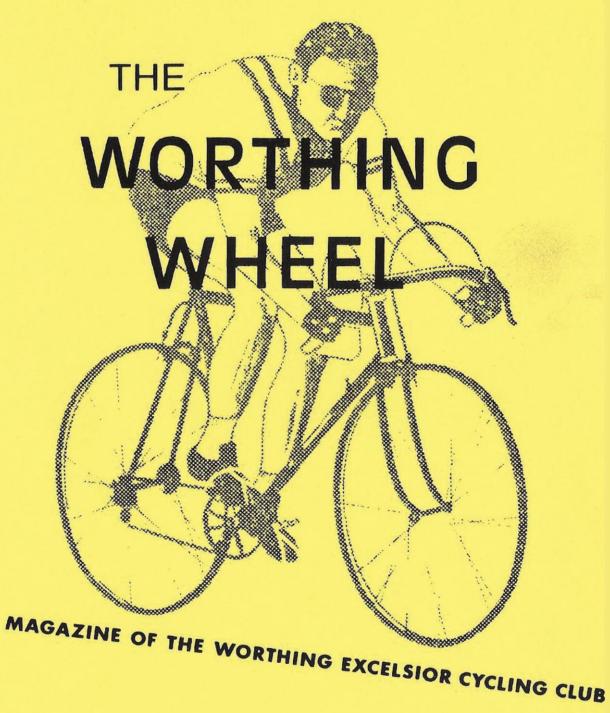
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A VICTORIAN SPORTING CLUB- The Worthing Working Men's Excelsior Cycling Club.

An insight into the early years of the Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club and the research by our Club Historian John Grant.

On a September evening in 1889, eleven
Worthing men, including two tailors and a bike
shop owner, cycled out of the town to the top
of the Washington Bostel, the hill just south
of Washington village, and there decided to
form a cycling club. Their reasons for doing so
are lost to us, as we know there was already a
cycling organisation in the town. This was the
Worthing Cyclists' Club, which had existed
since March of 1882, but was having its
problems.....

The members of the Worthing Cyclists' Club must have made a brave sight as they set off from the old Town Hall in South Street, in their uniforms, for an evening run to Bramber or Storrington on their high bicycles and tricycles. Uniforms? Yes, Victorian cyclists took themselves very seriously, and a club uniform was de-rigeur. The Worthing one is merely recorded as "blue", and I can only speculate from knowledge of other clubs that it was a shade called "royal blue", and consisted of knickerbockers, military-style tunic and the Pill-box hat of the off-duty subaltern.

Sadly, despite smart uniforms and the best

efforts of the club's officers, including tricycling dentist Cooksey, Plumber Crouch and estate agent Patching, many of Worthing's cyclists seemed to have been disenchanted with the Worthing Cyclists' Club. Reading between the lines of contempory newspapers, the membership at large seemed more intent on horseplay than on cycling, as instanced by one member bringing a couple of hounds with him on a club-run.

Just why the founders of the 'Excelsior' held that first meeting outside the town rather than in a convenient local hall, has intrigued me since I first discovered the newspaper report about it, as has the contradiction between the date of that first newspaper report, 1889, and the "established 1887" that appears on every club document, even on stationery dating back to 1901. Was the club formed secretly in 1887, and its existence intentionally kept secret until that first report? Or was this simply a group of men who, having enjoyed each other's company on informal runs for the previous two years, decided on impulse to formalise matters, and back dated the new club's foundation to the start of their informal association? None of the eleven belonged to the older club, so the Excelsior was a new organisation rather than a breakaway one. I confess I prefer the romance of the first version of the foundation to the ordinariness of the second, but the truth might be yet more mundane - a minutes secretary who could not form the figure 9 properly ! We do not know, as the club's records prior to 1901, minute books and

all, have disappeared.

The early days of the "Excelsior" were busy ones. During the symmer there were twice-weekly evening club-runs (Sunday outings such as we enjoy now, were frowned upon, even under the guise of "church Parades"). Occasionally the rendezvous would be an inn, where the members would meet up by arrangement with members of other clubs for an evening or dancing and "Party-Pieces" by the club's musicians. The Excelsior boasted numerous good voices and instrumentalists, including the banjo quartet, which never railed to draw demands for at least one encore. The annual "Strawberry Feast", at the Franklands Arms, Washington, was typical or these, and there are records or close to two hundred attending these. That for ninepence you could have your fill and more of fresh strawberries, gooseberries and cream, or cakes, or bread and butter, tea and cordial might explain the popularity, or perhaps it was the good company. I confess to a large lump in the throat as I read of the 1899 feast, and of the long line of rear lights as the members sang their way back to Worthing.

Much less gentle were the athletic meetings which were part of Worthing's standard entertainment as early as the 1880's, when they took place in Beach House Park, now ramous as a bowls venue. Soon after its foundation, the Excelsior ran its own cycle sports, and later a combined cycling and athletics meeting. Within a year or two the club had established such a reputation for organisation that the Borough Council decided to

ask it to organise the town's major meeting, the annual August sports, in the People's (Homefield) Park. This event attracted high-quality entries from all over the country, and I can close my eyes and imagine, from my own participation at similar meetings in the 1950's, the atmosphere - bunting and national flags fluttering, the crack of the starting pistol, the voice of the announcer straining to be heard above the roar of the crowd, while the brass band pumped away at "Grenadiers" or "Estudantina" for the twenty fifth time. There were often comedy and gymkhana-style items to allow the less athletic a chance, and military displays by volunteer or regular army units camped in the town.

Despite an unpopular nationwide ban by the National Cyclists' Union on all road events, there was a three-heat club-members-only road-race for the President's Cup, presented by Captain A.B.S. Fraser, a keen local sportsman who was later to become mayor. This and the three cornered competitions with the now defunct Littlehampton and Shoreham Clubs, eventually gave way to medal-standard rides, where members won medals of gold, silver with gold centre, or silver, for riding a given distance inside a standard time. These in turn were replaced by time trials which still form the greater part of British cycling club competitions.

Towards the end of the season, as evenings drew in, there were the illuminated bicycle processions. These were a common feature at the Victorian and Edwardian seaside, and Worthing's began in 1883 or even earlier. Seventy or more local cyclists their machines decorated to some common theme and carrying Chinese lanterns, would ride in procession around the major streets to the sounds of Mr.Binstead's brass band, the scene lighted at intervals by "Red Fire". At the end, the entries would be judged and prizes awarded for originality and for interpretation of the set theme.

Even in the winter there was little let-up. The big event was the annual dinner and prize presentation, held first at the Lamb in Angmering, later at the Spaniard Hotel, and since then at numerous different venues. Here, as at the numerous smoking-concerts and other musical evenings, it was again the members themselves who entertained, with songs, instrumental solos, and or course the banjo quartet, and yet more encores.

My quest into the history of the Excelsior was triggered by the deaths, in 1981, of Charlie Lednor and Theo Puttick. Theo and Charlie were the sort of people who are "always there". Charlie had been there to advise when I, as a skinny little lad of fourteen, rode my first nervous grass-track race for the Littlehampton C.& A.C., and he was still there timekeeping, when I, fat-and-nearly-rifty, returned to race again after a lapse of twenty years. Charlie had been there in 1926, and had known, as elderly men, many of the younger leading lights from Victorian times. The loss of these two bulwarks made the club realise how urgent it was to start work on its history, and as I

was Press Secretary and could do joined-up writing, I got the job.

