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EDITO RIAL

Dear Readers,

The time certainly passes quickly and here we are with the summer edition upon us and I am glad to say beautiful summer weather.

Things have certainly been happening in the cycling world with Tom Simpson's marvellous ride in the Bordeaux-Paris, Dave Bonner's record time and 25 title, and of course Beryl Burton. Her outstanding ride was, in my opinion, rather overshadowed by the aforementioned events all taking place on the same weekend. Surely this achievement must call for the inclusion of lady riders in specific mens events, or how else will Beryl's, and top lady riders, potential be fully extended?

With regard to the comments relating to the poor quality of the last edition I must agree that it was not up to the standard I should have liked. This was due mainly to the use of a new typewriter and different duplicator and the fact that at that time I had not the time to reprint the edition. These factors have now been overcome and I hope improved the material, but I would just like to add that if more people came to the AGM then they might understand the situation and not be too hasty to judge.

I have had a letter from an ex Eastbourne Rover and Escalite now living "over the wall" suggesting we rename the magazine "Escape". This I feel is an excellent suggestion. The first four letters are self explanatory as is the word as a whole because escape is about the last thing one manages to do. Every deed seems to be recorded and then dragged out at the next edition. Also in these days of the specialist bonk is very unlikely to occur. Gone are the days of riding to events, racing for fun, and then riding home. Nowadays unless thousands of miles of training are done they would not even enter an event let alone ride. If you have any comments regarding this proposed new title I shall be pleased to hear from you.

Auntie Sheila.

"Gen" from the Secretary.

The time is fast approaching for the longer distance time trials of the Association. In these events we require a large number of helpers to assist with the marshalling and feeding. It is the duty of all member clubs to assist at these events and I earnestly appeal to all club officials to impress upon their members that it is their duty to turn out and help. Without the full support of clubs it will be impossible to undertake the running of the 12 hrs in August. In the past the bulk of the marshalling has fallen upon a few clubs who unfortunately to-day are not so strong in numbers as they were a few years ago. I would very much appreciate it if any persons who are available to assist in any way for the 100 miles and 12 hours, would contact me and I shall be only too pleased to see that they get a Start Sheet and details as to where they will be required to help.

Entries to date for the time trials have been about the same as last year, with times well up to average, in the April 50 miles we saw the 50 miles course record for the new G.54 brought down to 2-2-21 by G. Atterbury of the Brighton Mitre, incidentally the Mitre had a field day in this event, taking 1st handicap and also the team award.

As most riders are aware it was decided at the last Annual General Meeting, that instead of riders having medals for each award that they win during the season they can have one award to the same value as the medals won. I would much appreciate it if any riders who wish to have one award in place of several medals, would let me know as soon as possible so that I can assess how many medals to order. The medals have to be ordered by mid July so an early notification would be appreciated.

Once again the Rye August Monday Track Meeting will take place with a full afternoons sport, including a full programme of cycling events. Entry forms and details may be obtained from the event secretary, Mr. J. Hollands, 14 Eagle Road, Rye, Sussex. We all trust that they will be favoured with better weather than they had last year, when it rained all day.

R.H.

Hastings & St. Leonards C.C.

The club is now once again very active after the enforced break during the winter.

A promising start was made to the 1963 racing season in the East Sussex Hardriders 12 mile trial on the 23rd. Feb. Bob French was in good form and won the event for the second year in succession in 36 mins 31 secs, by a comfortable margin of 44 secs. P. Brooker, our new fast junior, came a very good sixth in 39-37. With Maurice Carpenter filling 8th place our team was second.

The weather could not have been better the following Sunday for our Presidents opening run. Fred Martin led us at a steady pace through pleasant lanes to a new clevenesse venue about 2 miles east of Magham Down. From elvenses to a special luncheon at Battle was equally enjoyable riding. Congratulations to Fred on his excellent choice of route and on arrival at Battle in comfortable time. Nearly 50 enjoyed a very good lunch complete with all trimmings.

We have been very pleased to be reinforced by a flying Scot, Andy Kirk, who has been staying at St. Leonards. Riding in the E.S.C.A. 25 on the 10th March under hard conditions after a bout of flu, he clocked the winning time of 1-4-55. Backed by R. French 5th, and M. Carpenter 6th, the club were the best team. Altogether 7 members competed.

For the first time for many years the club was represented in the County 32 mile time trial. R. French, M. Carpenter and J. Southerden were fourth fastest team. This is well worthy of mention as they were only two minutes behind the winners on this tough course.

On the very cold and windy morning of the 31st March 10 members took part in two trials held near Brenzett - the junior event at 15 miles and the annual Rye-Hythe-Rye (41.8 miles) for the Hughes Trophy. In the junior event P. Brooker was fastest in 43-53. Next best was P. Apps in 45-37. It is amazing to report that in the longer event J. Southerden won in exactly two hours. I wonder how often such a precise figure has been recorded? Does this qualify for the Hole in One Club? M. Chambers was second 4 min. 12 secs later.

