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When you open the 1934 Paragon Handbook the first thing to strike your eye is the legend:- Hon. Life Member: F.W. Southall. No need to say why – the previous pages have done that but it was a tremendous mark of respect from those closest to him who knew him as a man rather than as a famous cyclist.

There was wholesale carnage amongst the list of Vice Presidents as F.S. Bale, C.F. Davey, W.T. Hall, C.G. Lefever, T Mayne, J.H. Munns, H Rofe, T. Smith, and G Taylor are not listed and only J Fox and W. Legrys are added to the role. Writing some 70 years later one wonders why? Frank Burton took over as Assistant Secretary giving his previous post as Social secretary to Ernie Cleeve. Fred Willshire became Captain with Eric Godman and George Woolmer as his able assistants. The Committee remained almost unchanged with only E. Woolnough taking over from L.C. Woodward. An interesting change was that the Junior membership for the under 21s and non-racers had been changed to Touring membership. Those wishing to race had to pay the additional 5/6 to become full members. Apart from that very little had changed – a good sign considering the work done on a rewritten Rule Book.

Listed under Club Records are two broken in 1933 that we found no notice of in the results. Eric Godman improved the 50 miles and 100 miles tricycle records to 2.35.29 (4'11" improvement) and 5.38.58 (2'1" improvement) respectively

The season made its customary start with the Balham 'Rough Riders '25' over the hills, lanes, bridleways of the North Downs. Stan Butler got his season off to an excellent start by completing the course in record time. He was actually 1' slower than Seeley (Calleva) at 22 miles but powered home to win by 1.28 in 1.37.27. We had other riders but they failed to figure in the top 12 names published in Cycling. Alan Gordon did 1.51.05, W Heasman 1.53.56, Bill Henn 1.54.55 and Frank Cleeve 1.54.56 but the Club were some 20' out the Team race.

The Club had better luck in the Calleva Medium Gear (72") '25' on March 18th. Fast times were out of the questions as there was a block headwind out to the turn. Fastest to the 12 ½ miles turn was Carter (Southgate) in 37.48. Stan Butler was in 2nd place in 38.15. On the return it was a case of 'legs going like fiddlers elbows' Butler closed to within 2" of Carter but was overtaken by Bicknell (Bath Road) who tied with Carter for 1st place. Both riders recorded 1.08.17. Stan Butler did 1.8.19, Alan Gordon was in 6th place with 1.9.28 and Arthur Bristow came home in 1.12.35 for the Club to win the Team race by just 55" from the Catford. Other Paragon times were J Shaw 1.12.42, Jimmie Dicks 1.14.23 and J Hamilton 1.14.43.

Back south of London the Club riders lined up for the Low Gear (Under 63") 10-mile time trial. It turned out to be a very close run affair with 5 men inside 1'. Albert Webb took the honours with 29.02 only 2" faster than Frank Patterson, D Smith did 29.38, Frank Cleeve 29.38 and Doug Perry 29.53. The handicap was a copy of the Scratch result as Albert Webb and Frank Patterson had been allotted the same 1.50 handicap! The course was Coulsdon to Gatton Point and back. Today (2004) that would mean crossing 3 sets of traffic lights and a one set of pedestrian lights!!

Frank Southall collected his first Professional record when he demolished the RRA 50 miles Straight out Record (i.e. no retracing to ones start point as per normal competition). He clocked 1.46.31 that beat the previous record by 8'16"

London first Big Open Event, the Forest '25' was on the following week-end. Although some quick times were recorded no awards were forthcoming. Stan Butler was our fastest in 7th place with 1.6.14 backed up by Alan Gordon 14th in 1.7.08, Arthur Bristow 1.8.12, Jimmie Dicks 1.8.59, Frank Cleeve 1.9.37 and J Shaw 1.10.11. The team time of 3.21.34 should have given us 3rd Team award but the Result Card gives it to the Viking in 3.22.25!

The Good Friday Meeting at Herne Hill saw an excellent 'fill-in' between the early heats and the Meeting proper when a Polo Match was staged. In this the Paragon beat the Tooting by 6 goals to 3. The only other mention of the Club was Alan Stubbs came 4th in the International Sprint behind Toni Merkens (Germany).

Easter Monday was Charlotteville '50' day and a gathering of the country's best time triallists. Just look at the clubs featured in the Cycling results – East Liverpool, Glamorgan, Rugby, Century (London), Raleigh (Nottingham), Midland (Birmingham), Anfield, Kent Roads, Tooting and Norwood Paragon.. The Club however was searching for inspiration after the 'desertion' of Frank Southall to the professional ranks. Stan Butler punctured, but finished in 11th spot with 2.16.27 to the winner's 2.11.40 (Ross, East Liverpool Whs). Sid Orrell was 41st in 2.21.46, Alan Gordon 47th in 2.22.58 and J Shaw 68th in 2.25.52. The Charlotteville Result card was way ahead of its time with everyone listed in Finishing order rather than Starting order.

