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PROTECT YOUR HERITAGE

Recently the Council for the Protection of Rural England published a report on "lost land" which showed that since 1945, 30% of rough grazing land has disappeared. Over 65% of our song thrushes have gone in the last forty years, 90% of meadows, 50% of lowlands, woodlands, heaths and fens and 140 000 miles of hedgerow have also gone forever. In addition to this, eighty commons have been de-registered in the last thirty years.

The report's key claim is that the landscape is changing rapidly. Rural land lost between 1945 and 1990 was 2721 square miles, [7047 sq. km.] an area larger than Greater London, Berkshire, Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire combined. This land is now occupied by urban development and roads. Pastures which were once rich in wild life have been converted to intensive arable farming areas. England's "green and pleasant land"?

I hope this shocks and worries you because unless you do something about this it is going to get worse. If you want to ride your bike or walk in the countryside at all, never mind in peace and quiet[!!] you need to help organisations such as the C.T.C., Transport 2000., or Friends of the Earth. You may not be able to help them with your own time, but the next best thing would be donations to provide them with funds for their campaigns.

Such campaigns do work.- The Oxleas Wood campaigners, taking note of lessons learnt by the Twyford Down campaigners, instituted simultaneous legal actions in Britain and Europe, whilst campaigning politically, nationally and locally. Such campaigns are costly and surely deserve our support. So, please help them to save your heritage!

OUR CLUB

I believe that our club is one which has both a traditional and a modern approach to cycling. We are attracting more and more members whose main desire is to spend a pleasant couple of hours touring country lanes on their bikes. Some of these members are not yet fit enough to go on our regular club runs. Some may never be fit enough to do so or may even like my wife, find the thought of them quite daunting. Nevertheless I think our club should cater for all riders, regardless of fitness or experience.- If we don't we may lose these members.

We can and should try harder! Ordinary members of the public should be encouraged by us to enjoy the pleasure of riding along beautiful country lanes in the pleasant company of fellow club members!

As a start, I would like to take out a slow club run on the 5th. September [Sunday]. It will leave Cobham car park at 9.30.am. We shall ride out to the cafe on the Hungry Hill T.T. circuit [near Ripley], stop for tea and return to the car park at Cobham. The total distance is probably no more than 10-15 miles. I hope to take

my son, aged 10 yrs., so that should give you some idea of the leisurely pace! All are welcome and I hope lots of you will come because one of the committee [who shall remain nameless!] has bet me that no one will turn up. So let's prove him wrong, come along and have an enjoyable ride, hopefully the first of many.

NOTES

Please read the committee clippings, they provide news and views as the year progresses. I would like to thank Phil Parkinson Jnr. for producing them. I would also like to thank everyone who came out to help me when I organised the club's "Vetarace" R.R. on the 24th. April. All your help was much appreciated.

On the 19th. April the committee discussed the apparent apathy of racing members with regard to the bonus system. Only four members claimed entitlement which amazed us. If there is not a better response this year, it is felt the scheme will have to be scrapped, so be warned.

Graham Bromley.

VERA REED.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Vera Reed, who passed away on the 16th. April 1993. Vera was the wife of one of the club's most popular Vice-Presidents, and was much loved by all those who knew her. Many will remember happy afternoons at the Club's Summer teas, hosted by Vera and Bill at their lovely house. The funeral was held at Kingston Crematorium and was attended by John Bromley, Les Warner, Art Smith, Bill Squirrel, Winnie Shead, Fred and Lucy Parsons and Nobbie Fry. A sad day for all those who knew Vera.

Time Trial Report

30-03-93

Saturday 13 March 1993 South Bucks 20p 10 mile

Riding for the second year together Bob Squirrell and Paul Ransom recorded 24-20 for 17th place out of 43 teams over a course based at Swallowfield near Reading.

Sunday 14 March 1993 Round One Club 14 mile 20p series

Twelve teams participated in this first event based on the Hungry Hill circuit at Ripley. Fastest time of the morning over the 14 miles was Lee Fleming and Simon Jordan with a time of 34-51. The handicap award which determines who wins the Trophy went to Ray Robinson partnered by Cheryl Owens.

Sunday 21 March 1993 Border C A 20p 20 mile

Two teams from the club took part in this now annual event. Off early out of a field of 53 teams, Paul Ransom and Bob Squirrell recorded 50 minutes. While the team of Paul Jones and Andy Murray off some 75 minutes later recorded 47-19 for 9th place.

Saturday 27 March 1993 Southern Countries Hilly 10 mile

Starting number 61 out of a field of 79 Andy Murray recorded 24-22 to take equal 2nd place in this inaugural event promoted by the Southern Countries based at Oxley.

Sunday 28 March 1993 2nd Round Club 2 up series

Maintaining their lead from round one Ray Robinson with Cheryl Owens improved their time to win the Series Trophy for the 1993 season. Second place over all went to brothers John and Graham Bromley.

While the above event was taking place Paul Cannon recorded 1-15-22 in the Southern Countries Hilly 25 mile event based at Horsham.

Up in Oxford, Carlton Davis rode in the Mid Oxon 25 mile event and recorded 59-08 the fastest in the club to date this year over the distance.

BOB SQUIRRELL
Time Trial Secretary

Time Trial report.

Saturday 3rd April.

Club 10. Horsham.

Seven riders took part in the first club ten of the 1993 season. Dave Wright took 1st fastest and 1st handicap with a time of 23.46.

Sunday 4th April.

SWL Combine 25. Thorpe.

Four club members rode with Paul Ransome taking 4th place in 1.00.15. Other times were Carlton Davis 1.03.43, Alan Poulton 1.04.15 and Paul Cannon 1.08.00.

Friday 9th April.

High Wycombe 10. Knowle Hill, Reading.

Recording their best times so far this season Carlton Davis and Bob Squirrell recorded 24.06 and 25.27.

Sunday 1th April. VTTA 25.

Taking 17th Place in the VTTA 25, Paul Cannon recorded 1.08.53.

Sunday 11th April.

South Eastern RC 2 up 26.5 miles. Cranleigh.

Riding on his own due to partner suffering from a heavy cold, Bob Squirrell recorded 1.18.41 for this 26.5 mile hilly course.

Sunday 18th April.

Inter club 10. Cobham.

Out of a field of 70 riders, the South Western had 13 members competing. The team of five of Paul Ransom (23.54), Carlton Davis (23.54), Jason Barker (23.56), Danny Hutton (25.15) and Alan Poulton (25.16) took the Inter club trophy for the second year.