I have since spent many hours slogging through old local papers to build a valid picture of the early years. Our total lack of records before 1901 has meant that newspapers are the only source. Worthing Local Studies Library, run by Robert Elleray and his band of enthusiasts, is my main workplace, and while some old newspapers are still kept in bound volumes, most are on microfilm, which demands the use of a reader, a sort of back-projection machine, which is hard on the eyes. I would not recommend anyone to work so for more than two hours at a stretch, especially on the ultra-line print of the older West Sussex Gazettes.

As I do not usually get home until 7 p.m., I have only an hour or two each week in contact with source material. I have round that I can make best use of this precious time by using a portable tape recorder as a note book, dictating into it for later transcription at home. Fortunately I taught myself to touch-type some years ago, (40-50 w.p.m. with apalling accuracy), so transcription is quick. Obviously one must speak quietly out of courtesy to other library users when using this method, but that carries a penalty, as quiet speech tends to be indistinct. As a safeguard, I now also dictate the spelling of uncommon words and sound-alike surnames. Despite these problems, however, I recommend the method to other researchers who also suffer from too little time in contact with source material - it's much quicker, and if your writing's like mine, infinitely clearer.

One bonus from the newspaper work is that I often find reports about other Worthing sporting clubs. While these do not directly interest me unless an "Excelsior" member was involved (and many Victorian sportsmen competed in two or more disciplines), I make a brief note together with page and column number, for the possible benefit or others tempted to researchthe local history of other sports. I have, among others, discovered foundation meetings of clubs for swimming, croquet, golf and gymnastics, although I cannot guarantee that these are the same clubs that survive today. Should anyone reading this want to take advantage of this (for the period 1883+1899 at the moment), you are welcome to cull what you want from my notes, but I can't lend them to you.

Fortunately life should be easier after 1900, as our records from then are more complete. We have the "race book", the photograph album and the remaining minute books, which run from the 22nd March 1901 to the present. When I can't get to the library, I spend time condensing these for future use, but like all good minute-books they can be dull fodder, recording only motions and decisions, without the cut-and-thrust that generated them. They are, however a sturdy framework for future research.

The "race book" is a journal of the members' deeds in club and open competition. It is maintained by a member formally appointed to the committee post of "race-writer". Unfortunately one of these books also disappeared some years ago, when it was left on a bus. How we wish that that race-writer had gone by bike!

Of all the stuff handed over when a secretary of the "Excelsior" retires, (something that doesn't happen often - when we have a good'un, only plague or emigration are valid excuses or stepping down!), Probably the most carefully-handled property of all is a leather-bound loose-leaf photograph album. There is no clue to when it was started, and its leather-bound covers, once bottle green, have faded to a nondescript black, but the legend "The Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club", goldembossed on the front, still shines brightly. More than any other document, this album reflects the club's self-interest or lack of it. Some periods are eloquently recorded, with photographs clearly annotated, while often the book seems to have been left to gather dust under the bed, an essential nuisance nuisance of office. I get totally lost in the pastwhen I have charge of the album - it shows the changing face of local cycling-club life - there are Excelsion members racing on the track or on the road, at camp, at the annual dinner, posing three-deep across the narrow A.27 after the 1926 25 mile championship - of Excelsior members doing all the things that cyclists have done for the last hundred years or more. I do, however have some favourite pictures.

One must be the earliest of all, or rather a copy of the earliest of all - it shows a group of members in the club uniform, which consisted of grey Norfolk jacket, grey knickerbockers, blue stockings and cap. Two of them have solid-tyred cross-frame salety bicyclesand one is holding the club bugle, which cost 7/6d (37p). Originally there

was no caption to this picture, but I was lent a few old photographs by a veteran lady member whose husband and father—in—law shared continuous membership back to 1902. You can imagine my excitement to find among these a faded sepia picture which must have been taken within minutes of the other, especially as this one was captioned "Worthing Excelsior C.C., 1889", and there were names written on it! These were some of the founder members, although sadly not all of them, and that old picture is now properly captioned.

while that picture is a copy, my other two favourites are originals. One shows a group of about a hundred people at the Swiss Cottage Gardens at Shorenam, at our President's (Mr. Warne's) outing, in about 1904. Straw boaters and long dresses abound, and in the front is a chirpy little boy of about six. This was Duggie Argent, whose long connection with the club as member, committee officer and later President, ceased only with his death in 1984.

The final favourite is the club at tea in the front garden of Charles Fibbens' house at Nepcote in 1902-4. Charles was the club's secretary, and owned the "Gazette" newspaper, so the club got excellent publicity! You can pick out every tile on the roof, so crisp is the detail, and as a result, those long-ded faces seem to look straight back at youover the years. It's an eerie effect. The house is still there, older and much extended, and so far I can only guess at the events of that long ago afternoon. One can be sure that

there was dancing, Sam Clark and Bert Peto got up and sang, and the banjo quartet drew yet more encores! The rather staid-looking people in the photograph certainly knew how to enjoy themselves, if the reports in Charles' paper are to be believed.

So, a lot of information can be got from newspapers, some is available from our own later records, including the photograph album, but I have one other source of information. There must be dozens, if not hundreds, of ex-members, also there are a lot of people who, while never members themselves, can relate stories of their parents' days in the club. I try to trace such people and talk to them. Some of the early members had rare surnames, and if I spot one of these I ring or write to the owner. Often the call is a waste of time, but occasionally it is not - as Mike Harding puts it, "dip yer bread" Generally the bread comes up dry, but just occasionally it has gravy on it, and I gather a few more facts.

This then is a small part of what I have discovered so far about the Worthing Excelsior. I have notes about five inches thick, and I still have a long way to go, but on the way I have turned up some fascinating snippets. For example, the hobby-horse was demonstrated in Worthing on the 1st April 1819. Were we really first? Cycling historians say it reached London in spring 1819. There were bike-races at West Worthing baths in 1869, when Mr.M.J.Johnson, "the champion velocipedist of the world" was here: there was talk that year of a "Worthing Velocipede Club"

but I cannot trace it. The Excelsior ran the first motor-bike race ever in Worthing: it ran, with Mr.Warnes, the first motor carnival: it introduced bicycle- polo to the U.K. I could go on, but I've got to save something for the book.

John Grant.

IT'S MUMOURED that Andy Lock, just back from a holiday along the coast of Spain has found a new recreation. It's fishing but you still need a bike. You throw the bike in the sea - that's right you've got it - you then go fishing for it....

#### RESULT OF SENIOR BEST ALL HOUNDER FOR 1984

1st: Roy Holden

50m. 2. 2. 1.

100m. 4.31.54.

12hr. 220.506m

Average speed 21.676 m.p.h.

2nd. Don Lock

50m. 2.5.28

100m. 4.30.58

12hr. 227.598

Average speed 21.673 m.p.h.

