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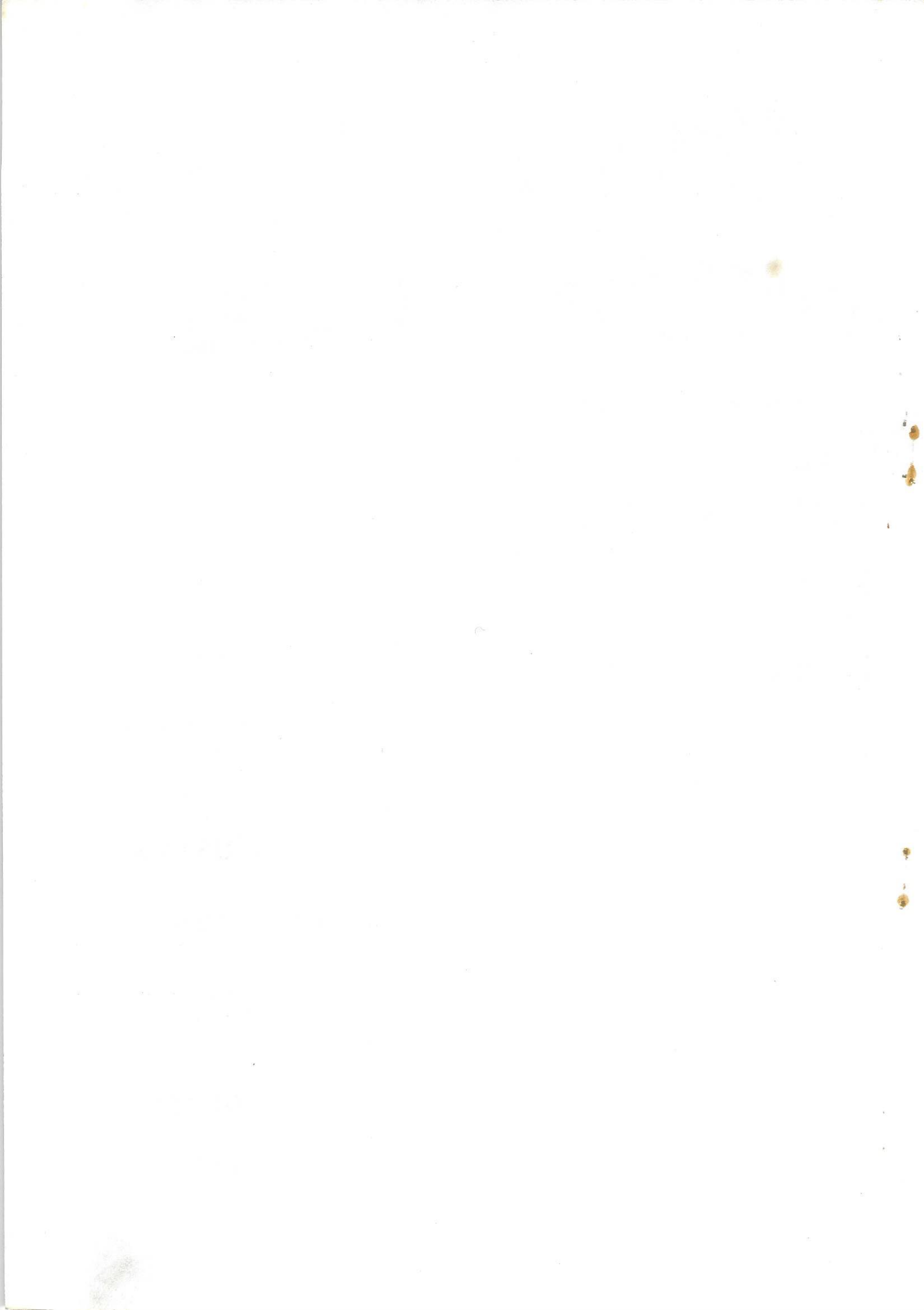
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

It is with regret that I realise the year, 1987, and my term of office as President are almost over. I must admit that I have thoroughly enjoyed being President and have also had another great year of cycling.

With regard to the last edition of BONK the "Crutch"/William Hickey has now got a low profile - bike that is, not body, although he is working at the latter.

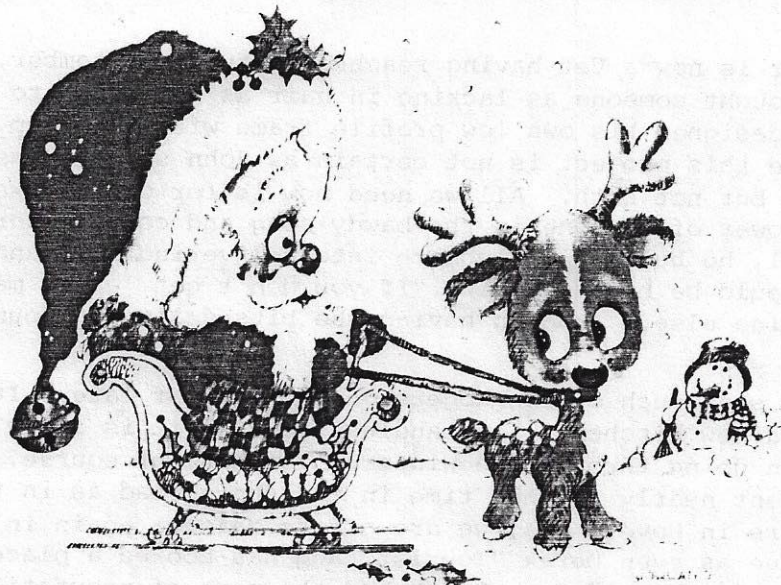
As for the photo of myself, I'm glad that it was apparently taken at night.

But let's get back to 1988 (or should it be forward?), I hope you all attended the A.G.M. and joined or supported the Committee as there will be a full programme next year and your help will be needed.

At the time of scribbling these notes your new President has not been made known, but I will ask him now - PLEASE run the picnic in 1988. And the rest of you - PLEASE attend and get it established as a regular event.

Merci et au revoir.

Alan



LEWES WANDERERS C.C.

