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## WORTHING EXCELSIOR CYCLING CLUB

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100K BP

SATURDAY $13^{\text {th }}$ FEBRUARY 2010
START 09.00
HQ ASHINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ENTRY FEE $£ 5.00$
(Plus $£ 2.00$ insurance if not Audax, CTC, or gold/silver BC member)
Tea/coffee and biscuits available from 08.15
Food and drink provided en route
Hot soup and roll at finish
Route outline: Ashington, Warminghurst, West Chiltington, Adversane, Wisborough Green, Kirdford, Plaistow, Shillinglee, Blackdown, Lickfold, Lodsworth, Selham, Burton, Sutton, West Burton, Coldwaltham, Greatham, Thakeham, Warminghurst, Ashington.

## Entry forms available from the organiser Mick Irons

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Completed entry forms to him by
Saturday 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ January 2010

It was always going to be difficult to improve upon the Club's performances of 2008. We did not have Mark Newnham, Karl Roberton or Adrian Rodgers. The course had been changed and the latter stages were definitely harder, and, on the day, the weather was not so kind. Our entry was down from 11 to 10 but still, more than could be mustered by any other club in the area. New faces at the distance were Clive Lett and Paul Outhwaite, both with considerable sportive and audax experience, Peter Logan stepping into the unknown and Nigel Reynolds. Nigel representing our 'London branch' had been urged to ride after his excellent debut in the S.C.A/Club 50. 'You must ride to complete the club B.A.R' he was told. With Joan Lennon and Tom Coulson entered our ten was completed by Stuart Jago, Nathan Gale, Mark Bernhardt and Mel Roberton.

The first half was OK, comprised mainly of the ' 50 ' course, it offered good roads and calm conditions. All WECC riders seemed to be going well. It was between 55/65 miles that the rot began to set in. They had those miles in their legs and their heads kept reminding them of the distance that remained. They had perhaps already fixed in their minds that the last 40 or so were going to be hard, and that doesn't help. The wind now blew up fresh to strong from the south - not helpful if you still have to ride Buck Barn to Washington on the exposed A24 no less than 3 times. Their schedules which were probably too much based upon last year's rides, were slipping away. Big gears were stuck in too long and each mile grew longer. All were finding it hard but, exceptionally Nigel Reynolds, who incidentally, wasn't aware at the start that the course had changed and perhaps had less of a worry about the latter miles on the Ashurst circuit, was clearly maintaining good form. Another was Stuart Jago, his schedule was still being trimmed and a personal best remained on the cards.

Mark Bernhardt was the grimmest of spectacles over the last miles, of courage and tenacity he had plenty, of speed and cadence he had none. It takes grit to cover 20 miles after its all gone, when the legs no longer belong. Mel Roberton remained focussed to the end but over 10 minutes was to be lost over the second half and last year's time was quickly a fading dream. Tom Coulson, may not admit it, but he was probably the lucky one. With insurmountable mechanical problems in the early miles he was forced to abandon before it even got hard. Peter Logan was to find 65 miles on his tri-bars too low for his back and in considerable distress retired at this point. Joan Lennon was spotted around the 80 mile mark, she looked comfortable, and conversationally remarked that 'the wind is quite strong'!! She was nevertheless riding up to her schedule.

All were undoubtedly glad to reach the finish in the Wiston road by Buncton Church.
The Club Result:-

1. Nigel Reynolds

| $\frac{\text { Act Time }}{4.21 .22}$ | $\frac{\text { H'cap }}{7.00}$ | $\frac{\text { H'cap Time }}{4.14 .22}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4.30 .28 | Scr | 4.30 .28 |
| 4.37 .06 | 6.00 | 4.31 .06 |

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| 4. | Stuart Jago | 4.46 .58 | 28.00 | 4.18 .58 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5. | Nathan Gale | 4.48 .12 | 20.00 | 4.28 .12 |
| 6. | Clive Lett | 4.55 .00 | 14.00 | 4.41 .00 |
| 7. | Paul Outhwaite | 4.58 .09 | 18.00 | 4.40 .09 |
| 8. | Joan Lennon | 5.57 .08 | 1.20 .00 | 4.37 .08 |

As far as the S.C.C.U overall event goes from 95 entries they finished: Nigel a superb debut $10^{\text {th }}$, Mel $22^{\text {nd }}$, Mark $32^{\text {nd }}$, Stuart $37^{\text {th }}$ - incidentally he picked up a nice $£ 40$ for second handicap, Nathan $41^{\text {st }}$, Clive $46^{\text {th }}$, Paul $50^{\text {th }}$ and Joan $73^{\text {rd }}$.


## MISCELLANEOUS RESULTS

We are sure there have been others. Do please email or tele our Ed on the day. Results can then get into the Worthing Herald as well as the Worthing Wheel.
$11^{\text {th }}$ July South Eastern Road Club 10 on the Rusper/Crawley course. Mel Roberton 22.13 and third place on veteran standard. Jeremy Wootton 23.21, Ed Klose 23.40 and fastest Junior, Neale Maloney 26.54, Sam Maloney 27.21.
$19^{\text {th }}$ July Bec CC 25 on Broadbridge Heath based course. Mel Roberton $58.44,2^{\frac{\text { nd }}{}}$ on standard but $1^{\text {st }}$ Surrey/Sussex Veteran's Time Trial Association rider, so £30 and a trophy. Ed Klose 1.2.41 for a personal best. Nathan Gale 1.4.30, Peter Logan 1.8.17 and Robert Downham 1.9.21.
$\underline{2}^{\text {nd }}$ August Mel was in action again, this time riding the Anerley BC 50 mile event on the Broadbridge Heath course. Another excellent ride of 1.57 .45 saw him finish $11^{\text {th }}$ overall in a 90 strong entry. He was again placed second in the veterans which was worth £20 but he also won the Aldershot Cup and a Veteran’s Time Trial Association medal as winner of the Surrey/Sussex Group V.T.T.A Championship. More silverware for the trophy room.
$9^{\text {th }}$ August Bognor CC ‘Club’ event. Two WECC riders gave the Fontwell based course a try and came away liking it. Simon Letts recorded 1.00.39, his best for 16 years and Nathan Gale finished with a personal best of 1.2.17.
$30^{\text {th }}$ August The V.T.T.A open 25 on the Bognor course attracted Simon Letts and Jeremy Wootton. Simon just back from a holiday recorded 1.3.13 but JW really flying hit 56.34 for $5^{\text {th }}$ place overall and was only 13 seconds away from a PB.
$30^{\text {th }}$ August Stuart Jago travelled to the A31 for a ride in the Alton 25. It was worth the petrol for he produced a PB of 1.3.43 knocking 1.28 from his previous record.
$6^{\text {th }}$ September Our junior squad were out in strength in the Southern Counties 25 at Broadbridge Heath. Their fortunes varied considerably: Sam Maloney troubled with a painful knee was not able to finish his ride despite catching his minute man within the first 7 miles. Ed Klose was however hell bent on a personal best, and he achieved it, even giving a 58 minute man a fright by overtaking him in the last couple of miles. His new P.B 1.1.33 gives him a more
'senior' look as he moves into that category next season. His ride won him a newly presented S.C.C.U trophy, the Robin Marsh Cup for fastest junior plus a very useful pair of Continental tyres.

