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"OIL" THE TRUTH REVEALED

As a Club Cyclist you will of course be familiar with the word "oil" meaning those generally, four wheeled vehicles which dominate our roads and whiz past your handlebars at high speed emitting obnoxious fumes.

However, what you may not know, is the harsh truth that lies behind their existence, and here, in revealing the facts, I am putting club members on trust not to blow the whistle and possibly initiate a public outcry. So here we go:-

After years of careful painstaking observation of these vehicles both in motion and stationary, together with petrol stations, etc., I have drawn the following conclusions:-

- (1) Cars are extremely efficient, powerful and fast, being propelled by the alternate pressing down of three pedals (unlike the bicycles two) by the rider (motorist).
- (2) Stopping is by an internally mounted braking system (manufactured under licence from Campagnolo I assume) which comes into operation when the rear lights are switched on.
- (3) All this ease of propulsion etc., is unfortunately gained at a high cost, as it would seem that cars when in use produce a waste product which is collected in a

reservoir situated beneath the vehicle out of sight. This highly inflamable and poisonous effluent is called "petrol" and being of no use to man or beast, needs to be periodically drawn off, necessitating frequent road side stops at so called "filling stations".

- (4) On arrival at the filling station a nozzle is inserted into one of the vehicles rear orifices, and the offending liquid pumped out into underground storeage tanks. For this service the rider (motorist) is charged inproportion to the amount of petrol removed and as recorded on the pump dial.
- (5) After transportation, via tankers, to "Refiners" the petrol is processed into a less viscous liquid called crude oil.
- (6) The disposal of this crude oil is creating a world wide problem, which until recently had been solved by transporting the foul liquid by sea in oil tankers and burying the stuff in North Africa. During the last ten years or so these oil wells have approached maximum capacity, hence the need to find new dumping grounds ("oil wells") in the North Sea.

Now that the truth is out, I suggest we start a pressure group to stop oil dumping in the North Sea, or have I got the wrong end of the stick! (dipstick that is!).

John Wiseman.

Cycle Track for Worthing ?

The Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club, and other sporting bodies in Worthing, have been approached by the town council on the subject of providing a grass cycle track. The track, if it is adopted, will form part of a sports ground on which the council are proposing to spend £8,000.

***** The above was taken from 'Cycling' 25th
May 1938****

(see also page 43)

Humours

It is rumoured that John Spooner has retired on profits made from Peter Kibbles. Peter has taken over the shop and is now making profits from John Spooners. The introduction of Club mattresses and tea mugs at the rear of the shop is to be a new idea from Peter.

Merger?

The noise abatement society and the Worthing Excelsior may get together to fight a new noise menace, The Graham Tooley pump. Believed to be a 22" in a 24" frame it makes the most appalling racket and has already caused many members to go 'off the back'. Our Ed. was so badly affected on one occasion he actually went 'off the front'. We must hope that something can be done in the very near future before someone goes 'round the bend'.

Surrey League

This year, the Club, in an effort to encourage more road racing has joined the Surrey League. It was originated at the start of the 1983 season and is designed particularly for 2nd and 3rd category riders. It has practically guaranteed a ride to all entrants from the affiliated Clubs.

The Club affiliates and those members who wish to participate register with an annual fee of £5. The registration fee can be refunded at the end of the season if the rider finishes in credit on a points system. Points are gained for finishing (no matter how far off the back) but are lost for failing to finish or start, when entered.

The remainder of the fund is distributed as prize money at the end of the season. The more points gained, the more you win (pounds for points!). Last year's top rider is reputed to have collected £108 - not a bad way to save for a new trame!

In addition to the affiliation fee each club is expected to promote one of the events. Our's will be on Easter Sunday, 22nd April, at Ellen's Green. The Club's registered riders are not eligible for that one race, and are expected to help with the promotion.

I for my sins am the co-ordinator for Worthing and all entries have to be made through me, also any other members wishing to register should let me know. See list of remaining events over page Surrey League events - Easter onwards

20th April Easter 3 day Ellens
21st April Green. 2 races on 22nd

22nd April) including ours.

20th May Henfold Hill

27th May Loxwood

9th June Walliswood
24th June Bletchingly

8th July Lingrield
15th July Crowhurst

29th July Cutmill
5th August Ewhurst

19th August Lyne

26th August Baynards

2nd September Staplefields

9th September Smallfields

16th September Cutmill
23rd September Ewhurst

Some of these will not be found in the B.C.F handbook. While the dates are correct there might be changes in courses.

Paul West.

Memories

Gosh - is that the alarm already? I came to bed early last night - Dad insisted on that as a condition of him doing my paper round for me. Funny that, it's not as if I'll get the money! Anyway, better get moving, the milk train's in over in the sidings, and they tell me that if it's a rast morning, the first rider will be turning shortly after

six thirty. That's some shifting I reckon Sussex Pad Shoreham through to the turn at Wick
in just over the half-hour. They reckon Wally
Fitch ought to win this (he's Worthing Excelsior
- quite a good club, some of their people have
given us a lot of help), and they say although
it's early season he ought to do about a 1 - 4
something. Coo!

Anyway, get up, quietly get the kettle on and get the Shredded Wheat out - if I come straight back after I've seen the riders through Mum might cook me a bacon and egg breakfast as a treat. I'd like to go over to the finish but I'd feel a bit of a twerp with my gym shorts and tennis shoes among all those people with the proper cycling gear - club jumpers, plus-sixes and the like, but I'm going to save up out of my paper round money for a proper pair of shoes - I've seen what I want in 'Cycling' - E.R.Cutmore of Rushton, Northants, black with beige toe-clip and strap patches, 32/6d. Anyway, I'll go over there another day - don't get bacon and egg all that often! Take Mum and Dad a cuppa though....

