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EDITORIAL

As the Association's racing season nears its close, my first task is to offer congratulations to John Dutson, who said at the outset that he was aiming to make his presidential year a memorable one, competitively speaking; and has achieved his ambition with a string of wins and placings. It has hardly been a vintage year otherwise, with the weather being on the whole poor, and the number of entries not showing much improvement. The decision to make the 100 an open was the right one, even if outside riders did not exactly fall over themselves to compete in East Sussex. The Open 25 too showed that G833 is not a sought-after course, a fact which I find rather puzzling because, granted that our course is not the greatest ever, surely it is not as bad as all that. Perhaps it is because there are no 'gift' fast rides on the Dicker. The August 50 continues to be so poorly supported that one begins to ponder on the advisability of having a close season during the eighth month. Finally I feel that we must be very careful in planning our dates for 1972, as this season there seem to have been more clashes than before with Kent C.A. events; and with two of our clubs also members of the latter association and wishing to support its events, this is quite an important factor. There is obviously a fair amount of thinking to be done before October 11th, and the meeting on that date should not be lacking in interest.

D.N.

Management Committee Meeting - August 15th

The meeting was held at Hellingly, with the President taking the chair as both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were unable to be present. Apologies were received from the latter two officials, also from the Magazine Editor. With reference to the troubles over the ten mile course, it was reported that a London South official had been down to have a look; and it was decided to set up a sub-committee to go thoroughly into the 10 and other local courses. The Marsh course was ruled out. Mr Humphrey said that the engraving of the outstanding 1970 awards was now being done and they should be ready soon. He reported that the Birmingham Medal Company had informed him that they were not prepared to deal with the Association direct. It was stated that the complaint about alleged company riding in the 100 had been referred to the RTTC for investigation. There was also a complaint from the Hastings club that they had only had four days notice about providing marshals for this event; and the promoting club (Lewes Wanderers) promised to look into this. It was pointed out that the final Yellow Pages criterium was now going to be staged at Brighton on October 3rd, the same day as the Association's touring competition: it was therefore decided to move the Touring Competition to November 21st. The organiser accepted with thanks Stan and Joan Shirley's offer to look after the catering. The meeting decided that the venue for the A.G.M. and Party on November 28th will be Hellingly Hall; and all member clubs are asked to contribute draw prizes. There was a suggestion that the Association should purchase a thermal tea-urn in order to overcome the problem of providing refreshments on the present 25 course. The Secretary was asked to make enquiries as to the cost of such a utensil.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 10th 2-up 25 8 am. Hill-climb Firle 3 pm.
November 21st Touring Competition. Any means of transport eligible.
November 28th Annual General Meeting followed by Party.
Party Organiser G. Willcocks, 6a, Broad St. Seaford.
December 1st Deadline for contributions to Xmas issue of BONK.

SOUTHBOROUGH AND DISTRICT WHEELERS

Having followed the Editor's advice not to wait in traffic jams or get drunk, I used a fair portion of a drizzly Bank Holiday catching up on letter writing, and now here is BONK overdue and inspiration seems conspicuous by its absence. Perhaps the Editor, noting my mean streak of writing on the backs of old letters, may find the fronts more interesting reading than this report. (Yes, there is plenty of good stuff; see Here and There for details. Ed.)

A Southboro' 'nutshell' report should read; 1971 has seen a far higher standard of time-trialling with several sub-hour rides. Paul Woodman has been tops at short distances and Malc Withers has a large lead at the B.A.R. distances. While no speed records have been broken, the entries in events have been larger, including a record number of successful come-backs. Now for the news in all its gruesome detail. Main interest has centred on the 25 mile championship with Roy Harrison's third place in the Clarence Whs. event in 58-15 setting the pace. Then came our first evening 25 which was blessed with a fine evening. Those Escabods who have ridden the Q131 will know that once you have left the Horsemonden to Yalding 'arterial' there are some tricky little twisty lanes round the hop fields which on this occasion had been re-surfaced in the approved fashion of a half pint of tar to half a hundred weight of grit! Thus the latter part of the event resembled a speedway final at Arlington! Out from the gravel pit emerged Paul Woodman with a fantastic 1-0-1. A fortnight later Malc Withers won the club 25 with 1-0-57, putting it over Paul and Roy; and three days later Roy clocked 59-21 in the Thanet to show it was no fluke, and Malc had got down to 1-0-32. Came the Bon Amis Saturday evening event on the Bath Road, and with the needle really on, Paul pulled out all the stops to win with 58-5 to Malc's 1-0-35; and this was followed by a 12th in the National Junior Champ. with 58-41 to lead both the club's junior and senior 10 mile champs. the 25 champs. and the junior B.A.R. As may be gathered, these three events have dominated the club events and have set the trend for 'away' racing on the E, F and H courses. Ron Hayward spends most week ends tramping up and down the Bath Road, and with a 1-2 and a 2-10 to his credit shouldn't complain (but does). His journey to York for the National Championship 100 earned him a puncture and a 4-46. Such is the amount of racing that only highlights can be touched on. Southboro' repeated their 1970 treatment of the San Fairy Ann by walloping them by nine minutes in the inter-club 25 and by a smaller margin in the 10. Malc's Gravels took him to Norwich to visit our 'district' member Richard Cave, and with brother Geoff to a 1st and 3rd handicap win in the Norwich 25. Personal bests of 2-3 in the Belle

