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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

The time has once again come round when we can say fairwell to early dawn and hello late nights, alias the social season, which seems to get a bigger welcome every year as the racing seasons become more hectic.

I must apologise for the lateness of this issue but would point out this was entirely due to your own scribes. It was not until four days after the closing date that I received the first contribution, and as you will see three clubs are not represented. If you personally do not feel this is good enough perhaps you will assist me by giving your Bonk reporters a gentle hint. By the way, the closing date for the next edition is the 22nd November, 1963.

With regard to my last editorial re changing the name to

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Escape, I have received several opinions, mainly against the suggestion. I did, however, receive an alternative in Escapade as the writer points out: Escape sounds as if we are trying to run away but Escapade which according to the dictionary means a "flighty exploit" could be more appropriate. An interesting conversation!! I was delighted to receive a letter on this subject from John Gallsworthy of the Central now residing on the Falkland Isles. He states that he is against the idea as he feels Bonk is still just around the corner for many of us especially in l2's, or could it be the charming feeders that make many stop at every feed!! He also states that regarding the Southborough "boast" about going swimming in April the Central once again comes out on top with one of their members taking to the water in January in company with penguins. Still maybe it is cheating claiming it from that end of the world.

John wishes me to give his regards to everyone and wish them all the best in their activities whether it be women, cars, tricycles, beer etc, etc. John's address should anyone be interested (especially young ladies) is P.O. Box 40, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, South Atlantic.

In this edition you will find a competition on Sussex anagrams. There is a prize of 10/-d. to the first all correct entry received before the 1st November, 1963. The result and solution will be published in the Christmas edition.

Will you all please note our new address is as above, and also, once again, that I am the Editor and not Dave to whom so many communications are addressed.

Auntie Sheila.

Hastings & St. Leonards C.C.

Time has come to recall the events of the three most active months of the year. Everyone will look back on a mixture of sun, wind and sometimes rain.

The intended Y.H.A. tour at Whitsun had to be called off as 4 of the stalwarts are now breaking in new houses and gardens with mixed enthusiasm and reluctance. From the racing side, Jack Southerden took part in the Hounslow 100 and finished in 4-46-7.

The following weekend members were widely scattered and the touring side suffered badly. A breakfast run was arranged for a 4.30 start, and our gallant captain was left to make a solo trip. On the same day, that rare bird, the tandem trike re-appeared. Maurice Carpenter and Mick Dunn had a go at another R.R.A. record, London Brighton and back this time. Doing about 2 miles more than the normal route they bettered the previous best set up in 1955 by about two minutes. Jack Southerden and Martin Chambers did well in the K.C.A. 100. Eventually most met for tea at Stone in Oxney.

The morning for the Open Club 50 was slightly cool and a moderate wind prevailed. 87 entries were received, an improvement on last year. With a full entry of marshalls as well, the event went off smoothly. Whilst doing my wee bit at Hythe, the Lengthsman came over for a chat. He turned out to be a runner and on finding out what we were all up to very sportingly made the turn more visible with a couple of his best flags. Brian Kirby, former B.A.R. Champion won with a great ride of 1-59-45. Last year's winner and course record holder Roy Manser was pleased with second place at 2-0-17 as he had a run of ill luck for the previous weeks. Andy Kirk paid another visit South and came third. M. Chambers, Bob French, Jack Southerden rode for the club as well as Geoff Skinner who did 2-19-4 for his first 50. M. Carpenter was the best tricyclist. Ted Coussens rode again but clock a slower time than last year. Better luck next time Ted. The dun came out later and Guy led us round the back to Littlestone. Paddling the pebbles with all available material a heavenly afternoon was spent. A warm early evening ride back to Hastings completed an excellent day.

On the 16th July five members competed in the E.S.C.A. 25 and gained the third team award of the season. Young Geoffrey Skinner who is trying very hard this season gained first handicap prize in spite of a puncture delay.

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A young and experienced French cyclist from Paris, Jean Dumas, spent three weeks holidaying in Hastings and added a little variety to the racing scene. Riding at home under the banner of a brewery and a French cycle manufacturer, with the addition of sundry other products he was an animated piece of advertising. He took part in some evening 10s, coming second to Bob French. Riding under strange conditions in the Brighton Velo 40 mile road race at Rushlake he finished third.

