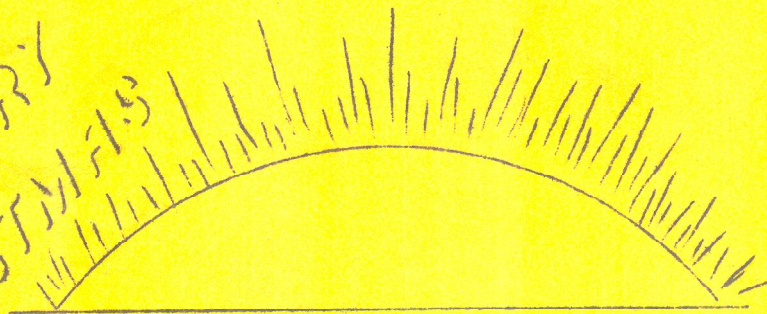




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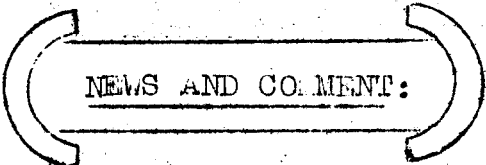
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Merry Christmas - from your President & your Chairman.



NEWS AND COMMENT:



First things first ! MERRY CHRISTMAS to everyone and a successful New Year in all your endeavours.

Keith Stacey has now moved house. He is living in Worsley. Turning up at the clubroom the other Friday evening with a red face because of riding his bike from Worsley, called forth some ribald comments. On the return journey AJ Thorlby and Chris O'Connor rode back as far as the Old Cock with him. Chris' remarks, "Its ace riding behind Keith Stacey." But AJ had to wring out the sweat from his bob-hat!

Alan Heggs has got a house on the outskirts of Northwich. He hopes to move there soon.

About 40 people turned up for Bob Richardson's annual Treasure Hunt. Unfortunately due to a mix up of dates he did not turn up. Still it was held the following week and enjoyed by all those who took part.

What a lot of rain we had lately. One Monday evening there were floods in various places of Sale. Arthur Thorlby (on his bike) tried to ride up onto the pavement in Ashton on Mersey, hit the curbstone and somersaulted into the puddles. We also learn that on the same night but in a different place, Cliff Robson, of CDC Robson's Cycles, did exactly the same acrobatic feat.

Colin McAndry couldn't negotiate some railway lines in TraffodPark but he received a broken arm. (There is a correct way to fall!!)

Tony Lundy is on the committee for the Cyclo Cross event at Partington in February. Sponsors are Williams & Glyns, T.S.B. Abbey National and Fiander Wardle (estate agents). So lets have some voluble support as well as plenty of entries.

Talking about entries, Seamons were conspicuous by their absence in the Christmas 25. Many questions have been asked as to the reasons. Have we gone bak to the hiberantion days again???

In the Rotalac cyclo cross at Timperley, Stuart Naylor and Alan Ferguson rode in the schoolboys event, and tried hard. It was surprising to learn that Alan's mother is sister of the Don Smith. He was a member of Seamons for a short period in 1950 before joining the M/c Wheelers and going on to greater things.

In the junior event Stuart Thorley rode, but, although he kept going there was no spirit in his racing. The younger lads were there to cheer him on - but what was the propose of the nameless Seamons trio, dressed in strage tops who igonered Stuart but were quite vociferous in cheering another club in the following event. Immature??

interview of Keith Stacey - but that No.1 issue was so badly duplicated it was hardly legible. Therefore, to celebrate the 21st issue this article is re-printed, and especially since there are a lot more and different members in our club. Indeed once during the summer some youngster said "Who is Keith Stacey?"....Ah well, Tempus Fugit....

At the committee meeting on 4th December Richard Collier and Mike Chapman came along for the ride. In Seamons we have never had any objections to any members attending a meeting to see just what goes on 'behind the scenes' But it is always considered polite to let the Sec. know you wish to attend - if only so the host can know how many cups of tea/coffee will be needed!