3rd. Keith Laker

50m. 2.16.40

100m. 5.15.06

12hr. 196.924m

Average speed 19.134

4th. Reg Searle

50m. 2.33.45

100m. 5.44.14

12hr. 176.593

Average speed 17.219 m.p.h.

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RESULT OF JUNIOR BEST ALL ROUNDER FOR 1984
                         10m
                               23.18
1st: Andrew Lock
                         15m 38.19
                         25m 58.51
           Average speed 24.909 m.p.h.
                         10m 25.48
2nd: Robert Downham
                         15m 41.51
                         25m 1.06.19
           Average speed 22.460 m.p.h.
                         10m 25.50
3rd: Bradley Walters
                         15m 42.20
                         25m 1.09.09
           Average speed 22.066 m.p.h.
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RESU:	LT OF VETI	ERANS BEST AT	LL ROUNDER	FOR	1984
lst:	Dave Dall	imore (47)			
	Distance	Actual	Standard		
	10	22.44	26.54		
	25	58.33	1.9.33		
	50	2.05.40	2.24.23		
	Average n	.p.h.plus =	3.712		
2nd:	Don Lock	(48)			
	10	23.21	27.07		
	25	1.00.15	1.10.04		
	50	2.05.28	2.25.28		
	Average r	n.p.h.plus =	3.652		
3rd	Roy Holder				
	10	23.08	26.42		
	25	1.00.02	1.09.02		
	50	2.02.01	2.23.19		
	Average r	n.p.h. plus :	=3.459		

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1.09.02
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1.19.58
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0.614
25.30
1.06.00
2.17.01
0.322
26.54
1.09.33
2.24.23
0.823

After last issue's 'Do you ride a bike' IT'S
RUMOURED that Alan Orman has gone off to
Australia, "to avoid all this media attention"
while his wife, with rope-like apron strings
is seeking a showdown with our Ed.

## MOST IMPROVED RIDER AWARD 1984

This is based on the miles per hour improvement on standard distances, comparing any one time for the current season with the best over the previous three seasons. It usually goes to an up and coming youngster and last season was no exception, but it was a near run thing:-1st. Ian Leeding improving his ten time from

27.50 to 24.53

2nd. Andy Smith knocking more than half an hour off his hundred - 5.1.19 to a fine 4.29.27.

3rd. Mick Mansell getting so close to the hour, 1.0.15 from a previous 1.5.08.

# LADIES BEST ALL ROUNDER 1984

Only one qualifier is a pity for what can she do with more competition? As it was two ladies club records were set on the way so congratulations on a record m.p.h.to Christine Barnett. Her qualifying times were:-

> 10 26.48 15 45.24

25 1.9.53

Her average speed 21.225 m.p.h.

How is it Carol Stanbridge knew John Gilbert 15 years ago? Answers please in not more than 2500 words. Maybe we could run a supplement next issue!

#### ORNITHYCLING

A strange heading but one which I use to describe the combination of two pastimes - cycling and ornithology. West Sussex is a great place for both, particularly along the G.938 and G.914. This, of course, explains my 10 and 25 times. You dare not go too fast for fear of missing a rarity.

Out on the bike during the past year, I've had the good fortune to observe a Rough Legged Buzzard, Nightjar and a Nightingale, all at close quarters. Had I been ina car, they'd have been frightened off before I got within a hundred yards of them. Of course, these were lucky sightings, whilst riding round the lanes of West Sussex. However, one can use the bike to get to known 'bird' areas. For instance, Sidlesham Ferry Pond and the local nature reserve on the Selsey road. These two spots make up one of the best bird spotting areas in the U.K., with just over 200 varieties recorded each year.

The area is so unspoilt and has such a variety of habitat, that birds are drawn to it, particularly at migration periods. Virtually every May, at least one Osprey turns up and stays a few days, feeding up, before completing its journey from Africa to Scotland. In early spring, the area is alive with incoming warblers. How these tiny birds, weighing 5-7 cunces can fly all the way from Africa, is a mystery to me but they faithfully return each year. During the year one can see Common, Arctic, Sandwich and Little Terns, near the harbour mouth. The Little Terns breed there each year on the loose stones, as do Ringed Plovers.

In autumn, during the outward migration, many generally little seen birds turn up. Pied and Spotted Flycatchers in the Church Norton graveyard. Yellow Wagtails, Curlew Sandpipers, Wood Sandpipers, Little Stints, Spotted Redshanks etc., at the Ferry Pond.

Winter is a rewarding time also. Thousands of Brent Geese lodge in the area. Curlews, Whimbrels, Cormorants, Grey Herons, Godwits, Redshank, Greenshank, Golden, Green and Grey Plovers, Avocets, Oyster Catchers, Dunlin and Sanderling can all be seen on the mudflats of the harbour.

There are, of course, many other good areas closer to home. The Adur Estuary, Widewater, Ebernoe Woods (Petworth), The Dover, Blakehurst, Arundel Park and the Sanctuary at High Salvington, all provide good opportunities to spot birds.

I have to admit to observing bike riders and comparing them with particular kinds of bird, for instance:-

The Dipper - Don Lock - for obvious reasons.

(I shall have to look that up. Ed.)

Wagtail - Christine Barnett - If you've ever seen one running you'll know it's legs move as fast as hers)

Gannet - Dave Hudson- Both are known to have good appetites.

Sand Martin - Betty Cox - Common attraction to sandpits.

Road Runner - Colin Miller - Marathon man.

Golden Eagle - Tony Goodsell - with hands on
the tops and all that

power in his legs, he's perched like an eagle.

Nutcracker - Mike Jones - With thighs like those, what else?

Ostrich - Richard Shipton - When racing his head seems to be lower than his feet.

Cattle Egret - Andy Boyle - They both dote on livestock.

Swift - Paul Toppin - Well, he is.

Turtle Dove - Andy Lock - Well lately anyway.

Moustached Warbler - Dave Dallimore - The

moustache is A.l. and the

warblin's not bad.

Blackcap - John Mansell - Did you see him in the grand-prix-de-gentlemen?

Wandering Albatross - Ray Douglass - They both get the miles in.

Great Bustard - Mike Gibbs - Big is beautiful.

Little Bustard- Stuart Gibbs - Who swears that,

"not quite so big is
beautiful".

Whats that you say ? What about me ? Well it's obvious isn't it ---- PUFFIN.

Mike Stanbridge.

Stuart Gibbs extended his apologies to the Committee for his non-attendance on November 5th. His younger brother was having a bonfire - Stuart had a high temperature and his head

was going round like a catherine wheel. His Dad gave him a rocket and his Doctor said he was to keep off bangers.

## RESULT OF THE 1984 POINTS CUP

The aggregate of handicap placings in all club events other than the evening ten series the two-ups and the hill climb, the lowest therefore takes the trophy and what a tight finish. Handicappers please note these names!

