorman (4)	1. 4.20.	2.14. 6.	4.55. 3.	229.693	21.291
5.	M. Armitage (-)	1. 6.34.	2.17.40.	4.53. 5.	220.137	20.785
6.	G. Cheesman (5)	1. 6.48.	2.21.13.	4.52.19.	215.894	20.553
7.	G. Hayman (8)	1. 7. 6.	2.22.53.	4.59. 8.	221.384	20.464
8.	R. Pyne (-)	1. 4.37.	2.22.30.	5.45. 5.	218.930	19.974
9.*	P. Hennessy (6)	1.10.52.	2.28. 3.	5.41.15.	201.100	18.942

\* Trike entirely.

JUNIOR B.A.R.

		10	25	30	Av.
1.	C. Orchard	25.10.	1. 5.25.	1.21.46.	22.928
2.	M. Hammond	25.52.	1. 6.39.	1.23.17.	22.438
3.	D. Gillett	26.39.	1. 6.48.	1.22.27.	22.266
4.	S. Armitage	26.13.	1. 8.42.	1.27.31.	21.762
5.	B. Gilbert	26.14.	1.10. 3.	1.26.32.	21.695
6.	C. Orchard	27.36	1.11.31.	1.33.55.	20.626



LADIES B.A.R.

		10	25	30	Av.
1.	C. Muir (-)	28.52.	1.13.58.	1.31.43.	20.229
2.	D. Hayward (1)	30.56.	1.15.50.	1.33.43.	19.460

Late season events went as follows :-

Crow followed up his 237 mile win in the ESCA 12 with 233 miles in the KCA event a fortnight later for 8th place from a field of 80 riders. The Club 50 record was lowered in the ESCA 50 by Crow, Ted and Brian, 2.9.53, 2.14.6. (personal best by more than 6 mins.) and 2.15.53. respectively. Crow followed up with a 4.30.41. for 2nd handicap in the Leamington 100 in the first week in September.

This was a personal best. George Cheesman was the Club's only other rider in this event, his time being just inside evens. The Club 30 also on this day saw a close finish between Arthur Parks, Roy Pyne who started favourite in the absence of Ron, and Clive Orchard. The result was Arthur, Roy, Clive 1.20.48., 1.21.8., and 1.21.41. respectively. The next week September 11th saw Crow again in top gear with a win in the ESCA 25 in 1.3.42. by 20 secs. from Tunbridge Wells' Ian Jenner. Ron and George Cheesman rode the Middlesex 12 on this date but both were below form recording 226 and 216 miles respectively. On September 18th Ron, Ted and Brian tackled the Medway 100 in tough finishing conditions, with the last 25 miles into a headwind. There was little to choose between our 3 riders on paper at the start of the event, but whilst Ron and Brian kept true to form with 4.47. 2. (11th place) and 4.52.30. respectively, Ted was struggling a few seconds outside evens. Had he been on form there would have been a team prize waiting! From the Crow scandal column I hear that a Canterbury C.C. fast girl taught Ted the quick slow SLOW, S L O W, FULL STOP, the evening before! On the same morning the Club September 25 was run off with a win and personal best for Giles Job in 1.5.47., followed by Clive Orchard in 1.6.14. and Arthur Parks 1.6.36. On the last week-end of September Ron and Arthur tackled the Redhill 50 in misty conditions. Times: Ron 2.15.16, Arthur 2.17.53. Brian and Ted rode in the Epsom Tandem 30 but surprisingly never showed in 1.14.55 to the winning 1.6.15. The final club event on the flat - The Hay and Corn Stakes on October 2nd attracted a field of 18 with Ron the winner in 1.4.56., with a close finish for minor honours contested by Clive, Brian and Arthur, who finished in that order with 1.5.55,

1.6.4. and 1.6.16. Our riders were most successful in the E.S.C.A. Hill Climb, running our 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Mick Armitage (1.50) Ron (1.52) Brian (1.53) Giles (1.55), the first 3 taking the team. It was Mick versus Ron in the Catford, with Ron reversing the placings this time to the tune of 2.19 to 2.23. But on the Club Climb on Carters Hill, Underriver, it was Mick in the final 50 yards of the 700 yards of 1 in 7 average who clinched the event and the championship (run over the 3 hills of ESCA, Catford and Club). Times Mick 1.35 4/5, Ron 1 36 4/5 and a fine third place ride by fifteen years old Barry Gilbert (who rides by permission of Fred Crumb) of 1 47 3/5. There were 8 riders. Mick won the 3 hills championship by the whisker of 1 1/5 seconds from Ron.

