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Don Chamberlain opened the 1951 season with a blast in the SCCU '25 with a 1.7.56. On the same day a team rode in the South London Medium Gear '25'. Ron Stretton recorded 1.6.38, Maurice Jeffries 1.7.54, John Dennis 1.8.38 and Dan Hadfield 1.9.42. No awards are mentioned.

The Club Events season started on an absolutely foul day on 11th March. Although thirty riders had entered only 12 decided it was worth going down to the start and eleven of these heroes finished. To take nothing away from those riders the best three racers still collected the first three places. Ron Stretton won in 1.6.51 with Maurice Jeffries 2nd in 1.7.10 and John Cooke was 3rd in 1.8.35. However it was John Barclay that took the handicap with 1.4.16, from his 1.10.31, with John Cooke 2nd, 1.5.20 and Maurice Jeffries 3rd in 1.6.25. Don Chamberlain went off on his own again to ride the Worthing Excelsior Medium Gear '25' where he finished with a 1.6.08.

Three teams were in action on the 18th March. The first went off to Essex for the Forest '25'. In this Bob Corby did a 1.7.59, Dan Hadfield 1 1.9.33 and Harry Corby a 1.12.32. Those that went to Kent did not do so well as the courses are generally harder. Dick Hare managed a 1.10.0 in the Dartford Whs Medium Gear '25' with Parker doing a 1.11.03 and Pete Dixon 1.11.08. It was also the day for our beginners to try out their racing wings. Alan Baxendine was and was not our fastest rider. He did an actual 1.8.31 but lost 1.35 at the Start so had an official 1.10.06. A Morrison finished in 1.9.21 and John Carter, son of Jack, 1.13.21.

Easter came on the 25th March and being early was not conducive to fast riding. Bob Corby got round in 2.17.49, Dan Hadfield 2.20.48 and Harry Corby 2.26.08. These, apparently, were the only roadmen in action over the holiday.

April Fools Day was also the Apollo Middlemarkers '25'. Ken Cattermole just beat Bob Corby with a 1.6.24 to Bob's 1.6.26. John Garland did a more leisurely 1.12 .53.

The first Individual and Team successes of the year came in the Delta Middlemarkers '25'. Bob Shepperd was fastest rider with a 1.7.25 and backing him was E Cattermole, 1.11.49, and Pete Wall, 1.12.21. These times were sufficient to take the Team race. We only had two finishers in the SCCU '25' where Johnny Barclay did a 1.7 and P Buckland a 1.9. A third team went to the Midlands to ride the Birmingham Crescent Whs '25'. Dick Hare finished in 1.7.19, Dan Hadfield 1.8.15 and Pete Dixon 1.8.23.

The Juniors got in next with a 10 miles time trial on the 14th April. D Paine was the clear winner in 26.20 from Alan Baxendine 2nd in 28.12 and John Carter 3rd in 28.19. The following morning another superb entry had been received for the Jim Fox '25' with 44 riders on the Start Sheet. Thirty-seven of them met the Start Timekeeper and all reached the Finish. This week it was Vin Callanan's turn to win in 1.3.33 beating Maurice Jeffries by 26 seconds with Pete Kitchiner a little further back with a 1.4.13 for 3rd place. The handicap was a very close run thing with four riders within 27 seconds of each other. J Smith was best with 1.0.16 from Bob Shepperd, 1.0.35, J Salmon 1.0.40 and S Bullough 4th in 1.0.40. Don Chamberlain again went off by himself to ride the Ealing Manor '25' in which he finished with a 1.4.

It was University Tandem '30' day on the 22nd April and the Paragon had a Team competing. It could not have been an easy day as Don Chamberlain and George Nightingale 'only' did a 1.7.11 against the winner's 1.5.14. The brothers Tugwell completed their ride in 1.10.36. The rest of the time trial riders were endeavouring to complete the SCCU '50' in the Crawley Horsham area. Times recorded were Vin Callanan 4th place in 2.12.59, Dan Hadfield 2.14.27, Pete Kitchiner 2.14.54, Bob Corby 2.16.32, Arthur Sharp 2.16.35, Bernard Brown 2.17.27, Sid Butcher 2.18.16, Ken Cattermole 2.22.01, Stan Butler 2.22.10, Harry Corby 2.23.24, R Parker 2.24.23, John Diplo 2.32.01, John Vallack 2.32.59. It would appear that no prizes were won.

