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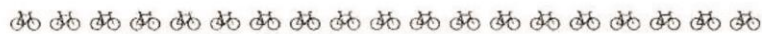
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THE WORTHING WHEEL

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20th FEB 2007

Not bad with over 30 members present, apologies from half a dozen, so only 50/60 unaccounted for. For future reference we record that the whole thing lasted just 48 minutes and included free refreshments so not too much hardship to be endured.

The meeting was clearly satisfied with everything that the past committee have done and wasted little breath in voting for re-election. Page 1 of this magazine has then a very similar look to previous issues. Just Colin Miller stepping in to the position of Press Secretary.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were attached to the notice of the meeting and were approved, both these officers have served us well for some time now and it's good that they are prepared to continue.

A position that had been vacant, namely that of Assistant Club Events Secretary has been filled by Keith Harmer. Nice to have a volunteer! A forthcoming problem with a shortage of timekeepers was partly resolved with Keith Harmer, Pete Eldridge and Robert Downham agreeing to come on board as Assistants. This alleviates the 'Starting' timekeeper problem and hopefully some of the assistants will agree, after some experience, to be upgraded to 'Full timekeepers' so that they can handle the 'Finish' timekeeping as well.

The proposed rules adjustments for the Spoco, Hill Climb and Evening 10's were duly approved and this will help to avoid some anomalies which previously existed.

Nothing controversial, so the new (or not so new really) committee will get down to the Club's activities for the year ahead and look forward to the members' full support.

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## TONY and the SIX FOOT TEDDYBEAR!

Supporting a worthwhile cause, other than that is, than the President's Pension Fund, our Tony (Mr President) Palmer won the Raffle. Yes, you've got it, he won the Giant Teddy Bear, which he swears, was so big he could not get his arms around it.

Considering it an inappropriate accessory to his attire for a



night out in Brighton, and putting aside a fleeting vision of a centrepiece for the next Club Dinner raffle, Tony returned it for a further draw. By the sound of it, that's where it may be destined to stay.

What a spoilsport though, we could at least have had a photo for the Worthing Wheel!

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LONG FURLONG CIRCUIT EVENT 25th FEB

To those of us who have ridden with or 'after' Mel Robertson during, what we thought was the 'off' season, it came as no surprise that he started 2007 exactly where he left off in 2006. He is still flying, possibly going even faster. Only his tea brewing seems to have reached a plateau.

We know it has been a mild winter, but while most of the riders were regarding the event as just a bit of a pipe opener, Mel took the view that it was ripe for a personal best and achieved this with a time of 44 minutes 22 seconds for the 17 and a bit miles.

It was warm enough for shorts and some daringly gave bare legs an airing with no ill effects. In fact fastest in shorts was Mark Bernhardt riding for a debut 3rd place and first handicap. It was then explained that he can collect the medal on the purchase of at least two Club Dinner tickets come next November!

The Robertson family though were well clear of the rest as the full result shows:-

		<u>Time</u>	<u>1st Lap</u>	<u>H'cap</u>	<u>H'cap Time</u>
1 st	Mel Robertson	44.22	22.09	Sc	44.22
2 nd	Karl Robertson	45.13	22.29	1.00	44.13
3 rd	Mark Bernhard	49.54	24.39	8.30	41.24
4 th	Nathan Gale	50.18	24.45	5.00	45.18
5 th	Don Lock	50.31	25.08	6.00	44.31
6 th	Robert Downham	51.14	24.50	8.00	43.14
7 th	Colin Miller	54.21	26.33	10.00	44.21
8 th	Thomas Rhoden	1.00.04	27.26	9.00	51.04
9 th	Diana Trafford	1.00.41	29.29	11.30	49.11
10 th	Peter Eldridge	1.01.32	30.32	11.00	50.32

Nick Attaway completed lap 1 in 26.09 but suffered a puncture and did not finish.

Four no starters reduced the length of the result card and it's a pity when two other riders rode as 'private' entries, not having entered formally. If you really can't get to the clubroom or send the entry to Mel in the post give him a ring with the details. It can usually be arranged for you to be given a handicap allowance and a place in the starters order. It makes the event more worthwhile, it says thanks to those who turn out to officiate and the more entries there are means a longer prize list.

A stiff north westerly made it especially hard up the Findon Valley and murder from the Findon roundabout to the finish by the cricket ground, well that's what most thought. We never asked the first two, just didn't seem appropriate! Oh and by the way Mel, that's not a criticism of your tea, it's still top quality!

