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The Handbook notes that Jim Fox had been elected President for the following three years. The Vice-Presidents were Arch Allin, Frank Burton, Stan Butler, Jack Carter (who is also Chairman of the Committee), Ben Davis, Freddy Gardiner, Alan Gordon, Bill Hitchmough, Bill Kite, Fred Lee, George Ongley, Frank Patterson, Bill Pett, Harry Ryan, Bill Sagers, Bill Smith and Norman Upton.

Albert Webb was Secretary, George Sagers Treasurer; Open Road Secretary was Stan Butler with Club Events being looked after by Bill Diplo. Arthur Bristow was Track Secretary, George Ongley Polo Secretary and Ron Stretton Massed Start Secretary. Bernard Tyrer looked after the Social events and Maurice Jeffries kept the Press informed of our successes. Frank Patterson edited the Magazine whilst Dick Hare took charge of the Club Runs. The Committee were Bernard Brown, Ron Tugwell, Bert Chapman, Arthur Sharp, John Parsonson and R Knight.

The Open Season got under way with the South London Medium Gear '25'. No prizes were collected by the Paragon There times were -George Nightingale 5th in 1.5.19, Vin Callanan 1.6.09, Dick Hare 1.7.19, Maurice Jeffries 1.7.51 and Ken Garbutt 1.7.52.

Twenty-four riders finished the Medium Gear '25' on the 12th March with Ron Stretton showing everyone a clean pair of heels. His 1.6.47 was 59 seconds better than 2nd placed man Maurice Jeffries and 1.36 better than Bert Chapman in 3rd spot with 1.8.23. Ron also took the handicap by 1 second from Dan Hadfield, 1.4.47 to 1.4.48, with Ken Cattermole in 3rd place with 1.5.11. Don Chamberlain preferred the warmth of the south coast so he went down to ride the Worthing Excelsior Medium Gear '25' and duly produced the winning ride of 1.4.18. Vin Callanan finished in 1.6.30 and George Nightingale 1.6.51 for the Paragon to be 2nd in the Team race.

Don made it two in a row by winning the SCCU (Clubs L-Z) '25' the following week with a 1.4.11. Vin Callanan was also showing some early form to come 2nd in 1.4.31 and with George Nightingale producing a 1.5.1. The Paragon won the Team race. Other Paragon times were Ron Stretton 1.5.46, Maurice Jeffries 1.6.4, Bernard Brown 1.6.41, Bert Chapman 1.6.56, John Cooke 1.7.26, Dan Hadfield 1.7.27, Dick Hare 1.7.46, Ken Garbutt 1.9.29, Doug Godfrey 1.11.16, Harry Corby 1.11.43, Bill Arnold 1.12.36 and John Diplo 1.25.40 (with 10.28 late start). Ron Stretton's time was also good enough for him to collect 3rd Handicap award.

On March 26th a team went north of the river to darkest Essex for the Rapier '25'. Vin Callanan 1.4.52, George Nightingale 1.6.50, Bernard Brown 1.8.10 and Harry Corby 1.8.37 finished the race but failed to collect any prizes.

An early Junior Scratch '10' was held on the 2nd April with seven riders. Ken Garbutt won in 26.28 with Brian Stocking 2nd in 28.05 and, Albert Webb 3rd in 28.43. It was not the Albert of Track fame who was riding a Private Time Trial but a newcomer to the Club with the same name. Albert (snr) wrote in the Blah that he hoped the youngster would not be thrown out of too many places when people heard his name mentioned! John Smart was 4th in 28.54. The 'racers' entered the Oxonian '25' but failed to impress. Vin Callanan 1.6.4, Don Chamberlain 1.7.41 and Pete Kitchiner 1.9.5 were the finish times. There were two finishers in the Apollo Middlemarkers

'25' with Bob Corby finishing in 1.8.09 and Ted Doe 1.9.05. Down on the south coast H Pothcary finished the Chichester Longmarkers in 1.13.46 in front of Gerry Edmunds 1.14.22 and R Knight 1.15.44.

Easter came again with the Charlotteville '50' and Good Friday Meeting at Herne Hill. Pete Smith won the 3 miles Point to Point at the SCCU Meeting. The '50' was a demonstration of complete domination by the Medway Whs. Of our lads Vin Callanan finished 8th in 2.16.08 and Pete Kitchiner was 10th in 2.17.04. Don Corry did not have a good day finishing 73rd in 2.29.37. Far better tidings were received from the Fountain '25' where Don Chamberlain was fastest in 1.2.38. Backed by George Nightingale, 1.4.40, Ron Tugwell 1.7.18 and Arthur Sharp 1.7.22 the Paragon won the Team race. Another contingent crossed the water to the Forest '25' Bob Corby was the fastest Paragon rider in 1.8.32, Sid Butcher returned a 1.9.08 and Harry Corby a 1.9.44. On the Monday Ron Stretton and Maurice Jeffries won the Madison at Derby.

Six Paragon riders faced the Timekeeper in the Middlesex RC '25' Ron Tugwell failed to make the turn to leave five with finishing times. Don Chamberlain did 1.2.46, Vin Callanan 1.3.44, Pete Kitchiner 1.4.28, Arthur Sharp 1.5.06 and Don Corry 1.6.14. This was only good enough for 2nd Team over 4' behind the Medway Whs. Dick Hare and Terry Dixon rode the West Hants '30' and finished with times of 1.18 and 1.22 respectively. Another team went to the Adventure '25'. Two times are recorded. Bill Arnold finished in 1.9.24 and a Mr Crawford in 1.7.14. The majority of the Club opted for the SCCU 2nd Class '25'. Those that managed to reach the Finish Timekeeper were R Lawrence 1.9.04, Gerry Edmunds 1.12.05, Ken Cattermole 1.14.20, and Len Case 1.15.02. Pete Smith and Ron Stretton were in the prizes at Staines but no other information is forthcoming!

