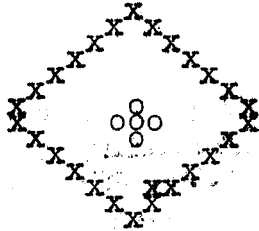


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NEWS AND COMMENT:

HOORAY, members are at last asking where the Seamag is, thinking they might have missed an issue....this sort of "feedback" shows that some of you are at least reading it.

Anyone want any back issues, either for themselves or for passing on to anyone??????

Recently at the clubroom we saw Mark Jones and also little Simon Sixsmith. They had come up to re-join, they said. But they haven't come up again. Why?

Also returning to us are Richard Thompson and Dave Aspinall. The latter is looking forward to various foreign travels with his trumpet!

But what about Seamons lousy showing in the MD. 25 on 7th May. Dave Hoare, who had only just joined us, was surprised to find he was the only club member to turn up. And what happened to Nigel Kennerley and his mate, who specially asked to be allowed to ride, were included 5 days after start sheets were printed - but then they didn't turn up, nor even come to the club to apologise and not paid! AJ Thorlby, who organised the event for the MDTA, says nobody can now grumble about not getting into events this year.....

Did you see the Sealink event on the TV????? That was a very good show. Well produced and directed. A good lucid explanatory commentary and some excellent photography.

The club's own open promotion is to take place on 24th June. Can you help????? See notice on Page 4.

At the same time there is the Club's road Race which is scheduled to take place in Altrincham on July 24th. Doug Coombes is in charge of this and will have his work cut-out and will be flying around when he returns from his duties on the Milk Race. Its round the town centre, we understand, so if you are not down to help, atleast turn up - in club colours and let the public know who we are cheering for!

The MSS for the club handbooks has now gone to that well-known firm of printers in Sale.... and we hope they will be done and handed out soon. On reading through some old magazines, in 1957 and 1958 also it was announced in the April editions of The Squirrel that the handbooks for those years had already been given out and one was pressed to trade with the advertisers in our handbook!!!

In the great BCF Draw we learn that the Abbotsford Park RC sold 204 books of Draw Tickets - and thereby taking 50% (£102) into their club funds - not bad eh?

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Sunday 13th May was the day of Sale Festival - and what a scorching hot day it was. We had a Seamons roller stall. It was a pity that only 7 members turned up to man it. It was a nice day and pleasant and interesting an activity.

The derisive laughter we got when at the clubroom Keith Stacey announced that we had only taken £3, was not very nice, coming from those who didn't give any support.... Its an interesting point to ponder, that had we been a Sponsors Club you would have HAD to turn up and to work, and to show off!

We also got asked about giving a display at the Ambrose College sports day - but since the day was the same as our open 50, and the same few people would be running both, it was felt not possible to do both events.....

But its a good medium of local publicity!

Arthur Thorlby reports that the sales on canteen on Friday nights has gone up very considerable and thanks everyoneinvolved - especially those doing their share of the duty. Unfortunatley it is a struggle for him to carry a dozen tins coke, 10 packets wagon wheels, milk, tea, sugar etc IN HIS SADDLEBAG FOR EIGHT MILES, and can therefore be forgiven for being a bit short with anyone who tries a "go-slow" on the canteen.....

Canteen Rota

- June 1st Roger Chapman/Phil Leonard
- 8th Robert Morton/ Mathew Gleave
- 15th Stephen Massey/Ian Holmes
- 22nd Mike Chapman/Keith Moran
- 29th Richard Collier/J. Pardoe

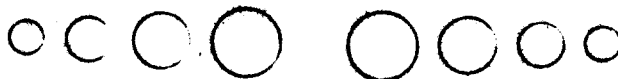
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QUOTE FROM DEVON MAGAZINE:

...ride to be led by Iris B. on April 2nd. During the morning the morning the weather was kind, but Iris slept in. Margaret, myself, and two youths were the only people to arrive at the start. Then climbing through Saltash the two youths were soon 'off the back' but we waited for them. We dropped down the bridge to BNotter but they did not arrive at the bottom so we went back to look for them. We e could not find them. As we were on the main A38 we can only assume they turned back.

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Will leaders never learn?????????????



SEAMONS OPEN 50

AJ Thorlby

DATE is Sunday June 24th at 8.00am.

PLACE is Tabley, Cranage, Knutsford, Chelford, Sandiway.

At least 30 people are required to make this event succeed.

Will you give up your time to help, please?

Start Stewards  
Pennys Lane End,  
Jodrell Service Stn  
Goughs Lane, both ends  
Seven Sisters  
Ollerton POffice  
Spare marshall

Chelford Island (3)  
Burgess Garage  
Lower Withington Turn  
Sandiway Turn  
Timekeepers Asst  
Telephone manning  
Result Board.

Please let me know soon.

NB Since this is your own club promotion you have a collective responsibility for its inception and carrying it through to a successful conclusion.

Thanks

LITTLE CROSSWORD No 1.