The following Sunday the club took first place for the third

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tine in the 1963 Association promotions, by winning the $35\frac{3}{4}$ mile time trial. R. French who was in the winning team of 1961, with M. Chambers and J. Southerden won from Brighton Mitre by 32 seconds.

Our Secretary Esther Carpenter, in spite of many activities is again competing regularly in women's events, and at the time of writing has secured two third places.

In the Long Valley 25 mile T.T. Bob French was once again in good form and came 12th out of about 100 competitors on a very hard morning.

The massed start race has bitten some of our members, who have had their share of success in this new field. R. French had his first win in a 32 mile Kermesse held at Crawley. He seized opportunity and made a lone break about one mile from the line. This was followed by a second place the following week in a 48 mile event held at Frant.

Our annual 100 in 8 event, Worthing and back, took place on an unfortunate day. It is sad to relate that no one qualified. Our most regular entrant for this event, Ted Cousins, added 92 miles to his annual sheet.

Guy and Stan started the touring season early with a week to and from the Welch border country at the end of April. Whilst the local weather was poor, with the exception of one morning, they enjoyed dry and sunny days. One of the highlights of the tour was the wind assisted return journey through the Vale of the White Horse. This is highly recommended to anyone with a few days to spare, before the new road is cut through. With the exception of one night, all B and B was secured from the C.T.C. Handbook with every satisfaction.

Ron Powell and family were toying with the idea of taking a tandem to Austria. After taking all things into account they settled for a more orthodox trip which turned out very successful.

Two new items have been added to this years programme. Firstly, a map reading competition to be held from about 10.30

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starting from Bodian Castle on July 28th. Anyone with a shilling to spare and a no. 184 1" O.S. map will be very welcome to join.

Secondly, a photographic competition open to all cyclists to be held on the 27th October. The organizers will be catering for both monochrome and colour transparencies. Details will be given later for anyone wishing to submit entries.

Here's to the next report and another three months of activity.

S.R.

East Grinstead C.C.

First of all, I wish to deny any allegations which may appear elsewhere in this "Bonk" (unless they are nice!)

If this effort makes less sense than usual, put it down to two facts. One, that the notes were sent in in hand-writing, and two, that, to quote Crow, I "established that English road surfaces have a somewhat denser molecular composition than the anatomy" of my head, and the preliminary notes were dreamed up by someone sitting by a bed like the Sheik of Araby dressed in a Redhill General robe, turban of bandages, black socks and cycling shoes! (The latter because someone who painted a spider white forgot to bring slippers). And the visitors to other (in)patients had the nerve to stare with astonishment!

Racing wise the club has been very active so far this season. Times were slow at first, due mainly to the bad winter, although a few managed to do some steady training throughout. The first club event had only six riders, two of which, Robert Smith and Roger Wonban, showed promise in their first ever events. Robert won the first handicap with a time of 28-15, and Roger did a 29-44. These two, incidentally, nearly ceased to be, when Robert fell out of a boat into the river at Shoreham and had to swim for it. I wonder what was so interesting on the bank? Graham Green has ridden a mixture of time trials, road races and track (at Portsmouth on Good Friday), but mate Ben seems to prefer staying in bed. Chris, Tony and Terry have

also had several rides, and the two Dads, Alan Baxendine and Ray Lunn are also training hard, as are Peter Brooker and Fred. Bill retired from racing in March, but we are glad to see him make a "come back" in May, while Mick is still niggled that his (much) better half should be second in the Sussex C.A. 10 in 29-41 on 11 training miles, when he did a 1-7-53 with the same amount of training. However, he made an effort and won the club 25 the following week with 1-1-34 on a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile short course.

Dick and Mac have ridden quite a few road races, including our own open for 3rds and juniors. This event had a full field at the start, but less than half finished. It was a very windy day, and Dick rode well to finish 3rd. Mac won the rear light for the last finisher and Graham retired with gear trouble.

Terry disappeared while marshalling, and it was discovered he went to see someone called Gillian. The tale goes he won't take her home at night but dumps her on the train. (What will happen if Chris's Boss closes that line?)

The second club 10 was won by Mick in the slow time of 24-40, and second was Robert Smith in 27-10 whose handicap of 5-50 gave him a net time of 21-20, and a personal best by 1-06. Just for the record, Peter Brooker RODE, and did a 29-40. That afternoon Dick rode very well to finish 3rd in the Sussex Division Championship 80 mile road race, despite a spoke going in his rear wheel on the last lap. Mac also rode well to finish 5th, and Phil retired.

It seems that gardening is the quickest way of getting fit, so if Crow wants to catch up on Mick on the way home from work - we have a large half-dug garden, Crow.

