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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Well, just fancy, President of the East Sussex Cycling Association. I never dreamt that I should ever reach such an honoured position, especially, approaching, as I do, from west of the A23. However, I was a founder member of the East Grinstead CC in 1951, so my connection with the Association goes back that far. I can't say I recall it but my records show that I was riding ESCA events from Magham Down by 1952.

The ceremony for the initiation of the President at the Association's Annual Luncheon did come as something of a shock. The slow walk forward with the bike pump held at my navel and with Alan Limbrey's foot hard down on my toe was not I suppose too bad, but the continental style kissing which he then imposed was most unsavoury. He probably picked it up on these continental trips of his. Unless the new President for 1989 is a pretty young...sorry my mind's wandering...it should be banned.

By the way do we all really believe that Alan Limbrey slinks off to Paris every autumn and rides his bike in a big two-up. All these write ups in BONK with copies of programmes...it's all one big cover up.

The first half hour of my Presidency - the ride away from Framfield, after the Lunch, does not augur well for the 1988 season, for it fairly p----d down. By the time I reached that village a couple of miles north east of Lewes I could ringmer socks out and practically everything else as well. Still it was fine once we crossed back into West Sussex, it was almost as if the powers that be had frowned upon us for an impudent excursion into ESCALAND. That's a point I must clear up - is it ESCALAND or ESTHERLAND? Oh yes and who is that very senior looking rather august gentleman in the blue pinstripe and tie? He was at the A.G.M. and at the Lunch where he appeared to be in charge of some sort of pop-gun that fired coloured paper into one's beer or soup or wine and..... do we have to have him along. I have heard he was the same person who rode the reliability trial, (I find that most unlikely), and went straight through a set of traffic lights.

By the way it was a good collection of photos - old and new - at the Lunch, and thank you to whoever it was that the trouble to include an enlargement of the page from a recent Cycling showing the article about Worthing Excelsior's Centenary. (It was the august gent in the pinstripe who was responsible for the display. Ed). The two photos, 1987 and 1889 did cause some embarrassment, though, to the Club's President Ray Douglas. He spent some minutes trying to identify himself until it was pointed out that he was looking at the wrong group!

See you up the road. Keep smiling - it makes people wonder what you've been up to.

Don

## BRIGHTON MITRE C.C.

Having just survived the winter, the thought of the first event in a few days horrifies me. I only hope the rest of the club is fitter than me. Regular forays to the various reliability trials would indicate would indicate that some are.

Peter Davies has had the pins removed from his leg, so will be a couple of ounces lighter this season, which should help up the hills. Judith and Peter are expecting an addition to the family (no, not another bike), but if on time has been arranged to arrive after the BAR events.

The Club Dinner at Langfords Hotel in January was again organised by Bill Sladen, and was supported by many former members in addition to all the prizewinners.

A few additions to the membership over the winter should see us in good shape for the early ESCA events, and we will have last year's stalwarts in Peter, Stuart Collins, Guy Cleverley, Alan Morris, Alan Kraft etc, plus occasional visits from the Bracknell contingent (the James family).

We had hoped to have our sailor ex-member Mike Marchant ride a few events for us second claim, but he is being dragged away for a Caribbean Cruise at her Majesty's expense again (shame).

Our club events will have started by the time you read this, with our hilly 22 on 28th February. Last years event was run in torrential freezing rain, with the recent weather we may get a repeat of the conditions. Our events this year will include a club evening 10 on a less flat than usual course. The course includes a climb of Steyning Bostel, which is also being used for our Club Hill climb!

We should have a strong representation in the ESCA hilly, but I shall be giving it a miss this year, having been rather too near the hour in last year's event.

We are running a Surrey League Road Race at Ringmer on 12th March, organised by Frank Allen on a circuit via the Broyle, Halland, Union Point and Earwig Corner. Headquarters at Ringmer Village hall, where the usual high standard of Mitre refreshments will be available.

First Club Open Time Trial will be our 4 Up T.T.T. on 17th April, with Headquarters at Union Corner Hall Hailsham. Financial Support again from Harkness Pools, and Nature's Corner, Hassocks. Forms will be available at the Hardriders.