1		2	3		4
		5			
	6			7	
	8				
9		10			11
12					

Across

1. City out west.
5. Pleasant exclamation.
6. Warning sign.
8. Went quickly.
10. Indefinite article.
12. Great toper.

Down.

1. Thanks.
2. Make of gear.
3. Finishes.
4. Negative.
6. Older gear.
7. National Democrat.
9. Sailor
11. Exercise for cyclists.

After a lapse of some four or five years I was invited to help out on this event once again. The reason was that the venerable 'H' was once more the driving force behind it (although he won't forgive me for saying that).

Right from the inception way back sometime last October the planning and preparation got under way. How many Mondays in the Yew Tree did I hear of the various points to be worked out. As always, attention to detail was the keynote.

Offcuts of stiff card were obtained to make signs, nameplates and many other things. Dayglo board for signs etc. How many felt-tip pens were used? Multitudinous packets of sticky blobs for sticking on the myriad quantity of maps. Andrew Jamieson must have suffered spots before the eyes!

I was assigned to prepare, make and distribute endless cups of tea and refreshments. Allocating to people the jobs of which they are capable of doing, is always good thinking - although it proves that one gets typecast in a role. It's now over 25 years since I was catering as one of "The Professionals".....

Not to mention that I have the "Ford Escort Mobile Feeding Wagon".

Because Mark Rawlinson was not available young Chris O'Connor was more than willing to come along and lend a hand. Though he was no doubt the youngest helper there, he put in some hard work.

Anyway the day dawned, ugh, cold, wet and wintry. What a start. Orders were to be at the football ground at Buxton early and brew up. The route-markers were there first, to put up the signs into and through Buxton to the HQ. And what a journey it was over Long Hill, with the thick fog down to the ground and freezing. Cheers to the Rotalac lads who under the leadership of Pete Barnes rode out to their marshalling positions on their bikes - in sponsors colours.

There was soon a tremendous hive of activity at the football ground and riders and helpers alike were glad of the hot cuppa. Since many people asked for another cup it shows that the special recipe for that land across the Pennines can be readily appreciated by the natives over here.....

Our newest member, Dave Hoare turned up in his mini to have a look at the event and was congratulatory on the routing and direction arrows etc and didn't get lost at all.

I wanted to get a quick photograph of the start in the Market

Square but was too late - the riders had gone quickly. Harold doesn't like people spending time taking photos when they are on duty!

Then with 20 full flasks of tea, cups, packets biscuits, tins of lemonade and coke (not really needed this weather)

Chris and I set off around the course behind the first field - to take a hot drink to all the marshalls etc. The Rotalac lads who had come on their bikes were certainly grateful.

We soon saw someone coming back the opposite way - packed - and only a few miles gone by. Then came a couple stragglers and some one who had punctured. Down on Ashford we had to hammer a lads bottom bracket which had seized up - so much for the ridiculously expensive chainsets etc.

The traffic lights at Calver had been turned off so allowing riders through uninterrupted (Did 'H' fix that one???) Through Stony Middleton crowded with hikers and potholers etc. Perhaps they were better off underground in that inclement weather.....

Up and down and passed Ravenstor youth hostel and then up out of Milners Dale. What a climb for the engine into that gale and how did they manage to get a prime, ugh.

We needed to return through Baxton Town centre to get out to the finishing area. Lo and behold, there was that silly tiny mini-island as mentioned in last months Seamag!

But there was plenty of time for a visit down to the Devonshire Arms at Peak Forest. There was Harold, nice and warm in someones car.

"Can you take D.J. to the finish with some flags etc and drop Andrew off at the last corner. You can also take Mark to the finish"

"Hey, hold on a bit. I've only got a small van, not a minibus. The engine won't pull against this gale with all that lot packed into the back"

There were some temporary traffic lights near the final run-in so Rob McPartland and Dave Williams, with walkie-talkies, were able to guide the riders through without mishap. But whilst we waited for an appearance (and understandably the riders were slow in arriving) we stood for over an hour in freezing gale and some snow showers. What a change from two weeks before that when I had moaned at the overpowering heat at Easter.....

They're coming, furious activity, splash of colour despite the murk, shouts and cheers, Seamons colours to the fore, and then it was all over for the juniors.

Now a quick dash back to the HQ and many more cups of hot tea to be served to grateful riders.

There were many complimentary remarks regarding the standard

of organisation. Like the two Preston young men who had four cups of tea each.

"We've never seen any event organised like this"

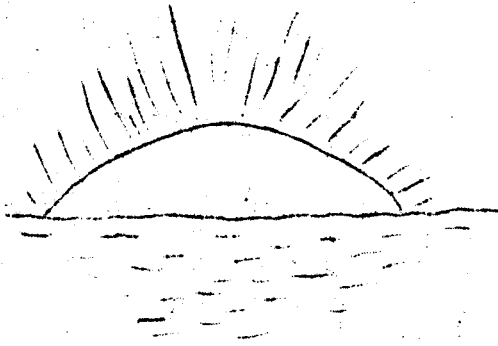
"Well when you are in a position of organising a road race in the near future, just remember what you have seen today and try to emulate it."