Snoozy Wong.

Fortune C.C.

This time they've made sure of it, having forgotten our last contribution they've chained me to the writing desk and threatened to spread vile rumours about my private life unless I

write something. Well here is something.

Having no Spring copy published one can safely assume that winter passed no different from most winters in Brighton and it came to us with a horrible suddenness that next Sunday was the Hardriders "12". We, poor mortals that we are, had forgotten what suffering was, anyway, we competed in this event with our usual courage, Mick Hills being D.N.F. due to a broken spindle, Mick Kilby by 43-40, Dave Cox 45-23, John Buck 49-04 and yours truly, last of all with 50-25 and I even took my mudguards off!

March 3rd saw Dave Cox (with a touch of spring fever) ride a private 25 for 1-18-32 whereupon he didn't race again until April 21st. Mick Kilby returned to Escaland for the 25 on March 10th but is strangely reticent about his time.

The three Micks, Kilby, Hills and Tully struggled round the S.C.A. Team T.T. in 1-32-57 to finish third from bottom, a good effort when you consider "Fatso" Tully can't go up hills fast and "Windy" Kilby can't go down them. Loud vocal support was given to the finishers of the two road races on March 24th and 31st. both of which were voted hits by members of the Fortune a fact which was discovered by holding a lightening Gallup poll after the second race (20% can't tell stork from butter).

On April 7th our members showed keenness and moral fibre by being D.N.S. in the E.S.C.A. team trial, Dave Ward claimed on the club run afterwards that the thought was there, he having taken his mudguards off but having forgotten to get out of bed.

At last Easter arrived, Mick Hills had his first haircut of the year, making him rather light headed which he claims made him fall off in the ford on tour in the Cotswolds. The water tight properties of his saddlebag were demonstrated for on arrival at Duntisbourne hostel 4 hours later there were still 3 inches of water in with his change of clothes. Mick Tully did a 1-11-48 in the Fountain 25 on G.9. and then rode up to Overton carrying his sprints and tubs to meet the tourists and returned to Brighton on the Monday, much damper than when he had left.

Four of us rode in the S.C.A. Individual Championship Mick Hills fastest 1-8-31, Mick Tully 1-9-30, Dave Cox 1-12-6, Mick Kilby 1-12-50 and John Buckingham a long fourteen, followed a week later by a visit to Escaland by Fatso and Windy. Windy finished in a 2-30 and Fatso,

under the influence (he has had a saliva test) did a 2-19-3 whereupon R.H. wanted to know if he had been all the way round.

The month of May was heralded by a crashing event at Lancing and a debacle at Funtington. In the S.C.A. Team Championship Curly did a 1-8-34, Windy a 1-15-02 and John a 1-21-31 all with crashes. The two who escaped, Dave and Fatso did 1-13-20 and 1-14-35 (5 mins late) respectively. After a two year lay off and twins, Rose did a very good 47-44 for the ladies 15 to finish third.

The second of the May classics was the Portsmouth Middle Markers on P.7 the day started well when Fatso, who couldn't sleep got up at 3-50 A.M. and started to moan and didn't stop until he got home at dinner time. Curly, Fatso and Junkie Ward dossed at the Durrington Warren and rode down on the morning. Windy and Johnny drove down in the Mini from Brighton. Fastest was Curly (scratch man ha! ha!) 1-10-58, Windy did a 1-11-59 and John a 1-15-44. The two who got away last time were not so lucky this time, Fatso shattered by jaw fatigue fell off on New Brighton Corner, and was D.N.F. Dave developed a two way free wheel one mile from the finish and finished running, encouraged by a field of sheep and noisy cuckoo. Junkie left his breakfast near the nursery turn and was also D.N.F. as the timekeeper had gone home.

We returned home, all of us, plus five bikes, saddlebags eight pairs of wheels and a sack containing most of Curly's bike and his frame in and around John's Mini van.

It seems that I have written enough for they have given me the key to my padlock so thats all folks.

Fatso.

P.S. Here is a gale warning to all those contemplating giving Windy a lift, he's not called that for nothing.

Southborough & District Wheelers Social.

What is the standard news for the summer issue? Usually it runs, "There isn't much on the social front 'cos all the lads are out racing and training etc, etc". Well this year things seem to be different, the paid up membership stands now at 44 which is

quite a bit lower than our 68 peak in 1960 but no cause for alarm, secondly there seems to be very little interest in the racing side of the game. Being your social reporter I mention things about people "seeing the light at last", fully realising that I will be condemned as a heretic in some quarters.