The two private time trials by Club riders were Simon Letts 50.44 and Richard Klose 53.39. Good to have Simon back with us again. He thought it was about 15 years or so since he was previously a member, well we looked back through the race book and found a number of rides around 1990 including a "23" minute 10! A note of this has been passed to the handicappers.

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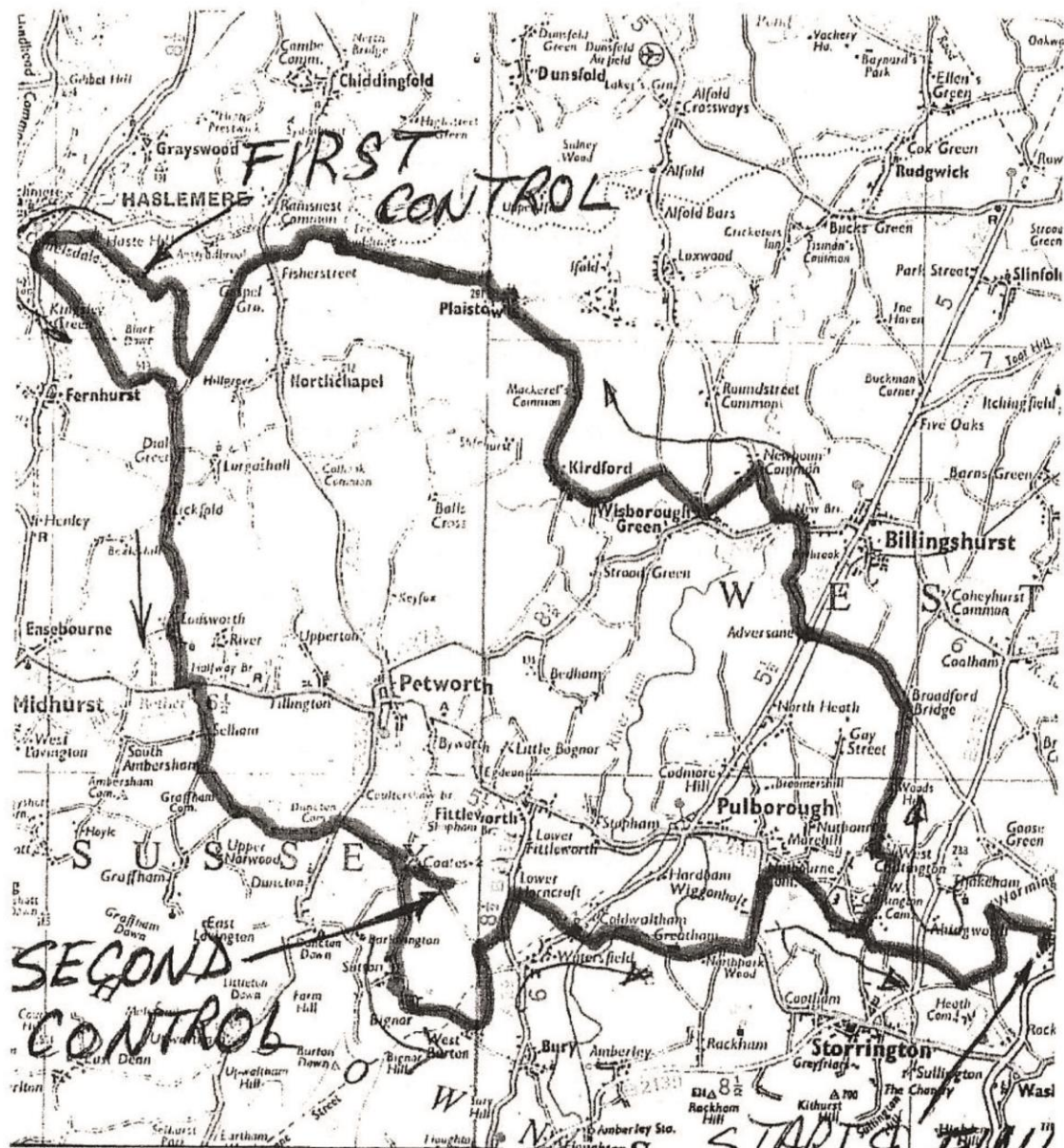
### THE WINTER WARMER 100k AUDAX

10<sup>th</sup> February

I had a ride over the route a week before the event to check for any likely hazards. The worst were potholes, especially on the downhill sections: hedge trimming had also taken place leaving a choice selection of thorns and brambles – just right for punctures. Add to this grit washed on to the roads and a deflation or ten seemed almost inevitable.