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EPILOG.

Just as I was starting the ascent out of Buxton a large red car came up behind me flashing his headlights. I waved him on but he wouldn't pass all the way up. Right I'll show him how to drive down Long Hill, around those many bends etc....and dropped him more than once. Then at the bottom at the traffic lights when we stopped I found it was Doug Coombes driving.....

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ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD No.1

- Across
- 1. Tucson
  - 5. Ah.
  - 6. Omen.
  - 8. Sped.
  - 10. An.
  - 12. Big sot.

- Down.
- 1. Ta.
  - 2. Campag.
  - 3. Sheens.
  - 4. No.
  - 6. OS.
  - 7. N.D.
  - 9. AB.
  - 11. P.T.



Some news of Some Achievements of Some Riders.

Stuart Thorley has started showing his mettle in timetrials. His first ride in a club 10 and he did 27-14 (Mike Chapman did 27-12) In Altrincham RC 25 of 8th April Stuart managed a 1.14.30.

This was followed on May Day weekend in the Middleton CC 10 with a 26-17 (whilst having to borrow Keith Moran's bike!) But the next day he was back on his own bike in the Weaver Valley 10 and did a 28-03 (ht e wwner of the junior event did 22-58!.) There's a moral here somewhere.....

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Chris Kay has been trying as well. The first club 10, which was a shocking night for wind and bad weather, Chris managed a 28.09 and had a sprint finish with Mike Chapman (who had nearly caught Chris) Then in the Altrincham 25 he managed a 1.13.42 - following this with an improvement to 1.7.03 in the N.Staffs St Chris 25 on Mayday w/end. But this still remains 3 mins short of his best of last year.

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Andrew Jamieson went to the Morecambe Weekend. Unfortunately he did not finish the first event. He pulled his wheel over and cut his hand whilst ripping off his shoeplates at the start (Years ago in Seasons we used to have a list of the usual excuses.....). In his 2nd event he managed to finish just behind the bunch. The weather was cold and bad and it was snowing when he arrived.

Then on Mayday Monday there was the Div Champs in Woodbank Park at Stockport - and it was pouring with rain. Onewas coming out of the bottom corner in 3 inches of water.

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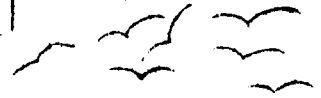
In the Altrincham Road Race in the Peak District (see page 5 for a separate account) Richard Collier, Mike Chapman and Colin Mcandry won themselves a prize for the teamwin. Congrats lads. It was a terrible day for gales, rain and snow etc.

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AJ Thorlby rode in the Club 10 Championships on Wed. 24th May and did a time of 33mins 05 secs. Says he got cramp at Lach Dennis on the way back.....

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LATE NEWS - Committee Meeting 29th May 79



Keith Stacey turned up - looking for worms! He had found a fledgling bird fallen out of its nest.....

The fee paid to the Community Centre by all our members over 18yrs old, is to go up on 1st January next, from £1 to £2.

New members Andrew Wendeler of Partington and David Hoare of Irlam were accepted as members.

An application for 2nd claim membership by Steve Turner was, after discussion, accepted.

Our financial position is still quite good. Alan Heggs has still got some club hats left if you want one.

AJ Thorlby has booked the Cresta again for the annual dinner on Feb 3rd 1980. Menu (and quantity) has been dicussed with the Cresta management but not finally settled until later.

Bob Richardson is going ahead with the planned Hotpot Supper at the Maltshovels, in Altrincham, for the memebrrs of eligible age. It will be on a Friday evening in October, after the Hilleclimb.

In the club tens on wedne&days all under 18s must produce their Parental Consent Form before starting. A start sheet is to be produced for the Club 25 champs. You will need to get your entry in for his event IN DUE TIME.

We have made a donation towards the Mersey Roads 24. Robin Haigh is talking of riding in it.

SATURDAY EVENING JULY 14th - 7.0pm.

O U R R O A D R A C E "Bricklayers Arms Criterium"

George St, Shores Road, Regent Road etc - Altrincham.

Every&return up - see the spectacle - Wear your colours.

Robin Haigh tells us that if the course is approved we can have a road race particularly for riders, 3rd and Juniors that is, on the Sinderland circuit. Date should be September 16th.

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Club 10 Championships	5. M. Morrissey	25.33	11. S. Massey	27.50	
1. A. Heggs	23.09	6. P. Leonard	25.46	12. R. Morton	28.18
2. D. McKilroy	24.19	7. C. Kay	26.19	13. J. Birks	29.24
3. M. Judge	24.28	8. S. Naylor	26.46	14. AJ Thorlby	33.00
4. R. Collier	25.26	9. G. Horrocks	27.26	Ian Holmes	D.N.F.
		10. K. Moran	27.45	(Punctured.)	