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EDITORIAL

On September 3rd the annual Committee meeting of the Association was held at Framfield. There were six people present, representing four Clubs. There wasn't anything very earth shattering on the agenda, it was mainly called to discuss the racing programme and some social events. The average age of the people making the decisions was 59 - don't any of you think it would be nice for a few of the younger members in the Association to air their opinions and toss a few ideas around. There's still another chance to find out what's going on at the A.G.M. which is on November 26th at Framfield Village Hall, starting at 7.30. Please try to support this meeting and show some interest.

At the end of this issue you will find all the information about the Reliability Trial. There is a new course for this year's event and a celebration Lunch is incorporated in the proceedings. It should be fun so why not put the date in your diaries.

Maurice & Esther

Who would have thought the S.C.A. could arrange such awful weather for their 12 Hour again this year? It enabled Matthew Rabbetts to prove himself superior at this type of race although one suspects he found the opposition tougher this year. Our own Tom Roberts took third place, much to brother Simon's disgust. In fact we had six finishers including novice Charlie Chandler who, but for two punctures, might have bettered his creditable 215 miles. Charlie's sudden interest and ability in racing is quite surprising as we tend to think of him more as a 'social animal'. Our other novice and sociable being, Chris Chapman, gave up at 100 miles - the furthest he's ever raced. No doubt he's thinking of sticking to short distance t.t.s. at which he's excelled this year, winning the Club 10 and 25 mile Championships.

The schoolboys, as well as dominating Preston Park track, put up some good performances at Eastway, and in the Worthing Seafront Kermesse. Nick James rode sensibly to take first place with Andrew Blakeley getting fourth. In the GHS 10 Ben Merricks was our best performer but Nick has since got his times for 10 and 25 miles down respectably. Nick also competed in the National Track Championships at Leicester.

Junior Irving Bartlett, in his first season of racing, has made his mark more by misfortune than startling performances. He only needed to finish in the Eastbourne Rovers 25 to get a prize but he was DNS as his front wheel disappeared from dad's roof rack on the drive out to the event. If you find a sprint in the hedgerow, please let us know.

On the touring scene, we have had several members in the Surrey Hills Randonnee. Some also rode the National 400 Audax event, but packed - the hills are much bigger in Cornwall than in Sussex. The 'younger element' had their annual sortie to France followed by Dave and Christine. Now it's the turn of the two tandems - Alun and Linda and Leon and Judy - to sample the fine wines of France. This should be a welcome rest for Leon and Judy who don't appear to have been home since May, when the evening 10s and track season started. Leon has a very busy time as Racing Sec., and with something like forty entries for the 10s there's not a lot of evening left afterwards. Nevertheless, the Club has gained some new members primarily as a result of these Club events, which seem to increase in popularity. There are occasions when there are too many competitors and not enough helpers both for these and other events. We are particularly pleased and fortunate to have an influx of young people, such as Rachel Fitton, who at thirteen has been doing 30 minute 10s; touring the Pyrenees and doing the Dieppe Raid. The influx of young ladies is quite remarkable and certainly good for swelling membership figures. Martine has been noticeable by her absence since she got a job as a P.E. teacher, whilst Catherine has been on long Clubruns and ridden the evening 10s on a wreck of a bike (in between fruit picking to save up for a new machine). It could be difficult deciding who should have the 'Novices Shield' this year as we also have newcomers like Peter Fray doing some good times in Club events.

Whilst sitting at the side of the road watching a stage of the Milk Race outside Harrogate we were accosted by a hairy individual, clutching a bottle of wine and brushing last night's hedge from his person. It turned out to be none other than ex-EASTBOURNE ROVER and once Tour of Britain rider - TERRY LEACH - obviously still interested in cycling and even recalling BONK mag. scandal!

Our Club's one time 'extrovert' from the east of the County, Brian Toghill, has now settled in New Zealand and actually married last month.

We might almost consider Craig Olive 'extrovert' - who else, not having spent a penny on his stable of bikes in the past six years, would go out and buy TWO pairs of LOOK pedals for touring? Having got a new hack frame, four mud flaps and a spanner as well, it's little wonder the weather's upset.