With Club membership standing at the 70 mark events should again follow the pattern of 1960, and it is hoped to improve on the numbers riding in Open Events. The Club Open Hilly 42 on the same course will be run for the 4th year on April 16th, when again no effort will be spared to make this event again a first-class promotion.

Next season you will be hearing from "Tug of the North", who will be sure to give his readers complete, comprehensive coverage of every aspect of Southborough racing. My 3 years with "The Bonk" (imagine that!) have been most enjoyable. The season's greetings to you all and much twiddling, pedalling and stomping in the NEW YEAR.

Ballyalgal's Pal

SOUTHBOROUGH & DISTRICT WHEELERS - Social.

Winter draws on, as the young lady said as she started to dress on the first cold autumn morning. Racing is officially finished and in the all too short respite we in Southborough are getting down to "living" the social season, actually training started a while ago with some members enrolling in dancing classes, while the arts of hurling arrows and raising elbows was indulged in with revived enthusiasm. There are even reports of some types dashing madly round chairs in preparation for party games. At present there seems to be two schools of thought on this practice, one maintaining that competitors should change their dancing shoes for plimsols for such activities and the other suggesting that running spikes give greater



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adhesion ! This is mentioned to forewarn such clubs at Uckfield and Central Sussex who run their functions on such lovely polished floors.

Our open tourist competition was run off on a perfect September day and brought a well deserved win for our President Lou Bathurst, with a one point lead over Pat Marsh, best placed of the "foreigners" with a 6th place of one of our friends in the Fairies.

On September 24th there was the last of this year's club weddings, when Les Hayman and Diane Elkington got married at Tonbridge, most of the club turned out and formed the traditional archway of wheels (Les was heard to ask when leaving the church "I hope any of you lot haven't oiled your hubs lately") - needless to say ample photo coverage was supplied. After the reception the couple went on a walking honeymoon in the West Country and are now living in Scotland.

The recent floods have given our rough-stuffers a whale of a time, especially after the Association hill-climb, when some of the club run resorted to a pump battle in a stretch of flooded road, the same people have also found an irresistible attraction for lanes marked "Floods - road closed".

A late holiday in Scotland by Lady B., Geoff, Honky, Phil, Lord Daniel, Venner enjoyed excellent weather, although they managed to get involved in the worst storm of the year. At Lock Carron a car pulled up only to reveal the Dutson-Atkins crew - you just can't get away from ESCA-ites.

Our two Y.H.A. runs of recent months have gone off successfully - at Blackboys before the ESCA hill climb and Hindhead on 29th October. The latter was arrived at rather late, 11.30 p.m., due to Lady B. breaking her saddlepin. As all our beds were taken some temporary sleeping accommodation was provided, the writer will not make disparaging remarks about YHA beds again after having tried to sleep on a store cupboard for the rest of the night.

The Tunbridge Wells R.C. as usual provided the kick-off for the season of dinners - the venue had still had the signs of the high water mark round the walls from the floods of a few days previously, though it is untrue that the menu showed "Fish - caught on the premises".

Since then Lou and Teddy attended the Wignore C.C. do at Gillingham, and a large number attended the KCA dinner at Maidstone, where Crow won the KCA musical chairs championship, aided and abetted

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by a piece of delectable femininity from the Wignore. The S.E. region of the Trike association had its usual riotous affair at Cranbrook which was attended by Lou and Crow, which brings us up to date with the proceedings.

After all this talk of wining and dining, mention must be made of those keen types who ride reliability trials. In the recent Hadrian 50 in 3½ only 13 finished out of an entry of 80 +; 3 of the finishers were Roy Pyne, Honky and Clive Orchard.

Geoff and Jenny Boxall, who are now riding with us, have also had their stab at these events.

Finally, may I just plug the fact that our dinner prize giving and general orgy is at Tonbridge Social Centre on Saturday, 17th December, price 13s. 6d., and tickets from Bryan Leyland, 6 John Street, Tunbridge Wells. From the plans I've heard put forward at committee we intend it to be a bumper do and break our attendance record - hope to see you there.

