

## THE WORTHING EXCELSIOR CYCLING CLUB

### SECRETARY'S REPORT 1980

#### FEBRUARY

The reliability trials were promoted around a circuit based on Washington and attracted 49 entries, including 21 riders from other local clubs. The A.G.M. was held and was attended by 51 members.

#### MARCH

Our newly elected Club Events Secretary commenced his reign with a well received innovation - the publishing of start and result sheets for all Club events.

#### APRIL

Saw the successful organisation in combination with Brighton Excelsior, of another Dave Hudson minibus trip to France to see the Paris-Roubaix race.

#### MAY

We presented to the local scouts organisation a trophy for annual competition in their cyclo-cross series. Our Open 25, again generously sponsored by Ron Mills Cycles, received 99 entries with Richard Shipton achieving 2nd place. The Open Road Race attracted a full field and Paul Toppin (9th) was our best placed rider. The Sussex 25 Mile Team Championship was, once more, won by our "A" team.

#### JUNE

Some half a dozen members trekked north to Harrogate for the last few days of the cycling week and exhibition. Richard Shipton recorded a 30 mile time of 1-9-38, thus breaking the club record he had set a few weeks earlier. Keith Dodman won the Southern Counties 50, and these two, together with Paul Toppin took the Sussex 50 mile team title with a new club record time.

#### JULY

Our Open 10 was held on a very windy evening with 84 riders entering and Dave Hudson applying his usual impeccable promotional flair. The S.C.A. Open 100, run by Ray Douglas, and sponsored by The Sussex Mutual Building Society, provided us with our third Sussex team championship of the year.

#### AUGUST

With Don Lock being resealed in the editor's chair, the fiftieth edition of the Worthing Wheel was successfully "put to bed". Our Kermesse races, held in conjunction with the annual Worthing Fiesta pulled in a larger crowd and a better entry than last year. Olympic rider Bob Downs carrying off the lions share of the awards and the event being broadcast live on Radio Brighton.

## SEPTEMBER

The Aspro Speed Challenge, held on Brighton's Madeira Drive, provided 10 of us with an interesting day officiating at this, the first event of its kind held in Europe - the winning speed, incidentally, was in excess of 47 m.p.h.!

Later in the month, two of our more intrepid members spent a fortnight with the bears and volcanoes, touring in the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

## OCTOBER

The newly instigated Veteran's B.A.R. competition was concluded with Dick Wiseman recording a winning 'plus' of 1.864 m.p.h. The proposed open Hardriders event, unfortunately, had to be cancelled due to inconveniently positioned roadworks.

## NOVEMBER

Due, largely, to the efforts of Colin Miller, we acquired another table tennis table at a very reasonable cost.

The Annual Dinner, held again at the Royal Coach, which this year was under new management, appeared to meet with a rather mixed criticism - a possible change of venue is on the cards.

## DECEMBER

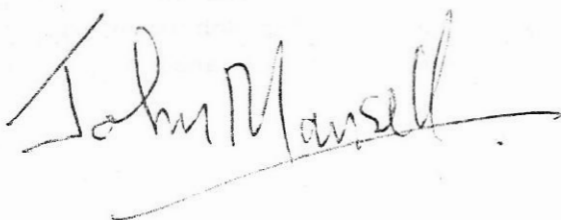
Our thanks are again due to Don and Maureen Lock for the use of their "Welland Suite" for our Christmas tea - the informality of this function, I believe, strikes just the right balance and makes it an occasion enjoyed by all.

The new table tennis table was soon in use with the commencement of a league - should you wish to compete in this and have not yet entered, then you should see Dick Wiseman now.

Notwithstanding the continuing influx of new members, the overall total remains fairly static at 118, this figure includes 12 associate members and 25 juniors.

We have recently been notified of yet a further, very substantial increase in the cost of hiring the club room. The waste paper market, one of our main sources of income, is currently undergoing one of its periodic gluts - are these, possibly, the financial warning bells for 1981?

Finally, I would like to make a plea to all members, both experienced and new - If you are riding after dark, please please, wear light coloured clothing. Ask any motorist, it really DOES increase your visibility.



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