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#### EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Well its a case of after the Lord Mayor's Show with this edition. A couple of late, late entries have swelled the pages and we have now managed a 20 page edition but it appears that my appeals to Press Secretaries and all and sundry have gone astray. It would certainly be interesting to find out the general opinion on when and how often you would like the mag. produced, quarterly as at present, half yearly or say a monthly news letter?

A 59-02, Beryl Burton has done it again, she really is marvellous, and it will not be long before we see a 58 performance from her. Sticking up for my own sex I find it amusing to see men who look into the results to find out whether they can still say they can beat her at so-and-so distance. It really is a pleasure to watch the effortless way she rides. It would be interesting to see what time she could do on G.52.

It is interesting to see that entries for Association events are on the increase, lets hope the good trend continues, and perhaps we shall see some of our up and coming youngsters blossom into stars. We'll just have to wait and see,

Until then,

Auntie Sheila.



## "Gen" from the Secretary.

First of all let me give you two dates to fill in, in your diary, Sunday November 29th the Annual Luncheon and Prize Presentation, Sunday December 13th the Annual General Meeting. Both of these dates are important to all of us, every member should make a special effort to attend these functions.

Once again the time is approaching for the longer distance events, as is usual I appeal to all the members of our affiliated clubs to make a special effort to assist either in the marshalling or feeding for these events. Offers of help will be gratefully accepted by either Ken Stevens or myself.

I would like to bring to the notice of all members the fact that during 1964 two new awards are up for competition, the first a challenge trophy presented to us by Mr. F. Duffield who you may remember was our guest at last year's luncheon, it will be awarded to the Junior rider (under 18 yrs on January 1st, 1964) who puts up the fastest 25 miles time during the season. Will club Secretaries please note that claims for this award must be made in writing to me not later than September 15th, 1964. The second award presented by our 1963 President is to be won outright and will be awarded to the member who in the opinion of the Management Committee has put up the most meritorious performance during 1964.

We are indeed most grateful to these two persons for taking such an interest in our Association.

At the next meeting of the Management Committee in July it has been suggested that an application should be made on behalf of the Sussex Cycle Racing League for permission to include at least one of our Track Championships in one of their promotions at Preston Park Track, Brighton. Any comments or suggestions regarding this will be much appreciated. It appears from information available at the time of writing these notes that the Annual Rye Sports Day Meeting on August Monday will not take place this year. It will be a great pity if this meeting becomes a legend of the past as it was one of the very few meetings left in this part of the country which it was a pleasure to compete in.

R. H.

## Fortune C.C.

It looks like another "late start" for the Fortune scribe but, working on the principal that a late start is better than a DNS (otherwise known as better late than never). We'll do our best to bring you up to date on the happenings of the Fortune.

First event of the year was the hardriders 12. We wont go into sordid details like times, suffice it to say that of the three Micks entered, Hills stayed in bed, Tully wished he had, and Kilby found the East Sussex mountains well suited to his low fixed and pottered round quite happily.

The Lancing Longmarkers was the next event to be graced with an entry from the Fortune. What's more surprising is that they all started. The morning was sunny but hard and times of 1.16.29 by newcomer Ray Standen and 1.19.9 by Dave Ward, having his annual ride, were creditable on the conditions. A 17 for Mick K and a 13 for Derek Hanson completed the quartet.

In the S.C.A. individual championship 25 two weeks later on the same course Mick Kilby trimmed his time to a 12 whilst Mick Hills, in his first event of the season showed us all up with a 7. In the ladies 10 on the same day Ailsa Mansell made her debut under Fortune C.C. colours and with a good ride for a first event surprised herself with a 33.

The ESCA 50 enabled us to lower our club team record at this distance by over half an hour, it being only the second time in the short history of the club that we've had three riders finish a 50 (and the first was 'orrible). Mick Hills headed the team with 2.13.25, Mick T. just missed a personal with a short 19, whilst Derek H and Mick K. suffered horribly in returning a 24 and a 26 respectively.

The Surrey St. Christophers 25 the week before Whitsun saw Derek and Mick K. bring their best this season down to a 9.41 and an 11.46 respectively. Mick Tully found



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himself exhausted by his activities of the previous evening and packed just after the first turn - then punctured to give himself an excuse.