There was a change to the route this year on the third section. Instead of riding along the main road from Houghton to Jays Lane west of Storrington, the riders were sent on a loop from Burton through Sutton, Bignor (sneaky way of getting a nasty little climb in. Ed) West Burton and Coldwaltham to join the A283 just north of Parham. You can see from the map that this route is no doddle, but then that's what Audax is all about – the challenge.





The Saturday of the event started with pouring rain and of the 108 entries some 24 were clearly not up for it. Leaving their bikes in the shed and turning over for another hour in bed. So 84 left Ashington HQ at 9a.m and already were being rewarded with lightening skies and only light rain. One rider returned quite quickly having not fully recovered from a bout of flu so at this time there were still 83 "green bottles left on the shelf".

There were a lot of punctures but a total of 80 (95%) safely



returned to the roost and having completed the route with all controls and checks and within permitted time. Punctures accounted for the other three of the non-finishers. Most arrived home between 1.15 and 3.00p.m. I later discovered that two riders missed the turning to go up Blackdown (I wonder why. Ed) so they went up the next one. This is Quell Lane, a 1 in 4! And then down Fernden Lane, when they realised they had gone wrong. So they did the obvious thing and went back up Fernden Lane to rejoin the route at the bottom of Quell Lane. (Can anyone tell me if they ever went up Blackdown? Ed)

My thanks to Mike Poland for serving tea and coffee at the start (a candidate to assist on the canteen rota perhaps). To Dave 'El Supremo' Hudson for his banquet at the first control, Adrian and Tony – the Palmer brothers, for first control registration, to Paul (not well on the day, but still there) and Angela Toppin for manning the second control, Chris Beckingham at the final check in. Jean Smallman for making the cakes and helping at the finish and last but not least to my wife Stella for helping in the organisation at home and for serving soup and drinks.

Club riders who were among the successful 80 were :- Ben Barden, Robert Downham, Nathan Gale, Trevor Jennings, Richard Klose, Peter Logan, Mark Newnham, Paul Outhwaite, Karl Roberton, Mel Roberton and Rocco Sepe

Roger Smallman, last year's secret 'Bouncer' knows that cyclists are well behaved so he joined the 'escape committee' this year and did 15 miles on his bike.

Mike Irons

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CLUB 10 Mile WASHINGTON 11th MARCH

1 st	Mel Roberton	22.56	Sc	22.56
2 nd	Karl Roberton	23.52	0.40	23.12
3 rd	Nathan Gale	25.44	3.00	22.44
4 th	Don Lock	26.22	3.00	23.22
5 th	Robert Downham	26.24	3.30	22.54
6 th	Mark Bernhardt	26.39	2.50	23.49
7 th	Joseph Saville	27.42	3.20	24.22
8 th	Nick Attaway	28.15	4.00	24.15

9 th	Colin Miller	28.21	5.00	23.21
10 th	Thomas Rhoden	28.53	6.40	22.13
11 th	Peter Logan	30.54	6.50	24.04
12 th	Diana Trafford	30.57	6.10	24.47
13 th	Peter Eldridge	31.54	6.30	25.24

A beautiful spring-like morning, it was sunny and warm and even a breezy southerly will not deter us from using that description. The only thing that did spoil it though was the totally uncalled for mid-summer madness of Roberton senior who flew round the course in under 23 minutes! We will forgive him however as he did wallop all those ex WECC riders who turned up for a 'guest' ride. You will undoubtedly have noticed this mag. has not settled kindly to the mass migration of 2005. Now if they joined a club who provided a programme of events for club members then they would have plenty of club competition to keep them tuned up for the bigger open events. Additionally of course, we could now and again have a guest ride in their events for a change. Ah well . . . move on . . .

Thirteen riders was not a bad entry but again there were four who just turned up on the morning. Had they entered it would have been an even better show of support for those involved in the promotion.

Other Club times were : Robin Fairhurst 25.42, Mark Newnham 26.46, Simon Letts 27.08 and Dave Bowen 27.58.

The awards were: 1st Mel Roberton. 1st Handicap Thomas Rhoden, 2nd Handicap Nathan Gale and 3rd Handicap Robert Downham.