Well, so there I was, entering this Happy Eater when I was grabbed by the ferocious female. "Where's the Lewes Bonk notes? You can't have a Bonk without notes from Lewes. Do something about it." Well, who am I to argue with some latter day Boadicea? I picked myself up, gave my dishevelled clothing a brush and watched the "lady" depart on this white chariot thing. So swearing vengeance on Al Moran, Copper, Rear End, Gutter-snipe and Rotrax, whose lack of diligence in this matter had led me to being assaulted, I wondered what to write about.

The racing season now seems to be years away but our last Club event was the Circuit of Chailey an interesting 18 mile jaunt around the lanes between Chailey and Cooksbridge. This resulted in a win for Paul Gibbons from Pete Scott. Matt Tree took the handicap. It also saw the debut of the brothers Hunter and Julian Wilson, who all performed well on a cold, windy morning. However the latter was knocked off his bike whilst riding home, by a motorist who opened a car door in his path. Fortunately not much harm was done. Several of our senior riders went off to ride obscure courses on this day but the results could not have been much as we do not appear to have heard much about them.

Mick Burgess continued his study of road racing by viewing the field from the back when he rode the Polhill "Hell of the South East" and the Gravesend Vets races, both on the Isle of Sheppey. In the first one he nearly made the pages of 'Cycling Weekly' and swears that his front wheel can just be seen in one picture - providing that picture was taken on the first lap. Following these strenuous endeavours he promptly left for Greece and with Madam Prez, spent a week in the sun recovering. Rumour has it that neither knew who they had been photographed with in the last edition of Bonk as Mick has had so many weekends away riding randonees this year.

Excuses for not going on clubruns are many and varied. Mick Rabbetts latest is "I have to put up a bird table for my father-in-law". As the gentleman in question is well into his eighties I suppose a bird on the table is the best he can hope for.

Old age has finally caught up with Graham Seymour. For some time now he has been driving to Uckfield, at least, in order to avoid riding home from Uckfield to Crowborough because it's all up hill. Graham has now moved to Newick, where all are welcome for a cuppa - if you can find the new home. What's that, Graham? You never said that - never mind flower - it will all fit into place sometime. Only Graham could arrange to move the weekend following the great storm. I did hear that the wind was caused by his rushing around trying to get packed for the move.

Not too much has been heard of Matt Rabbetts since he took himself off to College in Somerset. Gossip has it that he's been home more than he said he would but then I have heard it said that a winsome smile can draw a man further than gunpowder can blow him. Matt did call on Auntie Silv but as he had been riding in the rain and was dripping wet, wisely did not step over the threshold but said he would call back at Christmas.

John Bridger is now a Vet having reached forty in September. Brian Rex was suprised at this as he thought someone as lacking in hair as he is had to be similar age. John tells me he has designed his own low profile frame with the help of a friendly computer. When we shall see this project is not certain as John says he has enough money for the jigs or material but not both. All we need now is for Geoff Boxall to design a new wheel with the power of the one in the bawdy song and comp. records may come to Sussex. Talking of Boxall, he bullied a clubmate into delivering hubs and rims so that a new pair of wheels could be built, saying "If you don't get 'em to me I shall use the spokes in something else," and on having the bits delivered found the spokes were the wrong length.

We have not seen much of Ron Rogers on the bike of late. It is said that he has been busy installing a new kitchen. Ian Landless reckons it is a new sunbed and lamps to keep the Rogers suntan going through the winter. Ian has, of course, as befits the Club Travel Agent, spent nearly as much time in the sun abroad as in the offices of his over generous employers in Hove. Yes, we are off to Majorca again in the Spring. This trip must be good value as even Derek "Tourist" Agg has booked a place for himself and his wife, Elizabeth. In the old days Derek had the sort of reputation that made Scotsmen appear spendthrift.

The person with the biggest Fan Club at our evening 10s was Steve Burgess's son Mark, aged 4, who was well spoilt by Aunties Val and Maureen. Word is that Ian Burgess will be a Dad in the spring. I wonder if Sally will bring the offspring to races to support yet another comeback. If she does, how will Granny Prez cope with pushing off one handed. I wonder if Gordon "Grandad" Higginson will wear his best BCF blazer and tie to the christening.

NOW - THE NEWS YOU HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR. THE WANDERERS RELIABILITY TRIAL WILL BE ON SUNDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1988.

THE BEST DINNER IN THE SOUTH WILL BE ON SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY. LAST YEAR THE NOLANS. THIS YEAR - MADONNA - WHO KNOWS? BUY A TICKET AND FIND OUT.

Well, that's all for 1987. What about 1988. We have Darryl Felsted and Jason Craughton who are both still very new to the game. Pete Scott has designs on toppling Paul Gibbons from his position as rising star. John Bridger fancies the Vets B.A.R. and Brian Rex fancies a pint of real ale. If the Hulk is allowed to make a comeback the hours spent in the Poly C.C.'s. Sussex H.Q. could bear fruit. If the sun shines and temperatures rise, Graham Seymour may ride an event before August. If John Coe can be found and re-motivated after 12 hour blues, the three way battle between him, Ian Landless and Peter Gates may be continued. Me? Well I wish I could afford to be a sugar daddy to some young bird who could make a good meat pudding.

See you up the road.

Burke and Hare

RESULT OF THE "CRUTCH COMPETITION"

We only had one entry for this fascinating competition but it was absolutely correct and came from Mrs. Sylvia Burgess of Crowborough. Her answers were:

Crutch 1 (top picture) Geoff Boore
(She adds - the biggest one in Sussex. Bore, that is.)
Crutch 2 Ron Hayward
Crutch 3 Al Moran alias Geoff Willcocks

Well done, Sylvia. Your extensive knowledge of ESCA personalities has paid off. You will be presented with your prize at the ESCA Lunch in January and I assure you, you won't be disappointed.

When I was a lad I rode a reliability trial - all 150 miles of it.

I had no transport therefore I rode to the start and rode home so I covered almost 200 miles in February at the tender age of seventeen.

I still have nightmares about the ride.

A sport for lemmings I think.

To those familiar with the RTTC Handbook for some odd reason they devote a page to this strange sport.

My suspension by this august body in 1976 banned me from all time trials with the exception of the National Hillclimb and reliability trials!

However, following thirty five years long and hard cycling apprenticeship I felt I had overcome my fear of the 'discipline' and therefore accepted Mr. Robson's kind invitation to ride the 1986 East Sussex CA Classic R.T. over 44 miles of tough Sussex terrain.

