

WORTHING EXCELSIOR CYCLING CLUB

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1978

Having just compiled a list of headings for this report, my first glance suggests that 1978, for the Excelsior, was not a year of innovation.

Thus our promotion of four events was reiterated:-

- a. the reliability trials, held on a very cold February day.
- b. the road race, sponsored by the Hastings and Thanet Building Society, was restricted to senior riders only and attracted a full field.
- c. the Ron Mills sponsored 25 mile time trial, in which we won the first team award.
- d. the Kermesse racing on the seafront, again ably promoted but, this year, suffering from a lack of entries.

On the social side we had a further helping of Theo's Christmas supper and the annual dinner-dance was repeated at the Royal Coach where one of the highlights was the excellent speech by ex-member Tony Hill.

Dave Hudson resumed his organisation of trips to Paris (finish of the Tour de France), Rotterdam (slight hitch - the six day race was one week later) and Harrogate (for a weekend visit to the cycle show and centenary celebrations).

Members were, once more, involved in manning a stand, complete with competition rollers at the local Chatsmore fete, and our support of the Worthing road safety quiz recurred, with four teams being entered.

A further programme of club runs was presented containing the popular mixture of evening soup runs, weekend motor-assisted runs together with the usual Sunday runs.

Fund raising activities were continued under the joint aegis of Theo and Dave, their combined efforts resulting in more than £300 for Club funds.

Our promotion of events on behalf of local cycling associations remained uninterrupted with the successful running of both the SCA 100 and the ESCA tourist trial - the former being organised by Ray Douglass and the latter being won by him.

Now for something completely different - three Club records were broken during the year, including two at 50 miles - the Club contributed towards the expenses incurred by our team, which competed in the National Championship 25 on Teeside - in January of this year a series of hardriders Sunday Club runs was inaugurated.

In closing this report I present, for your edification, the following statistics for the year under review:-

Total Club membership (all classes)	121
Approximate average Club room attendance	35
Total of different members on Club runs approx.	60
Total of different members who raced	45
Number of Veterans who raced	10
Number of Juniors and Schoolboys who raced	17
Number who attended last year's A.G.M.	55

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John Mansell
General Secretary