



RAY DOUGLASS

IN MEMORY



**WORTHING EXCELSIOR
CYCLING CLUB**

Founded 1887



In Loving Memory
of

Raymond Howard Douglass

Who Died

23rd January 1996

Aged 69 Years

Thy will be done



Veteran President Ray Douglass
prepares for the first race of the 1987
season.



Ray Douglass
BORN 1926 ~ DIED 1996

Jan Lock.

Maureen Lock.

Pete Leonard

Owen Stone

Allen Langford.

Geoff Buisson

Neil Rhodes.

Leo Jamman

Margaret Jamman

Jeff Baker

Gerry Marks 40+

P.S. Evans

Mark Rogers

Eric Bone

Bar Palmer

Alana Loan Grey -

AAS Greenyer

Paul Linnell (ADDISCOMA CC)

L.V. Delahunty (Bunce Co.)

Joan Sheppard (Bunce & Co.)

Gwen & Bernice Sparks

Pat Waples (Bunce & Co.)

R Humphrey (ESCA)

Ken Wells

Pearl Wells

Diane G Harman

Ron Gough (REDMON C.C.)

Annie Rabbitts.

Matthew Rabbitts.

Megan Rabbitts.

J.L. Bligh (Crawley Wh)

Janet Lower Croyley

Kari & Pat (C.S.X.)

Christine Elson (Barnett)

Erica Dora Bunce.

Colin Miller.

Judy - Garden Band.

Mark & Rose Pitt

Allen & Jan Peate & Boyo

Deek Pearce.

P. Hale

David & Wendy Ritchie ARUN-ADUR C.T.C.
Pamela Shaw (e family) (")

Dick Pearce.
Chas. Fine.

Hazel & ~~Ken~~ ~~Atkins~~
Her father (life long friend).
Bert Abaddon (B.E.C.C.)

Conna & Jim. W.E.C.C.
Roger Hughes.
Mike Standridge W.E.C.C.
Vera P. ~~Atkins~~ W.E.C.C.

Joy Green ER Bta Excl V.T.T.A.

ARTHUR RAYNER S.E.C.U.

Reg. Leach W.E.C.C.

Roger Smallman W.E.C.C.

Leon Budgen B.E.C.C.

JUDY BUDGEN B.E.C.C.

Er Belcombe B.E.C.C.

Sail Goff King

Mr. Sun

Gill Bunce

D. D. Lednor W.E.C.C.

Tam & Wynn Lednor.

P. Bateson - Bognor Regis C.C.

Tracey Mashini (GOD DAUGHTER)
Ken Ballaman
Doug Tanner.

Marilyn Butler 40+

Kestel Warrane 40+.

Bob Hawley Epson CC

Mo Waters 40+

John - & a Brown. 40+. Addiscombe CC.

Betty Cox

Spring Cox.

John Andrews. Addiscombe CC

Pete Swinton East Sussex Road Club

Chifford Garbutt Forty Plus CC

Walter Rogers.

Forty Plus CC.

E Galford 40+ Addiscombe CC

Mary + Bill Hendry 40+

Jim Tinsdale 40+.

~~Kathleen Amey~~

WORTHING.

N.B. Hyde

SUSSEX NO MADS

Cliff Evans Weybridge Wls & Forty Plus CC.

Ann & Bernard Davis. Forty Plus CC

Alan & Pat Lumbrey Tony Gull census.

And Oland.

John Podar
Mike Podar

Sussex
Roads CC

John & Andy Spooner

Steve Dennis	East Grinstead
Steve Blackmore	" "
Mich Kinney	Lewes Wanderers
Chris Robson	Eastbourne Rovers.

Andrew & Vanessa Allwood	BECC.
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Lucy Carpenter	Southborough Wheelers.
Stuart Gibbs	W.E.C.C.
Mark & Heather Jones	G.S. Stella.
Richard Kennel	G.S. Stella
Adrian Roberts	WECC
Wido Gibbs.	W.E.C.C.
Gibbs	W.E.C.C.
Candice Wheeler	WECC

Mike Feeley	W.E.C.C.
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Andrea McClelland	WECC.
Brian Howe	W.E.C.C.

Sae Howe.	Worthing.
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Jave Hudson	W.E.C.C.
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Peter Burbury	L.W.C.C.
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Ken Stevens	L.W.C.C.
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Jave D. Dain	
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Charles Brayer	WECC.
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Dennis Ledwell	WECC & SFACC
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Chris Beckingham	BRILTON EXCELSIOR C.C.
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Cliff Hanks	WE.C.C.
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John Powell	Norwood Paragon G.C.
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DAVE STOKES	DAVE STOKES	CRAWLEY WHEELERS
Mick	MALCOLM LINK.	LUTON WHEELERS.
		CHAIRMAN L/S RITC.
Tony Palmer	TONY PALMER	WORTHING EXCELSIOR CYCLING CLUB
Tommy Hensley	Tommy Hensley	Lower WANDERS C.C.
Marvin Lucas	MARVIN LUCAS	WORTHING EXCELSIOR. C.C.
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Chris Davies	Chris Davies	CTC, 24 Hr Fellowship, 300,000 Miles, The Pedal Club etc.
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Sonia Mansell	SONIA MANSELL	WECC
R Cooley	RICHARD COOLEY	WECC
S. Lucas.	SHEILA LUCAS	WECC.
Tom	TOM LAWSON.	" "
B.S. Weir	BRIAN S. WEIR	WECC
A.R. Weir	ANN WEIR	--
Paul West	PAUL WEST	Past WECC ABC CENTREVILLE
Carole West	CAROLE WEST	Past WECC
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Keith Dodman	Keith Dodman	Worthing Excelsior CC
Allan V. Orman	ALLAN V. ORMAN	Ex WORTHING EXCEL.
John Black		STON MITRA CC
Mick Mansell	MICK MANSELL.	WORTHING.
John		"
Dick Jones		B.E.C.C.