At the last moment Mr. Robson could not stand the thought of being humiliated by me and laid on a very thick fog so I arrived twenty minutes late = 44 miles minus a back wheel and victory for Robson.

Suprisingly Mr. Robson invited me to ride the '87' version with the mileage increased to 49.77, the reasoning behind the increased distance that as a failed 1000 miler I wouldn't be able to cope with the extra miles in this year's trial.

On arrival at the start with my R.T. regulation (as per RTTC Handbook) bicycle, i.e. H.P. tyres, mudguards and medium gears - I noticed Robson posing/warming up on a 57T chainring, tubulars and would you believe no mudguards! telling all and sundry he hadn't been on a bike for a fortnight!!

At 9.30 prompt while I was tightening my toe straps Robson attacked. I managed to get on his wheel at Windmill Hill hanging on grimly in the left hand gutter with about seven others in line, to the first check at Pevensey.

Robson's superiority at dispensing pink card no.1 and surreptitiously dropping a £5 note (later proved to be a forgery) so we all stopped to see if we'd lost it, was to no avail, as we recaptured him on the hill near Little Common.

Robson faltered on the climb but recovered quickly to such effect that three quarters of the scratch group, i.e. Robson's specially picked bunch of weaklings, stopped for chocolate bars in Hastings.

On the 'Col de Hastings' a lad with sunglasses and Carrera hat and another rider surged ahead, - as they say in the big time pro races, "the selection had been made". This left Woodburn v Robson v van Zonc (a friendly Dutchman whose name I regret I cannot remember).

Thirty miles to go, the pace settled until the Paris - Roubaix section where a caught rider punctured but unfortunately Robson R.Ts. don't allow for punctures!

On we surged to Winchelsea. Robson's fearless descent was not suprising as he knew the course went straight on and NOT sharp right at the bottom of the hill. Well off the back I reached check no. 2 with Robson out of sight, but with the help of van Zonc we rapidly overhauled Robson, in the distance the 9.20 group could be seen. Van Zonc and myself gradually bridged the gap with Robson hanging on our wheels by the skin of his teeth - or so I thought. However a nicely recovered Robson took the sprint for check no. 3 with ease.

This was the end of my race, Robson had disappeared. I chased only to go off course but still finishing in the regulation 2hrs 50mins with the help of the 9.20 group I'm convinced.

Robson finished too early, so why wasn't he disqualified?

I'll never know but one thing I do know is that a pot of tea for four at the Samovar is brewed with ten teabags. Had I taken the concoction prior to starting and not as I did after the trial, Robson would not have covered 49.77 hilly Sussex miles in front of me.

Using my R.A.F. drill instructor's favourite phrase "this is not a threat Robson this is a promise" you will not get to the Woolpack car park before me in 88.

Thank you Charles and East Sussex CA for a very enjoyable day out, even Anne enjoyed it, although it meant going all the way to Rye!

P.S. Next year I won't cycle down on the morning.

John Woodburn
Manchester Wheelers

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS:

East Sussex C.A. Reliability Trial 1987.

Ed.

This is the second time that I have ridden the East Sussex Reliability Trial and each time I have enjoyed a well organised event. Charles Robson seems to have the ability to plan a difficult but fair course, "sporting" I believe the term is. This year's course was no exception, with some really nasty hills to test us. Riding out of Hastings on the A259, I recall I found it very difficult, watching my clubmates disappearing into the distance. I was very pleased, however, that all our entrants from the Worthing Excelsior C.C. finished within the time for which they had entered, so retaining the trophy we won last year.

The Worthing Excelsior always enjoy their rare excursions into the remote eastern parts of the County. Personally, I was pleased to pass my birthplace in Whatlington where I made my first appearance way back in 1926.

After the event many of us enjoyed a tasty dinner at the Samovar Restaurant in Herstmonceux, another part of Charles Robson's efficient organisation. Altogether a good day out on the bike. Thanks Charles.

From Ray Douglas

Eds. note.

The above testimonial was not entirely unsolicited!!! As there seems to be some sort of mutual admiration between C.R. and the W.E.C.C. will we see a transfer of membership next year?

EAST SUSSEX CYCLING ASSOCIATION - 1987 RELIABILITY TRIAL

The expected battle between Lewes Wanderers and Worthing Excelsior for the new Reliability Trial Shield never materialised as the superbly disciplined Worthing riders had 9 successful riders out of 40 whilst Lewes could only manage 1 successful rider out of 9. Worthing must really like the new Shield!

The complete list of riders who completed the course is given below. An 'S' against the name indicates that the rider was on the start sheet and an 'L' indicates a late entry. An 'OK' indicates that the rider was a qualifier for the Reliability Trial Shield. All the riders who completed the course in the correct time will receive a Certificate. Out of a total of 61 riders, 16 did not start, but the remaining 45 all finished.

4 HOUR GROUP

G. Cleverley	Brighton Mitre C.C.	3-36	S	
A. Morris	Brighton Mitre C.C.	3-36	S	
V. A. Butler	Hastings & St. Leonards C.C.	3-50	S	OK
P. J. Company	Hastings & St. Leonards C.C.	3-50	S	OK
B. Mitchell	Hastings & St. Leonards C.C.	3-51	S	OK
K. P. Evans	Hastings & St. Leonards C.C.	3-51	S	OK
P. D. Harris	East Grinstead C.C.	3-51	S	OK
E. A. Owen	East Grinstead C.C.	3-51	S	OK
D. Lock	Worthing Excelsior C.C.	3-51	S	OK
D. Hudson	Worthing Excelsior C.C.	3-52	S	OK
R. H. Douglass	Worthing Excelsior C.C.	3-52	S	OK
K. Harmer	Worthing Excelsior C.C.	3-52	S	OK
R. Shipton	Worthing Excelsior C.C.	3-52	S	OK
A. M. Palmer	Worthing Excelsior C.C.	3-52	S	OK
S. Lucas	Worthing Excelsior C.C.	3-52	S	OK
M. Lucas	Worthing Excelsior C.C.	3-52	S	OK
J. Lucas	Worthing Excelsior C.C.	3-52	S	OK
C. Orchard	Southborough & District Wheelers	3-52	L	
A. Kraft	Brighton Mitre C.C.	3-58	L	
E. Carpenter	Southborough & District Wheelers	4-02	S	
E. Spray	Hastings & St. Leonards C.C.	4-03	S	
A. Kirby	East Grinstead C.C.	5-30	S	
B. Kirby	East Grinstead C.C.	5-30	S	