Brrrr - nice and sunny, but it's cold on the legs - must wear shorts though - look even more of a tuggo in long-uns...... d'you know, there's not a breath of wind, and there's no traffic about might be the odd car later on, but they still have to go a bit steady - the war is over, but petrol is still on ration. As Dad says, it's so quiet you could hear a flatulent sparrow (something like that)....better buck up and get up to the "Globe" where the turn is - Pop Mason

will be doing it I expect, in that awful ginger
-brown plus-six suit of his...nice old bike he's
got.. looks a bit dated, with "North Road" drops
and Resilion brakes - bet he's had that some years.

Morning Pop - Pardon? Yes, O.K., I'll leave it over here by the school. Anything I can do to help? Listen for them calling out their numbers in case you miss one? Yes, O.K. - seems a bit daft though, ought to wear numbers then you'd know who was who.... oh, I see, it's supposed to be secret - but there's no-one much around to be inconvenienced this time of day. That's why they're inconspicuously dressed in black jumpers and shorts, and black alpaca jackets, some of them, and they used to be even more inconspicuous with black tights....yes, that would make sense, I suppose.

Hallo, what's that, funny roaring sound? first rider? Where is he then? What that far bend? But that's half a mile away! There he is. gosh he's shifting, and don't those tyres make a noise in the morning quiet! Yes it's No.3. Fitch, sweat dripping off the end of that pointed nose of his. That means he's caught 1 and 2 clever the way he sort of falls round the turn marshal - wish I could corner like that fifty yards out of the saddle and he's sitting down and pedalling like fury - 84" fixed? I've only got 66" on this one, but look at his feet go! He's nearly out of sight again and here come the first and second off - they're having a battle, I suppose a bit like the old days, when they used to have proper races on the roads.

Shut up? Oh, sorry, you're trying to concentrate.... yes, that last one through was number 8, Reeve-Black, with the glasses, he's Worthing too, but not as fast as Fitchy... yes, I know this one, Arthur Butcher, he's with the Lancing Athletic, second claim to us, same as Doug Clear - nice blokes both of them. We've only got Peter Mason and Trevor Davies in this, but I'll have a go in our Club 25 next week, same course, but the other way round.

Can I have a look at the start sheet - coo, didn't know that there were that many clubs...

Shoreham Road Club, Lancing, Brighton Mitre, Brighton and Hove Wheelers - yes, met Eric Wills fast rider but very pleasant... know this one too, Les Henning of the Chichester - funny ankle action, but he can't half go in massed—starts, they tell me, but we're not supposed to mention that. And here's Den Lednor of the Excelsior - they say his Dad, Charlie, has been a cyclist since just after the Romans went back.

That's all of them? No thanks Pop I'll not come over to the finish... yes, I know they'll all be there, but I'll feel a bit out of place in these clothes, and Mum did promise bacon and egg.... Yes, O.K., I was going for a ride this afternoon, I'll meet you at the Gables and ride back with the Club.....yes thanks, it's been very interesting, and perhaps I'll have a go in one, one day..... nice day though......

John Grant (March 1948)

Thank you Joe

Joe Simpson has put another fiver into the fund for the first Club rider to exceed 240 miles in a 12hour time trial. This fund now stands at £30. He has also put up for 1984, £10 for the fastest lady in the evening tens, and £10 for the fastest schoolboy in that series.

Some 1983 mileages

Keith Dodman	12100		
Don Lock	9050		
Andrew Lock	7250		
Andy Smith	7043	 Dave	Mills 7000
Paul Toppin	6558	2	1000
John Mansell	6403		
Steve Jukes	5487	 Dave	Hudson 5237
Ray Douglass	5021	Dave	11445011 7231
Angela Walker	4499		
Tom Lainsbury	3714		
Betty Cox	3529		
Brian Cox	3004		
Roger Smallman	2978		

December 1983 at 7 Welland Road Worthing in the presence of some 40 or so guests, and including several W.E.C.C.members., John Mansell was observed, only fleetingly, but still definitely observed, to be DANCING with wire Sonia, and this despite 'Disco' type music. Come to think of it there was another strange happening that evening, when Paul

Toppin came in with a lump of coal! Quite useless when you're on gas fired central heating.....

East Sussex C.A.T.T.programme

April 14th 10 miles G815
April 15th 25 miles G.834
June 3rd 50 miles G.851
June 24th 25 miles G.864
July 22nd Open 100 miles G.864
August 12th Open 50 miles G.851
September 8th Open 10 miles
September 9th Open 25 G.834
October 7th Open Hill Climb Hartfield.

Sussex C.A. T.T.programme

29th April 25miles Team Championship -Cowfold 17th June Open 50 G 952 8th July Sussex Mutual Open 100 G 962 5th August Open 12hours G 971 15th September 25miles Individual Champs. G938.

APOLOGIES

The winning time in the Club 10 mile Grand Prix de Gentlemen should have read 24.42. Our Ed.with exalted ideas of his own ability again!

S.A.S. Two members or the Special Air Mervice appear to have infiltrated the Worthing Excelsior. Both Mike Poland and Mike Gibbs are quite unrecognisable in their new balaclava headgear. In fact every time Mike Poland turned his head to speak to me he totally disappeared!

NEW B.A.R. COMPETITIONS

The S.C.A. announce both a veteran's and a junior B.A.R. competition for 1984 in addition to the normal senior one. The junior will be the best aggregate of the two best rides from the three S.C.A. 25 mile events and two best rides from three tens, these being the S.C.A. March event plus the Worthing Open and the Eastbourne Rovers Open.

The Mens B.A.M. in the E.S.C.A. is over the three short distances of 25, 50, and 100 miles, The ladies is 2 X 10 miles and 2 X 25 miles, and the junior is the same. There is also to be a veterans B.A.R. on standard but details of qualifying events have not yet been announced. The S.C.A. remain firm with a proper Vets B.A.R. over the three standard distances of 50 miles, 100 miles, and 12hours.

HOW REVEALING

Such were the goings on at the Brighton Excelsior Dinner that John Lucas was seen to drop his trousers. Bad enough that underneath he wore a dress - but with 'Worthing Excelsion C.C. across the chest - our embarrassment was complete. Not to mention that of his wife Sheila.