Ken Rittlich

KEN RITTALICK WORTHING EXCELSIOR

Jean Cornelius

JEAN CORNELIUS EX GREENFORD C.C.

D.C. Elson

DAVE ELSON BRIGHTON EXCELSIOR.

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Jo Starnes

Red Starnes.

} Lunny Rames.

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John Watts

Addiscombe C.C. + SCCU.

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Ken Gifford

Lancaster Wanderers U.C.

Peter Kibbles

WORTHING EXCELSIOR + 40+

John Jackson

40+, C.T.C.

David Miles

W.E.C.C. & C.T.C.

Ken & Jane Wilkie

WELLINGTON WHEELERS

Daphne & John Gird. W.E.C.C. (RET'D) Farwell, gentle spirit!

Paul & Angela Tappin

WORTHING EXCELSIOR C.C.

Robert Darnham

WORTHING EXCELSIOR C.C.

Al Wiles

WORTHING EXCELSIOR C.C.

Peter Burt

WORTHING EXCELSIOR C.C.

Alan Steaney

ALAN STEANEY WORTHING EXCELSIOR C.C.

Jonathan Ford-Dunn

JONATHAN FORD-DUNN " "

R. Shilton

WORTHING EXCELSIOR C.C.

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BRIGHTON EXCEL.

Valerie Stringer

BRIGHTON EXCELSIOR C.C.

Pamela Guder

WORTHING EXCELSIOR C.C.

Keith Gell

W.E.C.C.

Keith Bulcock

BRIGHTON EXCELSIOR C.C.

Bernie Bakdon Dulwich Paragon
Jee & Andy Payne C.S. Stella.
DAVID MILLS W.E.C.C.

W. La Bunde (The Snapper) Sussex Nomads

Kerth Wawman Addiscombe C.C.

Geoff Boone Seaside Nomads C.C.

Bernie Bakdon Dulwich Paragon CC + 40+

Claine Pitt Sussex Nomads.

Ben Burr — 4 —

Alan & Tim & Lucy "

Yuk Blake BTON MITRE

This is a sadly belated opportunity to say out loud what we have always known and appreciated. Ray was a warm hearted, gentle person, who loved people and cycling, and the Theatre. It was an actor, who died recently after a long illness, who was asked "How would he like to be remembered?" He had replied that "He did not think he had done anyone any harm and he would be happy with that".

I'm certain that Ray never did anyone any harm and he too would probably be happy if he thought that we just felt that way about him. But we know how much he did for other people and for our sport of cycling in particular, he was a giver not a taker.

For years he looked after his mother and for more years he looked after his brother, disregarding his own health probably in the process. Despite his labours at home there was no greater servant of the sport of cycling. The duties he performed for many cycling organisations were carried out conscientiously and happily with very little thank you or reward, and he sought neither.

We who knew him, worked with him or even just rode with him, were fortunate to have enjoyed his company or to have counted him among our friends. He was a prodigious mile-eater, something close to 435,000 miles were covered in his cycling days, which surprisingly did not start until was in his late twenties.

Through-out his years of cycling he was a member of the Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club being its President when it celebrated its Centenary in 1987, but the sphere of his service and the circle of his friends stretched much further afield, as witness so many of you here today. He will be sadly missed by a great many and he leaves a gap which will be very difficult to bridge.

I remember some years back he spent about three months cycling around Great Britain and he related some incidents to me. One, was in Scotland where he stopped and sat on a seat for a while. He was joined by a man who struck up a conversation. The man declared himself to be a Marxist. Ray told me how interesting the conversation had been and how they had shaken hands on parting. Their two lives had crossed - there had been perhaps a quarter of an hour of friendship between them. It is my thought that one Marxist went on his way knowing he had just met a very Christian person.

After this service there will be a tea, a great Club tea in Washington Village Hall. Ray would have loved it and I hope that you will come back and join us there. A book of Remembrance is being opened and we would like everyone to sign it. If you are unable to join us at Washington please make sure you sign it here before you leave. I will have it available outside and then back at Washington.



When on January 23rd 1996, Ray Douglass died in the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton, the shock waves and feelings of deep sadness swept across the cycling world of Sussex and Surrey and into Hampshire and Kent, but no where was the loss felt more acutely than in his club, the Worthing Excelsior. Everyone knew Ray, a true gentle and kind man, warm hearted and a person devoted to cycling.

Ray started cycling only in his late twenties and died at the age of 69. All of those years were spent as a member of the Worthing Club and at the time of its Centenary celebrations in 1987 he was President. He served the club in practically every office and was a tireless and willing worker to the very end. Treasurer, Secretary, Timekeeper, Handicapper and the more mundane jobs like taking his turn on the canteen rota and delivering club magazines, were all willingly and conscientiously carried out.