Going back to February 22nd our first social of the year was held at the Social Centre, Tonbridge, when the ice age was still with us. Like some many other functions at that time of year we suffered an attendance drop of around 50% although this in itself didn't effect the fun and games which made a great evening in contrast to the conditions prevailing outside. Between the finish of the social and the start of the E.S.C.A. Hardriders 12 next morning there was hilarious chain events with Geoff 'n Anny Hayman getting locked out of their own home, Cedge and Sue getting woken in the middle of the night (Oh, dear, unfortunately phrased) and police making calls at Hildenboro'. The net result was that Crow was D.N.S. in the 12 and anyone with an hour or two to spare can hear the whole excuse.

The 2nd and 3rd of March saw a memorable youth hostelling weekend by the Club. Ewhurst Green was the venue although this was reached via the Devils Punchbowl on a gorgeous spring day. That night several club members chalked up their first bed-night and next day Les Hayman led an exciting rough stuff run along the tops of the snow covered Surrey hills. Admitted that the trikes of John Hearne and Phil Hennessy had a rough time, especially when Phil stripped his driving hub splines and got no forward motion for a lot of pedal revs. However this overcome, the weekend was a great occasion even though we had to flog over to Biggin Hill for tea.

Thanks to the lack of racing the club runs have received pretty good support and have certainly been well planned. Les Hayman's knowledge of Kentish by-ways was put to good use in an all day wide circular tour round the Maidstone area. It certainly was by-ways though by lunch time the 3 "tub" riders had only one spare between them. Of course troubles do occur, like the time that John Hearne's trike broke its bottom bracket axle on the way to tea at Langley. A leather throng was found in a nearby field and Phil (trike) towed John with Crow (trike) pushing. Phil is certain to this day that he towed both trikes to tea from Loose!

Venner Gilberts long awaited Cine show was exhibited at the club room on March 29th with some of the Central as our guests. Items included a club Scottish tour and club activities over the past two years.

Southborough Social Continued.

From some of the gasps heard it would appear that several members had no knowledge that they had been filmed. Innovation of this how was a sound track that included everything from "The Shadows" to Electronic Music.

There have been some status changes within the club. Brian Leyland got married in March and is now planning a come-back to racing. He and Julie are regular to club activities. Roy Pyne who raced extensively in E.S.C.A. around 59 and 60 became engaged and now restricts himself to a few short distance sorties.

John Hearne has now reached his 21st milestone and celebrated it with a high spirited party at Chez Haywards. Anyone wishing to make Dawn blush should ask about the game of "consequences" played on that evening. Recently John folded up his Frejus, only a few days after having it renovated but with his all Campag Viking as a successor has been flying about and with a couple of 3's so far this year looks like claiming top honours in the club.

Following the Centrals example the Southborough Easter tour went Dorset wise this year and found out all about those Dorset hills. There seemed to be a lot of rain and lots of miles and our President saw to it that he didn't starve otherwise there was nothing exceptional. Conspicuous by his absence on tour was Phil Hennessy who was mountaineering in Wales with none other than Veronica, late of the Central Sussex. Reports that they are on a "Big Peak" seem to be unfounded. Phil has transport problems, he is now down to 1 Dormobile, 2 Austins, a tandem-trike, a trike and 2 bikes. Can anyone sell him a battleship?

Sussex club folk were out in force at the wedding of Opera Jones and Barbara Leuty at Stanmer Village Church. The day was typical E.S.C.A. 100 with rain and gales although this didn't dampen the spirit of the occasion. I'm not saying there were many weddings at Stanmer that afternoon but the vicar had a schedule and stop watch clipped to his prayer-book. Following the reception the couple left 40 Kimberly in a well modified van - thanks to the Vicar.

Southborough promotions have come thick and fast during the last quarter. The Hilly 42 and road races should be dealt with elsewhere though our annual birthday deserves mention. The Geoff Boxall led club run reached the club room in time for an enormous

Southborough Social Continued.

birthday tea and then followed the auction of second hand equipment under the direction of Lord Daniel. Everything from sprints and tubs to "Bed for beginners". The evening was rounded off by a slide show from Messrs. Marsh and Crowsley which included an expose on the Leuty 21st party and a damaged public image for Alan Brindley, which may account for him seeking asylum with the San Fairy Ann.

Plans now going ahead for our Whitsun tour of the Isle of Wight, and our 100 in 8 reliability trial - not to be confused with that 100 in 4 affair they have on the Bath road on August Monday.

Don't get too sunburnt.

Crow.

Central Sussex C.C.

I have made half a dozen attempts to begin this Bonk report but have torn the others up simply because I cannot think of a decent opening line. I have only told you this because it overcomes the problem and so now to bed, I mean work.

The first thing the club did after the last Bonk notes were sent in was to hold its A.G.M., and the first thing our new club captain did was to marry the Social Secretary. Best of luck Opera and Barbara (you'll probably need it). Otherwise, very little of importance resulted from the A.G.M., a good sign, we hope, that everyone is satisfied. We really had to scrape the barrell for executives with result that "Mad" Pat King is now on the committee. Main addresses for this year in case you need them are:

Secretary/Treasurer: K.L. Atkins, 36 Priory Rd, Burgess Hill.
Racing Secretary: W.D. Lovell, 49 London Rd, Hassocks.