The same morning, Andy Murray rode in the Harliquinns CC 25 at Newbury and took 4th place with a time of 1.00.04.

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Saturday 24th April.

De Laune CC 10. Dorking.

Recording his fastest time for the distance this year, Carl Davis past the timekeeper in 23.12.

Sunday 25th April.

Marlboro AC 25. Marlow.

With a personal best time of 56.37, Carl Davis recorded the fastest 25 mile time in the club this year. In the same event, Bob Squirrell recorded a '93 best with 1.04.18.

Over at Horsham in the Southern Counties 25, Alan Poulton and Paul Cannon both recorded season best times.

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Clarencourt 4 up team time trial.

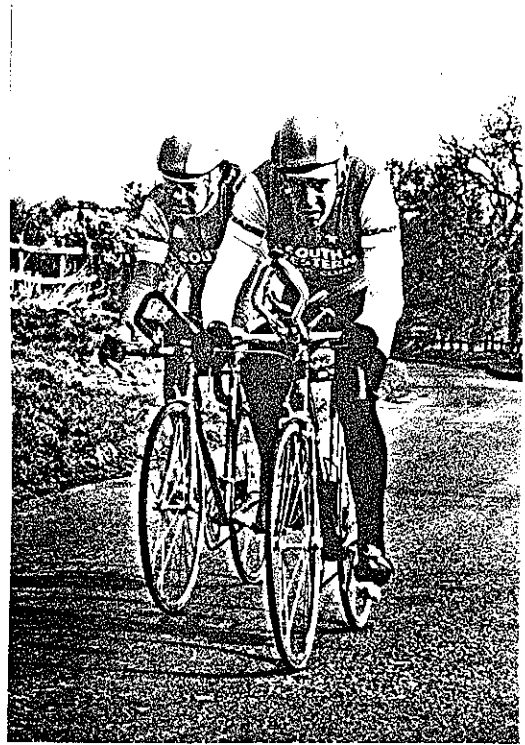
Six teams entered the Clarencourt Mick Ayliffe Memorial Team Time Trial. Unfortunately, one team was rejected because they had received a full field. Another of our teams consisted entirely of ladies which I think must be a first for the club. They were not the slowest team and collected a prize for being the only all female team. The team consisted of Heidi Lerner, Annie Potter, Cheryl Owens and Tracey Chapman and there is a picture of them on the front cover of this magazine after they finished. I would love to think this will encourage more women to ride events because their participation can only be welcomed.

40 teams rode the event on a gloriously sunny day. Our leading team of Carl Cammack, Lee Fleming, Henry Whicheloe and Steve Wells finished 14th. They were 1 minute and 13 seconds ahead of the vets team of Don Archer, Barry Packman, Graham Bromley and Andy Swanson who finished 18th. All who rode the event throughly enjoyed themselves.

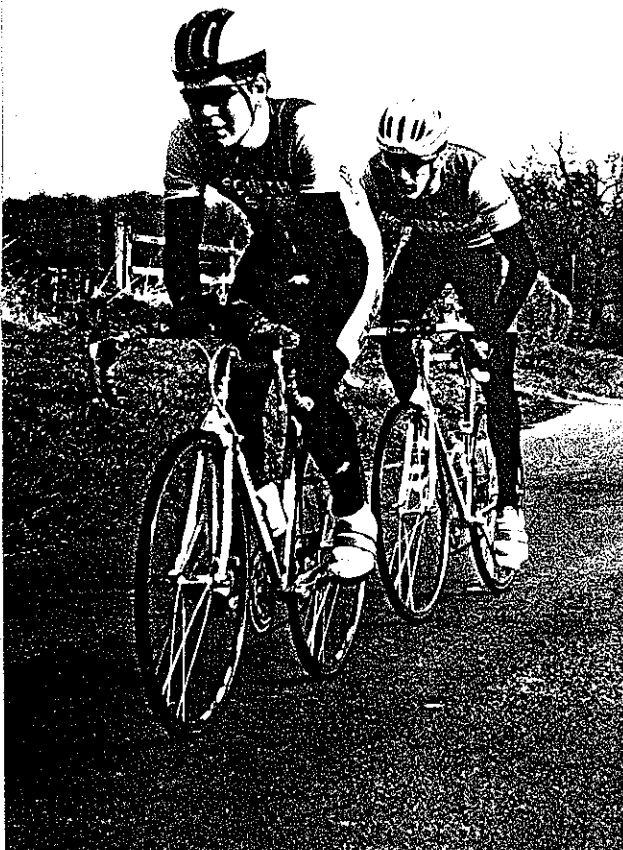
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Ray Robinson and Cheryl Owens
(1st overall)



Dave Wright and Gary Smith



Lee Fleming and Simon Jordan



Graham and John Bromley
(2nd overall)

ROAD RACING

By Steve Gowar.

28th March Catford CC Lingfield 60m.

- 1st - Paul Rogers St. Raphael.
- 2nd - Steve Gowar SWRC.
- 3rd - Tim Stevens 34th Nomads.

As I live in East Grinstead this was a local race for me with four laps of the tough 15 mile Lingfield circuit. It has one short climb and one long climb each lap.

I managed to get into a break of eight riders on the first lap and we were never caught. It had whittled down to four riders by the bell and the last time up Cowden climb I attacked taking Rogers with me and leaving Stevens and Jamie Whitehead pondering who was going to chase. However, Rogers was too strong for me in the sprint.

11th April Thames Velo Great Milton 90 miles.

- 1st - Steve Cook Calleva RC.
- 2nd - M. Rogers Bristol RC.
- 3rd - Steve Gowar SWRC.

This was the first time I had ridden on the Great Milton course in Oxfordshire. There was only one sharp climb in it but conditions were made difficult by a strong northerly wind making one direction 52 x 12/13 and the other 52 x 17/18.

Only eleven riders finished today. I started the winning move after just two miles which formed an eleven man group. Favourite Paul Rogers had little luck puncturing once, then getting back after a ten mile chase, only to puncture again and yet still finish in ninth place.

Steve Cook tried several times to break away from our group on the last lap but the eight surviving members were having none of it. Still, when it came down to the sprint Cook outsprinted everybody else easily to win anyway.

12th April Farnborough & Camberley CC Chobham 87 miles.

- 1st - Steve Cook Calleva RC.
- 2nd - Paul Rogers St. Raphael.
- 3rd - Rob Kennison Wembley RC.
- 5th - Steve Gowar SWRC.