In the Women's 25 K.C.A. Esther was unlucky losing the first handicap by one second. Bob French had better luck and did his best of the season in a private trial recording 1-2-12.

In the meantime the evening 10 has been taking place regularly every week. Bob usually wins. Let us mention the juniors who regularly have a go, namely Geoff Skihner, and Peter Miles. Our promising junior, Peter Brooker, who can really shift when he feels like, has not been seen for many weeks.

We are sorry Andy Kirk, the Scottish 50 mile Champion, was only able to stay with us for a short while. Apart from his ability in the racing field he was modest and quiet in all he did.

On July 28th Maurice improved his previous best 30 on a trike recording 1-24-18 so establishing a new Club record. Esther riding in the Becontree Womens 25 recorded her best time for many years. This was also the day of the Map Reading Contest. The weather could not have been better. In spite of many D.N.S. both organizers and competitors had a very enjoyable day on a circuit of lanes near Bodiam. Whilst riding round placing the clues, Cecil and I were interviewed by a tame ferret, who insisted on rolling on his back. We responded by tickling his belly with a stick. Young David Swaffham, who knows how to read a map, tied with Ron and Connie Longley for the prizes.

As usual a sports meeting took place at Rye on August Bank Holiday. The cycling attendance was sadly down on previous years and could be in danger of fading out at this rate. 2 D.N.S. and 2 who left their licence applications too late, left only 5 competitors. Our three members, Maurice, Bob and Geoff enjoyed the day and all won something. Let us hope more will go to Rye in future years. In these pleasant surroundings it is worth riding if only for a tube of

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toothpaste. By contrast the 9 mile road race attracted 36 runners, mostly past the athletic age, on a really hot day.

Our Youth hostellers were able to get away for the Bank Holiday weekend, and had an enjoyable outing in the lanes of Sussex, Kent and Surrey. Practically all the time was spent in lanes. It can still be done, although lane riding is not as popular as pre-war. Cecil is doing a good job in reviving the art.

A persistently strong wind prevailed for the E.S.C.A. 1 2 and cut down the field as the day wore on. The club finished the only complete team. Although the lowest total for many years congratulations to C. Snelling of Eastbourne Rovers who won the event with 226.87 miles. Four girls started, but Esther had to give up sometime between 10 and 11. Two were still gamely pressing on when they passed me at Little Common just before midday. I see from "Cycling" they both finished with good figures after such a tough day. Well done girls.

Our Photographic Competition and Exhibition will be held at the Abbey Hotel, Battle, on the 27th October commencing 4.30. Both Colour and Monochrome will be on view. A film show will be given also. Admission including buffet tea will be 4/6 or 4/- for students. Hoping we may see some of you.

S.R.

Southborough news.

Readers may note that the word "social" is missing from these notes heading so as to include racing news. This will be somewhat meagre as your scribes social leanings find it hard to inbribe all the competitive news let alone remember it.

The first news is on a more international level as it is hoped that the signing of the recent Test-ban treaty in Moscow will put an end to these underground tests that have been carried out in the subterranean caverns of the Neeves emporium - much to the detriment of Hastings sea-front. If D.N. and his fellow al-chemists

must follow their quest for "Atomic-Rock" it would be better if they moved into the Pevensey mountains and not jeopardise their local ancient heritage. After all what would Hastings be without the amusement arcade?

The club celebrated their birthday late in May so as not to clash with the road race promotions held earlier in the month. Most of the day was taken up with a Geoff Boxall inspired club run which included a rough stuff "short-cut" to the club room (guaranteed to take half an hour longer!). Among the 40 odd members and friends who turned up for the auction and birthday tea was Phil Hennessy accompanied by Veronica, late of the Central Sussex. Rumours that he was engaged were soon squashed by Phil who asked "Oh an I, who is the lucky girl?". Following the auction with its usual quota of doubtful merchandise and the usual social season type tea the evening was rounded off with a slide show by Pat Marsh and Crow.