The Crawley Wheelers 25 two weeks later was threatened by early morning rain that deterred the fair weather types from riding. Those of us who got that far, however, found that the downpour had stopped by the time we came to start. After scattering his pump and spare tub round the course Mick K. finished in a short 14 on the undulating (!) G.46 course, while Derek, racing on gears for the first time, recorded his fastest 25 this year with a 9.30. It transpires that he is another osgear addict - does this mean that Crow has a fan (imitation being the most sincere form of flattery!), that he is a rival eccentric, or that he recognises the lightest, fastest changing, simplest gear available.

Easter saw club members hostelling variously in Wales and Wiltshire, whilst at Whitsun most of us went to the Isle of Wight, though Preston Park had claims on Mick H. and he left us early to ride on the track. We noticed Dave Cox getting fit the hard way - pushing a tandem with six year old Richard on the backend. We even saw Mick Kilby touring with the group with his better half back on a bike to keep an eye on him. Another lady rider for the Fortune?

We understand that Mick T. is "resting" from cycling for a while to give himself more time for other pursuits; to be precise one which does not involve competing against the clock so much as putting it back some eight months. Perhaps that silver bracelet with so tender inscription won't be wasted after all!

We understand that Derek's newly acquired tandem is known as a "Casanave". With a name like that it needs little imagination to realise the use for which he bought it, but he's showing a distinct reluctance to disclose who's to ride it with him. We don't, however, believe the story that he's going to take his brother on the back!

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Hastings & St. Leonards C.C.

The season opened pleasantly with our President Mr. Fred Martin's run and lunch. It could not have been a better day for the time of the year, warm and sunny with little wind. The ride to elevenses was via Fairlight, a piece of country often neglected in our runs. Thanks to the National Trust it is preserved. Elevenses at Rye followed by a ride through narrow lanes and bridle paths to Chitcombe for lunch. Mrs. Willard served us with the traditional British Sunday fare to her usual standards. No casualties this time on the low oak beams. I should like to add that 34 of the 36 members and friends arrived under their own steam. The afternoon run was equally enjoyable though little used roads to Battle for tea. We did it real posh at Battle. An excellent end to the day. I don't know when Fred found time to work it out. On behalf of all. "Many thanks".

The hardriders 12 mile starting and finishing at Ashburnham had a good number of entries as usual. Not so cold as previous years, but cold enough. Bob French finding early season form won by the very handsome margin of 1m. 33s. Geoffrey Skinner Jack Southerden and Peter Miles, also rode. Maurice Carpenter emphasised the hard part by riding a fixed wheeled trike. I noticed one rider competing without his false teeth. Hill climbers frequently remove their pedal caps to save weight. Is this another weight reducing idea?

So far the weather on the whole has been unfavourable for racing. Mainly rain wind or both. Nevertheless some good rides have been recorded.

This must be Bob French's year. He rode in a gale force North Easter during the E.S.C.A. 25 winning by a minute. I would like to mention that he does not always win. He entered the Dover London Road Race as an individual without hope of a place. 60 started but only 15 finished. Shortly after the start, a mixture of wind rain sleet and snow greeted the riders. Bob was forced to pack up and ride to the nearest railway station.



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From here he took his sodden refrigerated self to St. Mary Cray to pick up his wardrobe which had gone on ahead by van. I understand from his father that he spent the evening in the bathroom thawing out. You all know that he thawed completely.

The club 25 was held on a morning of very strong winds and irritating drizzle. The helpers took 55 minutes out to the start and two hours to get back to Hastings. Bob was first, M. Chambers second with Rye Wheelers M. Ashdown and P. Miles third and fourth. Geoffrey Skinners disgust can be imagined. He punctured twice and had to walk back to the finish.

For the Rye Hythe Rye and Junior 15 held on the 19th April the weather was at its best. Just the job for riding warm, slightly misty with a faint breeze. Thanks to the support of the Rye Wheelers there was a good turnout. Much credit must to Jim Holland of television, radio and disc fame. You are very welcome we hope to see more of you. Ted Coussens had a go and enjoyed himself, finishing fresher than most. Bob was in good form and no one was surprised when he broke the record. Martin Chambers was second, 6 minutes behind, with Jack Southerden a further 3 minutes down the list. M. Ashdown of Rye Wheelers won the Junior 15 with Peter Miles who is improving rapidly only 5 seconds behind. Maurice Carpenter and John Mansell of the Worthing Excelsior also found the weather to their liking. They clipped 38 seconds off the tandem trike record for 50 miles with a time of 2.0.52. No doubt someone would like to knock those odd few seconds off. Shortly afterwards the weather broke. Two misguided Hastingsites went to Folkestone for lunch. Eating sandwiches in a shelter on the cliffs we saw the cross channel steamer berth and clearly heard the loud speaker announcements including those words "Welcome to England". The 40 miles back over the marshes was agony with speeds down to 5 mph. However thanks to discipline, lack of gin and wearing wool next to the skin we got home.