The club room attendance has held up well during the winter, it must be the beer. The Withdean Sportsman Pub is owned by Brighton Council, and is rumoured to lose money. We are doing our best to help sales, surely only a public authority can run a Pub at a loss.

Ken Wells

## CENTRAL SUSSEX C.C

The traditional Christmas Ramble to the pub at Dragons Green took place on the 19th of December - a Saturday morning of course, with Ron at the helm. As usual on these occasions Ron considers it a bit cissy to arrive at the pub NOT covered in mud and so several attempts were made at bridleways, which were mainly thwarted by the fallen trees from the hurricane. Fortunately (?) the one from Henfield to Ashurst was passable so we all arrived duly filthy. The approaches to the Henfield bridleway were notable for the bunch sprint to get away from a very noisy Red Setter dog who thought it was his birthday and the bridleway itself was successful in removing one of Kevin's Super Profil mudguards. Coming from Yorkshire, he didn't chuck it over the hedge, but risked life and limb carrying it for the rest of the day across his handlebars. Those that rode to the pub included Ron, Mac, Stephen, Rex, Kevin and Pete Cox. At the pub it was great to see John Palmer and Les Shrubbs had ridden out and the others there included Rod Laker, Colin Tamon, Mike Anderson, Trevor Mairs and Mike Wood. As usual, I don't remember a thing about the return journey !

Christmas came and went all too quickly and the next event was Joe James' Cyclo Cross for the Club. This had been postponed from November, again, because of the hurricane, and took place on the 16th of January. I have to admit that it was the first cross I've been to and I thoroughly enjoyed it ! The conditions seemed ideal and I could not believe the speed those guys were doing. There were several spills at one tricky point (including Dave Brooker the eventual winner) until they all got used to it and the whole affair went off very successfully in good humoured style all the way. Gary Moore worked his way through the field very steadily and surely to finish 8th - if the event had lasted another hour I'm sure he would have won ! A smashing event, well organised and enjoyed by all - thanks Joe, and all the helpers, here's to the next one.

As the Cyclo Cross was on a Saturday afternoon it was preceded by a Ronnie's Ramble, Leith Hill and up Coldharbour to finish at the Happy Eater at Broadbridge Heath. We were a bit late arriving because Kevin punctured (he said the first time since 1926) and took a bit longer to repair it as he was "out of Practice". He seems to have punctured every week since then, so I guess it's just the averages working them selves out.

The Club Dinner was again at the Goffs Park Hotel and equally as successful and enjoyable as last year. Sandy Lipscombe did a great job of organising it all and Mickey Ayliffe delivered a cracking speech, including a very touching memory of years back when the kids from Chailey Heritage cheered the finish of a race he was in. Mike Anderson responded for the Club (thanks Mike - how did they con you into that ?) surrounded by "presentations" various that had been delivered by Paul at regular intervals as the evening progressed. Same again please !

The next Ramble, still in January, had the Toat cafe for elevenses. It was one of those days that just got wetter as it went on. I mention this particular one because of the tremendous effort put in by young Simon James. The furthest he had done in a day before this was 45 miles (he's fourteen) and so to do do well over 50 in a morning, and a very wet one at that, shows great determination - well done Simon !

We then had a go at the Lewes Reliability. What glorious weather ! I don't think I've ever ridden it in such splendid conditions. We got lost of course - the sheet said turn right at Woods Corner and follow the signposts to Bodle Street. As there were no arms on the very first signpost we came to it's no wonder we added a few miles to the route ! I was all set for a nice rest at the final check, but Kevin chivvied me on and towed us along the A27 to get in within schedule. I think there were 84 riders in all and with such good weather I,m sure they must have all enjoyed every minut of it - I know I did.

The Club AGM came next with most of the officials remaining in office. However, Ken Atkins had decided that 25 years was enough and the entire Club gave a very warm vote of thanks for all his work for the Club in that time. Enjoy your "retirement" Ken ! Rex Wells took over as Secretary and two new committee members came on board, John Pelham and Trevor Mairs.

Thanks for joining us chaps.