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#### MEMBER'S SURNAMES Some cryptic clues

1. Steal a hesitant weight.
2. Having several of these on heat gives you plenty of options.
3. South to a Grand Avenue for all.
4. A poet and fifty and vowels a plenty. I'm missing but you're there twice by the sound of it.
5. Two ton and zero.
6. A mate and a trader without a song.
7. The French is backward, the gird is all mixed up and even the



- Editor seems to have got involved.
8. Sounds like lots of messages have got through OK by the response.
  9. Grinding about about, or is there doubt in the end.
  10. A number it would seem are just to the north of us, and that's before the bacon.
  11. Equality hurts?
  12. Auld –Syne and a Shakespeare play without the Lease.
  13. String before beer
  14. One hundred and fifty alright when sorted out.
  15. This one is as easy as ABC on the face of it.
  16. An old one for Ferguson to rule over.

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Answers on a postcard to The Editor, Worthing Wheel . . . . .

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### ANYTHING TO GET A MENTION!

A random ride of Ditchling Beacon, a 50 mile reliability trial without entering and now, would you believe, a full 'Devonshire Cream Tea' for elevenses on the Sunday Club run!

Richard (becoming notorious) Klose, is clearly an attention seeker. While the rest of the group were satisfied with a toasted tea cake and a tea or coffee Mr Klose tackles two gi-normous scones with pots of cream, butter and strawberry jam!

He did however crash out on this gastronomic venture having to seek assistance from others while only a short way into the second scone.

Only a mile or so into the return trip and he had to stop. He maintains it was a mechanical problem but we have our doubts . . . . .

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### WE START 2007 WITH A TEAM WIN

As early as 17<sup>th</sup> February and our trio of Mel and Karl Robertson and Robin Fairhurst win the team prize in the Central Sussex 17 mile Ron Ewart Memorial event on the Ashurst circuit. Their positions in the finish order were 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and their

respective times, 41.18, 43.16 and 45.55. Too good for any other team in a small (42 entry) but good quality field. £10 each has repaid their entry fee and expenses but that is an excellent start for WECC.

Mel baulked at one point in his ride, also picked up £15 for third fastest veteran on standard. Two seconds faster and he would have been second. How much time did you lose? - We asked. "Three seconds exactly" He replied!

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G.S.STELLA WEEKEND

3/4 February

18k. Storrington to Whiteways and back on the Saturday afternoon, and then on the following morning the 42k circuit Storrington, Arundel via Whiteways and Fontwell then back via Long Furlong and Washington to finish just east of Storrington. Definitely "sporting" courses. Saturday afternoon was beautiful and really warm, it even brought the spectators out to watch the suffering on Houghton Hill. Sunday morning though was much colder and windier.

We had just Mel riding on the Saturday, he being anxious to get some of these "sporting courses" events in early, to qualify for the Sussex CA annual competition. He did well to record a time of 30min 51 seconds and placing himself third in the veteran's category.

On the Sunday he was joined by Nathan Gale. Mel found this one hard, finishing with 1 hour 11 minutes and 37 seconds and slipping to 4th on veteran standard. For Nathan this was a jump in the deep end for the first ride of the season. He recorded 1.17.14 and reckons it was good training.

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### NOSTALGIA

You might think it was all years ago and long forgotten, but with this infernal internet and websites it's in fact all there still . . . . . you can't get away from it.

How about the Bognor 25 on P10 on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1972, of course you remember it. Portsmouth CC filled the first three places, John Light 58.29, Dave Silk 59.50 and Keith Thomson 1.00.52.



Worthing riders were a bit down the list but Tony Palmer was home in 1.9.46, Harry Beasley – used to be our Treasurer – recorded 1.11.18 and Peter Taylor, still a Club Life member managed 1.12.48.

A couple of other local names were much closer up in 15<sup>th</sup> place, Brighton Mitre's Robin Johnson on 1.5.07 and John Spooner, who until recent years ran Spooner's Cycles in South Farm Road, and produced superb hand built frames, was 16<sup>th</sup> in 1.05.11.

Or how about Bognor 10 on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1978. Now this makes good reading. In first place for Worthing Excelsior Nick Lelliott in 21.48, over 2 minutes ahead of the second placed rider, who tied with our Paul Toppin on 24.04. Ray Douglass was there on 26.54. Ken Atkins on 27.17. Bernie Wright on 27.30 and Mike Poland on 27.33. Bet Mike even remembers what the refreshments were. Oh yes! And Worthing won the Team award.