In his younger racing days he had found the longer distances suited him best. 5 times he was Club 100 mile Champion and 5 times the 12 hour Champion. He also successfully completed several 24 hour rides of nearly 400 miles.

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All who have known him will count that as a privilege. He will not be forgotten, but greatly missed.

Over 200 people were present at Ray's funeral at Worthing Crematorium. Nearly 250 people have now signed the book of Remembrance and signatures are still being added. It is intended that the book will be completed with newspaper cuttings, written tributes and photographs and will remain with the club as a permanent record of a fondly remembered club-mate.

The "Great Club Tea" at Washington Village Hall which followed the funeral service was attended by over 150, and so many reunions took place and so happy was the atmosphere that Ray would have loved it, although he would not have understood why such a fuss should be made he would have expected to have found a Chris Boardman or the like to have justified the turn-out.

This "Tea" is going to be repeated on a Sunday in early February each year and it is planned to invite all those who came this last February, and all others who would wish to remember him.



TWENTY FOUR HOUR FELLOWSHIP

Ray Douglass

The sudden death in January of Ray Douglass ten days after entering hospital with what proved to be septicaemia came as a shock to a wide cross-section of cyclists across southern England, and drew nearly 200 mourners to his funeral at Findon Crematorium, West Sussex.

A member of the Fellowship from its early days, Ray finished in six of the eight '24's he contested in the fifties, achieving a personal best of 404 miles in the 1954 Catford event. Though he never regarded himself to be more than a modest "middle-marker" he became a familiar figure at long distance time trials for most of his life and was largely responsible for resurrecting the Sussex CA '12' in 1982, organising it for 10 years and supporting it in other ways ever since.

He was rewarded for his dedication to this event by being made an honorary life member of the Sussex CA, but he is also well remembered as a timekeeper, handicapper and course measurer for the RTTC and was out on his cycle measuring a new course just one day before he collapsed at his Worthing home.

Ray's enthusiasm for cycling developed after service in the RAF after the war, along with his interest in the living theatre. Joining the Worthing Excelsior in 1951, he soon became the club's runs leader, the first of many committee posts he held which culminated with the presidency - an office he held for five years which included the club's centenary in 1987.

Not surprisingly, Ray's riding also led him into membership of the CTC - as a life member - the VTTA, Forty-Plus CC, Cape Wrath Fellowship and 300,000 Milers Club - 44 years awheel gave him a total of over 434,000 miles.

Described by the minister at his funeral as a "gem of a gentleman" Ray devoted most of his 69 years to helping others and many remember his words of encouragement at events.

Those who knew him well believe he was inclined to neglect his own well-being for the sake of others, and an example of this was shown after the service when mourners adjourned to the village hall just across the South Downs at Washington for refreshments provided by his estate. Accurately described by Ray's executor and clubmate, Don Lock, as a "great tea", this was an uplifting experience for those present, and over 170 signed a book of condolence thoughtfully provided by Worthing Excelsior to record the passing of a loyal clubman in a manner he would have enjoyed - recalling the pleasures of the sport and pastime he served so well.

Chris Davies



FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB



RAY DOUGLASS Runs Secretary of Surrey and Sussex Group, died on Tuesday 23rd January. He had been in the Royal County Hospital in Brighton for about a week, suffering from Septicaemia. He was sixty years of age.

A Tribute to Ray Douglass

Ray was an extremely popular member of both the Worthing Excelsior C.C. and Forty Plus C.C. I first met Ray in 1984. I had just returned to cycling after a lapse of 46 years; after talking to him while shopping in Worthing he persuaded me to join both clubs. Cycling had been his life for over 40 years. He was probably the most recognised cyclist in Sussex and beyond, mainly because of his long association with the Sussex Cycling Association and the Southern Counties Cycling Union. A keen Time Triallist up until the time he retired, he rode all distances from 10 miles to 12 hours, and was responsible for the re-birth of the Sussex C.A. 12 hours. I do not suppose there is a T.T. course in Sussex that does not bear the stamp of Ray's research and measurement. Many times, if I have been out on a lone ride, I have met Ray coming home after being out since early morning course measuring. More of a distance rider (a member of the 300,000 miles Club) he had taken a slower pace of late. Always pleasant, rarely showing sign of anger. Catching him up on the Washington Bypass it was always a smile and "Hello, nice to see you". He toured abroad at times, the last one down the West coast of America from Oregon to California. Ray lived alone, sorely missing his elder brother who died a year ago. We will greatly miss him. My wife met him a few times; she said, "Ray is a nice man, a gentleman". I can't say any better than that. It's the way I remember him.

Charles Brazier



"Nulli in Deum"

BRIGHTON EXCELSIOR CYCLING CLUB

Affiliated to B.C.F. E.S.C.A. R.T.T.C. S.C.A. S.C.C.U. & B.C.C.A.

PLEASE REPLY TO -

24 Saxon Road
STEYNING
West Sussex
BN44 3FP

26 January 1996

Dear Don

We were surprised and saddened by the news of the untimely death of Ray Douglass and on behalf of the members of Brighton Excelsior Cycling Club, offer our condolences to you all in the Worthing Excelsior.

Having raced against Ray, toured with him, served on Committees and benefited over many years from his course-measuring, time-keeping or from just meeting him up the road, we do share your loss and can sympathise.

There will be representation from our Club at Thursday's ceremony although I am unfortunately on jury services and unable to attend myself.