FUND RAISING SCHEME

Dave Hudson's money raising efforts for 1984 are well under way now, but we should just record a vote of thanks for his 1983 hard work. The final winners for last year were: October, David Jex £10. and at the Dinner, Carol Procter £25 and Tom Lainsbury £75.

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, 8 on the track and 6 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 and 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 8 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".

John Mansell General Secretary

WELCOME Tony Goodsell who lives at Ashington but has for the past few seasons raced with the sponsored Archer Road Club, has decided to join us. He should add considerably to our short distance squad, especially if he can reproduce the form that has given him a 10 of 21.20, a 25 or 53.47 and a 50 of 1.52.39.

REMAINDER OF THE 1984 CLUB EVENTS

Evening Tens: Course G 914 (Washington) every Thursday in May starting 7 p.m. In June, just the 7th and 14th with start time of 7.30 p.m. Three races in July on the 5th, 19th, and 26th; these also have a 7.30 p.m. start. In August the events come back to 7 p.m. and continue until the last one on 23rd August.

Sunday 15th April we have a 25 on the G 938 Chichester Road course with start from the Hammerpot at 8. a.m. The Club 30 is on Sunday 20th May and is also an 8 a.m. starter, the course being G 938 + the extra five miles out from Tangmere. Thursday 21st June there's the 2-up 10 on the Washington course starting at 7.30 p.m. This 2-up is the first part of a 2-up 35 and part two is the 2-up 25 on the Chichester Road course on the following Tuesday, June 26th, start time 7.00.p.m. Remember to get your partners organised for this well in advance and let's have a really good entry. On 28th June, Thursday, we have the first of the 15's on the Partridge Green course with start in Hole Street Ashington at 7.30 p.m. The second 15 is on the same course with same start time on 12th July. We have another 25 on the G 938 on 29th July which gets under way at 7.30 a.m. The Hardriders, is on 30th September start 8 a.m. and the Grand Prix Des-Gentlemen 10 is on the 21st

of October on the Washington course. For the anti-gravity enthusiasts there is the Hill Climb on 14th October this is up Bury at 3 p.m.

IT'S RUMOURED that Andrew Lock is taking the "sugar is good for you" idea to extremes. At Hickstead a week or two ago he was seen to empty a sachet of the stuff over his beans on toast!

LANDS END TO JOHN O'GROATS

John Mansell and Don Lock are going to do this ride in the first week of July and will be supported by Dave Hudson. The route they plan is about 860 miles and they have a flexible schedule but definitely less than seven days. They will be using the ride to raise funds for St. Barnabas Home, of Columbia Drive, Worthing which specialises in the care of terminal cancer patients. It is a world leader in this field and is totally outside of the N.H.S. and therefor e dependent upon voluntary contributions. It is hoped that Her Grace Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk will be able to give them a send off. They hope to raise over £1000. John, Don, and Dave all have sponsor forms if you would like to contribute.

IT'S RUMOURED that Bradley Walters has a Villa in Spain. Now will you believe there are beauty spots ouside of the U.K.

MEDIUM GEAR TEN - 25TH FEBRUARY

Only thirteen entries demonstrated that many have yet to make a start to the season, and with a cruel north easterly wind and a minus temperature the attitude is easily understood.

Our Ed.was honoured with the first use of this new digital liquid crystal display piece that used to be called "a watch" and did his best to call out "5,4,3,2,1" as the instrument insisted on displaying "55, 56, 57, 58, 59".

Bill Procter considered it an honour to be No.1. and get the '84 season going, until that is, he round out he was also No.1. for the following day's circuit event. Never mind Bill you should be all right for the rest of the year now.

Charlie Brazier, at 66 years of age, and riding his first time trial since the 1930's was off next and we were generally back in business.

It was clear from the time that riders were taking to get back to the top of the Bostal that conditions were hard - they would say, "b..... hard". Reg Searle was immaculate in new colours, a kind of fair isle design and had taken the precaution of keeping his dynamo on!

Down at the finish Paul Toppin was busy organising the tea from the back of the Ed's car - his priorities were good.

First club rider to complete a time trial in 1984 was Paul West, having got round without any mechanical failures. He just squeezed in at better than 20 m.p.h. from the No.3.spot and it was a clear indication that times were going to be slow.

The results

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1st. Andrew Lock	27.03. Sc. 27.03
2nd. Stuart Gibbs	27.33. 1.20.26.13
3rd. Andy Smith	28.04. 1.30.26.34
4th. Jonnie Betteridge	29.27. 3.30.25.57
5th. Paul West	29.47. 1.45.28.02
6th. Mike Gibbs	31.28. 3.40.27.48
7th. Bill Procter	32.43. 4.00.28.43
8th. Peter King	34.06. 5.30.28.36
9th. Charlie Brazier	34.48. 7.00.27.48
10th.Reg Searle	35.02. 6.20.28.42
11th.Mike Stanbridge	35.49. 6.30.29.19
12th.Angela Walker	37.37. 6.00 31.37
D.N.S. Steve Jukes	
P.T.T. John Lucas	32.04.

17 MILE CIRCUIT EVENT 26TH FEBRUARY

A grim cold and damp morning did not encourage the entries and was probably the cause of three of the D.N.S's with Steve Jukes another, but by reason of an injury. Angela Walker and John Lucas both punctured, John in his tyre, Angela in her legs. They were both absent from the second lap of the Long Furlong, Offington course, which has been used for some years now.

Andrew Lock was keen to register a second win for the weekend but was anticipating more opposition than in the previous day's ten. Paul Toppin was riding, and as well as Stuart Gibbs, and Andy Smith, there was Graham Tooley and how well would Richard Knight go?