3 HOURS 25 MINS. GROUP

B. Rex	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	2-57	S	
D. Bond	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	3-00	S	
P. G. Gates	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	3-00	S	
J. Maddock	Worthing Excelsior C.C.	3-00	S	
R. H. Rogers	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	3-00	S	
R. Wells	Central Sussex C.C.	3-01	S	
G. A. Baker	Eastbourne Rovers C.C.	3-01	L	
K. Bramham	Central Sussex	3-05	S	
I. A. Landless	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	3-16	S	OK
B. Burns	Eastbourne Rovers C.C.	3-19	S	OK
K. Andrews	Eastbourne Rovers C.C.	3-19	S	OK
J. Russell	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	3-29	S	

3 HOUR GROUP

P. Scott	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	2-43	S	
H. van Beinum	Brighton Excelsior C.C.	2-45	L	
C. G. Robson	Eastbourne Rovers C.C.	2-50	S	OK
J. Woodburn	Manchester Wheelers	2-50	S	OK
R. Taylor	East Grinstead C.C.	2-58	S	OK
J. Brimm	Brighton Excelsior C.C.	3-06	L	
R. Holkham	Brighton Excelsior C.C.	3-06	L	
C. Chapman	Brighton Excelsior C.C.	3-10	L	
J. McLellan	Brighton Excelsior C.C.	3-18	L	
B. Penfold	Brighton Excelsior C.C.	3-18	L	

C.T.C HAILSHAM & EASTBOURNE SECTION

Sunday November 22nd proved to be a rather special day. In the morning, Ray Gearing led a ride which prompted the appearance of a triplet, ably manned by Jon Cooper, Debbie Springett and Sarah Lade, a tandem trike ridden by the leader and Andrea Winchester, plus a trike, some tandems and solos. In all, some twenty people pedalled their way to Battle for elevenses and then on to Three Cups for lunch. In the afternoon, Union Corner Hall, Hailsham, was the venue for our Slide Show and Tea (Stone Cross Memorial Hall is still storm damaged). As usual the ladies provided some splendid food for the thirty members who attended and the slides presented were both varied and amusing. Graham Lade, Andrea Winchester and Joyce Wickens all had birthdays imminent so a cake was produced especially for the three of them, which, of course, involved the usual candle blowing ceremony and singing of the traditional song. For Joyce it was a time to venture into the "Golden Years", so to mark the occasion she was presented with a sledge. If this sounds strange, you don't know Joyce.

Our Annual General Meeting was attended by sixteen members and saw the resignation from our Committee of Dot and Bill Collins. Bill has been our Chairman since the formation of the Section in 1978, and Dot, who has been a Committee member since then, has been a "tower of strength" in catering for our social functions. They both felt that, because they are less active now, it was right to make way for younger members. We are indebted to them both for all their help and hospitality - Committee meetings have always been held at their house - and we will ensure that they do not escape some involvement in the future. We are pleased to welcome a present Committee member - Graham Lade - as our Chairman, and Andrea Winchester and Jon Cooper as Committee members.

We are hoping to arrange the Section New Year Lunch, which is always a popular function, sometime in February. Further details will be given as soon as possible.

A Merry Christmas and Happy Cycling in the New Year to all readers.

Tourist

Dave & Audrey (Morris) wish to thank the Editors of BONK for the picture in the Autumn edition. It was very appropriate as we had our 35th Wedding Anniversary in November.

We have been riding tandem for the same length of time and altogether Dave has spent 55 years awheel.

D. & A. M

This seems to be a good opportunity to thank Dave and Audrey for all the marshalling they do, together with that other ace marshal - Ken Griffiths. It's very much appreciated, especially by event organisers.

EASTBOURNE ROVERS C.C

As cyclists wake from their end of season rest strange goings on have been reported by some source or other, mainly Steven "Stud" Willis bit of sauce which he can't seem to stop dreaming about. Clubruns have appeared from nowhere but the disappearance of Troll Timms has left rumours 'marriage to some billy goat' in the cold air. Meanwhile in some Public House in Sussex, Andrea and Debbie Springett are trying to find out how many ciders they can sink and then trying to find their way home. No wonder the C.T.C. take so long getting anywhere.

The newest poser in the Club, Duncan "get matching everything" Geals, spends all week cleaning his bike ready for making it nice and dirty again on the clubrun.

The recent Club A.G.M. has left many a member wondering what colour spray job they should have their frames. Quote - Charlie Robson inquired what the shade of blue was on the new Club jerseys. The members present spent half the meeting arguing about what jersey they would wear for different events.

The reports for the year were given from the various Secretaries, including the lengthy report from Simon Prior consisting of about two lines. Graham Lade and Roy Humphrey seemed to have a little secret between them about the Kent League, and Ray Prior had been planning to start riding again but every time he got a bike together, Simon sold it.

Club Championships were decided as follows:

1987 B.A.R. RESULT

	<u>25</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>Av.mph</u>
C. V. SHARP	57 54 (25.9067)	2 07 38 (23.5048)	4 24 35 (22.6771)	24.029
B. BURNS	59 49 (25.0766)	2 00 56 (24.8070)	4 40 16 (21.4081)	23.764
C. G. ROBSON	1 02 42 (23.9234)	2 11 51 (22.7531)	4 45 56 (20.9839)	22.553

1987 VETS B.A.R. RESULT

	<u>10</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>+ or -</u>
C. G. ROBSON(57/8)	24 28 (+ 4 38)	1 02 42 (+12 13)	2 11 51 (+23 41)	+ 40m 32s
B. BURNS(47)	23 48 (+ 3 06)	59 49 (+ 9 44)	2 00 56 (+23 27)	+ 36m 17s
C. V. SHARP(43)	24 52 (+ 1 14)	57 54 (+ 9 36)	2 07 38 (+12 30)	+ 23m 20s
J. M. BLACKMAN(51)	26 00 (+ 1 46)	1 04 39 (+ 7 00)	2 17 22 (+11 23)	+ 20m 09s
G. LADE(43)	24 42 (+ 1 24)	1 07 20 (+ 0 10)	2 21 26 (- 1 18)	+ 0m 16s