Not to be outdone Lewis Norris was riding his debut 25 and was clearly taking it seriously. We understand he had been fine tuning his speed by putting in some training sessions with Mark Bernhardt, and before the event he was seen warming up on a turbo, very professional like. He soon hit his pace and maintained it brilliantly over the whole course to finish with a superb opener of 1.5.14, good enough for $2^{\text {nd }}$ spot in the junior category and a $£ 10$ prize. With Sam and Lewis juniors for another two seasons, we now urgently need more in this age group to back them up.

Sam's Dad Neale rode this one as well and although nearly caught by the flying Lewis still managed a PB of 1.10.08.
$6^{\text {th }}$ September Four entered the Bognor 25 on the Fontwell course, thought perhaps to be slightly faster than Broadbridge Heath. Mel Roberton clocked 57.39 only half a minute down on his PB. Clive Lett, first 25 for years, made it in 1.5.15 although initially posted as a '55.15'!! At which he smiled, knowingly. Stuart Jago somehow managed a 40 second late start penalty putting him on a 1.5.46 and Robert Downham clocked 1.8.00


## CLUB RUNS

Too fast or too slow? That is the question. The answer of course is going to depend on your fitness and cycling ability, plus what do you expect from a 'club run'? Traditionally it is accepted that it is not a 'training run' which is something you do with an agreed group or on your own. A training run will not be stopping for tea and cakes will it? The Club run is a more sociable ride, even if it is no longer possible to be always be riding in pairs, it should be possible to talk to each other without gasping for breath. So what is an ideal speed? We think an average of 15 mph but up to a max of $19 / 20$ when the wind is behind and we're not climbing!

There's this guy who seems to be the delegated leader who knows the way, but you can go past him and give him a break especially into the head wind, but note what speed you inject. The Andy Schlecks of this world who whip past and then in about 100 yards sit up, only serve to totally upset the pace and rhythm of the ride.

So you know that there are more than just our Ed who express these thoughts, two others have commented, indeed one no longer joins us. Perhaps we should have two groups, a fast and a slow but numbers would not really justify that and it is divisive, we don't want to be labelled in that way. What would we have next - promotion and relegation! Having regard to the make up of the group is very important as well. Have a thought for new members who may lack fitness, experience or both. Take into account youth and have 'Concern for the Aged'

A suggestion was made that all should settle for a steady pace ride to the elevenses venue, but that on the way home, when you no longer need a guide, OK if you want stir it up, but for goodness sake everyone, you don't have to follow.

In any event let's always make sure that no one, not even our Ed is totally abandoned!!


## The ETAPE du TOUR 20 July 2009

It was murder up Mont Ventoux. The giant of Provence was unforgiving. I clocked 37 degrees of heat as the afternoon sun beat down on this year's Etape du Tour entrants. Bodies everywhere and more walking with bikes than l've ever seen. I heard many accounts of vomiting as the hot and airless conditions took their toll. Others told of riders keeling over through total exhaustion.

Ventoux is one of the most revered climbs in the history of the Tour de France. In his recent book, Jean Bobet (brother of Louison, who won the Tour 3 times in the fifties) devotes a chapter to it. Of the 1955 Tour he writes 'I knew what that little knocking feeling in my stomach was: fear before the Ventoux. The Southern ascent from Bedoin is terrible. And if it's hot it turns into hell. It's very hot. I'm going to hell. Not a word. Nothing is more impressive than a silent peleton. Nobody says a word. Nobody laughs. Lifting your head slightly you can make out the shape in the distance, through the mist, of Ventoux.

I was climbing the mountain for a total of 2 hrs 45 mins - that's a long time! Sudden nausea caused an abrupt need for a break halfway up. I was ship shape after a couple of minutes and a sip of warm isotonic drink and sweet energy gel - yum yum! Ready to continue my ascent with possibly the slowest of cranks ever witnessed. The record is 57 minutes. I can't remember who set it, but it is a quite extraordinary time. I drove up the day before with a friend, and I doubt we were any quicker.

The memorial to Tom Simpson sits one km from the summit - Tom didn't make it to the top in the Tour of 1967, dying of dehydration from his amphetamine induced exertion. Plenty took the opportunity for a brief stop to pay their respects. I didn't for fear of not being able to get going again!

We started from Montelimar, a little town on the Rhone famous for its nougat - and very delicious it is too! The organisers devised the route so that Mt Ventoux was visible almost from the start. At various points on the route it would loom up in the distance, towering over all the other modest peaks surrounding it. Once a volcano and now a sleeping giant - it truly dominates the area for many kilometres around it.

Once again this year there were riders of all shapes and sizes taking part. I saw a rider with one arm- chapeau to him, a great effort when you consider that he could not get out of the saddle for the respite that a change of position can give. I'm told there was a rider with one leg. I didn't see him as he was ahead of me!

8hrs 45 mins in total for me. I didn't trouble the silver medal timings (7hrs 05 mins for my age group -unbelievable! It defeated everyone in my close group, except for one elite cyclist who finished in 6hrs 01mins, close to the top 100) I was very pleased that the Spaniard who won the stage proper on the following Saturday took more than half my time - a moral victory!

There was an array of VIP riders on the day too - Chris Boardman (Olympic gold medallist and world hour cycling record holder) got round in 8hrs 45 mins , Alain Prost in 6 hrs 15 mins and James Cracknell in 8 hrs 15 mins .

A big thank you to all who sponsored me. We will have raised a tidy sum by the time l've collected all the pledges. For those who haven't quite had time to sponsor me yet, you can still do so via www.justgiving.com/roccosepe/
Best Wishes
Rocco Sepe
Note Rocco is raising funds for the Anaphylaxis Campaign. Thousands of people in the UK have life threatening allergic reactions to nuts and many other foods. The condition is known as Anaphylaxis
Paul Outhwaite and Nigel Reynolds were two other WECC mountain goats successfully completing the Etape du Tour challenge 2009.


## HANDICAP POINTS COMPETITION

Calculated on handicap placings in the club events, other than hill climbs and evening tens.

If a rider does not ride an event then he is given two points more than the number who finished.

If a rider starts but does not finish then he is given one point more than the number who finished.

First 20 places only shown:-

1. Mel Roberton 54
2. Stuart Jago 65
3. Mark Bernhardt 70
4. Peter Logan 72
5. Robert Downham 78
6. Nathan Gale 79
7. Kevin Doe 81
8. Edward Klose 82
9. Simon Letts 88
10. Karl Roberton 89
11. Phil Walker 91
12. Colin Miller 92
13. Diana Trafford 95
14. Neale Maloney 100
15. Sam Maloney 103
16. Adrian Rodgers 106
17. Paul Outhwaite 106
18. Tom Coulson 111
19. John Baldwin 111
20. Peter Weston 116


## EVENING TEN SERIES 2009 <br> Overall Results

Six rides from the series are required to qualify. This year just one race was lost, not through unsafe weather conditions, but because of road works on both the Washington and reserve Wiston courses. There were then 13 to choose from. The result is calculated by a simple aggregation of each rider's six best places. i.e Lowest score wins.