The Unrestricted '25' on the 23rd April was a win for Maurice Jeffries from 34 other riders. His time was 1.2.31, 2nd was Pete Kitchiner in 1.3.48 and Dick Hare was 3rd in 1.3.58. Albert Webb came back with a vengeance. Somehow he had been given 9.30 handicap and this gave him the prize by nearly 2'. Albert's time was 57.38 with Jerry Morritt 2nd in 59.14 and Dan Hadfield 3rd in 1.0.50. One hundred and sixteen tandems turned out for the University event but the Paragon was out of luck as the Chamberlain/Callanan pairing managed to collect a puncture. The Tugwell brothers finished in 1.7.10 and John Cooke/Eric Bonner combination came in with a 1.9.21.

The Polo Team won their 1st Round match in the National Championship by 17-1 and beat the Palace 7-4 in a play-off to win the Winter League.

The SCCU '50' on the 30th April provided another Team race for the Paragon. Vin Callanan was 3rd with 2.9.22 and Don Chamberlain was 4th in 2.10.18. Pete Kitchiner made up the team with 2.11.57. Other Paragon times were Ron Tugwell 2.14.03, Arthur Sharp 2.14.21, Sid Butcher 2.15.44, Dick Hare 2.17.36, Stan Butler 2.17.41, Don Corry 2.20.21, then Harry Corby and Ted Doe both 2.20.23. Those preferring the shorter distances went off to the WLCA '25'. We have these times recorded – Dan Hadfield 1.5.18, Terry Dixon 1.8.06, Bill Arnold 1.8.29, Ken Cattermole 1.8.45, Les Ames 1.12.09 and Len Case 1.12.20.

An interesting note from the Blah of May 1950 gives the Membership state as 88 Senior, 17 Junior and 8 Honorary. We tend to think of this period of the Club's

history as being populated by a huge membership. In real terms it is no bigger than it is now. The only difference is that most of the membership, then, was young and active as one can read the list of those on the Club Committee or holding Post.

The Paragon won their first League Match at Herne Hill beating the Belle Vue 34-11. The team comprised Messrs Hart, Dennis, Jeffries, Mckellow, Stretton and Smith. In an early round of the National Team Pursuit the Pursuit Squad caught the Cambrian with a lap remaining.

A nasty day for the Juniors on 20th May. Eight had entered the '15' but only three finished. Brian Stocking was fastest in 38.50; Jerry Morrirt was 2nd in 41.06 and John Smart 3rd in 43.45.

Three Paragon riders finished the Kingston Hilly '73' on 21st May. Sid Butcher was fastest in 3.16.17, Stan Butler was next with 3.17.22 and John Vallack made up the Team with 3.25.47. Dan Grady, Bec, won in 3.7.37. On the Bath Road the Club had two finishers in the Yiewsley '50'. Harry Corby recorded 2.15.20 and Maurice Tugwell 2.23.07. Nearer home in the Catford '50' Bert Chapman, 2.13.44 led home Dick Hare, 2.15.09 and Ron Tugwell 2.15.22 but failed to collect any prizes. In the Middlesex Clarion '25' George Nightingale was our fastest man with 1.1.37. Arthur Sharp finished in 1.3.50 but Don Chamberlain must have had trouble as he took 1.5.01. Our BBAR Team went north to the Midland C & AC '50' hoping for some very fast times. As usual with this venture they failed to materialise. Vin Callan was 5th in 2.8.59, Pete Kitchiner 11th in 2.10.47, Bernard Brown 15th in 2.12.13 and Don Corry 60th in 2.21.39.

Fortunes were mixed in the University '100' on Whit-Monday for it must have been a difficult morning as 35 of the 100 entries failed to record a time. Pete Kitchiner was 2nd fastest in 4.31.28, Stan Butler finished in 4.39.41 and Bernard Brown 4.41.15 and the Paragon collected the Team race even though Vin Callanan did not make the Finish. Two other Paragons essayed the Calleva '100' and made the Finish. Ron Tugwell reaching the Timekeeper in 4.46.25 and Dick Hare in 4.48.07. Another team went to Essex for the Goodmayes '50'. Sid Butcher finished in 2.15.08, Maurice Tugwell 2.17.04 and Harry Corby 2.21.09. Others rode in the SCCU 2nd Class '50'. They were Ken Cattermole 2.20.04, Gerry Edmunds 2.27.56 and Les Ames 2.31.12. The ultra fast lads took themselves to Farnham where George Nightingale proved to be our fastest rider in 1.1.28. Don Chamberlain did 1.3.26 and Arthur Sharp 1.6.29.

We had a team in the National Championship '25' on the 4th June but although they produced reasonable times no awards were taken. George Nightingale was our fastest in 1.0.39 followed by Don Chamberlain 1.1.42 and Pete Kitchiner 1.2.51. The Marlboro Tandem '50' was also held that weekend and Messrs Callanan and Brown teamed up for this event. It proved to be a very good partnership too as they finished 2nd with a time of 1.50.01 just 14 seconds too slow to win. The Tugwell brothers finished 9th in 1.54.55 to ensure the Paragon took the Team race. The Walter Moon '50' had fifteen riders from the Paragon. Fastest of them was Dan Hadfield with 2.9.32, Arthur Sharp was the 2nd best with 2.10.39, Bob Corby 3rd with 2.11.09 and Sid Butcher was fourth fastest with 2.12.15. The Moon Trophy Team was won by the Paragon. The qualifying Team and their handicap times were: - Bob Corby 2.3.09, Dan Hadfield 2.3.32, Gerry Edmunds 2.7.02 and Harry Corby 2.9.37.

On the 7th June Sid Butcher attacked the SRRA Eastbourne & back record with a ride of 4.35.57. The former record holder was Bill Shillibeer, who became an eminent masseur and trainer after his retirement from racing. Sid beat Bill's record by 16 minutes. Johnny Dennis put up an excellent performance in the London Centre Tandem Paced '25' until one of the contending riders took out most of the spokes in John's rear wheel with less than a lap to go! John managed to cross the line in 3rd place but could have been in at the Kill!