Now let's try 1976. How about the Hants Road Club 50, 4<sup>th</sup> July, won by Ken Ruffell of Crabwood CC. One, Keith Dodman showed Excelsior colours finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in a fine 2.06.36. John Biddle who lived out in the West Chiltington area and was in business making furniture, also represented us and recorded 2.14.18, which was probably also a personal best. Finally stalwart Ray Douglass finished in 2.20.29 to complete our entry.

Or you can go back over 36 years to 1970 and recall a few names from the Bognor 25 of September that year. George Matthews (last heard of racing in South Africa) was fastest for us with 1.00.19. Mick Venner (last heard of as a triathlete in Cornwall) recorded 1.1.17. Don Lock (last heard of limping round the Long Furlong Circuit ) got home in 1.4.10. Paul Langridge 1.5.23, Tony Hill (retired School teacher living near Wakefield) 1.5.39. Mike Poland (retired polishing the French ) 1.7.58. Paul Reeves 1.8.37 and Tony Palmer (? Retired) 1.9.51.

Must try and get this Editor back into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

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NOW STEADY ON!

Well I know for some of you the Sunday Club run is one of the few chances you get for a decent ride, especially in the winter. What with dark nights, not going well with roads full of pot holes and all that, but 'Club Run' demands that you switch to 'Club Run Mode'

which is a good couple of gears down from 'Racing Mode' or even 'Training Mode'.

The Mode to be selected can, of course, be varied depending upon the make up of those attending the run. There are several categories to be specially considered. Firstly new members, it is vitally important that they are not ridden into the ground and burnt off on their first outing. For that matter if they hammer away at a totally unsociable pace they should be politely informed of a more reasonable etiquette. Secondly, Audax fanatics, these I regard as almost as bad as 'roadmen' – they can keep going for ever, love bad weather, punctures and mountains and have a very nasty habit of talking a lot when not eating! Also, whilst their average speed is for some odd reason measured in kilometres per hour, they are all apt to go too fast.

Members of the runs committee, these can be know-alls at times, seem to hark back to the days of Club Captains, who you would not dare to overtake, in fear of being called before the Committee. These people do not know where they are going, they only pretend to have a route planned. In fact they adjust routes to suit themselves, i.e how fit do they feel, what's the weather like etc. However there are no longer any rules about overtaking the runs leader for the purpose of providing him with some shelter, particularly into head winds. You should, however, first observe the pace that was being followed and not attempt to add another 5mph!

Veterans: now this is a category which needs to be re-defined very quickly. I'm writing to the Veteran's Time Trials Association about this. In the light of modern technology, advances in 'nutrition' and in this area, the availability and proximity of Glaxo Smith Kline (Beecham's), I feel over 70 would be a better starting point. The speeds now obtained by youngsters in their 50's clearly proves the point. However, we can make a start with club runs without waiting for changes in VTTA legislation. Anyone over 70 must receive all possible assistance and certain actions like attacking on hills must be Considered 'red card' offences.

Lastly, time trial nutters. These fanatics will sometimes join our club run after a time trial and will turn up on ridiculous machines with only 3 or 4 spoke wheels, dressed like ski jumpers and adopting a similar tuck position on strange handlebars hovering a few inches above the front wheel and a foot in front of it. It is a most anti-social position, in fact it almost seems more appropriate to talk to the rear

end, which is usually much higher, although the conversation is very one-sided. These strange people, if they are to be accommodated must ride at the back, well they will be without mudguards anyway. They will be totally lost once you leave the A roads so you have to keep an eye on them. They can't read maps, their only reading is the Cycling Time Trials handbook, and the only road numbers they know begin with 'G'!!

So you see on a club run, first select 'Club Run mode', then have a good look at those waiting with you for the start.