This is how it finished:-

| $1^{\text {st }}$ | Jeremy Wootton | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | Adrian Rodgers | 8 |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | Mark Bernhardt | 12 |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ | Karl Roberton | 17 |
| $5^{\text {th }}$ | \{Ed Klose | 22 |
| $5^{\text {th }}$ | \{Paul Outhwaite | 22 |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ | Mark Newnham | 29 |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ | Nathan Gale | 36 |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ | Stuart Jago | 37 |
| $10^{\text {th }}$ | Tom Coulson | 45 |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ | \{Jon Rodgers | 49 |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ | \{Kevin Doe | 49 |
| $13^{\text {th }}$ | Robert Downham | 50 |
| $14^{\text {th }}$ | Phil Walker | 53 |
| $15^{\text {th }}$ | John Baldwin | 72 |
| $16^{\text {th }}$ | Chris Day | 76 |
| $17^{\text {th }}$ | Tony Knott | 77 |
| $18^{\text {th }}$ | Joan Lennon | 86 |

Statistics - 32 different club riders covered 190 separate club rides.
There were no less than 174 private time trials.
Fastest club time was a Personal Best 21.31 by Jeremy Wootton.
Estimates - Mel Roberton made 500 cups of tea.
Karl Roberton and Robert Downham put out 200 road signs.
The combined power exerted by the pushers off, if applied to just one rider would have been enough to have achieved a short ' 22 ' without pedalling!
Timekeepers held watches for just over 12 hours.
The consumption of Huntley \& Palmer's biscuits is believed to have put up the share value!


## EVENING TEN SERIES

'Veterans'
A massively complicated calculation of riders over 40 beating their age standards in six rides and then being taken as an average + or minus.

| $1^{\text {st }}$ | Jeremy Wootton | +5mins 14secs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | Paul Outhwaite | +4 mins 31 secs |
| $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ | Mark Bernhardt | +4mins 14secs |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ | Stuart Jago | +3mins 49secs |
| $5^{\text {th }}$ | Kevin Doe | $+3 \mathrm{mins} 20 \mathrm{secs}$ |
| $6^{\text {th }}$ | Jon Rodgers | $+3 \mathrm{mins} 9 \mathrm{secs}$ |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ | Joan Lennon | +1min 28 secs |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ | John Baldwin | +Omins 37secs |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ | Robert Downham | +Omins 25secs |
| $10^{\text {th }}$ | Phil Walker | -0mins 1sec |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ | Tony Knott | -Omins 15secs |

## LADY <br> Joan Lennon won the fastest lady award <br> JUNIOR

Ed Klose won this in his last season before moving up to Senior category next year.


## HARDRIDERS TOO HARD? ( $31^{\text {st }}$ August)

If the entry of just seven means anything then perhaps that's the reason. Bearing in mind we've had over 30 active time trialists in the Club this season we did wonder where they had all disappeared to. It seems a clash with a 25 on the popular Bognor course drew a few away, and maybe holidays accounted for some more, but it was disappointing. When Clive Lett had to DNS as 'duty called' it was the smallest turnout of the year.

The course certainly has some testing climbs, from Pulborough you head south and have soon to tackle Bury. Then after the downhill A29 to Slindon there's a fast easterly section on the A27 to Arundel before the long but generally less steep ascent back to the Whiteways roundabout. It looks as though it should be all downhill from here - well there's the Bury descent - but after returning to Pulborough there's a nasty climb away from Stopham Bridge towards Fittleworth and a drag from there south to the finish.

Some people can, of course, always spoil it for others. If Mel Roberton can ride round in 1.7.34 only half a minute down on the club record for the course, how can it be so hard? It was another super ride from this SEX.. agenarian and he made it look easy as he swept through the rest of the small field. Mark Bernhardt started 4 minutes in front and squeezed home just ahead by 7 seconds. Mark's ride 1.11.27 gave him second place. Nathan Gale clocked 1.14.18 for third.

The full result is shown below and includes a time check as the riders returned to the top of Bury. The order of finishing had been well set by then.

John Baldwin messed up the handicapper's calculations which otherwise were pretty good.

| Pos | Rider | Bury | Act Time | H'cap | H'cap Time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Mel Roberton | 42.00 | 1.07 .34 | Scr | 1.07.34 |
| 2. | Mark Bernhardt | 44.36 | 1.11 .27 | 3.30 | 1.07 .57 |
| 3. | Nathan Gale | 46.20 | 1.14.18 | 7.00 | 1.07.18 |
| 4. | Kevin Doe | 49.18 | 1.19 .23 | 13.00 | 1.06.23 |
| 5. | John Baldwin | 52.02 | 1.22 .42 | 20.00 | 1.02 .42 |
| 6. | Phil Walker | 52.19 | 1.23 .02 | 17.00 | 1.06.02 |



## IT'S ONLY HALF A DAY!

We have not had many riders attempting the 12 hour time trial challenge in recent years. At one time we regularly had five or six but there are reasons. Reasons beyond the thought that it's a long while for bottom and saddle to fight for supremacy, invariably won by the saddle, and for the back to reconcile itself into acceptance of the horizontal rather than the vertical. We no longer include the 12 hour in our Best All Rounder competition in the same way that it has been dropped by many Associations. There are fewer 12 hour promotions. In this South East corner, there used to be 5 now there's just the Kent CA event remaining. As the event by its very nature has to continue throughout the day the problems of traffic congestion have also an increasing effect.

So how come in 2009 do we get a debut from Stuart Jago, he may be 53 but he has no background of long distance riding. He ventured a '100' in 2008, kept his target sensible and beat it admirably, ducking inside the 20 mph ( 5 hour barrier).

This year he has been improving at all distances and he was up for another go at the ' 100 '. Bad morning, hard course, and everyone down on last year's times, except Stuart that is, he improved 11 minutes.

Did our Ed push him? Was his arm twisted up his back? No, Ed may have mentioned it, even offered to help, but nothing more, until -- "Oh by the way l've entered the K.C.A 121" Followed quickly by "What do I do now?"

He swears he was sober when he entered, now he was apprehensive, could he re-surface having jumped in at the deep end? Too late for any special training but he had done good mile before the 100. His aims were modest, 200 would be good. Ed, pushing now, said " $18 \mathrm{mph}=216$ " So that was it.

The K.C.A, and, gratefully Stuart Jago were rewarded with a good day. Not perfect but against some of the recent weather, acceptable. It was cool becoming hot and still becoming rather breezy. While the early part of the course around Romney Marsh and Rye were flat it was also very exposed, and the second half was distinctly bumpy as it moved further north.