The University Tandem '30' was held on a cold and misty April morning and Jimmie Dicks and Arthur Bristow recorded an excellent 1.10.10 for 4th place less than 2' behind the winners 1.8.18 of Coleman and Bevan (Catford). Stan Butler and Alan Gordon were about 1' down at the turn and were closing fast when their front tyre blew out. A very frightening event on a tandem at full speed! As they crossed the Finish line in 1.12.16 they either had a very rapid tyre change or were very close to the leaders when the puncture occurred. L Well and Doug Perry came in with 1.12.21, J Hamilton and J Shaw 1.12.38 and George and Bill Saggars with 1.15.14. Nice packing but it was only good enough for 2nd Team award.

Frank Patterson and F Sore went off to the WLCA '25'. Frank was the better of the two with 1.10.17 to Sore's 1.11.13.

Next week-end was the Club '25' Alan Gordon was the Scratchman but Stan Butler was on his new Hercules racing machine with new tyres and an 84" gear (50 x 16). Now where did that come from...? There were 32 starters and Stan made full use of his new machine to beat Alan by 27" in 1.4.37. These two were 1.48 clear of E Staplehurst in 3rd place (1.6.52). F. Sore also took full advantage of a 5.30 handicap to beat Stan by 10" for this award (1.3.27 to 1.3.37) with George Saggars 3rd with a nett time of 1.4.17. There was some excellent handicapping for this race with only 1.20 covering from George Saggars (3rd) to E Staplehurst (14th) in 1.5.37.

Sunday 29th April saw our distance men at the North London CC '50'. Alan Gordon was in fine form. At 25 miles he was in 2nd place 1.7 behind the leader Jayes (Ingleside) and about another minute up on Stan Butler. By 38 miles Stan had moved into 5th place at 2.20 with Alan 6th at 2.50. Lipscome (Century) came out on top over the last few miles winning in 2.11.16. Stan Butler was 4th in 2.12.58, Alan Gordon 6th in 2.16.29 and with Frank Cleeve coming home in 2.17.50 (13th) that was good enough for the Team prize. J Shaw also rode and finished 26th in 2.20.03.

Dick Ongley won the Cambrian Wheelers Novices '25' in 1.8.45. 'somewhere in Kent'. (Ed. If it was on the same course that I rode on some 30 years later a) it was pig of a road and b) Dick's was a very good ride.)

The SCCU Clubs K-Z '25' was also held this day on a course based on Copthorne later know as he 'Pound Hill' course. There were 262 names on the Start Card! Of the Paragons Jimmy Dicks was 8th in 1.7.01 Doug Perry 1.7.19, Albert Webb 1.8.21, Frank Patterson 1.8.28, W Heasman 1.9.06, Arthur Bristow 1.9.11, T McCarthy 1.10.58, L Corder 1.11.51, H Gilbert 1.13.33, E Harland 1.15.06. Some good rides but we were 1.19 too slow to win the Team prize.

On the same day we also had a team in the Western roads '25' but we were not so fortunate as last year when we won the Team race. T Black was indeed 6th fastest in 1.10.38 against O'Malley's (Argyle Paragon) 1.9.00 and had Bill Diplo (1.14.45) and Jack Brash (1.18.45) to back him. It was just not good enough for the Team prize.

The Paragon Open Track Meeting had Frank Southall billed to race against the German Paul Oszmella and he did so quite convincingly winning all three of the matches. Alan Stubbs was out of luck going out in the 1st round of the Sprint.

The Southern Roads Tandem '50' came round again but the Paragonian luck did not change. Stan Butler and Alan Gordon managed to arrive in Crawley when the level crossing gates were shut and then to add insult to injury punctured coming out of Horsham. Their time to the turn was 1.2.1 against the leaders, and eventual winners, Bevan and Coleman's 58.44. On the way back Butler and Gordon were 14 seconds faster than Bevan and Coleman. Without their problems the result could have been very close. However the Butler/Gordon time of 1.57.05 was good enough for 4th place. Another 'what might have been'!

Those in the club that went out to the WLCA '50' fared little better. F Sore came in with 2.24.08 and Johnny Walker 2.33.06. Frank Patterson, T Black, Doug Perry all failed to finish!

Another week and another puncture for Stan Butler. He was not having a good season. In the Catford '50' he was, as usual, up near the leaders. He was 6th at 16 miles, 5th at 27 miles and still 5th at 41 miles where Sid Orrell also comes into the picture in 9th place. 5 miles to go – yet another puncture! This time he managed to borrow a (non-racing) bike to finish in 2.13.41 in 6th place behind Lipscombe (Century). Sid Orrell moved up to 8th place with a 2.14.48 ride and with Frank Cleeve recording 2.18.43 the Paragon were 3rd in the Team race behind the Catford. Alan Gordon also rode and finished in 2.18.52.

Bill Diplo ventured into the foreign parts north of London to ride the Luton Wheelers '25' and came home with a 1.17.55.