The most recent event was the Club's Reliability Trial organised by Ron Ewart. We were lucky with the weather too and 50 took part - 37 finishing inside schedule. There are two distances and the long one is NOT easy as it takes in the climb out of Westerham to Edenbridge (having already negotiated Tilburstow Hill) and then up on to the Forest from Hartfield. I managed to fit in some tea and toasted teacakes with Geoff Ericson at Duddleswell (they've made the cafe a lot bigger - very nice too) and we squeezed in with about ten minutes to spare. Many thanks to all the helpers, Barbara at Turnershill, Alan Robinson at Godstone, Pat Ewart at Westerham (I was hoping for a kiss there Pat :) and Bill Shoulders at Maresfield. And a delicious cup of tea from Sue MacLagan at the club-room.

Well, it's the two-ups next, but with BT calling me to meetings that start at three pm in central London and go on well into the evening I can't see me being very fit. Early retirement looks more attractive as time goes by !

Rambler

### C.T.C. HAILSHAM & EASTBOURNE SECTION

We have enjoyed increased support in the last few months and so we have been able to organise two rides on most Sundays recently, one for the less energetic riders and one for those who want to go further and faster. However for various reasons we had a modest paced only ride on a recent Sunday which attracted twenty four riders, perhaps too many for the comfort of the motorists when we occasionally had to use a busy road, but we were very heartened by the popularity of our rides. The Sunday after Christmas was the day scheduled for our ramble and twenty six met for what proved to be a fine day both from the weather and the walking point of view. Thelma Mehew led the party via forest and downland paths with a lunch stop at East Dean, where it was warm enough for some walkers to sit outside. Nobody enjoyed the walk more than our dog.

Our New Year Lunch held recently was perhaps our most successful yet. Thirty eight members enjoyed a splendid meal - the mome made soup and rolls being provided by Jeff Stevenson while the ladies of the Section organised the remainder of the meal. The Harris Room at Stone Cross Memorial Hall was transformed for the occasion and the home made wine together with the accordian playing of Richard Slinton made sure that a lively atmosphere prevailed. Prior to our meal, we rectified a serious omission by electing Bill Collins as our President and cross-toasting then proceeded at a brisk pace. Our Attendance Trophy, the North Cup, was won for the second year running by Debbie Springett with Ted Haynes as runner-up. Congratulations to you both. Presentations were made to Dot and Bill Collins for all their help and hospitality over the years, to Jane Lade for producing our literature and to the Secretary for his work. The Topsy Turvey Trophy, presented to Ray Wickens last year as a keepsake, has been given by him to the Section to be presented annually. Competition for the Trophy was keen with several members falling off on icy roads recently, but the winner was adjudged to be a young lady who not only managed to part company with her bike a few times, but also to turn her car over! She received the award to add to the many others she won for time trialling during 1987. Her name, you may have guessed, is Andrea Winchester. Ray Wickens celebrated a birthday recently and to mark the occasion was presented with an "over sixties survival kit", the labels on the contents caused much merriment and the beverages enclosed gave much enjoyment to the recipient.

With the festivities now over it's forward to the Spring and some splendid weather we hope.

Tourist

## WILLIAM HICKEY COLUMN

The East Sussex General Meeting saw a sizeable contingent of Worthing Cycling Club in attendance. Some might say that there were more Worthing riders at the AGM than there has been seen in ESCA events throughout the season. The reason became more obvious as time moved on - Don Lock had nominated himself as the new ESCA President, from the departing Super Vet. Don said sheepishly that he would endeavour to commit himself to racing exclusively in the East side of the county, providing there was no fierce opposition to the ESCA putting up their club association fees to £10. - since he, Don, felt it a cheap price to pay for clubs to increase the cost of participation. This we contend is in order if the club has a substantial membership, but for smaller clubs, we feel it is unjustified. Also we learn that the ESCA have a fairly respectable cash balance, in which case a price increase was not necessary, unless of course the ESCA propose to substantially increase the prizes for the coming season!

Don does a fair amount of personal and time consuming radio work on a weekly basis for cycling generally and we wish him well for 1988.

We should beware, however, that with Don as 1988 President, all ESCA club affiliation fees will probably go up 100% for 1989!!

Have you seen Roy's house lately. It looks as if it is being 'shorn' up due to the ever increasing number of ESCA accounts Roy keeps in his front room. The walls are either bulging due to lack of space, or the rats have been sent burrowing underneath by the Rex family to keep Roy occupied, thus preventing bonfires and other more objectionable practises.

