

Yet another 12 months of contraction and non-inspiration - three of the last four annual reports having borne witness to this statement surely suggest that we should seriously consider our present position and our future plans.

Are we content to be smaller and less successful than we were? Should we re-orientate our philosophy by thinking smaller, for example should our annual dinner be organised on a smaller scale?

Should we abolish club nights?

Should we promote fewer club events?

Should we consider amalgamation with other clubs?

Do we need a smaller committee, or perhaps a new Committee with new, more dynamic ideas?

Should we think bigger?

Should we promote more open events?

Should we endeavour to find commercial sponsorship for the club?

Should we run vigorous recruiting campaigns?

Should our riders plan to ride together more often as a team, in an effort to win team awards?

Looking back through the previous lines, I realize that I may have given the impression that we are a dying club - this is certainly NOT so - but we are a changing club and I feel that every member should be made aware of this, so if you know the answers to any of the questions I have posed, don't keep them to yourself but tell the rest of us - the A.G.M. being as good a time and place as any.

Now to the report, such as it is:

We again promoted two open events - the 50 mile road race which attracted a full entry, and the 25 mile time trial, held for the first time on a Saturday evening in June and helped by the very generous sponsorship of local "cycleogist" Ron Mills.

The reliability and tourist trials were both, yet again, ably organised by Brian Weir and enjoyed (maybe) by all participants.

The dinner was held, for the second time at Warnes Hotel - the dancing being somewhat different, taking the form of a country or square dance. Although the dinner attendance was down on previous years, the Christmas tea at Copsale was again supported by some 50 or 60.

A new fund raising scheme was launched in November which is guaranteed to result in a fairly substantial contribution to club funds - this should offset the drop in income caused by our managing to recruit only eight new members during the year.

Our runs secretary has worked hard to whip up enthusiasm and two successful motor assisted trips to the Epping Forest and in the Salisbury area were organised. January saw the re-emergence of a monthly published runs list.

On the racing side, the evening 10 course was changed yet again, this time on the instructions of the London South District Council who have closed the Adur Bridge route. The replacement, a Ray Douglass concoction, has, generally, met with approval.

There is not a great deal of racing successes to report, but among those worthy of mention is the Sussex Road Racing Championship victory of George Matthews and the club's retention of the Strudwick Trophy. Also, I feel that we should congratulate Charlie Lednor on being elected S.C.A. President for 1973.

In closing, may I express our usual thanks to all our supporters, helpers and friends.

JOHN MANSELL  
HON. GEN. SEC.

ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 1972.

| <u>INCOME</u>             |                  | <u>EXPENDITURE</u>        |                     |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Subscriptions - Donations | 75.25            | Club Room rent            | 51.00               |
| Members affiliations      | 28.35            | Levies.                   | <u>2.52½</u> 48.47½ |
| Canteen Takings 60.35½    |                  | Members & Club            |                     |
| Supplies. <u>28.16</u>    | 32.19½           | Affiliations              | 40.30               |
| Evening "10" Entry fees.  | 6.15             | Racing                    | 39.05               |
| Open "25" - Net Profit.   | 63               | Entry fees                | <u>9.28</u> 29.77   |
| Deposit A/c interest      | 7.77             | Open Road Race - Net Loss | 7.48                |
|                           |                  | St. Johns Ambulance       |                     |
|                           |                  | Brigade                   | 4.00                |
|                           |                  | Racing Vests              | 46.17               |
|                           |                  | Sales                     | <u>12.50</u> 33.67  |
|                           |                  | Club Magazine             | 21.72½              |
|                           |                  | Income                    | <u>5.28</u> 16.44½  |
| Balance being excess of   |                  | Annual Dinner - Net Loss  | 8.86                |
| payments over receipts    | 50.13            | Miscellaneous             | <u>11.47½</u>       |
| (Loss)                    |                  |                           |                     |
|                           | <u>£ 200.47½</u> |                           | <u>£ 200.47½</u>    |

BALANCE SHEET

|                         |                 |                        |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| As at 1st January 1972. | 273.94          | Lloyds Bank Ltd.       |                 |
|                         |                 | Deposit A/c            | 199.38          |
|                         |                 | Current A/c            | 24.43           |
|                         |                 | Add excess of payments |                 |
|                         |                 | over receipts          | <u>50.13</u>    |
|                         | <u>£ 273.94</u> |                        | <u>£ 273.94</u> |

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