The Juniors had a '15' on the 29th April and a very close finish from the seven riders. Alec Morrison was fastest in 41.43; Alan Baxendine was 2nd in 41.54 and Pete Wall 3rd in 41.58. The '25' milers went into Essex for the Victoria event. Unfortunately they were some way short of the winning time of 1.1.1 by Bentley (Crescent). George Nightingale was our fastest in 1.4.14 followed by Don Chamberlain, 1.5.08, Ron Tugwell, 1.5.49, and Arthur Sharp 1.6.18 (including 19 seconds lost at the Start). Eight racers went down to Ringwood to ride the Wessex '50' and six of them made it to the Finish Timekeeper. Vin Callanan was our best man 10th in 2.9.01 followed by Dick Hare, 16th in 2.10.30, Pete Kitchiner 20th in 2.11.23, 24th Bert Chapman 2.14.49, 25th Dan Hadfield 2.14.40 and 57th Stan Butler 2.17.20. This gave the Club 3rd fastest team.

Five teams were in action on the 6th May. Starting with the Clarence 2nd class '25' Ken Cattermole did an excellent 1.5.25 but John Barclay failed to start and Bob Shepperd had a 14 minutes late start in his 1.20.42. Also south of the river was the Catford '50' in which the Paragon had seven riders. Times were Vin Callanan 4th in 2.12.07, Pete Kitchiner 2.13.12, Arthur Sharp 2.14.27, Bernard Brown 2.15.04, Dan Hatfield 2.16.39, Don Corry 2.19.43 and Ron Tugwell 2.23.47 (with 1.20 late start). The Club were 3rd team behind the Addiscombe. North of the river the Club had two finishers in the Brentwood '25'. George Nightingale did a 1.4.14 and Pete Dixon 1.13.36. In the Luton Whs '25' we had Bill Arnold on 1.10.55, Len Case 1.12.27 and Gerry Edmunds 1.12.55. The fifth event was the Bon Amis '50' where another six Paragonians returned safely to the Timekeeper. They were Dick Hare 2.14.13, Bert Chapman 2.14.41, Sid Butcher 2.15.08, Stan Butler 2.16.27, Harry Corby 2.17.09 and Maurice Tugwell a 2.22.

A close finish in the Dave London '30' on 13th May saw Bernard Brown coming home with a 1.18.01 to win but just behind him were Peter Dixon with 1.18.34, Bert Chapman 1.18.50 and in fourth place Bob Shepherd with 1.19.00. If the Scratch result was close so was the handicap. Peter Dixon claimed first handicap with 1.17.04 holding off Bill Arnold, 1.17.29, Gerry Edmunds with 1.17.33, Bert Chapman with 1.17.50 and Bob Shepperd 1.18.00. In Open Competition it was time for the first 100 miles events of the season and some success for the Paragon. The Calleva '100' had two Paragon finishers with Dick Hare completing the course in 4.46.30 and Harry Corby 4.52.30. Shorter distance men went of to Essex for the Goodmayes '50' where Vin Callanan was fastest Paragon and 4th, again, with 2.10.45 and Arthur Sharp pipped Ron Tugwell 2.18.08 to 2.18.40 for 41st. George Nightingale rode the Farnham '25' and finished in 1.3.14 whilst Bob Corby did 1.4.23 to also collect 3rd on handicap.

On the Whit-Monday and on a hard morning when 37 riders failed to record a time Stan Butler was 2nd in the University '100' with 4.46.14. It was a very closely fought race as can be shown by the fact that Pete Kitchiner was 7th in 4.48.12 and Sid Butcher 8th in 4.48.56. However the Paragon collected the Team race.