Whitsun was, as usual, at the Isle of Wight on one of the few spells of good weather this summer. A large helping of tailwind got us down there in good time and devote Sunday to pottering round the north west part of the island having noted the Central's notes about "The Wilderness". Swimming at Alum Bay in the afternoon was enlivened by Don Robb making advances to a couple of "birds" who were, to say the least, highly photogenic, what is more Don got their names and addresses and Geoff Hayman lost 1/- for betting Don he wouldn't!

In contrast August bank holiday at Cuckmere Haven was rather dismal affaircheered only by the Boorman "cuisine" that was once more in business.

Racingwise John Hearne has swept all before him, an outright win of the Kent C.A. 50 with a 13 in appalling conditions and an almost completely domination of the club evening 10 and 25 series with his fastest being a 1-0-39 and 23 odd for a 10. Despite 0's and 1's he can't quite break the hour and get the club record. - its certainly not for want of trying. Along with these has been a 2-9 in the Hastings 50, a 4-35 in the Carlyle 100, a 221 in the Association 12 and an untouchable lead in the club B.A.R.

When you consider it very few riders actually make a come-back lasting more than a couple of events its good to see Bryan Leyland

bombing about again. After early season double-figure rides he has got his 25 time down to a 5 but found himself out of the K.C.A. and E.S.C.A. B.A.R's through blowing up in the E.S.C.A. 100 and K.C.A. 12 hr.

Dave Gillet still road-races successfully and if no outright wins has been consistantly highly placed. In his spare time Dave breeds kittens, or I believe so as I'm told that he has now got his 2nd cat.

The National 24 promoted this year by the Catford sub-aqua club saw Crow and Phil pottering round and getting their 35/-s worth out of Catford feeds apart from food provided by their own helpers and Barbara and Opera Jones. Crow treated it as a social event and chatted with riders and marshals most of the time thus finishing nearly last with 344 despite an exhibition of fast circuit lapping. Phil completed a very steady ride to record 388 which included a prang at Bolney Cross.

Crow found his Catford training run had done him good for the following week when he notched a 4-38 2nd place in the Association 100, 17 secs slower than his 2nd place last year. Phil managed 5-12 and bang went our B.A.R. team chances with Bryan retired.

As the Kent and East Sussex 12's are on successive weeks now there is a gamble on the one best to enter. Honky, John Hearne and Crow rode the E.S.C.A. which turned into a hard but really thrilling event with the result in doubt till the end. Chris, as we saw rode a beautifully judged first attempt at the distance to a well deserved win while Crow and John scrapped it out on the circuit with the former finishing in his second place "rut" with 224 1/4 miles after John blew up in the last 15 mins and was just over a mile behind. If the East Susséx was hard the K.C.A. 12 was atrocious for weather. George and Bryan went down fighting, Les Hayman rode extremely well to record 216 miles which was well placed when nearly half the entry of 84 were D.N.F. Big surprise though was the amazing ride of Pete Cooke who has hardly raced for 4 years then produced an 186 mile ride when nobody expected him to last more than a quarter distance. Another great ride was a 1-1-54 by Bill Curtis-Cody in an evening 25.

Our open reliability ride (100 in 8) attracted a wet morning and an entry of 16, burn-ups and aggressive riding sorted out the field in the early stages and only 7 finished within the limit which shows that such events are hard even in June.

The ladies racing picture is of rivalry between Dawn and Wendy with Wendy having done a 1-32 for a 30 and Dawn having the edge at 25 and 10 miles.

Another Oz gear has appeared in Southborough cycling circles and Geoff Boxall is the owner. I'm glad to see that there are others with discerning tastes in equipment. Other novelty in the club is John Hearne's Moulton iron which gets demonstrated and examined on every possible occasion. He's contemplating riding it in the Oldbury 12 but we want him to try it on some rough-stuff runs first.

Mention must be made of a highly enjoyable inter club rounders match with the Central Sussex at Punnetts Town following the ESCA 100. Despite Southboro's early lead the Central won 46-45 declared. It was considered that if our players had paid as much attention to the ball as they did to Barbara Jones the score might have been in our favour.