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Scoring his second win in two days, Cookie yet again finished triumphant. This was one event where I thought maybe, just maybe, Cook had left it too late. However, it wasn't to be.

I got away with local strongman Paul Holdsworth and (non working) Rob Kennison with 20 miles to go. We built up a 1½ minute lead on the bunch but, could we hold out? The service car came up along side us saying that Cook, Rogers and Knight were coming up fast and by the final lap of the finishing circuit around Chobham ridges, they were on us.

Cook attacked with a lap to go on the steepest climb just before the finishing line and even Rogers (who is no slouch) couldn't stay with him. So, once again, Cook came home to win.

18th April Houndslow & Dist. Chobham 87 miles.

1st - Steve Cook Calleva RC.
2nd - Steve Gowar SWRC
3rd - N. Keane RC Norwich.

This race was on the same course as the previous week and had the same winner! The race was over 7½ laps of a large 10 mile circuit, plus a smaller finishing circuit with one stiff climb towards the finish.

A ten man breakaway went clear around halfway which was never caught. This broke up once we hit the finishing circuit where Cook was smelling a victory, constantly attacking and shooting riders out of the back. Myself and Keane managed to hang onto him but only until the 200 metre mark where he just grew wings and floated up the last finishing hill to win yet again.

25th April National Cycle League Houston Texas USA.

Way back in cold January, professional Russell Williams of Geoffery Butler Cycles rang me up and asked if I wanted to ride a race in Houston, Texas, USA in a five man team, all expenses paid. Well, of course, I said yes, count me in.

So, we all met up at Gatwick to catch the flight to Houston via Dallas roughly 15 hours travelling time. The team consisted of Russell our rider/manager, Stuart Shand (ex-Wembley RC, now VC Oylimpia Sport and a prolific criterium specialist), Brian Fleming (winner of March Hare Pro/am RR at Eastway a few weeks previously) and an professional American recruit called Bart Snaggs. Special mention here to Mike Smith of Evans Woking who lent me his cyclebox carrier for packing the bike during the flight, thanks Mike. It was the first time anyone had been to the states except Russell who had raced and coached there in his younger days.

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Upon arrival at the Marriott Hotel Houston, we were all rather jet lagged but once showered and shaved, we hit the restaurant downstairs for dinner. I didn't appreciate how much the Americans put on their plates and, even for a big eater like me (and most cyclists) I was getting full yet we hadn't even started on the ice cream sundae!

Next day we decided to go for a ride to loosen up but not knowing the way too well we kept to the Memorial Park where we were due to race the next day. We spent a couple of hours training with some sprints and some intervals quite fast at first and then up to maximum exhaustion. Russell trying to shake the cobwebs away. Afterwards, we spent a lazy afternoon sunbathing in the park - by the refreshment arcade!

On race day, we didn't have our usual "eat as much as you like" breakfast, just something light - museli and toast. We rode to the park and signed on which was followed by photographs of us resplendent in our mauve & white London Lancers skinsuits and matching crash hats.

The race itself consisted of two halves, a total of 36 laps, 18 per half. There was points awarded every three laps from 10/8/6/4 for first to fourth over the finish line with double points at end of second half. You could actually change your team of five riders at the half way stage if you wished - just like an ice hockey or American football game! Also, you could handsling your sprinter or push your team-mate in the sprint!!

Anyway, that was the rules and we were up against last years champions the Houston Outlaws, Tulsa and San diego. A total of twenty riders in all. All the teams had five riders and these were all professional. This was the second event this year in the league of ten races of which two will take place in Europe, Amsterdam on May 29th and Wembley, London on June 6th, and all televised.

We got off to a good start with Fleming taking 2nd and Russell a 4th on the first sprint lap, then scoring again 6 laps later. However, the Houston Outlaws were taking control early on getting most of their riders near the front on sprint laps. With six to go, there was a crash resulting in Fleming, Williams and Snaggs all hitting the deck leaving only me and Shand to score points.

We did well towards the end of the first half by scoring points with myself getting a 3rd and a 1st on the 15th and 18th laps and at the half way stage our team was second overall to the Outlaws.

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After a ten minute break we started again. Most of the other teams had put in fresh riders but obviously we could not. Although it was not too hot, it was a very humid, dry air which made my throat sore by the end of the day.

We never really got it together in the second half with Fleming and Williams again falling off and myself puncturing (no laps out). With only Shand and Snaggs to get points we fell behind and Houston managed to get into a break with riders from the San Diego team thereby pile up the points. In the end we finished 4th out of the four teams which was a bit disappointing but that's the way it goes sometimes.

Our sponsor, Bill Cameron who paid everything for us to take part was well pleased with us and hoped we could improve in Amsterdam. Later that night he took all of us out for a mexican meal which was fabulous, I've never tasted anything like it, wonderful with plenty of cool Budwisers to wash it down.

I don't think any of us wanted to come home and we could have easily stayed for a couple of weeks instead of just three days. Roll on Amsterdam.

As you may know, Martin Hulbert was the Surrey League Champion in 1992. This was a great achievement and ranks as one of the best results in the Club's road race history. I'm hoping that we can add to this because at present Steve Gower is leading the Southern Star Ranking Series, which is a season long promotion to find the top road racer in the South. Let's all keep our fingers crossed and wish Steve the best of luck.

1993 CASH DASH

Accumulating points during the year in the following events means you could win a substantial cash sum. Steve Gowar collected £112 in 1992 and Martin Hulbert £108. The cash value of points is decided by the committee at the end of the year. Submit your points to: Bob Maylin, 66 Warene Road, Fetcham, Surrey. KT22 9TY. All results must be proven by reasonable means to qualify.

Road races (including handicaps)
up to 130km (60km in the case of women): 6,5,4,3,2,1 points
for places from
1st to 6th.

Road races over 130km (60km in the
case of women): 15,13,10,8,6,5,
4,3,2,1 points
for places from
1st to 10th.

Star Trophy races (Jo Bruton
series in the case of women
or Peter Fryer series in the
case of veterans): 20,18,16,14,12
10,9,8,7,6,5,4
3,2,1 points for
1st to 15th.

Above to include all open road races and Surrey League races.
Applies to veterans, seniors, juniors, ladies and juveniles.

Time trials up to and including
50 miles in length
(including hill climbs): 6,5,4,3,2,1 points
for 1st to 6th.

Time trials over 50 miles in
length: 15,13,10,8,6,5,
4,3,2,1 points
for 1st to 10th.

First in category (i.e. lady, junior
fastest vet, vet on standard etc): 3 points.

Above to include all open time trials and association events.