And that only leaves me to wish everyone a most enjoyable Christmas and social season generally from the Southborough tribe.

Crow.

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TUNBRIDGE WELLS ROAD CLUB

The 1960 racing is over and the season of late nights or early mornings is upon us. Behind us is a fairly good season of success, so to start with I will conclude this year's racing results. Following his good ride in the Brighton Mitre 25, Ian Jenner rode well in the ESCA 50 to 2nd place and 3rd handicap with a 2.11.50, he together with Ron Day 2.17.0 and Graham Lade 2.23.7 gained 2nd team. This result was followed by the Gravesend C.C. 25 in which Ian did 1.2.19 and Graham 1.5.23, and then came the ESCA 25. In this Ian returned a time of 1.4.2. to take 2nd place, Ron Day as usual did a 1.6.0 to take 3rd handicap, and Graham a 1.5.32. These three were just fast enough to take the "Rosemary Shield" by 17 secs. from the Uckfield. This year the club decided to incorporate the club hill climb in the ESCA hill climb. In this Graham did the climb in 2 mins. 3.6 secs., Ron 2 min. 6 secs. and Gordon Ford 2 mins. 26.8 sec. Dave Patten was not riding due to him still being incapacitated.



Tunbridge Wells Road Club (continued).

Gerald Maryan, one of our racing stalwarts in past seasons, has been riding in R.A.F. colours for most of this season and seems to thrive on service life, recording a couple of 1.2 "25's" in the latter part of this year. At the present time he is on his way to Cyprus - and hopes to be able to find time to do some racing, besides getting his knees brown.

Ex-serviceman Doug. Wright is now a happy civilian again, and is at present making plans for a comeback next season, so to any one contemplating retirement, now is the time !!

This brings to an end the racing results and brings me to the "Major Event of the Social Season", our 11th Annual Club Dinner and Prize Presentation, held at Tonbridge on November 5th. We were well supported by members of the Central Sussex C.C., Catford C.C., Spartan C.R.C., and the East Grinstead C.C. Proposing the toast of "The Club" we were glad to welcome Stan Newport of the Catford C.C. Stan was as usual on good form and congratulated the club's riders on their successes during the season. As well as expressing his regret that Dave Patten could not ride the Catford Hill Climb this year, he said that he hoped, and was sure all others present did, that Dave would win the National Hill Climb next year when it would be held on Yorks Hill.

This year saw two new names on the speaker's list, Norman Rout, who replied to Stan Newport on behalf of the Club, and Ian Jenner, who made an excellent job of welcoming our visitors. Our old friend Alan Bathurst of Southborough Wheelers gave us another classic example of what to say and how to say it when he replied to Ian. Fun and games, dancing and of course the occasional drink followed the Prize Presentation, and we hope that all those present enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

Our first table-tennis match this social season was played against the East Grinstead. This resulted in a very tight match with the East Grinstead winning 10-9. They also managed to win the shove-ha'penny after we had shown them how to play. Talking of table-tennis, we extend a challenge to all ESCA clubs to play a friendly match, home or away.

Wishing all my readers a Happy Xmas and a successful 1961.

Signing off,

Yours as always,

ANGEL.

Central Sussex C.C.

In the respite given by an indulgent editor, a very out of breath correspondent attempts to bring news from the wet end of the county.

Well!! The Social Season is once more well and truly upon us and the more social of our members have started the "endless round", commencing as usual with the Tunbridge Wells R.C. function. Alas, I can dig no scandal for this affair, only say that everyone who went said that they had a good time. This is rather deep for me, either they did only have a good time or else no one is talking, still perhaps the truth will out.

A small bevy descended on Hastings for the Association Luncheon, where the wit and repartee flowed like the wine. I regret that the undersigned was shown in his true colours as were all the other "Authors" from E.S.C.A. Clubs. I must say I was surprised to learn who supplied all the other vitrol. I always thought that these men were of the meek and mild (or is it mild & bitter) class. It has also been requested that I scotch the talk about our members who were present having a whip round to buy CROW a pair of trousers.