The first two evening 10s were cancelled owing to rain. However as this is a weekly event we cannot complain. There is always next week. We were however able to have one on the 28th May. Unfortunately owing to the break in sequence only 4 rode.

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Bob French, Esther and Maurice Carpenter. A surprise entrant was Dennis Neeves. As he only hurls his bulk around occasionally he was not surprised to be just outside evens. He is determined to clip the odd seconds off.

Our touring side has been weakened recently by family affairs. Our ever cheerful tandem Y.H.A. couple John and Jessie are waiting for Jary junior. Any moment now. Ron and Connie Longley are spreading a little happiness. They have adopted a baby girl. Good luck to all.

S.R.

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Eastbourne Rovers C. & A.C.

Sitting ankle-deep in a pile of notes, books, papers and fingernails I await a flash of inspiration. After some considerable time and mental effort, having received no sign from heaven I shall simply proceed in chronological order.

The season started well with 17 entries and 15 starters in our club and novices 10. Reasonable weather gave us hope of some faster times than in recent years but this was only the case in the novices section. Bernard Riley scored a good win in 26-50, probably a novices record and only 16 secs behind the first club rider, Graham Lade, now 2nd claim to toe Rovers. Ken Stevens shiny new block collapsed in the last 2 mls to leave Graham the winner. Cliff Sharp was the 2nd novice with 27-30 giving a taste of better things to come.

Early fit Ken ("I like it hard") Stevens scored another on many 2nd places in the first ESCA 25 with a short 8. Stan Nash taking 1st handicap with a 16. (Well it was rather cold).



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Our 1st club 25 brought an entry of 15 and some good times. A 5 from Ken and 7 from Ted Haynes, an 8 and a 9 from Bern. Riley and his brother John showed the makings of a good team. Ted has since left us, but Cliff Sharp has more than filled his place. Stanley Ebenezer rode sprints for the first time in years to take the handicap with a 10. Perhaps this is the beginning of a sensational comeback by "The Legs".

The first of the road races promoted by the Rovers on behalf of the S.R.R.F. was run off in its usual well-oiled manner under the impetus of Roy Humphrey, ably assisted by the Rovers, well-practised catering organisation. This year the race was in the form of a handicap, not that that made much difference once the Clarey sprint got under way. Rovers races on the Cowbeech circuit seem to be John Clarey benefits. He says he's coming again!

At Easter, Ken, Iris, Jane Godden, Danny the Wick and Graham Lade rode down to the Isle of Wight to ride the Vectis 25. A mountainous course and a biting North-Easter seemed to suit Ken as he did his tiny to finish in 1-5-34, well up the list and only 2 mins behind the winner. However the conditions had a more usual effect on Iris and Dan, both of whom recorded 18's. By all accounts Jane was in no fit state to race on Sunday morning. I think this was caused by the ride on Saturday, but I'm not sure. After the event, Ken bent the promoters car telling him just what he thought of the organisation, which was not very flattering. The general opinion amongst our members was that this road racing club does not organise time trials as well as the E.R. organises road races.

Before the ESCA t.t.t. one of the timekeepers looked at Cliff Sharp in his trousers and ample sweater and said, "Is he going all the way round". As it happens he blew up, but 2 weeks later, in the ESCA 50 "went round" with a vengeance, recording a 16, only 4 mins behind Ken Stevens and wiping up the handicap by 6 mins from Ken, and this in his 4th race of any kind. With Jane taking the Ladies 25 handicap from Iris the club had a monopoly in this section and established a reputation as

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handicap snatchers as Roy puts it. The Rovers have taken nearly every handicap award in ESCA events this season, mens and ladies. The fact that Stan Nash does nearly all the handicapping for the Association has absolutely nothing to do with it.