Inter club time trials: 3,2,1 points
for 1st to 3rd.

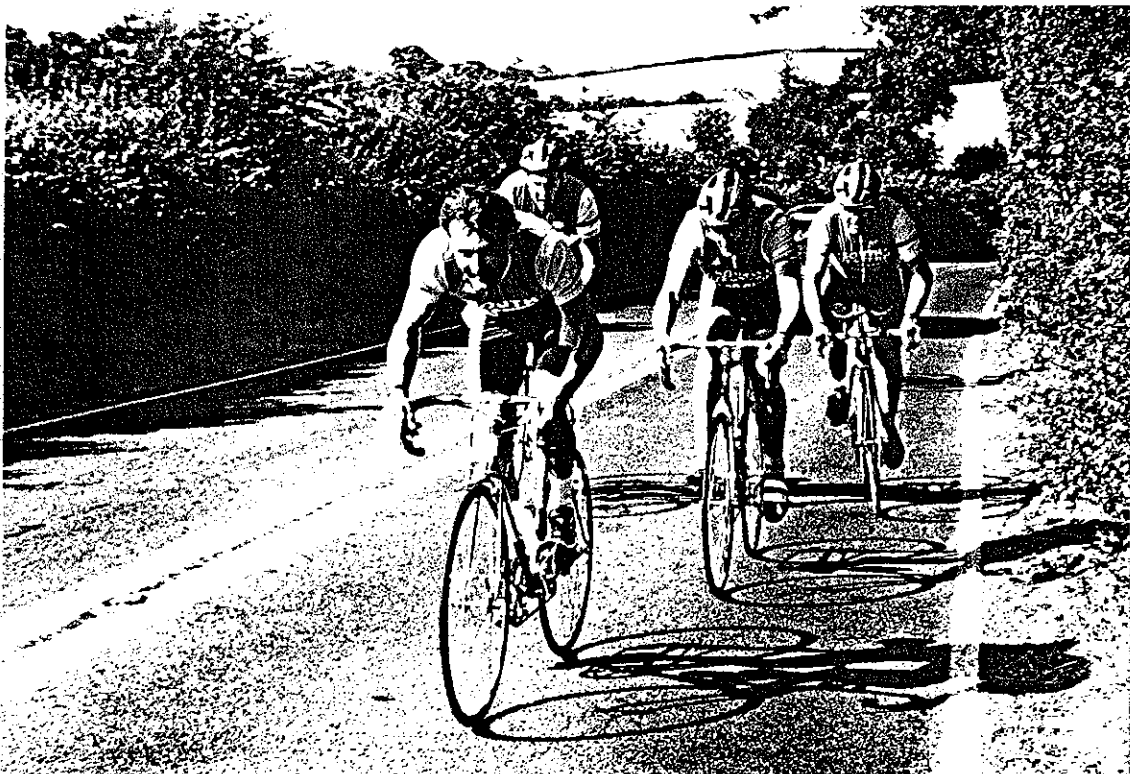
Open track races including
sprint finals: 6,5,4,3,2,1 points
for 1st to 6th.
in any category.

Open mountain bike events
and cyclo-cross events 6,5,4,3,2,1 points
for 1st to 6th.
in any category.

National Championship: Double points.



Alan Parkinson receives the Schnider Trophy
after the Cotswolds mountain bike ride.



John Bromley leads Dave Lucas, Gary Smith
and Dave Wright in the Clarencourt
team time trial.

Mountain biking in Greece versus England

by Annie Potter.

Some of you may have seen February's edition of Mountain Biking UK and been impressed by the dashing female descending down a hill (believe it or not) whose photograph graces the top half of page

Believe it or not that was me - heavily disguised in shades and hat.

And, who wears a cape in Cephelonia which is one of the islands to the west of Greece about 100 miles south of Corfu?

Well even in this sun-drenched zone when you belt off a mountain 5,500, feet above sea level it gets a bit chilly.

For those of you who haven't seen it - well you can't buy any now 'cos they all sold out within two days of going on sale!! - tuf, but being a kind individual I'll fill you in.

David (Williams), Martin (Rat-catcher Armstrong) (who were also photographed, but to a lesser extent as some people recognise talent) and me all took part in the Bicycle week, described in the article which was organised by Greek Island Sailing Club last May yes, last May and I was going to keep my lip buttoned but since the photos are out I'll confess.

First prize was another week in Cephalonia - and guess who'll be going back to Cephalonia despite desperate attempts from me to stop him - boring old David.

To win what you had to do on day one was race round a twiddly little trail around our compound, across a sand-pit, in and out of trees, up and down banks - that sort of thing.

Day two, and we were taken to the top of Mount Aenos (pronounced anus) in a jeep from where you had to cycle back home. The first section was over the rough wide trail (where the great pic was taken) but after about 2 miles thank god you hit tarmac (but care was also needed on cornering as it was quite possible to discover goats in the middle of the road when coming out of the bend!!). After about half a mile of tarmac bliss you had the choice of turning hard left and hitting the goat track (hairy and about six foot wide of deep gravel).

Martin was the only one of us three to opt for that scenic route - David and mine's turn was yet to come.....)

Day three and it was another little trail round the complex. This time they added a wee slalom course, cycling up paving stones and through narrow gaps for extra interest.

For those who don't know, to get to them you have to follow a fairly tricky path with rather a BIG drop off. In my 'shit before shovel' style I was last, and not going as fast as the rest (what's new?). When I got to this THING I bottle out, and realising know one was around got off to make a path around the side.

Unfortunately Jay came back to check what was happening. On discovering this intrepid explorer making her own path he said I shouldn't destroy the undergrowth (he didn't really say that) but I should give the the drop off a go. (he really did say that.)

Logically he was right - afterall I'd paid big (about £80) bucks to learn. So I gave it a go - wobbled down for about six inches and then splat, hit the deck and gracefully slid down the side.

Continuing along the track was also a precarious process. There was many a dab, almost a splat and a get off and walk.

Then round the corner and these f...ing bomb holes.

"Oh my shit," thinks I.

Jay suggests I hit the little one first.

"Little," mutters me to I, "it's HUGE."

Still I give it a go.

"Well that was pretty easy", shouts I successfully bouncing out of the little hole.

In the end five of the six drops were conquered by the pupils, may be we'll conquer the sixth one in a supermaster class if Motosport decide to promote such a thing.

The next day it was back to the bomb holes - largely because it was so muddy it would have been difficult to go any where else without getting bogged down (shame, I couldn't show-off my mud plugging skills!). This time it was straight down the trail hard on the wheel of the rider in front!