Two hours 24 minutes for the first 50 miles and going well. Four hours 57 minutes for the 100 was good and he was some 36 minutes up on his schedule. Tiredness began to kick in as he stretched his distance experience into 140. "Keep drinking", "Keep eating", "Keep the gear down" shouted Ed, passing up all kinds of goodies plus the cold sponge which is still capable of achieving more than any expensive energy bar. To his credit he never lost his focus although Ed in the
last couple of hours continually berated him and urged him to dig deep and smack in a 28 minute ten before time expired.

He made it and rightly was pleased with his effort. 225 miles, or for our continental friends 360 kilometres, is a fair days ride. There were 61 entries and the winner recorded 257 miles. Only 9 riders exceeded 240 miles. Stuart finished $16^{\text {th }}$.

Target next year 235 and no pushing from Ed. But we do need a team, we think we have two -----we need three ----watch this space. 'Arm up back' twisters are about!!


## A MUTINY IN THE RANKS

The actions of John Baldwin will be watched closely over the coming months after he championed what could have been a very divisive action over club runs. It would appear that he was having the temerity (he's got a saddle bag full of it) to suggest a different venue for Sunday $16^{\text {th }}$ August to that published in the Club's official runs list. Now if we all did that where would we be? In a stuttering defence he claimed that no one appeared to be keen on the Ringmer start point. Only when that old guy who usually turns up and seems to know where he's going, said that he was starting at Ringmer, reminded everyone where exactly the Ringmer parking was, and maintained he would claim full points from runs co-ordinator whereas the defaulters would not be awarded points, did the mutterings of subversion cease. First to turn was Kevin Doe with "l'm sticking with the Captain" and others quickly followed. What could have developed into a nasty incident was fortunately nipped in the bud.

John was last seen being pulled out of the clubroom by his partner Barbara obviously anxious to remove him quickly from a potentially ugly situation!!

Our Life Vice-President and long time Auditor Reg Searle found interest in the last issue of the 'Worthing Wheel' His letter follows:

Reg Searle<br>Rustington<br>$24^{\text {th }}$ August 2009

## Dear Don,

I found Keiths' article and photographs of his new Bamboo racing frame most interesting and it brought back memories of my early racing career from 1945 when I was lent a pair of pre-war wooden sprints because I couldn't afford to purchase my own.

At that time Bamboo rims were regarded by my contemporaries as the best that money could buy and the pair lent to me had 'Constrictor' tubulars that were also regarded as the best. This experience prompted me to specify wooden rims when I could afford my own. There is however a potential 'downside' to wooden rims. In 1950 I had planned to ride the Kentish Wheelers 100 with two
club-mates. I had also planned to attempt the Sussex 12 hour County Road Record the next week-end and a week later ride a 24 hour event. One rider was Bill Rogers who had a cycle shop in Boundary Road, Hove at that time and parked his van in a yard behind the shop.

We had planned a 2.00am start and Bill and I had loaded our racing bikes into the van the previous evening to save time - this necessitating the removal of front wheels. I arrived at the allotted time to find the bikes missing and Bill discussing the problem with a policeman. In fitting the front wheel to my cycle the thief had knocked out the brake blocks and later that morning the bikes were recovered near the foot of a hill in Hangleton in a pool of blood. My front wheel was snapped in two places and it was evident that the metal of the brake had locked it and sent the thief over the handlebars to be hit again by the second thief who crashed into him. (something confirmed by a witness according to the local newspaper report - cutting supplied by Reg. Ed)

Bill Rogers supplied me with a new front wheel and the next week-end I started my 12 hour record attempt, but I only got as far as Crossbush (near Arundel) when a chicken flew into my front wheel and was killed. Needless to say, my front wheel snapped and I hit the road hard - that was the end of that ride and the 24 hour event.

Regards<br>Reg



> WHAT'S THIS?
> Patent white leather all glossy and clean.
> They're fancy and dandy, well really, I mean.
> They're showy and sexy with an Italian look.
> You can see for yourself at the end of this book.
> (Ownership claimed by Rocco Sepe)


## JOAN'S CYCLING PAST (and present with WECC)

Cycling has never been my strong point in terms of speed, but I have done it for almost as long as I can remember. I was a late starter as a child, and was the laughing stock of my neighbourhood in Dublin when (as a 10 year old) I pushed my big sister's bicycle around while my friends all rode. (l had only recently graduated from an old large tricycle which had solid rubber tyres). I finally did manage to master the machine, and proceeded to cycle to hockey practice as a teenager, into school, into University in Dublin, away for illicit weekends in Wicklow, a couple of cycling holidays around Ireland, and all round Minneapolis when I lived there in the late 70's. I never had a good bicycle but survived on old Raleigh bikes with a single gear or Sturmey Archer gears - hand me downs from my elder sisters, and of course my American classic bike which cost me $\$ 20$ in a garage sale. I LOVED IT, as it was bright red, had back-pedal brakes, a comfy
saddle and lovely curved upright handlebars. It was known as Red Rider and served me well for the two years I was there. Sadly I had to leave it behind with a friend when I came home.

Back in the British Isles in the early 1980's I finally splashed out and bought a brand new bicycle, which I can still be seen on as I cycle to work near Steyning. It was a Claude Butler Majestic with an amazing 10 gears, in colour iceblue and became my best friend. I lived in Northern Ireland for a number of years and used this bike to get everywhere. My father was scandalised that I had bought a man's bike and couldn't see why I didn't want a nice shopping bike like he had bought my Mum (it sat under a blanket in their conservatory for years). I even attempted the Maracycle in 1983, a sponsored long distance ride from Belfast to Dublin and back again over two days (103 miles each way). I made it as far as Dublin and got half way back before one knee locked up and I had to finish it in the back of a van, bitterly disappointed.

While in Northern Ireland I took part in my first triathlon in 1984 which involved a 6 mile run, a 1 mile pool swim and a 13 mile cycle. I used my lovely Claude Butler bike and felt very professional (pity about the performance though!) I guess it was then that the seeds were sown for my current obsession with triathlon, but at the time I had no idea what it might lead to. I enjoyed the event so much that I did it again the following year. However, life moved on and I left Northern Ireland and spent a year in York while my husband and I decided what to do with our lives. I joined the CTC and every Wednesday went out cycling with the York Over 60's CTC group. They welcomed me even though I was half their age and took me on many a long bike ride through the Yorkshire Wolds and Dales and Moors. They were an amazing bunch with every medical complaint under the sun, but once on their bikes they were incredible. It was my first introduction to the kinds of cafes which cyclists know about and no one else seems to have found great cheap filling lunches, beans on toast for a pittance, huge mugs of tea or coffee and big slices of home-made cake. I was truly hooked, and I equipped my Claude Butler with panniers and a bar bag, learnt how to do basic maintenance and was ready to conquer the world.