There always seems a great reluctance on behalf of the common or garden club cyclist to accept the advent of a new racing season. Since the Central is littered with these "weeds" the racing season tends to reach here rather late in the year. The extended social season finally ended with the Easter tour which this year selected Ryde in the I.O.W. as its victim. Natives of Ryde who may read this have Arthur Thorpe to blame for the choice. It is understood that other cyclists

visiting the Island should avoid an area marked on the map as "The Wilderness". Captain Jones led the party in and as a survivor remarked later "It was quite a nice road until it turned into a river, and then it was a trifle damp".

The most important feature of the weekend, the result of a chance remark passed while in the "Hole in the Wall", was the Cardinalization of the majority of the Tourists. The ceremony is far too complicated to be explained here and now so I will confine myself to telling you that to become a Cardinal at least one pint of beer must be drunk in three gulps and in the event of a mistake possibly much more. For more details please contact "Pope" Pearson who did it on Final Selections, made a mistake and still walked to the door, just!

By the time Easter had passed most people were turning to thoughts of racing. All except Mick Wren who hasn't thought of anything else since this time last year.

So far this season things are looking bright on the racing side particularly as far as keenness goes. An example is the fact that the Central supplied one quarter of the field in a recent S.C.C.U. 25.

Times haven't been anything to shout about although they are beginning to improve now. Mick Wren has a handful of threes to his credit and Ken Atkins has got down to a six after going outside of "evens" for the first time in fifteen years in an early season Club 25. Don't do that again for another fifteen years, Ken. Dave Dalziel who won the Championship 25 with an 8 was pushed close by Jamie Ford who crashed and then bounced back onto his bike to do a short nine. This in his very first event! Another of our juniors, Mick Morgan, is making life uncomfortable for the old men. He celebrated his fifteenth birthday by doing 1-6-43 the following week.

With John Dutson added to the club's racing strength and Bill Lovell doing a "25" for a 10 mile event, competition is really hotting up, so look out Esca.

"Willun".

Having bid a "cyclist's farewell" to the Social Season the Wanderers have lost no time in getting down to a drop of the (other) hard stuff. Our lone entrant in the Hardriders 12 (no prizes for guessing who he was!) got off the mark for 1963 by being D.N.S., another disappointment to all those waiting to see the course record go (!). The Lewes/Newhaven & Return saw a victory for Chris. May, now back after lots of studying for exams, with a very good 36-36 on a cold and windy morning. Second was Burberry with 37-58, and Burgess third in 38-48, followed by Colburn a further 4 secs in arrears. The classic Fountain 25 at Easter saw "Tourist" Agg making his bow in somewhat inauspicious circumstances as he was walloped by the Copper to the tune of nearly 6 minutes, despite the latter admitting that too much social season indulgence and lack of miles was responsible for his 1-11-49! Next came the S.C.A. 25 with Burberry and Colburn doing "P's" the Copper a 9, and poor old Derek, still on a "training" run, a 12-23. Came the S.C.A. Team Championship and a final placing of 5th team, three better than last year. This was followed by the Club 25 in which May again surprised with 1-4-7 for first place, an improvement of over three minutes on his personal best. The "Tourist" shook all and sundry with 1-4-52, while Burberry coasted in with a 6 for third place. In this event Adrian Palmer, having done no training and suffering from the effects of a leg injury (of which more anon) still got around in 1-15-22. No wonder Willcocks quakes in his shoes! The following week May again showed 'em how in the club 30 when he stormed round in 1-18-5 in the usual wet and windy conditions. Second was Burberry, in 1-22-38, then came Burgess 21 secs slower, and Colburn a further 12 secs down. Agg was D.N.S. here owing to having got his eye too close to a piece of flying metal, with the result that he now looks like an out-of-work pirate!

With the racing news up to date we can now concentrate on the sort of stuff that really makes "Bonk" tick. In a bid to beat his clubmates in the quest for early-season fitness, Adrian Palmer took the unprincipled and very low step of slinking off to the West Country on an Outward Bound course. During one little caper he volunteered as a stretcher casualty who had to be rescued from a 200 ft. cliff face. Alas, during the operation the ropes got tangled and the stretcher, plus Adrian, was flung against the cliff face, badly damaging his knee and entailing the rest of the time in the sick bay. He thus came home a great deal worse off than when he went, and is still awaiting a complete recovery!

While gathered at the Palace Pier, Brighton, at the start of a training run some of the lads saw one elderly gent pick up a shilling from the road right where Agg had just passed by. The "Tourist" was so mortified at this that he brooded for the rest of the run.