The story of this event is unfolded quite adequately in the records of timekeeper Ray Douglass:

iro.1.	Circ. 2.	Finish time
22.23	23.01	45.24
23.15	23.30	46.45
22.54	23.57	46.51
23.39	24.00	47.39
23.53	24.08	48.01
24.21	25.04	49.25
24.23	26.08	50.31
26.27	27.13	53.40
27.13	27.53	55.06
27.17	28.16	55.33
27.36	28.31	56.07
28.48	29.57	58.45
32.04	33.00	65.04 (T)
25.12	25.34	50.46
Time	Allowance	Handicap
46.45	5.00	41.45
48.01	5.00	43.01
50.31	6.00	44.31
46.51	2.00	44.51
45.24	0.30	44.54
56.07	10.00	46.07
47.39	1.30	46.09
58.45	12.30	46.15
55.33	9.00	46.33
55.06	8.30	46.36
53.40	7.00	46.40
	22.23 23.15 22.54 23.39 23.53 24.21 24.23 26.27 27.13 27.17 27.36 28.48 32.04 25.12 Time 46.45 48.01 25.12 46.45 48.01 25.31 46.51 45.24 56.07 47.39 58.45 55.33 55.06	27.36 28.31 28.48 29.57 32.04 33.00 25.12 25.34 Time Allowance 46.45 5.00 48.01 5.00 950.31 6.00 46.51 2.00 45.24 0.30 56.07 10.00

12.Reg Searle 65.04 16.30 48.34 13.Paul Toppin 49.25 Sc. 49.25

So Andrew recorded the double for the third year in succession, not bad as he is still a junior; perhaps they don't feel the cold or something! But what a good ride from Richard Knight, we shall be really looking for some more good performances after that. He most deservedly won the handicap section. As for Paul Toppin, well there are of course all kinds of rumours, and Paul has all kinds of excuses, like he broke a crank, and rode a borrowed bike, the saddle was too low, the extension was too short, and Oh yes! He's not fit yet!

CLUB HISTORY

I have been plodding on with this work, and have had a small amount of success in copying photographs prior to the 1914-18 war. These will, in due course, be placed in the club album and documented as far as possible.

At the same time I have spent quite some time in research at the public library, and on several occasions have spent time with the elderly children or grandchildren of some of our early members, but the work is generally characterised by the small output that one obtains for a large input of effort. Advice... "What you ought to do is..." is plentiful: information is not, although I must back-pedal a little here as one or two members have provided quite a lot of

material.

Because of the extent of this work, and the slow rate at which the research is proceeding, I have decided to stop my work at 1939. Fortunately the period from the end of World War Two is fairly well recorded, especially since the birth of our club magazine, and should be much easier to assemble and write up. I believe that this is an important enough matter for somebody to take charge of now, before it once again becomes too late.

John Grant.

Is there a club member who would be willing to take this on. Not to write the history just to collect it together? Ed.

THOSE OLD HUNDREDS

A couple of old 100 papers have been passed to us and they are very interesting. How about the route sheet for the S.C.C.U.100 of 17th July 1910. The start was at Redhill, south to Crawley, then out to Horsham and south again as far as Buck Barn for FOOD. Down to Broadwater and more FOOD. Twice round a small triangle - Offington - Broadwater- Becket, then back to Buck Barn. More FOOD. then twice round a circuit, Bolney, Pyecombe, Henfield, Shermanbury and Partridge Green before finishing on the Horsham road just south of Southwater.

On the same sheet were the 'RULES' and among these were: "No entrants who have competed under A.A.A.laws will be allowed to compete."

"Dark road-riding costume (including jacket)
must be worn". "Marshalls and Checkers will be
recognised by production of official flag".
"It is imperative that all competitors shall
carry a full size bell." Also, would you
believe, and this was not a rule: "Riders are
strongly recommended to have a brake."!

Moving on fifty years, well to 1962 in fact, we have the result sheet for the Kentish Whs. 100 of 8th July that year. Looks like it could have been a hard day for there were only two inside 4thours. Worthing names among the finishers were Ray Douglass who recorded a fine 4.44.12 smashing his 'arch enemy' Hon.Sec.John Mansell by more than 23 minutes. although we see that John was carrying a third wheel!

Reverting to that 1910 event it is noted that 'Referee' was Mr.H.W.Virgo, and 'Whips' were Messrs.C.R.Coen, W.L.Woolveridge and A.E.King..!

DOUG ARGENT

When Doug died at the end of January it was the end of an era, for he had been our President since 1957. For well over a quarter of a century he had been our, ever keenly interested and generous Senior Member. While always a President he was, nevertheless, a person who revelled in relating stories of the days when he was cycling, when he and his late wife had been young club members enjoying club life in those early times. He had been a member for no less than 73 years,

joining in 1911, when the Club's headquarters where in The Fountain in Chapel Road; when the annual subscription was just 2/6d. This was the year of the 'Sydney Street Seige'.

Doug in his time won our 25 mile championship, but was most successful on the track, winning the 2 mile title three years running, 1921/2/3. Outside of cycling his sporting talents had included Football, Cricket, Billiards, Snooker and Golf, a sport to which he had returned in recent times, indeed he had enjoyed a round only the day before he died.

He was an ever present, a backbone, and a constant reassurance to the Club's officers and committee, throughout the Second World War when just a few kept the Club going, and when we have had times not so successful as at present.

He was held in great respect in the many organisations in which he had been involved and the hundreds who came to Worthing Crematorium to pay their farewells bore witness to this. The Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club was well represented.

Doug may not be with us now but his long service, constant support and inspiration will ensure a great hand over to his successor. For the next quarter of a century we can look forward with confidence - Thanks to you Doug.

Don.

THE ANNUAL RELIABILITY TRIAL

The 1984 version was on Sunday 5th February and organised by Brian Cox. He followed the same routes and standards as had been set by Tony Palmer the previous year. The main variation was the weather which for early February was very pleasant indeed. As in this Club it is an assumption that the organiser is responsible also for the weather, I'm afraid that means you're lumbered for next year as well. O.K?

