

WORTHING EXCELSIOR CYCLING CLUB

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1979

With 1979 being the last year of the old decade and 1980 being the first year of the new, it is perhaps apposite that the tenor of this report should be an amalgam of old and new.

Thus, the year saw relatively painless implementation, by the R.T.T.C, of the new parental consent regulations for the "under 18s" - would you all, especially juniors, note that for 1980 the B.C.F. have introduced broadly similar rules.

Following the decision taken at the last A.G.M. our Club racing jerseys have been redesigned, ordered and promised for delivery in February of this year.

Tee shirts and sweat shirts, incorporating the Club badge, were ordered in the earlier part of the year, and having proved very popular the stock has recently been replenished.

The Club now has an insurance policy, underwritten by G.R.E. which covers our members for third party liability during organised Club activities, but please note that this policy does not cover all the benefits which membership of the C.T.C. or B.C.F. brings. Your committee is currently enquiring about an advantageous scheme giving "all risks" cover for bicycles - details are hoped for shortly.

The year has witnessed a continuing steady influx of new members, including a healthy proportion of juniors, some of whom (and I feel that this is a trend to be encouraged) are involving their parents in the various Club activities.

December saw a change of venue for the Christmas Tea when 7, Welland Road was volunteered by Don and Maureen and some 35 members partook of a most enjoyable evening.

New activity on the racing front included an open 10 mile time trial, successfully promoted on a mid-June evening — two more of our riders beat the hour for the first time (we currently have five riders of this standard) — and, for any embryo mud-pluggers, we are now affiliated to the British Cyclo Cross Association — don't forget that at the A.G.M. you voted unanimously for a new OPEN event in 1980 (The Hardriders in October) ——— SUPPORT IT.

Enough of the innovative aspect of our programme - now for a resume of past activities repeated.

The current issue of "The Worthing Wheel" brings to a successful conclusion its twelfth consecutive year of publication — the Annual Dinner was again held at The Royal Coach and again enjoyed by the majority of attendees — three teams were entered in the Borough's Annual Road Safety Quiz, the best placing achieved being 9th, from 20 — the various fund raising schemes, with your help, continued to do just that (raise funds) — Club runs, in their various formats, continued to receive support (helped in no small way by the regular issuing of runs lists) — racing saw the Club recording several open event victories, both team and individual also the organisation by Ray Douglass of the Sussex Championship 100 — our own established open events (The Ron Mills sponsored 25, the reliability trial, the road race and the sea front Fiesta Kermesses) were again all successfully promoted and are all scheduled for repetition during the coming year.

In conclusion, I believe that the period under review has been a progressive one in the history of the Excelsior and your attendance at the A.G.M. will perhaps help to maintain this momentum through 1980.

John Mansell

General Secretary