Cliff caused a minor sensation the the club 3 weeks later by beating Ken in 25-7 in the first of our evening 10 series, in the sort of get-off-and-walk-it conditions which usually suit ole tungstun-carbide Stevens. Graham Lade, who arrived with 2 mins to go amid the clouds of smoke and the smell of burning rubber in Gordons van, came 3rd with another 25.

5 days later in our 2nd club 25 Cliff improved over 5 mins to record 1-4-16 and lose to Ken by only 3 secs. He has now completed 4 25s, a 13, a 10, a 9 and a 4! Perhaps we have a candidtate for that under-the-hour gold medal at long last.

Finally, a thought for the wéek, I see Gordon Ford has his L-plates up. Is he teaching Jane to drive??

P.S.

Just when I've got this masterpiece signed, sealed and almost delivered Ken goes and does a personal best in the Farnham 25 on H.10, at his age! He did a 1-1-28 incidentally the same time as Beryl Barton did a few miles away on the same morning (Sorry, Ken, I couldn't resist that bit).

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Southborough Social News.

May 22nd - I knew there was something special about that day, it has now passed and I now realise its significance - Bonk press date! So without delay or the usual Crowsley type prolixity (for which the readers will be doubtless grateful) a look at the last 3 months from the Southboro viewpoint.

Most noticeable has been the re-awakening of enthusiasm after a quiet winter and a great deal of activity on the racing front. We have, after many years, unfortunately lost the services of our Secretary Arthur Parks and social Secretary Ted Boorman both of whom have become pre-occupied with other interests, however, these posts have been filled by Geoff Hayman and Dawn Hayward, respectively.

Easter in the Towy Valley of Central Wales was one of the most enterprising prospects that the club has undertaken and was a great success. 5 car loads of bods, bikes and equipments motored up through Thursday night and pitched camp in bright sunshine on Friday morning. From then on little time was wasted - hairbreadth escapes, from total immersion whilst tackling the numerous fords of the upper Towy, Alan Brindley shaving in a phone box; drinking until the early hours of the morning in Llanwrtyd Wells and being driven back over 8 miles of mountain roads by a driver who said "I can drive my beer home even though I've had seven vans!" Van attempts to stop Lou snoring, Pete Cookes enormous fry-ups, and waking up at 5 a.m. with the tent feeling like the inside of a frig, and seeing some surperb Welsh scenery. Not bad for an all in cost of £2. 17. 6. each!

Our hard working racing secretary Bryan Leyland, has organised regular training runs which have received good support (for the first time in years), and have done much to tune-up our up and coming juniors. He has, also for the first time in years, achieved some unified effort in the racing strength as a result of which we entered 3 teams in the 3 up Oval team T.T., where the B team of the schoolboys riding their first open, Andy Bunkin, Brian Holmes, and Russ Ablewhite came within 5 secs of the Hearne-Hayward-Crowsley A team.

Southborough Social news continued.

Our 7 riders in the Crawley 25 didnt go much on the weather or the G.46 mountain although Andy Bunkin got the D class award.

The club was out in force for the Hilly 42, held on a fast morning as a change from last year. A fortnight later the rain cleared up as there were the 2 road races promoted by the club on the Igtham circuit and a lot of hard work for the club.

Once again in May the clubs birthday tea was celebrated by a large number at the club room. The auction of second-hand equipment was the usual lively affair and left many of the buyers wondering how they were going to get their merchandize home. Rounding off the evening was a slide show.

Which brings us up to date with our annual trip to the Isle of Wight for Whitsun. Les Hayman led the run in the best Hayman tradition of rough-stuff nearly all the way and over the last ferry. The whole holiday was blessed with glorious weather and left Sunday for cycling, swimming and antics led by Annie Hayman on Sandown beach before the "bomb" home on Monday.

Before finishing I'd like to say that last issues "Querulous Quiz" was the funniest article for ages. Now that Les has the Editress's address perhaps you can now read about the Southborough racing news. (? Ed.)

All the best

Crow.



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Lewes Wanderers C.C.