The wedding of the year takes place in September. At last Dick Holkham has found a free weekend in which to lead Julie (not Minty, the dog who chewed up Roy Humphrey's pipe!) to the altar. Dick nearly spilled his beer when Leon asked him if that would mean he'll want two tickets for the Club trip to the National Hillclimb Championships.

This year the Hillclimb is on the same weekend as the Club's Cyclo-Cross promotion so further division of loyalties will occur but with our membership numbers ever increasing there should be enough to go round.

It's obvious winter is approaching as Club Coach, Roy Whitehead, is already talking about starting the weekly gym/weight training sessions - time for the keen types to put

their names forward.

Meanwhile, the rest of us can eagerly look forward to the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness with the promise of a new clubrun arrangement.

Ropey Rider

C.T.C. EASTBOURNE & HAILSHAM DISTRICT SECTION

In June we had two misfortunes. Philip, a new rider, broke his handlebars and so established members were able to show their skills with tree branches and toe straps to effect a repair. Luckily the rider was not hurt. Not so the following Sunday when Bruce Allcorn left the group to attend to a 'call of nature' and soon after remounting caught a twig in his front wheel which caused him to do some acrobatics resulting in lots of cuts and bruises, but happily nothing too serious. After we had despatched him the quickest way home with an escort, the run proceeded with some caution.

Dot and Bill Collins celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently and some of us were privileged to be invited to the small gathering of friends and relatives who joined them on the happy occasion. Jane Lade made a magnificent cake which Bill and Dot cut with due ceremony. Bill, one of the characters of the East Sussex cycling scene, celebrated his 81st birthday on August 17th and I am pleased to report that he is riding his bike again after a short lay off. (Yes, I saw him doing bit and bit with Dot the other Sunday. Mrs. Ed.) Congratulations Bill.

Paul Holmes, who has ridden regularly with the section for the last two years, left the area recently to take up a new teaching appointment in Surrey. He was presented with a card signed by most members and a book entitled the 'East Sussex Village Book'. Sorry you have left Paul. We shall miss your enthusiasm and your 'Brian Clough accent'. Two of our young ladies, Debbie Springett and more recently Andrea Winchester have been time trialling recently with some success - well done girls. We were pleased to see Stan Connolly around recently, he was on holiday from Newmarket where he is spending his retirement. Nevertheless we were saddened to hear of his wife's ill health and, during the last few days, of her death.

Several of our members rode in the D.A. 50 mile Reliability Ride held in June on a very hot day and we hope the 100 mile ride of this type on September 7th will attract plenty of riders and that the weather will be kind.

Finally, we are looking forward to the audio-visual slide show entitled 'Crackers' to be given by Jack & Grace Cotton at St. John's Church Hall, Polegate on Saturday, October 25th at 7.30 p.m. Admission, including refreshments, £1.25 (under 16 - 50p). See the information given elsewhere in this issue.

Tourist

DIARY DATES

EAST SUSSEX C.A. LUNCH	FRAMFIELD VILLAGE HALL	1.30 p.m.	11th January 1987
EASTBOURNE ROVERS DINNER			24th January 1987
LEWES WANDERERS RELIABILITY TRIAL			25th January 1987
1066 DINNER, HASTINGS			31st January 1987
LEWES WANDERERS DINNER			21st February 1987

'BONK' CLOSING DATE FOR CHRISTMAS ISSUE 20th NOVEMBER 1986 - FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE

RELIABILITY TRIAL on NOVEMBER 30th, 1986.

## LEWES WANDERERS C.C.

No sooner has another cold, miserable Spring finished than another cold, miserable Autumn seems to have started. Nevertheless during our brief Summer a touch of 'Summer madness' crept into the Lewes ranks with everyone seeming to fall off. John 'I haven't got much painting/decorating work for the Winter' Coe set the trend with a spectacular forward somersault in the ESCA 50, resulting in a badly dented head. Not to be outdone, Matthew Rabbetts found the only patch of diesel on Arundel Station round-a-bout and came a cropper in the SCA 50. The very next night in the Club 10, Roger Pulley fell off. Not to be outdone, John Bridger, at last racing again, found himself upside down in a 25. Peter Gates also joined in the action, falling off in a Lewes Crit. As if this wasn't enough the Lewes falling off curse even spread into the Tour de France. You may recall the close up TV shots of a Tour rider bathed in blood, etc., on one stage. Well just up the road from this was Dave Manning who spent a few days touring and watching the tail. Coincidences continued when in a bar one day, who should he bump into but Steve Burgess and his wife.