We are informed that Geoff Baker is still in two minds whether to join the Lewes C.C., now he is being seen regularly in female company - perhaps he does not want to do a '2 up' with evergreen Ron Rogers - come to think of it, does anyone want to do a '2 up' with Ron!!

Through these columns, Ron has intimated that he would not be adverse in accepting any odd builders rubble, that any reader may wish to dispose of. He has a greenhouse to erect and has no objection to accepting rubble, consistent with his leisure times - please either phone or call first, since the last persons involved in helping Ron with his rubble ended up helping the police with their enquiries.

What has happened to the Brighton Excelsior? They have not been seen on the roads, they were not present at various management and social functions, we know they are apt to be a little naughty now and again - but why not we ask! A little variety in life is always appreciated whether it is throwing rolls, spilling drinks, getting drunk, making a total nuisance - in fact join the Excelsior, the 'do it my way' club.

We cannot comment on the 'Derrick Agg' Majorcan experience, other than he is bringing his bike along. Clearly all our expectations will be fulfilled on the Majorcan 'Piste' (sorry, Excel, forgive the pun).

We took a long look at the three social functions since the last issue.

Firstly the Lewes CC held their usual pre-Christmas lunch at a pub in Ringmer. The venue and arrangements were dealt with quite ably by Matthew Rabbits and at a price of £8 was rather good value. There were between 30 and 40 diners for some 2½ hours. three courses were consumed, apart from one or two light moments, we give this function 6 points with a recommendation that the Excell are invited next year in order to put a little more 'fizz' into the proceedings.

Several weeks later the Antique Road Show opened in Franfield orchestrated by Roy and Dorothy ably assisted by Ester and Charley. Over 100 people were present. Leaving out Charley's crackers and Ester's innocence, plus a few nostalgic self appreciations by the Eastbourne CTC, we found this dinner to be one of the more entertaining functions for some years. The food was plentiful and well cooked. Plenty of spirited cross toasting and for once an infusion of atmosphere, which clearly had been lacking in previous functions. We felt that a lot of hard work and thought had been put into this function and we awarded the ESCA annual dinner 8 points.

The third venue for review was by invitation only, the Sussex Nomads CC, held at a hotel in Brighton. 40 invitations had been eagerly accepted and it was noticeably obvious that the guests were going to enjoy themselves. A number of those present were racing members in the early 50's, including the Doyen of Sussex track racing - Colin Brennan, who wer are told dabbles in Accountancy and has a penchant for the Soccer transfer market. One of Colins early admirers was none other than Sylvia Burgess who confided to me, that she used to cycle from Newhaven to Brighton just to see Colin perform.

Mick Barton, another Nomad salwart, emerged after 15 years. Mick was Sussex B.A.R. champion and prolific winner of many road races in the Sussex area.

The club President presided and it was acknowledged that 1988 will be the year where past members are located to make the 1988 dinner as successful. Undoubtedly this was a highly successful evening and perhaps shaded the ESCA dinner by a point.

We will review the Lewes CC dinner in the next issue, a profile in Ian Landless, how Ron Rogers climbs in the Majorcan pyrenees these days and when oh when will Brian Rex sell his £120,000 fortress in Franfield.

Safe Riding, be lucky.

William Hickey.



## Jumbled Jottings

It is unlikely that many readers of this magazine have either the time or the inclination to listen to after breakfast chat shows on the radio. However, any cycling people who happened to be tuned in to BBC Radio 4 Midweek programme on the last Wednesday in January would have heard some interesting talk. It came from one of the guests, veteran cyclist Jack Lauterwasser, a top racing man of the late twenties and thirties who rode for the Finsbury Park CC and who competed in the 1928 Olympic Games. Jack was able to tell some interesting stories about his personal background and cycling career, while programme presenter Libby Purves remarked that Jack was a very good advertisement for cycling as he looked so fit for his eighty three years.

Our more senior readers will recall that the Lauterwasser handlebarbend was a popular piece of equipment for many years - which fact calls to mind the many other pieces of equipment that were originated by well known riders and were eventually marketed as standard items by the manufacturers.