1st.	Mick Mansell	95
2nd.	Graham Tooley	961
3rd.	Tony Palmer	97 <del>2</del>
4th.	Reg Searle	100
5th.	Andrew Lock	101
6th.	Bill Procter	105
7th.	Stuart Gibbs	115
8th.	Andy Smith	116
9th.	Keith Laker	1192
10th.	Mike Coyle	122
11th.	Paul Toppin	1262
12th.	Jonnie Betteridge	128
13th.	Robert Downham	129
14th.	Mike Gibbs	135불
15th.	John Lucas	143

Have you noticed the eccentric range of headgear worn by our General Secretary lately? From something thrown out with the effects of the late Tommy Cooper, at the Grand Prix de Gentlemen 10, we now have Aunt Mary's tea cosy complete with bobble. It is believed that the latter hides a 'skid lid'; if so, then why the disguise? Is it perhaps a theory that motorists will feel more able to knock you off if they know you have a helmet on? What other headpieces has he in his wardrobe? A bobby's helmet or a bowler maybe. In view of recent events the turban will not be produced for some time....

## 1984 HILL CLIMB

The annual scaling of the north wall of Bury was this year treated not only to the double (five wheel) assault from Reg Searle, but to the first attack from a lady member for - ever? It also saw an outing from one-time hill specialist, John Spooner but more than this, in 1984 we saw a new name go straight to the top. Graham Tooley whose racing promises so much, but frequently fails to produce, showed just what he is capable of, provided (it is suggested) there is someone to shout at him. He edged out hill-man Dodman and Paul Toppin.

Full result:

1st.	Graham Tooley	4.03
2nd.	Keith Dodman	4.05
3rd.	Paul Toppin	4.09
4th.	Richard Knight	4.11
5th.	Neil Scott	4.15
6th.	Stuart Gibbs	4.26
7th.	Ian Leeding	4.52
8th.	John Spooner	5.08
9th.	Bradley Walters	5.31

10th. Christine Barnett 5.32 11th. Reg Searle 7.04

12th. Reg Searle (trike) 7.34

OVERHEARD at a meeting of the General Committee on 5th November. ".... this lad with a Ray Douglass replica came up to me saying ""penny for the guy mister"".....

#### THE LAST HARDRIDERS ?

I ask that question, for as some of you will know, there are plans to run this as an open event in 1985 and while the course will cover some of the same roads, it will be about 8 miles shorter and in many other respects, will bear little resemblance to the usual club event.

The 1984 event did not receive that good an entry. There were no entries from last year's winner Roy Holden, or from Tony Goodsell, Richard Shipton or Dave Dallimore. Also it's a shame that so many of the 'middle' order riders proclaim the event to be too hard or too long. These matters do not seem to worry Reg Searle who they beat out of sight in the old standard distances during the summer.

Paul Toppin as event organiser was disappointed at the total of just fifteen, although he may have realised how much his chances were improved. Paul had never won this one and he very much wanted to. But could he deal with those that had entered? Mike Coyle had shown considerable road racing form and was an obvious contender. Keith

Dodman was down to ride and always psyches himself up for this one, being aware of his undoubted hillclimbing ability. Andy Smith and Mick Mansell were not to be ignored either, for for both had shown in training sessions a wicked talent for hills. The rest of the field comprised Mike Poland, making this his annual 'back of the Downs' excursion, Richard Knight, like Coyle taking a break from road racing, Stuart Gibbs, Robert Downham, Tony Palmer, Bill Procter, Andy and myself.

The morning - from the comfort of one's bedroom looked awful - it was blowing a gale and the rain was lashing against the window. Andrew Lock's cold, was suddenly much worse and he decided it would be more beneficial to turn over and go back to sleep! I don't know, but I wonder if Robert Downham, Bill Procter and Andy Smith made similar decisions - they certainly didn't appear. As it turned out they were so wrong, for the morning was good. The air was full of oxygen, the rain eased off and a changing wind seemed to be helping far more than it hindered.

Paul from the scratch mark and off No.15 was past me embarrassingly quickly. From the start down to the Excess and backand he was in front before I reached timekeeper Ray Douglass. He was out of sight by the time I reached North Farm, and I saw no more of him until we passed in opposite directions. There was no one else in sight until Houghton where up ahead ... was it Stuart Gibbs .. he was 13 ?... No, it was continued on page 23

# RANDONEE 1985

Further news on the Randonee rides for 1985. The date of Sunday March 24th is confirmed and this is now included in the list of official Audax U.K. events. This should encourage more entries from the serious randoneurs as points are awarded to the finishers, and those go towards their overall annual totals for awards. Only the 200km counts for this incidentally — the 100km event is known as a "Brevet Populaire" and is intended for novices and those building up to the longer distances.

Both events will start from Washington and will be using two circuits of 100Km. The first circuit will be the 100Km route of the Club's reliability trial of the last two years, returning to the Toat Cafe near Pulborough.

The second 100Km of the 200Km ride will go from the Toat Cafe eastwards along the back of the Downs, turning north across the Weald to return to the Toat.

We have adopted the title of "Weald and Downland Randonee" for the main event and "Populaire" for the shorter distance.

Entry fees will be £1. per rider and details will be available by mid-January. Please send S.A.E. to Brian Cox 15 Greenwood Close, Bognor Regis. West Sussex PO22 9DG.

All entrants note that the mudguards to be fitted rule, will be <u>strictly</u> applied, and riders in the 200Km should have lights. <u>No</u> entries on the line.

Times for the distances will be:100Km Minimum 5 hours. Maximum 10 hours.
200Km Minimum 6hours 40 mins. Maximum 14 hours.
Please remember that these are not road races and that our behaviour on the road is very important if we are to continue to hold these events without outside interference.
Offers of help would be appreciated from members who will not be taking part.

# EAST SUSSEX C.A. TIME TRIAL PROGRAMME 1985

Sunday 3rd March Hardriders 16m G 895
Sunday 24th March 2-Up 29 G 892
Saturday 20th April 10m G815
Sunday 21st April 25m G834
Sunday 2nd June 50m G851
Sunday 23rd June 25m G836
Sunday 21st July 100m G864
Sunday 11th August 50m G815
Saturday 7th September 10m G815
Sunday 8th September 25m G834
Sunday 6th October Hill Climb Hartfield.

## A BRADLEY

A new unit of measurement is being introduced which will replace both metric and imperial. It will go much farther and is universally adaptable to totally supplant all present systems.

It's accuracy in these days of high technological sophistication will be a refreshing change - a combination of vagueness and approximation. The whole fantastic formula was worked out on a club run after Peter Shaw had made a remark about the petit stature of Bradley Walters. Bradley had responded with a quick "Chubby Legs" to Peter, but the seeds of the whole concept had been sown.

No longer will you say that John Cleese is 6 feet 6 inches high or 2 metres tall you would simply approximate it to the unit of 2 Bradleys.

Next time you buy a new frame, the weight would not be measured in pounds and ounces, but say, half a Bradley. Your favourite jar of jam will show the contents as 453000 millibradleys.

Area measurement will incorporate the Bradley with one Hectare equalling 10,000 square Bradleys.

Even in the field of liquid capacity the unit is perfect, for being pint sized, one Bradley equals 4 gills or 8 Bradleys to the gallon.

On temperature a tremendous simplification has been possible removing the current nonsense of celsius and fahrenheit, although this does adopt a metric base for its calculation. Zero Bradleys equals freezing point. Ten Bradleys equals boiling point and then of course you can enjoy the very cold weather with minus Bradleys.