Finally I hear from East Grinstead sources that they have some youngster who recently recorded his personal best 25 of 1-0-29, I believe his name was something like Frederick Marshal and was wondering if he could be the grandson or even the great grandson of that antidiluvian postal character called Marshal who used to ride for them some time ago.

That's it, grease up your skis and find out what sort of winter we will get this time.

Crow.

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Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C.

From the "Suntrap of the South" I bring you news of those who have spent most of their time trying to get away from it.

The first attempt to escape the hordes of invaders was Whitsun. Chris Snelling, Ted Haynes, Danny Chadwick, Ken and Iris Stevens went west to Chichester where the boys rode in the Portsmouth 25. Ted

and Danny both improving steadily to an 8 and a 10 respectively. After the event Ted, Danny, Ken and Iris potted through the Hampshire lanes to Basingstoke. The journey home on Monday was via Waggoners Wells near Hindhead and a visit to a very interesting museum at Haslemere. Where a mummy's bared foot was examined with interest by the boys and horror by Iris. Ted tried on a new line in cycling shoes in the form of an elephants foot and voted them an excellent rough stuff shoe. Danny not to be out done proclaimed his interest, in a loud voice, of a typical anthropod while the rest of us crept away from him. Leaving the shelter and, disturbed peace of the occupants, of the museum, capes were donned and a wet ride home was visualised, but on reaching Billingshurst the sun came out and an enjoyable tailwind helped us home.

June proved to be a month of personal's Chris starting it all with a great winning ride of 1-1-4 and 30 second improvement in the ESCA 25. In our open the following week Ken broke his 2 recording a 1-1-52. As he was number one we thought that an event record was surely indicated from one of the 10 "under the hour" boys entered. This was not to be though Sussex riders rose to the occasion with thirteen of them doing personals and taking 4 out of the 6 awards. Doug Roberts doing the ride of the day for 1st handicap. John Fisher won the event five seconds outside event record and led his East Surrey Road Club to team victory.

After the event our Janie gave John Fisher quite a turn as he thought she wasn't wearing anything under he long sweater. Being a true cyclist he did not rest until he had investigated under it only to be disappointed as she was wearing shorts. After drinking his Nesquick he had to be forcibly restrained by his clubmates when ever Jane passed by. Apart from this incident the event was a great success.

The last week in July saw the club entering a float in the Eastbourne Carnival. We were all very pleased with it but the judges weren't they didn't even bother to stop and look at it. Still the members enjoyed themselves. Danny even borrowed his sister's leg tan make up to conceal the lack of sunshine we had had here.

The evening 10 mile on the following Tuesday saw Chris reach 26 mph when he broke his own club record by 15 seconds, doing a 22-59. On the same night Ken did his only 23 minute ride of the season with 23-42. Personal bests were also recorded by Mike Watson

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24-45 (Eastbournes champion D.N.S.) Ted Haynes 26-8 and Mike Cobb 28-6. In the ladies event Iris did her fastest 10 of the season though still way off her best ride with 27-21 and Jane improved again to 30-53. With this closing ride of the series Chris took the award with the two fastest rides with 46-29. Iris won the ladies with 54-47.

July saw the start of the club migration when Stan Nash rode off to his usual sun worshipping tour of the South of France, and returned browner than ever, if thats possible. While he was away Ken and Chris were getting the miles in, in the ESCA 100 at least Ken started and Chris finished. It is reported that Ken is no longer speaking to clubmate R.H. because this person who shall remain anonymous only credited Ken with being able to do a 2-15-0 for 50 miles so Ken arrived at Bexhill before the marshall. Chris after being bullied and doped with coffee by Iris kept going and recorded a good first ride of 4-44-9.

After this Ken and Iris departed northwards to ride on K7 was the intention in the Oldbury 50. Iris was D.N.F. and Ken was dissillusioned when June Pitchford the winner of the ladies event did a ride less than a minute slower than his. The digs are to be recommended right on the course (the A.5) if!! you like lorries pulling in around the house all night and a juke box going full blast 24 hours a day. It was an all night transport cafe.