New members accepted were:

- Neville Houghton of Partington
- Steve Cowell                   "
- Mark Hammond                   "
- Mark Redmon (who's dad was in the Royal Oak RC)
- Mathew Cookson   of Chorlton
- Norman Taylor                   "
- Jon McClellan of The Avenue, Sale.

The total membership for the year 1979 closed at 77 members, four down on last year.

There was a discussion on membership fees. Those 77 members only brought us £57 into the funds, whilst cost of handbooks is nearly £40. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that 1980 subscriptions will be

- Senior           £3.50 (included £2 to Centre.)
- Junior           £1.00
- (These plus CTC or BCF membership fees.)
- 2nd Claim members   £3.50
- Social (non-cyding)   £1.00

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No-one attended the N.Staffs Track Ass'n annual general meeting.

We have made a £10 donation to the 1980 M&DTA 12 hour event again.

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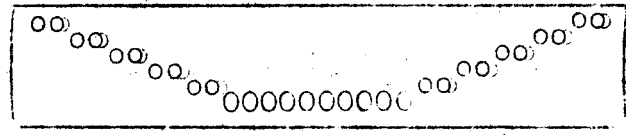
ROLLER CONTEST NIGHTS

FRIDAY JANUARY 18th   v   WEAVER VALLEY CC.

FRIDAY JANUARY 25th   v   CHESHIRE ROADS CLUB

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QUOTE: "I only attacked on Sunday to defend myself." (Malc Judge.)



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 1980

M. Judge

- 10mile Wednesday 21st May. J28.
- 25mile Tuesday 10th June. J32.
- 50mile Sunday 22nd June. Warrington RC 50
- 100mile Sunday 13th July. Manchester Whls 100
- 12hour Sunday 31st Aug. MDTA 12.
- 24hour Sat/Sunday July Mersey Roads 24.
- Hillclimb Sunday 12th October.

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JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

- 10mile April 30th - May 21st - August 13th.
- 25mile Sunday 20th April J32. M&DTA
- Tuesday 10th June J32 (Club champs)
- Saturday 30th Aug. J32 (Seamons Open)

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ORDINARY CLUB 10mile EVENTS - Wednesdays.

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|-------|------|-----|--------|------|-----|
| April | 16th | J19 | July   | 2nd  | J19 |
|       | 23rd | J19 |        | 9th  | J19 |
|       | 30th | J19 |        | 16th | J19 |
| May.  | 7th  | J19 |        | 23rd | J19 |
|       | 14th | J19 |        | 30th | J19 |
|       | 21st | J28 | August | 6th  | J19 |
|       | 28th | J28 |        | 13th | J19 |
| June. | 4th  | J19 |        | 20th | J19 |
|       | 18th | J19 |        | 27th | J19 |
|       | 25th | J19 |        |      |     |

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YOUR 1980 CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE - BOB HILL IS COLLECTING.

NO STAR EATING.

Don Andrews

Anyone arriving in a state at the cafe at Hatchmere after ridin up that winding hill through Comberbach and Norley would find themselves in an even worse condition when, reaching for the Menu with pleasant refreshment in prospect the prices start to filter through and stun the mind.

Sheer amazement, and the idea that these costs might be left over from some April Fools Day joke slowly gives way to incredulity bordering on indignation. A group of us called here one Sunday recently and suffered more anguish than a puncture on a "personal," when we realised that just about the most menial dish on the bill of fare - the staple diet of peckish pedallars beans on toast - carried a price tag of sixty-five pence!

Other simple meals escalated upwards from this with the asking price for that height of haute-cuisine 'egg&chips' being over a pound. Perhaps they were serving silicone chips for that price....

55p for a chicken sandwich was thought to be fowl.... Added to this we were informed by the admittedly pleasant waitress that between 11.30am (when we arrived) and 2.30pm meals from the menu must be bought. No tea on its own. Not surprisingly the inside of the cafe resembled the Marie Celeste.