- Yeh, I HAD IMPROVED.

During the course we also practiced track stands - I still haven't cracked them - and Jay showed us some of the tricks you could do with that skill under your belt. Plus we generally talked about diet, training, the shape of bikes to come - all that sort of stuff.

Day four and it was the big day - the Anus Challenge. Starting at cracko' dawno' from the sea (also pictured in this esteemed mag) we basically had to cycle to the top of the mountain and back down again.

There were official stop points along the route were we all (I think about 10 idiots, including the pros Dave Hemmings and Paul Hinton) had to stop and wait for everyone to catch up - each of us was timed individually, but it obviously meant the fitter riders had longer rests!

Going up was no problem, for me at least. It was coming down.

Unfortunately we did not have the choice of tarmac or the goat track - it had to be the GOAT TRACK. The phrase "It was shit" is an understatement (infact it completely blew my mountain bike riding confidence - hence the next story, but finish this one, which is nearly over, first). When I was cycling I was crying - though when I was walking it was alright. Yes, I walked alot.

So, unless my bottle (probably more than my skills) improves drastically I WILL NOT DO THAT AGAIN.

However, and here's the England bit, a weekend attending Motosport's Masterclass training session did a lot to improve skills and enlarge the bottle.

It was taken by Jay Hardy who does the Masterclass in a mountain biking mag (I accidently earned some creep points when I'd read how to do a quick dismount in a mag when the other three pupils didn't know how to do it. Unbeknown to me then the author of the that article had been Jay Hardy.)

As you can guess from the quick speel we did quick mounting, quick dismounting - everything was quick 'cos we wanted to be fast mountain bikers. We also did hoping over logs where my spuds compared to everyone elses toes and straps gave me a distinct advantage, although I didn't confess this at first, I just left the three men IMPRESSED!

We also attacked drop offs and drop ups - the up side of a drop off when you go up it.

Who's hit the bomb holes at Newlands Corner behind the cafe in the big car park? - their great (you can tell I have!)

But this is where it most struck home how GOOD the course waz.

Amazingly we were all roughly the same standard - there was no more than a minutes wait for anyone (except probably when I first got stuck on THE trail). Before the course I, along with another rider, was not sure whether to go in the Masterclass group or Group B, but we'd both made the right decision.

Whether he was saying it just to say it, or whether he really meant it, who can say, but according to Jay we were about the most advanced (and I don't mean in terms of age, although he may have meant that too - the others were probably in their late 20's to early 30's) riders he'd had!

VERDICT: A brilliant way to blow £80, especially if you have a bottle problem and think you're losing out by poor technique. If they put on a super-masterclass they'd get my money (promise you I'm getting no money to say this) provided I'd cracked trackstands and was a bit fitter. Having another go at the masterclass probably wouldn't do me any harm either, but then it would be another £80 to go over a lot of what I know, but may not do!

PS - A minor gripe which I've been meaning to gripe about since we went on that South Downs ride at the end of last year. SOME ONE LEFT THE GATE OPEN AND THERE WERE ANIMALS IN THE FIELD.

I know us slow coaches were coming, but no one was in sight when I got to this particular field. THIS SORT OF BEHAVIOUR WILL RIGHTLY MEAN CYCLISTS ARE BANNED FROM FARMLAND - and I have no qualms in spilling the beans to farmers (I have already done so).

The moral is SHUT THE GATE BEHIND YOU IF NO ONE ELSE IS FOLLOWING - just because you can't see that bull or cow (even more dangerous) in the field doesn't mean to say it ain't there.

Gripe over.

Annie Potter is a qualified sports masseuse who is now attending the Club room on Tuesday evenings at approximately 8pm. Should you require a sports massage please telephone Annie to make a booking. There will be a small fee and I can tell you that she has had good and bad results. One of her regulars, Stewart Brydon, has won three national track titles this year [the good] and another, [the bad] Gary Smith- need I say more!

M.T.B. OSCAR'S RESULTS.

January 10th. 1st. race of the year.

South Western Road Club Race, at Shirley Hills. Very wet conditions. 30 riders.
1st. place.

January 17th. Viking Wheeler Race, at Elthorne Park. Dry conditions. 50 riders.
It was a fast race against some good guys. I'd never beaten James Allaway before
but I beat him in the sprint.

1st. place.

January 24th. Gorrick MBC., at Bagshot Heath. A very long hard MTB. race. 70
riders.

7th. place and a very nice cup.

February 7th. Gorrick MBC. Bramshill Two. Good race, better than the last one
[cold]. 70 riders.

4th. place.

February 21st. Viking Wheelers race at Tanners Hatch. 50 riders.

1st. place.

February 28th. Gorrick MBC. at Crowthorne Wood. 70 riders.

4th. place.

March 21st. Viking Wheelers race at Elthorne Park. 40 riders. Another hard race
against James Allaway.

2nd. place.

March 28th. Elthorne Park. 40 riders.

2nd. place.

April 4th. Hell of the North.

April 18th. W.D.M.B.C. Ceasars Camp [Aldershot] One of the best races I've
ridden. A lot of good riders. Got a good start. 70 riders. Came 2nd. against James
Allaway.

April 25th. Ceasars Camp [Aldershot] 70 riders.

3rd. place.

May 16th. Plymouth. Newnham '93. 7up/BMBF Series Round 2. 150 riders. A long way to go to fall off straight away, but good experience. Never really got up to the leaders.

30th. place.

May 23rd. Rushmore Avenue [Aldershot]. Got a good start. Led the first lap, but blew up. Hung on to get 3rd. place.

May 30th. BMBF/7up. Ceasars Camp. Got a good start. 150 riders. Came 10th.

STOP PRESS: The ever popular Annie Potter, our club's sports masseuse, finished 9th. in the National MTB. Championships - Ladies Vets Section. Annie was 10 mins. down on the winner. Annie also won a Ladies Vets MTB. race, at the Land of Nod [she assures me this is a real place!] Headley Hants. Our congratulations to Annie.

It has been reported to your Editor, that Oscar's brother, Henry Whicheloe, has won a Senior MTB. race and was described by the commentator as an "international rider of some repute"! Well done Henry and of course well done Oscar. We all hope to see Henry's international racing vest when he brings it down to the Club.

I believe the Sunday mountain bike runs will begin in earnest, probably from mid-September onwards. Should you wish to go on these runs, contact either Alan Parkinson, or Don Archer [see members handbook for phone numbers].