By virtue of this screed being late I am able to bring you the report of our Annual Dinner last Saturday (3.12.60) held at the Hayworthe Hotel, Haywards Heath. 61 members and friends sat down to the sumptuous spread provided, and enjoyed quite a feast. Judging from the number of cross-toasts made by a trio of members however, 3 enjoyed chilled chicken. To revert, Our president Mr. E.W. Stuchbury was unable to take the chair owing to ill health, and Mr. Frank Leppard presided, with Win to hand out the largess afterwards. A jolly good job they made of it too.

We had visitors from the Southern Wheelers, Uckfield, East Grinstead, Eastbourne Rovers, Prestonville Nomads and Southborough Wheelers Cycling Clubs. I must remark on the latter, it was of course the one and only Crow, only this time his mating instincts had gone adrift and his bird had flown leaving him very upset and with 2 tickets. The speeches were very ably handled. The Club was proposed by the Genial Sec. of the E.S.C.A. who for once had got Dorothy with him. He was very kind to the Club and all officials, and I must take this opportunity of thanking him for a job well done. Our O.H.M.S. newly-wed part-time professional responded. The visitors were welcomed by "Honest" John Gallsworthy who made a very witty maiden speech. Chris. Shafer responded VERY ably supported by Elizabeth Grrr-r---r!!!

At the prize presentation, John Gallsworthy got the major award, the Cuckfield Shield for the senior B.A.R. Malcolm Verey the Junior B.A.R.



and Mrs. B. Dalziel the Ladies Trophy with C.R. Byrnes, K. Atkins, D. Dalziel, M. Wren and C. Grainger having a dip in the bag.

Thence to the fun and games, if you want to know what BEER tastes like through the teat from a babies feeding bottle ask Fred Marshall, its the only time I've ever seen him on his back. If it comes to that you might ask Don Lock how he managed to get his to act like a shower bath. The afterwards was in the able hands of Reg Tew, so you can guess that everything was in good dis-order. The evening was managed by Miss Kath Thorpe to whom all thanks and much praise is due.

What with the weather and things I am afraid that I have been missing from the Club Run scene, although it is reported that a band of stalwarts still goes out each and every Sunday.

With the A.G.M. coming along soon it may be that a few new faces will appear in the Committee Room, and who knows, perhaps a new signature on the bottom of these notes, still thats in the lap of the Gods, so perhaps for the last time.

All the best from,

HONEST GINGE

Uckfield & District C.C.

Beer, smoke and Sunday layins that the Social Season, and its almost come and gone before we realise, (Cries of shame! shame!) Well here's the gen from Uckfield and the end of the racing season.

Hos, following up his outstanding successes in the Sussex 12 and Veterens Championships, scored another bull by wiming the Sussex L/M 50 with 2.22.21, and this followed his attempt on the Uckfield-Winchester and Back Veterens Standard of 8hrs 24 mins which he cracked by 5 minutes. Messrs. Edwards, Achard K.C. Dutson and Chauncy and Mrs Atkins officiated along the route with drinks and things. In the end of season E.S.C.A. 25 Micky Aldridge provided the surprises by wiping 1st handiap with a sizzling first ever, 4th place winning ride of 64 mins 59 secs. this was followed a fortnight later by a sensational first and first handicap sweep in the Club 25 with 63 mins 56 secs. Here must be our hopes for 1961 and the bloke to push John back to form. On the same day as the E.S.C.A. event, Spanker and Woppit ventured Redhill-

wise with Pete driving to ride in the Old Ports Tandem 30. They recorded 70 mins 55 secs. On the way home Pete was placed in a large sized dog-house by little sister for not stopping to give a bearded one a lift! In the Sussex senior, junior and veteren 25 Uckfield turned out in force with ten entries! Cedge was fastest of our crowd with 66 mins 39 secs with Spank fastest of our juniors with 69 mins 35 secs. Hos was beaten for a second time in the Vets event which is his ambition to win but a 70 min 43 sec ride was creditable at the end of the season. The Uckfield/Worthing Bidlake 6 up team competition for the Stevenson Memorial Trophy was won by us with Gerald's 6th man ride of 71 min 52 secs.

The last club event of the year, the 15 proved another walkover for Mick with 39.27. Skippy with an absurd handicap of 7.30 took 1st handicap. Three members turned out for the E.S.C.A. hill climb held the morning after a certain bottle-party. Apart from the reasonable times put up by our gallent but somewhat foolish lads the less said about this event the better!! Well I did say "sorry Mrs. Crowsley". The B.A.R. tables are found elsewhere in this fine publication.