Mathmaticians experiencing any difficulty with the new system should contact Phil Walters who will be pleased to lend them a Bradley for practical experiments.

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#### SEAFRONT RACING IN WORTHING ?

Well we did it for about five years back in the seventies, when Worthing Borough Council ran it's 'Fiesta' week, and it could happen again. This time instead of our begging to be allowed, the Council have actually come to us inviting us to promote a series of races as part of their three day Seafront Fayre, at the end of July. They would like the racing to be on the morning of Sunday 28th July.

Paul West is a willing promoter, so if the Council will give us assurances on certain matters, particularly road closures and all arrangements with the police and public transport operators, then we could be in business.

Your committee will keep you informed of developments, but these events require a lot of manpower and your help will be very much needed on the day. It is also Club policy to do things only if they can be done properly and such a promotion is a very expensive proposition.

It's nice to have been asked and let's hope we can put it on for the Town. The fact that our previous efforts have been recalled and clearly appreciated shows what a big thank you we owe to all those who worked so hard in those early promotions.

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Graham Tooley No.12.

Encouraged by the sight of Graham, I pressed on and nearly had him by the top, but, as I got close he would look round and sprint away with apparent ease. Going down to Arundel from Whiteways I saw them all coming up; Richard Knight was first, he was No.2, and Keith Dodman was next from the No.5 spot. He did not seem to be going that well. Mike Poland was missing, having punctured and retired early on, and Mike Coyle also a puncture victim seemed not to be tackling the hill with any real aggression. The one who really seemed to be motoring was "Mountain Mouse" Mick Mansell, - for a moment I thought it was me that was going uphill and that he was going down! Paul Toppin should have been closer to him than Gibbs I saw and decided that Stuart, my minute man, was up on me, but I might catch Tony. As I came towards the Ford roundabout turn Graham was still 50 or so yards in front of me and out of his saddle! I was not to get up to him until Whiteways on the return. I caught Reg Searle on his trike about a mile back from the turn and now he could tell the marshalls that they could go home rather than me.

I should say that the strong headwind down to Worthing had blown us back to Washington and on the way out to Whiteways it was across, but only rarely did it seem hard. There was plenty of oxygen with the good 'after rain' air, that allows big gulps for the heavy breathers. I think the wind was moving round from south west

to north west for I have never before been able to push such big gears along that stretch from Amberley to Storrington. I was quite enjoying it. Graham had disappeared backwards on the descent of Houghton and I passed Tony on the Causeway.

I was looking forward to a cuppa at the finish, but not the climb up from Washington - that must be hard - but it wasn't. The wind was now from a northerly point to be sure. Half way up I saw another rider and came alonside Stuart at Findon. I was home in a personal best, so that was nice, but what of the others.

A look over Ray's shoulder after donning some clothes, showed, as I had thought a superb ride from Mick Mansell, but Paul was faster and he had done it at last. This was a win in style for he had beaten Keith Dodman's record by six seconds as well.

And what a good morning..... you can never be certain .... from behind the curtain..!

#### Result:

29.30
24.57
32.11
29.56
29.15
31.35
33.05
38.52
25.52
30.27

# THE TROPHY WINNERS 1984

- The Frank Hill Trophy Overall winner of the Evening Ten series - Paul Toppin
- The Charlie Lednor Trophy Handicap winner in the Evening Ten series-Stephen Cox
- The Derek Powell Cup Fastest schoolboy in the Evening Ten series Ian Leeding
- The Dave Funnell Shield Junior 15 mile Champion - Andrew Lock
- The Sherwin Trophy 25 mile junior handicap
  Andrew Lock
- The John Clapshaw Memorial 25 mile handicap Peter King
- The Alderman Bennett Cup 25 mile Champion Richard Shipton
- The Pressley Cup 30 mile Champion Richard Shipton
- The Welch Trophy 50 mile Champion Richard Shipton
- The Councillor Mason Cup 100 mile Champion Richard Shipton
- The Clark Trophy 12 hour Champion Don Lock
- The Young Trophy September Hardriders event Paul Toppin
- The A.J.Barrett Cup The Hill Climb Champion Graham Tooley
- The Vic Cowan Shield The Most Improved Rider
  Ian Leeding
- The President's Challenge Cup Club Events
  Handicap Mick Mansell

- F. Collins Cup The Junior Best All-Rounder
  Andrew Lock
- The John Antram Trophy The Veteran's Best All-Rounder - Dave Dallimore.
- The Senior Best All-Rounder Trophy Roy Holden
- The Worthing Gazette Challenge Cup The Track Champion - Paul Toppin
- The Billy Argent Rose Bowl Tourist Trophy Ray Douglass
- The C.G.Lednor Trophy Touring Best All-Rounder
  Dave Hudson
- The Ladies Best All-Rounder
  Christine Barnett
- The Meredith Tankard Clubman of the Year Paul West

#### The Wealds Awheel

# By Dave (The Rave) Elson.

Chris and I intended a tour of Kent and Sussex on our new tandem, but alas the usual delays in construction meant going away on the solos.

Day 1. With a rough itinery, but with no bookings in advance, we rode over in light rain to Brighton to watch for a couple of hours the super, splendid, spectacular, criteriums. Then it was the long climb out of Brighton and over the Downs now bathed in sunshine. Ditchling Beacon on a sunny Sunday afternoon is always busy so we descended carefully. Right at the foot took us through Westmeston and on to Plumpton.

After Lewes the miles rolled by more easily and I noticed the abundance of fruit on the trees and in the hedgerows. From East Hoathly stayed in the lanes to Waldron and Heathfield, where we started thinking about digs. A local bobby provided the info while booking a speeding B.M.W. What grins we had on our faces as we pedalled on. We stopped at the Little Chef at Cross in Hand for a cuppa and then walked to the farmhouse that was to be our B & B for the night. The day was rinished with good pub grub and a pint at The ..... in Five Ashes. (The Pub with no name Ed.)

Day 2.

We awoke to a dry morning - a touch of stratocumulus and all that, but --- more importantly breakfast was on the table. After our meal we made our way back to Heathfield, stopping at "Cycle Revival" to buy a saddlebag support. Now it was a labrynth of lanes to Rushlake Green and Penhurst as we headed towards Battle. Battle it certainly was for yours truly, it was either up or down, never level, and I was suffering from a definite lack of fitness. We only did 13 miles before elevenses and Chris was showing me a clean pair of heels. What was nice though was the lack of traffic in the lanes, just one Tarmer and a milkman - peace! Elevenses was at "The Pilgrims Rest" - full of a Darby and Joan outing. My legs were telling me to join them! Leaving Battle for Seddlescombe we passed through Brede, keeping to the high ground and overlooking the River. The it was Udimore and the lovely sweep down into Rye. A visit was made to the Harbour to meet one of Chris's weaving friends,

and then we found ourselves some lunch. What a contrast in the afternoon as we sped along the lanes through appledore, Hamstreet and Ruckinge. It was very flat and we could see the expanse of komney Marsh stretching away to the south with the distant and sinister shape of the Dungeness Nuclear Reactor.