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Vue and a 4-29 in the K.C.A. gave him a commanding three-distance B.A.R. lead. Further down the line we watched the Pete Baker comeback wtory with his 1-6 and 2-18, while George Cheesman finds his present rides are approaching those of his heyday. Crow's attempts to improve his 'Best of the last three seasons' have been narrowly thwarted, by five seconds for the 25 and two seconds for the 50. Dawn'w 28-35 on the Polhill course got to within fifteen seconds of her personal best. The new slim-line Bathurst (racing type) has been pounding the tarmac several times a week and is now down to 1-12-58 just behind Roy's brother Adriah but leading Pete Wall who gave up drinking and made his wife pregnant in order to get down to a '15'. The Ioyland v Dunford saga is being closely fought with just eight seconds separating them. in their 3 x 25 mile rides until Spider produced a 1-8-0. Bryan is now off on holiday to brood on this. The plagues of Jacko still persist, with standard troubles like back ache and crashes, but also mixed with the unusual like a loose saddle clip (DNF by Zeus!), and his bike falling off a roof rack. However there was a 'personal' of 1-5-12 before retiring for the season along with Robin Howard. The bogey event was the K.C.A. 12 hours, and with eight possible finishers in the Senior B.A.R. and a fine day, it looked all set for a fine battle in Les Hayman's promotion. Malc W. stormed round with the club record within his grasp; but by six hours Jacko's back trouble was too manifest to continue and Ron buckled his rear wheel and retired. (As the writer has been racing this season with a cracked rim, maybe he should take note.) The final hours on the wetern end of the course found many changes of fortune, most of them adverse. Graham Orchard and Bryan left the scene here, while Malc sold out with two hours left and finished with 228½ miles. This left George and Geoff who had been doing steady rides to tot up 210½ and 217, and Crow, who found his 'fast in the final half' form again to produce his best for six years with 226 miles. Mention of Esca rides has been left till last as club support, mainly due to 'away' racing and concentrating on the Kent B.A.R., has been very poor. The June 50 (what perfect weather!) saw Paul making his debut at the distance with 2-13-41. Crow clocked 2-15-5 and here I must mention the fine manners which the Brighton Mitre riders display. When Keith Chandler caught me I commented that it was hardly the done thing to pass vice-presidents, at which he dropped back and finished some minutes down. Very decent of him, I thought. It's rather hard to write about the 100 with the official inquiry pending, but it was pleasing to see a small increase in the number of entries thanks largely to the Wigmora CC, and seeing another win for our rapid

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president. Congrats also to Robin Johnson for his second place after the Catford 24 hrs. ride the week previous; and to the CTC for handing up such excellent feeds. I'll lend Ron Ewart a feeding bottle for next year's event; he also borrowed my racing cap this time and with that heat he needed it! The Whitsun National Championship 25 promoted by Lou for the South-East D.C. caused the end of our Isle of Wight jaunt after 22 years. Lou originally wanted 96 helpers but "got by" with 80 from fifteen clubs; makes one wonder if the riders were able to see much of the course (Maybe you're not supposed to if you really race). Anyway, Pete Baker held the watch and it all went off OK with the rain just holding off.

Cycling holidays seem almost a thing of the past; only Robin did a fortnights 'All-England' (or some of it) tour. I joined him on the Lancs section where we called on Geoff Hayman and sundry friends. The Ed. will add if I don't, that my friends live in Lancs as its a long way from Edenbridge. The Peacheys have just come back from an unusual holiday in Iceland, while the Bakers have departed for the Alps and Malc is viewing the World Championships. Regrettably the club-run side seems to have dropped away, such is the intensity of the racing activity now. Runs to tea have received varying support, but with a few notable exceptions the younger riders are seldom seen apart from club night and evening events. We hope that as the autumn draws on we shall get the run going properly again, with maybe a few inter-club teas and hostelling week-ends. One facet of cycling that may emerge to cater for those without racing pretensions is cycle orienteering. Keith Butler, who spoke at the last Association Luncheon, is the moving spirit behind it; and from what I learn this could do much to bring some fun back into the game (ask Val Baxendine). Those of you who wish to get run in for the Esca tourist comp. on November 21st are invited to ride the Southborough open event on November 14th. We also have our open 100 in 7 or 8 on October 24th. Better start learning how to breathe hydrogen again - the hill-climbs are nearly here!

CROW

SOCIAL SEASON

B.C.F. Sussex Division Lunch and Prize Presentation
At the "Royal Coach", Shoreham - Sunday November 14th
Tickets £1. from Mrs. P. Wells - 10 Old Shoreham Rd. Portslade.

After weeks of rumour and speculation about a plot to undermine ESCA morale, a dogged last ditch stand against authority and a refusal to bow to the inevitable; the full uncensored, unabridged and un-tampered with story of how one man's pride was salvaged can be unfolded to the exclusive world of BONK readers by a man who can truthfully say "I was there".

It all began in early July when a notorious Rovers fast man crept into a certain Seaford workshop and, after some preliminary verbal skirmishing, came to the real reason for his visit. After having survived enough crises for a dozen vehicles, as well as endless denigration from Esca types, the Sharpsmobile was in DIRE TROUBLE. The writer was forced to listen to a harrowing tale of how a local garage had quoted £35 for the doubtful privilege of putting things right; a sum that sent the owner staggering blindly away; and he then heard how the final crushing blow was delivered when the news was broken to unsympathetic clubmates. After such remarks as "Now the roads will look a lot tidier" and "Our prayers have been answered", the club's BONK scribe gleefully enthused "Great - I've been waiting to write an obituary for that heap". By this time Cliff's haggard face and croaking voice were enough to melt even the heart of a certain Framfield Esca official, so there was no escape - the writer was trapped into saying "yes". A quick diagnosis indicated a change of gearbox, so work began on the herculean task of ploughing through the debris of crisp bags, milk bottle tops, start and result sheets and glucose wrappers before a victorious shout of "I've found the carpet" issued forth. As this unshredded itself an object was revealed which at first looked like part of the iron rations issued to the last ditch defenders of Stalingrad. This was identified by Cliff as half a sausage roll he'd been chewing before an event three months ago. Later the writer (by now prepared for anything) lifted a seat and beheld what he thought was an attempt to start a mobile mushroom bed. However, this had once been a healthy tomato now wearing a nightcap of rich white fungus. Unabashed, Cliff mumbled "I wondered what happened to that tomato after the Hardriders". Some hours and much bad language later the job was done and the hopes of Esca bods once more shattered. As the writer heaved himself from underneath for the umpteenth time, he looked inside the front wing and said he could see daylight through the back. Any other reply by Cliff would have been inappropriate. He said "Oh yes, that's where the water comes in and washes over my feet on a wet day".