The Juniors had another '10 on the 20th May and this one was won by John D Pocock in 28.28 from Alan Baxendine 28.44 and D Paine 28.54. John Pocock also collected the Handicap prize with 26.28; Alan Baxendine was 2nd in 27.44 and Alec Morrison 3rd in 28.05. (This John Pocock was the one whose name you can now see on the list of Presidents of the Club but that did not happen until some years later!) Elsewhere it was another busy day for the Paragon with, again, teams in five events. In the Finsbury Park 2nd Class '50' R Lawrence was close to the winner with a 2.18.15 only 2 minutes slower. Jerry Morrit finished in 2.22.15 and E Cattermole 2.24.17. Five riders went for the Kingston Hilly 73 and it was Vin Callanan who produced the fastest ride of the day to win in 3.11.30 by just 25". Backing Vin were Bernard Brown in 5th place with 3.13.51, Ron Tugwell 3.17.22, Arthur Sharp 3.21.26 and Dan Hadfield 3.24.19 (with a puncture). Messrs Callanan, Brown and Tugwell also collected the Team award. On the Bath Road was the Yiewsley '50' where our men were nowhere near the 'frame'. Stan Butler was our fastest with 2.13.45 some 13 minutes slower than the winner, Vic Gibbons (Brentwood). Don Corry finished in 2.18.04 and Maurice Tugwell 2.23.48 (with a puncture). Three riders tried the ECCA '30'. Bob Shepperd finished in 1.20.20, Bill Arnold in 1.23.31 and Bob Corby 1.27.56. On the Brighton Road Dick Hare turned in an excellent ride to be faster than George Nightingale in the De Laune '25'. His 1.2.18 beat George's 1.3.04 as well as Bert Chapman's 1.6.04 (1.22 late start).

It was not a particularly good day for the Paragon in the SCCU '100' on the 27th May. Ten riders were down to ride. Two failed to finish, three punctured and another lost 7.34 at the Start! Vin Callanan was our fastest rider finishing in 2nd place with 4.30.31 then came Stan Butler 8th in 4.39.30, Arthur Sharp 4.43.42, Dan Hadfield 4.48.48 (puncture), Bob Corby 4.50.18 (lost 7.34), Sid Butcher 4.51.38 (puncture), Ron Tugwell 4.56.56 (puncture) and Dick Hare 5.3.43. Forty five of the 105 entrants failed to record a time! Two riders finished the Rapier '25'. These were Pete Dixon 1.5.46 and Bob Corby 1.10.30. Another two rode the Dartford 2nd Class '50' and Bob Shepperd was rewarded with a 2.16.06 that enabled him to take home 2nd place and 3rd handicap awards. Jerry Morrit was the other finisher in 2.39.17. Yet another team rode the Bec 2nd class '25' on the Pound Hill Course. Bill Arnold led the Paragon riders with 1.6.31 followed by R Lawrence 1.7.57, Taylor 1.9.42 and Scopes 1.14.42.

On a cold, damp, misty morning eighteen Paragon riders rode down for the Walter Moon '50'. The fastest of whom was Don Chamberlain with a 2.10.28. Harry Corby came 2nd in 2.12.52 and Peter Dixon 3rd in 2.13.53. The handicap as far as the Paragon was concerned went to Jack Taylor with 2.2.25. Harry Corby was 2nd with 2.3.07, Peter Dixon 3rd in 2.4.53 and Jerry Morritt 4th in 2.6.26. In the Event proper our Handicap Team was Ken Cattermole, Pete Dixon, Jack Taylor and Harry Corby who collected 2nd Team award beaten by 3.07 by the Addiscombe. .

Another Team race came our way in the Wessex '100'. Vin Callanan was our best rider in 4th place with a 4.26.09 ride that included a puncture! Bernard Brown was 7th with 4.29.23, Stan Butler 13th in 4.33.0 and Dick Hare 30th in 4.41.27. Shortening the

distance we had a team in the Brighton Mitre '50' led by Don Chamberlain in 2.11.51. Backing him were Arthur Sharp, 2.14.34 and Dan Hadfield 2.15.14 but no prizes were taken. George Nightingale, 1.1.14, and Bob Shepperd, (1.2.00) were well to the fore in the Cambrian '25' but, again, no prizes were collected. Three more racers took part in the Anerley 2nd Class '25' and they were Jack Taylor 1.7.18, Gerry Edmunds 1.10.12 and Len Case 1.11.23.

Looking for fast times the racing men went to the Midlands for the Shirley '50'. As usual in these scramblings for rapid races no one told Mother Nature. On the day over a quarter of the field elected not to start. Vin Callanan came 9th with 2.9.01, Pete Kitchiner 22nd in 2.12.46 and Dan Hadfield 38th in 2.15.15. Three more went to the New Forest for the Gosport '50' where Dick Hare was fastest in 2.11.41 followed by Stan Butler, 2.12.41 and Maurice Tugwell 2.18.41. A third team went to Essex for the Shaftesbury '50' where Harry Corby surprised everyone with a 2.12.55 in front of Arthur Sharp, 2.13.07 and George Nightingale, in the very unusual position as third counter, with 2.16.45. Yet another trio went for a '50' in the NCU Private Members event. Ken Cattermole was quickest in 2.21.37; his brother E did 2.26.50 and R Lawrence 2.32.25. Fifty miles being the order of the day Edwards rode the Slough 2nd class '50' in 2.14.18. The only short distance men left went to the Kent RC '25'. They packed extremely well Scopes did 1.9.14, Len Case 1.9.52 and Pryce 1.9.54. All that action and not a single prize to be found!