We bagan to swing north now through Sellinge and on to another of Dave Hudson's Ordnance Survey Maps. It was into Lyminge and then Elham for a late threeses. We managed to avoid the awful A.2 going through the village of Bridge which must have been so relieved when all that continental traffic was taken round rather than through it's narrow, and now peaceful streets. We came to rest in the City of Canterbury.

Day 3. It was beginning to rain as we rode out through Chartham and the quaintly named Old Wives Lees (not tales) . This was very much the apples and hops area, it was also, for me, a frustrating map reading area. I eventually passed the job over to Chris and we were soon successfully navigating our way through Sheldwich, Newham and Doddington. The Swale, The Isle of Sheppey and that dreadful A.2 were all away to our north. Difficulty in finding elevenses at eleven meant combining it with an early lunch and this we did at Lenham. The last few miles being covered in cold pouring rain, so the hot drink and mixed grill went down a treat. It was to rain, on and off, all afternoon as we came south west through Grafty Green and into Headcorn. The map was back in my hands now and soon we were riding out to

Staplehurst instead of Frittenden. So we backtracked to Frittenden and were pleased we did
for the little village and it's spired church
were just reward. Our route now was to Sissinghurst
and in some brilliant sunshine which created
beautiful rainbows. For threeses we enjoyed some
scrumptious scones straight from the oven, Mm-m-m.
Cranbrook was to provide some good digs and a
chance to get dried out.

Day 4. Another wet start unfortunately. Goudhurst was our first call, and then along very undulating lanes and with lovely scenery, we went on to Kilndown. In view of Bewl Bridge Reservoir we found Dave's old ordnance to be in conflict with the available routes, so we tacked north a bit through Lamberhurst and then south west again for coffee in Wadhurst. A pity it was so wet this morning for it's a lovely area. It was still dripping as made the hilly route through Mayfield Rotherfield and up to the highest point in East Sussex - Crowborough. We had lunch here in the Cafe Physic - considering our state, what a joke. After baked spuds and cheese it was time for another ration of hills and rain, including a two minute hailstorm near Forest Row. Finally we reached East Grinstead and there found our shelter for the night.

Day 5. Drew back the curtains, with apprehension - but there before me a beautiful blue sky - instant boost to moral. This followed by a good breakfast and we soon away and in fine spirits taking the road past Weir Wood Reservoir through Sharpthorne and to West Hoathly. What a pleasant morning it was, all the farmers were out in the fields

slaving away to add a little more to one or other of the E.E.C's various mountains. There was a real stinker of a hill up to Ardingly but from there to our morning stop in Cuckfield the going was easier. We were getting back on to familiar territory now passing through Staplefield and Slaugham. In the old iron country now with Hawkins and Hammer Ponds nearby. Pease Pottage was next stop - The Grape Inn, to be precise, to sample my favourite specific gravity of 1047.5 and a drop of King & Barnes Old. The early afternoon saw the miles and the villages rolling by very comfortably - Rusper, Ockley, Ewhurst and Holmbury-St.-Mary and Cranleigh by threeses. At Dunsfold we had the rare sight of an old De-Haviland Dove landing at the airfield. We finally put our feet up for the day at Chiddingfold. Day 6. Started wet and windy and got worse with every mile. We splashed our way through Plaistow and Kirdford in a sort of damp blur and found ourselves in Petworth for coffee. We stopped for a quick chat with Keith Laker and then pressed homewards through Coates and West Burton and a final steaming heave over Bury Hill. We had some lunch in Arundel and were then soon home. We had covered 310 miles, a modest total but very enjoyable despite the weather being a bit Ugh! at times.

# SLIDE SHOW

There will be a Dave Hudson slide show in the Clubroom on Tuesday February 12th 1985. Dave has a good selection old and new but anyoneelse with slides worth showing, please see Dave

IT'S RUMOURED that Mike Gibbs and Tony Palmer are both to ride the S.C.A and Club 100 in July there is also the threat that General Secretary John Mansell, with time on his hands may also tackle a few of the 'MENS' events....

## C.T.C. BEST ALL ROUNDER TIME TRIAL COMPETITION

As our Club is affiliated to the C.T.C. if you are a member in your own right and normally ride time trials why not enter this competition for 1985. It only costs 50p and there are awards for seniors veterans and juniors. Senior and veteran competitions are over the three distances of 25, 50, and 100 miles. The junior is over best two rides at 25miles and best two rides at 10miles. There is also a ladies competition over 10, 25, and 50 miles.

## INTERESTING ?

John Grant turned up the following: - The source is the West Sussex County Council Annual Report for 1982/3. and West Sussex County Council Transport policy and programme, 1985/6.

- "The private car remains for most part the most convenient, and in most areas, the only available mode of transport"
- "A cycle lane, introduced originally on an experimental basis, in collaboration with the Transport and Road Research Laboratory, is continuing to be maintained at Northgate, Chichester, in order to assess the method of providing for cyclists within large

urban circulatory systems. The possibility of providing some further cycling facilities in Crawley is being undertaken to follow on the cycle-way provisions linking Manor Royal and Crawley Way\*

"The County Council recognises that pedal cyclists are a particularly vulnerable class of road user. Although the provision of entirely separate facilities is seldom justifiable on economic grounds or practicle in terms of physical space, consideration will be given to the needs of cyclists in traffic management schemes when future highway alterations are proposed"

#### John comments

"So there you have it folks - the needs of cyclists actually occupy barely a dozen lines in a document of some forty pages. They obviously think that the Northgate nonsense is worth carrying on, but the cyclist is of little import."

# EAST SUSSEX C.A. BEST ALL ROUNDER 1984

A 'junior' type Senior B.A.R. over 25, 50, and 100 miles.

1st. Tony Deacon Lewes Wanderers 25.732 m.p.h. 2nd. Richard Shipton Worthing Ex 23.685 m.p.h. 3rd. Andy Attwood Lewes Wanderer 23.076 m.p.h.

Team: Lewes Wanderers: T. Deacon, A. Attwood and M. D. Rabbetts. 23.931 m.p.h.

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME - NICE TO HAVE YOU ALONG-

The comments in the last issue produced probably as much comment as any other in any previous mag. I must stop being controversial.

Since that time our Hon.Gen.Sec. has passed on a further list of names but this is much better.

Tony Goodsell:quite the fastest new member we've ever had, and despite being unable to ride much in the main part of the season, he has still produce some very good times, and set a new Club 25 mile record. Tony lives at Ashington and was for several seasons a member of the Archer R.C., a sponsored club.

Dave Dallimore: quite the fastest veteran we've ever had. A look at some of his rides this season shows tremendous speed for one of such 'mature' years! Dave had been a second claim member for some time and joined from the Brighton Mitre last March.

Nick Lelliott; Nick now into his thirties was an Olympic squad member for 1968 such was his fantastic potential as a junior rider. Back trouble was to put an end to that but it was great to have him rejoin and we do hope Nick that you will be able to turn in a few rides for us. More than we have seen in 1984. Nick lives now in East Preston.

Jonnie Betteridge hails from Goring and has been with us just over a year. He puts in quite regular appearances at the clubroom and has tried his hand at time trials, road racing and criteriums.

Michael Coyle; joined November 1983 and has already hit our headlines with his road racing performances, especially in the Surrey League. He is now a second category rider. He is also to promote one of our road races this year.