Stan Butler went down to Dorset for the Wessex '100' on June 11th and came back with 3rd prize with a ride of 4.32.02. All this was in preparation for a proposed 24hour event. Bob Corby also rode to finish 10th in 4.40.39. The BBAR team rode the Kingsdale '50' and while Vin Callanan came 3rd in 2.6.41 and Pete Kitchiner 5th in 2.8.53 Bernard Brown and Don Corry were unable to finish so all chance of the Team race was lost. The Anerley 2nd class '50' produced some very fast times. Unfortunately it was due to the course being some 3 miles short! R. Lawrence finished in 2.12.57, Bill Arnold in 2.13.13 and Gerry Edmunds in 2.13.34. George Nightingale was our only rider in the Ealing Paragon '30' in which he took 1.13.29 to cover the distance. The Surrey Road Middlemarkers '25' was the better for a Paragon team. Albert Webb finished in 1.7.48, Gerry Morrith in 1.8.08 and one of the Stocking brothers in 1.6.40. The SIXTH time trial that the Paragon had riders competing was the WLCA '50'. Arthur Sharp finished in 2.11.11, Ron Tugwell 2.11.39, Dan Hadfield 2.13.21, Maurice Tugwell 2.16.01 and Terry Dixon in 2.18.04. The first three of the above won the Team race.

The BBAR riders went to the Midlands for the Shirley '50' and whilst being well beaten by Ken Joy (Medway Whs) who won in 2.3.44 the Paragon lads did not entirely disgrace themselves. Vin Callanan came 2nd in 2.6.39, Bernard Brown was 4th in 2.8.28 and Pete Kitchiner made up the team with a 2.13.55 that included time by the side of the road with a puncture. Don Corry also finished in 2.14.32. Crawford did 1.15.56 in the Cambrian Whs '25'. George Nightingale just missed out in the Kingston '25' his 1.0.35 being 29" too slow to win. Pete Dixon finished in 1.5.54 and Maurice Tugwell 1.6.01. We had four riders in the Kent Roads 2nd Class '25'. John Smart was best in 1.4.03, Brian Stocking 1.5.07, Johnny Garland 1.6.56 and Bill Arnold a 1.7. The long distance men rode the De Laune '100' and it proved not to be a good day for riding 100 miles as only 64 of the 100 entries made it to the Finish. Our best man was Sid Butcher, 4.34.12, followed by Stan Butler 4.36.22, and Ron Tugwell 4.42.52. This gave them 3rd Team award.

The Paragon had four riders in the SCCU '50'. It was another nasty day for our riders on June 25th. 150 on the Start Sheet, 41 failed to start and another 24 did not make it to the Finish. The Paragon lads are made of sterner stuff though. Only Dick Hare failed to start. Of the other four Stan Butler did 2.15.20 (with a puncture), Sid Butcher 2.17.40, Ron Tugwell 2.19.17 (with a puncture) and Harry Corby, 2.21.20 (also with a puncture) finished. The Juniors also had a race on the 25th June. Six of them entered, four started but only three finished. Brian Stocking was fastest in 27.00, John Smart 2nd, 27.50 and Jerry Morrith was 3rd in 27.54. Similar conditions must have been found on the south coast, as times were not particularly fast. Don Chamberlain finished in 2.9.13, Dan Hadfield 2.14.37, Don Corry 2.16.27 and Maurice Tugwell 2.18.01. Pride of place for this weekend were the BBAR men in the Highgate '100'.run on the North Road beyond Biggleswade. Vin Callanan was in scintillating form coming home with a new Club Record time of 4.20.26 and 2nd place

in the race. Pete Kitchiner backed up this ride with a 4.28.15 and with Bernard Brown finishing in 4.38.18 the Paragon won the Team race by over 11 minutes.

The Club suffered two major blows during June with the deaths of Harry 'Goss' Green and Jack Carter. Whilst 'Goss' Green had been in poor health since the 1930s the death of Jack Carter was unexpected. Goss Green was a record beaker in his younger days and held many long distance RRA records. Cycling gave him a full-page write-up. Jack came to the Paragon when the Streatham Rovers amalgamated with the Club in 1922. Immediately he took an active part in the running of the Club and participating in all of its activities. He won the Club Championship in 1922 and broke the Club 12 hours record with 205¼ miles. All the detail can be read in the earlier pages of this history. In 1926 he edited the first Paragon Magazine and in 1936 sponsored the Old Paragonians Association. He was one of the stalwarts who kept the Club running during and after the War. In his Honour we have the John Carter Book to keep his name in the forefront of our minds and to give reward to those who have also served the Club with great distinction.

The Catford '24' event was run over the week-end of the 1st and 2nd July. This proved a very good event for the Paragon as Stan Butler won with a new Event, Course and Club Record of 450 miles 1498 yards. He was a mile an hour faster than the 2nd placed man Mick Ayliffe, Clarendon (425 miles 1500 yards) and Dick Hare completed the top three with 422 miles 1383 yards. He also broke the existing Club Record as he finished before Stan did. It was a pity that Sid Butcher was unable to finish, as he 'only' needed to have ridden 401 miles for the Paragon to beat the existing Competition Record.

