

WORTHING CYCLES CYCLING CLUB

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1977

A successful year - at the beginning an attendance in excess of 40 for the A.G.M. and towards the end almost twice that number for the Christmas tea. Between these two occasions were a multitude of activities, a summary of which follows below:-

Four open events were promoted, commencing with the Reliability Trials in February which attracted a record entry of 84, with 68 of these riders successfully finishing within their selected standard.

The road races were held in May and although neither of the events attracted a full field, they were presented with the expected Weir professionalism.

The Ron Mills sponsored Open 25, also held in May, was won by Cliff Sharp (Eastbourne) with another under the hour ride. 1977 was, incidentally, the 16th consecutive year in which this event has been held.

The Kermesse racing on the seafront was again very successful with bigger prizes, more riders and larger crowds, but the amount of organisational effort involved is unbelievable and any offers to assist with the '78 series would certainly be welcomed.

The Club also undertook to promote a 10 mile and 100 mile event on behalf of the S.C.A. and in September, a 50 for E.S.C.A.

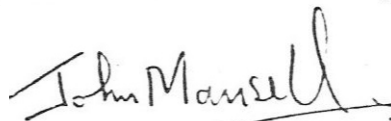
Club events generally received good support with the shorter distances being most popular. A total of 14 schoolboy riders competed in the evening 10 series and the year saw the inception of their own series of 5 mile events for trophies donated by Denis Dean. The Club 50 mile record was broken, being brought under 2 hours for the first time and there were several successful schoolboy place to place record attempts. There are not a great number of open event victories to note but the Sussex 50 mile and 100 mile team titles were annexed by Club riders.

It is pleasing to be able to record that our touring and social interests continue to be ably organised and usually well supported. Perhaps here is the place to gently suggest, mainly to our recent influx of younger members, that racing is not the only aspect of Club life worthy of pursuit and that but for our non-competitive activities it is doubtful that 1978 would be seeing the commencement of our 92nd year.

For more than 30 of these years we have been at our present headquarters in Broadwater, the hiring cost of which continues to increase. However, these increased costs are able to be offset against the continued success of our various fund raising schemes and our thanks must here be recorded to Theo and Dave for their considerable efforts in this direction.

Thanks are also due to Derek Smith for most ably taking over the magazine editorship and congratulations to Charlie Lednor for his election to the presidency of E.S.C.A., and to Joe Simpson for his marvellous effort in raising £1,100 for the local St. John's Ambulance appeal.

In concluding this report I would express the hope that all who have contributed to the Club's wellbeing in the past will continue to do so during 1978.



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