Wolber Reject

1987 "POINTS TROPHY" WINNER - INDIVIDUAL

	H/R	10	25	50	25	100	50	10	25	H/C	
PAUL LIPSCOMBE	18	19	20	20	20	19	17	18	19	170	
P.R. Davies	17	17	19		19		18	19	17	126	
S.D. Collins		18	18		18		13	17	8	19	111
J. Pelham				19	17	20	19		18	93	
R. Holkham	14	15	7		13			14	16	79	
J.D. Brimm			15	18	12	2	14		13	74	
P.J. Baker			9	17		13	15	4	15	73	
M Parry				11	14		16	16	12	69	
A. Limbrey				15	15	5			7	17	59
P. Gibbons	1	2		16	10			10	14	53	
M.D. Rabbetts	16	14				18	5			53	

1987 "POINTS TROPHY" WINNERS - TEAM

	H/R	TTT	10	25	50	25	100	50	10	25	H/C	
CENTRAL SUSSEX	6		7	12	19	16	19	17	12	16	124	
Brighton Mitre	5	7	14	18		13		10	12	7	93	
East Grinstead	3	14	8					8	11	10	62	
Lewes	4	7	8	1	11	2	10		1	3	4	51
B.E.C.C.	8	5	4	3	6	1	2	6	3	8	46	
Eastbourne	3	1	3	2	6	6	5	2	2	3	33	
Southborough	8			9		8			1		6	32
Hastings & St. L		2	1	5	5		1	3		3	20	
W.E.C.C.							11			1	12	
Sussex Nomads					3	3					5	11
Crawley				1		2		4	3		10	
Regent	7										7	
V.C. Etoile											0	

As usual, we are indebted to Stan Shirley for keeping the records for this competition. A detailed sheet will be available to all Clubs by the time the Annual Lunch comes along, showing how the points were gained.

EAST SUSSEX CYCLING ASSOCIATION - 1987 B.A.R. RESULTS

SENIOR B.A.R. (25, 50 & 100 Miles)

1	JOHN PELHAM	CENTRAL SUSSEX C.C.	24.267 mph
2	P. Lipscombe	Central Sussex C.C.	24.043 mph
3	P. Baker	Hastings & St. Leonards C.C.	23.115 mph
4	J. D. Brimm	Brighton Excelsior C.C.	22.622 mph
5	J. James	Central Sussex C.C.	22.370 mph
6	A. Attwood	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	22.363 mph
7	A. Limbrey	Sussex Nomads C.C.	22.335 mph
8	P. G. Gates	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	22.143 mph
9	A. Handley	Regent Road Club	21.614 mph
10	I. Landless	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	21.513 mph
11	K. Bramham	Central Sussex C.C.	21.356 mph
12	H. Hemsley	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	21.172 mph
13	M. M. Burgess	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	21.076 mph
14	C. Chandler	Brighton Excelsior C.C.	20.418 mph
15	A. Kraft	Brighton Mitre C.C.	19.065 mph
16	R. Settle	Crawley Wheelers	18.469 mph

TEAM	J. Pelham	}	CENTRAL SUSSEX C.C.	23.560 mph
	P. Lipscombe			
	J. James			

VETS B.A.R. (25, 50 & 100 Miles)

1	ALAN LIMBREY (55)	Sussex Nomads C.C.	+ 2.953 mph
2	K. Bramham (58)	Central Sussex C.C.	+ 2.403 mph
3	J. James (48)	Central Sussex C.C.	+ 1.953 mph
4	J. Brimm (44)	Brighton Excelsior C.C.	+ 1.583 mph
5	H. Hemsley (52/53)	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	+ 1.443 mph
6	M. Burgess (52/53)	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	+ 1.303 mph
7	I. Landless (47)	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	+ 1.082 mph
8	A. Attwood (41/42)	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	+ 0.956 mph

LADIES B.A.R. (2 x 10 Miles & 2 x 25 Miles)

1	ANDREA WINCHESTER	Eastbourne Rovers C.C.	22.763 mph
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JUNIOR B.A.R. (2 x 10 Miles & 2 x 25 Miles)

1	STUART COLLINS	Brighton Mitre C.C.	24.807 mph
2	P. Gibbons	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	23.931 mph
3	P. Scott	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	23.453 mph
4	S. Owles	Lewes Wanderers C.C.	21.252 mph

Announcing the Late Arrivals

Followers of the radio programme "I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue" will have noted that they always finish by announcing the late arrivals at a Ball.

However, to date they have not covered the late arrivals at the ESCA Ball, so this is an attempt to rectify this omission.

So will you please welcome:

Mr & Mrs Capper and their son, Andy Capper.

Mr & Mrs Fixedwheel and their son, Ivor Fixedwheel.

Mr & Mrs Chaypuncture and their daughter Pat Chaypuncture.

From Wales, Mr & Mrs Namobulb and their son, Dai Namobulb.

And straight from the result board, Mr & Mrs Athistime and their son, Luke Athistime.

Mr & Mrs Wheel and their son Arthur Wheel.

From Ireland, Mr & Mrs Gehubs and their big son Flanagan, known as Large Flan Gehubs.

Mr & Mrs Clanger and their unexpected twin additions, known as the Double Clangers.

Mr & Mrs Cuppa and their daughter, Ava Cuppa.

Mr & Mrs Horts and their trapper son known as Skins Horts.

Mr & Mrs Crank and their gay son known as Bent Crank.

Mr & Mrs Ular-tyre and their plump son called Tub Ular-tyre.

Mr & Mrs Tecarpenter and their well known daughter Sue, usually known by her initial as S. Tecarpenter.

Mr & Mrs Teegears and their daughter Moll Teegears.

Mr & Mrs Ube and their lazy son 'Inert' Ube.

Mr & Mrs Cyclists and their popular daughter 'Cyclists Cathy'.

From the local pub, Mr & Mrs Vehalf and their daughter Ila Vehalf.

And of course an old fashioned couple with 1950 RTTC Handbook, Mr & Mrs Bell and their daughter Daisy Bell.

Meantime, outside the Hall the modern racing man meets the old timer.....

"Hi, Wheel"

" 'Lo Profile "

Announced by Mr & Mrs Turns' son 'Spoke', in racing parlance, 'Spoke out of Turn'.