On the same day Vin Callanan won the Cheltenham '50' in 2.4.44 with Bernard Brown 2nd fastest in 2.4.53 and with Pete Kitchiner not far down with 2.9.16. They collected the Team race by a meagre 14 minutes! George Nightingale was 2nd in the Priory Whs '25' with 1.1.004. Don Chamberlain did 1.2.15 and Pete Dixon 1.4.27. Another Team was in action in the Velma '50'. Arthur Sharp was the best of the bunch with 2.12.27; Dan Hadfield did 2.13.52, Ron Tugwell 2.14.37 and Don Corry 2.15.31. Twelve riders had entered for the Fryco Cup '50' on the Pound Hill course. Fastest of these was Maurice Tugwell with an excellent 2.9.35 on this twisting course. Maurice won by 5.35 from Jerry Morrith, 2.15.10 with Gerry Edmunds 3rd in 2.16.20. Maurice deservedly took the Handicap with a nett time of 2.8.05 from Jerry Morrith, 2.9.10, and Gerry Edmunds, 2.11.20. There is a note in the TT secretary's notebook that this course was, indeed, a mile short but no other detail is vouchsafed.

On the Track John Dennis broke the National Tandem paced ¼ mile Record by a complete second! His time 23.0

Some excellent times were recorded in the Kentish Wheelers '100' on the 9th July. Alf Hill (Kentish Whs) was flying and took control of the race from the start. Hill went through 50 miles in 2.6.15. Vin Callanan was some 3.30 slower in 2nd place in 2.9.45. Bernard Brown was 5th in 2.10.04, Pete Kitchiner 6th in 2.10.54, Ron Tugwell 2.15.57, Harry Corby 2.17.43 and Don Corry 2.18.43. In the second 50 miles only the Paragon riders gained time on Hill who won in 4.19.02. Bernard picked up nearly a minute to finish 2nd with 4.22.10, Vin was 4th with 4.23.01 and Pete Kitchiner 5th on 4.28.06. This ensured the Team race and the fastest 100 miles Team aggregate ever by the Paragon. Ron Tugwell crossed the line in 4.37.12, Don Corry in 4.44.42 and

Harry Corby in 4.46.38. Another Team race was collected in the Folkestone '25'. George Nightingale led our lads home in 1.0.26 with backing from Don Chamberlain with 1.2.26 and Arthur Sharp 1.3.56. In the Bec 2nd Class '25' our riders produced a 1.5.53 from Johnny Garland, a 1.6.55 from Brian Stocking and a 1.7.46 from Bill Arnold. Yet another team went to ride the Basingstoke '25'. Dick Hare was our fastest man in 1.5.13, Maurice Tugwell finished in 1.7.0 and Bert Chapman in 1.7.45.

The Open '50' was run on the 16th July and resulted in a win for Ken Joy (Medway Whs) in 2.3.08. The Paragon did win the Team Race as compensation. Ron Tugwell had the 'honour' of starting No.1 and had a very lonely 2 hours of racing as he finished 5 minutes before anyone else. As a reward he did form part of the winning team with his 2.11.14. It would appear to have been a rather hard day on the Bath Road for even Ken Joy, the winner, took 1.14.28 to get to the 25 miles turn! Stan Butler and Pete Kitchiner never made it. Vin Callanan took 1.19.34 and called it a day on the way back. However, others persevered. Don Chamberlain took 1.16.57, Bernard Brown 1.17.16, Ron Tugwell 1.17.40, Arthur Sharp 1.19.56 and Don Corry 1.21.59. It was not a day for the faint-hearted! Those that had anything left positively flew back to the Pangbourne Lane. It took Ken Joy only 48.40 to cover the 25 miles! Don Chamberlain took 49.33 to make 6th fastest time of 2.6.30. Bernard Brown took 50.29 to complete his 2.7.51. Other Paragon finishing times were Arthur Sharp 2.11.44 and Don Corry 2.13.18. To give some idea of the severity of the wind there were 23 non-finishers. Nearer home none of our riders started the Rodney 2nd Class '50' and the times in the ECCA '100' were those the riders would prefer to forget. Perversely they would be proud of finishing on such a bad day! Ken Cattermole reached the Finish in 5.6.07, Harry Corby 5.17.30, and Gerry Edmunds 5.23.48. Les Ames gave it best before the end.

It was National Championship '100' day on the 23rd July and our Number 1 team went down to the New Forest to see what they could do. What they did was extremely good. As expected Ken Joy (Medway Whs) led from Start to Finish but our lads were not far away. At 25 miles Joy led in 1.7.22 with Vin 2nd at 1.31, Bernard 4th at 2.51 and Pete 8th at 3.48. He gradually increased his lead until at 50 miles, completed in 2.8.02, he was 3.46 up on Vin. Bernard was still in 4th place but by then 5.57 in arrears and Pete was now 8.48 back but still in 8th place. Onto 75 miles and Joy continued his thrashing of the field by passing the Timekeeper in 3.14.55. Vin had lost his 2nd place to Ken Whitmarsh (Southampton Whs) and was now 3rd at 5.50. Bernard was still 4th at 7.42 and Pete was equal 7th at 11.50. At the Finish Ken Joy passed the Timekeeper in 4.18.22 to win by 3.15 from Whitmarsh. Vin held onto 3rd place but had lost a lot more time to finish in 4.26.54. Bernard had lost a place and was 5th in 4.30.38 and Pete had also lost places to finish 9th in 4.35.09. However all was not doom and gloom as the Paragon had won the Team race by 27.37!

On Surrey and Sussex roads it was Goss Green '100' day held in conjunction with the SCCU '100' and eight riders faced the Timekeeper and all finished with 5 hours. Sid Butcher won in 4.41.19 holding off the challenge of Dan Hatfield, 4.42.30, by just over a minute. In 3rd place was Dick Hare in 4.48.38. The Handicap was taken by R Knight his 35' allowance gave him a 4.22.16. Dan Hadfield was 2nd with 4.25.30 and Gerry Edmunds 3rd with 4.28.43. Unfortunately we do not have the full SCCU result to tell you where our riders finished in the main event. The short distance men rode the Bellingham '25' and George Nightingale was our fastest in 1.1.16. Don

Chamberlain finished in 1.2.11, Arthur Sharp in 1.4.23 and Pete Dixon in 1.5.41. No awards are noted.