Whit-Monday is the day for the first of the 'Classic' 100's, - the University 100 based on the old A11 Cambridge Road. Stan Butler won the race last year and was on Scratch for this event. His main rival was Lipscombe (Century) who was in fine form having won a number of races this season already. At the 50 mile turn near Whittlesford Station Stan was leading in 2.13.55 to Lipscombe's 2.15.10 but the last 20 miles from the Newmarket turn were straight into a rising southwesterly wind/gale. Stan had a reputation of being a very fast finisher in 100-mile events but not today. In his own words 'caught a terrible parcel over the last 10 miles'! Lipscombe beat him by 6 ½ minutes all of it lost in those last few miles. Mind you it says a lot for the state of the rest of the field as Stan retained his 2nd place losing nothing to anyone else over the second part of the race. Others of the Paragon competing, and their times give some indication of the severity of the wind, were Sid Orrell 5.2.35, Alan Gordon 5.4.23, J Shaw 5.7.18, Frank Cleeve 5.7.49, Frank Patterson 5.23.38 and Eric Godman (on a tricycle) 5.45.54. In the Archives we have Frank Patterson's Start Card with his schedule for a ride of 5 hours. As you may see he was a little out in his dreams and aspirations. The Paragon were 3rd in the Team race

The 27th May, and Stan Butler had a bit of luck at last. In the Marlboro Tandem '50' Stan Butler and Alan Gordon completed the course without puncturing! It was a fact that actually started Cycling's report on the race! The pair were the fastest to the 25 mile turn in 1.0.20 and Frank Cleeve and Sid Orrell were in 6th place with 1.1.15. Altogether 14 pairs were inside 1.2.00 at the turn. Coming back Butler and Gordon really turned it on. They took only 54.56 for the second 25 miles to win in 1.55.16. Cleeve and Orrell almost matched them with 55.22 but it enabled them to get clear of the ruck and into 2nd place with 1.56.37. Albert Webb and Doug Perry completed the team with 2.6.21 and completed the Team win. That was a very satisfactory day out.

Back on home roads it was SCCU '50' day. 229 entered, 215 started but an indication of the state of the roads and/or state of race fitness 'only' 175 finished! No one in the Paragon featured in the Results but our times were:- T McCarthy 2.29.07, Jack Brash 2.34.55, DJ Allan 2.38.35, P Black 2.45.32, and Bill Diplo 2.54.45.

Frank Patterson finished 5th in the Civil Service CA Championship '25' with a 1.8.45 ride.

Sunday June 3rd came along with the usual summery weather; sunshine, showers and a gale force wind. It was also North Road '100' day. Heath (Calleva) led at 26 miles in 1.12.56 with Alan Gordon in 5th place at 1.40 and Stan Butler another 3" back in 6th place. By 50 miles had closed to 46" behind Middleton (Midlands) and had moved up to 3rd place. Alan Gordon was at 4.19, Frank Cleeve at 5.58 and Sid Orrell at 6.39. The next 20 miles were the hardest of all and this is where Stan Butler won the race pulling out minutes on his rivals. He reduced the deficit on Middleton and then took over 5' out of him in the run to the Finish. Stan crossed the line in 4.49.58 to win by 1'6" from Wheatley (Kent RC) and 5.6 from Middleton. Alan Gordon was 9th in 5.2.02, Frank Cleeve 11th in 5.4.15 and Sid Orrell 14th in 5.5.58. Only 6 riders managed to beat 5 hours and only 43 worried the timekeeper at the Finish. We won the Team race as well by 25 minutes!

South of the Thames other riders from the Club had entered the Camberwell Wheelers '25'. Jimmy Dicks was 5th in 1.5.25, Doug Perry 1.6.51, Albert Webb 1.7.07, J Hamilton 1.9.03 and Frank Patterson 1.10.00. Unfortunately our lads were about 5' too slow for the Team prize.

Frank Southall collected his 2nd RRA record when he broke the London to Portsmouth and back record in 6.49.17 beating the old record held by L Cave by 16'29".

Once again Representatives of the Paragon went 'up north' to the Rotherham '50'. It was not quite the same without Frank Southall and we only had two riders namely Stan Butler and Alan Gordon. Alan started very quickly being 3rd fastest to the 12 ½ mile point in 32.24 with Stan some second slower in 6th place. By 25 miles Caris (Barras RC) was in the lead with 1.3.50 with Stan Butler 55" back and Alan Gordon at 1.52. Over the return part of the course Caris increased his lead to cross the line in an excellent time of 2.8.47. Stan Butler managed a season's best with 2.12.12 for 6th place but Alan Gordon 'died' and was eventually 35th in 2.19.26.

Around this week-end Frank Southall attacked the London to Portsmouth and Back record. A very successful day out as he reduced the figures by 16.29 to set a new Record of 6.49.17.

On Southern Roads the Addiscombe CC promoted the Walter Moon Handicap Team Race '50' time trial. Of the 89 entries 17 were from the Norwood Paragon. The Winners were the fastest four from a club based on handicap. The actual time of the Paragon riders were:- Frank Cleeve 2.15.52, J Shaw 2.19.56, George Woolmer 2.22.53, Fred Willshire 2.24.03, Johnny Walker 2.25.16, Frank Patterson 2.25.28, T McCarthy 2.26.48, H Gilbert 2.29.30, DJ Allan 2.30.37, Dick Ongley 2.31.27, Doug Perry 2.33.47, Bill Diplo 2.34.54, Jack Brash 2.35.31, Wally Clare 2.42.05 and T Black 2.44.26. The Paragon were 2nd Team our counters being (on handicap) Bill Diplo 2.4.54, DJ Allan 2.6.37, J Walker 2.8.16 and 2.9.53.