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This seems to be a nice little space in which to wish all BONK readers a very Happy Christmas and a Successful New Year. We would also like to thank all the people who have contributed to BONK throughout the year and hope that you will continue to do so in 1988. The closing date for the next edition will be February 23rd, 1988. We'd also like to thank Alan for taking over page 1, and to say how much we have enjoyed his year as President. His final OFFICIAL appearance will be at the

EAST SUSSEX C.A. ANNUAL LUNCHEON AT FRAMFIELD MEMORIAL HALL ON JANUARY 10th. BOOK EARLY FOR THIS POPULAR FUNCTION.

TOP OF THE BILL ***** JOHN WOODBURN & BRIAN PHILLIPS*****

with strong supporting cast from LEWES, EASTBOURNE, WORTHING & SOUTHBOROUGH*****

Dare we say it again, E.S.C.A. Lunch. January 10th, 1988. Framfield Memorial Hall. There, we've said it again. No excuse for not getting a seat.

Maurice & Esther

BRIGHTON EXCELSIOR C.C.

Thank goodness we have the Social Season to look forward to ! Talking of which, the B.E.C.C. Club Dinner will be on SATURDAY 23rd JANUARY 1988 at THE IMPERIAL HOTEL, HOVE. Roast Beef Dinner (or vegetarian fare if preferred) is on offer and we have two bands for entertainment. Tickets are now available at £10 each from Dick Jones and guests are welcome.

Prior to that, there is the S.C.A. Luncheon and Prize presentation at Henfield to attend especially as LEON BUDGEN has been proposed for President in the forthcoming year ! !

Craig is now taking bookings for the Christmas Lunch (members only) which will be at Amberley this year and Dick Holkham is requested to refrain from taking rockets and other fireworks (it's possibly because of last year's damage they made the price so high we can't afford to go back to Nutbourne). Having mentioned Dick's high spirits he'll probably arrange something worse than fireworks or won't come at all !!!

Due to the recent hurricane, we have had to cancel our Open Cyclo-Cross event which should have been held in Stanmer Park. Unfortunately, this once lovely wooded area has been devastated.

Other winter activities have not quite got off the ground yet but Craig and others are working on the question of roller racing etc.

The incredible John Watson has decided his new carbon fibre machine is not suitable and has advertised it for sale - a snip at £1300.

Tom Roberts having recently won the Club Hill Climb on Ditchling Beacon is riding the National event in Yorkshire so a minibus full of supporters will be travelling to Rosedale Chimney.

That may seem a long way to go for a weekend at this time of year but the keener types, Judy, Chris C and Chris B went across to France for a very wet cold ride of 67 miles around the Dunkirk area the other Saturday, leaving at 0630 and returning 0300 following morning. It must be nice to be fit.

Others are still trying to get fit but the dismal weather brings no encouragement: On the few occasions when we venture forth, Malcom Pink and his henchmen from the Crawley seem to dog that lovable couple, Rick and Val Stringer. Every Sunday they turn up, wet or fine - will we ever be rid of them ?

Some of the fitter members are still racing at this time of the year, John Brimm, Dick Holkham, Mike O'Shea, Hanko, Roger Hughes and Irving are still showing off our present colours - a subject which comes up for discussion at the a.g.m. on 3/12/87. (It's the Eastbourne Rovers fault for giving in to their young roadmen).

Our Club 50 in 4 Reliability Trial which forms part of the Clubman's Trophy competition had to be cancelled due to blocked roads and contenders for the title trying to put their roofs back on after Friday's storms. It has only been postponed and Rick will announce a new date shortly.

I will leave you now with the wish that you all have a Merry Christmas and hope that I will have more interesting things to report next time.

Ropey Rider

CENTRAL SUSSEX C.C.

What a marvellous end to the Time Trial season for us! Four team wins, almost in a row. In reverse order - Colin, Paul and Gary took the now traditional team win for Central Sussex in the Bognor "Hilly"; only two seconds separated Paul and Colin in this event and Gary did his usual superb ride and came second over all in 1.13.46. It was Colin, Paul and Gary again in the Worthing "Hardriders" and in this event Colin and Paul did an identical 1.2.41 whilst Gary trailed in at 1.7.44! Number three in the team win sequence was the ESCA 50. A change of team members this time, though, the three being Paul, Joe Jones and John Pelham. Geoff Ericson gained a handicap in this event and Rex got a very rare plus 1m 35s. Last in the sequence of end of season team wins was the ESCA 25. Paul, Joe and John again, on what I seem to remember was a VERY windy day, with many "dying" on the Dicker - and indeed, most of the return journey. I must say I thoroughly enjoyed all four events, mainly because it didn't rain! (The lull before the storm, I think). The Bognor "Hilly" day was particularly good - I don't think I've ever ridden that event in such perfect conditions, with the roads dry all the way round.

There have been three Ronnie's Rambles at the time of writing so far - the venues being Worthing, Newhaven and Sevenoaks Weald. We didn't quite make the Newhaven caff, partly because Ron's route planning ingenuity ran riot and took in just a few too many lanes around Ardingly and Fletching and partly because Rex punctured at Barcombe. So Newhaven became Ringmer and very nice it was too - our good hostess there has done the place up and brought in new furniture; the food is as excellent as ever and so I guess this must be the best cafe we visit now. This last Saturday's ramble to Sevenoaks looked disastrous at the beginning of the day. The road outside my bungalow was icy white and as I progressed towards Haywards Heath on my northbound route the low lying bits looked and felt decidedly dodgy. I met Kevin Bramham as usual at the mini roundabout in Cuckfield and we held a council of war. Should we risk the icy depths of Staplefield or make a beeline for the A23? Or should we abandon altogether for an hour or two, with a cup of tea chez Kevin? In the end we decided to press on and suprisingly found no more ice at all. The weather must have put some others off as well because only six total turned up, the other four being Ron, Mac, Adrian and Pete. The usual devious route skirted the stately homes of Chiddingstone Castle, Hever Castle and Penshurst Place and we arrived at the Transport Cafe very close to eleven. The return journey (after the almost chips and sausages with everything) descended from the North Downs via the Ide Hill route. I should have expected it, I suppose, but we had seen very few trees down in Kent up until then and so it was a bit of a surprise to be reminded of the hurricane with such scenes of devastation on the North Downs. It'll take years to clear up. (Evidently Yorks is clear now, so you can enter next year's Hillclimb if you want to. Ed)

Talking of years - there's another one almost gone!