On the more controversial side of cycling, another bottle-party proved the main source of dinner material. Held at Woppits house in the absence of family it went with a good swing. Only one member stayed the night but of necessity after half the evening in the wood shed. He said that cat was a nuisance. - which one? Spanks sister seemed to enjoy herself, (ahem) and the evening was made when a very dilapidated and drink-worn Skippy proposed to Mick!! Spank made a vain attempt to keep a certain young lady washing up by offering her the Novices 15 cup and Photographic Cup!! Our Edwardian Cassanova was chasing round and round at a high rate of knots, (I?) Spank, Woppit, Roy Pete, Galebird and Mick went to the Cycle Show in Mick's ancient Morris 10 and had a jolly good time, especially going down a one way street the wrong way under Siggs instructions! Nine bodies travelled to see the Champions Concert and a good time was had by all. The new 7 in the club has not been behaving itself, John had a 'phone call one Wednesday night to take certain persons home after the breaking of one half-shaft, and the day after the E.S.C.A. A.G.M. it repeated the procedure. Hos. Kindly agreed to drive it home the first time under tow from Woppits Dad who boasted the very fine knots he tied with the rope. Needless to say one came undone and Hos was left in the middle of Wivelsfield in a broken Austin 7 and a length of rope hanging from the front!!

The Club touring competition was ably conducted by Oz with Geoff



and Jenny taking 1st and the Brooker Cup and second place. Woppit came third after taking a dip complete with barrow in Arlington floods!! Central boys joined us for the event which proved exciting and extremely amusing.

Finally don't forget Xmas Eve do at the Trevor Arms, Glynde.

As always, good as gold.....WOPPIT.

Senior B.A.R.	C.A. Pearson	21.411 m.p.h.
	D. Hamilton-Webb	21.093 m.p.h.
	H.C. Achard	19.613 m.p.h.
Junior B.A.R.	N.W. Wright	22.763 m.p.h.
	K.C. Achard	21.925 m.p.h.
	L. Head.	20.666 m.p.h.
	M. Gale.	20.582 m.p.h.

- Cedge - 2nd S.C.A. B.A.R.
- Dennis - 4th S.C.A. B.A.R., 3rd E.S.C.A. B.A.R.
- Hcs - 16th S.C.A. B.A.R.
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EASTBOURNE ROVERS C. & A.C.

Hello, and a Merry Christmas, everybody ! This is poor old LANDROVER being dragged out of retirement to give WEAK-KNEES a well earned break. My gears (among other things) may be a bit rusty, but a quick polish on my driving mirror may serve to reveal a few of the more intimate details of life with the Rovers !

Anyone want a Christmas present ? We have a "cuddly little teddy-bear" among our racing members - according to the attractive young lady who inhabits our digs at Shoreham. How she measures up in the way of cuddlesomeness is at present hidden in the recesses of the toy-cupboard, but we understand she was somewhat mystified by the absence of fur on her teddy-bear's legs - a case of feminine ignorance of racing hygiene !

Incidentally, Stan wishes it to be known that there has not in fact been a secret marriage between Val Collins and himself. His occasional references to "my wife" stem from last Christmas when Val agreed to give her hand in marriage in exchange for the price of a draw ticket. The ticket didn't come up, and upon this proof of female perfidy Stan allowed the matter to drop. He hopes that this explanation may end the dirty looks he constantly receives from Val's teenage suitors, although he hastens to add that he and Val remain good friends.

Winter time - Clubrun time for the racing club. And our mile-eater friend from Bexhill, one Tony Boynton, is having a go at resurrecting our Runs Section. A weekly programme, with occasional YHA weekends, is planned, and, in spite of recent allegations - see Autumn 'Bonk' - we feel that he could well be the right man in the right job. Anyway, good luck, Tony: I hate to say it, but - you'll need it !