Autumn Bonk report due, or should I say overdue, already, and here I am still waiting for Summer which never did really arrive, not for longer than a few days at a time. Anyway I trust you all made the most of what we did have and had good holidays and many happy cycling hours. My time seems to have been taken up with promoting, friends staying and work, with very little time left for other pleasures such as cycling. It's much the same throughout our club with the exception of our dead keen lads Kevin and Nigel, who keep us on our toes and now and then remind us that we are a cycling club and not just a get-together of has-beens cum motorists.

Mick Robinson recently married Raye (not Ray Lunn). They very inconsiderately got married on the week-end of the Esca 50, and wouldn't even get up at 5am on the Sunday morning to help with the organisation! Another busy lad is Bob Smith. He and Eileen are busy on their house to be. So far they have cleared the jungle and had an enormous bonfire with the contents which included everything bar the gas stove - maybe even that. Next to take the wedding vows is Bob Beatty in December to Pam. Is it the rotten weather we have had this summer that is making our lads hanker for home comforts and wedlock, or the high pollen count? Now to Our Trev. Well, I'm glad to say he has been active this summer racing at Calvados, France. Not that he is not courting as well, but he seems to be able to combine all his activities with just the occasional breakdown. Trev is back from France now, and nice though it is to see him again I rather resent him sitting in my kitchen telling me how I should cook the dinner! After all, I have had twelve years at it, and he has only had one summer (cooking - that is). He seems to have done well on his own cooking though; this is a list of his achievements in France :-

G.P. Everacy 2nd; Monchamp G.P. 1st; G.P. Jonad 6th;
G.P. Colleville 4th; G.P. Champion 3rd; G.P. Mathieu 3rd;
G.P. Gauray 6th; G.P. Heugon 3rd; G.P. Conde Sur Noiteau 2nd;
G.P. Percy En Auge 1st; G.P. B sville 2nd; G.P. Champion (Bayeux) 1st
Craf Cur En Auge TTT 3rd; RR 5th, Gen. Class. 5th; Ft. Habloville 3rd.

Sorry to bore you with that lot, but it's more than my life's worth to fail to tell you how good HE is!

More news from abroad comes from the Bonners in Tanzania, East Africa. Margaret and young Stephen are coming home in late September to await the arrival of Stephen's new brother or sister. Dave hopes to be home for next season when he says he is going to "Smash you all" as an amateur. Keith Butler recently organised a day of orienteering on Ranmore Common. Some of us went along to have a go,

East Grinstead C.C. Continued.

mainly to see just what it was all about, having heard so much about it from Keith and Marilyn. One had the choice of three routes, the easiest being 2 miles and the hardest 10 miles. 2 miles seemed too short so I said I wanted to go in for the next distance. However, Keith advised me to have a go at the short one first, then went off on the next distance. So, off I went on my bike, with my map and compass; dead easy I thought. -Well, three hours and many scratches and much mud later, I arrived back at the base having found all the markers, but rather over the time limit. Still, it was great fun, and I can thoroughly recommend it. What's more, all the family can take part. Next time though I shall wear trousers and not shorts, and use the compass and map better, instead of plunging headlong through the undergrowth convinced I was right until it was too late.

Now then, OUR DINNER, this is to be on Saturday Jan. 8th at the Red Barn as usual. We will be having a disco' again with go-go dancers, as this was such a success last year. I do not know the price of the tickets, but if you are interested get in touch with Trev Budgen at 60, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

That's all the news I have for you from our corner of Sussex. Sorry I have no gossip or scandal; could it be there is none or have I not had my nose to the trail? I'll see what I can do in the next edition after some club dinners when all the best news comes to light.

VAL

TECHNICAL CORNER

Cliff Sharp, after several years of having his cranks at 'five to six' through using odd cotter-pins, has at last got them in line.

Ted Coussens (Hastings) has recently discarded a chain which he says has done 29,000 miles. The best of it is that this chain was made up of surplus lengths from previous chains!

Ted's young club-mate Robin Peters keeps the front tyre of his club run bike slightly soggy in order to reduce the vibration on the head bearings. Robin also uses a derailleur gear adjusted so that he cannot engage the bottom ratio; the idea being to stop himself from getting lazy through having things too easy when riding uphill!

When the Editor started racing twenty years ago, anyone using 86 fixed on an ordinary course was reckoned to be thumping a big gear. A few weeks ago CYCLING reported that one rider was using a bottom gear of 90 in a hilly 50!

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CYCLING IS EVERYWHERE

Well, perhaps not quite everywhere, but the influence of our sport often seems to be apparent in unexpected places. A year or two ago there were some mens' fashion shoes around which were obviously based on cycling shoes; and during the past summer many teenagers have been wearing T-shirts which bear a strong resemblance to racing vests with world championship rings. Then on the Editor's birthday, he was delighted to find that two of the cards he received had cycling motifs. One had a painting of a bunch of road-men with a rider looking like Eddie Merckx up front wearing a yellow jersey; and another had a coloured photograph of a group of track riders hard at it.

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KEEP FIT THIS WINTER

The racing season will soon be over, the only drawback to this news being that it means that the next racing season will soon be starting. You have no sooner regained your breath after the Hill-Climb, enjoyed a relaxing couple of hours at the RTTC date-fixing meeting, and had a frolic at the Rainbow Room, than you are faced with the task of getting fit for next year's Hardriders. Now we have it on good authority e.g. Maurice Colburn (Willingdon Coureurs), that the best way of achieving this is the youth hostelling week-end with Cliff Sharp. There is nothing better than a Saturday run at a brisk 18s to some pleasant hostel in Dorset, Wiltshire or North-East Essex, followed by the return journey at a steady 18s to evens on the Sunday. It should be obvious to seekers of fitness that hanging on to Cliff's back wheel from, say, Blandford Forum to Lewes is as good as a ride behind derny pace, and without the harmful exhaust fumes. The Editor will be delighted to use his good offices to fix things up between Cliff and the many people who, we feel sure, will be eager to seize this opportunity.

HERE AND THERE

On being told that Crow was now on the Edenbridge Council, Willcocks said "I bet he cuts a dash in the High Street with his broom and barrow."

Cliff Sharp, on catching Iris on the way to club, remarked that he recognised her in the distance by the "Stevens Wiggle". Iris still doesn't know whether he was referring to Heather's kiddie-seat or her own posterior!