Rambler

CROW (I can't bring myself to call him "Gipsy Rose Crowsley") will cast your horoscope for £20. He has been on a course at University and is now a qualified Astrologer.

We have been told that Neevo pioneered the Hi-Fi system with two P.A. speakers, a pile of 78 records, a gramophone and two miles of flex. The system came to grief when his mother decided that she wanted to lay the table for supper and the flex was in her way... This was way back in 1952. Those were the days.

COURSE CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE CONTRE LA MONTRE

Epreuve disputee par equipes de deux coureurs:

un gentleman + un coureur professionnel ou amateur

During the latter part of October 1987, Nomads under the inspired leadership of Alan, took off to France to ride the annual Grande Prix Des Gentlemen at Ivry Le Temple, some 100 klms. south of Dieppe.

Arriving safely, Geoff, Nick and Alan, trundled around the course, ie. 18½ miles to familiarise the surroundings. Fortunately the weather turned out to be just right, with just a nagging wind on the return leg. The course is basically on a square principal with a number of small climbs to make it more interesting. At this point we should mention that the event is open to both amateurs and professionals and since in France you are identified as a veteran at 35, there was not in evidence, too many 'tuggoes'

The event commences in true continental style, ie. from the 'drop of a lorry' with the riders racing out of the town and returning on the right of a 'cone'd' filled main high street. Riders are paced at one minute intervals until the 'seeded' section, where they revert back to 2 minutes.

Alan this year, decided to request the promoter to supply a 'pacer' of perhaps some reputation, the propoter did not dissappoint, some 48 hours prior to our crossing, Alan was informed that Dennis Roux had agreed Alan's terms ie. Dennis Roux - rider for Pergeot 'Z', 58th in the Tour de France, and 4th in the 1987 professional Tour of Britain. Some 93 teams were present including 11 from the U.K. (if you include the Leos, plus disk wheels, fly away helmets and fibre carbon bikes) and teams from the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Portugal.

Both Dennis Roux, Thierry Maria and Jacque Boyer paced 2 riders during the day and unbelievable as it may seem, Dennis paced a lady who went faster than our Alan? and 6 minutes faster than Geoff and Nick.

In any event, Super Vet took the sprint, after Dennis had led him out with a time of 40mins, 04 secs. for the course. The event this year and for the second year in succession was won by Thierry Maria, partnering Claude Dulou in a time of 37.20 secs. Nomad's second string of Geoff Boore and Nick Shillinger were 57th on 45.21, but with better training and technique could trim this by at least 2 to 3 mins. Alan and Dennis Roux eventually were 7th overall and received a tumultuous ovation when they received their prizes.

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After the event, all participants were presented to the Mayor and dignitaries and were awarded a variety of prizes for their efforts. Now that the Nomads for the 5th year have once again been 'blooded' at the top, the way is clear for other clubs to try their luck. If you have got any racing incentive left in you by the end of October, we would thoroughly recommend this trip. It is not only an experience, but also provides a good deal more personal satisfaction than most other events in this country.

We also have reproduced a copy of a poster which is distributed in the area from which you will observe that in addition to some of the more well known names, there is also room for other people that the readers will be well aware of.

If anybody has any questions or queries or anticipate also riding, please feel free to contact either Alan or Geoff and we should be pleased to give you all information concerning this and other events that are held on the Continent.

William Hickey.

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(entre Pontoise et Méru)

A partir de 12 h 30

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Contre la montre par équipes de deux coureurs

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ALAIN BONDU
Ex-champion du monde

RICHARD BERNARD
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 Blequencourt,
 Villeneuve-lès-Sablons,
 Hénonville,
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BRIGHTON MITRE C.C

Somewhere has vanished another Season. Where did all those new year resolutions to do lots of miles vanish to.?

Continuing from the previous issue, the Fareham Wheelers 25 was moved from the Bognor Course to a 'Rural' course near Wickham because of A27 road works, and instead of a 15 minute ride to the start I had a 40 mile drive. Not content with this, there was a gale blowing. Peter managed 1-0-3, for course record until overtaken by Peter Danckwardt with 58-28. Stuart Collins recorded 1-2-51 for 7th Place. My time, and that of Fred Harkness, who had an excuse (he punctured) are better left unstated.

The SCA 12 hour saw Peter Davies achieve 243 miles in his third 12 for fourth place, and win the Sussex C A B.A.R. Alan Kraft finished his first 12 with 193 miles. Peter has improved about 15 miles in each 12 so far, we await next year with interest.

One of our rare open event Team prize wins came in the Eastbourne Rovers 25, Peter leading the team in 4th place with 59-47, Stuart with 1-0-26, and Roland James with 1-3-56 making up the team.

Roland James has been under the hour a few times during the season, but suprised us all with 54-31 in the Wandsworth 25 on 20th September for a new club record.

Our Open 25 on the Sunday following the hurricane left us wondering whether to run the event. Robin established from the Police that the roads were open, and we checked that event HQ was habitable, so the event was on. A total of 50 D.N.S. was not suprising, thanks to all those who made it to the start, especially Roy Humphrey who left a damaged and powerless house.

The Event Was was won by Peter Headen of E Suurey R C with the only under the hour ride. Pete Davies won our club event, in conjunction with the event with 1-2-53. Stuart Collins won the Junior event with 1-6-7.

Club members took the following awards in Open or Association Events:

1st Place : 2, 2nd Place : 4, 3rd Place : 8, 1st Junior : 6,
1st Team : 3, Handicap or Group Award : 5

Three riders achieved under the hour rides for 25 miles, the fastest being Roland James with 54-31 for the best of his rides, Peter Davies with a best of 57-19, and Stuart Collins with a best of 59-54.

The social season started the week after the Open 25, with our 'Egg & Bacon' 25. For the uninitiated this event consists of a 12.5 mile circuit, after which you eat a full Egg & Bacon Beakfast, followed immediately by a second 12.5 mile circuit.

The event has been run every year for over thirty years, Bill Sladen having ridden in every one. It is taken with varying degrees of seriousness. and some regulations are not too tightly observed. As far as I know, the fastest time ever recorded was a 1-1, by Arthur Linington many years ago on 104" fixed. This years winner was Alan Morris, with Brian James second. Peter Davies went round on a touring tandem with Fred Harkness, Fred punctured just before the start, and took over Judith's seat on the tandem.