Goss Green day was the 24th June and eleven names were down for the ride. Ten started and nine finished with Ken Cattermole finishing with the fastest time, and a personal best, of 4.44.38. Bob Shepperd took 2nd place with 4.49.30 and Dick Hare was 3rd in 4.53.03. John Parsonson won both the Club and SCCU handicap with 4.12.50 from Ken Cattermole 2nd, 4.19.38 and brother E Cattermole 3rd with 4.21.53. Those in the Open events went a bit faster. Vin Callanan did 4.27.14 in the Highgate '100' but only had Pete Kitchiner with him on 4.30.06. Don Chamberlain came 3rd in the Chichester '50' with 2.4.01. Arthur Sharp led a team in the Fulham '50' with a 2.12.45 followed by Dan Hadfield 2.16.06 and Ron Tugwell 2.20.23. We only had two starters in the Kingston RC '25' with Pete Dixon 1.4.01 and Bill Arnold 1.6.19. The same problems befell the team in the Sittingborne '25' with only Jerry Morritt, 1.8.42, and Scopes, 1.8.56 getting to the Finish.

On the 1st July we held the Fryco Cup '50' with 17 riders. Arthur Sharp produced another good time to win the Cup for the 4th occasion, 2.11.57, with Bob Shepperd 2nd in 2.14.49 and Peter Dixon 3rd in 2.16.42. Jerry Morritt came fourth with 2.17.49 but with 8 minutes allowance this was good enough for him to win the Handicap award with a nett time of 2.9.49. Bob Shepperd was 2nd with 2.11.19 and Ken Cattermole 3rd with 2.12.04. Five riders entered the Cheltenham '50' but two failed to start and another two did not make the Finish leaving Vin Callanan in solitary splendour with a 4th place in 2.7.01. Three riders finished the WLCA '100' where Stan Butler was close to the leaders with a 4.34.58 for 7th place but Harry Corby, 5.0.06, and John Parsonson, 5.3.12, were not in the same league. In fairness it should be pointed out that 50 riders failed to finish. It would appear that racing conditions were not ideal!

The July RAG reports that Bill Pett, a Vice President of the Club had been invited to sign the Golden Book of Cycling. He would be the third Paragonian asked to sign.

Wednesday July 4th was our Evening Track Meeting that included the Club Track Championship. Maurice Jeffries won the 550 yards handicap from Ron Miller and Ron Stretton. The 550 Scratch Sprint by Maurice Jeffries from Ron Miller and John Cooke. The 5 miles Scratch race resulted in yet another win for Maurice Jeffries this time from Johnnie Dennis and Maurice Tugwell. Tommy McNulty took the Points Cup. Don Chamberlain won the 4000m pursuit. Maurice Jeffries also broke the Club 1000m Record with a 1.16.9 ride.

July 8th was the day for the Junior Handicap '15'. This was a much better day than the first '15' and Alan Baxendine came home in 38.32 to win in a time 3.43 faster than his time in April. A Paine was 2nd in 39.11 and John D Pocock 3rd in 39.21. Alan Baxendine also won the handicap with 37.17 from John Pocock, 37.21 with young John Carter 3rd in 38.06. The Club had only two finishers in the Kentish Whs '100'. Peter Kitchiner was best in 4.33.52 and Dan Hadfield completed the course in 4.40.43. Times in the Rosebank '30' are given as Harry Corby 1.16, Bob Shepperd and Ken Cattermole both 1.182.