Charles Brazier is in the super vet class over 60 - and still goes very well indeed.
Charles is often out on Club runs and seems to
have no difficulty in keeping up with the pace
set by the youngsters - the over forties! He has turned in some very respectable times
in the several tens that he has ridden.

Andrew Kraemer: Andrew is from Lancing and is a junior - but where are you Andrew? Is our sport to hard for you? Whats wrong? Come and let us know?

I shall be asking our HON.GEN.SEC. for another updated list shortly.

Don's

IT'S RUMOURED that Chairman Tony Palmer has expressed an interest in riding round the 12hr course. He has been told that if he was to do it on 4th August he would probably find lots of helpful people pointing the way and for a small fee he could even pick up food and drink on the way round.

IT'S RUMOURED that Andy Boyle could probably supply us with milk for the tens and open

events catering. Before accepting the kind offer the general committee are to investigate whether Boyled milk would be acceptable to the riders.

#### ANNUAL DINNER AND PRIZE PRESENTATION

This year's presentation was once more back in Worthing at the Chatsworth Hotel, the first time at this yenue.

Tickets sold very well, and eventually 112 members and friends were met at the door by President Ray Douglass and Chairman Tony Palmer. The meal consisted of Prawn Cocktail, Roast Turkey with the usual trimmings, Dutch Apple Pie and Coffee.

It was good to look around and see the familiar folk resplendent in their "glad rags" - bearing little resemblance to the sights sometimes encountered at Hammerpot or Washington in the rain!

Our guest was Glenn Longland of the Antelope Racing Team, this year's National Champion at 100 miles and 12 hours. A modest, amazing fast man, he was accompanied by his wife Sue and three fellow Antelopes. Glenn spoke about us in complimentary terms, then in reply came Dave Dallimore, who proved to be a witty speaker.

This brought us to the object of the occasion, the prizegiving; - awards being presented by Mrs.Connie Hughes, and very well she did it.

The rest of the evening - after a break for the 'LIFE' D.J. to set up his turntables and lights - was taken up by "dancing" in the main room for

the energetic, whilst in the adjoining lounge a goodly crowd sat in comfortable chairs reminiscing, digesting, drinking or catching up with club news. Midnight came all too soon.

The raffle was a great success, thanks to Betty Cox, and due in some part to a lady ticket seller asking 50p for a strip! Over £100 was collected, thus ensuring a financial success for the Dinner.

Overall, we thought it a success, and most people seemed to enjoy themselves. Our thanks to all who helped, and donated prizes for the raffle, also to Roger for the arrangements in his usual unflappable way.

Jean Smallman.

## SUSSEX C.A. TIME TRIAL PROGRAMME 1984

Sunday 10th March 2-up 25 on G 991
Saturday 16th March 10 on G 914
Sunday 17th March 25 on G 938
Sunday 28th April Team Championship 25
Sunday 16th June Open 50 G.952
Tuesday 2nd July 10 on G 914
Sunday 7th July Open 100 on G 962
Sunday 4th August Open 12 hours on G 971
Saturday 14th September Individual 25
Championship on G 938

IT'S RUMOURED that Paul Toppin likes Glen Miller music and is worried that it's a sign of getting old.

## FUND RAISING SCHEME (Final 1984 winners)

July Stuart Gibbs August Bill Christy September Mike Kennard October Tom Lainsbury Each receiving Ten Pounds, while at the Dinner, £25 went to Ron Hauston and £50 to Brian Cox.

# SUSSEX CYCLISTS ASSOCIATION BEST ALL ROUNDER RESULTS 1984

Senior: 1st Tony Deacon Lewes 23.355 m.p.h. 2nd Matthew Rabbetts Lewes 22.160 m.p.h. 3rd John Watson Brighton Ex. 22.148 m.p.h. 4th Roy Holden Worthing Ex. 21.676 m.p.h. 13th Reg Searle Worthing Ex. 17.211 m.p.h. Veterans 1st Roy Holden Worthing + 2.074 m.p.h. 2nd. Dave Boorsma Crawley + 1.740 m.p.h. 3rd. Horry Hemsley Lewes + 1.636 m.p.h. 5th. Reg Searle Worthing -0.639 m.p.h. Juniors 1st. Andrew Lock Worthing 24.074 m.p.h. 2nd. Chris Chapman Brighton 22.853 m.p.h.

#### THE CHARLES LEDNOR S.C.A. POINTS TROPHY

Well Tony Deacon of Lewes romped away with this with a massive record total of 280 points leading his clubmate Simon Barnes way back in second place with just 126 and Paul Lipscombe of Central Sussex third on 122. We managed seven riders in the top twenty which was in fact one more than Lewes. Richard Shipton finished fourth, Andy Smith sixth, Roy Holden seventh, Paul Toppin

tenth, Tony Goodsell twelfth, Andrew Lock fourteenth, and Keith Dodman seventeenth.

#### THE GRAND-PRIX-DE-GENTLEMEN TEN

Held on a Saturday afternoon so that several teams could also ride in the Ashford Open event the following day, this was run off on the usual Washington course and made an enjoyable and relaxed ending to the Club events for the 1984 season.

Fresh from his new Club twenty five record, Tony Goodsell sped round and seemingly unperturbed at having our Ed. hanging on by his braces (good dodge that!) recorded the fastest time of 22.34. This was also a plus for the old man on standard of 4 minutes 33 seconds so Don got something to brag about to Andy.

Young vet John Lucas tucked in nicely behind the flying Richard Shipton complete with the new droop-snoot machine and came home in second spot in 23.24. Chairman Tony Palmer was less happy behind Paul Toppin but 24.15 was good enough for third place.

Full result:

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1st.	Tony Goodsell/Don Lock	22.34	+4.33
	Richard Shipton/John Lucas	23.24	+2.18
	Paul Toppin/Tony Palmer	24.15	+1.18
	Stuart Gibbs/Mike Gibbs	25.21	+1.59
	Mike Mansell/John Mansell (T)	26.58	+1.57
	Ian Leeding/Peter Aslett	27.15	-1.21
7th.	Christine Barnett/Charles		
	Brazier	28.16	+2.59
8th.	Dave Elson/Ray Douglass	29.03	+0.17

9th. Clive Goward/Mike Stanbridge 29.13 -2.19. Angela Walker was going to pace Treasurer Roger Smallman but on the day ..... they both had colds.... Hmm!

#### HUNTING HIVOLT

This Company has most kindly helped the Worthing Excelsior in producing some 3000 beautifully colour printed A.5. folders, the front of which depicts an ecstatic Paul West winning a road race at Eastway - Worthing Excelsior to the fore.

They are to be used in connection with all club promotions and will give all our promotion literature a most prestigious and attractive appearance. This issue of the magazine is sent to you inside one of these folders so that you can all see what we mean.

The Company has also agreed to help sponsor our Open Hardriders event to be run on 29th September 1985. Already a full page advertisement has been placed in the Road Time Trials Handbook and a prize list of some £300 is promised.

Hunting Hivolt Limited of Shoreham By Sea, had approached us through Phil Walters, father of Club member Bradley. Although he doesn't at present cycle as a sport or recreation personally, he used to be very active in this area and he has found renewed pleasure since Bradley has been involved, and wanted to help the Club and give encouragement and reward to those not normally

at the head of the prize lists. Other ideas on this aspect are still being considered.