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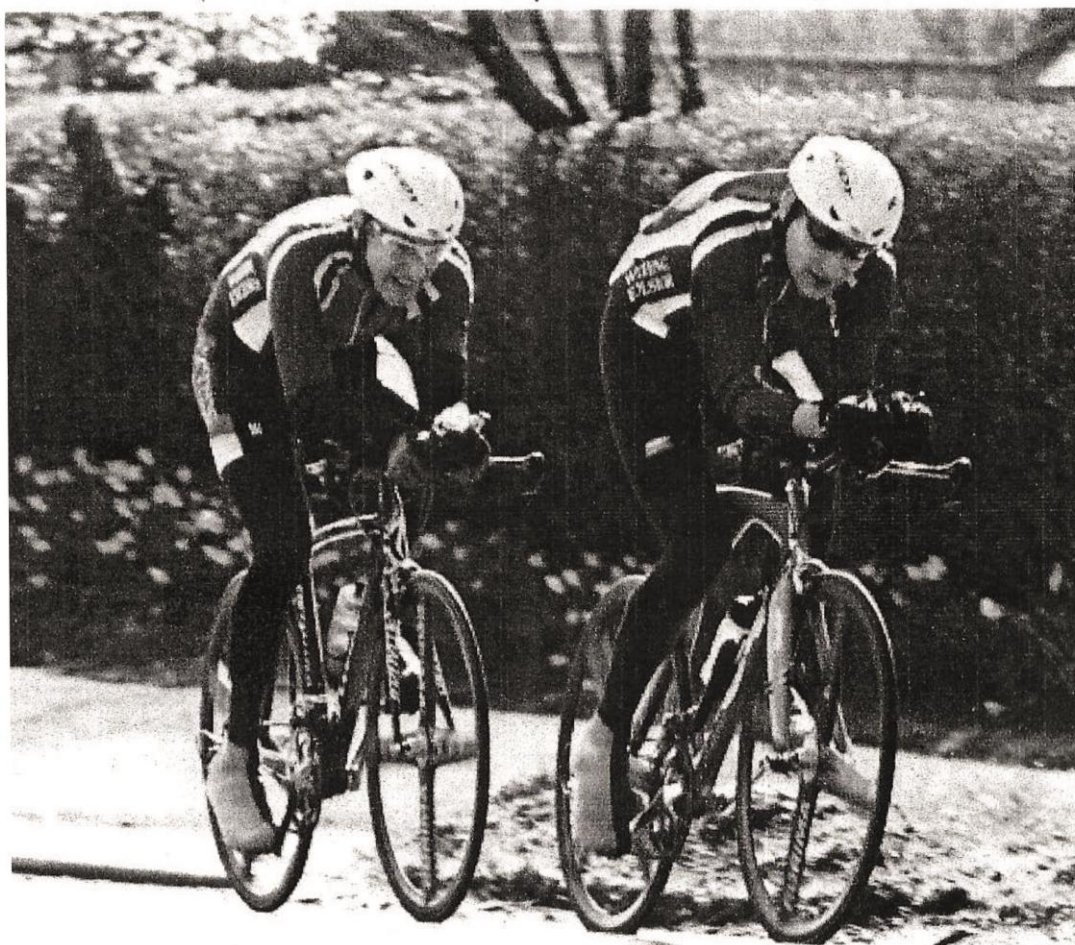
### SUSSEX C.A. TWO-UP 18<sup>th</sup> March

Start just west of Storrington, finish just east of Storrington and race, up Houghton down to Fontwell back round to Arundel on A27, up Crossbush, and finally cut through Long Furlong and home from Washington. There, didn't take long did it! Well how long in fact depends very much on fitness and approach. You can be Steve Dennis, East Grinstead CC and Stewart Jardine of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Airports CT, and roar round despite very strong winds in a near record time of 58.41 seconds – or you can take in the scenery and pick up the Lantern Rouge, as did Keith Balcombe and Claire Leonard of Brighton Excelsior, with a time of 1.41.54.

We had a good number of riders with several opening their 2007 programmes. Our fastest duo were the father and son pairing of Mel and Karl Roberton. The picture overleaf (Karl in front) was included at Karl's request, to scotch any rumours that he had to hang on all the way round!

They finished 7<sup>th</sup> of the 33 teams with a time of 1.6.01. Home in 17<sup>th</sup> place were Jon Rodgers and Ben Barden recording 1.14.18. This was just 3 seconds too good for our Stephan Weber riding with Simon Palmer of Tuff Fitty Tri Club. At 20<sup>th</sup> we had Adrian Rodgers paired with ex-member Chris Putnam now riding for BN12RT. Their time 1.15.16. Finally, and quite aggrieved at losing out for the Lantern Rouge, we had Diana Trafford and Peter Eldridge, 32<sup>nd</sup> on 1.35.49. Peter blames Diana saying she went much too fast up Houghton!





Finally, a mention for Colin Miller who was due to ride with Julie Gallagher of Amphibians II Tri Club. Seems Colin's date stood him up. He rode round all on his lonesome to record 1.26.48.