Pete Burbery told his Lewes clubmates that he had recently seen Derek Agg, and that the latter 'character' had been so engrossed in talking to a nice piece of mini-skirt that he did not hear Pete's call of "Derek" and did not even notice his force 8 bellow of "AGG!!!".

Willcocks was telling Young Thropp about his ailments, and the latter suggested that Geoff might find the Penguin Book Of Exercises, price half-a-crown, helpful. Pete Burbery commented that he was sure that this sum would be beyond Geoff's means, and suggested that a Geoff Willcocks Restoration Fund be started.

The Rovers seem to be a breeding ground for low handicap golfers. Both Ken's brother Frank and, more recently, Jack Collison, who rode regularly in Esca events three or four years ago, have gone on to be prominent players in the Eastbourne area. They both reckon it's a lot less painful than racing!

What went wrong when Ken Griffiths sent up his name and address to be printed in the Vets's magazine? It appears that the mag's editors think that 'Rostellan', the name of Ken's house at Lower Dicker, is a place in Ireland!

Plenty of sad sights for bike enthusiasts in Hastings, where the shop in which Len Hughes ran the Parade Cycle Works for many years until he retired now offers motor-cycle accessories, another one-time bike shop houses a motor aids store, while yet another, near Silverhill, is now a frozen food and delicatessen establishment.

Any reader who has shouted "You never ought to be on the road" at a careless motorist after a close scrape, will be interested to know that he has an ally in none other than the Chief Constable of Sussex. In the course of a thoughtful article in the Sunday Telegraph, Mr Williams wrote, "Close to the root of the problem of road accidents is, I believe, the fact that society allows people to drive with minimal qualifications. They don't really know how to drive; they only know how to pass the driving test, and they can cause accidents without breaking the law".

HERE AND THERE

In his notes Crow mentioned his mean streak of writing Bonk note on the back of old letters. A survey of the 'front' of the S.D.W. notes reveals business letters from the makers of Parkray boilers, a firm making illuminated ceilings and another one offering plastic coated string; plus a circular from a life insurance company, an Edenbridge council agenda, and a letter from the Royal Society For the Protection Of Birds. Crow is not the only contributor to practise this sort of economy. Al Moran's Lewes notes are invariably written on the back of B.C.F. memorandums and Lewes Ctiterium result sheets.

Most people wait for a sunny day to do their washing, but Budgie waits. Seems he hangs it out, sprinkles soap powder on and leaves it - the rain does the rest.

Brian Guy, having abandoned trike record-breaking, successfully attacked the world land speed record for running at Whitsun when he under-estimated the steepness of Silbury Hill. From the grooves in his chest I should say he reached at least 35 mph before the inevitable crash!

At the finish of one Eastbourne 10, Cliff Sharp and Stan Nash were wearing the same amount of clothing with opposite extremities covered. Cliff being bare from the waist up and S.E.N. bare from the - well not quite, but, Stan's shorts being what they are, very nearly.

Seen in Eastbourne, a Volkswagen 'Beetle' with the registration letters DDT. Even worse, another VW seen in Hastings had the letters HUN!

Graham Lade is certainly not a tourist. On hearing a reference to Silbury Hill in Wiltshire he anxiously inquired as to whether the Swindon Wheelers' 50 climbs it.

After twenty years of working in a Tunbridge Wells bank, Lou Bathurst has left it to become 'something in the City'. It has been erroneously rumoured that he now works in one of those book shops.

Riding with the CTC run shortly after the Ashdown Forest pop festival a voice cried out "Hi, Crow". From behind the regulation length hair and regulation style jeans there was ex Southboro' Wheeler Johnny Potter. Readers may remember him as the bod who crashed into the back of a car in the Hardriders - riding uphill!

The Editor has doubled his normal August mileage this year, thanks to two of his wholesale suppliers moving their premises from Hastings to De La Warr Road, Bexhill. Previous figures 12-14 miles per week; 1971 figures 26-28 per week!

ASSOCIATION TIME TRIAL RESULTS

50 Miles June 13th Promoted by Brighton Mitre

1st	J. Dutson	Central Sussex	2 - 6 - 41
2nd	D. Hook	Eastbourne Rovers	2 - 8 - 17
3rd	R. Johnson	Brighton Mitre	2 - 10 - 20
4	R. Rogers	Central Sussex	2 - 10 - 35
5	M. Colburn	Eastbourne Rovers	2 - 11 - 22
6	J. Williams	Eastbourne Rovers	2 - 11 - 40

H'cap. K. Savage Lewes Wanderers (20 mins) 2 - 4 - 24

Team Central Sussex (Dutson, Rogers, Priddy) 6 - 30 - 29

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100 Miles July 11th Promoted by Lewes Wanderers

1st	J. Dutson	Central Sussex	4 - 24 - 50
2nd	R. Johnson	Brighton Mitre	4 - 32 - 35
3rd	R. Rogers	Central Sussex	4 - 34 - 49
4	A. Priddy	Central Sussex	4 - 35 - 15
5	A. Obbard	Southborough Whs.	4 - 36 - 54

H'cap P. Crowsley Southborough Whs. (26) 4 - 15 - 40

Team Central Sussex (Dutson, Rogers, Priddy) 13 - 34 - 54

This result may be affected by an allegation of company riding against certain competitors, which is now being investigated by the R.T.T.C.

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50 Miles August 15th Promoted by East Grinstead C.C.