A couple of points of interest a) we have three copies of this Result in the Archives plus a copy of the Start Card.

b) Today was also a Club '50' day so there is a discrepancy between what is listed in the Club Books and the Walter Moon result. Sid Orrell was fastest in the Club event (2.14.09). Doug Perry is recorded as 2.29.40 in the Club Books and Eric Godman did 2.32.47 on a trike. These three do not figure in the Moon Trophy Result.

c) Wally Clare gets the biggest boost as his time is recorded as 2.28.55, in the Club Books, which with a 17.30 allowance won him 1st handicap.

d) The Handicap result on the Club Books was framed by the Club's own Handicapping Committee and bears no relationship to the Walter Moon Handicaps

e) Starting No.57 was one CW Allin (Dale Park) who was shortly to move to the Paragon to play Polo. We will hear more of this man!

The Italian Sporting Club Meeting at Herne Hill was not one to dwell upon. Alan Stubbs was riding for England versus Germany but was beaten by C Lorenz in his Sprint Round. Ernie Ongley distinguished himself (and nearly extinguished himself) by going over the top of the banking after his Handicap heat!

At the Enfield A.C. Meeting Jimmy Dicks came 2nd in the 880 yards Handicap.

Back to North London for the Kingsdale '50' on the 17th June and all the 'big names' were down for it. Cycling said 'it was an almost perfect morning, warm with a slight breeze'. James (Glamorgan) started fast and was leading at the turn in 1.0.15. Stan Butler was 3rd some 45" adrift, Sid Orrell was at 1.30, Alan Gordon at 3.45 and Frank Cleeve at 4.00. Wheatley (Kent RC) managed to get in front of Stan Butler on the return leg but Stan was pleased with his 6th place and a season's best of 2.11.09. Sid Orrell came through with 2.14.15 for 9th, Frank Cleeve 2.16.52 and Alan Gordon 2.18.07. The Paragon won the Team award by 8".

Down in Kent we had a team in the Kent Road Club '25'. Those competing were Jack Brash 1.12.07, Bill Diplo 1.13.28 and T Black 1.14.50

June 24th was Highgate '100' day. Not that it was any cause for celebration. Stan Butler writes in his Scrapbook – "wet and cold an certainly not my day". Stan Butler finished in 4.49.07 for 7th, Alan Gordon 5.2.41 and Frank Cleeve 5.6.51. If Holland (Midland) had not achieved a 4.33.31 everyone would have accepted their time as reasonable for the conditions. It always takes one to spoil it!

Jimmy Dicks was 2nd in the Mile at the Bristol Police Sports.

On Monday Arthur Bristow won Division 1 of 'The Medal' Competition at Herne Hill and on the Wednesday the Marlboro beat the Paragon in a Round of the London Cycle Racing League. However in the 3rd Round of the National Team Pursuit the Paragon beat Fulham by 2".

Back below the River it was SCCU '50' day. 'Only' 144 names on the Start Sheet but on the Result Sheet there was only one that mattered. Sid Orrell produced a superb ride to win very comfortably indeed with a 2.12.32, 3.06 clear of the 2nd placed man Wells (Catford). Not only did he win but with only 30" allowance he claimed 2nd on handicap as well. Other rides by the Paragon were Frank Patterson 2.23.18, Doug Perry 2.26.54, Johnny Walker 2.27.38 and George Woolmer 2.29.48. This enabled the Paragon to be 2nd in the Team race.

Tandem riders were out in force for the Archer RC Tandem '50' on the 1st July. The Paragon only had one pair but Doug Perry and Frank Patterson came home with a 1.59.30 for 13th place.

Rumour has it that Stan Butler did not enjoy '50's but he belied it in the Velma event. On a hard day to quote Cycling "The wind was not very helpful to the turn and was a serious handicap on the return journey. Sticky Roads did not help matters". Sid Orrell was fastest to the turn in 1.5.12, 1.8 up on Stan Butler but he fell back on the return trip. Stan kept going and ran out the winner in 2.14.49. Sid Orrell was 8th in 2.16.26 and Alan Gordon completed the course in 2.23.34. The Paragon was 2nd in the Team race.

It was also Club '100' day and as expected Frank Cleeve duly obliged from the Scratch mark with a time of 5.3.17, 2.51 too good for George Woolmer and 8.59

better than Doug Perry. Perry took advantage of his 30' allowance to win the Handicap by 1.52 from George Woolmer.

The 15th July was the date of the Annual Paragon Benefit race more commonly known as the Brighton Mitre '50'. The Paragon could not pull-off the 1,2,3 of last year but Sid Orrell came in for 2nd place with 2.13.05 behind Ernie Mills (Addiscombe) 2.10.25. Frank Cleeve was 7th in 2.17.02 and Alan Gordon made up the team with a 2.24.09 an aggregate that won the Team race for the 4th year in succession! George Woolmer completed the course in 2.24.43 and Stan Butler retired after 16 miles with a bad throat.

On Monday 16th July was the Paragon 'Big Monday Meeting' Alan Stubbs was 4th in the SCCU 1000m Sprint Championship, Harry Grant broke 4 Class 'A' Professional Motor paced Records over 2,3,4 and 5 miles, Toni Merkens was beaten by S Horn (England) in the International Match. Jimmy Dicks partnered by Andrews (Poly) were 3rd in the Mile Tandem Sprint. Frost (Allondon) won the 20 miles Tandem paced event. The REAL races of the Evening were, of course, the Club's 550 yards Sprint won by S McCarthy from Albert Webb, and Don Allan and the 'Bloodbath' 5 miles event. This was won by Monty Southall making a 'come-back'. He attacked with 3 laps to go gaining 150 yards and hung on to win by 50 yards from Arthur Bristow and Peter Dyble.