Talking of wives, Peter Gates (an ex member of the Ian Landless School of Love and Passion) took the plunge and now lives with his wife in Lewes. At about the same time last year a similar fate befell my mate Ian Burgess. He seems to have pulled through O.K. as he and Sally have just had their first wedding anniversary.

A special meeting has opened the way for a new racing jersey design for the Club. Male model Ian Landless has offered to model all the new designs in front of the committee for a nominal fee.

Mick Burgess has been 'undertaking' (get it?) weekends away in foreign parts avec members of the Gatwick Airport CC. One to France and one to ride in the Tour de Flanders Randonnee. Matthew Rabbetts combined a college field trip with some training by riding to and from the Quantocks in Somerset. Meanwhile, back home, Hove barber cum timekeeper, Reg Porter, was on the mend after a spell in hospital. Good to see you well again, Reg!

O.K. racing fans, here it is. Another quarterly bulletin from the Lewes archives. Talking of archives, Graham Seymour did a 3 in the Bognor Vets 25 - only for a 73 year old to do a 6. Fancy only putting three minutes into somebody twenty nine years your senior, Graham. Yes, that's right girls. Cuddly Graham is in his 44th year. John Bridger won the Circuit of Earwig and a few days later Andy Attwood tempted fate in the Crawley Wheelers road race based on Ashurst by complaining it was too hot. In the same event Mick Burgess won the Lanterne Rouge award. The Club 30 with another depleted entry due partly to it's clash with the 'Divs' brought victory to Roger Pulley from Peter Gates. The Brighton Excel 25 brought p.bs. for Chris Chambers and Steve Owles, with 1.8.21 and 1.7.23 respectively. Paul Gibbons returned after 0 levels to a 26 and a 6 for the Eastbourne 10 and 25.

Dave Sims again organised the Lews Crits and once more we saw some good racing. Dave Manning, Steve Johnson, Steve Owles, Ian and Mick Burgess, Peter Gates, Jez Wareing and Matthew Rabbetts all rode - surely our best entry for years. The track has provided Ian Burgess with plenty of prize money and enabled Mick Burgess to achieve something none too common for him - a victory. Mick Rabbetts won the Club 50 in the SCA event and Andy Attwood secured the 25 crown in the ESCA 25. The 100 Trophy went to Tony Deacon by way of his second place in the SCA 100 in which we won the team. Matt Rabbetts won the ESCA 100.

The SCA 12 Hour was another wash out, although not as windy as the previous year, but was probably colder. Once again congratulations to all who helped, fed, marshalled, etc., in such conditions. Horry Hemsley provided a great ride doing 207 miles in spite of being in hospital two days before and having four punctures. Andy Attwood and Matthew completed the winning Lewes team - Andy was first Vet and Matthew won over all with 232 and 241½ miles respectively.

Well, there you are. I'm off for my annual sun seeking tour for a week, which is where I'll probably be when you read this. So, here's to a lousy September and from the sunny Greek Islands it's 'goodbye'.

\* Bunnykins Rear End

\* Sorry, a slip of the typewriter. I almost forgot your BONK nom de plume! Ed

Cyclists Touring Club

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EASTBOURNE and HAILSHAM DISTRICT  
SECTION

# "CRACKERS"

an AUDIO-VISUAL SLIDE SHOW by

*JACK and GRACE COTTON*

*at 7.30 p.m.*

*on*

SATURDAY, 25th. OCTOBER, 1986

*in*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, POLEGATE

(NEAR CROSSROADS)