100 KM or, if you still talk 'imperial' $62\frac{1}{2}$ miles, in 4, $4\frac{1}{2}$ or 5 hours, or if you didn't have an all day pass 50KM in 2, 21 or 22 hours were the options available. The long route headed north and west from the Washington start to Ashington, Coolham, Billinghurst, Bucks Green and Alfold. It then dropped south through Loxwood and out via Plaistow to Petworth. The second part saw us heading out through Cowdray Park to Midhurst and south again to Singleton. Then one of my favourite lanes along the back of the South Downs to Duncton and finally home to the finish north of Pulborough. An enjoyable route with nice scenery and not too hard on the day. The short route was the same to Billingshurst but then cut down to Petworth through Wisborough Green and Kirdford which some thought was tougher than for the 100 km. It then made its way back to Pulborough through Fittleworth and Coldwaltham.

A story is related that Brighton Excelsior's

ace tourist Chris Beckingham led a whole bunch astray in the later part of the short course. Is it true he's more familiar with the roads of Corsica than he is of Coldwaltham?

These apart, most made their selected journeys within the aimed for standard. The successful riders were:

100 km in 4½ hours

Paul West - Andy Smith - Mike Mansell - Keith Laker - Tony Palmer - Andrew Lock Don Lock. From other Clubs: G.McLagan - S.McLagan - T.Hart - M.Taylor.

50 km. in 2 hours

Roy Holden. From other Clubs: E.Bardwell - D.Edmondson.

50 km in 24 hours

Ken Atkins - Bill Procter - Robert Downham Bradley Walters - Tom Lainsbury - John Lucas John Mansell - Steve Jukes - Stuart Gibbs John Wiseman. From other Clubs: R. Laker.
50 km in 2½ hours

Mike and Carol Stanbridge (Tandem) - Reg Searle - Charlie Brazier.

Thanks for the tea and biscuits at Petworth Betty. You'll have to fill the urn next time.

Don.

Ken Atkins is the one from Central Sussex.

WELCOME Dave Dallimore - A fast and dashing vet. At home on the G.938 - the Dance floor or half-way up a rope at circuit training. Previously with Brighton Mitre he will be an asset to our veteran team strength.

THE WISEMAN

Was Dick Wiseman a wise man to come home in February? Cold grey and rather miserable was our weather for the period, while in the Algarve, Dick's home for most of the year it was a balmy 65 degrees with blue skies and sunshine. Anyway, it was nice to see you again and to learn of your travels and adventures over the past year. Also nice to know that you manage to keep the wheels turning along the Portugese roads. There were some of us quite happy to see you on the back of the bunch!

If your plans for '84 see you venturing further into the Med. to Majorca or Minorca we wish you good sailing and by the end of the summer you may well have had a visit or two from Club members.

IT'S rumoured that one club member is currently receiving ultra-sound treatment for a knee ailment. The Ed. thought this was some new kind of pop group.

IT'S rumoured after the issue of the new club runs list that Touring Secretary Bradley Walters is opening his own Happy Little Chef Eater at Fittleworth.

After Dick Wiseman had sorted out the mechanical trouble for him, Andrew Lock suggests that a Dick Wiseman should be in every tool-roll, a sort of 'King Dick' I suppose!

MOUNTAIN GOAT From the most westerly point of the Eastbourne seafront there are two ways to Beachy Head, there's the footpath which ascends almost vertically, or the one in six road route which twists its way in rather longer distance to the same point. The goat, in the guise of one Dave Hudson, astounded the afternoon's strollers and ramblers by performing a quick circle in the car park at the foot, revving violently in a 36" and disappearing rapidly skywards like 'Road Runner' complete with "Bleep Bleep". Two sets of steps clearly neither deterred himner in any way slowed his pace. By the time our Ed. had made what he thought was a reasonably nimble climb of the smooth tarmac route the said goat was half way to Birling Gap! Make a note someone: Dave Hudson's riding the Hill Climb in October.

SUBSCRIPTIONS There is no doubt that generally the cost of belonging to a cycling club is far less than in nearly every other sporting type of club. While one reason may be the grounds or equipment facilities which others have to provide, nevertheless our subs. are frequently only a fraction that others pay. It is also beginning to emerge that upon a comparison with other cycling clubs our annual requirement is less, quite often a lot less, than others.

Am I making a case for an increase? Well, I leave you to answer that. Let's have a look at last year's balance sheet — our expenditure exceeded

our incomeand although there were some moneys to come in, we will probably only just about have broken even, and that, as the Treasurer notes, after a great deal of effort in the Fund Raising Scheme and sale of Milk Race draw tickets. The bank balance is O.K. but we certainly need that behind us and it should not be allowed to diminish.

Many feel that the subs. should be increased, at least sufficiently to cover the club room rental, which rises almost annually and will doubtless continue to do so. At the A.G.M. a show or hands clearly indicated a willingness to pay more. If you have thoughts on this then drop us a line. Your general committee were instructed to consider the matter and if they felt it right they would introduce new rates to operate for 1985. They have decided to review the matter in the summer when they will have a better idea on membership and costs such as the club room rent.

One matter which did come out of the preliminary discussion though, was a desire to keep junior membership fees as low as possible. Another was the fact that the present sub. has been held for four years. During a period when inflation has averaged about 7 or 8% per annum.

Watch this space

IT'S RUMOURED that Mike Mansell is to enter the next Superstars and Geoff Capes had better watch out. This follows a conversation with the Editor:- Ed. "Where did you get that bang on the nose Mike?"

M.M. "I did it bending a rail"

Ed. " You did it bending a rail! What kind of a rail?"

M.M. " A railway rail."

Ed. "You mean one of those things the trains run on ?"

M.M. " Yes."

Ed.departs dumfounded amd incredulous.

The Editor has seen Geoff Capes bending pipes around the back of his neck, but does Mike do it back to front? Or does he do it with his teeth?

SUSSEX CYCLE RACING LEAGUE

Track meetings at Preston Park Track in 1984

League Points meetings

Wednesday May 9th/16th/23rd/30th

Wednesday June 13th/20th/27th

Wednesday July 11th/18th/25th

Wednesday August 1st/8th/15th

The Brighton Festival Meeting will be on either May 9th or 16th.

OPEN MEETINGS

Brighton Sash - Sunday June 3rd.

Velo Club Etoile Wednesday July 4th.