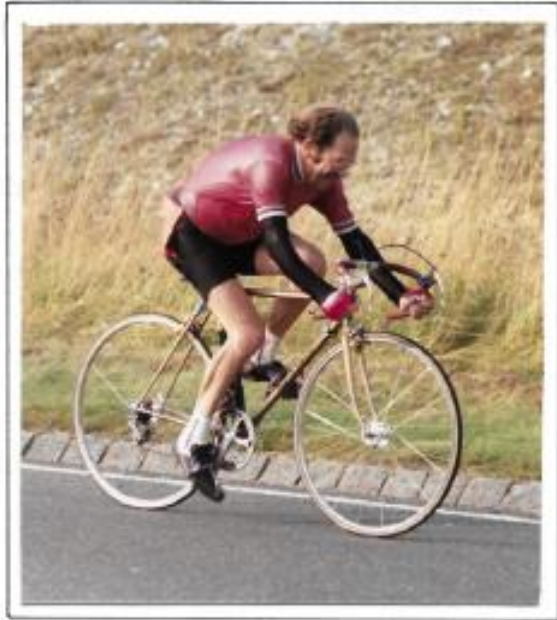
The Sussex Cycling scene will not quite be the same without Ray but we did have the pleasure of him for the past 40 years and for that let's be thankful.

God bless

Yours in Sport

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Rick Stringer".

Rick Stringer
Hon Gen Secretary



BRIGHTON MITRE CYCLING CLUB

1894



1994

MICHAEL HAYLER
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EASTBOURNE
E. SUSSEX, BN20 9DX
Tel: 01323 505130

D.Lock Esq,

PRESIDENT, WORTHING EXCELSIOR CYCLING CLUB

24th January 1996.

Dear Don,

It is with deep emotion and much sadness that members of the Brighton Mitre Cycling Club, have learned of the tragic passing of our dear friend and colleague, Ray Douglass.

Ray has been a wonderful stalwart of Cycling in general, and time trialling in particular, throughout Sussex, for more years than most of us care to remember, and a true gentleman that any Club would love to count amongst it's members. It will not seem quite the same without him - in fact, it is difficult to put into words the feelings of our membership at the present time. All we can say, beyond any shadow of doubt, is that his cheery disposition will be greatly missed from the future 'time Trial' scene during the weeks and months to come. No man could have done more for the Sport he worshipped and adored. We only hope, and pray, his memory will not be forgotten, especially by your local clubfolk for whom he has done so much.

There is little further we can say to console you at the present time - our thoughts go out to you all in the Worthing Excelsior, and we trust you will continue to go forward in your endeavours with renewed energy, as Ray would surely have wished.

God bless you all.,

Yours most sincerely,

Mike Hayler
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PRESIDENT - BRIGHTON MITRE CYCLING CLUB



The VETERAN



VETERANS TIME TRIALS ASSOCIATION

R H (Ray) Douglas
Worthing Excelsior CC

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President, Worthing Excelsior CC





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E.S.C.A. RELIABILITY TRIAL
1990



BRIGHTON MITRE 24 HOUR
1994

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President, Worthing Excelsior C.C.



**E.S.C.A. RELIABILITY TRIAL
1994**



**NATIONAL 12 HOUR, KENT
1995**



**E.S.C.A. 10 LAUGHTON
1994**





CRAWLEY WHEELERS

THE CRAWLEY WHEEL

Ray Douglass. Ray's passing at the end of January in his 69th year came as a great shock to all his friends and acquaintances. He was a great worker for the sport in Sussex, timekeeper, course designer and measurer, organiser, R.T.T.C. London South Committee man. Member of the 300,000 miles club, he was responsible for the revival of the S.C.A. 12 hour. A quiet man and gentleman, we shall miss you Ray.

The Magazine of Audax United Kingdom the Long Distance Cyclists' Association

OBITUARY - RAY DOUGLASS



On 23rd January after a short illness Ray passed away at the age of 69. He started cycling in his mid 20s joining the Worthing Excelsior in the early 1950s; he was a true mile-eater. In his 45 years a wheel he covered over 435,000 miles. A member of the 300,000 club, only 17 current members have ridden further. In fact his total mileage exceeded this by several thousand more as he was most insistent only to count "cycle shoe miles" and with his 6 mile daily work ride this would have amounted to another 50,000 more on top of that!

A life member of the CTC he rode with the Arun/Adur Section. He toured this country extensively and also ventured abroad on a few occasions. He enjoyed three visits way out west which seemed to be every 10 years. 1970 saw him exploring Florida, 1980 he suggested British Columbia and we pedalled from Banff to Vancouver. In 1990 the CTC tour of Oregon was enjoyed. An extra week on this trip with motorised assistance enabled us to see the awe inspiring sights of Yellowstone National Park.

Ray had been a great supporter of the Weald & Downland Audax promotions subsequently named the South Coast events and had helped me with controls for several years. When riders in the 200K, pedalling from Worthing to New Alresford, had the opportunity for a short cut beyond Hindhead, Ray had ridden up to Tilford to undertake a secret check and give a cheery word of encouragement. He had been the smiling face at the final control of last year's South Coast 300 and for the past two years at the end of the 200 and 100K events.

Whilst time trialling had been his forte on the racing scene this did not deter his enthusiastic support for road racing events and the Fiesta Kermesse seafront events which the Excelsior promoted for many years.