Stan Butler rode the National 24 hour Championship down in Wessex over the weekend of the 29th/30th July and in spite of pouring rain and delays caused by broken handlebars completed 458 ¼ miles to win his first National Championship. A first 100 miles covered in 4.41.00 set the scene and although Eddie Munday (Addiscombe) closed on him towards the end Stan still had 2½ miles in hand at the when they ran out of time. This distance was also Competition Record as well as a new Club Record. The Scratch '25' on the 30th July was held on the Pound Hill course and was won by George Nightingale in 1.2.26 by exactly 2 minutes from Dan Hadfield, 1.4.26, and Sid Butcher was another exact minute behind in 3rd place with 1.5.26. We had five finishers in the Belle Vue '50' out on the Bath Road. Vin Callanan was 5th in 2.5.03 leading home Don Chamberlain, 2.7.16, Pete Kitchiner 2.11.17, Arthur Sharp 2.12.30 and Ron Tugwell 2.13.15 for 3rd place in the Team awards. In the Becontree Middlemarkers '25' Peter Bryant did 1.6.46, Dudley 1.7.31 and F Crawford 1.9.15.

The 6th August saw two teams in action. One team rode the Camberley Middlemarkers '25' and they were Ken Cattermole, 1.5.49, Taylor 1.9.01 and Les Ames 1.10.24. The other team rode the Gainsford '50'. Don Chamberlain finished in 2.6.40, Ron Tugwell 2.11.17, Arthur Sharp 2.11.32, George Nightingale 2.13.12, Sid Butcher 2.14.04 and Bert Chapman 2.14.06. No awards are mentioned in the Archives.

The Bank Holiday Monday was Bath Road '100' day and until the authorities installed traffic lights everywhere and the Government moved the Bank Holiday to the end of August this event was THE '100' miles race of the year. Never mind the National '100' it was the Bath Road Cup that everyone who was anyone had to win. Competition was fast and furious. The contrast can be explained by studying Start and Result cards. The National Championship had 60 entries the Bath Road selected their best 100. The last man in the Bath Road event (actually 77th) would have finished 30th in the National.

This year, according to the Result Sheet, was slightly different. Instead of the usual list of turn times at 23 miles and 73 miles they are given as 30 miles and 80 miles. As far as we know the course was the same so this may need a little more research.

Getting down to the action, the fastest to the first time check was Ken Joy in 1.14.25. Our lads were well back Bernard Brown was in 15th place at 3.20, Pete Kitchiner 17th at 3.50 and Vin Callanan 21st at 3.56. Returning to the Bath Road Ken Joy went through '50' miles in 2.3.55, 1.08 faster than his nearest rival Vic Gibbons (Brentwood). Our lads had moved up a bit coming through in 13th spot was Bernard in 2.8.09, Vin was 17th in 2.9.0 but Pete had dropped a place or two being 23rd in 2.10.18. At the 80 miles point Joy (3.25.0) had been overhauled by Gibbons (3.23.20) and Willmott (Midland) (3.24.43). Vin had come through to 5th place in 3.28.45, Pete was 11th in 3.31.27 but Bernard had had trouble and was back in 19th place with 3.33.20. It was Willmott who came out on top with an outstanding 4.12.22 to beat Gibbons by 27" with Joy 3rd in 4.13.34. Although Vin dropped a couple of places to 7th over the final miles his 4.18.06 set a new Club record. Pete Kitchiner crossed the line in 15th place with 4.22.54 whilst Bernard struggled to finish in 4.26.09 for 30th

place. Forty-three riders beat 4.30.0 - a time that could, in 1950, win most 100 miles races around the country, and the slowest finisher took 4.51.56.

Next week was the South Eastern RC 12 hours event. Seven Paragon riders had entered but for various reasons, Callanan, Kitchiner and Knight retired leaving Bernard Brown to lead the Team. Bernard Brown started well and was in touch with the leader, and eventual winner, Alf Hill (Kentish Whs) until 130 miles after which he gradually dropped back. Bernard finished 5th with 240 miles 256 yards, Sid Butcher was our next best in 9th place (238 miles 1001 yards), Harry Corby was 10th with 235 miles 1154 yards and Ron Tugwell 41st with 220 miles 1600 yards. Unfortunately these efforts were only good enough for 2nd Team. In another part of the country Dan Hadfield finished the Dragon '50' with 2.9.22. Then in the New Forest we had a team in the Bournemouth Arrow '50'. Times were Don Chamberlain 2.9.52, Arthur Sharp 2.11.02, Dick Hare 2.13.10 and Bob Corby 2.17.20.

The 20th August was notable for another Team race and three events where the Club had only two finishers. On each occasion the third man would have only had to do a modest time for the Paragon to collect a further Team award! Such is life! The Team award was won in the SCCU '100'. Dan Hadfield, 4.37.32, Harry Corby, 4.38.03, and Sid Butcher, 4.42.38 collected the Team race. Other Paragon times were R Knight 4.51.13, Gerry Edmunds 4.51.52, Maurice Tugwell 4.58.07 and Lawrence 5.9.50. The other events were the Westerley '100' where Pete Kitchiner did 4.31.17 and Dick Hare 4.43.20. The Farnborough '25' where Don Chamberlain finished in 1.1.30 and Arthur Sharp 1.3.50 and the third was the Aylesbury '25' where Vin Callanan did 1.3.13 and Ron Tugwell 1.4.20.