1st	C. Sharp	Eastbourne Rovers	2 - 3 - 42
2nd	J. Dutson	Central Sussex	2 - 6 - 29
3rd	R. Rogers	Central Sussex	2 - 8 - 51
4	D. Hook	Eastbourne Rovers	2 - 9 - 38
5	M. Colburn	Eastbourne Rovers	2 - 10 - 43

H'cap J. Southerden Hastings & St. Leon. (22½) 1 - 57 - 41

Team Eastbourne R. (Sharp, Hook, Colburn) 6 - 24 - 03

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ASSOCIATION TIME TRIAL RESULTS

25 Miles Open Sept. 5th Promoted by Roy Humphrey

1st	C. Sharp	Eastbourne Rovers	59 - 04
2nd	P. Humphrey	East Surrey R.C.	1 - 0 - 00
3rd	J. Dutson	Central Sussex	1 - 0 - 51
4	P. Lipscombe	Central Sussex	1 - 1 - 15
5	K. Duncumb	East Surrey R.C.	1 - 1 - 18
6	D. Hook	Folkestone & Distr.	1 - 3 - 09
7	M. Colburn	Eastbourne Rovers	1 - 3 - 22
8	K. Stevens	Eastbourne Rovers	1 - 4 - 02
9	R. Siggs	Metropolitan Police	1 - 4 - 21
10	A. Morris	Brighton Mitre	1 - 4 - 23

H'cap H. Nickless Crwaley Wheelers (10½) 56 - 09

Team Eastbourne Rovers (Sharp, Colburn, Stevens) 3 - 6 - 28

Fastest Lady Miss H. Nickless Central Sussex 1 - 17 - 25

Entries 50 ; starters 44 ; finishers 43.

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Looking back on the summer's events, the June 50 had what was really the morning of the season, with warm sunshine and a nice north-westerly drift to help the riders back from the last turn. As briefly reported in the Summer issue, Jon Dutson made Association history by being the first President to win an event ; this in spite of a stripped sprocket depriving him of his favourite 84 inch ratio for much of the distance. The 100 also had a fine morning, and the Open format brought in a Wignore team and two other riders to add to the baker's dozen of local competitors. The President was again in good form and won by nearly 8 minutes. Unfortunately the event was to some extent marred by an allegation of company riding against certain riders. The August 50 had its usual rather low entry and a so-so morning. J.R.D. did almost a repeat of his June ride, but had to be content with second place behind the Seaford Express, who was riding on home ground for a change. The Open 25 had a rather disappointing entry of fifty riders, including most of the local stalwarts. Apart from some fog patches the morning was good, and Cliff Sharp managed an under-the-hour ride to keep the trophy in East Sussex, with East Surrey's P. Humphrey second and Mr President third. There was only one lady competitor, a new name on the scene in Miss H. Nickless of Central Sussex. As a result of the above events, Eastbourne Rovers now lead in the points league table by a small margin from Central Sussex, with Brighton Mitre lying third.

Having waited too long for a frisky postcard from Hastings, and having surprisingly received one from the Great White Chief, about another matter, your scribe feels he'd better get something down before he gets blown up (and thus shares the fate of many a 'dolly'). His remarks last time about the smiling sun were promptly followed by what was surely the worst June on record; so in future he'd better keep his trap shut and leave the forecasting to people with pet corns! The 'January in June' was too much for Amparo, who took off for Spain to find some sun: the next day the weather turned and we had a great July! Despite the rain and murk there was a good turnout for the club 30 which saw a very good 1-19-49 from Steve Myatt who also took the handicap. Second man Whittington did a '21' and Burbery a '23', with Kilby and Gander on '25's, and Andrew Myatt a '30' after very little training. In the Esca (and club) 50 Whittington's '17' beat Burbery by $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes and Steve Myatt by no less than almost 4 mins. to shake everyone. Kilby did a '22' and the Copper a '30' dead, while Savage's '24' was enough to poach the handicap. The Rovers 25 had Whittington on 1-8-2 and the others slipping back to unprintable times; although a mention must be made of the pain-racked 1-19 recorded by an under-trained and over-weight Agg. Our trio in the Esca 100 had a chance of the team award but couldn't clobber the Central boys, although Whittington's 4-51 was a good effort in his first shot at the distance. In the SCA (and club) 100 Dick only just held off Burbery, but both slipped to 5-11s - it was that sort of morning. Steve Myatt went to town with 1-6-33 and handicap in the second club 25, while surprise second man was Burbery, who turned in a 1-7-48 and relegated Dick to an unacustomed third place nearly a minute slower. Hills appeared 'out of the blue' and was only twelve seconds slower than Dick on what was quite a good morning. Steve took the evening 10 series with some very good rides on our bumpy course; and the handicap went to Tony Andrews, whose riding in all events was a model of consistency, never varying by more than a few seconds from the third event onwards. Trevor Wright's absence has been due to a damaged knee through coming off in training a la Simon. Dick sampled his first taste of road racing in our Evening Criterium series, and hung on to finish ninth. The second event had the only wet evening in the series to date, but this affected the overall result as many were DNS. Congratulations to the Grinstead's Bob Beatty who won well and also to Adrian Jones who was runner-up, and Mick Adams and Bob Smith (good to see Bob back), who tied for third place. Everyone seemed satisfied with our standard of promotion in the Association 100, worthily won by evergreen Jon Dutson, with Robin Johnson second

and Ron Rogers third. The overall result is still provisional pending investigation, although the weather did it's best to help things along as last year.

We're glad to see George Rickards back in circulation again, and we hope that Eric Bonner has now recovered from the nasty pile-up in the third criterium event. Your scribe, still aching but now encased in a corset (all right, pack up the wolf whistles), has a companion in distress in Pete Hayes of Crawley, who also has had a hard time of it lately. We'd be requesting special prayers if the ESCA was a religious body - not the "if". The turn marshal in the sixth 10 rubbed his eyes as he beheld what seemed to be a small airship approaching. As it got nearer he recognised the over-generous proportions of Agg having his first racing fling of the season and bawling "I've only been caught by one - so far!" His 31-52 left plenty of room for improvement! Your scribe says "sorry" to all those who have suggested that he should be charged with aiding and abetting a public mischief, compounding a felony etc., but pleads mitigating circumstances, as will be found elsewhere. His error was in forgetting to swear Cliff Sharp to secrecy! During the period of the Sharps-mobile's incapacity, Cliff and Dick were conveyed to the Bath Road for the Bon Amis 50 in the Bomb 4+1. Lack of traffic and police in the small hours led to a right old tear-up which had Cliff holding a fistful of fingers to his mouth and hollering about the proximity of traffic lights and junctions as they surged towards them at speed up to 80 - in limit areas of course. Arrival at the start an hour early was a revelation for Cliff (as we all know only too well!), who said he doesn't usually go quite that fast in GJK 263. Despite all this he still managed a 1-55 for third place, and Dick's '15' was the best by a club rider this year. For your scribe's money the sight of the day was Jill Clapton doing a 2-3; enough to make most of our Sussex coureurs choke on their glucose tablets and pack up for the rest of the season!