His retirement at 60 from the family firm of Bunce & Co Worthing whom he had been with for over 38 years enabled him to spend more time exploring the lanes of Sussex and enabled his mileage to increase and his fitness of past years to be fine tuned. I well remember (only in my mid thirties) suffering like mad just trying to keep up with him on his first year of retirement when he stacked in around 15,000 miles.

He was soon elected secretary for the Sussex/ Surrey section of the Forty Plus C.C. and organised their twice weekly rides midweek. 173 friends gathered at Findon for his final journey and afterwards at Washington Village Hall for an excellent "high tea" of which Ray would have been proud. Dave Hudson



The 435,000-mile cyclist



Ray: Preferred marathons

RAY Douglass, one of Britain's most experienced cyclists, has died at the age of 69.

Ray, of Worthing, clocked up a staggering 435,000 recorded miles during his 45 years in the saddle in British races and on trips across Europe and North America.

Figures for 1994 placed Ray as the 19th most travelled rider in the country.

He was made a life member of the Sussex Cycling Association for services to the sport, worked as a timekeeper, handicapper and course measurer and was a former president of the Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club.

Current president Don Lock said: "Ray put an enormous amount in to cycling. He was always a giver, not a taker."

"Although Ray wanted to record as many miles as possible, he wouldn't count the six miles he travelled every day to work and back. He didn't see it as proper cycling."

"Ray always preferred time and distance marathons. He played a big role in organising the Sussex 12-hour race, and was a champion himself in his younger years. His total involvement will be greatly missed."

Ray, who was unmarried, died at the Royal Sussex County Hospital after a short illness.

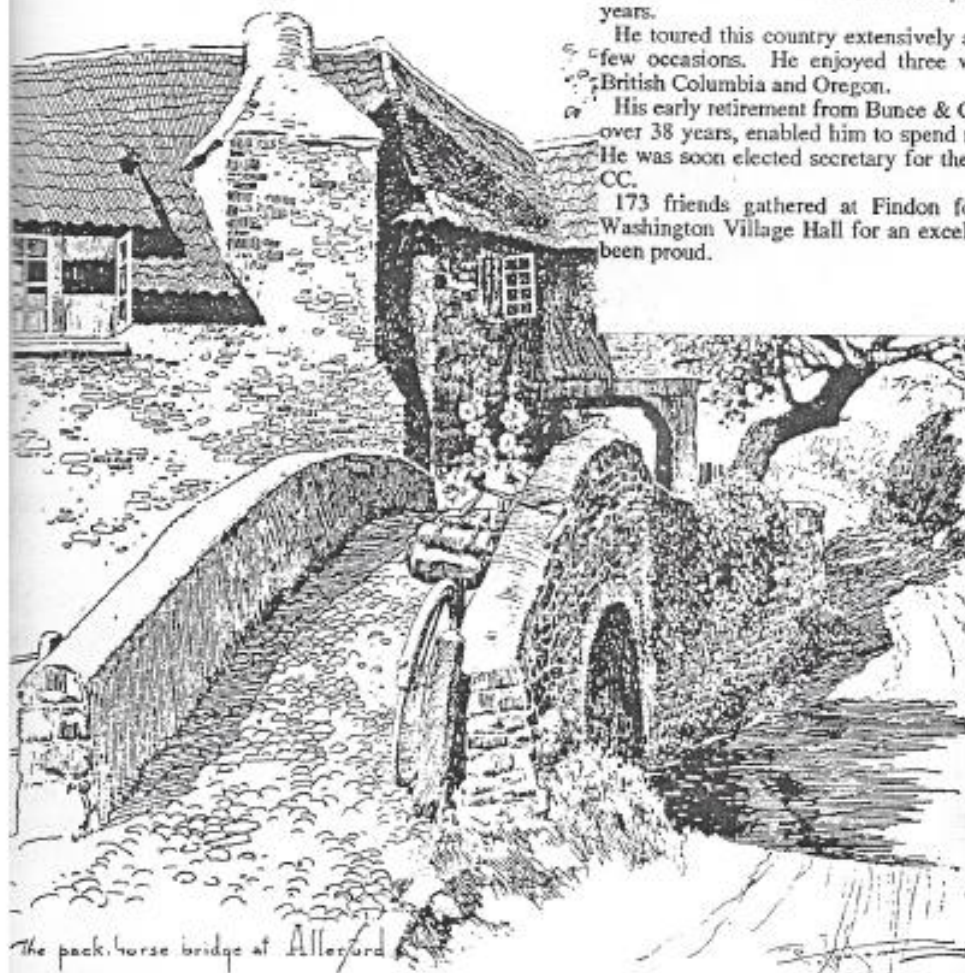
300,000 MILES CLUB NEWSLETTER
MILEAGES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1994