THE ROPE TRICK

Four times Keith Laker tried to get to the top and at last he was almost there. Sweat was dripping off his forehead, the rope was burning his hands. "Look Mike" he called to Coachy Gibbs. Two more heaves - hands stretching upwards - feet scrabbling for a grip on the rope. "Mike"he gasped, A last heave - one more lunge upwards and there was the top of the rope. He was there, after thirteen weeks and five circuits a week he was actually at the top. "Mike" he called again..... his hands slipped and down he came with two burnt palms. "Pardon"says Mike!!!

OYEZ OYEZ THE ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE AND PRIZE PRESENTATION for 1984 will be at The Chatsworth Hotel, Steyne Gardens, Worthing on Saturday 10th November. Roger Smallman has taken on the job of organiser this year and we will publish further details as soon as we have them.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. was held in the Club room on 21st February and there were 49 present. The Editor, acted as Chairman in the absence of Tony Palmer in the north of England and of Mike Gibbs in the U.S.A. His first duty was to inform the meeting of the death of Doug Argent the Club President and a minutes silence was observed in respect.

The General Secretary's report and the balance sheet and notes prepared by the Treasurer were quickly approved and the election of officers for the ensuing year caused few problems. There was, very importantly, the election of a new

President and here the nomination of Ray Douglass was unanimously welcomed and applauded. Life Vice Presidents are: Jim and Connie Hughes, Brian Weir, Ray Douglass, Maurice Reeve-Black, John Mansell and Don Lock.

Vice Presidents are: Ron Mills, Roger Smallman, Tony Palmer and Dave Hudson.

Chairman: Tony Palmer

Secretary: John Mansell

Assistant Secretary: Bob Grange

Treasurer: Roger Smallman

Assistant Treasurer: Angela Walker (Membership and affiliations will be her special job)
Social Secretary: Andrew Lock (not the Dinner)
Runs/Touring Secretary: Bradley Walters
Road/Track Secretary: Paul West
Club Events Secretary: Paul Toppin
Press Secretary: Mike Stanbridge
Magazine Editor: Don Lock
Evening Tens Secretary: Paul West
Race Writer:Keith Dodman
Coach: Mike Gibbs.

B.C.F.Representative: Paul West
Committee members: Stuart Gibbs and Dave Hudson
Runs committee: Ian Leeding and Dave Hudson
Social committee: Norman Wright, Connie Hughes
and Margaret Jukes.

Timekeepers: Martin Ford-Dunn, Don Lock, Alf Dawes, Roger Smallman, Tony Palmer, Ray Douglass, Brian Weir, Ivan Morris, Brian Cox, Betty Cox, George Cannons, Norman Wright, John Mansell, John Grant. Assistant timekeepers: Dennis Jukes, Alan Matthews, Peter Reeves, Mike Gibbs, Dave Funnell.

Handicappers: Brian Weir, Don Lock, Ray
Douglass, Colin Miller, Tony Palmer, Norman
Wright, Keith Dodman, Dave Funnell, Alf
Dawes, Paul West.

Worthing Sports Council Representatives:
Chris Kennard and Ian Leeding.

Worthing Youth Council Representative: Bradley Walters.

Honorary Auditor: Reg Searle.

A motion to promote an open hardriders event in 1985 was then discussed and referred to the General Committee for further investigation.

A change in the rules for the Evening tens was approved, providing for ladies, as well as schoolboys to aggregate only their best four placings.

Formal approval was also forthcoming for the promotion of an Open 10, Open 25, and two Open Road Races during the 1985 season.

Tony Palmer's claim for Life membership was approved after examination of an ancient membership card. Another 21 year man.

A letter was read from Ron Mills in which he confirmed his willingness to continue his sponsorship of the Open 25.

Brian and Betty Cox took upon themselves the task of selling/distributing the Milk Race draw tickets.

A debate then rollowed on the adequacy of the club's annual subscription, with many reeling

that it should be increased. (see separate item in this issue Ed)

A meeting without anything very controversial and quite satisfactorily concluded well before 10 o'clock.

YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Ray Douglass started cycling when he was about 14 years of age and his riding was usually on his own. This was during the early years of the 1939/45 war and except for one tour in Wales he did not generally venture far afield. He recounts lovely memories of night riding at that time with blackout regulations requiring blacked out front lights with just a small hole for the light to shine through.

He joined the Worthing Excelsior in the summer of 1950 and remembers that he was elected by the committee along with John Antram and Peter Kibbles. Family illness in his first year of membership did not allow a very great participation in Club life although he very much enjoyed the club runs with such as David Clark, Theo and Vera Puttick, Maurice Reeve-Black and his wife Rita, and Dennis and Barbara Dean.

He started racing in 1951 and in a career of more than 30 years has probably ridden more events than anyone else in our colours. He has certainly ridden more 24 hour and 12 hour races than anyone else, a record that will probably never be improved on either, in these days of short distance popularity.

No other member can have done more for his club, for in the 44 years of membership he has had long spells as Runs leader, and as Time Trials Secretary, He had two spells as Treasurer, one of six years and the other of seven. He has been a Club handicapper and timekeeper for many years. He was the first to promote for us the now well established Open 25. No one either can have done more for local cycling outside of the club but nevertheless to ensure benefit to us and to other clubs in the area. He has been on the Sussex Cyclists Association Committee for many years and is currently its Treasurer, helping greatly in restoring the Association's ailing finances of a few years back. Single handed he has restored the S.C.A. 12hour as an open event and this season will see his third promotion. He has run the S.C.A 100 for six of the last seven years and his help was pretty vital in that other year as well. Much time has been devoted to service upon the committees of the London South District Council of the Road Time Trials Council, with much time and energy being devoted to the planning and measuring of courses. He is an approved R.T.T.C. handicapper and an assistant timekeeper.

A man of actions rather than words is Ray but he feels very proud of the honour of being President of the Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club, and was moved to make, for him, almost a speech, at the A.G.M. when he expressed his thanks and promised to be "an active President". I don't think may could ever be anything else. Oh! and by the way the official nickname, by courtesy of John Mansell, is "PRESY".