Don's group is usually a fast group so I would only recommend joining it if you are fit, fast, have good technique and want to feel totally exhausted at the end of the ride! However, if you would prefer a more sedate outing, with plenty of time to admire the scenery, stops for tea and much reminiscing, I am sure your President and/or sponsor would be happy to organise such a run should you care to telephone them. But you must be prepared for a late return home [6.30-7.00pm?] on occasions!

M.T.B. Report.- Hell of the North.- Cotswolds.

It gives me great pleasure to write this report, about an event that has become one of the club's best attended and liked. I had entered 53 riders for this year's event, a few more than last year and I was hoping we would retain the Schnider trophy for the most entrants. We did!! The majority of the club met at Cobham car park at 6am. on the Sunday morning to drive down to the start at Winchcombe, Gloucestershire. I had gone down the previous day and camped in the field used for the car park. The previous week had been very wet, Saturday being no exception, so the course was likely to be muddy on the off-road sections of the 50 mile event.

Half the club managed to start at 9am., the rest still having breakfast at "Little Chef". Obviously in no rush as it had turned out to be a sunny morning.

After much coaxing my, brother Phil had finally succumbed to the mountain bike fad and purchased a new machine which was having its first outing. It started out a very nice green, but it wasn't long before it looked much the same as everyone's- a dirty shade of brown!

I raced out of the town with the first few groups, hoping to get a good start as last year I had been held up for the first few miles. This time I was able to ride the first "off- road" climb, where last year most were walking. As I chased [in vain] to catch the few club riders in the leading group, I didn't take much notice of the route, even the closed gates and the river we were running through!

This didn't last for long as the first 100 or so riders stopped, lost after about 1/2 hr! Most of these decided to re-trace to the correct course, but myself and about 30 others decided there might be a short cut over the nearest hill. Well, 3/4 hr. later we had crossed numerous stiles and moorland and miraculously found the course, but we re-joined at the back end of the field!

I left Don Archer to race up through the field and plodded on at my own pace, all hopes of winning this second club championship event gone! The first rider I caught was Brod who was getting a lot of support from Ray, Cheryl, John and Graham, they all seemed to be happy to just make it round the course. Then there was Ian Scott who wasn't enjoying the bumpy farm tracks and wished he had done some more training for the event.

Further along I joined Adrian Cockle and Alister Prickett. Adrian had managed to slip on one of the tracks and fell on to an electric fence. He said he was getting an electric shock when his bike was caught up and he was trying to pull it off the fence.

Next along the track was Phil who had stopped, punctured and was wondering what to do about his plastic base tape. Waiting here all the above passed us but it was still only 11 o'clock and there was plenty of time left. My bike seemed to be clogged up good and proper, so when I got to a ford I gave it a good wash. - Well actually I threw it in!

The tea shop was greatly appreciated and I certainly had my quota of tea and cake. This was the one place where you see the most riders. Just as I was stuffing my face a large group of the club set off and I found myself chasing again. This time I caught up with Dave and Toby Wright who were keeping together.

Soon afterwards I began to slow down and then had to stop for 1/2 an hour.- A case of "the Bonk" I think. Still it was a nice afternoon as I sat in the grass by the road. Afterwards I struggled the last few miles by myself and was extremely glad to see Judith at the finish. She had done a great job and got everyone's finish time as well as having a brew on the stove,- I needed it!

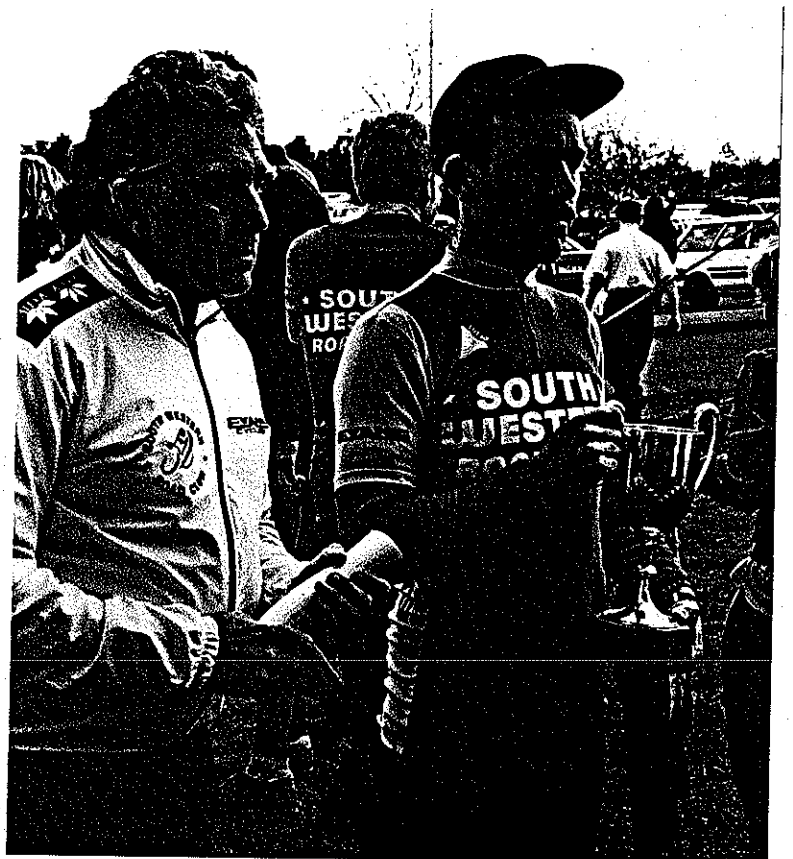
I expect all those who rode will have different memories of the day as well as of the beautiful countryside in which the event was set. I hope to see you all again next year!

Alan Parkinson.

HELL OF THE NORTH- RESULTS

APRIL 4th 1993

1st.	Chris Horrod	4hrs. 10 mins.
2nd.	Carl Cammack	4 12
3rd.	Steve Wells	4 25
4th.	Adrian Brugnoli	4 30
4th.	Henry Whicheloe	4 30
6th.	Don Archer	4 34
7th.	Martin Russell	4 35
8th.	Lee Fleming	4 45
8th.	Simon Jordan	4 45
8th.	Jamie Levitt	4 45
11th.	Gary Smith	4 55
12th.	Steven Lucas	5 00
13th.	Kieran Cooke	5 13
14th.	Ken Dolman	5 15
15th.	Graham Bromley	5 33
15th.	John Bromley	5 33
15th.	Dick Farmer	5 33
15th.	Dave Jordan	5 33
15th.	Dave Lucas	5 33



HELL OF THE NORTH- RESULTS- continued.