ADMISSION £1.25, under 16yrs 50p  
including refreshments

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PARKING NEARBY

Jack & Grace Cotton have been to Polegate twice before and on each occasion more than 100 people have been enthralled by their shows. This one entitled 'Crackers' derives its name from the view most people have of cyclists and, although the emphasis will be on all aspects of cycletouring, the show will appeal to everyone whether a cyclist or not. Don't hesitate to bring your friends or family, who perhaps regard you as typifying the title of the show. Grace operates twin projectors with amazing precision, whilst Jack's amusing commentary is interspersed with tape recorded music to complement some sequence of slides; it's a very professional performance from two of the foremost presenters of cycling shows in England. The screen is enormous so you will see (and hear) wherever you sit and there will be ample room for everyone. Tickets available at the door or from: Fred Mehew, 10 Meadows Road, Eastbourne, BN22 ONF. S.A.E. please with cheques payable to 'Eastbourne & Hailsham District Section'.

As a grey day dawned in the winter of 1951 a bog-eyed gaggle from Plymouth hit the fabled streets of London - for to see the Cycle Show.

Fresh from eight hours of luxurious 25/- coaching, ears singing to the strains of yesteryear, hearts yet beating to the subtle rhythm of the spoons, they radiated apathy.

"Cheer up" said little George Sandford, "let's go to Higgins' and see them tricycles."

So four of us hit the third rail and the iron road to South Norwood, where a long day's march from the station finally got us to Fred's suprisingly tiny shop.

All had eyes only for an object in the window. In a red plush case bearing the proud, and at that period, novel legend, 'Campagnola', lay a gleaming elegance to which only George could put a name. "The Paris-Roubaix", he breathed, and was inside haggling with Fred over it's 11 guineas price tag. As I recall, he beat him down to £9 and made off with his prize.

Only now do I see that he must have been as rich as Creosote.

An age later, back home in Plymouth, I learned that the jockey-stick and the special rack-ends were for changing gear - a process that involved a quick release of the wheel while on the move and, equally astonishing, it's subsequent forward-and-back movement as the chain climbed across the block.

George, however, lost interest after a while and parted with the marvel to one Henry, who had the rack-ends fitted to one Hetchins after another, with brazing effrontery.

It was Henry who permitted me, one quiet Sunday by the cinema in Launceston, to try my hand and feet. Under instruction I released the wheel - and was immediately paralysed by the knowledge that I dare not then pedal forward, the indicated backward flick of the cranks driven out of my mind by blind panic. I sat there, balancing desperately, to the end.

Was I cured? Not so, for in 1958 Henry finally gave in, and the basic mechanism was mine for £3.

A bare week before that year's Wessex '24' the P-R fitted Allin was ready for the fray. Sad to relate, our hired car ran it's big-ends after only twenty of the hundred and twenty miles to Ringwood, and we appeared in the results as 'notable non-starters'.

But I used the gear from then on with great satisfaction, till 1960, when I bowed out of the racing scene.

The passion and the mechanism remained with me down the years, until, a few weeks ago, a resurrection was undertaken and completed - mechanically speaking.

My 1967 Russell, gleaming now in hand-painted black and green, forks shortened and the Paris-Roubaix fitted, has already astonished the local cognoscenti and others. The old technique returns in flashes, when a unique whirr and 'ching' signals one more rather nifty change.

In the course of a recent article written for 'Le Cycle', Jean Bobet referred to "several years wasted by Campagnola on an ingenious, but acrobatic, gear change".

Demanding considerable skill to operate, and limited in it's range by the length of the rear ends, this must be a fair verdict - but no-one before or since the late Tullio Campagnola has reduced the derailleur to such an elegant and fascinating minimum.

Dave Nuttall



A successful season's testing for the Worthing Excelsior so far this year. Top trio Goodsell, Danckwardt and Smith procuring many fine wins, placings and team awards. Notable among these was Andy Smith's fine win over Tony Deacon in the SCA 100 mile Championship. Tony Goodsell and Pete Danckwardt continue a fine ding dong of placings in the first, second and third positions all over the county and would appear to be specializing in the shorter distances.

Climax of the year's long distance events was Ray Douglass's now infamous 12 hour event. Consistent as ever Ray achieved, for the second year running, over ten hours of heavy rain and wind to dampen many a hardy individuals dream of record mileages. Ray promises to do better next year - snow, hail, etc.