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ASHURST CIRCUIT CLUB EVENT March 25th

The gale of Saturday was a mere northerly breeze by Sunday morning which was damp and grey but mild. For racing it was good and a healthy bunch of times were recorded. Mel led the way again, it's difficult to see who is going to stop him this year. Karl or perhaps Jeremy Wootton later on, but at the moment His time for the 16.4 miles was 40.10 seconds, about 24mph for a sporting circuit.

Karl was once more the only one to get near, taking second spot in 41.44.

Below is the full result and principal comment is for Tom Rhoden at 18 years and in his third ride, he roars through the handicapper's deliberations. While Tom will, we are sure, be rising up the finishing order, Don Lock seems to be slipping into the relegation zone – probably comes from watching the Albion too often! Pat on the back for the Ed though:- that wasn't a bad bit of handicapping, even if he was next to last!

Once again the result is disappointing from the aspect of involvement. A number are riding Open events but not Club events, why is that? And for yet another event we have no less than 5 who just turn up on the morning. We have two who did not start – apology from one, and unfortunately one who did not finish due to mechanical trouble, hard luck Peter Eldridge. But if we had those eight all included the result would have shown 17 riders, not just 9. Come on everyone get your entries in to Mel it makes his job, and that of the other officials who turn out so much more worthwhile.

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8 th	Colin Miller	48.56	9.30	39.26
9 th	Diana Trafford	54.07	13.30	40.37

Private rides , WECC Chris Bacon 42.00, Robin Fairhurst 44.44, Simon Letts 44.52, Richard Klose 49.47, Ted Wixon 56.23. Also two riders from Crawley

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### PULBOROUGH EVENT CANCELLED

The 17 mile circuit from Pulborough through Wisborough Green and Fittleworth due to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> April, had to be called off because of road work traffic lights in Wisborough Green.

Our Club Events Secretary has not let the grass grow under his feet. His admin. Speed matches his "on the bike" speed. A new date has been found and the evnt will now be on SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE, start 8a.m. MAKE A NOTE and GET THOSE ENTRIES IN TO MEL.

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INTER – CLUB 25 Mile

This competition which has been going for years is between WECC, Bognor Regis CC, Hants Road Club and Rother Valley CC. With the aggregate of the Club's best 6 riders deciding the future resting place of the rather scruffy Tankard. Forget the trophy, we have to defend our winning streak and will need to have our best available riders.

It will be promoted this year by the Rother Valley on the Petersfield bypass course on Sunday 1st July. This is a good fast course so if you possibly can please reserve this Sunday for WECC, and let Mel know that you will be available.

Now who would our best riders be? We asked one of our handicappers and he came up with this list and roughly their order as well!

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Mel Roberton | 14. Robert Downham |
| 2. Jeremy Wootton | 15. Andrew Pillands |
| 3. Karl Roberton | 16. Mark Newnham |
| 4. Chris Bacon | 17. Joseph Saville |
| 5. Adrian Rodgers | 18. Thomas Rhoden |
| 6. Robin Fairhurst | 19. Nick Attaway |
| 7. Nathan Gale | 20. Richard Klose |
| 8. Stephan Weber | 21. David Bowen |
| 9. Jon Rodgers | 22. Diana Trafford |
| 10. Mark Bernhardt | 23. Peter Logan |
| 11. Simon Letts | 24. Peter Eldridge |
| 12. Ben Barden | 25. Ted Wixon |
| 13. Don Lock | |

What a super turn-out that would be!

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### NO OF COURSE HE DIDN'T MEAN THAT!

Just in case anyone official gets a look at the Worthing Wheel, we feel we should comment immediately on the contribution, 'Now steady on' which appears earlier in this issue. The reference to Smith Kline Beecham was in no way intended to infer any use of procedures or substances contrary to the World Anti-Doping Code. We have questioned the contributor carefully and are satisfied that his thoughts centred round the former 'Beecham' products, and other more recently evolved laxatives guaranteed to get you going. Our Ed remembers when they were advertised as being worth a guinea a box. Now they cost three times that, and he says he's saving up.

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ANOTHER KNOCKDOWN EVENING

Skittles at the Spur at Slindon were flying in all directions as the WECC moved in for another of their half yearly 'Beer and Skittles' Do's.

John (the lethal) Lucas was the guy in form out gunning Keith Dodman and Mark Bernhardt to win a bottle of white, whilst Sarah Downham ran out of female opposition to win the red.

The team game was so awful that the worst team got wooden spoons, and the best team some 'Fully Retractable' – Wow!- ballpoint pens.