Leaving the noise and dirt of the potteries they beat a hasty retreat to Leicestershire and wandered down through the byways to Essex and the E.3. Iris riding in the Becontree event. The event Jo Bowers went "under" in. Iris joined the list of personal bests with a 1-9-39, and club record. Feeling a little lightheaded afterwards she rashly agreed to ride the 12 hour because Esther was, just for a laugh. The laugh fizzled out at 100 miles but more about that later.

August Bank Holiday Monday saw the suntrap living up to its name with the club having a day on the beach at Cooden. Although the sea was rough a fine time was had, finishing up with a gambling session in the evening at 3 Lansdowne Crescent.

Now back to the 12 which must have been under the hardest conditions ever, maybe because the Rovers had two first timers in it. Anyway it was a very pleased pair of Rovers who finished. Iris after a puncture and umpteen stops at unofficial feeds eventually ran out with

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197.142 miles. A great surprise as she didn't expect to get beyond 100 miles.

Chris was the greatest surprise to us all when after 1 ying fourth for most of the day stormed around the finishing circuit to a great win and 226.878 miles to his credit. This certainly consolidated his lead in the ESCA B.A.R.

The following clubnight saw a very subdued and miserable Ted present. The reason being Jane had departed to Guernsey for a fortnights holiday. To cheer him up Danny carted him off to Dorset for a weeks touring. The last we heard was they were going swimming in the rain.

Well I wont bore you any longer as Ken has just given me the start sheet for tomorrows club 25 to write out as he reckons by the time I've finished this epilogue I will have had plenty of writing practice, I only hope Sheila is good at deciphering.

Scrubber.

Lewes Wanderers C.C.

Having no doubt incurred the wrath of "Auntie" Sheila by being late with this edition, your scribe humbly apologises for having held up the really important news of other "Bonk" contributors. The racing reports this time commence with the Southern Wheelers 25 at the end of May in which Chris May again did a 4, followed by Colburn, Burgess and Burbery, all with 7's. Twoweeks later the Association 25 saw May again improve, over 1½ minutes, with 1-3-9. Colburn managed a 6, and John Edwards, riding his first 25 this year, did a short 14. The SCA 50 saw Colburn wading in with 2-18-20, and "Tourist" Agg, having recovered from the eye injury described last time, doing 2.22. Next the Association 100, incorporating the club championship, gave "Copper" Burgess the 1st handicap with a 5.1 ride on a very windy morning. Colburn was 44 secs. outside 5 hrs, while Agg collapsed with cramp and was D.N.F. The following week in the SCA event Colburn really shocked 'em with a 4-54 ride which landed him the 3rd handicap award. Agg made amends with 4-57, and Burgess crawled in some ten minutes slower, having "taken a parcel" over the last miles and "finished on my uppers" as he so picturesquely put it.

In the Association 12 also incorporating the club awards, we saw an excellent 218 miles from Colburn on what is generally agreed was the hardest day we've known for this event. A continuous gale-force wind which never slackened kept the riders at full stretch all the time so Maurice chose a good one for his first 12! He also sneaked the 1st handicap award and walloped the "Tourist" by 4 miles. The latter convulsed clubmates at Cross-in-Hand when he shouted an unrepeatable remark to the effect that he was all but washed up - then in the same breath added: "How much am I up on Colburn?". In passing we would like to commend the sportsmanship of Graham Lade, of the Road Club, who didn't hesitate to chase eventual winner Chris Snelling when the latter tore straight through the Heighton turn where only the marshal was present. At the rate he was going Chris must have wanted some catching, so Graham's efforts in doing so were all the more praiseworthy. Congratulations to Iris and Dawn for finishing in conditions which were too much for several blokes, the former's 197 miles being a darned good show on such a day.

Once again we successfully promoted the Evening 10 series, despite the weather conditions. On one of the comparatively fair occasions Chris Snelling took a 23 second chunk off the course record and swept over the line in 23-45, a figure that will want some approaching in future over the Rodmill course. Chris did a few short 24's, and we also played host to Roy Brake, the E. Surrey fast man, who also turned in some similar rides. No club handicap figures are available as yet as these have still to be worked out, but we should mention new recruit 14 yrs. old Lees Hall who did three rides and improved nearly 2 mins to a 30-30, thus scaring Willcocks mightily.