Other handlebar bends included the Maes and Pellissier named after the two French (or was it Belgian) roadmen of the twenties and thirties. Then there was the Bailey track bend named after W.H. Bailey, the great English track rider of the early years of the century. Another great track rider Jeff Scherens, gave his name to a popular sprint rim, while yet another fine trackman, the German Toni Merkens, is remembered by a dropped handlebar extension. Merkens was a very popular performer on British tracks in the thirties but like so many others, was caught up in the second world war and was killed while serving in the German forces (is that right? I understood he was caught smuggling currency out of the country and was shot as a traitor. Can anyone provide a correct report of his end? Ed). The Major Taylor adjustable extension was, I believe, named after an American track rider of the twenties, while another top rider of the period, Frenchman Eugene Christophe gave us the Christophe toeclip which featured in the catalogues for many years. He carried on riding his bicycle for the love of it until his death at an advanced age not so many years ago. One more item, probably less well known, comes to mind. This was the Cyclo "Oppy" gear which was a lighter version of the original two cable derrailleur designed for the use of Hubert Opperman - Oppy to his friends and admirers. He was a very strong Australian professional rider who came to Brittain in the thirties and attacked some of our R.R.A. records.

Some of you may recall additional pieces of "named" equipment to add to the ones above. If so, why not write them on a postcard and send to the Editor for the next issue?

I will sign off with best wishes to all readers and special good wishes to the Editor, who is doing a sterling job of keeping BONK a going concern (shucks! Ed), also to Ray Douglas who, in a letter to the Editor in the Christmas edition, revealed that, like me, he is of the 1926 vintage. Not a bad year but we are getting rather 'mature' aren't we?

Neevo

Talking of Neevo's birthday, it was mentioned to his great friend and rival that Dennis was born in August under the sign of Virgo. Willcocks said, quick as a flash, "oh well, it's too late for him to do anything about it now". (Ed)

Neevo adds a postscript: Before the days of sponsorship, there were always stories of fast men getting their frames and equipment either gratis or at greatly reduced prices. My performances in my racing days were 'ahem' rather moderate and it used to be rumoured that I was receiving 'cash sweeteners' from cycle firms in return for NOT using their products!

"The Bull" at Wimborne St. Giles, Dorset, has been the venue for lunch on a couple of motorised clubruns this year - pity it's not that bit closer as the food and beer are excellent. The rides can be pretty exiting too, the last one being full of incidents. We had to pull off the road to let two police cars with flashing blue lights through, only to find further down the lane in the company of a fire engine but not much evidence of the fire which had caused the panic. We meandered through the lanes, crossing bridges over swollen streams and admiring masses of snowdrops on the banks: it was mostly a hilly route but on one of the flatter stretches we came across a sign that said FORD. A few yards round the corner we were ankle deep in water and it continued as far as the eye could see: it was quite deep with fast flowing stretches fed by springs at the edge of the road and adjoining flooded fields. Unfortunately, Paul had to disengage his milometer to mend the puncture encountered but we all thought it was a minimum of a mile in length and certainly the longest, deepest 'FORD' ever encountered by any of us. Adrian also managed to puncture and wasn't sure whether to send for the lifeboat or the A.A. Val tried to take some photos but had once again made the mistake of not checking to see if she had any film in her camera! We sped off with the intention of making up some time, still having approximately forty miles to do before dark: the unusual new houses under construction at Sixpenny Handley caught Denise's attention and next thing she was flying through the air: despite cuts and bruises the party was able to continue with leader Dave ironing out the last few miles and getting us back to the vehicles just before dark.

John Brimm, our erstwhile BEST ALL ROUNDER presented a stunning picture at the recent Club Dinner and won the best fancy dress award along with all his racing trophies (funny, we haven't seen him since?). The evening seemed to go with a swing but the Committee have been asked to find a new venue for next year. Some enjoyed the roast beef meal but the vegetarian dish was not to anyone's liking. The biggest disaster of all was that the real ale ran out before we'd had the meal and started on the serious drinking... perhaps that's why the evening seemed tamer than usual!

A new venue has also to be found for the annual Christmas lunch, the meal and atmosphere at the "Black Horse", Amberley, seemed greatly lacking, although Dick's fireworks livened up the occasion and with Dick Jones' Harris Tweed hat ending up on the fire we've not heard the last of it!