Then I had children which put paid to my cycling ambitions a little. We moved to live in Sussex and my Claude Butler sprouted a child seat on the back of the bike. As the kids grew we discovered the joys of a 'trailer bike' (before they became popular) and so we managed to take both kids out cycling - one on the trailer bike and one stuffed into the child seat on my bike. This progressed to having the younger child on the trailer bike and the older one on her first road bike but, given the busyness of Sussex roads, we didn't venture too far afield with them. I continued to use my bike for recreation, commuting to local jobs, but cycling was increasingly sidelined as life with children took over. I continued running (my first love in sport) and kept fit but really didn't use my bike anywhere as much as I used to.

In about 1998 Steyning got a swimming pool!! It was something we had been hoping for for years and finally it happened.

At the time I was an active member of Steyning Athletic Club. One of our Club members was so enthused by the prospect of a pool in Steyning that he
persuaded the Club to book pool time with a view to training members to swim well enough so we could start to compete in triathlons. Well, this was all the incentive we needed and a hardy group of about 15 of us signed up for swim coaching. Within a year we were being persuaded to enter small local triathlon or multisport events and the bug started to bite. At the time I was working in Lewes and took the opportunity to hone my cycling skills by cycling to work occasionally. Usually I ended up taking the bike on the train back to Shoreham on the way home, 21 mile each way proving too much for me.

By 2002 I had been persuaded to enter my first Olympic distance triathlon, at Bournemouth in June. This was a qualifying race for the World Age Group Triathlon Championships and was quite a different event from the low key triathlons I did in the 1980's. People took these things SERIOUSLY, and I had to learn a whole load of new skills. I also decided that it was time to invest in a new steed so bought a compact frame Giant OCR with the aim of improving my current very pedestrian times. Much to my amazement I qualified for the Worlds for the first time and this bike has now travelled the world as my triathlon companion; Cancun, Mexico in 2002, Queenstown, New Zealand in 2003, Madeira in 2004, Belgium in 2005, San Francisco in 2006, Lausanne, Switzerland on 2005 and 2006, Autun, France in 2006, Hamburg in 2007 and Vancouver in 2008. I still didn't shine in the overall results as my bike times were always mediocre compared to my run and swim splits but I was beginning to enjoy the challenge of racing.

Normally when I join a group on a training ride, I struggle to keep up with the rest of the cyclists. No matter how much effort I put in, I am always slower than everyone else. This has been a source of intense frustration, especially when I ride with 'new' cyclists who have barely ever been out on a bike and I find that I cannot keep up. Consequently for years I felt inadequate, slow, unhappy when riding in a group, and felt as if I was inconveniencing everyone else. I have no idea why I find cycling so hard, but c'est la vie. I have accepted it and don't expect to overtake anyone when I race. But to compensate, I have stamina and, rather like a Duracell battery, I can keep going when others have fallen by the wayside.

I started doing time trials in 2005 and quickly realised that a time trial was a much more satisfying way for me to improve my cycling and to get some quality training in rather than going out for a Club ride. Time trialling is different and has given me a whole new reason to get out on my bike. I don't hold anyone up by being the slowest person in the field (except perhaps the timekeeper if I have a late start). It is purely me against the clock, and week by week each year I try to improve my times over 10 miles, or 25 miles, 50 or even 100. Ten mile time trials are short and sharp and the effort I put in is intense compared to the input during the bike stage in a triathlon. Time trialling has eventually helped me to IMPROVE my bike splits in a triathlon, despite my apparent genetic cycling deficiencies.

Having been persuaded to join Worthing Excelsior in 2008 (thanks to Jon and Adrian Rodgers and Diana Trafford), I have continued to push myself to greater things on my bike. Late last year I took the plunge (after a few years of persuasion from friends who mocked my Giant) and invested in a NEW bike ( a carbon Storck which I love). I have resisted doing this before as I felt it was more
important to improve the rider rather than the ride-miles put in on a slower, heavier bike probably have better overall training value! But I'm so glad I made the investment. It feels fabulous. As yet I haven't managed to improve my P.B's (except for in a 50 mile where I dropped 4 minutes) but the Storck is much more comfortable than my Giant and I feel like I will eventually go further and faster on it. This year I have already completed two 50 mile time trials and the Southern Counties 100 which I successfully completed in 5.57 .08 (many thanks to John Williams for being my support driver). On Thursday $16^{\text {th }}$ July 2009 I managed 27 minutes 39 secs in the 10 mile TT - almost matching my PB of 27 minutes 35 seconds (which was set, I believe, a couple of years ago when I was training for Ironman UK and was amassing hundreds of miles in the saddle). Who knows, if I get the perfect evening some Thursday, I might yet manage 27 minutes dead. And that would be amazing.

So l'd like to say 'thank you' to all those WECC riders who have egged me on, and shouted words of encouragement as they have shot past me at speed, riding with enviable ease and fluidity. Every TT gives me more power for the bike leg of triathlons - this was amply rewarded at the European Triathlon Championships in Holland this July when I managed to do relatively better in the bike leg of the race than the swim leg for the very first time in a triathlon. Some of my fellow competitors in the 'old bags' age category were wondering how I managed it! Roll on the Worlds in Australia in September - - - - maybe I'll be even faster by then. My main goal this year is to do well in the Long Distance World Championships in Perth in October (this includes an 80k bike leg).

Thanks to all of you and see you at another TT or hill climb soon. l'll be the red-faced one at the back!!

Joan Lennon


## WHEN IS A RED LIGHT A RED LIGHT?

"Your honour I was only on a bicycle"
"Yes your honour I know but I was chasing a policeman at the time"
"Can you identify this policeman?"
"Oh yes your honour"
"Well LETT the clerk have his details before you leave"
"Very well I will LETT you off this time but don't LETT it happen again"
And so this time our Ed was LETT off but such are the problems of trying to lead an orderly club run.


## SUSSEX C.A JUMBLE (Bike stuff) SALE at STEYNING

We included notice of this in our last issue and thought you would be interested to know how successful it was. Robin Johnson the Association's hard working chairman was the organiser and if next year you win an extra fiver in the handicap remember to thank Robin and all the other backroom boys who are so
important to 'keep the show on the road' He sold tables at $£ 7$ a time and made £279. Think someone owes him £1! Entry at £1 brought in £139,. Catering profit was $£ 112$ and sale of donated goods $£ 142$. After hire of the hall and advertising, a super cheque to the Association Treasurer of £505.

Incidentally you should try to get along next year, there were a lot of vintage items and plenty of bargains.

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## 24 HOUR 2011 EAST SUSSEX C.A

We know you are all anxious to hear the most recent news of this forthcoming promotion. It is definitely happening, the dates are 25/26 June 2011 (midday to midday usually). The Headquarters is Berwick Village Hall in East Sussex. For Worthing riders you'll probably be pleased to know that it will not now go into Kent but it will be coming over into West Sussex, with Ashurst Village Hall booked for the night.

Promoter Mike Hayler has also received confirmation that the event will include the National Championship and the Veteran's National Championship. Mike has received $£ 750$ from organisations and individuals towards the event. He's been in touch with lan Wilkinson ( 302 miles in a 12) and lan thinks the course should be capable of easy extension to 540 miles! Only $221 / 2 \mathrm{mph}$ !! So this has been arranged.