The Buffet in between games was the best bit.
We're trying again on 19th October.

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### CLUB RUNS ATTENDANCE TROPHY

#### Position at April 1<sup>st</sup>

|    |                |           |
|----|----------------|-----------|
| 1. | Don Lock       | 42 points |
| 2. | Mel Robertson  | 41 ..     |
| 3. | Robert Downham | 33 ..     |
| 4. | Karl Robertson | 30 ..     |
| 5. | Richard Klose  | 25 ..     |
| 6. | Rocco Sepe     | 20 ..     |
|    |                | 16.       |

### NUN TO CIRCLE PRESTON PARK!

Tony Palmer was asked how far was one lap of the Brighton track. He found out and passed the info to the enquirer. "What do you want to know for?" he asked. "Well I'm working at this convent and there's a nun who's planning to ride 25 miles for charity"

Visions of flowing habits and rosaries dangling in derailleur!

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NEW WEBSITE MANAGER

It is what he does for a living and he has volunteered to keep the WECC website up to date and informative. Welcome MARK NEWNHAM, always nice to have people willing to assist.

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### HERNE HILL – GOOD FRIDAY

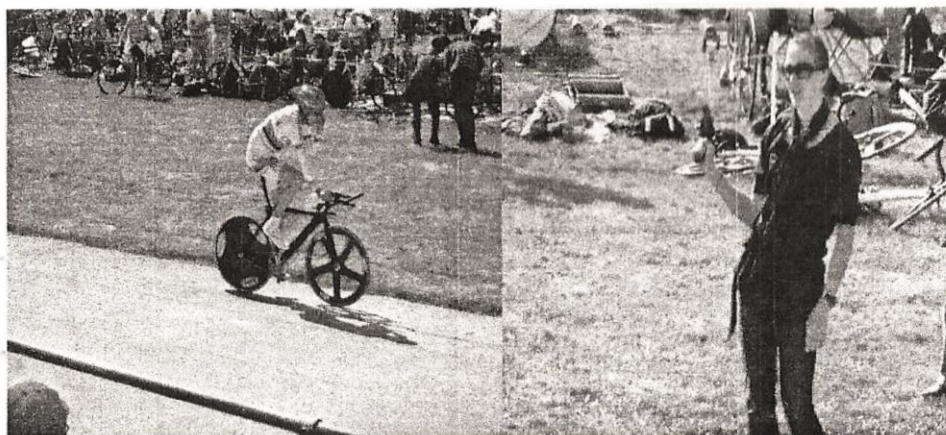
After the fantastic performance of our track riders in the World Championships in Majorca, we thought our Ed and his wife Maureen should go up to this regular South London Track event to rub shoulders with the stars. Well they did to an extent – Bradley Wiggins was so delighted to see them that he kept going round and round and waving as well. As for Victoria Pendleton, well she was so excited that she took to firing a gun into the air – sort of middle eastern in style.

It was a great show with lots of good racing including a 50 lap motor paced behind Triumph Thunderbirds. Bradley gave a demonstration/annihilation performance in the "ten minute" pursuit catching everyone inside 5 minutes.

Victoria probably wishes she had been riding, apart from starting the ladies Keirin – no she didn't actually shoot anyone – she was busily engaged all afternoon signing autographs, posing for photographs, doing interviews and presenting the prizes.

Vern McClelland was observed in track centre – looked to be an official photographer. The two snaps here are 'amateur' and from the stand!





A beautiful warm and sunny day and enthusiastic crowd.  
No we didn't pay the Ed's fare and he paid his own entrance fees!

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SURREY LEAGUE 2007

The loss of Goodwood for the league meetings has come as a blow to those who enjoyed the Tuesday evening events. It is a particular loss to WECC with only a short distance to travel. The league will continue but at Dunsfold Aerodrome, which is 1½ miles NW of Alfold, 25 miles from Worthing. The meetings start at 6.30 (youth) and 7.00 (seniors) from Tuesday 24th April through to the end of July.

The WECC duty promotion is on 17th July. Further details available from Vern McClelland (see page 1).

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### SUSSEX CYCLE RACING LEAGUE Preston Park Track Brighton 2007

If you're interested in track racing the League meetings are every Wednesday evening from 2<sup>nd</sup> May until August 15<sup>th</sup>. All types of events and categories are available being run under the rules of British Cycling. Vern McClelland (see page 1) is the guy to contact. Admission is free and refreshments are available, for spectators

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