Don.

SOME EARLY RESULTS

East Sussex Hardriders: Winner Tony Deacon of Lewes Wanderers in 39.30. Worthing times: Andrew Lock 42.51 (First Junior), Stuart Gibbs 44.32, Mike Gibbs 51.09, Robert Downham 51.18, Bill Procter 51.48.

Central Sussex Hilly 25: Winner Mick Ballard Unity C.C. 1.2.58. Worthing times: Paul West 1.9.54, Bill Procter 1.8.47.

Sussex C.A. 2-Up Hilly 25: Winners Tony Deacon and Simon Barnes, Lewes 1.2.55. Worthing times: Andrew Lock and Paul Toppin (3rd) (with puncture) 1.6.57. Roy Holden and Don Lock (4th) (without puncture)! and fastest veteran team 1.7.20. Andy Smith and Paul West 1.8.33. Dave Dallimore and Mick Jones 1.8.58. Jack Smith and Graham Tooley 1.12.28.

Sussex C.A. 10.: Winner Tony Deacon 22.42 (out on his own). Worthing times: Dave Dallimore 24.17 Roy Holden 24.24 (well done the vets.) Andrew Lock 24.37, Paul Reeves 24.43, Andy Smith 25.03, Stuart Gibbs 25.17, Paul Toppin 25.26, Paul West 26.28, Mike Gibbs 27.18, Bill Procter 28.07, Robert Downham 28.20, Steve Jukes 28.21, John Wiseman 30.23, Mike Stanbridge 31.03, Charlie Brazier (age 66 years and only his second race since before the war!) 31.32. Dave 1st vet.

Andrew 1st junior.

Sussex C.A.25. Winner: Tony Deacon (his fourth in four rides) 59.15, Worthing times: Roy Holden 1.3.35, Andy Smith 1.4.04, Andrew Lock 1.4.06, Paul Toppin 1.6.28, Mike Gibbs 1.10.04, John

Lucas 1.10.51, Bill Procter 1.10. , Tony Palmer

1.11. , Jack Smith 1.11.34, Robert Downham

1.13. , Keith Laker 1.13.52, John Wiseman

1. . , Stephen Jukes 1.18. 09, Mike Stanbridge

1. . , Reg Searle 1.25.35. *** sorry Paul

Reeves 1.4.17 ***.

Antelope 2-Up 25

Dave Dallimore and Mick Jones 59.19.

Don Lock and Stuart Gibbs 59.57.

Winners: Glen Longland and Pete Pickers 54.18

FROM DISTANT MEMBERS

Dave Hudson in connection with the 1984 Fund Raising has been in touch with Tony Hill in Wakefield, and our Vice President Maurice Reeve-Black down in the west country. Both have sent their best wishes to the Club for 1984 and asked to be remembered to all their old friends.

IT'S MUMOURED that the Landlady of the Dragon's Green Public House refers to Roger (I love Drambuie) Smallman and his Over 40's colleagues as The Last of The Summer Wine. Any lady members with Nora Batty leg warmers ... watch out.

OLD RECORDS

Whilst looking through old books at the C.T.C. headquarters in Godalming I came across the following report which I thought may be of interest:-

"The Cyclist" April 19th 1882. Price one penny (1d)

Brighton Amalgamated Clubs Race Meeting held on April 10th 1882. Easter Monday at the County Cricket Ground, and watched by over 3000 people. Over 300 cyclists attended the meet starting from the Level at 12.00, going via Grand Parade, Kings Road and Second Avenue arriving at about 12.45 pm.

A list of events follows and one item of interest for our "other" Excelsior friends.

H.W.Hales (Brighton Excelsior) was second in the third heat of the mile handicap. Time 3m 10 3/5 seconds. (Must have had electronic timers all those years ago)!

Brian Cox.

Worthing Excelsior C.C. History

References are from "The Cyclist Year Book" for each particular year by courtesy of the "Cyclists Touring Club" who's library was made available to me.

- 1892 Worthing C.C. Hon.Sec. Walter C.Patching, Chapel Road, Worthing. Captain: T.C.S. Kirshaw. Uniform dark blue. First minutes 15th March 1882.
- 1893 Worthing Excelsior C.C. H.Q.69 Montague Street, Hon. Gen.Sec. C.Chamberlain 3 Montague Street. Captain: W.Young. Uniform Grey with blue stockings and cap. First minutes, 3rd March 1890. 50 members.
- 1894 Worthing Excelsior C.C. H.Q.Blackmans Hotel, Chapel Road. HON.Sec. Chas H.Southey

Wellington House, Worthing. Captain

A.H.Brake. Uniform - Grey. First

minutes March 1980. 72 members.

Worthing Excelsior C.C. H.Q.Blackman's

Hotel, Chapel Road. Hon.Sec. Charles

H.Southey, Wellington House, Worthing.

Captain.W.A.Hewer. Formed: March 1890.

Union members 60.

Worthing Excelsior C.C. H.Q.Spaniard
Hotel. Hon.Sec. C.Febbens 35 Chapel
Road. Captain: Geo.Thomas Jeffree.
Formed March 3rd.1890. About 70 members

Brian Cox.

Whatever happened in 1896 (Ed.) ?

IT'S RUMOURED that our Ed psyches himself up before events by studying pictures of Frank Southall!

IT'S RUMOURED that Richard Knight and Mike Coyle are in trouble with the Roman Catholic Church for taking the mickey out of the Pope. In two road races lately they've stopped to kiss the ground!

IT'S RUMOURED that Brian Hutton has taken over the Evening Argus. Great stuff Brian - keep it coming.

CLUB TEN SATURDAY 24TH MARCH

As far as the riders were concerned it was very windy and cold. As for the officials it was certainly cold, with watch fingers in danger of freezing. The conditions were no doubt responsible for the four non starters but there were still fourteen starters plus two privates to create a good afternoon's sport.

Roger Smallman and Don Lock were in charge of the watches, Jean Smallman provided the tea and rock cakes, something quickly becoming a Smallman speciality, and Dave Hudson and Ray Douglass did the pushing off.