Last month we gave a demonstration of roller racing at the Annual Sports Exhibition for the town's youth (collective !) held at the Winter Garden. As we were one of the few stands making a noise we attracted a large proportion of the crowds, and earned the eternal enmity of the yachting, piquet and ballet fraternity. The last-named did counter with spasmodic thumpings of a small drum, to the accompaniment of which two be-tighted young ladies performed amazing feats of suppleness. It was probably the sight of the latter which caused Tony Bartlett to ride off his roller ! Anyway, we had an encouraging flood of enquiries from the youngsters, and hope that some of them, at least, will stay with us. Quentin made a good job of



Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C. (continued).

the organising.

Stan and Mick returned from France sated with the good things of life, but minus bikes, missing on French Railways. (They have since turned up). Travellers' tales include the story of Alpine village festivities, with dancing in the streets, wine flowing like water (though tasting better), and Cognac getting cheaper every round. All this and a col next morning! Also on the beach near St. Tropez, when a beautiful girl, wearing a golden sun-tan, the latest creation in Paris tall hats, and nothing else, strolled along the sand. We understand that their well-known interest in millinery may cause these two to return there next year, with a view to studying the latest fashions! (Any vacancies? - Ed.).

Bruce, Bill Collins and some C.T.C. friends had a late tour of Wales, and encountered a mixed bag of weather but some beautiful scenery.

Brief notes on other personalities: Opera, we're sorry to say, is at the time of writing in hospital after a motor-cycle accident. What shocking luck this boy has! We understand that he has forthwith disowned motorised two-wheeling, and in so doing joins Bill Elms, who some while ago broke his leg in a tragic pile-up near Polegate. Bill has mended well and in fact raced again at the season's end. Johnny Mayes is at present in Northern Ireland with H.M.F. and hopes to get in some competition next year. A name to note - Al Rees - our new secretary. A keen supporter of all events last season, and a rider with a touring background for many years. Address: 20 Westfield Road, Eastbourne.

Sorry to mention it, folks, but racing must rear it's ugly head long enough for me to mention our "Open" date for next year - June 25th. The only other event that day is the Catford 24, so the choice is your's!

But, in the meantime, let me commend to your notice the Suntrap's motto - "Meliora sequimur" which, I am informed, means: "We are going to look for a better pub".

Landrover.

LEWES WANDERERS C.C.

Welcome once again to another deep-down exposé of Lewes felonies. First, your scribe takes pleasure in blowing the trumpeter of success for Messrs. Barton, Burberry and Burgess, who for the first time in our history planted the club's fair name on the Association B.A.R. award. Considering the bad weather throughout most of the year this was a memorable feat, particularly as it was achieved without fast man Agg, who of course didn't finish in the 12.

The rest of the racing season saw our boys keeping up the pressure, with rides at all distances. On the 14th August, the aforementioned "Tourist" Agg did a 5 in the Mitre 25, then a week later actually smashed one of Dave Marsh's long standing records by 37 secs. when he did 1.15.56. in the Portsmouth Wheelers 30. On the same day the S.C.A. 12 saw 220 from Burberry and "Copper" Burgess smuggling 2nd handicap award with 213. A week later the same pair did an 18 and 22 respectively in the E.S.C.A. 50, then followed that with a 12 and a 20 in the S.C.A. 50, in which Agg did 2.11.3. In this event Burberry had 2nd handicap, while Burgess still rode despite finishing a bout of pavement pounding at 4 a.m. ! The Association 25 saw these two doing a 5 and 8 respectively, while on the same day Agg rode in the Middlesex 12 and did 220 miles to snatch the Club B.A.R. from Burberry. The latter well beat the Tourist in the Bognor with an excellent 1.3.53. against his 1.5.17. Burgess also did better here with 1.7.44. On September 25th the S.C.A. 25 saw Burberry with a 6, Burgess with an 8 and Dick Barton's brother Dave doing a 17 in his first attempt at the distance. "Dick" Barton rode in the Redhill 50 that day and did 2.21.21. Lastly two got up in the Portsmouth North End 25 Agg slowing to 1.7.10. (gremlins again?) and being walloped once again by Burberry who did 1.5.30. Third in the Club B.A.R. was Barton, with Burgess just below him in fourth place. A big disappointment was the failure of Willcocks to ride in the hill-climb, and give the merrymakers on Wellingford Heights a good belly-laugh. He said: "I'm waiting to have a cackle at some of your efforts" - but there were no takers!

In addition to Dave Barton mentioned above we would like to welcome Chris May to the Lewes peerage. He did a 28 in his first 10, so could prove to be a useful rider if he takes it seriously.