Chancellor Eldridge now has difficulty in looking people in the face since being on the receiving end of a piece of hospitality as embarrassing as it is comical to record. In company with some cronies he was in the Hadlow Down area on his way to Cranbrook for a Kent & Sussex Fellowship "do" when a moment of inattention (due to a dragon adjusting her garter?) caused him to touch the rear wheel of the trike in front. The resultant pile up left Reg with a hopelessly buckled front wheel, so one of the "coureurs" volunteered to see if he could find a replacement. Eventually he returned with a wheel which was quickly rammed in and away they went. The Chancellor's face can be imagined when he was told that the wheel belonged to - wait for it! - the Great White Chief!! Now this is the artistic point at which we must leave this epic, but readers who can't spot the giggle are invited to ask their best friends - they'll tell you all right! In passing it should be noted that Humphrey's wheel was available only because this model cyclist had also gone to the Cranbrook "do" - by BUS!!

One club member had the unique experience of the Chancellor flatly refusing something for nothing! He invited Reg. to an all-expenses-paid session at the Brighton Jazz Club, only to be told: "I wouldn't listen to that rubbish if you paid me." A listener summed up the situation by saying that he's not just a "square" - he's an octagonal!!

Upon opening the last edition of "Bonk" your scribe's first impression was that he'd developed bevelled eyesight. As he plunged on he began to wonder if the typing had been done on a table fitted with castors in a ship caught in a tropical hurricane! As our own write-up was the hardest hit, Wanderers are hinting darkly at subversive acts of retaliation from a certain quarter! (That just shows how wrong and childish some people can be, Ed). Please have pity on us once in a while, Mr. Producer, not to mention all those readers who've had to apply for National Health spectacles in a hurry.

C.N.D. stalwart Peter Sharp is reported to have taken part in several recent anti-nuclear demonstrations. Rumour has it that he was the bloke who was used as a shuttlecock over the fence at one location; if so he should be steaming fit for the 100's and 12's later on!

The new club captain is Maurice Colburn who goes by the pseudonym of "Mole". This probably refers to his activities as an Inland Revenue official - the undermining of public morale!

Copper Burgess has now passed his exams for promotion to Sergeant but will have to wait for a vacancy sometime in the next 25 years, hence it's unlikely that we'll see him, as was at first feared, with three stripes on his racing vest!

Bert Redwood's motoring days came to an abrupt conclusion, for the present at least, when a gentleman heaved out of a side turning and rammed him amidships, reducing his shiny Austin to a write-off. Bet it was hard getting back on the old bike, eh, Bert?

News has filtered through from London that Russell is contemplating holy matrimony!! "Tinlegs" Grover is supposed to be best man so, in your scribe's humble opinion, it only needs the Chancellor to give the bride away to complete this comic opera! Readers will be kept informed of future laughs in this direction.

Well, that's just about dredged the bottom for this issue so the best of luck and wheeling to all E.S.C.A. bods despite the awful weather.

Yours, caped up and browned off

ALSORAN

Housing Problem

A married couple viewed a house in the country, but on returning home they realised that they had not noticed where the W.C. was situated; and so they wrote to the Vicar, who had shown them the house, asking if he knew where the W.C. was. Being ignorant of the term W.C., the Vicar thought it meant Wesleyan Chapel. Imagine the couples surprise when they received the following letter.....

"Dear Sir,

I regret to inform you that the nearest W.C. in your area is five miles away; this is unfortunate if you are in the habit of going regularly.

However, it may interest you to know that many people take their lunch with them and make a day of it. By the way, it is built to accommodate one thousand people, and it has been decided to replace the wooden seats with plush to ensure greater comfort, especially for those having to sit a long time before the proceeding time.

Those who can spare the time, walk, others go by bus and get there just in time. I never go myself. There are special facilities for the ladies provided by the Minister, who gives them all the assistance they require. The last time my wife went, was twelve months ago, and she had to stand all the time. Children sit and sing during the proceedings. Hoping this will be of use to you, and trusting you will be able to go regularly yourselves.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

The Vicar.

P.S. The Hymn Sheets are to be found hanging behind the door."

Eastbourne Rovers.

With the racing season well upon us I find it increasingly difficult to rake up any muck about the members of the Rovers. It is all racing, training and early nights for these dedicated (or is it demented) souls. It seems to pay though for we kicked off, sorry, "pushed off" with a good start in the Hardriders with "lavatory brush" getting right round the bend for 2nd place and with Ken 4th and Willie Watson 5th we clinched the team.

This event was followed by our first club event a 10. This

Eastbourne Rovers Continued.

gave Ken a 2 second win over Willie and leaving Chris a trailing third.

This event proved to be Willies grand finale for he has since left the cycling world and the last we heard he was taking up athletics.

The E.S.C.A. 25 saw the club hit by a flu epidemic with all but one, Ken, either D.N.S. or D.N.F. Ken managed to raise the clubs head out of the mire to gain 3rd place.