All this activity doesn't seem to have dimmed the scandal too much, and first for the chop this time is that well-known official Chancellor Eldridge who was unwise enough to tell a clubmate that he was seriously thinking of purchasing a monkey!! Whether he eventually intended to stretch to a barrel organ as well isn't known, but this little scheme was knocked on the head by his aunt who said: "When you bring a monkey into the house, I leave." As Reg isn't keen on eating his own cooking there the matter rests at present! When almost everyone these days is a suspect in the Great Train Robbery our suspicions have been aroused by Reg making an offer to Mrs. Cox of a vast sum of money for the family mansion at Ringmer! What he would do with a place that size is beyond conjecture, unless he decided to

let parts of it to deserving cases among the Wanderers. One of these is now a certain Russell who, believe it or not, got married on August 24th to Miss Shelagh Curwen, at Lewes. (Good Heavens it will be Willcocks next!! Ed.) This affair was so hurried and secret that one wonders if the bride had been made a ward of court, or something! As Russell's financial position is usually sub-zero, club suspicions are pretty strong here as well!! We hear that martial law was not declared in Lewes!

Peter Sharp's C.N.D. larks led him into a dangerous driving charge which he was due to face on August 1st. As nothing has been heard of him since it is not known if he is in Dartmoor or Parkhurst!!

Burbery and the Copper, plus their wives, embarked on a typical cyclist's holiday in Wales - they went by van! During a rock climbing episode the former found himself below Sylvia whose be-slacked figure presented a challenge too good to be missed with his camera. The result was a unique "goat's eye view" of that lady's tern which is the funniest thing for years. When Pete visited the Burgess household and presented a copy of this masterpiece his immediate reward was a hefty punch in the ribs from the "star" of the show! With typical feminine logic she said: "Trust you to take a picture like that when my back was turned."

Husband Mick was recently in the Burgess Hill area looking for a murder weapon. As he battered around in grubby jeans and wellingtons he was seen by "Honest Ginge", of the Central, who genuinely inquired as to how long he'd been employed drain-clearing by the local sewage department!!

Two members amply demonstrated their dislike of the motoring fraternity by charging headlong into vehicles, in the space of two weeks. Burbery handpicked a 3 ton ironclad ex refrigeration lorry and presented himself with a wound that required 26 stitches, while May settled for a car, and came out of hospital a week later. Happily their injuries are now cleared up thus leaving them free to try again when the mood takes them! Incidentally Chris recently "hitched a ride" on a cargo boat to Finland and back, and took his bike, too.

Bert Redwood has found cycling "toohard" (once more!) so has purchased another A55 with the insurance money from the one he had

Whit Sunday found certain members of the Road Club lounging on a crowded beach at Cuckmere Haven, it was soon noticeable however that a space cleared around them after a short time. This was preceded by complaints such as "You just missed my husband with that stone" needless to say these were followed up by several direct hits.

A week or so later Dave rode an Invitation Hill Climb at Blackburn Carnival in this he was placed 8th. The same weekend Gerald, Gordon, Dave N. and Graham went to the Isle of Man. The surprise of the week came when Gordon, Gerald and Graham found that they had won the team in the Invitation 25. In the Mannin Veg. Road Race they were not so lucky, Graham was involved in a pile up of about 20 riders after 3 miles and later punctured this resulting in him finishing 27 mins down. Dave N. was our best placed rider at 77th followed by Gordon 84th and Gerald 90th they being dropped at various stages on the 10 mile club of Snaefell. The finer points of Chinese cooking were not understood by Dave and Gordon who even though they were finished could only face a couple of mouthfulls of a "Hong Kong" special, but the "food" supplied by a Irish maid seemed to satisfy them.

On returning from the Island, Gordon rode a 70 mile road race but did not finish, and Graham the Eastbourne 25 returning a time of 1.5.9, Dave P. did his fastest time so far this year, a 1.1.18. The following Saturday Dave and Graham finished 13th in the Long Valley Team Time Trial with a 1.19.06 they being 6 mins down on the winners. (And 1 minute down on Bob French who rode on his own!! Ed.)