Other developments are that ESCA are trying to put their 100 back to August and Kent CA are moving their 12 hour to September to spread the long distance options over the season.

More news when we get it.


## EVENING TEN SERIES

Events Nos 13 and 14 16/23 July
The 2009 series was brought to a close by Jeremy Wootton winning both the last two in convincing style. His 21.31 on $16^{\text {th }}$ July was a P.B by 2 seconds, his previous having been in 1998. The new Wootton bike is clearly a winner. The overall series winner is a very clear J.W

Adrian Rodgers has slotted into second spot but does not seem able to close the gap. It was obviously a good night on the $16^{\text {th }}$ despite the thunder and lightning which hit us as the last riders were finishing. Great rides by juniors with Ed Klose on 23.02 and Sam Maloney right behind with 23.10. With Lewis Norris posting a 25.35 it was good to applaud three P.B's.
Final Results - No 13

| 1. | Jeremy Wootton | 21.31 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. | Adrian Rodgers | 22.44 |
| 3. | Ed Klose | 23.02 |

4. Sam Maloney 23.10
5. Nathan Gale 23.35
6. Tom Coulson
23.39
7. Peter Logan 24.35
8. Robert Downham 24.39
9. Neal Maloney 25.08
10. Phil Walker 25.27
11. Lewis Norris 25.35
12. Keith Dodman 25.44
13. Chris Day 25.59
14. Tony Knott 26.33
15. John Williams 27.13
16. Joan Lennon 27.39
17. Martin Wood 30.00

No 14

1. Jeremy Wootton
22.25
2. Adrian Rodgers 23.12
3. Karl Roberton 23.16
$=4$ Ed Klose 24.06
$=4$ Sam Maloney 24.06
4. Tom Coulson 25.09
5. Allan Orman 25.55
6. Neal Maloney 25.57
$=9 \quad$ Peter Logan 25.58
$=9$ Lewis Norris 25.58
7. Robert Downham 26.18
8. Phil Walker 26.27
9. John Baldwin 26.52
10. Ben Toovey 27.00
11. Tony Knott 27.56
12. Joan Lennon 28.37
13. John Williams 28.58
14. Martin Wood 29.39

Tremendously popular, no doubt due to Mel's free tea and bickies, these last two events attracted no less than 38 private time trials from members of other clubs.


## THE ‘DOE’ DOWNFALL TROPHY

More troubles on the East Sussex 25 course while riders competed in the Southborough \& District Wheelers event. Although we felt that the destination of the trophy in this first year was to Lewis Norris's trophy cabinet it appears some still feel they can make an impact - 'Ouch'. Both Mark Bernhardt and Stuart Jago
gave slalom performances on the A22's roundabouts. Both lost a veneer of thigh. They wondered if they might be awarded extra points because they remounted and finished - - - apparently not - or for not yelling blue murder when first aid in the form of iodine was applied - - again apparently not. The 'Doe' rules are tough it seems!


## MARATONA dles DOLOMITES 2009

7 climbs, 3000 metres of climbing. All this over a whopping 106km. We had the biggest age range we think as Don Lock was 73 and I am 15 so there's a gap of 58 years!

The day before the big race, we all went into the town of Corvara to sign on and get all our freebies which consisted of a jersey, some snacks and some handy foot crème. We then went into the main town where the start line was and where there was a type of festival going on. As we had entered the race through 'Cycling Weekly', we met up with the organiser who gave us some T-shirts so we could have our picture taken and hopefully feature in the magazine!

The night before the big race, we cooked up a pile of risotto to fuel us for the next day. Then, for dessert, my Dad kindly offered us all an egg or two as he had bought a dozen anticipating that people would like to fill up on protein.

On the day, we got up at about 4am to have our muesli based breakfast and let it digest fully before we started riding. We had the privilege of a police escort to the start - Clive Lett saw us safely into our start pens before setting off in a blistering pace finishing the long route 138k in 7 hours, very fast! As we waited we saw the television helicopters circling around getting ready for the race to start. There were people of all shapes and sizes at the start and a big range of bikes. There were even some mountain bikers getting ready to start.

We went up the first climb (the Campolongo) the day before the event which helped us to get the feel of what was to come. We also went down it which was very exciting for me as I had never gone down such a long, winding hill.

The Falzarego climb was the longest on the medium route which Dad and I did. It was 11 km long and in places, it was painfully steep. I set a monstrous pace, and some had to stop about halfway up. This was the $6^{\text {th }}$ of the 7 climbs so everyone's legs were feeling like jelly at this point.

At the top of the Sella, the kind waitresses came out and offered us some small pieces of salami so we felt obliged to take a few handfuls for our nice sweaty pockets.

At the end of the race, we were handed either 10 euros or a cool Maratona cap, which I took gladly. There was an ice hockey rink at the finish which they transformed expertly into a huge food centre with lots of grills cooking steaks and sausages. There were also many big saucepans filled with pasta for people to load up on carbs.

We had talked about attempting the mythical Passo Stelvio the following day but in fact, we could hardly climb the stairs to the apartment!

Tom Coulson and Ed Klose also completed the long route despite delays with mechanical problems. Richard Klose and Don were successful at the 55 k distance. Dad and I managed the medium distance of 106km.

Giacomo Sepe, 15
(See photos on back cover)


## THE WASHINGTON HILL CLIMBS

Some sneer at the use of the word 'Hill' and consider it a mere pimple not adequate to provide a real test. Well, OK, it's not Steyning Bostal or Ditchling Beacon but it's handy and the 3 - Up series makes a nice extension to the evening ten series.

The results are printed below and show the gap between our specialist climber Adrian Rodgers and the rest. He has easily won each race and the overall series. He now looks ahead to the more serious open events - the Sussex/Club Championship at Steyning and the National Championship near Sheffield, where competition will be much tougher.

The entries this year were down to 32 from 40 in 2008 (20\%) and that's a shame. Everyone rides up Washington Bostal when we come back that way on a club run so why not come out next year and get yourself a time, find out if you are an Andy Schleck or a Tony Knott, it's only a fun thing and you still get free tea and bikkies.