Along with two other cycling groups, who were also stunned but not stung, by the figures on the menu card, the general view was that this place was best left to the patronage of some passing oil-sheikh or millionaire popstar, swooping through Delamere in his limosine, although it is likely they both would have more savvy.

Unrefreshed, but spurred on by not adding to our nation's inflationary spiral, our group rode the few miles to Kelsall where, at the "Windy Ridge" financial sanity and the inner man were restored. The portions of beans on toast, enough to satisfy the hostelry's name, were quickly and pleasantly served at fivepence over the cost of our weekly comic. They also offer a full range of palatable grub at palatable prices. They say that they are also open on Sundays all through the winter.

If Egon Ronay were a cyclist he would certainly give Windy Ridge his five-mussette grade. So, if pedalling in Delamere bend your wheels Kelsall way and sprint past Hatchmere as if winning a prime because if you stop there you'll be convinced that exorbitant prices are not the sole preserve of Senor Campagnolo!!

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INTERVIEW WITH KEITH STACEY

When did I join the Club? Well, it would be about two years before I started racing, 1960, I think. I was a member of the Scouts at the time. In fact I was only two badges away from becoming a Queens Scout. But I got this cycling 'bug' and dropped the Scouts altogether.

In 1962 I started racing and won the Withington Wheelers Novices event with a time of 1.4.58. We also got the team award with 3.36.16 Tony Winder and Dave McKilroy were the other members of the team.

Then in 1965 came The Year. The BBAR Year. I started off aiming at the National 25 mile Championship. But it never was to be. On the actual day I was only second place with 56mins 9 secs.

So I made an attack on the 50 mile championship. Again I was beat into second place by 39 seconds. Following this we decided to have a crack at the 100 champs. I went up onto Brock and achieved a 4.05.00. We also won the team with Jim Boydell and another.

It was no use just stopping at that, so we decided to have a go at the 12 hour and chose the Lanes Roads 12. The result was 264.8 miles, sufficient to put me to the top of the table. It was a very very close contest that year. There was only seconds in it, between Mike McNamara, Chris Holloway and Ron Goodfellow. I managed to win the day of the Harrogate 50, which was the very last event of the season. And improved time of 1.53.

Then some two years later road racing came along - in 1967. I changed horses in mid-stream as it were.

I had a couple of good events. Particularly in the Ras de Cymru. I have never been anti-road-racing, despite the news reports. Actually I was only anti 'sitters-in'. I cant stand people sitting in a bunch waiting for the sprint.

I was quite lucky really. I make no bones about this. I happened to ride in a race down in the Midlands somewhere and one of the Selection Committee for the Milk Race was there. I had done something in the Guinness Tour of the North basically because I was a time triallist and the first stage was a 10mile timetrial. But after that I ended up working for the team.

Anyway, in this race in the Midlands I got spotted and this brought me into the Milk Race. One of the foreign teams had withdrawn.

So we formed a 'Provinces' team - a scratch team of Dave Rollinson and Alan Mellor. A very good team indeed.

Well, in that I started off as the only person with a name in our team and at that time who had done anything. I had a couple of reasonable placings, and 8th on the first stage, the 95miles to Swindon (Les West was 2nd). But as the race wore on it became apparent I was not really a road-man and was 'domestique' to Dave Rollinson, who was coming up through the ranks, and who eventually finished 2nd in the

event.

Then came 1968 and I emigrated to Rhodesia. I wanted to see what it was like on foreign shores.

Anyway, one day I was 'going up the road' and saw another cyclist, just as you do the world over, you know. He said he was from the Bulawayo Harriers. I said I was Keith Stacey. He knew who I was, which surprised me to find they read CYCLING out there! Anyway I got involved with them.

I didn't do much riding in the first year. Then I went down to South Africa, and got involved in cycling down there and did a bit of coaching.

On returning to Rhodesia I got more involved in the sport there, got onto one or two committees (one cannot avoid it!). I rode the Dunlop 3-day, five stage race. A sponsored event to the tune of a thousand dollars. Teams came from S.Africa and Mozambique - both black and white.