Another Junior '15' was held on the 27th August. This time it was Ken Garbutt in first place with a 36,53 ride. Brian Stocking was 2nd in 39.14 and John Smart 3rd in 40.11. A team went to the Ealing Manor '25' and a fine ride and a personal best by Dick Hare of 1.2.10 won him 1st handicap. Bert Chapman did 1.4.25 and Maurice Tugwell 1.4.35. Three more riders ventured into Essex for the Colchester '25'. Bob Corby was best of them with 1.5.05, Pete Dixon recorded 1.6.41 and Bill Arnold 1.12.21 including 3 minutes late start. Les Ames finished in 1.10.13 in the Portsmouth Longmarkers '25'. Moving up a distance there were two 30 miles races that week-end. Gerry Edmunds did 1.30.29 in the Upper Holloway event. George Nightingale recorded 1.12.52 in the Redmon '30'. Arthur Sharp did 1.16.29 and Dan Hadfield 1.17.09. Going up again the Club had two teams riding 50-mile events. Those in the NCU Private Members '50' were Ken Cattermole, 2.17.19, Gerry Morrith 2.19.09 and Lawrence 2.30.08. The others went north for the Clifton '50' looking for fast times but, as usually happens, not getting them. Pete Kitchiner was best in 9th place with 2.10.33; Vin Callanan was 19th in 2.12.40 and Ron Tugwell 23rd in 2.12.59.

The 3rd September was the day of the National 12 hours Championship promoted by the Midlands C & AC. Five Paragonians were accepted for the event and four of them started. Vin Callanan was the best of the four. He never really got into the fight for the lead but maintained a 5th/6th spot throughout the race eventually finishing with 248 miles 1468 yards for 5th over 10 miles behind Ken Joy. Pete Kitchiner kept going and ran out time with 241 miles 1266 yards for 13th place. Dick Hare also persevered to finish with 233 miles 1293 yards and 29th place. Harry Corby was our other finisher with 229 miles 739 yards for 41st place. The reward came afterwards when it was realised that the Paragon were National Team Champions amassing 724 miles

507 yards. Down south we had four riders in the Redhill '50'. Arthur Sharp did 2.10.45, Ron Tugwell 2.11.05, Bert Chapman 2.14.48 and Dan Hadfield 2.11.05. Gerry Edmunds was our only finisher in the Regent '50' with 2.22.52. The shorter distance men went to Alton for their Open '30'. Don Chamberlain returned to the Timekeeper in 1.13.48, Pete Dixon 1.17.55 and Maurice Tugwell 1.19.32.

There were twelve entries and twelve starters for the Rotherham Cup on the 27th September and nine of them ran out time. Stan Butler rode the furthest with 239.13 miles. Harry Corby came 2nd in 234.89 miles and Dan Hadfield 3rd with 232.59 miles. Harry also took the Handicap with 240.89 miles from R Lawrence, 239.83 and Maurice Tugwell 3rd with 238.74. This was also the day of the Middlesex Clarion Tandem '30' and our two fast men Don Chamberlain and George Nightingale paired up and scorched to a new Club Record in 1.3.44. The Stocking brothers, Brian and Tony, finished the race in 1.7.26 whilst John Garland and John Smart did a 1.13. The only other racer that weekend was Vin Callanan who came 6th in the 29th Wheelers '25' with a 1.1.23.

The 17th September, 1950 was not a good day for racing. No Paragon rider finished the Upton Manor Tandem '30', no riders finished the Mephisto '25', only Harry Corby, 4.59.34, and Gerry Edmunds, 5.8.19, finished the Solent '100'. The bright spot of the day was the Addiscombe '50'. Leaving aside the fact that 26 riders elected not to start and another 24 failed to complete the course Vin Callanan came in 1st. His ride of 2.10.40 was well below his best and he only beat the promoting club's Johnny Smith by 10 seconds but it was still a win! Arthur Sharp was our second rider with 2.14.55, Pete Kitchiner 2.17.27 with a puncture and Stan Butler 2.20.02 also including stoppage time for a puncture. Just to do justice for the day, especially as it was an Addiscombe event, the Paragon won the Team race by 1.05 from the Addiscombe. This was a sweet, double victory against the old enemy!

Messrs Chamberlain and Nightingale were in action again in the Old Portlians Tandem '30'. Whilst not producing such a fast time they did enough in their 1.5.03 time to win the race. Ron and Maurice Tugwell finished in 1.7.39. Down on the flats the Bognor held their '25'. Arthur Sharp was our best rider with 1.5.26; Ken Cattermole did 1.8.08 and Pete Dixon 1.11.13. Vin Callanan attacked the SRRA '100' record and broke it with a new Record Time of 4.33.42.

The Mayne Cup was held on the 1st October with 29 entries but only 16 starters. It would not appear to have been a good day. Ron Stretton had fastest time with a 1.4.13 beating Don Chamberlain by 13". Some way back Dan Hadfield finished with a 1.7.31 leading Harry Corby, Sid Butcher and Brian Stocking all of whom finished with 1.7s. Man of the Day was P le Bihan who had been given 10 minutes by the handicapper and promptly produced a 1.8.34 ride to give him an unassailable 58.34 on handicap. In 2nd place was Sid Butcher, 1.1.46 and 3rd Ron Stretton 1.3.43. After the superb handicapping in the 1949 event this was a definite 'after the Lord Mayor's Show' effort. Len Case went off to on his own to ride the WLCA '25' and did a 1.10.