Ealing Paragon '50' was not a good day for the Paragon. Stan Butler punctured and had to be content with a 2.15.59. Frank Cleeve was just behind in 2.16.08 but Alan Gordon was the most unfortunate as he crashed into a tricyclist when on a 2.15 ride. He bruised his eye and face and had to retire from the race. Sid Orrell got round in 2.23.11 and the Paragon were 3rd in the Team race.

The Club had 4 riders in the SCCU '100' out of the 168 entrants. Fastest paragon was Doug Perry in 5.14.02, Frank Patterson did 5.16.57, George Saggars 5.24.49 and George Woolmer failed to finish.

The next week-end was the Belle Vue '50'. It was the ideal day - a fast course, a warmish morning and little wind. What else could you want? Nothing - except that the Highway Department had regravelled all, bar 6 miles, of the course with copious piles of granite chips. Result - Chaos! There were only 55 who recorded times at the Finish and it is thought that many of these also punctured but carried on. Quite a day awheel!

The Bath Road '100' of 1934 was without Frank Southall (although he was present to watch the action) and expected to be a bit of an anti-climax after Frank's 4.30.10 in 1933. The problems faced by the Belle Vue the previous week-end were still in evidence as there was insufficient heavy wheeled traffic to disperse the loose flints. The bad road surface and the accompanying wheel and tyre problems probably accounts for most of the 35 non-finishers. One of those to suffer was Stan Butler who had a wheel change and a tyre change to contend with.

The class of the Bath Road '100' can best be illustrated by the fact that ALL accepted entrants had beaten 5 hours for 100 miles. Capell (Allondon) set things alight by reaching the first turn (22 ½ miles) at Abingdon in 59.30, Sid Orrell was equal 5th

(with 5 others!) in 1.0.30 whilst Stan Butler was a further 30" adrift. Alan Gordon turned in 1.2.30 and Frank Cleeve was way down the field in 1.6.00. Coming back through the Start/ Finish area and out onto the Bath Road at 50 miles Capell had been overhauled by Dougherty (Rugby). Their times at 50 miles were 2.12.49 and 2.13.21 respectively. Stan went through in 2.16.29 in 8th place, Sid Orrell in 2.19.19 (after tyre trouble), Frank Cleeve 2.24.20 and Alan Gordon 2.29.50. Out to the Savernake Forest the race unwound. Dougherty had his tyre problems on this stretch and desisted. Capell was back in the lead at the turn by 1.30 from Lipscombe (Century). Stan Butler was equal 5th some 3' back, Sid Orrell was up to 14th but 7' behind. Frank Cleeve turned in 3.33.00 (15' adrift) and Alan Gordon was another 11' behind.

More tyre trouble on the way back meant that Stan Butler failed to produce the ultra fast last 25-mile he was known for. He had to be content in holding his 5th place although losing over 5 minutes on the run in. However the 4.40.48 was his best ride of the year. Sid Orrell was 14th in 4.44.36. Frank Cleeve 29th in 4.52.57 and Alan Gordon persevered to finish in 5.11.10 after a day of punctures. The good bit was that the Paragon won the Team race.

For the third week-end running Stan Butler and Sid Orrell were out on the Bath Road this time for the Vegetarian '50'. The problem was that there were only 2 of them and you cannot win 3-man Team prizes that way! The road itself was gradually improving. Most of the loose flints going into racing men's tyres as one wag put it!

Stan Butler did not puncture, led at the turn and came back fast as well to cross the finishing line in 2.11.03. This was his best 50 of the year and was the best of the morning too. He had the satisfaction of beating the northern ace Pickersgill (Raleigh) by 1.23. Sid Orrell also had a trouble free ride to finish 10th in 2.15.38. A nice day awheel!

Back on local roads the Club was running a Tandem '50'. This proved a comfortable win for Albert Webb and R Ash in 2.2.36. In 2nd place were Doug Perry and Frank Patterson in 2.4.50 just holding off the Allan brothers by 7". However the Allans took the handicap award by 39" from Webb & Ash. The Saggers brother claimed 3rd handicap.

Alan Stubbs won the 550 Sprint at the Belle Vue and Catford Evening Meeting.

The Anerley '12' proved to be the BBAR winning ride for Capell (Allondon). This was a superb ride on not an easy day. He started No.20 and by 98 miles was out on his own and saw no one from then on. Stan Butler spent all day chasing him. He was 2 minutes down at 53 miles, 3 minutes at 98 miles, 6 minutes at 135 miles and 7 minutes at 177 miles. This deficit he held until the last 20 miles when he closed to 5½ minutes but that was it. Capell ran out time with 236.81 to Stan Butler's 234.81 for 2nd place. The only other Paragon finisher was F Sore with 216.06 miles for 24th place.

Frank Southall claimed his 3rd RRA Record. He broke the 100 miles Straight-out Record with a ride of 3.55.44 – the first time 4 hours had been beaten for 100 miles. Marshal (Vegetarian) held the previous record with 4.6.30 ridden in 1928.