Having left ESCALAND poised on the brink of the Hardriders 12 we'd better start by mentioning that a Wanderers team was entered, of which Colburn did 36-23 for firth place, and Palmer 40-51 and Willcocks started the season in his usual scintillating style - he was D.N.S.! In the SCA team T.T. our nob was D.N.F. due to various troubles, although Palmer's alleged slow puncture was viewed most unfavourably by the Racing Secretary, especially as he managed to ride 12 miles home on it after the event. A week later saw that bumpy little club event the Lewes/Newhaven and return, which featured the debut of Laurence Baker who soon showed that he means business by haring round in 36-22, the fastest time for five years, and walloping Colburn by 49 secs. Burbery was third in 37-13 while Edwards poached the handicap with a 38-45 ride after piling up at the turn. Arctic weather prevailed at Easter for the Fountain in which Colburn managed a 9 and Edwards a 15.

April 5th, and Baker shook em in the Lancing L/M by winning with 9-28 and also getting the handicap on a foul morning. Edwards came ninth with a 14 and also grabbed

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third handicap. The following week saw the lads on a hostelling weekend in the Wessex district on which they covered about 200 miles. Baker's directions to the Salisbury hostel were such that they ended up by sprinting in order to arrive for supper! Next came the S.C.A. Individual Championship when Baker got down to a 6.17 beating Colburn by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  minutes. The latter was now our only rider in the E.S.C.A. 50 and did a passable 2-19-46. The Team Championship on G.46 came next on an atrocious morning, yet despite the second slowest time in club history we took third place! Chris May, now out of the army, got round in 8.25, then came Baker, Colburn and Burbery, all with 11's and Edwards 12.37. The following week the lads got going in the Surrey St. Christophers 25 and were sweeping the board until a trio of Bec riders came in at the end of the field to take the team award by ten seconds. However we salvaged second and third fastest and third handicap through May 4.40, Baker 4.43, Colburn 8.23 and Edwards 8.57, the latter doing a personal by 2 mins.

Then came the Bellingham and another episode in that long and colourful saga "The Misfortunes of Agg". The "Tourist" made it the Wobbly Wheelers as far as he was concerned as his front wheel collapsed as speed. He had to grab a junior spectator's iron, on which he looked like a pregnant duck, and finished with a 13, shouting loudly that he'd have done a 9 otherwise. Colburn did 7.5 and Edwards 8.33, another personal improvement by a promising rider. Our Evening 10's have commenced and Baker opened up with 25.13, well screwing Colburn's 26-12. Maurice is going to have to do some training to hold this lad, and no mistake! May did 25.21 and Agg a short 28. In the second event Baker again beat Colburn, by a  $\frac{1}{2}$  minute or so, while a good ride of 24.48 was done by Cliff Sharpe, of the Rovers, who seems to be following in Snelling's wheelmarks.

Finally we learn of yet another debacle in the Agg story, this time due to a blowout in the Crawley Wheelers 25 when he stacked up pretty heavily and badly gashed his leg and arm etc. Let's hope that by the time this appears in print he's mending up all right. One observation here is worthy of mention - that a 100 inch gear and ropey old tubs are not the ideal combination for a racing cyclist, especially on the roads around the Small Dole area!! Baker did 5.38 and Colburn 8.16 while Copper Burgess, making his debut this year, no doubt after an invigorating Whitsun with the Mods & Rockers, did an



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11. Incidentally we now hear that he was at Preston Park track for the Whit Monday meeting and confided to some clubmates that he thought it was the best way to avoid getting rooted out again to "these ----- idiots!"

As mentioned earlier, Chris May left the army through too much "bull", then did a 4, after only 150 miles training! Unfortunately weve again lost him as he has now gone to Durham to work until September. When asked how many jumps he'd done he replied: "Don't make me laugh - I never even saw a parachute!"

"Tinlegs" Grovers Foreign Office job has resulted in a three-month posting to Washington D.C. where presumably he'll be engaged in "bug hunting" for hidden mikes in the White House. He recently complained that now the noped articles have been discontinued in "Cycling" the main interest has disappeared!!

Following up a complaint that no details of forthcoming road races were reaching the club, the Racing Secretary found that they were being sent to the Chancellor. Knowing that gentlemen's attitude to what he calls "the mass-start shower" it was immediately concluded that such data has doubtless been used to light his greenhouse heaters and garden incinerators!!

Your scribe notes Auntie Sheila's offer in the last edition and would say that he wouldn't object to making a comeback with her at all (subject to Dave's approval) so long as it doesn't involve any bikeriding! Come to think of it, he can't be said to have laid off with the ladies for very long in any case, so a comeback for him would hardly be necessary!! Having heard how she's been shifting lately he doesn't think he'd stand much chance with the bike though!! (Thank you kind sir, Ed).