Tony Goodsell can claim a 'first' in wearing the new style aerodynamic helmet of any Worthing Excelsior so far. Andy Smith's new Keith Laker built low profile machine makes a second for our Club for these newer style machines. How long will it be before they are the norm, I wonder?

Mike Gibbs and Paul Toppin are breaking Club records - tandem style - this year with the 10 and 25 records gone so far.

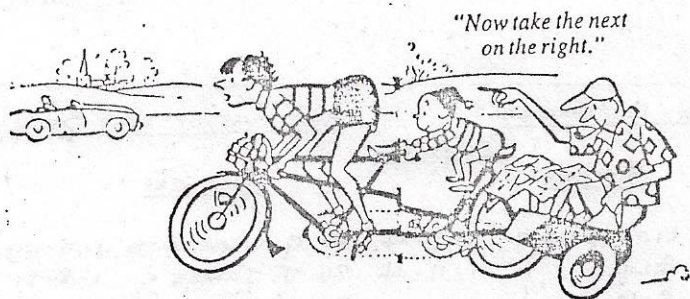
The Hunting Hivolt/Worthing Excelsior hardriders event in September promises a good day for prospective hardriders and fast descenders. Run over the same course as last year and with £300 of prizes the event promises to be a notable one again. P.S. Unless you're Simon Barnes get your small chainrings out!

On a personal note - my thanks to Paul West and Keith Laker for their support, together with my family who helped me through a first twelve hour (and who got nearly as wet). Together of course with all marshals and helpers on that day. To Gary Collier for his generosity.

To Betty Cox. As pre race bag checks are becoming the norm at Worthing's evening 10s by a certain rider, I suggest an open bag situation would speed the proceedings. (Private joke)

I hope all riders conclude a successful year's riding and take part in the social season's activities later on.

R. Withers



**TRAFFIC STOPPER!**

An elderly woman cyclist—totally nude—stopped the traffic outside Blackpool yesterday as she threaded in and out of the cars.

IRIS!  
PERHAPS?

Well, it's been a fairly quiet racing season so far - the main reason being illness in the shape of bad knees, feet and various bits falling off - but anyway here goes. Kevin Penfold and Paul Cox did well in the Divisional Road Championships with Paul winning the junior road race and Kevin third. In the Lewes Criteriums Kevin got 1st junior (3rd over all) with Paul's help and in the Eastbourne Paul was the over all winner with Kevin's help. This same pair were in action again for the Surrey Roads road race and Kevin out-sprinted the entire field to take the junior event. Paul was unable to find the changing rooms so they let him start in the senior 80 mile job - and he got tenth! Would have been better but for chain trouble. Well done lads, and the best of luck in the Nationals.

On the track the noteworthy results were on Divisional Championship night when Ashley Holding took the senior sprint and Kevin Penfold the junior. Paul Lipscombe won the 20Km scratch on the same night.

On the time trial scene, it was great to see Adrian Jones riding and enjoying the ESCA 50 on August 10th having fully recovered from his broken shoulder contracted during the Welsh super-mega-hyper-ramble. Considering lack of training the thirteen that he did was really special. Joe James did a smashing ride in the same event with a nine. Rex Wells (one of the bad knee brigade) made this his first event of the year and was very pleased to find that his knee didn't complain at all and was even more than satisfied with a twenty five. Ron Ewart also rode, but he advises me that his time is classified information and cannot be released until 2011. Central's fastest rider in the event was John Pelham with a very smooth five. Great stuff John.

Ken Atkins has been putting the evening miles in and this paid off with a very nice vets-on-standard award in the Balham 25 on the Kingsfold course. Ken did 1.6.27 on this far from easy course - wish I could do that Ken! Paul Lipscombe has been fighting a persistent virus for weeks and weeks now but I'm pleased to report that he now seems to be winning at last. On one of his fitter days he still managed to get third in the SCA 100, and just sneak ahead of Kevin Penfold and John Pelham with three good rides in the evening 10 series. Talking of evening 10s, Sandy (Mrs. Lipscombe, that is), rode one too, not quite as quickly as hubby, but it's the thought that counts isn't it Sandy?