On the 2nd September the Club ran its 12-hour event in conjunction with the SCCU '12'. In this J Shaw was 6th in the SCCU event but won the Club event easily by nearly 10 miles covering 220.00 miles. George Woolmer came 2nd in 210.38 and Frank Patterson 3rd in 204.75, T Black 4th in 204.00 and Les Woolley 5th in 184.87. George also took the Handicap. His 18 miles allowance gave him 228.38 miles. 6 more than T Black.

Meanwhile Messrs Butler, Gordon, Orrell and Cleeve were back down the Bath Road for the Westerley '100'. Salt (Anfield) led at 50 miles in 2.14.53 with James (Vegetarian) 51st behind him. Stan Butler was at 2.03, Sid Orrell at 3.46, Alan Gordon at 5.52 and Frank Cleeve at 6.02. Out at the far turn Stan had puncture trouble and 'lost interest' to quote his diary. The others were still going strongly. James won in 4.34.16 with Alan Gordon putting up his fastest 100 ever in 4.47.03 for 9th place, Stan Butler was 12th in 4.47.36, Sid Orrell 13th in 4.48.42 and Frank Cleeve 14th in 4.49.09 but it was only good enough for 2nd Team award.

Frank Cleeve was our only finisher in the Polytechnic 'Gayler' 12 hour. He covered 219.75 miles for 6th place. It was another 'Gayler' day as Mother Nature supplied the strong winds to combat the brilliant sunshine. The winner, James (Vegetarian), only managed 226.50 miles. Only 24 of the 61 entrants recorded a distance! Frank does not get a mention until 111 miles when the wind started to affect those wanting a long mileage. Only 34 riders reached the 149 miles point where Frank was timed through some 14' down on the leader but in 7th place. Although James pulled away in the final miles Frank Cleeve kept moving steadily to climb to 6th place at the end.

The London Cycle Racing League Table was sorry reading for Paragon members. Of the 8 clubs the Paragon were placed 7th with only 1 win!

The 2nd Epsom Open Tandem '30' was on the 9th September but only Albert Webb and Frank Patterson managed to finish in 1.14.26.

The next records to fall to Frank Southall were the London to York and the 'Straight-out' 12 hours. His time for the London to York section was 8.59.10. This was 17' faster than the Tandem record over the same course! Going straight through York he continued northwards for the 12 hour Record. This he did covering 253.25 miles.

On the week-end of the 16th September the Club's 'A' Team had been invited 'up north' to ride the Manchester Wheelers '12'. Another challenge match! By 84 miles Stan Butler was 2' behind Holland (Midland) and Lamb (Manchester) and had dropped to 3' behind Lamb at 174 miles. Stan Butler then closed on Lamb and by 216 miles was only 2' back. Then on the last lap of the finishing circuit Lamb 'blew'. He completely collapsed, falling off his machine and into the hedge. Stan Butler rode past Lamb with 3½ minutes remaining to run out the winner with 236.75 miles. Frank Cleeve ran out time in 10th place with 222.75 miles and Alan Gordon backed them with 220.50 miles for 15th place. The Paragon won the Team race by 1 furlong (220 yards or 0.125 miles)!

Not quite so successful were our riders in the Velma '25'. Jimmy Dicks did 1.6.26. Albert Webb recorded 1.7.51 but Frank Patterson punctured and failed to finish - hence no Team award.

Four of the club stalwart went across London for the Cambridge Wheelers 2nd Class '25'. Wally Clare just beat Bill Diplo 1.14.26 to 1.14.34. P and T Black both had trouble and failed to finish.

Stan Butler started the Poole Wheelers '12' hoping for a 240 miles ride to boost his BBAR chances (along with others it must be said) but Mother Nature did not co-operate sending in gusts of south westerly winds off the sea. At 99 miles Stan was 55" behind the eventual winner Holland (Midland) but 35 miles later his saddle bolt broke! End of race and ambition! Mind you Holland wanted 235 ½ miles to win the BBAR and, while he rode out the time, he only covered 225 ½ miles.

The real race that day was much nearer home as it was Mayne Cup day. Alan Gordon and Arthur Bristow fought it out for fastest time with Alan coming out on top with a 1.5.04 ride to Arthur's 1.5.39. J Shaw was 3rd in 1.7.21. 9" behind Shaw, in 1.7.30, was 'Taffy' Charleton but he had a 9' Handicap. This proved an absolute gift as 'Taffy' walked off with the Mayne Cup with a 3.17 lead. His nett time was 58.30. Next was P Black (14') 1.1.47 who scraped 2nd place by 1" from DJ Allan (9') 1.1.48.

For the first time in his life Frank Southall raced for 24 hours. He did not enjoy the ride subject as he was to 7 punctures, 3 intervals of heavy rain, 3 excursions off course, (one of which cost him 10 minutes), sickness, a sponge jammed in his wheel and a retracing to pick up his false teeth! He had started from Lands End and arrived at Hyde Park Corner, London, to break that Record in 15 hrs 8 minutes (1 hour and 27 minutes faster than the previous record and 44 minutes faster than the Tandem record!). He then went on through London towards Cromer. When he got to Cromer with 446 miles covered he had to turn back as conditions for bike racing are not good in the North Sea. He eventually pulled up at Aylsham having covered 457 miles. Two in one go again!