Well, this is where we end it for another session, folks, so if youre still with us all the best to all readers and roll on the blue skies, molten roads and all that goes

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with them - oh, and good riding too!

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East Grinstead C.C.

After a quite chat with Ken Atkins at the finish of the Championship road race I found that I was a few days behind in the writing of the report.

One of the first events of the season the Southern Coureurs 63 mile road race was rather disappointing for our boys with one of them finishing. At the finish of one event Mac who had been shot off on the lap before came in to finish 5th and his only comment at the end of the event was "I went beserk, I went beserk I tell you."

So far this season Dick doesn't seem to be having much luck with punctures and busted chains and split saddles.

The General Secretary is now Mrs. H. Robinson, 1 West View Cottages, Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath, Surrey. Terry Sales seems to have gone right out of the cycling world altogether because of pressure from exams. Latest news about him is that he went to France for a holiday, has grown long hair, bought a motor scooter and wears his road racing jersey at the Whitehall dances. You may be thinking whats up with Mick Robinson this season well he has only ridden 3 or 4 events and it seems he has contacted a knee trouble.

The first club event of the year was held in gale force conditions and Mick was the only one under 30 mins, for 10 miles, he won both the event and the handicap. I wont tell you the other times because it might cause some embarrasement. On the same morning as the first club event Dick, Mac and Phil won the E.S.C.A. team time trial in a time of 1-34-42.



East Grinstead C.C. continued.

The week after the club promoted a road race on the Chailey circuit which was won by P. Gourld of the Velo Club Novomagus with a time of 1-46-35 for the 42 miles. Mac our only finisher came 10th. He said he got dropped coming up to Whyth Cross because he couldn't get his bottom gear. The next day Robert Smith won the handicap section of the Apollo M/M 25 in 1-8-46. Roger Wanbon recorded a time of 1-15-42. The week after Robert finished 11th in the Delta Longmarkers 25 on G.10. his time was 1-6-46. Roger Wanbon recorded a time of 1-10-42. On this same morning Helen came 3rd in the Sussex 10 in a time of 29-21.

The week after Helen got 3rd handicap in S.C.C.U. 10 in a time of 30-3. She was up on the winner at the turn, now Mick is making Helen go out training. In the afternoon Dick, Mac rode a 75 mile event on the Lingfield circuit. Dick punctured  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the start, changed his tub and got back on and then punctured again. Mac finished 10th after being in a break with Mick Payne and Terry West and two others.

On May 3rd the club held its second road race on the Lingfield circuit this was won by Ron Ford of the Crawley. He deserved to win because he was about 1 minute down on the two leaders with about 12 miles to go in the end he finished about 22 secs up. Dick finished 6th and Mac 7th and Phil who rode strongly got the team award.

The following week Dick and Mac rode in the Brighton Mitre road race at Cowbeech. Mac finished 2nd behind South African Mike Payne and talking with him at the finish was a shattered wreck of a man who said I didn't see Mac go and Mac butts in and says "Well that's the secret",

Over Whitsuntide we went for a clubrun to Heathfield, Battle, Hastings, Bexhill, Eastbourne, and back home. I was still suffering from sun burn the week after. On the day after Dick, Mac and Phil went for a run to Littlehampton and Brighton and got threatened by the Mods and Rockers for slipstreaming behind their scooters. The Police were watching as one of the mods cut Phil up and as he did the police pounced.

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Tunbridge Wells R.C. Continued.

Nits and Gerald rode, or should I say paddled and were going well until they hit a particularly deep puddle near Chichester. Gerald was alright as he had just come off the front and Graham was alright as he was at the front. Poor old Dave though received the full force of two bow waves. He swears his block hasn't been the same since his freewheel hasn't been so good either. Graham has been riding all time trials on the road so far this season and has done some good rides having got his 25 time down to a short 3 for this year. This isn't his fastest but it is his best for some time and after a spell in the doldrums it seems as though he is going faster again. "Janks" Jenner is racing again as you have no doubt heard, and has been doing some good rides despite a lay off for 3 years. I can't remember his times so I hope he will forgive me, Barry hasn't raced much yet this season but rode a very good 100 at Whitsun returning 4-50 something for 5th place in the Unity CC event. Sheila has been thrashing about this year and has picked up several handicap prizes and a 3rd place in the Bromley R.C. 10 at Whitsun, which turned out to be a Patten benefit weekend as Dave gained 2nd place in the men's 25 on the Monday. Dave, who incidently is only racing part time this year, has been dabbling fairly successfully as he has been placed in every event ridden so far. The highlight being when he outsprinted Russ Foster, Pete Graham and champion hill climber Granville Sydney to gain fourth place in the star studded Invitation Blackburn Hill Climb. Bryan, Sheila's brother, has been press-ganged into riding 25's and he even seems to enjoy them. Blowed if I do. Gerald and Dave N. have been riding road races mainly and even though they are harder than time trials (nice controversial point) seem to be enjoying them.