In passing we'd like to mention that "Tourist" Agg is a rare bird in that he allegedly rides two kinds of 12's - those in which he's racing and presumably as an antidote, those which he describes as



"scenic". In the Middlesex event he stopped to watch some Go-Kart racing, which he later used as an excuse for the disdainful total mentioned earlier!

The great event of recent weeks and a good start to the Social Season was the Wanderers dinner which was held at the Elephant and Castle, Lewes, on November 12th. This was attended by some 40 or so, including a certain twosome, Roy Humphrey and former "Bonk" editor Neevo, and was a most enjoyable evening. The meal was enlivened by the usual spate of cross-toasting, the main recipient being Willcocks who was later presented with a colossal wooden spoon to mark the large number of D.N.S's that followed his name on result sheets this season. This, a fine piece of work by Pete Burbery, caused no end of merriment as did Willcocks' observation that "it looks like the implement that people often find themselves up the well-known creek without!" We'd like to see the porridge pot that could hold this super-stirrer!

Two notorious characters were present at the dinner and we understand that they may rejoin us in 1961. We hereby warn Russell and Peacock that they'll once again come under Bonk scrutiny, so no amount of bribes, threats or pleas will protect them in future! After a season of immunity from our shafts we're betting that it won't be long before their halos slip.

The result of the "Lady C." case brought joy to the Wanderers, who all seem bent on reading this literary masterpiece! It's just as well that it's the Social Season, otherwise we would probably find training being neglected in favour of hours spent delving into the now well-known activities of Lady Constance and the gamekeeper.

With the racing season just over we'd just like to remind readers that it's only a matter of ten weeks or so until training begins for the Hardriders 12, so we hope you'll take a tip from the Wanderers and temper the "booze, belles, and blues" with a bit of restraint, in view of 1961 racing commitments.

For the present then, we'll say keep the clubruns going (we had two last year!), and here's to a Merry Xmas, &c., to all readers from the Lewes boys. See you down the drain.

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# CYCLING & SEX

by Crow.

## Part I. Introduction and Racing.

For all too long sex has been considered an isolated phenomenon, usually associated with Continental films and certain Sunday newspapers. Any ideas that it had any connections with the cycling game were unthinkable, with the exception, perhaps, of the song "Daisy, Daisy" - in short, sex was relegated to some area away from the precincts of our sport.

Of recent decades, however, there has been a marked swing of the pendulum in all spheres of life that has brought sex very much to the forefront, caused mainly by changing social and moral standards as outlined in the aforesaid Sunday newspapers, the Kinsey report and elsewhere. That such a cataclysm has affected our sport is "Que se non" but how, why and how much can only be answered briefly if this article is to be kept within bounds.

First we must look towards the national cycling press and here we find the field distinctly disappointing. Very little mention is made of the fact that males have an affinity for females and vice-versa, occasionally one hears of weddings but that is about as far as it goes. In fact when a correspondent asked "Does sexual activity just before racing affect one's performance, and if so in what way?" the matter was discreetly left unanswered. At the other extreme, although outside the pale of our sport, are those film magazines with their "confidential" reports - surely somewhere there is a happy medium?

Turning to the racing sphere, the facts are somewhat sparse, although there is every indication that sex plays a greater part in the life of a continental coureur than his English counterpart, though this may be partly accounted for by the Latin and Gallic temperament, as opposed to the apparent British sang-froid. Photos of race winners being congratulated in no uncertain terms by such lovelies as exist on the "wrong" side of the chanel are well known, and if these photos are taken when the victor has barely finished his effort, what happens when he has recuperated and is ready for battle, so to speak? You don't have to lose any sleep trying to guess - just leave that to our victor.



The writer was given some insight into "the other side" of a Continental racer's life by a prominent racing lady in the Association of a few years ago (she was not personally involved). It appears that "a girl in every port" has its parallel in the Continental "circus" by substituting the name track for port. Perhaps that accounts for the re-routing of the Tour de France each year. It's not that the Continental coureur is immoral but just that living under a strain he has to work off his nervous tensions somehow, and what better than the world's oldest method.