The full results of the evening 10s are shown below. If you look closely in there you'll see some good rides by vets and I think Les Teagues 4th handicap deserves special mention - Les has done some good rides this year and thoroughly deserves that result. When I mention Les I always think of Bill Shoulders whose racing has been somewhat curtailed this year by a move of house. Bill hopes to be racing again next year and we all look forward to his company then.

Rambler

STOP PRESS! I am reliably informed that one in our midst who travels a lot and is known as M-c, got stuck in a time warp (probably from jet lag) on the way to an event last Sunday. He had covered most of the journey, at the speed of light unless I'm much mistaken, when he realised - no bike!! Kevin Bramham and I were having a most enjoyable ride together along the South Downs Way at the time and I suspect we had a better day than our forgetful friend!!

CLUB 10 SERIES		AGG. TIME OF BEST 3 RIDES		
		RESULTS	HANDICAP	
	FASTEST			
1ST	P. LIPSCOMBE	1-9-14	1ST G. WHEATLAND	1-8-09
2ND	J. PELHAM	} 1-11-14	2ND J. JAMES	1-8-21
	K. PENFOLD		3RD M. HARTLAND	1-8-37
4TH	J. JAMES	1-11-51	4TH L. TEAGUE	1-8-43
5TH	M. RYALL	1-19-04	5TH K. PENFOLD	1-9-44
6TH	M. HARTLAND	1-19-37	6TH M. RYALL	1-10-04
7TH	K. ATKINS	1-19-40	7TH G. ERICSON	1-10-05
8TH	G.R. MACLAGAN	1-19-53	8TH R. EWART	1-10-20
9TH	G. ERICSON	1-21-06	9TH K. ATKINS	1-10-40
10TH	B. GRINDLEY	1-21-32	10TH P. LIPSCOMBE	} 1-10-44
11TH	L. TEAGUE	1-21-43	J. PELHAM	
12TH	G. WHEATLAND	1-25-05	12TH B. GRINDLEY	1-11-38
13TH	R. EWART	1-25-50	13TH G.R. MACLAGAN	1-13-43
14TH	M. HOOKS	1-30-26	14TH M. HOOKS	1-13-56

(Part one)

Apologies for not being able to put in a feature for the last two quarters due mainly to lack of time by our older riders. Our Club has increased it's membership for 1986 with the signing of Nick and Mick Schillingbery. Both of them have had places in the Surrey CRL. Mick was down to ride his first triathlon but TV acting prevented him riding in the Nomads' colours.

We do not appear to have gone unnoticed, since the Fagor team elected en masse to accept Geoff's signature. Keith Butler has also made a mental note to watch out for the Nomads colours. Whilst we are limited in numbers it must be said that all racing personnel have won cash this year in addition to which we achieved seventh over all in the National Milk Race draw ticket sales for 1986. We spoke to the promoter, Mrs. Emerson, and she confirmed that the Club who sells the most tickets are normally rewarded with an overseas holiday for two. In 1987, we have been informed, the winning Club will receive an expenses paid trip for two to Miami for seven days. It includes six nights at a four star hotel, a hire car and various cabarets and restaurants. We feel that it is not beyond us to win the trip.

(Part two)

The season is disappearing fast with the ESCA programme almost completed (don't forget to book for the lunch). This year Geoff and Alan have ridden all three distances in the B.A.R., with mixed results. The first 25 was a disaster with the weather, the 50 was O.K. except that it seemed a long way, and the second 25 proved better with a fair morning and faster times. The 100 was the first ESCA event at that distance that Alan had ridden in, and after a gentle start he actually found himself enjoying it, although the wind that blew up made it hard back from the far turn over Pevensey Marsh. At the finish Alan was told that his wife, Trish, was stuck on the Uckfield by-pass as the car radiator had burst, so he was unable to collapse in a heap until later. Geoff was lucky, he punctured and packed soon after Windmill Hill on the first lap.

Vernon Hyde has at last got his back mended and is racing again and picking up awards on standard. After training hard all winter and early season, Keith Chamdler had to change jobs and has been unable to race in recent weeks.