NAME.	AGE AT 31.12.94.	1994 TOTAL	YEARS AWHEEL	GRAND TOTAL	BEST ANNUAL TOTAL	YEAR
1. C.Davies	58	16149	45	703520	23935	1978
2. I.Lowe	63	15076	46	683341	19006	1978
3. B.Blow	68	11058	57	635426	17239	1961
4. S.Wild	86	7326	71	605932	12536	1945
5. F.Clark	89	555	73	603572	13948	1927
6. E.Pape	78	4369	60	583715	16202	1948
7. J.Fisher	57	10085	45	571660	18781	1965
8. H.Spencer	80	4318	57	548911	21927	1952
9. R.Mantle	58	21146	42	538267	21146	1994
10. D.Brunwin	73	7830	61	520169	13768	1940
11. P.Kenny	55	23332	37	516287	24216	1993
12. J.Southerden	79	6262	46	488108	22380	1953
13. G.Berwick	54	11629	38	486579	18321	1991
14. E.Wilkinson	82	3176	67	464467	15071	1945
15. N.Nicklin	86	4847	51	456466	12075	1976
16. J.Murdoch	77	9102	64	448741	15632	1938
17. A.Turner	73	2984	49	437708	18611	1953
18. Joyce Blow	63	7302	44	436815	14792	1961
19. R.Douglas	68	4620	43	428017	15269	1989
20. D.Griffiths	83	3305	63	426997	15158	1935
21. N.Chanin	59	19166	48	426593	19166	1994
22. R.Powney	65	3301	50	423985	35753	1993
23. Sue Swetman.	46	15965	34	421915	19649	1982
24. P.Crofts	56	9588	46	421324	16010	1968
25. G.Richmond	79	2715	51	418105	11694	1948
26. H.Field	79	9217	60	414768	11338	1988
27. D.Free	61	12796	43	408818	13736	1991
28. E.Saunders	89	---	66	408742	9470	1931
29. F.Cowling	76	3323	59	406262	13616	1957
30. G.Hugill	61	14677	43	401231	14677	1994
31. L.Ray	78	6843	59	400355	11842	1933
32. R.Burnett	61	1680	44	385976	16004	1964
33. C.Banks	64	7521	44	379489	13008	1954
34. D.Stringer	79	6698	64	375543	10924	1983
35. M.King	73	5747	51	373447	9128	1989
36. I.Dix.	60	11281	41	370392	11506	1955
37. W.Ratcliffe	81	1122	62	368754	15470	1941
38. D.Pountney	50	6970	30	368025	16467	1978
39. W.Suttie.	74	5640	54	367536	10360	1989
40. H.Clayton	60	9722	44	366755	16070	1959
41. J.Perry	64	10030	54	357628	11022	1993
42. B.Curle	63	5251	48	357067	11605	1987
43. S.Dackombe	63	6236	46	354843	11735	1975
44. J.Elder	76	6025	59	347124	12680	1949
45. R.Wilson	70	*	58	345008	12229	1978
46. W.Pearson	55	10257	38	341657	12475	1972
47. H.Benson	69	7055	55	340775	11483	1948
48. A.Clarke	44	18618	24	335211	19546	1984
49. L.Iea	54	11041	40	325163	15725	1958
50. G.Kelly	58	5315	44	325049	12788	1985
51. P.Jackson	58	7917	44	321382	11358	1961
52. R.Rand	67	4398	54	313273	14081	1953
53. Ena Murdoch	67	6559	52	312384	11082	1987
54. I.Jeckell	58	4642	42	308146	11621	1959
55. J.Beane	77	8326	49	304835	12391	1987



THE PEDALLER

(AWHEEL WITH THE WEST SUSSEX D.A.)



The pack horse bridge at Allington

On 23rd January after a short illness Ray passed away at the age of 69. Although he only started cycling in his mid 20's, joining the Worthing Excelsior in the early 1950's, he was a true mile eater. In his 45 years awheel he covered 435,000 miles. A member of the 300,000 Club, only 17 current members have ridden further. A life member of the CTC, he also rode with the Arun-Adur Section.

He was a keen racing man for some forty years, competing at all distances up to 24 hours. He was also a timekeeper and course measurer for many of these years.

He toured this country extensively and also ventured abroad to Europe on a few occasions. He enjoyed three visits way out west, touring in Florida, British Columbia and Oregon.

His early retirement from Bunce & Co, Worthing, whom he had been with for over 38 years, enabled him to spend more time exploring the lanes of Sussex. He was soon elected secretary for the Sussex/Surrey section of the Forty Plus CC.

173 friends gathered at Findon for his final journey and afterwards at Washington Village Hall for an excellent 'high tea' of which Ray would have been proud.

D.J. Hudson
Worthing Excelsior

THE FELLOWSHIP OF KENT & SUSSEX CYCLISTS

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The late F.L. March, Esq.

At the Annual Committee Meeting, last Sunday, Ken Stevens informed us that Ray Douglas had died. On these occasions the Fellowship make a donation to the Woodland Trust and a tree is planted to the Fellow's memory. A certificate is also presented to next of kin or a friend. Ken suggested that you would accept the certificate and the W.T. will send it to you in due course. Though Ray didn't have any family, it says much for the man that so many friends turned up to say goodbye.



