

WORTHING EXCELSIOR CYCLING CLUB

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 1983

As it has been suggested that this report should be simple I will try to use only easy words!

We have gained 22 new members during the year and now total 149, one of whom, Freddy Clayton, completed his 50th year!

Of this total, more than 50 rode in time trials, eight on the track and six in "massed start" road races. About 70 attended at least one club run and maybe 20 did not ride their bikes at all!!

Andy Lock was voted "Worthing's Junior Sports Person of the Year", and with this award being partially sponsored by the local press he even merited a mention in The Worthing Herald!

The first Worthing Leisure Show attracted our attendance with a small, but impressive, stand complete with a set of rollers - those who helped were of the opinion that the effort was well worthwhile.

The annual dinner was again held at The Windmill and the Christmas supper at Welland Road. Our thanks for the first function to Norman Wright and for the second to Don & Maureen Lock.

Another pair of repeat "thank yous" go to Dave Hudson for his monthly fund raising efforts and to Bill & Carol Procter for once more sorting out the Milk Race Draw, which this year saw two winning numbers going to Excelsior ticket holders.

We had eight riders in the C.T.C. National 400 km Randonnee, all of whom finished within the time limit and of equal import, all of whom enjoyed the ride!

Our open events were again ably promoted, and ranged from the 50 and 100 km standard rides held early in the Spring, through the 25, sponsored by Ron Mills for the 12th successive year, to the two road races, both of which attracted full fields and generous support from The Anglia Building Society.

The interclub 25 against the Bognor Regis C.C. saw us retaining the Clonmore Tankard. We had further team wins in the Sussex 100 mile and 12 hour events together with yet another success as Sussex 25 mile team champions. Nick Lelliott popped out of retirement (again!) to annex the Sussex solo 25 mile title and Paul Toppin finished the season as both the Sussex and club Best All Rounder - the latter of these contests, for which four members qualified, included a "twelve" for the first time since 1975.

New club records were set at distances ranging from 10 to 100 miles, but despite the special award offered by Joe Simpson a new record at 12 hours continued to elude our best riders.

During the winter months we have rejoined the B.C.C.A. and with 10 members committing themselves to riding, we have joined the Surrey League for the first time.

The Friday evening circuit training organised by Mike Gibbs has been attended by as many as 30 members at a time. Let us hope that that is a presage of further successes in '84.

Was that simple enough Ray? - 516 words, more or less and the only one with more than three syllables was "EXCELSIOR".

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