In Britain the average racing cyclist is above that sort of thing - or is he? The British racing cyclist like the rest of his fellow countrymen is a hypocrite in a lesser or greater degree so it is logical to assume that such moral laxity is not unknown in this part of the world. The curtain of Southern reserve is hard to penetrate but up North, where people are more forthright, a social evening is the done thing although the usual wine, women and song is usually replaced by beer, fish and chips, women and song, and it speaks well for inbred Northern grit and tenacity that more are not rendered "Hors de combat" (or DNS) (What about Willcocks? - Ed.) by the dissipations of the previous night before a race.

Before leaving this section the writer is reminded of a conversation he had with a pusher-off at the start of an event on the famed Cherry-tree course. This middle-aged gentleman was heard to state that a strong woman the night before an event knocked five minutes off one's time and the author was hurled from the start with the thought that either this gentleman had by experience learnt the secret of fast times and had now retired, or that he was really a youngster who, in trying to follow his own dictum had aged considerably.

So it would appear that the problem of racing and sex is largely unresolved and more a matter of personal taste than anything else.

Perhaps, if one of the teams from behind the iron curtain turned up for the World Championships with an army of concubines, the whole matter of sex and athletics would come up for hasty re-appraisal.

To be continued.

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Track Championships: 440 yds./1,000 yds./5 miles, subject to a minimum of five entries.

B.A.R. qualifying events: Gents - 25, 50, 100, 12 hrs. Ladies - 10, 25, 50.

Entry fees: 25 and 50 miles - 3s. 4d. 100 miles 6s. 0d. 12hr. 10s.

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T.T. PROGRAMME 1961.

W/E.	Date	Gents	Ladies
9	February 26th	12 miles Hardriders	-
11	March 12th	25 miles	25 miles
15	April 9th	35 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> miles Team T.T.	
18	April 30th	50 miles	10 miles
25	June 18th	25 miles	25 miles
29	July 16th	100 miles	10 miles
33	August 13th	12 hours	12 hours
36	September 3rd	50 miles	50 miles
37	September 10th	25 miles	25 miles
41	October 8th	Hill climb	-

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Giles Job, training to be a M.N. navigation officer, has done some remarkable rides on the Southborough Club 25 course Q.131. His first attempt, he went off course within 1/4-mile, 2nd attempt, he went off course at 5 miles, 3rd attempt he won the event, 4th attempt - he thought he had gone off course and rode back along the road until he met another rider, only to find he was correct in the first place ! So if anyone sees a 10,000 ton merchant ship trying to negotiate the upper reaches of the river Rother .....

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Ian Jenner was seen looking into a jewellers shop window ! At engagement rings ???

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At the Kent and Sussex Fellowship autumn meeting Crow was inveigled into trying one of Maurice Chauncy's "Atom Bombs", after half a glass he retired to a dark corner amid the jeers of Messrs. Carpenter and Coleman, in order that the surroundings could settle down to an even keel again.

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How was it that after the Wanderers dinner Russell, Willcocks and Peacock were seen being fondly kissed by an unknown lady in the Saloon Bar ?

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What was the special incentive that Crow had to win the final Association 25 ?

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Any rumours you might hear about the carryings on of Tunbridge Wells Road Club's correspondent "Angel" are completely true and evidence is available if required.



HERE AND THERE (continued).

Johnny Burge (Southborough & District Wheelers) has invented yet another gear, which, like its predecessors, is somewhat revolutionary - he is now looking for a test pilot.

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Our Editor "hit the nail" when he was heard to remark to Willcocks that a certain "Wildcat strike" must by now have become a lock-out !

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What was Johnny Dutson doing going home from the ESCA Luncheon in a car with bike on roof, after he had stood up to a toast to all "gentlemen ?" who had cycled to the function and were presumably cycling home ?

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New recruit Dave Barton seemingly won't take long to fit in a Lewes. He came back from the Cycle Show with a "souvenir" in the shape of a brake block from Stan Brittain's "Tour" iron !

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Mrs. Esther Carpenter received from the Kent and Sussex Publishing Co. a large cup (china) for the Southern Area Golden Girl of cycling.

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Does A.J. (Lou) Bathurst make a habit of collecting medals for fellow club members and forgetting to pass them on ?..... solved the mystery of the missing E.S.C.A. Medals.

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Congratulations to Mrs. M. Moorhouse on celebrating the ninth anniversary of her coming of age - 20th November, 1960.

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