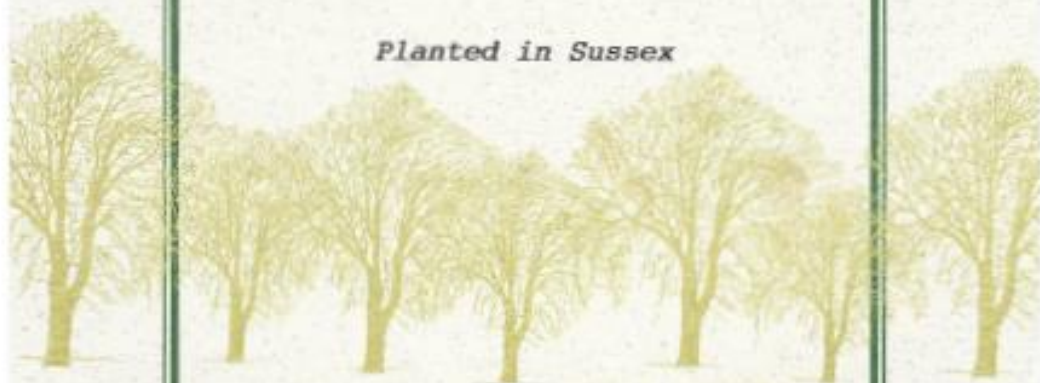
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Mr D Lock
Worthing Excelsior

Hello Don,

Following our conversation last week about the unexpected death of Ray Douglass I wrote an appreciation about him for the Brighton Argus, in addition to the two weekly cycling reports Brian Hutton asked me to write during his absence on holiday in Portugal, and hope something has appeared in print.

Although I can't say I knew Ray really well I have known him for most of my cycling life, and always found him to be good company who always had interesting things to say. His knowledge of the sport in Sussex has been a great help to me since I started writing reports for various provincial papers, and he was the sort of person I had come to rely on whenever I needed details about a rider or a race in your part of the world.

After you told me it was his wish that the C.T.C. should benefit from anyone wishing to give a donation in his memory I did speak to the Club Director, Alan Harlow, who said this is not uncommon when some members die, but he says it is helpful to know in whose memory such donations are made and whether or not there is any request in how it should be spent.

Though I have no objection to the other beneficiary named for donations I am sure you won't be surprised when I tell you that I would prefer my money to go to the C.T.C. and have made out my cheque accordingly in the belief that you might like to know how many are remembering Ray in this way. Like you, I am going to miss him a lot (who do I phone now when I'm after some info on cycling in Sussex?) but I am sure we are among many who have been left with many memories of a real cyclist and gentleman whose diligent artifacts have been left in safe and appreciative hands.

Cheers,



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Dear Don

Thank you very much for planning me to
exclude of the seat last of Ray.

I have no doubt you will be
overloaded with tributes from far
and wide from people whose lives have
been touched in some way by Ray.
Perhaps you can find some space
in the magazine for mine.

I moved to WORTHING when I was about
17 I think it was 1951. It was at
the height of the BLUE/NEU war.
When I entered the world of the Exelians.
I took the nick name of 10 year Pete,
even though I only had 8.

Ray was one of the first to befriended
me and we often rode side by side
on Club Runs. He converted me to
the single gear fixed regime -
which prevailed in more conservative
ways in which the Exelians did things.

Our friendships grew especially when I retired from National Service and we went on many weekend racing trips. We cycled to all sorts of places on the Saturday afternoon and back on the Sunday morning then rode to wherever the Club-run had their tea booking. We there, Pete Andrews, Ray and myself never came back with any awards but we had a great deal of fun and had had many experiences.

Then there was the Tour of Wales with Bob Funnell and John Tapp. When we contested with furious sprints every town sign. Ray never won any of them but he always floated over the top of every mountain.

He was my mentor when I was Run's Secretary and he persuaded me to ~~run~~ on all night club run. It was also Ray who made the event an occasion to sweat because the night we chose had the most violent storms which

caused many trees to be uprooted
and scattered across our route,
his dogged approach got us all through.
I can also remember a Club Run

when Ray suffered puncture after Puncture.

Each time he removed the offending
inner tube he could not find the
hole. When he got through his stock
of spares in frustration he stuck
a pin in the tube, repaired it
and miraculously it stayed up.

Yes it's sad he will be no more
but his memory will survive in those
who were fortunate to have known ~~him~~
Ray.

Love faithfully

P. Brindley



SECTION REPORTS

ARUN-ADUR SECTION

Attendances on our runs suffered slightly due to events proved as popular as usual. Perhaps we've been itching to get on their bikes this spring. The government's National Cycling Strategy this year has the Council planning to spend £50,000 on cycling over the next two years, things might be looking up for us.

The mince pie ride started with the usual then gently made its way to the Fountain and involved the tea rooms at the Dial Post 3 miles away from the lunch stop!



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The Arun-Adur section's New Year Social on the 10th February, and about fifty members, 1 Maxim and Edwin Jones fought hard to be they couldn't quite finish off the masses of f The hat game, which saw an unprecedented of the players, was won by Arthur's grand taking a well deserved second place. The Smith, Val Fox having to make do with sec a interesting and challenging set of photos to eighteen people can fit in the middle of a 700C inner tube!

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I am sad to report the death a few weeks ago of Ray Douglass, an active member of the Worthing Excelsior and of the Arun-Adur section. I was unable to be present at his funeral, but I was told that 173 people were there for the service. A fitting tribute to someone who was always providing support and encouragement to all types and abilities of cyclist.

National Bike Week is going to be held from the 1st to the 9th June this year. There will be a Dr. Bike bicycle check-up surgery in Worthing on the 1st, and we are organising a cycle ride for the public from Worthing to Arundel and back on Saturday 8th. Please come along and support these events, as they will be good advertising opportunities both for the Arun-Adur section and also the CTC as a whole. We are expecting a good turnout for the ride to Arundel as it will appear in the popular guided walks and rides booklet produced by West Sussex County Council.