20th.	Annie Potter	5hrs.	45mins.
21st.	Dennis McKeown	6	00
22nd.	Dave Wright	6	05
22nd.	Toby Wright	6	05
24th.	Phil Parkinson	6	07
25th.	Heidi Lerner	6	10
25th.	Nick Rearden	6	10
27th.	Alan Parkinson	6	25
28th.	Adrian Cackle	6	35
28th.	Alister Prickett	6	35
30th.	Ian Scott	7	00
30th.	Graham Jones	7	00

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

There won't be a club dinner this year as it will be reverting to a club lunch which, speaking personally, I think is a more relaxing occasion. This will be held on December 5th. at the Surrey Hills Hotel, Capel. This has been the venue for previous Club lunches. Tickets and further details from Dave Wright.

The Invitation Time Trial will be on September 26th. at Cranleigh. It is hoped that many famous old and new riders will be taking part- Les West, Graham Obree to name but two. Much help will be needed on the day so if you can offer assistance please contact Bob Squirrell or John Bromley.

The Bill Reed Memorial will be held on September 5th. on the Hungry Hill course. Those wishing to enter should contact Bob Squirrell.

The Club will be organising a Surrey League R.R. on October 17th. on the Alford circuit near Horsham. Help would be greatly appreciated on the day. Please contact Ray Robinson if you wish help out.

CLUB CORNER.

Congratulations to Bob and Mary Squirrell. Mary gave birth to baby Andrew in June 1993. We wish you all lots of happiness and wonder if there will be another rabbit, oops, sorry, Squirrell announcement in the next newsletter.

Colin Parkinson has broken his collarbone falling off in a track event at Leicester, which is a shame because not long before he won a road race on the Isle of Man. Get better soon Colin.

Dave Lucas, the scourge of the club runs, will be returning to his roots in the Midlands at the end of this year. Those of you who wish to get your own back on him don't have much time left to get fit for the forthcoming Boulogne Randonee, which is his farewell bash. This will be on 18th/19th September and those wishing to go should contact Dave who is the organiser. Will we miss him? Yes we will, good luck Dave.

Tracey Chapman recently asked me about purchasing club clothing. Just to remind those who wish to buy club gear, give Alan Poulton a ring. Unfortunately due to work commitments Alan is at present unable to attend Club nights.

There has been plenty of road race activity with wins for Colin Parkinson, Andy Swanson, Martin Hulbert and of course Steve Gower. There have also been placings in the Vetarace Series--2nd. and 3rd. for Graham Bromley, 3rd for Steve Watson [a new member this year] and 5th. for Ray Robinson. Why even Alan Parkinson has managed a 3rd., but not in the tough Vetarace series! I'm sure there have been many more placings and I would be grateful if you could give me details for the next newsletter.

Track activity has been strong at Herne Hill with the Club being represented by Cheryl Owens, Ray Robinson, Alan Parkinson and Tony Fantham. It's nice to see Tony racing again and once he has got this season under his belt I'm sure we will see a lot more of him next year. I would recommend any new and especially young members to race on the track because it will teach you to pedal low gears at speed and can improve your sprint. All these attributes will greatly assist you in both time trialling and road racing.

COMMITTEE CLIPPINGS

January 14th

Six new members applications were received as follows:

Mr. D. Ingham, 16 Ditton Reach, Thames Ditton. Racing member.
Mrs. C. Ingham, ditto Club member
Mr. S. Allum, Flat 1, 294 Worple Road, Wimbledon. Racing member.
Mr. A. Swanson, 22 Canford Drive, Addlestone. Racing member.
Mr. R. Cole, 129a Richmond Road, Kingston. Racing member.
Mr. P. Roberts, 40a Penrith Road, New Malden. Racing member.

General Secretary reported letters had been sent to 28 members regarding payment of 1992 subs and subsequently 18 were to be removed from the current membership list. The current total stood at 170 members, similar to last year.

General Secretary reported two trophies had been damaged and subsequent repairs had cost about £100. In one case, this was due to the square plinth being put into the round trophy and a plaque had now been fitted to this trophy to advise holders against this. Although an insurance claim was considered, the £50 excess and likely increase in premiums resulted in no action being taken in this respect. The Veterans BAR trophy had been resilvered at a cost of about £30.

Regarding the recent club cyclo-cross, Ray Robinson mentioned this had been an awful day with wet and windy weather. However, due to sponsorship from Evans Woking and careful budgeting on the day, a profit of about £50 had been made. Only 17 riders had taken part in the mountain bike race and 25 in the cyclo cross race. Oscar Whicheloe had won the juvenile race.

Dave Wright said several spectators had thanked marshals for their efforts. He said Ray and his team should be congratulated on promoting the event under such difficult conditions.

Alan Poulton reported members going to Calshot for the day on Saturday. It was also hoped to arrange a day at Herne Hill soon.

Dave Wright reported £202.40 profit had been made on the dinner/dance held in December at Colets. He did not feel the meal had been as good as last year and the juke box had not proved to be as successful as he had hoped.

March 3rd.

The President addressed the meeting with the sad news that Phil Parkinson snr had died on February 16th. The unexpected death had come completely out of the blue to most members and many had attended his funeral in Ewell. The club had sent an arrangement of flowers designed as a club jersey as a tribute. Dave Wright added words could not express the great loss felt by many club members at his passing.

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Eight new members applications had been received as follows:
Fintan Geraghty, 40 Rose Bushes, Epsom. Racing member.
Jeremy Nason, 8 New Road, Ham. Club member.
Stephen Watson, 49 Treadwell Road, Epsom. Racing member.
Miss Cheryl Owens, 99 Belfield Road, West Ewell. Racing member.
Lee Day, 1 Elmcroft Close, Frimley Green. Racing member.
Mrs. Peta Cole, 52 School Lane, Addlestone. Family member.
Mark and John Frazer, 29 Aracia Drive, Addlestone. Family member.

The secretary had produced a members handbook which included all of the relevant club information including officials, rules, sponsorship, trophies and address list. A copy was being circulated to all members with the club magazine.

Paul Cannon reported the club had £932.32 in the current account and £1709.96 in the savings account. Treasurer had started a card index for all members subscription details and had also identified a suitable clothing account.

The clubroom letting's secretary had advised youths had been causing trouble outside the clubroom and any difficulties experienced by members in this connection should be reported to the police.

Five members rode the Kingston Whlrs hilly 14 miles on Feb 21st. Alan Poulton and Paul Cannon had ridden the Redhill hilly 17 on Feb 28th. Five members had ridden the East Surrey Hardriders 33 miles on March 7th.