On the more serious side of things, Leon introduced two early season medium gear 10s this year. Martin Penfold turned his 72 fixed faster than the other fifteen riders and won the event with a time of 25m 11s. Dick Holkham was second with 26m 11s, Rick Stringer third in 26m 38s, Vince Lowe fourth with 26m 51s, Chris Chapman fifth and young Ben Merricks sixth in 27m 06s.

Next event for most and the first proper of the season will be the Hardriders: Roy tells me it may be the last time we can use the existing course! Judging by the entry forms received again this year, Club's could easily spend a winter's evening or two instructing members on the completion of these and the keeping of records. For instance, the Regent Road Club, except for Alan Handley, send in empty forms implying they've never ridden time trials before, yet, having organised this and other local events I'm sure some of them have in past years even featured in the prizes!

You can't hold the youngsters back and road racing seems to have more appeal for them resulting in us losing one of our promising track riders, Nick James, to the V.C. Etoile. Thanks for flying our colours as a schoolboy Nick, and good luck for the future. Another one of our past prizewinners, John Watson, having moved house has, also, sadly, moved Clubs and will in future ride for the Central Sussex C.C. Let's hope with the encouragement he's been getting from them so far, John can achieve some of the goals that have just eluded him in past years.

Mark Farley has started a fund raising scheme which will not only benefit the Club but also there will be monthly prize draws to encourage members to participate. Those interested in taking part can join in any month and the contribution required from members will be a minimum £1 stake.

With members travelling further afield to pastures new, it has been suggested the Club starts a MAP LIBRARY from which, for a small fee, members can borrow necessary maps - a good idea when you're not likely to frequent the same area. Anyone wishing to donate maps to the library should contact Rick Stringer.

Leon and Judy will be off to southern Spain with their bikes and as they return, should cross paths with the Stringers who are going to check out this magical training terrain.

The Club's Easter venue will be Suffolk and a large Edwardian house in Saxmundham has been hired as our base - within reach of a nice little pub at Earl Soham.

Chris Beckingham has booked up for the Isle of Man Cycling Week but his destination for the Summer could be Austria, Switzerland or Italy (or all three - but somewhere in the high mountains of Europe). A fourth member still has to be found for this latter two week tour.

Craig seems to be under pressure from the "younger set" to organise them a cheap flight somewhere with the general concensus of opinion being to try Yugoslavia (the roads there are even rougher for Tom's head bouncing act).

Meanwhile Dave Hudson has to do things in style and not to be outdone, he will be flying to California for what sounds like a rather strenuous tour later this year.

The Club seems to be thriving in all respects and amongst the racing men there seems to be more enthusiasm and determination than for many years.

Ropey Rider

### EASTBOURNE ROVERS C.C.

After a winter of piling in the miles the new season beckons. The new look Eastbourne Rovers/Phoenix Cycles club riders look forward to a promising season.

The Club's annual dinner which took place at the end of January rewarded the winners of last year with their trophies. As usual, Steven Willis had a haul of a few major trophies, including the evening series for the second time, as he so mildly puts it, also taking one of the two new cups presented to the club, that being the Junior Road Race Trophy, the other being the best improved at 25 miles taken by Brian Burns. Little Miss Andrea Winchester had the Ladies Best all Rounder. Simon Prior took the Senior Road Race Trophy after a devastating return to the sport, and Nick Smith the Juvenile Road Race Trophy. Cliff Sharp scored a record in winning the Senior Best all Rounder for the twenty third time and the recent winner of the Christmas Day time trial, Charlie Robson, grabbed the Veterans Best all Rounder.

Simon Prior and Steven Willis ventured abroad to do a bit of on the bike training, or should I say off the bike training, as they pulled more birds than they did miles. On their return, Stud Steven was thinking of giving up cycling for his newly found true love.

While new blood Brian Wills lies on his bed dreaming about his National Championships, his close rival Mark Gibbons plans his assault on the racing scene after a few months off the bike due to a grazed ankle.

Wolber reject

CLOSING DATE FOR SUMMER EDITION OF bonk BONK bOnK BoNk Nbok KnoB Oh, forget it.  
MAY 26th IS THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE SUMMER EDITION OF BONK. To all those people who say "will next Monday do?" - Yes, that'll be just fine.