In the Archives we have a copy of the Result of the Catford 24hours of 1951. It is actually a booklet giving the story of the race written by the most eminent Cycling Journalist of his day – Jock Wadley. The central spread is a list of riders and their times through each check. It is indeed the most complete result we have ever seen for a time trial. Four Paragon riders went to the Timekeeper for that National Championship 24 hours event run by the Catford CC and held on the roads of Surrey and Sussex. Stan Butler was out to defend the title he won last year in Wessex but severe chest and breathing problems led to his retirement and visit to hospital for a check up. Dick Hare also desisted after various mechanical misadventures but Harry Corby ploughed on to finish in 7th place with 434.442 miles whilst John Parsonson also ran out time with 412.681 miles. This event did stretch the Club's resources, as it was also our Open '50' day on the Bath Road. Over 250 entries had been received for this event! Vin Callanan was our best rider with 8th place, 2.6.11, followed by Pete Kitchiner, 2.10.54, and Arthur Sharp 2.12.27 to make up our third man and team. Three others rode the Upton Manor '50' with Jerry Morrit being the best of these with 2.17.08 Len Case did 2.23.26 and Gerry Edmunds 2.34.54. Three more lads rode a Wellbeck '25'. Pete Dixon did a 1.7, Bill Arnold a 1.11 and Jack Taylor a 1.12.

July 22nd was a quiet day for the Paragon with only two teams riding plus a couple of individuals. In the ECCA '100' E Cattermole finished in 4.57.18, Aubrey Hill 5.20.02 and R Lawrence 5.33.05 having lost 28.30 at the Start! On local roads Don Chamberlain was our best rider in the Bellingham '25' with a 1.2.32 for 4th place. He led home Vin Callanan, 1.3.52, Pete Kitchiner, 1.4.03, and Arthur Sharp 1.4.31. Maurice Tugwell had a bad day in the Aldershot '50' finishing in 2.39.12 and a Phil Funnell completed the Rodney 2nd Class '50' in 2.16.

The next '25' was held on the rather undulating, and comparatively slow, Leatherhead course by way of a change. This went over the Leatherhead by-pass and down to Dorking giving the riders some beautiful views of Boxhill that were not appreciated at the time. The spectators saw another close finish with, this time, Peter Dixon coming out on top with a 1.5.14 ride. Arthur Sharp took 2nd place in 1.5.25 and Ron Tugwell was 3rd in 1.5.48. Aubrey Hill surprised everyone by walking away with the handicap with 1.3.08 but it was extremely close for 2nd place. Frank Sisley finished with 1.4.11,

Gerry Edmunds 1.4.12 and Peter Dixon 1.4.14 was fourth. Two racers also finished the Belle Vue '50' Vin Callanan with 2.7.11 and Pete Kitchiner 2.10.15.

On Sunday 5th August the Paragon had a team in the Herts & Essex '25'. Ken Cattermole was our fastest man with a 1.4.04 that also gave him 2nd handicap prize. Bob Shepperd finished in 1.5.08 and Harry Corby 1.6.50 after losing a minute at the Start. The team in the Gainsford '50' started with a disadvantage as Don Chamberlain was unable to ride. However the two Tugwells kept the Paragon's name to the fore with a 2.13.05 from Ron and a 2.17.15 from Maurice.

The following day was Bath Road '100' day and our team of Vin Callanan, 4.24.25, Pete Kitchiner 4.25.52 and Dan Hadfield, 4.37.36 were up with the action. However you would not have thought so by the times at the first check. After 30 miles Les Wilmot (Midland) was leading in 1.13.15. Vin went through in 1.16.10 but in 28th place. Pete was 44th in 1.17.34 and Dan 45th in 1.17.41. This was going to be a very fast and close race. By 50 miles the position had changed, as it so often does in this race, for Vic Gibbons (Brentwood) passed the Timekeeper in 2.2.53 just 27 seconds faster than Wilmot. (This at a time when a ride inside 2.10 was considered fast and for the first half of a hundred just suicidal!) Vin was still in 28th place 7.22 in arrears with Pete closing up to 31st 7.42 behind. Dan was at 10.52. At 80 miles the two main protagonists had moved over 4 minutes clear of the field. Gibbons led in 3.20.35 but had increased his lead to 52 seconds. Although our men had lost time on the leaders they were picking up places. Pete was now faster than Vin coming through with 19th fastest time 10.31 down with Vin 22nd at 11.05. Dan was by then 20.27 behind. Over the last 20 miles Wilmot gradually closed on Gibbons but Vic had just 7 seconds in hand as he crossed the Finish line in 4.12.43 to Wilmot's 4.12.50. Vin had pulled out his usual strong finish to draw up to 13th place with a time of 4.24.25 and Pete held his 19th spot with 4.26.01. Dan came in with a 4.37.36 for 60th place! This figure alone gives one some idea of the class of field that was quite normal in the Bath Road '100' and why it was known as the 'Blue Riband' of distance racing. The slowest rider finished with a time of 4.44.18 a time that could win many Open races around the country.