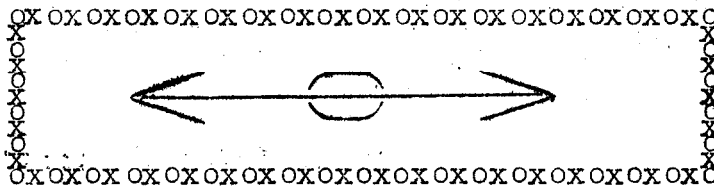
Then I got the job of taking a team of mixed black and white riders down to South Africa for the International Track Champs and the South African Games (1972) a result of them being banned from the Olympics.

My team was totally inexperienced at that level of competition but they acquitted themselves fairly well.

1973 came along and I returned to the UK and re-joined Seamons

Now I am a stone heavier than I was in those days of more than 10 years ago and I don't put anything like the pressure into it. Nonetheless I am still very keen (as my wife would testify!) and like to get out on the bike whenever possible.

Merry Christmas.....



BEST CLUBMAN CUP FOR 1979

1st	AJ Thorlby	187 points
2nd	Stuart Thorley	162 points
3rd	Malc Judge	108 points
4th	Steve Massey	106 points

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13 ROAD RACING E1

Steve Bradshaw

One Friday in November I instituted a meeting of all those who were interested and keen to take part in the road racing side of our sport in 1980. About 20 were interested and turned up - a pleasing response.

The purpose was to organise and discuss teams and arrangements for next season I was pleased also at the way this was received and undertaken. For the composition of teams many and varied ideas were put forward. We have plenty 3rd cat riders which gives a problem of being in the same events.

It was decided to select an official team for local events and to arrange transport for events outside the area. By a show of hands it was agreed to allow me to select the teams.

From the advance list of events there are 4 local events each week-end in the area in March. Depending on form and fitness I will select the best team for the first event and for the second event a different team or a composite.

There will be official letters used saying that this is the Official Seamons Team. All entries will be made well in advance and will be on the official BCF entry forms. We will have these overprinted with the name of the club. We want to establish the view of Seamons CC to be taken seriously as a road racing club.

When this has got under way there will be another meeting to see whether the scheme is working, to discuss amendments, alterations etc.

Also, early in the New Year there will be a special training week-end layed on, in conjunction with Male Judge. This joint effort will be to allow the interested members to get a chance of being together and getting used to each other. It will be early in January and most likely at Bishops Castle. We shall want someone to drive down with the luggage (not bikes!) There is a red-brick guest house there which has been recommended. All of you interested watch the Notice Board for details of dates, times, cost etc.

Merry Christmas.....



Greek Proverb

The old age of an eagle is as good as the youth of a sparrow.....

SAFETY ON CLUB RUNS

Don Andrews.

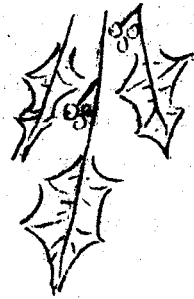
Members taking part on club runs are reminded that safe and sensible riding is required at all times - as detailed in the Club's turing rules (see your handbook)

Thoughtless or reckless switching, or overtaking can cause accidents, as has happened in recent weeks, resulting in injury and cycle damage.

Riding with others demands care and consideration and this should be remembered ALWAYS.

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FRIENDSHIP.



Friendship isn't walking  
On a sun-lit way;



Friendship isn't talking....  
Of the time of day.



Friendship means a sharing  
Of joys, and sorrow, too;



Friendship means a caring....  
For everything wd do.