Club Time Trial Results

	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Medium Gear				
28	Entries	12.3.50				
27	Starters					
24	Finishers					
1	Stretton R	1.06.47	1	Stretton R	2.00	1.04.47
2	Jeffries M	1.07.46	2	Hadfield D	4.15	1.04.48
3	Chapman H	1.08.23	3	Cattermole K	5.00	1.05.11
4	Hadfield D	1.09.03	4	Doe E	3.15	1.05.56
5	Doe E	1.09.11	5	Lawrence R	5.00	1.06.02
6	Grabutt	1.09.47	6	Edmunds G	7.00	1.06.14
7	Cooke J	1.09.49	7	Croft R	4.30	1.06.33
8	Cattermole K	1.10.11	8	Taylor G	5.30	1.06.37
9	Garland J	1.10.43	9	Cooke J	3.00	1.06.49
10	Lawrence R	1.11.02	10	Knight R	6.30	1.06.49
11	Croft R	1.11.03	11	Chapman H	1.30	1.06.53
12	Corby H	1.11.41	12	Barclay J	5.30	1.06.55
13	Dixon P	1.11.43	13	Cattermole E	5.00	1.07.04
14	Cattermole E	1.12.04	14	Morrith J	5.00	1.07.21
15	Taylor G	1.12.07	15	Jeffries M	Scratch	1.07.46
16	Morrith J	1.12.21	16	Grabutt	1.00	1.08.47
17	Barclay J	1.12.25	17	Stocking A	4.00	1.08.51
18	Stocking A	1.12.51	18	Dixon P	2.45	1.08.58
19	Edmunds G	1.13.14	19	Corby H	2.30	1.09.11
20	Hare R	1.13.18	20	Pothercary L	6.15	1.09.22
21	Knight R	1.13.19	21	Taylor J	5.30	1.09.26
22	Arnold W	1.14.55	22	Arnold W	5.00	1.09.55
23	Taylor J	1.14.56	23	Hare R	2.00	1.11.18
24	Pothercary L	1.15.37		Garland J		T.T.
	Scratch Result	10 Scr				
		Junior				
7	Entries	2.4.50				
7	Starters					
7	Finishers					
1	Garbutt K		26.28			
2	Stocking B		28.05			
3	Webb A		28.43			
4	Smart J		28.54			
5	Morrith J		29.07			
6	Ingle R		29.58			
7	Le Bihan P		30.36			
	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		23.4.50				
38	Entries					
35	Starters					
34	Finishers					
1	Jeffries M	1.02.31	1	Webb A	9.30	0.57.38
2	Kitchiner P	1.03.48	2	Morrith J	8.30	0.59.14
3	Hare R	1.03.58	3	Hadfield D	4.30	1.00.50
4	Sharp A	1.04.26	4	Croft R	4.45	1.00.53
5	Corry D	1.04.33	5	Stocking B	6.45	1.01.06

6	Hadfield D	1.05.20	6	Smart J	6.45	1.01.30
7	Butcher S	1.05.31	7	Jeffries M	1.00	1.01.31
8	Croft R	1.05.38	8	Cattermole K	6.15	1.01.31
9	Doe E	1.05.46	9	Lawrence R	5.00	1.01.58
10	Chapman H	1.05.55	10	Doe E	3.45	1.02.01
11	Butler SM	1.06.03	11	Hare R	1.45	1.02.13
12	Corby H	1.06.10	12	Corry D	2.15	1.02.18
13	Corby R	1.06.31	13	Edmunds G	8.00	1.02.39
14	Lawrence R	1.06.58	14	Butcher S	2.30	1.03.01
15	Webb A	1.07.08	15	Corby R	3.30	1.03.01
16	Morrith J	1.07.44	16	Ingle R	7.30	1.03.07
17	Cattermole K	1.07.46	17	Corby H	3.00	1.03.10
18	Stocking B	1.07.51	18	Chapman H	2.30	1.03.25
19	Dixon P	1.07.55	19	Case L	6.30	1.03.31
20	Smart J	1.08.15	20	Sharp A	0.45	1.03.41
21	Arnold W	1.08.43	21	Kitchiner P	Scratch	1.03.48
22	Vallack J	1.09.24	22	Bullough S	6.00	1.04.05
23	Case L	1.10.01	23	Arnold W	4.30	1.04.13
24	Bullough S	1.10.05	24	Bissell J	6.00	1.04.13
25	Bissell J	1.10.13	25	Sisley F	6.45	1.04.38
26	Ingle R	1.10.37	26	Butler SM	1.15	1.04.48
27	Edmunds G	1.10.39	27	Dixon P	3.00	1.04.55
28	Sisley F	1.11.23	28	Bryant P	6.30	1.04.59
29	Bryant P	1.11.29	29	Vallack J	4.00	1.05.24
30	Crawford F	1.11.31	30	Lambeth S	6.30	1.06.25
31	Diplo J	1.12.51	31	Crawford F	5.00	1.06.31
32	Lambeth S	1.12.55	32	Hill A	12.00	1.06.58
33	Smith F	1.14.34	33	Smith F	6.00	1.08.34
34	Hill A	1.18.58	34	Diplo J	3.00	1.09.51
	Scratch Result	30 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Dave London Trophy				
24	Entries	14.5.50				
21	Starters					
20	Finishers					
1	Hare R	1.18.29	1	Hadfield D	4.30	1.15.18
2	Hadfield D	1.19.48	2	Croft R	4.30	1.15.53
3	Croft R	1.20.23	3	Stocking A	5.00	1.16.28
4	Chapman H	1.20.27	4	Hare R	2.00	1.16.29
5	Butcher S	1.21.18	5	Tugwell M	4.00	1.17.26
6	Tugwell M	1.21.26	6	Chapman H	3.00	1.17.27
7	Stocking A	1.21.28	7	Edmunds G	9.00	1.17.43
8	Nightingale G	1.21.53	8	Vallack J	5.00	1.17.59
9	Lawrence R	1.23.21	9	Butcher S	3.00	1.18.18
10	Vallack J	1.23.29	10	Lawrence R	5.30	1.18.21
11	Corby H	1.23.56	11	Smart J	6.30	1.18.37
12	Webb A	1.24.14	12	Webb A	5.15	1.18.59
13	Smart J	1.25.07	13	Morrith J	6.00	1.19.09
14	Morrith J	1.25.09	14	Corby H	4.00	1.19.56
15	Edmunds G	1.26.43	15	Sisley F	7.30	1.20.07
16	Sisley F	1.27.37	16	Nightingale G	Scratch	1.21.53
17	Stocking B	1.29.16	17	Stocking B	6.00	1.23.16
18	Bryant P	1.32.40	18	Bryant P	8.30	1.24.10
19	Glover D	1.35.35	19	Hill A	12.00	1.25.06
20	Hill A	1.37.06	20	Glover D	9.30	1.26.05