Still, enough of racing and onto the other side of the Road Club - the seamy side. The latest craze in the club seems to be camping. The excitement is IN TENTS. Sorry, couldn't resist that one. At Whitsun, Ian and Maureen, Graham and Gordon joined the Rovers in a camping/racing weekend on the Bath Road. Rumours you have no doubt heard about Ian doing his daily dozen in the early hours of the morning in the altogether are completely true, By the way he has acquired a new nickname now - The Hat Rack. Enough

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Fortune C.C. continued.

In an effort to put rhythm into his riding Mick K. is using a musical alarm clock to get him out of bed before events. Apparently it plays the "Kaiser Waltz" and we have a mental picture of Mick in his knee length racing shorts goose-stepping it out to the start. We would feel that as an early morning supplication "Oh No, don't let the rains come down" might be more appropriate though on the other hand a rousing lively tempo could prove a psychological asset in producing a fast time. Who knows?

Well, that seems to be all for now, see you next time I potter round the East Sussex courses.

Slowcoach.

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Tunbridge Wells Road Club.

Before I commence this epistle I should like to tender an apology if the grammar seems to be all dodgy. An explanation is necessary I think. The original notes were left at work (Yes, I wrote them at work too) and it seems as though one of the cleaners took a fancy to them, who knows the life story of the Road Club may soon appear in the N--s of the W----. Anyway to cut a long story short the time is 11 o'clock the lights are low, Luxembourg is playing "Juliet" and my legs ache through trying to keep up with some very rapid Road racing types and I am trying to remember what on earth I wrote about in the original manuscript. Still here goes.

Since the last edition the racing season has got well under way and many hopes have been realised, are being realised, or like mine are being dashed to pieces. The Road Club riders have been thrashing about though. One particular event which immediately springs to mind is a particularly damp SCA team time trial. What a morning. Graham,

East Grinstead C.C. continued.

I found out that Mac Buys in bulk 6 tubs at a time, and 14 lbs cannisters of vitamins. Freddy Marshall has been out riding and I think his first event can't be far off. He's been out as far as Arundel but he said that his legs wont "push", his pedals yet. More news about Bill Francis is that hes liable to come out of retirement and ride a 25 before long.

Rupert.

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said except that Janie should never have shone a torch on him. Talking about Janie, and who isnt, a certain individual furtively approached me the other day and asked if he could borrow my tent to go and see the Women's National 25, when he heard that the Rovers and the Road Club were also camping for that event he immediately declined my generous offer. I also assured him that the Bonk report had gone in and that he was completely safe. How rotten can some people get, still being Press Secretary has its compensations. That certain individual shall remain nameless by the way even though his name does mean a "shallow part of a river where crossings on foot may be made".

Well, thats about all for now, its getting late and they have just played "Move over Darling" on Luxembourg which isn't a bad idea at all.

See you then

Wack.

P.S. The Secretary of the Road Club is now:-

G.A. Maryan,  
Marlitt, Wadhurst, Sussex.

to whom all correspondence should now be addressed.



HERE AND THERE

During the Crawley Wheelers 25 Tourist Agg (who else) had a blow out and crashed. Whilst sitting on the roadside in a dazed condition a person from a nearby house came out and administered brandy to him. The lengths some people go for a drink!

When someone queried the reason for Copper Burgess out training in the pouring rain he replied: "If you'd got a wife, two kids and your ----- mother-in-law cluttering up the joint you'd be glad to get out too!!

Iris Stevens was heard to complain that on a recent camping weekend the girls had sex thrown up at them all the time. Are some of these ladies never satisfied?

When Willcocks appeared on the starting line in a recent Evening 10 the Chancellor was heard to ask him if he seriously intended to ride!!

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