ASSOCIATION EVENT RECORDS as at 1st JANUARY 1988

10 MILES

T. Deacon	Lewes Wanderers CC	22mins 23secs	1984
<u>Team</u>	Lewes Wanderers CC (T Deacon, S Barnes & M Ross)	1hr 10mins 36secs	1984

25 Miles

T Deacon	Lewes Wanderers CC	56mins 14secs	1984
<u>Team</u>	Lewes Wanderers CC (T Deacon, S Barnes & M Ross)	3hr 01mins 09secs	1984

50 Miles

T Deacon	Lewes Wanderers CC	1hr 54mins 36secs	1984
<u>Team</u>	Lewes Wanderers CC (T Deacon, S Barnes & M Ross)	6hr 02mins 16secs	1984

100 Miles

T Deacon	Lewes Wanderers CC	4hr 06mins 27secs	1984
<u>Team</u>	Lewes Wanderers CC (T Deacon, M Rabbetts & A Attwood)	13hr 06mins 55secs	1984

2 Up Team Time Trial G.892

B Phillips D J Brooker	East Grinstead CC	1hr 07mins 41secs	1981
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Hardriders G.895

B Phillips	East Grinstead CC	38mins 53secs	1983
<u>Team</u>	East Grinstead CC	2hr 02mins 47secs	1983

Hill Climb (Hartfield)

D Awcock	Central Sussex CC	6mins 12.06secs	1980
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Senior B A R (25/50 & 100 Miles)

T Deacon	Lewes Wanderers CC	25.732 Mph	1984
<u>Team</u>	Lewes Wanderers CC (T Deacon, A Attwood & M Rabbetts)	23.931 Mph	1984

Junior B A R (2 x 25 Miles/2 x 10 Miles)

J Carey	Eastbourne Rovers CC	24.355 Mph	1982
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## LADIES

### Hardriders G.895

Miss A Winchester Eastbourne Rovers CC 50mins 07secs 1987

### 10 Miles

Miss A Winchetser Eastbourne Rovers CC 26mins 23secs 1987

### 25 Miles

Miss A Winchester Eastbourne Rovers CC 1hr 05mins 33secs 1987

### 50 Miles

Miss A Winchester Eastbourne Rovers CC 2hr 14mins 44secs 1987

### Ladies B A R (2 x 10Miles/2 x 25 Miles)

Miss A Winchester Eastbourne Rovers CC 22.763 Mph 1987

## COURSE RECORDS

### 10 Miles G.815.

S Barnes Poly CC/Express Air Canada Cargo 22mins 02secs 1987

### 25 Miles G.834

S Yates 34th Nomads CC 53mins 16secs 1980

### 25 Miles G.838

S Barnes Poly CC/Express Air Canada Cargo 55mins 24secs 1987

### 50 Miles G.853

P Hamilton Wren Wheelers 1hr 55mins 28secs 1987

### 100 Miles G.865

J Woodburn Manchester Wheelers 4hr 13mins 42secs 1987

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The author of the Brighton Excelsior notes mentions the appalling standard of entry forms sent to event secs. I have to agree as it has passed through my mind on many occasions that the average time triallist is verging on the illiterate! Some don't even know which club they're in. It's very easy to keep the relevant information needed for entry forms - either buy a ring binder and punch and keep the result sheets so that they can be referred to, or better still get a notebook, rule a few lines and write down the information needed for entry forms. It's very easy and it doesn't take long to fill in entry forms when the information is to hand. Don't forget - if an event is oversubscribed, the promoter is at liberty to send back any forms incorrectly completed.

Esther.