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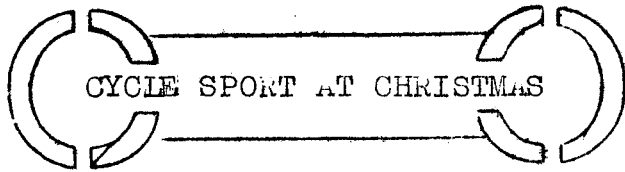
SEAMONS MOSS 300 CLUB

MONTHLY - 1ST PRIZE £15.00  
                  2ND    - " - £10.00

ANNUALLY - 1ST PRIZE £100.00  
                  2ND    - " - £60.00  
                  3RD    - " - £40.00

SEE AJ THORLBY

SUBSCRIPTION 4 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS £1-30



AJ Thorlby

It was Sunday 16th December. It was the day of the Christmas 25. It was also the day of Seamons annual Xmas dinner run. They always seem to fall together.

Anyway I had promised Geoff that Seamons lads would marshall in the event. Chris said "Ace, I like marshalling."

Working out a time schedule to attend both events and having a not-weak type character, it was obvious that I should do Goughs Lane at Knutsford. So Chris and I met Gary and Alan Wilkinson plus Philip Thorley and Mark Hammond and Mark Redmon, and sped through the back lanes along the 'old ten course'. Somewhere along the route Bob Davies with Gloria on the tandem, joined us. This was more than adequate.

Anyway we stood there waiting for the first man to come (as always I like to be in position well before time) when up came to our corner THE Rover 3500 - Geoff's car - bringing hot coffee for the marshalls. We were told it contained anti-freeze - it did.

Then the riders started coming through. Most of them observed the RTTC ruling and stopped at the junction. One rider, the only one in an astro-pilots helmet, made it plain he wasn't going to heed mere marshall. And one rider insisted on making the traffic wait by riding on the wrong side of the main road. It appears there was a problem on the M6 motorway and heavy traffic was routed through Knutsford. There was more traffic on that road on Sunday than passed through Sale on Saturday!

Some of the riders took the challenge and dressed in Fancy-dress. Rod Slater was a 1st war airman whilst his son wanted to appear as The Hulk. But The Pirate won the prize. He was dressed in pirate dress and complete with parrot on shoulder....

After 12 noon we split up. Mark Hammond was visiting relations. (a free lunch...) Gary and Alan had to return home. But Mark R., young Chris and Philip and I went on to Middlewich (against a very strong wind) We reached the White Bear in the middle of the town and as soon as we appeared everyone moved into the dining room (Bob had told them we were on our way)

We had a good meal of Hotpot and Peas, followed by mince pies and cream. Particularly welcome was the glass of sherry for everyone given by the Landlord - a very nice gesture and much appreciated. It was nice to see George Arstall out again at this event. The Mayor and Mayoress of Middlewich came and joined us for the lunch. It seems they put in a lot of good work in the town and keep tabs on all that transpires.

Chris' mum turned up rather late, having got lost on the way. But Gloria was glad since we were then able to let her return in the car (plus Chris' bike) and Bob Davies used Chris to help propel the tandem. (That was "ace" also....) All in all it was a good do, and thanks to Bob Richardson and Dave Barker for laying it on.



KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE



President: Bob Davies.

Chairman: Keith Stacey - Has to lead, or guide, the committee in the week to week running of the club.

Secretary: Bob Hill - keeps the club's notes, minutes of meetings etc and collects the annual subscriptions.

Treasurer: Alan Heggs - keeps a check on all money matters, receives all monies and makes out cheques as directed.

Social Secretary: AJ Thorlby - deals with social evenings, canteen on clubnights, special evenings parties and magazine.

Time Trials Sec: Malc Judge - Tries to help people enter events, keeps records of their achievements. Orders medals etc.

Road Race Sec: Steve Bradshaw - does the same in the road racing field - all entries through him.

P.R.O. - Geoff Horrocks - receives reports, or should do so, collates information and informs the Press, radio and any other source of publicity.

Runs Secretary: Bob Richardson - will prepare runs list and, along with three others, will take out clubruns on a rota basis.

Junior Affairs. Ian Holmes. This position is mainly for representing a teenage viewpoint at committee meetings and checking up on what the youngsters are doing, thinking and/or grumbling about.

Extra: Dennis Chapman - to fill in, help out, or whatever.

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