We think the Editor's comments last time on the Engers affair were the most sensible of all. Instead of harbouring all the gripes and groans that go on through the season, see that your club delegates air them at the respective meetings so that the officials know what is wanted. By being fair with us we can be fair with you - you know that makes sense.

A late switch in the venue has brought the final of the Yellow Pages professional criterium to Brighton sea front on Sunday October 3rd, so there'll doubtless be a show worth seeing and deserving of good support from Sussex bike-riders. Let's hope the

weather plays ball - or shouldn't I have said that ?

That's it folks, for this time, so here's to the usual felicitations until the social season swings in.

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Change Of Date

Owing to the fact that on October 3rd, the original date fixed for the Touring Competition, the final Yellow Pages criterium is being run at Brighton, the Competition will now be held on November 21st.

Change Of Address

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BRIGHTON MITRE C.C.

The September BONK deadline as usual catches me napping, all the good resolutions of making notes throughout the quarter long since forgotten. The racing season has almost gone, most of our club events having been settled. The evening 10 series resulted in a win for Peter Churchill, who being under 16 collected double points each time he was placed, amassing 82 points. Robin was second with 63 and John Yardley third with 43. Opinions on the use of the Shoreham by-pass 'Mountain drag-strip' varied,; the lads seem to like the faster times, but I must confess I hankered after the rural calm of our previous course. Our club 25 championship was run in conjunction with the SCA Team Championship, Keith Chandler beating Robin for first place with John Yardley third. Robin has again taken the longer distance club events. We do not seem to be able to raise any competition for him at anything over a 50, although we did have two riders in the SCA 100, Alan Handley trundling round to a 5-10 in his first 100, at the age of sixteen. Incidentally, remarks in a previous issue suggesting hanging weights on to cyclists as a means of handicapping could have some bearing on his time, as Alan finished with rather more food in his pockets than there was on the

the canteen table for sale. To name but a few items, there was a pound of bananas, and six bars of chocolate. Future handicappers please note! Adrian and Robin have ridden away on a number of occasions, but at press time the fastest times recorded were a 1-1 and 1-2 respectively, recorded on G931 in a Worthing club event, which must prove something. The track has seen the Mitre rather more to the fore than in recent years. Unfortunately we had to lose to the Worthing in both the League Individual and Team events, Mick Venner overtaking Keith Chandler on points on the last two meetings. Much hard work by Bill Sladen, plus some welcome cash in the right places from Fyffes, saw something which we had all given up hope for, a reasonably sized crowd at Preston Park, although it is a pity that some of our old friends who came to see this meeting can't stir themselves once in a while to see the others; for although the Fyffes meeting was obviously brightened by the presence of two world champions, the Racing League meeting on August 11th saw, I think, the finest racing that's been seen at The Park for years. The return of Alan Packett to the track, after last appearing before a lot of the other riders were born, surprised us all. Although, like your scribe, somewhat lacking in puff for the longer events, he appeared to have lost little of his tenacity for attaching himself to fast wheels, and achieved a second place in one of the SCRL handicaps.

Our open 25 in October promises to be something of a novel event, having been nominated as one of the events for the Campaign series. Robin promptly went on the scrounge, to date amassing some £150 in prizes and donations. 1st prize will be valued at £20, with prizes down to eighth place, plus many other awards. Entries to Robin at 35, Park Avenue, Shoreham, by normal closing date. Apologies in advance if we are unable to accept any Escabods. This event is preceded by our tw6-up 25 on September 26th. Entries for this will probably have closed by the time you read this. The event is again being organised by Adrian, and we hope to see as many Escabods as can make the journey to darkest West Sussex. That's all for now - roll on the social season. K.M.W.

Mention of racing away in the above notes reminds the Editor that when he asked Cliff Sharp why he had not entered for the National 25, Cliff explained that as the event was "only" in Thanet, it was not far enough from Seaford to constitute an "away" ride !

Having just returned from a very drunken and Guinness sodden holiday in Ireland, Yours Truly is now scribbling furiously to get within a month of this issue's deadline. Opening on a happy note, Roy and Judy Amey produced a son in mid-May. We're not sure whether it's the shock, but Roy has entered the last Esca 25 after a three year lay-off from racing. Taking up this challenge, John Gallsworthy, (home from the back of beyond for the summer), has also entered - his first T.T. for five years !! Surely this tussle will surpass even the mightiest battles of Chainwheel Creek for sheer knife-edge excitement ! Brian Hone and Margory have gone off to the 'Worlds'. Rumour has it that they will have no sleep for the duration. Lent a tent by a kindly friend, an intricate code marks the method of erection of poles, which appears to have been designed by wualified mathem- atitians. The major tour this year was that by Paul Lipscombe and Bob Prunty, who disappeared to Devon and Cornwall at the end of July. On their own admission, they left behind a trail of broken hearts, (braggers) and devastated cake shops. Woppit is now installed in his new home, back at Newick, and is reported to have a Customs and Excise detector fitted to the front door when the home brewing is in full production. Since our last report, Dutson has broken his tradition of no Saturday afternoon events by riding a 50 on the Bath Road. It would seem that having produced a 'seven', the traing diet suffered. Here I quote a reliable Woppit spy, ".....led to a late night and stuffing into trout at Bracknell". Stuffing and trout are surely out for the dedicated racer - or is this the new scientific approach ?