In the Hastings 50 Graham got to within 6 secs of his personal best with a 2.10.57, and Gerald improved to a 2.14.19, Barry and Dave N. being 42nd and 43rd with 2.17.04 and 2.17.10. respectively. The absence of Dave and Gordon was due to them riding at Bexley grass track.

Continuing his form in road races, Gordon won the Brighton Velo Road Race over 40 miles of the Cowbeech Circuit from a bunch sprint of about 25-30 riders, Graham being 12th, Dave N. 23rd and Gerald 27th. The following day Dave P. won the Club 25 from Dave N. and Graham, this being a trial run for our Inter-Club 25 against the Southborough Wheelers the following week. Dave won this event with John Hearne 2nd, and Dave N. 3rd. Graham filling 4th place to give

us the team award. The ladies 10 was won by Wendy Barratt of the Wheelers with Dawn Hayward 2nd and Sheila 3rd. A mid-week evening 25 saw Dave N. do a personal best to a 1.3.35.

Over August Bank Holiday, Dave and Sheila, Barry and Janice, Gordon, Gerald and Graham camped near Thrapston, in the company of Ron, Dawn and John of the Wheelers, for a racing weekend. The weekend was somewhat spoilt by continual rain, but the efforts of various persons to light stoves and set about cooking caused some amusement. On the way up to Thrapston Gordon, Gerald and Graham purchased air beds, when the time came to use them Gerald found his air bed was a paddling pool, very useful in the conditions. Barry finished with a time of 4.50.37 in the 100. On the Monday morning Dave, Gerald and Graham rode the 25 and recorded times of 1.2.42, 1.8.40 and 1.5.21 respectively. Gerald having a 1.30 late start. Later that day Dave, Graham and Gordon rode at the Dartford Gala Sports, Dave getting the lap prize in the 5 mile and Graham 3rd in the 660.

We had 4 riders start in the E.S.C.A. 12 hour, Roy retired after 60 miles and Gerald after 160 miles, Graham although wanting to retire several times continued to finish with 213 miles, and Barry finished 4th with 219 miles. I would like to thank all those who assisted with this event on what was a very hard day, without you there would be no event.

On the Wednesday following the 12 hour Dave, Gerald Gordon and Graham rode the final of the Sussex 4000 metre team pursuit, Graham was dropped after 2 laps and, unfortunately, due to wheels touching, Dave and Gerald crashed on the last lap both suffering abrasions.

In the Brighton Mitre 25 Graham did a 1.6.13 and Dave N. a 1.7.19, this being followed by the Mephisto C.C. 25 where Graham did a 1.3.45, Dave N. a 1.5.26 and Gordon a 1.6.16.

This is about the lot for now, but remember the social season opens with the Road Clubs Dinner on the 9th November, tickets will soon be available, so if not before see you on the 9th.

Angel.

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1963 Best All-Rounder Competitions - leading positions as at August 17th.

Ladies

For the F. Rix Trophy. Holder - I. Stevens, Eastbourne Rovers.

1st	I. Stevens, Eastbourne Rovers.	30.01.	1.13.28	20.203 m.p.h.
2nd	M. Beeston, Brighton Mitre.	30.33.	1.13.06	20.080 m.p.h.
3rd	E. Carpenter, Hastings C.C.	31.10.	1.18.53	19.133 m.p.h.

Gents

For the Henry Gale Trophy. Holder - R.J. Lunn, East Grinstead C.C.

1st	C. Snelling, Eastbourne Rovers.	1.1.4.	2.5.17.	4.44.9.	226.878 miles.	22.133 m.p.h.
2nd	P. Crowsley, Southborough.	1.5.17.	2.24.19.	4.38.51.	224.688 miles.	21.001 m.p.h.
3rd	M. Colburn, Lewes Wan.	1.6.27.	2.24.27.	5.0.44.	218.285 miles.	20.370 m.p.h.
4th	D. Roberts, Uckfield & D.	1.8.31.	2.28.32.	4.58.42.	203.003 miles.	19.773 m.p.h.