The team T.T. saw Ken and Chris doing a private because the third man did not turn up. They rode very well to record the same time as the winners. That was with Ken having to tell Chris to "remember the old man" on the hills.

The ladies event was the first race of Jane Godden who some will remember as the little girl on the back of timekeeper Dads tandem. As Maurice Chevalier says "little girls grow up in the most delightful way". Jane did a good first ride of 35-12 to Iris's winning time of 30-1.

Easter came with a howling west wind so the club decided to go east into Kent for the Long Valley Easter Trophy 25 on the fast!! Q.8. course. It proved far from fast with a 15 mile leg into the wind Chris did his nut to record a 4, Ken did another 7. On the following Sunday Chris our only entry in the S.C.A. Individual Championship did a 4 again. Iris pulled her wheel over at the start then "died" in the rain for another outside evens ride. Ken rode in the Southboro' "Mountain" time trial and just managed to get to the line a few seconds in front of Ron Ford who started 15 mins behind him.

The E.S.C.A. 50 was a personal best for Chris with over a minute improvement for a cracking 2-5 which with Gerry's 2-2 proves the course is a good one.

May came and so did our evening 10's. The weather was perfect an unheard of thing for a first events it usually blows a gale. Chris rose to the occasion with a 23-30 the second fastest time ever done on the course, over a minute faster than Ken who says he finds them a "bit hard" now. Iris broke inside evens with a 27-26 placing her 4th in the mens event and Janie improved 3 minutes

for a 32 on a hub gear with about a 72 top.

On May 12th Chris disappeared up to Q.8. and found he had picked another windy day also another 4. He was choked as the previous week he had done a 1-2-2 on the Portsmouth Road in the 34th Nomads 25.

While Chris was up at Canterbury the rest of the club rode a club 25. Ken won it with a 6-8 Len Novis was 2nd with a 10 his second event after a season lay off. The rides of two new members to the racing game were very encouraging Ted Haynes improved 8 mins. to do an eleven and Danny Chadwick riding a first ever 25 did a 13. Stanley Ebenezer came out of retirement to record a 12 and promptly offered to timekeep the next one, Iris a 15 and young Mick Cobb a 19 completed the field.

In between all these events Chris and Ken managed to ride a few road races. Ken managed to get a 6th place in the first S.R.R.F. event also his first road race. In the B.C.F. Sussex Championship they both joined the D.N.F. ranks with a lot of others after Ken doing 4 laps and Chris 5. Ken says he enjoys this type of racing it makes a change after 15 years of time trialing. Chris passes no comment. Personally I thought I was marshalling a 12 hour after spending 6 hours at Warbleton corner.

On weekend No. 21 those two "league" types decided to try two events. On Saturday they rode in the S.R.R.F. 40 mile event and Chris carnt himself a prime prize then sold out over the last couple of miles and Ken declined to contest the sprint finish to free wheel in at the back of the bunch. In the Southern Wheelers 25 next morning Chris let the "old man" beat him doing a 5 to Chris's 6. Ted and Danny riding their first open events both did personals with a 9 and a 12 respectively. The rest rode down in the morning and we all went for a potter in the lanes to finish up at Sheffield Park which was a riot of colour, a colour photographers paradise.

Having dispensed with the racing at last it leaves me with little else to say. We had one sad note during May with the death of Art Coombs a Vice President of the club and a member for over 40 years Art was a racing man and later on track official, way, way back before I was thought of.

One other thing of great note was the appearance at the last evening 10 of Stan Nash on a BRAND NEW Holdsworth. The bike complete with new dynamo "shone" it has been reported that Stan has now taken to wearing sun glasses till the brightness tones down a bit.

Scrubber.

P.S. Don't forget our Open 25 - June 23rd.

Tunbridge Wells Road Club.

"Its never too late", so starts a well known saying, lets hope that is the case with this report. The freeze up of winter relected upon the early season events and also resulted in a crop of worst ever times, Graham managed a 3rd in the Association Hardriders with a 38-11 and Dave Nightingale 7th with 39-40. The first team award of the season came in the S.C.A. Team Time Trial when Graham, Gerald and Dave N. came 3rd with a time of 1-26-52. The first Sussex Road Racing Federation event held a week later saw Roy and Graham finish 8th and 7th respectively, our other two finishers Gordon and Dave N. being several minutes down.

The Brighton Mitre Road Race at the end of March gave Graham 8th and the award for the 2nd Sussex rider, Gordon was 12th, Gerald 24th and Dave N. 27th. Our 1st team failed to start the E.S.C.A. team time trial due to Roy having a cold and Graham being confined to bed (interesting Ed), this left it up to Gerald, Gordon and Dave N. but they only managed 4th. Out of the clubs riders Dave Patten was fastest in the Southborough Hilly 42 recording a time of 2-0-0 and being followed by Gordon 2-9-18, Graham 2-10-36, Gerald 2-11-10, Roy 2-14-56 and Barry 2-18-55. The absence of Dave Nightingale was due to him bouncing down the road in front of a Jag. after tangling with Barry.