A refreshing change this season is the battle for our silver-ware. J.R.D. and Ron Rogers are having a battle royal for the B.A.R. (25, 50, 100). To date Ron is leading by virtue of his cracking 25, (see below), although John has faster 50 and 100 times. Tony Wilkinson who has ridden his first 12 hours for some time, is chasing in third place. The 25 handicap is resting with Alan Robinson so far, and the club 25 fastest of three rides aggregate cup looks like going to Paul. Honest Ken is also hardware-hunting in his first year as an official veteran, winning medals and money for places ; but he tells us that to be in the standard time awards you need to be really old. Oh well, perhaps next year, Ken. ? The evening events, held in June, had mixed support. Handicapped by Woppit as timekeeper, the club 25 championship was the best supported, with a creditable 1-0-13 win to Don Awcock. Paul was 93 seconds behind, having knocked two minutes off his P.B. The event hailed four P.B.s (Paul's, Ray Pilcher 1-4-29 , Bob Prunty 1-5-8, Dave Challis 1-10-43), and Lancing Ken's 1-5-38 was

his best since 1954 ! Don also took the Memorial 10 with a 24-13, and Ken scooped the 15 with 39-34. Between them the two Ken Atkinses are really flying this year. For Ginge, his 1-4-3 on the Crawley course was a P.B. since 1968 ; and he won the Wessex Vets' 50 in the New Forest with 2-10-42, a week after being fastest in a Lewes 10 with 26 minutes, his best 10 time in four years ! J.R.D.'s form has been improving all season. In the Bournemouth Jubilee 25 his time was 1-1-42, and he was only two seconds slower in the Crabwood event. Then of course he netted the Esca 50 and 100 with magnificent rides of 2-6-41 and 4-24-50 respectively. With Ron Rogers's 2-10-35 and Alan Priddy's 2-13-13, we managed the 50 team win, and again in the 100 with the same team's 13-34-14. Ron Ewart has been having a consistent season with 4-55-12 in the Association 100 and 2-22-36 in atrocious conditions in the Colchester Vets' 50. Ron Rogers has produced two sizzling '58s' to date. His 58-12 won him the Clarence Whs. event to the credit of the club ; while in the same event Paul's 1-0-30 and Bob Prunty's 1-1-51 were both P.B.s. John and Ken took 5th place in the East Surrey RC tandem 30 with a good ride of 1-6-21.

On the road racing scene, Don has had a very good season although he seems to be going through his usual mid-season rough patch now. In July he clinched third place overall in the Surrey Velo's two-day event. It was a very hot week-end, and twelve laps of the Woldingham circuit with a monster 1 in 12 'col' took it's toll. Less than a quarter of the field finished the two days. Ron Rogers, taking time out from the forays against the watch, took 12th, 8th and 3rd places in the Lewes events.

Well, that wraps it up for now, so I'll call it a day, with Neevo tearing his hair out and starting a 'Buy Woppit a Type-writer' fund ! See you up the kerb.....

WOPPIT

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SOUTHBOROUGH SPECTACULAR

Wheeler's president Lou Bathurst provided thrill and spills at the finish of an evening club event. Sprinting for the line with Alan Brockington, Lou pulled and tugged so hard that his bike went into a speed wobble ; he shot off the road, over the ditch, and finished up in an elder tree with his bike on top of him ! Luckily he just missed some hawthorn, and suffered only cuts and bruises.

Looking back to the Summer issue of BONE I note that the Editor recommended using the recent Bank Holiday week-end to write these notes, and in view of the atrocious weather I wonder whether he has a direct line to Up Above! Perhaps not though, as I've noticed the pile of unsold rock at 19 East Parade, stocked for trippers who didn't come, Whitsun wasn't a lot better, at least for those of us camped in Wiltshire, near Avebury; but heavy showers did not spoil two days sport in a fascinating area, the highlights being visits to the Avebury stone circle, Castle Combe and Lacock. Of the more energetic types, Cliff thrashed up to Yorkshire and rode three 25s, strangely gaining his best placing, 3rd, behind Vic Smith, who won all three; in the hardest of the three; perhaps Cliff still hadn't recovered from his March training. Ken found his best form for some years around this time, recording 1-2-49 in the Surrey St. Christophers 25 at Crawley, then 1-2-42 in the Hastings 25, the latter time his best since 1965. All this plus an evening 10 bearing served to discourage Maurice, who only managed 1-3-7 in the Hastings 25 and had previously 'blown up' horribly in the Redmon Hilly 73 (5mph over Newlands Corner!), and finished better than he'd ever thought possible. However, Maurice regained his advantage in the Association 50, where remarkably we placed four riders in the first eight and yet still had to concede the team race to the Central, with the President doing a fine 2-6.

Congratulations to the Esca-bods who dominated the Clarence MM25 on the Bath Road. Maurice and Ken were particularly envious as the following morning they talked themselves out of starting in the Roamer 30 after surveying the river flowing passed the tent where a dry ditch had been the previous evening. Despite the atrocious conditions, Cliff did 1-10 behind Cotters' 1-8, but of course no club team record at which the trip was aimed. Ken's racing form suffered at this time as he was working at Canterbury, as opposed to trying to look like he was working at Eastbourne. This of course left Iris at home alone, a fact which was kept a closely guarded secret in ESCALand for obvious reasons. Nevertheless, a certain gentleman on a puce and pea-green "Lower Dicker" frame soon sniffed out the secret, and arrived at Lansdowne Crescent on the first evening after Ken's departure. I hope there was enough strength left in your batteries for you to get home Dennis! (Just about. Ed.) On the subject of human relationships (were we really?) Dot Collins was recently heard requesting her door key back from Bruce; and if there is an innocent explanation neither has yet been allowed to give it!

The beginning of July saw one further relationship reach it's logical conclusion, (sounds like I've been reading too much Freud lately, and I don't mean Clement.), when our Fleet Street press lord John Mumford married Diane. John has always been the type who copes capably with everything the world throws at him, but marriage seems to have been something else, since I am reliably informed that he was still in a panic-stricken muddle at home in Bexhill twenty minutes before he was due to me married in Battle, with the result that Diane had to collect him and sort him out! Congratulations anyway - see you at your place for the next committee meeting?!