"GEN" from the Secretary.

Once again the hurly-burly of the racing season is now nearly over and we are all looking forward to the far too short four months of the Social Season. The highlight of which for us will be our own annual Luncheon and Prize Presentation on Sunday November 24th, at the Hassocks Hotel, Hassocks. The cost will be 14/- and the menu will include chicken. We are sure of a warm welcome by nine hosts Mr. & Mrs. Edwards who are well known for the high standard of catering. It is to be hoped that all our prize winners will make a special effort to be present to receive their awards from our President's wife. Full details and tickets will shortly be circulated to all clubs by our Social Secretary.

Two weeks later our Annual General Meeting will take place at Stone Cross starting at 10.30 p.m. with a break for lunch at 12.30 p.m.. An earlier start is being made this year to enable the Open Roller Contest being promoted on our behalf to take place before tea. All clubs will in due course be receiving entry forms for this event.

With but one more Association racing event to come, the Hill Climb, which incidentally will commence at 3. p.m. we can look back on quite a successful season, even though entries have been slightly down. Once again no rider has succeeded in getting inside the hour at 25 miles which means that the Trophy for the fastest under the hour ride will not be awarded, Gerry Atterbury of Brighton Mitre C.C. only failed by 14 seconds to achieve this in the September 25.

Chris Snelling took over the lead in the B.A.R. following his win in the 12 hours and was never really challenged in the later events, in the past few years the destination of this championship has been in doubt until after the last 25 of the season. The Ladies B.A.R. was in doubt until after the last 25 miles, M. Beeston Brighton Mitre C.C. failing by .066 miles per hour to take the award from the 1962 winner Iris Stevens.

Next years programme will be the same as for this year, but entry fees will have to be increased by 3d to cover the extra amount on the levy for the R.T.T.C.

R.H.

SUSSEX ANAGRAMS

The following unlikely tale contains eleven anagrams of Sussex towns and villages - plus one just "over the border" as makeweight; twelve in all. Rearrange the letters of one, two or three consecutive words in each case. 10/- will be awarded to the sender of the first correct list received by the Editor before 1st November.

S.E.N.

Sam is worried about his wife. She is overweight, and, I believe, an alcoholic. Personally, I suspect she trains on gin! Lest she suspect anything, we met at the put to talk things over. Sam said: "If I led her to think we were discussing her she'd go mad. She's only middle aged. I went to the doctor and he said: "She must cut out all alcohol and rich things - now!. Lard, butter and margarine are out! Meats - yes, ham, mutton and beef, provided they are lean, or made up for soups or for stew. That is the only way for her to grow thin - diet, diet, diet - no treats! When the table is laid, stop, look, and abstain - it's the only way"."

This advice made Sam laugh. "Although she's ill, grub means everything to her", he said,. I told him to follow the doctor's advice, and even be prepared to give up the booze himself, if only to set her an example.

HERE AND THERE

It is believed that one of the Willcocks ex-dragons has taken up photography in the hope that one day her PRINTS will come.

It was decided at the Southborough Wheelers Committee Meeting that Mandy Rice-Davies would not be asked to present the prizes at the club dinner as the club finances could not afford her services.

Russell is reported to be honeymooning in Vienna. Prably the nearest he'll get to that is a Viennese Roll in a Soho chip joint!!

It was noted that Ian Jenner had beer stains on his tie at his wedding, presumably from the previous two hours drinking to get up enough courage to take the plunge.

Following the Carlyle 100 on the Bath Road Crow went to have a chat with photographer Ted Lees in his E-type Jag. After a short chat Ted drove off, there was a loud crunch and Crow remembered he had left his bike on the verge in front of Ted's Jag. "At least I only have my bikes wrooked by the best cars" was the comment.

HERE AND THERE

It is rumoured that Dave Patten moved to Tonbridge because he could not stand riding to work every morning up Cambrian Road, a mere 1 - 1 0 hill!!

Why does Chancellor Eldridge hurry away from events these days. Could there be someone waiting for him at the other end? Time alone will tell!

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