Anthony Cartmell













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Dear Mr Lock

I am writing to inform you that I have forwarded cheques totalling **£334.50** to the Cancer Research Campaign, **£293.75** to the Cyclists' Touring Club and **£5.00** to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.. I have asked them to acknowledge receipt of these direct to you.

I have acknowledged receipt of donations where names and addresses have been given, and I enclose a list of donors' names and addresses for your information.

If I can be of further assistance to you please ring 01903 213802.

Yours sincerely

Miss H Knox

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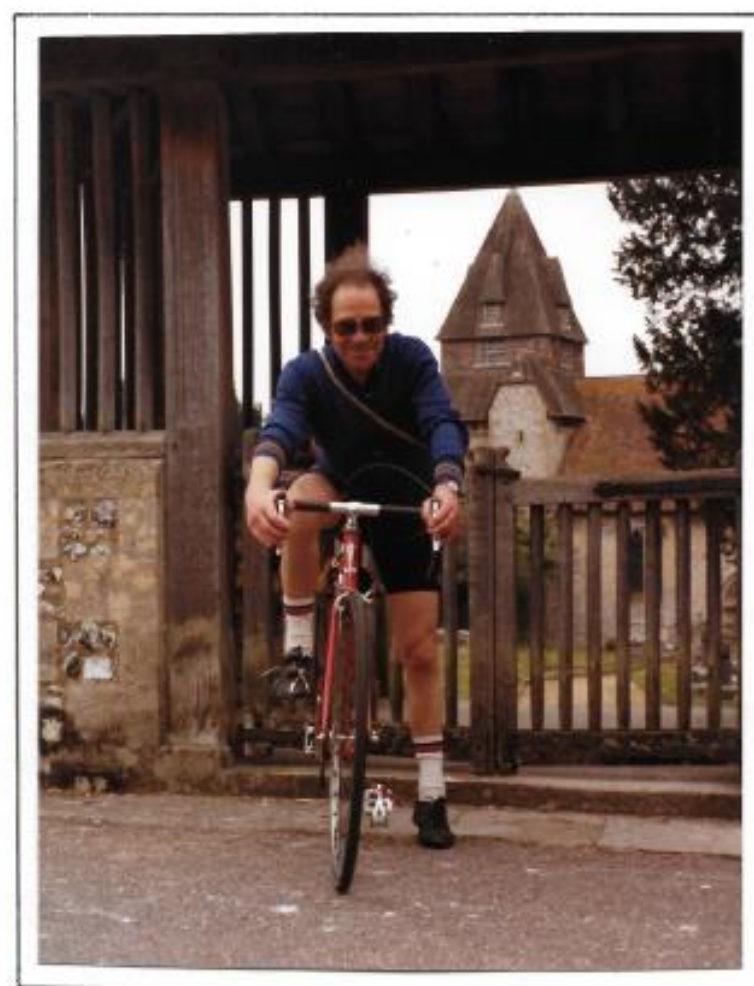
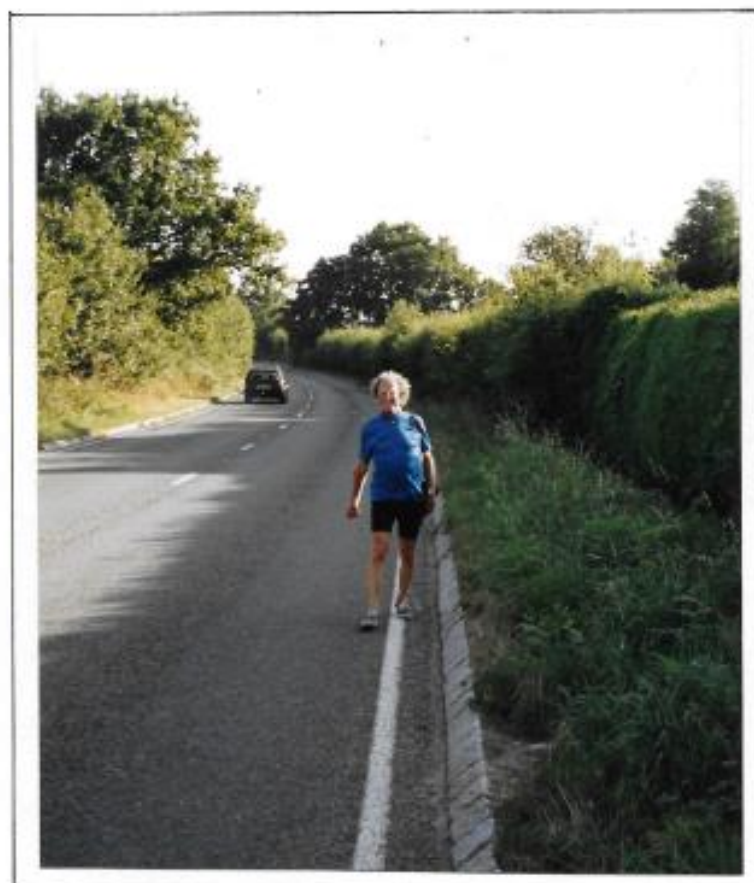
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RAY DOULAS
SCA LUNCH DECEMBER 1995.

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*MAY He support
us all the day long,
till the shades lengthen and
the evening comes, and the
busy world is hushed and
the fever of life is over and
our work is done.*

*Then in His mercy may
He give us a safe lodging
and a holy rest and peace
at the last.*