



NEWSLETTER

Cycling Weekly

Did you treat yourself to a copy of Cycling Weekly? Was it worth the £2.99 – or did you just borrow someone else's? What did you think of the article? Did it reflect your thoughts on your favourite Club? It was nice to see that we almost made the centrefold. I'm always worried where they're going to put the staples. Ouch!!!

It's a shame that they didn't get everything right. I'm sorry to see that Tony Palmer has been a member of the Club for only 10 years when we all know that he's a lot older than his younger brother who's (apparently) been in the Club for 55 years, which must mean that he joined when he was 10 years old. And when did we stop having brothers and sisters? All of a sudden everyone has 'siblings'.

We know that journalists don't always get it right because there was an article later on in the mag. that suggested that a rider in the Orwell Velo 20 mile time trial on a 'sporting course' managed to complete the ride in 21.04. By my reckoning that's about 57.1428571429 mph average speed. HmMMMM!!!

Isle of Wight

Well, Rob (The President) went for his ride around the Isle of Wight with his merry band of compatriots and they had a very pleasant time. Nearly 70 miles on some of the best roads in the South. Not one rider punctured – that's nearly 800 miles between them and not one puncture. Is that a Club record?

GDPR

.....that's the General Data Protection Regulations to you and me. It has nothing to do with cycling. It's nothing to do with being fit. It has does nothing to with maintaining your good looks. It's the new Rules for making sure that organisations don't take liberties with your personal information. Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club is defined as being one of those 'organisations' and so the Club is required to have a 'Privacy Policy'. This 'Policy' is now displayed on the Club website so do have a read. If you can't be bothered to read it then just be assured that the Club won't take liberties with your personal information, and we certainly won't be selling on your info. for marketing purposes.

Club Racing

I don't usually make comment about racing because, if you are interested, then you know that you can get all the details from the Club website, but a recent race report on the Hampshire Road Club 25 is worthy of note and that is the new Club record set by a team comprising Nik Allen, Trevor Leeding and Neil Crowther of 2:44:42 taking 4 minutes off the 1986 time set by Pete Dankwardt, Andy Smith and Paul Toppin. The other two Club riders in this event – Spencer Kirkham and Martin Booker also posted very respectable times to record the fastest 5-man team ever in the Club (unofficial) records. And, to top it all, the Club Team 50 record set in 1992 has also been smashed as well with Ian Cheesman, Neil Crowther and Martin Booker competing in the Blazing Saddles 50 in a cumulative 5:47:10. Well done chaps!

Ouch!!!

Sad to say that in the SCA 50 Ian Cheesman fell and smashed his collarbone. Apparently his first response was 'And I was going really well.' No, Ian! Follow the script – you should have said 'Is my bike OK?' Get well soon.

'Did you know.....?'

Did you know that many years ago John Lucas won a 'smiling' competition? It was a long time ago and it was probably wind anyway.

More racing

Because of road works etc etc – a number of local events have changed.

28 th July	Epsom CC10 H10/8	date change to 4 th August
11 th August	South Eastern RC	changed to G10/42
19 th August	Bec CC 25	changed to G25/93
2 nd September	Southern Counties 25	changed to G25/47

New member

A warm (in this weather – very warm) welcome to Tom Sanders who has joined us on the road and has already started racing with us. Good to see you Tom!

Another 'Did you know.....?'

Did you know that the Aston Martin bike is manufactured by Storck, the German bike manufacturer? They only made 107 of them at a cost of £15,777 each. Now Mercedes Benz is teaming up with Argon 18 to produce two component options, but the price is not yet known. Better start saving!

Duke of York's Cinema, Preston Circus, Brighton

On Thursday 12th July, 2018 the film 'Time Trial', will be showing at The Duke of York's cinema in Brighton. It's a film about David Millar starring David Millar. It is described as "a documentary with real force, a compelling personal story and a dizzying visual experience that you won't easily forget." It's on for one night only so you may have to pre-book your ticket. There's a trailer on 'Youtube' if you want to have a look at that first.

Interesting quote

'The bicycle is just as good company as most husbands and, when it gets old and shabby, a woman can dispose of it and get a new one without shocking the entire community'Ann Strong, Minneapolis Tribune, 1895.

Question

Who was the first to circumnavigate the globe on a cycle? Answer below.

Warning!!!

Do you remember last month a warning was given about dodgy on-line adverts and that 'Scott' was going to take action? Well, now 'Cube' is entering the fray. They have issued a warning to customers across Europe to steer clear of the domain Bicycles4you.de. 'Cube' has been fielding calls and complaints from would-be customers who have complained about money taken and no delivery. Increasingly such fake online stores are lifting a bike shop or brands' website assets before quickly mirroring the genuine page at numerous URLs. These URLs are very often promoted on social media channels, drawing in masses of buyers taken in by promises of 90% discounts.

To date, numerous brands have been targeted including the likes of 'Pinarello' to 'Trek', as well as London's 'The Bike Rooms', among other genuine shops.

Club Runs

There's a new Runs List been published so don't miss out. And especially don't miss out on the 8th July when the Club visits Ken Newton's. Don't forget that the cakes are rather special, and remember that it's a charity do, so let your donation at least reflect what you would normally pay when you go to the cafe.

Clothing

If you need to order new kit then let Jeff Blunsdon know so that he can open a new window on the clothing website.

Answer

Thomas Stevens in 1884 set out from San Francisco on his 'penny-farthing' and 32 months later returned home. Hmmmm..... What was the value of the 'penny-farthing' by the time he got home? I haven't got any records of the rates of inflation because he rode on solid tyres Ha! Ha! Ha!

The opinions expressed above are not necessarily those of Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club, but could be the ramblings of a senile old duffer.