The Worthing Excelsior is extremely grateful for this support which enables us to promote in style, without the 'total club sponsorship' which can lead to the loss of real club life and club atmosphere, something which the Excelsior has held dear for nearly 100 years.

Would all Club promoters, not just those involved with racing but of social events, fund raising, randonees, everything in fact, please note that these covers are held by Don Lock and he will let you have as many as you need.

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#### TOP TEN HUNDREDS OF 1984

1. Richard Shipton	Sussex C.A.	4.20.15.
2. Keith Dodman	Sussex C.A.	4.26.43.
3. Andy Smith	Sussex C.A.	4.29.27.
4. Paul Toppin	Sussex C.A.	4.30.39.
5. Richard Shipton	East Sussex	4.30.41.
6. Don Lock	Wessex	4.30.58.
7. Roy Holden	Sussex C.A.	4.31.54.
8. Graham Tooley	Sussex C.A.	4.37.21.
9. Don Lock	East Sussex	4.40.11.
10.Andy Smith	Bournemouth	4.42.36.

Nothing ultra-fast this year but then no rides on the Yorkshire drag strips. Nice to see some other names creeping into the charts too.

IT'S RUMOURED that Bob Withers.....

IT'S RUMOURED that Tom Lainsbury <u>lets</u> Mick Jones go on ahead when they're training. Tom says this is best because Mick gets so cross if you half-wheel him!

## TOP TEN FIFTIES OF 1984

1.	Richard Shipton	Sussex C.A.	1.59.04
2.	Roy Holden	Sussex C.A.	2.02.01
3.	Richard Shipton	East Sussex	2.02.13
4.	Keith Dodman	Sussex C.A.	2.02.20
5.	Andy Smith	Southampton	2.03.29
6.	Andy Smith	Vegetarian	2.03.46
7.	Andy Smith	Sussex C.A.	2.04.28
8.	Andrew Lock	Reading	2.05.16
9.	Andrew Lock	Sussex C.A.	2.05.27
10.	Don Lock	Southend	2.05.28

Last year saw three times under two hours but number ten was a 7.52 and this year that time would have been down three places. Competition is coming from more riders and should be fiercer still next season.

# TOP TWENTY TWENTY FIVES OF 1984

1.	Tony Goodsell	Brighton Mitre	55.19
2.	Paul Toppin	Wessex	55.25
3.	Richard Shipton	Southend	56.33
4.	Tony Goodsell	Sussex C.A.	56.36
5.	Paul Toppin	Hillingdon	57.11
6.	Richard Shipton	Finsbury Park	57.17
7.	Richard Shipton	Inter-Club	57.46
8.	Richard Shipton	Brighton Mitre	58.16

9.	Tony Goodsell	Epsom	58.19.
10.	Tony Goodsell	Bognor	58.22.
11.	Tony Goodsell	29th Wheelers	58.27.
12.	Dave Dallimore	Southend	58.33.
	Tony Goodsell	Southern Coy's	58.33.
14.	Paul Toppin	Sussex C.A.	58.39.
	Tony Goodsell	De Laune	58.39.
16.	Paul Toppin	Club	58.48.
17.	Richard Shipton	Sussex C.A.	58.50.
18.	Andrew Lock	Salisbury	58.51.
19.	Tony Goodsell	Old Portlians	58.57.
20.	Richard Shipton	Redbridge	59.05.
	Paul Toppin	Brighton Mitre	59.05.

A very similar table to 1983 but headed by the new club record. We found another ten inside the hour rides. Notable absentees from the list are Paul Reeves and Nick Lelliott. Tony Goodsell and veteran Dave Dallimore both in their first full seasons with us take their places.

# TIME TRIAL ROUND UP 1984 (OPEN COMPETITION)

Tony Goodsell collected two wins in the Epsom and Bognor 25's and, in a very good finish to his season took second place in 25's run by the 29th Wheelers, S.C.A., Southern Counties, and Brighton Mitre. He also led us to end of season team wins in the Brighton and Bognor events and towed our Ed. to a win in the Ashford Grand Prix. Paul Toppin came home second in our Ron Mills 25 and 3rd in the Hillingdon Charity 25. He also pulled Tony Palmer to 3rd spot in the Ashford race. Richard Shipton fought manfully

against the overwhelming Arch-Deacon in East Sussex, taking a second in a 25 and a third in a fifty. He was also second overall in that Association's B.A.R. Dave Dallimore picked up the vets standard trophy in the Christchurch Grand Prix with Mick Jones. Dave also collected a good handful of veterans awards and seven times was placed in the top six in overall classification. The last of Andrew Lock's junior collection gave him four more wins before his 18th birthday. Both Paul Toppin and Richard Shipton made the top six on nine occasions. Tony Goodsell just beat them with ten, but this was in a very short season of only 14 or 15 outings. Roy Holden was the first winner of the S.C.A's Veteran's B.A.R and was the strong member of three veteran teams, winning the E.S.C.A. and S.C.A. 2-up with Don Look and the Brighton Mitre 4-Up with Keith Dodman, Dave Dallimore and Don Lock. Mick Mansell was the last to make the charts with his first top placing, a super sixth in the Bognor Hilly

TOP	TWENTY TENS OF 19	984	
1.	Paul Toppin	Harrogate	22.03
2.	Paul Toppin	De Laune	22.17
3.	Paul Toppin	Club event	22.19
4.	Paul Toppin	P.T.T.	22.23
5.	Richard Shipton	De Laune	22.32
6.	Richard Shipton	Worthing	22.43
7.	Paul Toppin	Club event	22.44
	Paul Toppin	Club event	22.44
	Dave Dallimore	Sydenham	22.44
10.	Dave Dallimore	Ashford	22.49

11.	Dave	Dallimore	Bognor	22.50
12.	Dave	Dallimore	De Laune	22.54
13.	Mike	Coyle	Club event	22.55
	Dave	Dallimore	Worthing	22.55
	Paul	Toppin	Club event	22.55
16.	Dave	Dallimore	Club event	22.59
17.	Dave	Dallimore	Club event	23.01
18.	Paul	Toppin	Club event	23.03
19.	Mike	Coyle	Club event	23.04
20.	Paul	Toppin	P.T.T.	23.05
	Andy	Smith	Club event	23.05
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Paul well clear but he and Dave left only four spots for others. My guess is that 1985 will see a dramatic change in this top twenty.

IT'S RUMOURED that our President has upset our Secretary - he's been trying to for years. When John removed skid lid and tea cosy and placed it upside down on the floor, Ray was heard to ask, " Can I get you some flowers for your hanging basket John"

Also involving our Secretary has been a claim (unsuccessful I'm afraid) that he was first to fall off his bike in '85. New Year's Day, 10.30 a.m. was a good effort certainly, but on the basis of information received so far, only good enough for second place. He was beaten by about 40 minutes by Ian Leeding who did a superb slide into Fulking. Any other claims to be supported by photographs of damage or injury to be sent to Ray Douglass who will be pleased to act as adjudicator.

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