The season ended for most people with the fast '25's; the Comet on the Cambridge Road (32nd course) and the Southend & County event on the Southend Road. The Comet was not too successful. Doug Perry did 1.9.40 and Frank Patterson 1.10.39. J Shaw and Jimmy Dicks did not start and Albert Webb did not finish. In the Southend event Arthur Bristow did 1.8.52, Albert Webb 1.10.43 and Frank Patterson 1.11.35. Dicks and Perry did not start.

The Start Card of the Southend event showed a typical example of inconsiderate field placing that is still a problem with far too many organisers. If you are staying in 'digs' or travelling down together it is extremely helpful if a club's start times are reasonably close together. The Southend organiser placed Arthur Bristow at No.7 – start time 5.37, Albert Webb at 77 (6.47) and the other 3 at 7.33, 7.55 and 8.13. A 2½-hour spread – very helpful!

To round off the season Stan Butler attacked the SRRA London Worthing and back record. On the first occasion he turned at Worthing slightly down on the Record but a strong headwind back to Coulsdon only increased the deficit. Stan finished 5.30 behind the record. Undeterred he tried again on the 21st October and although puncturing at Southwater on the return crossed the finishing line at Coulsdon in 5.30.48 some 4.02 up to set new Record times.

In the BBAR Stan Butler with a 21.334 average speed finished in 4th place behind E.Capell (Allondon) (21.622) and the Norwood Paragon were 3rd in the Team Competition (20.736). Our Team was Stan, Frank Cleeve (38th) and Alan Gordon.

During the season other riders had some successes but we are, at present, unable to say when they achieved them. Eric Godman had reduced his Tricycle '50' Record by 2.42. The new Record stands at 2.32.47. The Polo Team won the Summer League and the Kent League.

Club Time Trial Results

	Scratch Result	10m h/c		Handicap Result		
		Low Gear				
16	Entries	18.3.34				
10	Starters					
10	Finishers					
1	Webb A	29.02	1	Webb A	1.50	27.12
2	Patterson FH	29.04	2	Patterson FH	1.50	27.14
3	Smith DW	29.36	3	Smith DW	1.20	28.16
4	Cleeve FL	29.38	4	McCarthy T	2.15	28.16
5	Perry DG	29.53	5	Godman E	3.55	29.01
6	McCarthy T	30.31	6	Woolley LC	2.35	29.26
7	Woolley LC	32.01	7	Cleeve FL	Scratch	29.38
8	Locken WJ	32.10	8	Perry DG	0.05	29.48
9	Godman E	32.56	9	Locken WJ	2.15	29.55
10	Gunning J	33.16	10	Gunning J	2.15	31.01
	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		15.4.34				
33	Entries					
32	Starters					
29	Finishers					
1	Butler SM	1.04.37	1	Sore F	5.30	1.03.27
2	Gordon A	1.05.04	2	Butler SM	1.00	1.03.37
3	Staplehurst E	1.06.52	3	Saggers G	5.50	1.04.17
4	Cleeve FL	1.07.19	4	Black T	5.45	1.04.23
5	Webb A	1.07.24	5	Webb A	2.50	1.04.34
6	Perry DG	1.07.24	6	Willshire F	3.45	1.04.35
7	Bristow ACG	1.07.26	7	Walker F	5.30	1.04.47
8	Heasman W	1.07.47	8	Heasman W	2.45	1.05.02
9	Orrell SA	1.07.58	9	Gordon A	Scratch	1.05.04
10	Dicks J	1.08.06	10	Cleeve FL	2.10	1.05.09
11	Willshire F	1.08.20		Perry DG	2.15	1.05.09
12	Sore F	1.08.57	12	McCarthy T	5.20	1.05.12
13	Godman E	1.09.57	13	Godman E	4.30	1.05.27
14	Saggers G	1.10.07	14	Staplehurst E	1.15	1.05.37
15	Black T	1.10.08	15	Bristow ACG	0.45	1.06.41
16	Walker F	1.10.17	16	Dicks J	1.20	1.06.46
17	Shaw J	1.10.26	17	Corder L	4.30	1.06.48
18	McCarthy T	1.10.32	18	Orrell SA	1.00	1.06.58
19	Corder L	1.11.18	19	Shaw J	3.00	1.07.26
20	Henn W	1.11.35	20	Gilbert H	5.20	1.07.28

