

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1969

Has the ending of the decade marked the beginning of a decline in the fortunes of the Excelsior? Were some of the events (or non events) of the year significant of a temporary malady or do they portend a more permanent disability?

Consider:

The Best All Rounder trophy was not awarded, because not one rider completed the necessary qualifying rides.

The club 12 hr. championship was not held, because not one rider entered.

The club 100 mile Championship was not held because there were insufficient entries.

There was a marked lack of interest by the juniors in their own events.

One of the junior 15 mile events was cancelled

The total attendance at the annual dinner was down.

The entries for the Open 25 were down.

The Club's riders won less Sussex Championships than we have become accustomed to their winning in recent years.

The proposed Open 12 hr. event was aborted because the main prospective sponsor withdrew his tentative support.

However consider also:

The Club Magazine is now firmly established and is eagerly awaited each quarter by the majority of Club Members.

The weekly fund raising scheme appears to be fairly popular and has contributed approximately £14 to Club Funds as well as providing a £100 prize to one member.

The Club room continues to be well supported and the occasional slide show is much enjoyed.

Two teams were entered in the local Road Safety Quiz and were placed 1st and 2nd.

We again contributed the major portion of the organisation of the cycling section of the Road Safety Rally.

The Dinner was still as enjoyable as ever in its new form of a buffet .

We regained the Sussex 25 Mile Team Championship.

Four members were married during the year, and all have retained an active interest in the Club.

All the above points have been listed to enable you to answer the questions posed in the opening paragraph.

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