## LEWES WANDERERS C.C.

What have a Fairy Godmother, Shirley Temple, Mrs. Betty Witherspoon of Crawley, Emmelina Snodgrass, a French onion-seller and a dog got in common? The answer is - Graham Seymour. They all appeared on stage at the Wanderer's annual dinner in February to illustrate one aspect or other of the Great Man's notorious career as Lothario, ceiling-suspender and cyclist. As the strains of the "This is Your Life" theme music swelled up (well, they would have done if the damned loudspeaker system had worked properly) a prettily blushing Seymour was pushed into a chair to receive a succession of contributors: the Fairy Godmother who had dipped his dummy in powdered rhinoceros horn.....his childhood fantasy figure of Shirley Temple inviting him to lick her lollipop.....Betty Witherspoon of 28 Snodsbury Terrace, her shortie nightie reminding him of his milk round days when he took tea with her in her front parlour... the voluptuous Emmelina Snodgrass - gone to seed a little, but still eager to rekindle the flames of passion which first burnt bright on a park bench in Crawley in 1959..... the French onion-seller, so anxious to avenge the injury done to him by the Seymour mini-bus last year that he fell off the stage.....and a sweet little dog of the kind that terrorises Graham, which would have run the whole length of the room on it's squeaky little wheels if the string hadn't snapped. The cast list was: Vanessa Attwood, Sylvia Gibbons, Valerie Owles, Mick Burgess and Horry Hemsley. The dog played himself. No prizes for guessing who played Emmelina; you get lumps on the legs like that only if you've been on the beat or on continental randonees.

The 1988 ESCA (East Sussex Cate Association) Championship was held later in the evening and resulted in a clear win for the local favourite, Matthew Rabbetts, in 1m 04s. He was half a minute faster than the 1987 winner, Paul Phillips (St. Neots C.C.) but outside Paul's ESCA record of 1m 2.5s. The handicap prize of a full colour picture of Geoff Boore went deservedly to Jim Wheeler (Festival R.C.), who had had to put up with Valerie Owles shouting in his ear and with Leon Budgen sitting next to him. Geoff had gone home by then, probably because he'd been the subject of so much ribaldry in the dinner cross-toasting. It wasn't just us, even his race leader and dinner guest speaker, Alan Limbrey, got the old chap to his feet more than once. The other speaker of the evening was Matthew R. anxious to show dinner organisers that he had the ability to earn himself a free meal ticket. Matthew collected his usual B.A.R. and long distance trophies but Paul Gibbons (10, 25 and 50 Champion), was prominent in the prize giving, and young Darrell Felstead took the Nick Bradshaw Trophy for his sheer determination in 1987. Ron Rogers collected the Vets Tankard for a second year but in 1988 will be looking over his shoulder at our latest Vet recruit, Geoff Baker. Geoff has been a regular on our Lewes Section clubruns led by Ian (Halfwheel) Landless and has adopted Ian's distressing habit of changing his vest during elevenses. This is all very well when the venue is the Rare Breeds Farm at Wych Cross but in the confined space of the Daisy Tearooms at Burwash the effect on the nostrils is devastating.

Geoff Willcocks had the honour of life membership of the Wanderers conferred on him at the Dinner and received a special club badge from the President, Sylvia Burgess. This was an expression of gratitude to Geoff for all the work he did as Club Secretary until he retired from the office last year. Unfortunately he is still suffering ill effects from his accident and his leg is still too stiff for cycling, but he has our very best wishes.

A good deal of perspiration was also generated in the Wanderers' reliability Trial, which attracted a record entry of more than ninety. It was a lovely day but a combination of punctures, poor map-reading and plain unfitnes reduced the number of qualifiers to just over forty. The best part of these events is Maureen Porter's cocoa at the finish - so next year fit a good pair of tyres, carry a map - and if you feel tired think of Ireland.

## LUNCHEON & PRIZE PRESENTATION

It seems such a long time ago when we gathered at Framfield for the 1988 version of the Association but it deserves a mention if only to record our thanks to Roy - for all the work he puts into the preparation, and to Charles - for setting up the photo display. It attracted a lot of interest and looked superb. I wonder how many of us know that Roy spends the Saturday preceding the Lunch getting the hall ready, and that means setting up all the tables and chairs on his own! Afterwards, he clears it all away.

This year's FUNCTION was as enjoyable as any in the past, the meal was good, the speeches were good and the weather allowed many of us to get a few miles in before meeting at the Hare & Hounds for pre prandial refreshment. The major prize-winners attended to receive their awards and Don Lock was welcomed as our new President in a very moving ceremony which culminated in him receiving a kiss from the retiring President, Alan Limbrey. You shouldn't have looked as if you were enjoying it, Don.

Make a note to book in for next year's 'do' , you'll have to go a long way to find a better one!

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