21	Woolmer AG	1.12.23		21	Clare W	6.00	1.07.33
22	Hamilton J	1.12.26		22	Woolmer AG	4.45	1.07.38
23	Smith DW	1.12.39		23	Diplo W	7.00	1.07.45
24	Gilbert H	1.12.48		24	Henn W	3.20	1.08.15
25	Clare W	1.13.33		25	Allan DJ	6.00	1.08.17
26	Allan DJ	1.14.17		26	Hamilton J	3.45	1.08.41
27	Diplo W	1.14.45		27	Smith DW	3.20	1.09.19
28	Brash J	1.16.27		28	Brash J	6.45	1.09.42
29	Black P	1.26.23		29	Black P	6.00	1.20.23
	Scratch Result	50m h/c			Handicap Result		
		10.6.34			Fryco Cup		
21	Entries						
21	Starters						
17	Finishers						
1	Orrell SA	2.14.09		1	Clare W	17.30	2.11.25
2	Cleeve FL	2.15.52		2	Willshire F	11.30	2.12.33
3	Shaw J	2.19.56		3	Walker F	12.00	2.13.16
4	Woolmer AG	2.22.53		4	Cleeve FL	2.30	2.13.22
5	Willshire F	2.24.03		5	Woolmer AG	9.30	2.13.23
6	Walker F	2.25.16		6	Allan DJ	17.00	2.13.37
7	Patterson FH	2.25.48		7	Diplo W	21.00	2.13.54
8	McCarthy T	2.26.48		8	Orrell SA	Scratch	2.14.09
9	Clare W	2.28.55		9	Shaw J	5.00	2.14.56
10	Gilbert H	2.29.30		10	Godman E (T)	17.00	2.15.47
11	Perry DG	2.29.40		11	McCarthy T	11.00	2.15.48
12	Allan DJ	2.30.37		12	Gilbert H	13.30	2.16.00
13	Ongley R	2.31.27		13	Patterson FH	7.00	2.18.48
14	Godman E (T)	2.32.47		14	Ongley R	10.30	2.20.57
15	Diplo W	2.34.54		15	Brash J	13.00	2.22.21
16	Brash J	2.35.21		16	Perry DG	7.00	2.22.40
17	Black T	2.44.26		17	Black T	10.30	2.33.56
	Scratch Result	100 h/c			Handicap Result		
		8.7.34					
8	Entries						
8	Starters						
7	Finishers						
1	Cleeve FL	5.03.17		1	Perry DG	30.00	4.42.16
2	Woolmer AG	5.06.08		2	Woolmer AG	22.00	4.44.08
3	Perry DG	5.12.16		3	Godman E (T)	45.00	4.49.38
4	Patterson FH	5.15.49		4	Patterson FH	18.00	4.57.49
5	Gilbert H	5.36.27		5	Cleeve FL	Scratch	5.03.17
6	Godman E (T)	5.44.38		6	Gilbert H	30.00	5.06.27
7	Brash J	6.11.38		7	Brash J	50.00	5.21.38
	Scratch Result	Tandem			Handicap Result		
		50 h/c					
7	Entries	12.8.34					
7	Starters						
5	Finishers						
1	Webb/Ash	2.02.36		1	Allan DJ & DS	9.00	1.55.57
2	Perry/Patterson	2.04.50		2	Webb/Ash	6.00	1.56.36
3	Allan DJ & DS	2.04.57		3	Saggers G & WJ	9.00	1.58.43
4	Saggers G & WJ	2.07.43		4	Perry/Patterson	Scratch	2.04.50

5	Ongley G & W	2.11.34		5	Ongley G & W	6.00	2.05.34
	Scratch Result	12 hours			Handicap Result		
		h/c			Rotherham Cup		
6	Entries						
6	Starters						
5	Finishers						
1	Shaw J	220.00		1	Woolmer AG	18.00	228.38
2	Woolmer AG	210.38		2	Black T	18.00	222.00
3	Patterson FH	204.75		3	Shaw J	Scratch	220.00
4	Black T	204.00		4	Patterson FH	13.00	217.75
5	Woolley LC	184.88		5	Woolley LC	30.00	214.88
	Scratch Result	25m h/c			Handicap Result		
		30.9.34			Mayne Cup		
32	Entries						
30	Starters						
24	Finishers						
1	Gordon A	1.05.04		1	Carleton H	9.00	58.30
2	Bristow ACG	1.05.39		2	Black P	14.00	1.01.47
3	Shaw J	1.07.21		3	Allan DJ	9.00	1.01.48
4	Carleton H	1.07.30		4	Diplo W	9.30	1.02.00
5	Cleeve FL	1.07.45		5	Godman E (T)	12.00	1.02.19
6	Patterson FH	1.07.56		6	Clare W	7.15	1.03.32
7	Perry DG	1.09.06		7	Gunning J	12.00	1.03.32
8	Walker F	1.09.30		8	Walker F	5.40	1.03.50
9	Black T	1.09.31		9	Aldridge F	9.00	1.03.57
10	Harland E	1.10.00		10	Black T	5.30	1.04.01
11	Clare W	1.10.47		11	Patterson FH	3.30	1.04.26
12	Allan DJ	1.10.48		12	Brash J	10.00	1.04.27
13	Saggers WJ	1.11.20		13	Gordon A	Scratch	1.05.04
14	Diplo W	1.11.30		14	Shaw J	2.15	1.05.06
15	Aldridge F	1.12.57		15	Bristow ACG	0.30	1.05.09
16	Allin AE	1.13.50		16	Cleeve FL	2.15	1.05.30
17	Pike T	1.14.05		17	Saggers WJ	5.45	1.05.35
18	Godman E (T)	1.14.19		18	Harland E	3.15	1.06.45
19	Allan DS	1.14.20		19	Perry DG	2.15	1.06.51
20	Brash J	1.14.27		20	Allin AE	6.00	1.07.50
21	Gunning J	1.15.32		21	Allan DS	5.20	1.09.00
22	Black P	1.15.47		22	Saggers G (T)	13.30	1.09.14
23	Bockland F	1.22.17		23	Bockland F	12.30	1.09.47
24	Saggers G (T)	1.22.44		24	Pike T	3.15	1.10.50