	Scratch Result	15 Scr			
		Junior			
8	Entries	20.5.50			
4	Starters				
3	Finishers				
1	Stocking B	38.50			
2	Morrith J	41.06			
3	Smart J	43.45			
	Scratch Result	50 h/c		Handicap Result	
		Moon Trophy			
15	Entries				
15	Starters				
15	Finishers				
1	Hadfield D	2.09.32	Corby R	8.00	2.03.09
2	Sharp A	2.10.39	Hadfield D	6.00	2.03.32
3	Corby R	2.11.09	Edmunds G	13.15	2.07.02
4	Butcher S	2.12.15	Corby H	5.15	2.09.37
5	Butler SM	2.13.10			
6	Corry D	2.13.20	Winning Team		
7	Corby H	2.14.52			
8	Dixon P	2.17.42			
9	Vallack J	2.18.30			
10	Cattermole H	2.20.04			
11	Edmunds G	2.20.17			
12	Morrith J	2.22.55			
13	Arnold W	2.23.10			
14	Ames L	2.23.56			
15	Sisley F	2.30.42			
	Scratch Result	10 Scr			
		Junior			
6	Entries	25.6.50			
4	Starters				
3	Finishers				
1	Stocking B	27.00			
2	Smart J	27.50			
3	Morrith J	27.54			
	Scratch Result	50 h/c		Handicap Result	
		Fryco Cup			
12	Entries	2.7.50			
10	Starters				
9	Finishers				
1	Tugwell M	2.09.35	1 Tugwell M	1.30	2.08.05
2	Morrith J	2.15.10	2 Morrith J	6.00	2.09.10
3	Edmunds G	2.16.20	3 Edmunds G	5.00	2.11.20
4	Knight R	2.21.27	4 Dudley K	8.00	2.13.52
5	Dudley K	2.21.52	5 Knight R	7.00	2.14.27
6	Stocking A	2.22.14	6 Sisley F	8.30	2.14.56
7	Arnold W	2.23.25	7 Stocking A	5.00	2.17.14
8	Sisley F	2.23.26	8 Arnold W	5.00	2.18.25
9	Stocking B	2.40.50	9 Stocking B	5.00	2.31.50

	Scratch Result	100 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Goss Green Cup				
8	Entries	23.7.50				
8	Starters					
8	Finishers					
1	Butcher S	4.41.19	1	Knight R	35.00	4.22.16
2	Hadfield D	4.42.30	2	Hadfield D	17.00	4.25.30
3	Hare R	4.48.38	3	Edmunds G	29.00	4.28.43
4	Tugwell R	4.55.38	4	Butcher S	12.00	4.29.19
5	Knight R	4.57.16	5	Hare R	17.00	4.31.38
6	Tugwell M	4.57.22	6	Tugwell M	18.00	4.35.22.
7	Corby H	4.57.38	7	Corby H	18.00	4.35.38
8	Edmunds G	4.57.43	8	Tugwell R	13.00	4.42.38
	Scratch Result	25 Scr				
		30.7.50				
20	Entries					
19	Starters					
19	Finishers					
1	Nightingale G	1.02.26				
2	Hadfield D	1.04.26				
3	Butcher S	1.05.26				
4	Dixon P	1.05.48				
5	Chapman H	1.06.07				
6	Corby R	1.06.37				
7	Tugwell M	1.06.46				
8	Morritt J	1.07.24				
9	Scapes A	1.07.54				
10	Taylor J	1.07.55				
11	Case L	1.08.32				
12	Edmunds G	1.08.43				
13	Arnold W	1.08.53				
14	Cattermole K	1.08.59				
15	Webb A	1.09.26				
16	Shepperd WR	1.09.37				
17	Knight R	1.12.12				
18	Lawrence R	1.12.30				
19	Sisley F	1.13.31				
	Scratch Result	15 Scr				
		Junior				
4	Entries	27.8.50				
4	Starters					
4	Finishers					
1	Garbutt K				36.53	
2	Stocking B				39.14	
3	Smart J				40.11	
4	Fishwick A				47.35	

	Scratch Result	12 hours h/c		Handicap Result		
		Rotherham Cup				
12	Entries	27.9.50				
12	Starters					
9	Finishers					
1	Butler SM	238.13	1	Corby H	6.00	240.89
2	Corby H	234.89	2	Lawrence R	23.00	239.83
3	Hadfield D	232.59	3	Tugwell M	19.00	238.74
4	Tugwell R	226.09	4	Ames L	24.00	238.39
5	Tugwell M	219.74	5	Tugwell R	12.00	238.09
6	Cattermole K	218.57	6	Hadfield D	5.00	237.59
7	Lawrence R	216.83	7	Cattermole K	19.00	237.57
8	Ames L	214.39	8	Cattermole E	20.00	226.74
9	Cattermole E	206.74		Butler SM		T.T.
	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		1.10.50		Mayne Cup		
29	Entries					
16	Starters					
12	Finishers					
1	Stretton R	1.04.13	1	Le Bihan P	10.00	0.58.34
2	Chamberlain D	1.04.26	2	Butcher S	6.00	1.01.46
3	Hadfield D	1.07.31	3	Stretton R	0.30	1.03.43
4	Corby H	1.07.35	4	Smith F	10.00	1.03.50
5	Butcher S	1.07.46	5	Corby H	3.34	1.04.05
6	Stocking B	1.07.56	6	Stocking B	3.45	1.04.11
7	Le Bihan P	1.08.34	7	Edmunds G	6.15	1.04.19
8	Smart J	1.09.20	8	Chamberlain D	Scratch	1.04.26
9	Edmunds G	1.10.34	9	Bullough S	7.00	1.04.34
10	Bullough S	1.11.34	10	Hadfield D	2.15	1.05.16
11	Smith F	1.13.50	11	Smart J	3.00	1.06.20
12	Pothercary L	1.23.15	12	Pothercary L	7.00	1.16.15