No 1-30 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ July

1. Adrian Rodgers
1.33 .70
2. Ed Klose 1.46 .41
3. Mel Roberton 1.52 .70
4. Paul Outhwaite 1.54.51
=5 Tom Coulson 1.55.51
=5 Jeremy Wootton
1.55 .51
5. Lewis Norris
1.59.06
6. John Baldwin
2.03.54
7. Peter Rowe
2.14.05
8. Robert Downham
2.15.51
9. Ben Toovey
2.17.26
10. Phil Walker
2.21 .36
11. Joan Lennon
2.27.51

No $2-6{ }^{\text {th }}$ August

1. Adrian Rodgers
1.34 .42
2. Ed Klose 1.44.07
3. Tom Coulson 1.45.71
4. Paul Outhwaite 1.49.39
5. Clive Lett 1.49.57
6. Mel Roberton
1.51.39
7. Mark Bernhardt
1.54.12
8. Lewis Norris
9. Ben Toovey
1.54.78
10. Phil Walker

No 3-13 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ August

1. Adrian Rodgers 1.31 .06
2. Clive Lett 1.48.76
3. Mark Bernhardt 1.50.54
4. Tom Coulson 1.52.01
5. Paul Outhwaite 1.53.32
6. Lewis Norris 1.54.11
7. John Baldwin 2.05.51
8. James Nelson 2.09.89
9. Robert Downham 2.12.64

OVERALL RESULT

1. Adrian Rodgers
2. Ed Klose
=3. Tom Coulson
$=3$. Clive Lett
3. Paul Outhwaite
4. Mel Roberton
5. Mark Bernhardt
6. Lewis Norris
7. John Baldwin
8. Robert Downham
9. Ben Toovey
10. Phil Walker
2.06 .76
2.10.54

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Result is calculated on the aggregate of a rider's two best placings.


## AN EASTERLY RUN

Eight made their way to the Ringmer start for this club run in East Sussex. There had been some grumbles about the start point and the need to use cars to get there. The idea is to get some different scenery but you can never please all of the people all of the time. Here we were having a job to please some of the people even part of the time.

Don had worked out a route, he thought about 30 miles before elevenses, because the venue at Selmeston, Middle Farm, was too close to Ringmer, and then just 10 or so afterwards to get back to the cars. Two had in fact arrived by bike with Tony Knott riding from Worthing and John Baldwin having parked in Cuckfield on his way from Horsham, Would they get extra runs points? No, certainly not!

Departure from Ringmer was immediately into the lanes and northeast past the Bentley Wildfowl place and on to cross the A22 south of Uckfield. Skirting
then the estate of one "Hoogstraten" the group went through Palehouse Common and Easons Green. The speed seemed brisk but a south westerly was helping. Up some drags and modest hills found Waldron and Horham. The leader indicated that this was the high point which was greeted with relief by Martin Wood, not to mention Don himself. So, down, and up now and again in lanes to Cowbeech, and down to Hellingly and Hailsham. Back over the A22 to Arlington and out through Berwick to that welcome break. 29 miles on the clock and all seemed happy except Martin Wood who regretted the absence of the sun. Don was apologetic but explained that despite careful study of a new O.S map and its legends, nothing indicated the whereabouts of the solar ball.

After refreshments, good choice and value, Rocco Sepe was on the two cake diet, the run veered back towards Berwick and soon found new lanes to Ripe and Laughton. Some anxiety was shown when a right turn indicated a second run past Bentley Wildfowl but Don assured Martin that they were not going round again, but just re-entering Ringmer without using the main roads. Another 12 miles with Rocco given his head over the last 3 miles and coming in just ahead of Kevin Doe and Don claiming the bronze. Martin was slightly happier as the sun had come out.

Others surviving this easterly run were Chris Day and Giacomo Sepe. Ah well! We'll go the other way next week!


## HOW TO DO A '56’ (Courtesy of Jeremy Wootton)

I put the ' 56 ' down to a week climbing in the Alps (week starting $17{ }^{\text {th }}$ August). Arrived at the lodge early on the Sunday evening after a 700 mile drive, got the bike out of the car and did a quick freewheel down the N91 from La Grove to Barrage de Chambon This saw me at the foot of Les Deux Alpes and a couple of hours later l'd made it back up to the lodge via Les Deux Alpes.

Monday through to Thursday was proper climbing with ropes/rock shoes/crampons etc. All around Briançon/Serre Chevalier in the Parc des Ecrins. All boring stuff for cyclists. I love it.

Thursday night Per As, my Swedish Alpine guide (VIAGM qualified) complained that his legs hurt and maybe a day off on Friday! My legs were also hurting (along with arms/fingers and just about every part of my body) so over a fine Flemish supper and a bottle of red wine (the two guys who run the lodge are from Belgium) we planned a bike ride. Per had to go shopping in Briançon on Friday and we made plans to meet him there with his bike and some more drink for me. I would arrive via the Col de Lauteret and Col de Galibier. When we met up I was well into three hours of the ride and I'd only had one bottle of drink, so another quick bottle in the car park and one in the bottle cage and we set off for the Col d'lzoard.
It's no steeper than the Galibier, Les Deux Alpes or Alpe D'Huez, but it's about 20km from Briançon, by the top I was cramping badly and was delighted to sit down at a café for an expresso and orangina, it didn't really matter that the café
didn't take credit cards as Per agreed to settle up next time he passed. I think Alpine guides are like lawyers, you just can't get away with not paying, someone will track you down.

Anyway 84.5 km on the G.P.S speedo back down into Briançon, a drive back to the lodge, a shower and into the car about 4.30pm for a drive home and back to walk the three spaniels at 8.30am next morning and take my wife a cup of tea in bed.
(Does anyone else have extreme training schedules to tell us about - Ed)


## SUSSEX CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION

"SPOCO"
'SPOCO', it stands for 'sporting courses' and was designed to encourage competition away from the dual carriageway dragstrips. Each season a selection of local events at 'short' medium' and 'long' distance and a hilly are made 'qualification' events for the SPOCO that year. You have to ride some in each category and you get points, 120 for $1^{\text {st }}$ and reducing by 1 for each lower placing.

Worthing Excelsior did well last year with Mel Roberton winning the veteran's section and with Nathan Gale and Mark Bernhardt collected a team award. Well, in 2009 it looks just as good. On $16^{\text {th }}$ August in the senior competition Mel was $7^{\text {th }}$ with 653 points, Nathan $9^{\text {th }}$ with 581 and Mark $13^{\text {th }}$ on 528 but with another qualifying ride to come, which we understand he has planned. Eastbourne have a 'two qualified' total of 1366, and their third man is only on 336 . Our 'two man' total is only 1234 but Mark has already scored 528 so we should be able to put our nose in front.

Mel is ahead in the veteran's table on 717 against Steve Dennis, East Grinstead and Geoff Smith, Sussex Nomads both on 713 but we are confident he can pull out some more with the Surrey/Sussex Vets 25 over in East Sussex.

In the vets team we need more from Mark and from Stuart Jago, but again the principal competition comes from the East bourne club.

We'll keep you posted.


## 25 YEARS AGO

Roger Smallman was Club Treasurer.
Mileages for 1983 were recorded by Keith Dodman way out ahead on 12,100. Our Ed knocked up 9,050 and his son Andrew got third with 7,250.
Ten riders topped 5,000.
At the AGM Secretary John Mansell reported a membership of 149, so plenty of work still if Mike Irons is to catch up.

Andrew (then reported as 'Andy'), which of course, he can be, was voted 'Worthing's Junior Sportsperson of the Year' Wow!!

John Mansell and Don Lock completed one of the longest ever two-ups,
riding from Lands End to John O'Groats. The 886 miles took 6 days 2 hours 20 minutes and they were supported throughout by Dave Hudson who was cutting his teeth for a future career as 'El Supremo' and Audax caterer extraordinary. Sponsorship raised nearly £2000 for St Barnabas Hospice.

