

WORTHING EXCELSIOR CYCLING CLUB

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1970

1970 - for the Excelsior, in two wards, was a "neutral year" inasmuch as we repeated, deleted, created or resuscitated parts of our activities.

We were successful in retaining our Sussex 25 mile team championship in both "A" and "B" sections and in again winning the Strudwick Trophy at Preston Park.

In the Worthing Council's Road Safety Quiz we were once more placed first and our representation on the local Sports Advisory and Junior Accident Prevention Committees was maintained. The cycling section of the Road Safety Rally again profited from our assistance.

The clubroom continued to be well used, and, needless to say, Jim and Connie continue to provide a first class service behind the counter.

Our open "25" was successfully promoted and the Reliability trial reverted to its full distance of 50 miles being held in perfect conditions.

The Club magazine under Don's able editing continues to be as popular as ever, although, quite obviously, its future success depends as much on your further support as reader or critic or contributor, as on Don's ability as Editor.

The Dinner was again, successfully staged as a buffet, but was definitely held for the last time at the Richmond Rooms. For details of the venue for 1971 please see the note at the foot of this report.

Subsequent to police advice we have ceased membership of the A.S.F.R.A. and we have therefore lost a useful source of regular income.

At the Spina Bifida Charity Fete we provided an attractive stand and a set of competition rollers which proved to be one of the main attractions of a successful afternoon.

We were fortunate in being represented with the "Gazette" trophy by Dennis Lednor, who won this cup outright some years ago. It will now be awarded annually to the club rider who gains the most points during the entire track season at Preston Park.

Our riders successfully competed in the Southern Counties 12 hour, winning the first team award, and we now have a 24 hour champion, when the rule passed at last years A.G.M. was invoked for the first time.

The year also witnessed what was, perhaps the Club's first win in an open event in a "foreign" country when Keith Dodman gained the premier award in the Fife 25 in Scotland.

The evening 10 mile series continued its popularity, both with our own members and with riders from other local clubs and after some early season juggling with different courses we eventually settled on a route utilizing the newly opened Adur flyover complex at Shoreham which has, I think, proved to be somewhat faster than was originally opined.

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Secretary's Report

After a short lapse we have regained the Sussex team and individual 12 hour titles, and this year, in marked contrast to last, the Clubs' 100 mile 12 hour, and Best All Rounder Championships were successfully competed in and completed by some four or five members.

Nigel Barlow, on the Club's behalf, ably promoted the local heat of the Boys National 10 mile Championships and, of those who entered, 100% started and 100% finished - the winner, going on to be highly placed in the final.

The Christmas tea was restaged - the first for two years - and what was originally envisaged by the Committee as an open-air do for, perhaps fifteen to twenty members developed into an umpteen course sit down meal in Copsale Village Hall for approximately 60 - goodness knows how Theo manages.

In closing this report I will express the hope that this year will see an increase, even on last years' A.G.M. attendance of 46.

John Mansell
GENERAL SECRETARY

DIARY DATES

Oct 3th	Club Open 25
Nov th	Club Dinner at Warnes Hotel
April 3rd	Club Open Road Racecircuit
July 3/4th	Catford 24 hour
May 9th	Sussex Road Race Championship

CLUB EVENTS 1971

Mar 7th	Circuit
Apr. 4th	2 - UP 25
Apr. 25th	Junior 15
May 2nd	Championship 30
May 16th	Championship 25 (inc. Sherwin)
June 13th	Championship 50
July 18th	Championship 100
Aug. 8th	Clapshaw 25
Sept 5th	Championship 12 hour
Oct. 10th	Hardriders
Oct. 17th	Hill Climb

Evening 10 mile series - May 6th - August 19th inclusive