The following did the riding:-

1st. Andrew Lock	25.21. 0.30.	24.51.				
2nd. Mike Coyle	25.44. 2.10.	23.34.				
3rd. John Lucas	27.10. 3.40.	23.30.				
4th. Mike Mansell	27.32. 2.30.	25.02.				
5th. Tony Palmer	28.17. 3.40.	24.37.				
6th. Bill Procter	28.31. 3.30.	25.01.				
7th. Jonnie Betteridge	28.55. 2.50.	26.05.				
8th. Robert Downham	29.08. 4.40.	24.28.				
9th. Ian Leeding	29.13. 5.30.	23.43.				
10th.Bradley Walters	29.54. 5.30.	24.24.				
11th.Peter Aslett	31.26. 5.40.	25.46.				
12th.Peter Kibbles	31.37. 6.10.	25.27.				
13th.Reg Searle	31.48. 6.00.	25.48.				

Paul Toppin D.N.F. (puncture)
Mike Jones private time trial was just the quickest at 25.14. Paul Reeves failed to finish his private ride due to mechanical

trouble.

EAST SUSSEX 2-UP 29 MARCH 25TH

Another superb performance from the Lewes Wanderers pair of Tony Deacon and Simon Barnes left everyone gasping on this very hard morning. Their time of 1 hour 9 minutes 41 seconds was 4 minutes 20 seconds clear of a surprising second place for Roy Holden and Don Lock. Don had his usual chain off stop, probably costing them about 20 seconds as they finished with 1.14.01. Paul Toppin and Andrew Lock were 5th in 1.15.04 but they also had trouble with Andrew getting a brick thrown by a car into his wheel. Chris Chapman kindly gave up his wheel and they lost about a minute. It has been suggested that if he'd kept it they would only have lost half a minute! Stuart Gibbs and Andy Smith finished 7th in 1.15.45 and Dave Dallimore and Mike Jones were 8th in 1.16.03. The story is told that they were overtaken on Glynde Hill by a rider who was actually pushing his lady partner! Our fifth entry was Mike Gibbs and Bill Procter who finished the course in 1.26.23.

CLUB 30 PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOW FIXED FOR 20TH MAY AND NOT 6TH MAY AS WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED

EARLY SEASON ROAD RACE REPORT

From our special (I'm here in the bunch)
contributor Roving Paul Vest.

The Club's road race season got off to an early start on 18th February with the Southborough Whs. thirds and juniors event at Frant. Richard Knight having his first insight into this branch of racing was soon in action but, perhaps through inemperience, was involved in an unfortunate accident after ten miles and forced to retire. Paul West, riding, despite a heavy cold was pleased to finish in the bunch, given 15th place. Next outing was the Wheely Down race at Meonstoke with just Paul West riding. This was on 16th February and this time the cold won with Paul making an early exit from the action. March 11th saw the first of this year's Surrey League promotions. Michael Coyle in his first road race showed complete lack of respect for the experience of others and was away on his own for a while in the latter stages. He was eventually to finish 27th being caught by the

Knight was to D.N.F. after puncturing.

On 18th March there was the second Surrey League race, this time at Ellen's Green. With five miles to go Richard Knight and Michael Coyle really drew attention to the Worthing Excelsior colours when they attacked together, from the bunch, quickly drew clear and succeeded in catching Ken Rufrell who was away on his own. At this point — was it enthusiasm, or surprise at the ease with which they had gone away — they decided to touch wheels, and down they came. Paul West was 15th, Richard limped home about four minutes down and Michael was a D.N.F.

determined efforts of the main bunch. Richard

The event on 24th March was a 1/2/3 category at Hellingly promoted by the Hastings Club. Paul West was our only rider and he punctured and retired with four miles to go. Although well down he was assured of 11th place.

On 25th March at Lingfield, in another Surrey League event. Our best result so far was achieved with Michael Coyle in great form and gaining a fine second place from four others in a break which had started at about half distance. In the sprint there were three and with less than a length between them and Michael Coyle picks up what could be the first of many points to take him towards a second category licence. Paul West was twelfth finishing in a rather depleted group with Richard Knight a little farther back. Our other entry, Graham Tooley, complaining of a 'bug' that had kept him off his bike for two weeks was a D.N.F.

Cycle Track for Worthing?

Some consideration has lately been given to the question of constructing a cycle track in the People's Park. The Borough Surveyor went to Preston Park to inspect the track there, and afterwards reported that in his opinion the cost of constructing a similar track would not be less than £450. As it is regarded as somewhat late in the season to embark upon such a work, it has been decided by the General Purposes Committee to defer the matter for further consideration.

Don't get excited - this was from a local paper of 8th April 1896. The Park is now 'Homefield'.

MORE RESULTS

CRAWLEY WHEELERS 10 31st March 1984
Held on the new Horsham and Southwater bypass
course. Conditions cold and windy.
Tony Goodsell was third in 23.56 behind Ron
Keeble Wren Wheelers and Tony Deacon, Lewes.
Other Club times were: John Lucas 27.25
Tony Palmer 28.02. Bill Procter 28.20. Tom
Lainsbury 28.50. Robert Downham 28.59. Mike
Stanbridge 32.07.

SALISBURY 25. 1st April 1984

Again very cold with fresh northerly wind.

Dave Dallimore 1.1.53. Roy Holden 1.2.19.

Stuart Gibbs 1.4.54. Don Lock 1.5.23.

EASTWAY RACES 1st April 1984

Five members with friends and family had a day out to this purpose built closed circuit in east London and enjoyed themselves.

IAN LEEDING rode the under 16's and stayed with the bunch for more than half distance.

BRADLEY WALTERS was another having his first taste of this kind of racing and joined ANDREW LOCK in the under 18's. ANDREW finished about 8th and Bradley finished despite being lapped. The two PAULS, WEST and TOPPIN rode the senior event and finished 3oth and 20th respectively (give or take a few) out of a large field of 90 riders.