Unfortunately we will be unable to ride the last ESCA 25 as the powers that be in the local D.C. have, for the third time, got two events in Sussex on the same morning. We had the Vets 25 at Uckfield and the SCA 100 on the same day; Brighton Excel 25 clashed with the ESCA 100, and now the Vets 25 on G938 (promoted by the Nomads) is on the same morning as the ESCA 25. So once again we will have two events short of riders whilst we have blank weekends at other times and have to travel for a ride. Perhaps I shouldn't criticise as there are various factors to take into consideration - BUT! I have.

Keep safe.

Nomad

We've had sponsored 'Church Rides' - Charles Robson has come up with another idea on similar lines. He plans a 'Loo Ride' taking in as many Public Conveniences as he can in one day, within the boundaries of East Sussex. Sponsor forms are available from Charles or me - Esther - now. This is Charles' contribution to the Association's 40th Anniversary celebrations.

## SOUTHBOROUGH & DISTRICT RIDDERS

1986 has been a very quiet year for the Southborough, especially as Mr. & Mrs. Ed haven't been gallivanting around the country keeping our name to the fore.

Without doubt the revelation of the year has been David Promtatrethi (Prom for short) in his first season of racing. As a first year junior he has become king of the 3/J Kent CRL with three (or is it four?) wins and placings so numerous that I haven't got enough digits to count them on! As I wrote in the last BONK, we expected great things from him at the Divisionals but despite breaking away, David put in what was probably his worst performance of the year. He obviously has talent and it is perhaps a little sad that he may have to leave us in order to gain the necessary support to ride the Buckley events next year.

Still on the road scene, nearly all of the roadmen have had placings of some sort, and a measure of this improvement was a hard won fifteenth place for Andy Howey in the recent Brighton to London Classic.

Turning now to the ESCA events, Clive Orchard, our comeback man, has shown well in the longer distance events. He was a little disappointed to finish fourth in the 100 after having a bad patch in the final miles. A recent bout of back trouble has seen Clive a little quiet of late. After last year's good showing in the local 12, the Southborough has sunk back to no finishers this year - both John Harding and Clive packing early on. Former Club member, Ian Silvester, put in a fantastic first all day performance, pushing Shay Giles all the way. Ian's 257 was a great performance for a first attempt after he started very fast.

What an inspiration the TV coverage has been this year. We've been rather spoiled for choice, what with the Greg and Bernard Show followed by the unpredictable Kelloggs. I'm writing these notes still on the high of witnessing the final glorious race in Westminster. Tony Doyle's World Championship title couldn't have come at a better time for British cycling. Amongst the general public there is now a tremendous untapped reserve of potential Club riders - so go out and actively try to grab them. Not like the Southborough who at present have no Press Secretary and refuse to take part in the local Carnival because it clashes with a local time trial on the Q10/19. So for the good of the sport don't be as short sighted as the Southborough.

### Overshoes

Some of our long standing (and long suffering) readers may have noticed that Maurice likes to pop out and expose people now and again - particularly in the Tonbridge area. The following essay is the latest result of his prying into other people's business.

Some of you may have seen Warwick D.....d with his arm in a sling and numerous bandages wrapped round him recently. The official press release, a copy of which we received, stated that some visitors were being shown round his place of work when some overhead equipment started to fall. In a brave attempt to save these people from injury Warwick sustained a broken arm and various contusions (cuts and bruises). This story was generally accepted and and applauded as the action of a courageous employee.

Good 'friends' of Warwick's have suggested another explanation for his injuries. He arrived home one evening to find his wife, as usual, in her cups - to such an extent that she had forgotten to prepare his nightcap of half a pint of weak, warm beer. He was unwise enough to chide her for this oversight whereupon she belaboured him with an empty, quart size, Stout bottle - inflicting the terrible injuries that we have all witnessed.

I felt it my duty to visit Hadlow to interview Mrs. Joyce Dunford (63) an attractive blonde. When I confronted her at her home, 4 Waterslippe, and demanded the truth she became agitated and threatened violence if this report was published, vehemently denying the facts I put to her.

Reports of Mrs. Dunford's odd behaviour have appeared from time to time in this magazine so I will leave to draw your own conclusions as to the truth of the matter.

M.C.