Bill organised a touring quiz on the following Sunday, sadly with limited support, followed by Lunch in Warninglid, which was better supported and enjoyed by all.

Club Dinner is at Langford's Hotel, live music as usual, on 23rd January.

Next year's events by the Mitre start with a Surrey League road race on the Laughton Circuit on 12th March, followed by our Open 4 up TTT on 17th April. The open 25 will once more be organised by Robin, on G 838 on October 16th.

The current controversy about the proposal to allow disc wheels in time trial prompts me to add my fivepennorth. At present the difference in speed potential between a bike with carefully bought, but inexpensive equipment, and the 'All campag, Titanium Frame' Machine is marginal, probably not more than a few seconds in a 25.

More reduction in drag can be achieved by losing a few pounds off the waistline, and having a short haircut. Now we are told that for around £500 we can knock a minute and a half off our 25 time. Apart from the use of disc wheels being limited to the more affluent and psuedo professionals, the difference in principle between the disc wheel, and the use of other drag reducing devices such as fairings is difficult to see. I favour time trials being restricted to machines with spoked wheels, perhaps special classes in an event should be provided for machines with drag reducing devices.

Ken



"Sun God" Landless at Herstroncoex.

With an eventful and enjoyable Centenary Dinner held at the Dudley Hotel in Hove, our hundredth year as a Cycling Club nears completion. A certain Mr. J. Helms of "Cycling" cartoon fame was our guest speaker and highly entertaining his stories were.

The cup presentations at the end of the evening show what a busy and successful year this has been for Excelsior members. Five tandem records: two to Mike and Stuart Gibbs and three to Christine Barnett and Andy Smith, have been set. This together with a superb set of five tricycle records achieved by the unassuming Mike Mansell. The 10, 25, 30, 50 and 100 mile records have all fallen to Mike in this historic year. Solo 10, 25 and 100 mile records have fallen to Worthing fast men Messrs. Dankwart, Shipton and Smith respectively with Christine Barnett claiming the 15 mile record. Well done all and no better year to establish new Club records in.

These are only some of the conclusions to what has been an action packed year for the Excelsior Club, for committee and members have worked hard to ensure that this special year was marked with appropriate celebrations and events. Our grateful thanks to all who participated and helped make this the memorable year it has turned out to be.

Many times in the past twelve months the thought has crossed our minds of how the original Excelsior members would have viewed the present day Club and it's activities. Firstly they would see a constantly growing membership, verging on the two hundred mark, quite a difference from the original eleven or so. Then, secondly, they would observe a Club involved in all aspects of cycling from the organisation of Club and Open events, from track racing at Preston Park to Audax UK events, from road racing to training and Club runs.

An unsponsored, but sound and supported Club, with a forward looking view to the future and a respect for an eventful past. We hope our forerunners would be pleased to see a friendly Club with many families and a wide spectrum of ages and backgrounds contained within it.

We think they would forgive this indulgence on our 100th Birthday and join with us to look forward to another 100 years of cycling. By all accounts it will have to be good to beat the last.

Bottom Bracket Bob



W.E.C.C. members preparing for the "off" in the Reliability Trial.

We trust you all saw our letter in late September's "Cycling", we feel that all Sussex promotions should take note - it really would not cost a lot of money for Sussex Clubs to invest in a portable toilet, we are, so there should be no real excuse for Clubs who have a larger membership to follow suit.

We should like to offer through the columns our thanks to the Brighton Excelsior for their SCA promotion, even though they 'chickened out' in not using the original course. We were particularly pleased at the starting order for our Club members and may we say it, refreshments were varied and edible. Thank you Judy, it should also be noted that another female member of the aforesaid cycling Club assisted Geoff with his number, thereby proving beyond reasonable doubt that our members are in great demand.

I have to turn once again to the Lewes for continually brightening up our cycling activities, after Sylvia helped Mick out of a spot of bother in the 10/25 promotion (covering himself with glory in a European Randoneur weekend which co-incided with the SECA promotions). We tried to offer Sylvia some sympathy, in fact some practical advice, but alas our good intentions were misinterpreted and general abuse prevailed - never mind, the Lewes bear no malice as I understand that Mick has asked our Club to promote the events for him, which again demonstrates that a good 'little 'un' is better and more proficient than a 'big 'un'.

We still have received no acknowledgement from the Editorial staff regarding our previous observations in the last issue; we are being pressed by our supporters for information concerning this matter.

On the racing front, Super Vet got a short 57 under his belt on H25/14. Needless to say he has followed this up with various handicap and plus awards, culminating with 2.6.26 for a 50. The hard luck story to top all hard luck stories has to go to our third ageing Vet, who, despite being on a p.b. in the same event, succumbed with a mile to go with the bottom bracket cup working itself loose and thus rendering him hors de combat.

We now hear that Graham Seymour, our 'false ceiling' expert and whatever else is now moving from Crowborough to Newick. Graham informs us that the change is due to an expansion of his present working arrangements. We are wondering whether living next door to Mick and Sylvia, he hadn't got the bottle to turn down Mick's request to promote the ESCA events and moved away instead.

We were dismayed to learn that only eighteen people were available to ride the hillclimb. This has to be the 'non event' of non events'. We fail to see the merits of promoting this event year after year when the number of contestants seems to get smaller and smaller. The alternative, surely, is to run the 'Hill Climb' either with the ESCA 100 or SCA 12 hour - at least it would double the entry!!

Through these columns we would like to alibi Graham Lade of the Eastbourne Cycling Club. Returning from the SCA event in September, a number of us were getting through our breakfast in the Little Chef when a telephone call was made for him to urgently return home. Since Graham was not with us we advised Jane, his wife, that he was last seen at the event coaching the female section of the Eastbourne C.C. - or rather that's what Graham told us to say!!

We hope shortly to be able to review a number of annual Dinners for the next edition of this magazine, to see what is lacking and why Dinners by and large are shunned by a considerable number of the association competitors. Our comments obviously will be totally detached, but will still have some practical significance.

Hot on the press, we have now been able to review to some extent, personnel and travelling arrangements currently available to individual members who are participating in the Lewes/Majorcan training holiday arrangements for next year. The name of Derek Agg now appears after a total absence of over 50 years from the Sussex scene. We are not sure if this is the original Derek Agg or perhaps his son. More about this in our next edition.

We wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and of course a safe New Year on the road.

William Hickey