The following week the club promoted a road race for the S.R.R.F. the course consisting of 4 laps of our hardriders circuit based on Frant. The final sprint being won by Tony Palmer from a bunch of 7. Gordon was the only club rider to finish, he being 4th. In the E.S.C.A. 50 Graham was highest placed at 8th with 2-17-37, followed by Barry 2-20-41, Roy 2-22-20, Gordon 2-22-23 and Gerald 2-25-29. Why Gordon is

still riding I do not know because he said that if Barry ever beat him he would give up. Any one a size 12 hat for sale? Repeating last years performance we gained 3rd place in the S.C.A. 25 mile team championship and would have been 2nd if Dave had not had a 12 min. late start, and his 1-5 counted. As it was the team consisted of Graham 1-6-8, Dave N.1-7-16, Gerald 1-8, and Barry 1-10. Later the same day Roy and Gordon finished 8th and 12th in the Southborough Road Race.

The first club 25 resulted in Dave winning the scratch and handicap with a time of 1-4-53, 2nd being Graham Graham with 1-5-56 and Dave N. 3rd with a 1-6.

For those that prefer watching races to riding them the B.C.F. Division Championships gave them ample opportunity. Out of our seven starters only Gordon finished the complete distance of 80 miles. Gordon followed this up with a 6th place in the Southern Coureurs Road Race a week later, Graham and Dave N. being placed equal ninth.

During the past few months club runs have been non-existent except for a run to Barcombe Mills a week ago, where strangely nobody got wet. The lack of scandle this time I think is due to a lay off after a hectic social season. One point worth noting was that Norman Rout was seen parked in his car outside the Maternity Hospital (what was Dave N. also doing there Ed). At Barry's recent birthday party a most incredible sight was seen - Ian Jenner talking to the Vicar. For those who disbelieve there are several witnesses who will vouch.

Forthcoming events: 27th July - Mazzy and Sue marry.
3rd August - Ian and Maureen marry.
9th November - the opening event of the Social Season the Road Club's dinner.

I am afraid that this is all for now,

See you around,

Angel.

IN MEMORY OF "RED DAWES".

This month has seen the passing of "Red Dawes", faithful and trusty steed of Stanley Ebenezar Nash. No ordinary machine this, but a mighty veteran of the Nash roughstuff sorties, not to mention campaigns, around Lewes during the "Great Flood".

This fine machine, admired by all and sundry for it's delicate shade of deep red cranks and saddlepin, was finally laid to rest, complete with immovable cranks and saddlepin, beside a dustbin at 18 Harding Avenue.

All arrangements are by C.B.O.E. refuse operators for cremation at the destructor.

I.S.

P.S. Latest reports seem that the dustmen refuse to take it away.

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1. Used for conveying l ight.
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3. Knock.
4. To consume (pp).
5. With reference.
6. Unsteady.
7. Fish Hook.
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11. Of the tropics.
14. Forest tree.
15. Maori Village or Fort.
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HERE AND THERE

The first Southborough swimming club run went to Normans Bay following the E.S.C.A. 50 on April 28th. About five members went in and found conditions better than expected. Did any club beat them in 1963.

At 4.00 p.m. Gordon Ford stated he was going training that evening. Later at 8.00. p.m. he is seen by a passing tourist over Southborough common!! Is this some new kind of training?

Which character, notorious as the Champion non-starter of the E.S.C.A., had a tube blow out on a recent training run and finished up "hoofing it" for 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Alfriston? Was his face (and feet) red!

Did you hear about the new Southborough club member who thought that S.D.W. stood for "Smoking, drinking and Women". How could he make such an error?

Fatso (Fortune C.C.) wants to know - if you have had a receipt from Roy Humphrey have you had an escapade.

HERE AND THERE

Is it true that Southborough Wheelers only training programme this year has been a club run to a trip on the Bluebelle line?

The reported comeback of Ian Jenner and Dave Neal (T.W.R.C.) seems to be a little nearer, as the two old has beens were seen bombing around Preston P ark on borrowed track bikes on Whit Monday.

It is rumoured that the Southborough will shortly be approached by the makers of Ribena/Swallow Prams as those two products in partnership would seem to be most appropriate from the sponsorship angle!

Continuing on this line has anybody any suggestions regarding other clubs? Might I suggest that the Tunbridge Wells Road Club could well be Ford Motors. (Ed.)

Hatches, Matches and Despatches.

On March 30th at Hastings ex fast man Brian Moore to

Jennifer Chapman - Dennis Neeves best man (?)

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