

The occasion will arise, presumably, when this Annual Report will not convey a continued sense of success. That occasion will not be recorded for 1967, which has been yet a further year of expansion and consolidation.

Our Membership at 31st December numbered 115 ( a substantial, valuable and valuable proportion of whom continue to constitute our junior section). This figure represents an increase of 20 on the total for 1966. This is a most encouraging trend, and it is surely reflected in our Balance Sheet, which if compared to the Balance Sheet of 1964, shows that our balance has more than doubled in the intervening 3 years.

It is, incidentally, very pleasing to be able to record here that many of our younger members not only give, but actually volunteer their services as Marshals, Helpers, and even as Committee Members. There is, possibly, a lesson here that a few of our senior members might do well to learn !

We appear to have become very "Road Safety Conscious" - entering two teams in the Council's Road Safety Committee Quiz (with, I must add, conspicuous lack of success); officiating once again in the Road Safety Rally's Cycle Section; having two members elected on to the Town's Junior Accident Prevention Committee, and, during the latter part of the year, providing assistance for the R.O.S.P.A. Child Cycling Proficiency Tests held at various Junior Schools throughout the Borough.

The 50 mile reliability trial and 25 mile Open Time Trial were again, ably and successfully promoted - the "25" obtaining the maximum permitted number of 120 riders for the first time.

Last year's report mentioned the likelihood of Kermesse racing within the Borough boundaries - that paragraph struck a false note of optimism, for, despite the support of both the Council and the local Police, we were finally denied permission by the West Sussex Police Traffic Superintendent. We were thus unable to hold the proposed event.

However, this setback should be offset, to some extent, by the news that 1968 will see us promoting the local heat of the Schoolboy's National 10 mile time trial championship. This would appear to be particularly apposite when we consider that last year's championship was won by our own club's junior champion - Nick Lelliott.

The remainder of our racing activity embraced most aspects of the sport and our riders recorded victories in 10 Open Events, including 6 Sussex Championships, Nine Club Records were broken during the Season, among them the Junior "10" again by Nick Lelliott, with a time which was also the fastest recorded by a schoolboy anywhere in the country last year.

In closing this report I would bring to your attention the following dates, and invite your continued support for these important events.

<u>February 18th:</u>	50 mile Reliability Trial.
<u>June 8th :</u>	London South Schoolboys National ' 10 ' Heat.
<u>October 6th:</u>	Open 25 mile Time Trial.
<u>November 9th :</u>	Dinner and Prize Presentation.

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