To return inevitably to racing, this year has seen the continued improvement of our junior Terry Leach. He has improved his 25 time to 1-6-5, but seems lately to have forsaken 'testing' for en ligne racing. He did however achieve one of his 'testing' ambitions for 1971 when on a windy August evening he finally managed to beat both Ken and Maurice in a club 10 with a personal best of 25-6. The idea of personal bests seems to have appealed to several people, as the following week-end Cliff achieved a club record 12 hours ride of 246 miles in the North Mids. event, Graham a 30 personal best of 1-18-45 on K16 (prior to feeding Cliff the next day), and Maurice a 25 best of 1-1-40 in the Bon Amis MM event on the Bath Road, behind Paul Woodman's superb 58-5. Noone was more surprised than Maurice at his ride, coming as it did very shortly after a holiday spent car camping with Ken and Iris in France, his first holiday off the bike in twelve years. There is no doubt that Cliff's early season dedication paid off handsomely in July, particularly when on successive week-ends he won the Belle Vue 50 by three minutes with 1-57-16, took 12th place in the National 100 with 4-12-17, and then third place with a Bath Road best of 1-55-27 behind Porter's 1-51 in the Bon Amis 50. If his August form suffered slightly, perhaps that was because of the worry when he thought that GJK 263's final demise was imminent; it had shed engine parts all down the M1 on one of his fabled 'day trips'. Things are looking up however, as ever resourceful Geoff Willcocks came to the gallant vehicle's aid by acquiring as usual dubiously, the necessary replacements! To judge by Cliff's Bank Holiday experiences, when he punctured on the Sunday and had too poor a spare to start on the Monday in what should have been another three-event week-end, perhaps he should be trying to lavish the same loving care on his bike equipment! We have been very pleased to find ourselves again leading the Esca inter-club points trophy battle this season, but we're getting worried by the increasing

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challenge from the Central . Cliff's win in the second Association 50 was therefore particularly welcome, and with three in the first five we did manage to get the team race this time. I only hope the outcome doesn't depend as last year on the hill-climb result, since that does tend to make racing reach a new peak of pain and suffering, at least for me ! In this connection I would put in a plea for support for the experiment of having a 2-up 25 and the hill-climb on the same day, Iris being the promoter on behalf of the Rovers and the Association . Enjoy your racing while you can ; the committee has already fixed the A.G.M. and Party date, so the social season will soon be here, for better or for worse . (Sounds like a parson conducting a wedding service, doesn't he ? Ed.) And that's your lot from Windy Willingdon'.....

===== THE MOOR =====

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HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS C.C.

When I wrote the notes for the Summer issue of this mag', 94 riders were ready to do battle on Q140 in our Open 25. They were lucky in that the near-gale north-east wind that had been blowing abated just in time, and although conditions were not exactly tropical, the competitors were able to do themselves justice. Messrs Burrow and Ballard of the Tooting took first two places with 58-17 and 59-1, with B. Vaughan of the Wigmore filling third place with 59-53. The handicap took a walloping from 13 3/4 min. man G. Morgan of Sheppey Eagles, who clocked 1-8-5 including a 15 sec. late start. Unfortunately, although everyone seemed satisfied at the time, there have since been a lot of complaints to the RTTC about the event, some of them, in the opinion of the organising officials, not having much justification ; and as a result, Esther has resigned from the panel of handicappers and Dennis has intimated that he does not wish to be considered for the position of Event Sec. in future. A 'new boy' in the field of promoting, Jack Southerden, has had a rather happier time of it, with the Kent Vets apparently pleased with his handling of their early July 25, also on Q140. Jack's clubmates rallied round to help with the marshalling of this event, which was blessed with a warm sunny morning much appreciated by all concerned. Jack has, of course, been covering plenty of racing miles, and as he has an interest in four best-all-rounder competitions, he is doing a lot of miles-per-hour calculations as well. His best rides to date are a 1-8-36 in a Kent Vets' 25, and a 2-20 in the Esca 50 which bagged first handicap. Jack has also been one of the small band of riders who have kept the evening 'tens' going, and, a glutton for punishment, has done several 'privates' on the Marsh with the Rovers. Robin Peters has also had a go on the marsh, and got down to 25-50 ; while Neevo bashed away to get fit for the defence of his Chainwheel Creek trophy. This contest did not take place owing to the unfortunate incapacity of Geoff Willcocks, and Ken Stevens, who was planning to invite other riders of a similar standard to take part, being sent away by his firm. However, Dennis was highly delighted to finish up with 27-16, which was good enough to screw at long range such people as the President of Southburania, 'Spider' and one or two others. Inspired by this, Dennis decided to do a bit of 'distance' riding and rode in the Rovers' open 25, his first 25 for six years and his first 'away' ride since 1955 ! This meant missing the club's summer social event, the barbecue at Sid and Barbara's place, which by all accounts went off very pleasantly with no reports of complaints from the Noise Abatement Society or the smoke control authority. I am sorry to say that the club tandem has been off the road for several weeks

Hastings and St. Leonards C.C. - Continued.

through steersman Dave getting rather knocked about in a collision with a car which puuled out in front of him at a junction. Dave is feeling much better in himself now, and is itching to get back into the saddle as soon as the medocos pronounce his injured wrist O.K. One Sunday before the accident, Dave, Audrey and Bill Collins were off the back of the club-run, and were jeered at by some boys who shouted "Are you in an old crocks race ?" This reminds me that from my experience, the would-be humourists who shout at cyclists do not show much imagination ; "Keep going - you'll get there" seems to be the best they can do. Talking of keeping going, our cheerful veteran Ted Coussens keeps doing just that, and hardly a day passes without Ted getting in a few more miles to add to his several hundred thousand. The recent glorious weather has inspired him to get his best bike down from the attic and his shorts out of mothballs. Another of our older members, Guy Little, has recently become a grandfather again, and is bearing up well under the strain : the new arrival is also doing well. To finish on an 'economy' note here is Ted Coussens's recipe for making chains last a long time (see note on another page). It is "Freewheel downhill, walk uphill, and keep away from exposed areas like Romney Marsh where you have to push hard against the wind". And with that piece of useful (?) advice I'll bid you adieu from Eastern Escaland.

HASTINGER

There will be a FLAG DAY on October 1st in aid of the New Racing Shorts For Cliff Sharp fund. Cliff's present shorts are so worn from all his two and three event week-ends that no respectable lady dares visit the finish of a Rovers event. On October 7th there will be another flag day in aid of the New Handlebar Tape For The Editor of Bonk fund. Dennis's tape is hanging in strips which would be very useful in time of war to confuse the enemy radar, but is not much use for covering the 'bars. Please give generously for these worthy causes.

THE LAST WORD. Beryl Burton's successor has been found, right here in East Sussex. Heather Stevens won't now ride her trike unless it has a racing number attached !