Ray Robinson reported Cheryl Owens had taken 15th place in a WCRA and vets event recently. Steve Gowar was ridding as part of the BCF Surrey team in the GS Europa two day stage race. There was 22 members affiliated to the BCF so far this year.

Bob Maylin reported that runs had been well supported of late. Dave Lucas was organising a weeks tour in the south of France which would include at least one randonnee event.

There was a ladies club run this weekend from Cobham to see the club two up event.

Alan Parkinson reported Dennis McKeown had taken a slower MTB ride last weekend which had been well supported.

Club members had been riding in several MTB events recently with Oscar Whicheloe having a number of good results.

The first event in the Club MB Championship would be the Cotswolds "Hell of the North" event on April 4th. It was expected a large number of the club would ride.

Kerian Cooke was preparing reports for the local newspapers based upon about 100 words each. A letter had been received from the Surrey Comet asking for sports information.

19th April

15 new members were proposed, which was thought to be a record for one meeting.

Sid Mayhew of Flat 3, 6 Coombe Road, Hampton. Club member.
Christine Francis of 9 Caenwood Road, Ashtead. Club member.
Ronald Francis of 9 Caenwood Road, Ashtead. Club member.
Tracey Chapman of 6 Gordon Court, 104 High Street, Hampton Hill.
Racing member.
Chris Horrod of 6 Gordon Court, 104 High Street, Hampton Hill.
Racing member.
Bernard Smith of 20 Ashby Avenue, Chessington. Club member.
John Anderson of 39 Haylett Gardens, Anglesea Road, Kingston.
Racing member.
Michelle Willows of 39 Haylett Gardens, Anglesea Road, Kingston.
Club member.
Robert McLanachan of 120 Hamilton Ave, Tolworth. Racing member.
Alan White of 13 Frenches Court, Frenches Road, Redhill.
Racing member.
Alastair Prickett of 7 Tadcaster Court, Clarence Street,
Richmond. Racing member.
Heidi Lerner of 17 Sydney Road, Teddington. Racing member.
Clifford Jordan of 27 Morrella Road, London, SW12. Racing member.
Paul Ramsden of 3 Dunsmore Court, Dunsmore Road, Walton.
Racing member.
Paul Mayhew of 10 Orchard Close, Long Ditton.

Treasurer Paul Cannon reported the club had £1187.34 in the current account and £1712.81 in the deposit account.

The new clothing account had been opened with £2000 sponsorship cheque and currently had a credit of £2451.50.

Treasurer had run a check on those members who had paid their 1993 subs to date and this had revealed only 90 had done so. There was a suggestion that a reduced rate could be introduced for members paying subs promptly. Treasurer to pursue those in default.

Time Trial sec. Bob Squirrell reported the club had won the Inter-club 10 at the week-end. This had been between the SWRC/Weybridge Whlers/Kingston Pheonix/CC Woking. There had been a field of 70 riders with 15 from the South Western. The club 2-up series had been won by Ray Robinson and Cheryl Owens. John and Graham Bromley had been second. There had been a good field for both events. Steve Gowar had taken 2nd place in the Houndslow & District event on the Chobham circuit. Paul Jones had taken 2nd place in the morning 3rd cat race.

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Bob Maylin raised the Bonus Points system and confirmed he had only received four applications. These were Steve Gowar, Martin Hulbert, Annie Potter and Simon Jordan.

There was a discussion about the merits of the scheme and the rather disappointing response from members. It was felt the scheme did not really provide an incentive and greater publicity about the rewards might give it more substance and importance.

A sum of £300 was suggested as a figure which could be allocated for the system to be distributed amongst the individuals on a sliding scale according to the points they had accumulated. However, this was felt to be too large a sum and John Bromley proposed £200 as a more reasonable figure. This was sec. by Bob Maylin and carried. A notice in the next newsletter about the scheme.

Club runs had been well attended although a little fragmented with the racing season now in full swing.

There was a weeks tour to Provence in the summer with 11 definite booked so far.

The club had 53 riders take part in the Winchcombe "Hell of the North" Cotswold event and had retained the Schnider Trophy for the club with most entrants. The trophy is to be exhibited in the Wandsworth shop. A letter of appreciation had been sent to the Winchcombe Council regarding staging of the event.

Chris Horrod had been first rider to complete the course and therefore led the MB Championship. Several riders had gone of course during the event but most had finished.

Life member Vera Reed had passed away recently. The club would be sending a bouquet and several members would be attending the funeral.

26th May

Treasurer confirmed the majority of active club members had now paid their 1993 subscriptions.

Regarding the racing points scheme, the following riders had scored points and the proposed £200 prize would therefore be broken down accordingly.

Steve Gowar	181 points	£112.22
Martin Hulbert	108 points	£66.96
Simon Jordan	19 points	£11.78
Annie Potter	13 points	£8.06

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Graham Bromley wished to establish a slower club run and to put forward a date in the newsletter/noticeboard in order to get the ball rolling in this respect. It was not known what the likely response would be and therefore a trial run was thought to be the best approach.

Three new members applications had been received as follows:

Miss Anna Butcher of 26 Wild Bank Court, White Rose Lane, Woking.	Racing member.
Robert Frewin of 60 Newbury Gardens, Epsom.	Racing member.
Mathew Pistol of 20 Dickerage Lane, Kingston.	Juvenile.

Treasurer reported the club had £1500 in current account, £1710 in the savings account and the clothing account had a balance of £2400.

Carl Davis had recorded a 21.56 10 miles and a 56 minute 25. Last Wednesday's evening club event at Hungry Hill had a field of 19 riders. Carl had recorded the fastest time with 33.40.

Steve Gowar had ridden in Houston, Texas for a composite invitation team as part of an international league series. There were also events in Amsterdam and London in the near future.

Andy Swanson had taken a 2nd place in one of the Vetarace events. Organiser Graham Bromley wished to thank all those who had been out to help at our race promotion recently to assist. The club had made a profit of £42 on the teas.

David Wright pursuing Sunday afternoon lunch at the Surrey Hills as venue for annual re-union. A date in December had been booked.

Runs sec. Bob Maylin reported eleven members had spent last week in the south of France on a cycling holiday. This had been very enjoyable, particularly the table conversation which had been very stimulating. All eleven riders completed the randonnee entered on the last week-end and three gold medals and two silvers had been achieved. It had been noted how the club jersey clearly stood out amongst other club riders in the event.

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