We held a 'medium gear' ten. Fixed wheel, no gears and a maximum of ' 72 ', usually achieved with a 48 chain ring and an 18 tooth sprocket. Twelve rode and it was won by Andrew Lock in 27.03.

Glen Longland, then of Antelope Racing Team and holder of the National 12 hour record with 287 miles was the guest of honour at our annual dinner.

Talking of 12 hours, we had four finish the Sussex CA event : $6^{\text {th }}$ Don Lock 227, Roy Holden 220, Keith Laker 196, Reg Searle 176.

We had a film show in the Club room "Stars \& The Water Carriers' and 'The Impossible Hour'.

Roy Holden 21.676 mph beat Don Lock 21.673mph for the Club's Best All Rounder Championship. That's when it was a real man's event over 50, 100m and a 12 hour!


## THE AGGREGATION of MINUTE ADVANTAGES.

The above, or something like it, originated from the British Cycling set up before the last Olympics, either Dave Brailsford or Chris Boardman, but it is so simple and so effective.

If doing something will or even 'may' improve your performance, no matter how infinitely small that improvement may be it is a 'must be done' item.

Suppose it is something which falls under the 'may' rather than the 'will' improve heading, it is still psychologically an advantage because you know you have done it. In the words of Mark Cavendish "You've dotted the 'l' and crossed the ' $T$ '."

What in practice does all this add up to? Well a million minute details would fill a Mag and bore you to tears. You have to look and think and if your mind says 'it may help' then you do it.

Should I, for example, clean my shoes? Yes, get every bit of dirt out of the cleats, adjust them, tighten them, check them for position and clean and polish the shoes. Take inspiration from looking good, do the Velcro straps lay tight against the shoe? If there's an inch flapping in the wind, cut it off, even if you are wearing racing overshoes.

I wouldn't be seen dead riding in black socks, but if you feel they are good because Lance wears them OK, but - are they clean are they snug to the ankle, not stretched and baggy.
l've done quite a bit of pushing off and that gives you a close up of man, clothing and bike, and it's not all nice : dirty bikes, scruffy handlebar tapes, straps flapping under saddles, clothing blowing in the wind, the whole appearance scruffy. If you look good, you feel good and while you will not suddenly be a Bradley Wiggins you'll go better. It's as certain as forcing a smile when you're not very happy; it helps.

Within the financial constraints you get the best, you look after it and you get the best out of it. I've seen $£ 1500$ wheels with badly cut and badly stuck tubs. What a waste. I've felt under inflated tubs on super wheels. Like having a Ferrari and only using third gear.

General headings may be a help, for example, can I improve nutrition and eating habits before an event. How about hygiene, a pre-requisite to well being.

Within the time available for training can I improve the quality. Shorter, harder, may well be better than two hours at evens (20mph). Can other forms of physical activity help? Variety can prevent boredom, should I try weights, use a gym, try a turbo, even do some running or rock climbing (see elsewhere in this issue). Experiment, keep a note of what you do and how the results work out. You know yourself best but you may not know as much about yourself as could be very useful.

Watch tennis stars, each one has an absolute set procedure before serving, they have honed it to their perfection, some bounce the ball three times, some seven, a minute detail but to them very important. Don't leave undone that small detail because if it's only worth a second in a ' 25 ' l'm sure you could find another $59!$

## Don



## EAST SUSSEX CA - 2009 RELIABILITY TRIAL SUNDAY $22^{\text {nd }}$ NOVEMBER Promoted by Worthing Excelsior CC

This year the Reliability Trial for the ESCA Rally Shield will be over 50 miles with a start and finish at East Hoathly. Riders can choose to ride the 50 miles in either 4 hrs , 3 hrs 45 mins , 3 hrs 30 mins or 3 hrs 15 mins .

Entries are required in advance (closing date 10 November). Entry fee £4.00 - Cheques made payable to A.Palmer, 23 Brentwood Close, Hollingdean, Brighton BN1 7EU. Entry forms from Tony or Don Lock or Mick Irons.

No entries on the line. Entries by e-mail not accepted.
CTC $3^{\text {rd }}$ Party Insurance is included in the entry fee for all riders with ESCA Associated Club members.

Entrants will receive routes and start times by post, but will be required to sign on at least 10 minutes before their allotted time.

Tony Palmer can be contacted on 01273558597

## THE INTER-CLUB 'CLONMORE TROPHY' 25

The pewter tankard, the Clonmore Trophy, remains firmly in the hands of WECC. After the promotion of this event by Bognor Regis CC on $27^{\text {th }}$ September, though, we must again ask should it continue? It was originally between Worthing, Bognor and Hants RC, then included Rother Valley. The latter disbanded so in
came Haslemere, but in 2009 only 25 riders and 15 were from Worthing with a sixup aggregate needed we only had two teams qualify. Worthing 15 finishers, Hants RC 7 and Bognor 3. We won it by the proverbial mile 6.5 .06 to 6.51 .58 . Why don't we just run a club event on that Fontwell course WECC riders seem to like it.

The result follows and we congratulate Ed Klose on another P.B. Club handicapper has also taken note of the leap forward of Peter Logan who must have knocked about 4 minutes off this season. Keith Dodman's comeback also produced a record, we think, however, it would be recorded as Keith's slowest. The full effect of Keith's return to time trialling may not be noticed until next season, when both Keith and the bamboo will have settled!

## RESULT

1. Jeremy Wootton
2. Mel Roberton
3. Dave Patten
4. Gary Ferrett
5. Simon Coppard
6. Edward Klose
7. Mark Bernhardt

8 Mark Newnham
9. Nathan Gale
10. Stuart Jago
11. Peter Logan
12. Dennis Tapping
13. Clive Lett
14. Sean Farrugia
15. Kevin Doe
16. Mike Flanagan
17. Keith Drew
18. Phil Walker
19. John Baldwin
20. Tony Knott
21. Keith Dodman
22. Brian Hall
23. Nicole Patterson
24. Chris Mcguire
25. Mick Churcher
$1^{\text {st }}$ Team
$2^{\text {nd }}$

| WECC | 58.10 |
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| WECC | 58.51 |
| BRCC | 59.24 |
| HRC | 1.0 .27 |
| BRCC | 1.0 .44 |
| WECC | 1.1 .14 |
| WECC | 1.1 .19 |
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IN THE NEXT ISSUE - All the B.A.R Tables., including Southern Counties and Sussex. Club Runs Attendance results. Lewes Grand Prix result and Hill Climb Championship. Maybe a Triathlon report from Australia also. DON'T MISS IT !!!!!!


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100 Mile Rehearsal ride - Lett, Roberton, Bernhardt and Jago


The Worthing Excelsior Group prepares for the start of the Maratone dles Dolomites - Giacomo Sepe, Ed Klose, Tom Coulson, Clive Lett Rocco Sepe, Richard Klose and Don Lock