The South Eastern 12 hour event had eight Paragon names on the Start Sheet but Dick Hare elected not to start and Stan Butler was not able to finish. We believe both riders were still suffering from their experiences in the National 24 hours Championship. The others all finished. Alf Hill (Kentish Whs) led throughout the race but at 100 miles a group of five riders including Vin Callanan and Pete Kitchiner were within a minute of each other, albeit some 6 to 7 minutes slower than Hill. Hill increased his lead to 10 minutes by the 200 miles point with Vin in 2nd place and Pete in 3rd another 4 minutes slower. Vin Callanan ran out time with 249.376 miles for 2nd place, Pete Kitchiner was 4th with 245.1199 miles having been pipped by Bernard Hastings, (East Surrey) by 391 yards. Dan Hadfield finished in 13th place with 236.320, Harry Corby 232.480 for 22nd Bob Shepperd 230.880, 32nd, and Ken Cattermole 228.755, 34th. The Paragon was 2nd in the Team race by 6 miles to the Kentish Whs. Another team rode the Dragon '50' with Pete Dixon putting up the best performance. He finished with 2.14.10 then Ron Tugwell, 2.23.17 just beat young brother Maurice, 2.23.42. Frank Cleeve also made an appearance in the Bec Veterans '25'. At 47 years of age he did 1.8.43 for a plus of 50 seconds. (In Veterans events the winner is the rider who has the

greatest 'plus', or the smallest 'minus', on his age standard). In addition this ride also enabled him to win 1st place in the handicap competition.

Judging by the Results the 19th August was not a nice day. Of all the Paragon riders no one finished the West London 12 hours event. No one finished the Westerley '100'. Only four of the nine entrants finished the SCCU '50' and none of them did a particularly sparkling ride. It should be added that from 150 riders on the Start Sheet 70 of them decided not to start and another 15 failed to finish! Only one of the first 8 riders started and Rogers (Tooting) who was 3rd in the race finished 10 minutes before the next rider appeared. Bob Shepperd was best of ours with a 2.15.04 followed by Dan Hadfield 2.17.45, R Lawrence 2.19.34 and Pete Dixon 2.22.34. Only in the Farnborough '25' did a full team start and finish. Vin Callanan was fastest of these with 1.2.08, Dick Hare 1.6.36 and Arthur Sharp 1.6.29 after losing 2.45 at the Start.

Don Chamberlain was our fastest rider in the Redmon '30' coming home in 1.15.28. Arthur Sharp was next with 1.18.12 just beating Ron Tugwell by 9 seconds. Down on the Bath Road two non-starters and one non-finisher left the Club with no chance of a team prize. However Vin Callanan finished in 2.6.29 in 3rd place and Dan Hadfield with a 2.11.14 kept the flag flying.

Four teams were entered in events on the 2nd September. In the Twickenham '50' Bob Shepperd was our fastest with a 2.11.49, Pete Dixon 2.14.38 and Maurice Tugwell 2.21.59. Down on the Farnham to Alton course Don Chamberlain led the way in the Alton '30' with a 1.15. Dick Hare recorded 1.16.01 and Ron Tugwell a 1.17. Two other went over to Colchester for a '25' Jack Taylor finishing in 1.9.39 and Len Case 1.11.38. Where hopes were high for a good result was in the Redhill '50' but no one told Dame Fortune. Bernard Brown could not start, Pete Kitchiner and Dan Hadfield failed to finish, Harry Corby managed to get round in 2.26 with a puncture stop leaving Vin to finish almost at the front of affairs in 2.5.29 for 2nd place by 31seconds. This was such a good ride he also collected 3rd handicap for his pains. There were 19 non-starters and another 19 non-finishers.

Eight riders entered the Rotherham Cup '12' and six of them ran out time. The result of the Club Championship also depended upon this race. Harry Corby completed the furthest distance with 231.79 miles from Bob Shepperd 226.68 and Gerry Edmunds 3rd in 224.25. It might have been a bit closer if Bob had not broken a crank when on the Finishing Circuit. It was a surprise to we historians to see Gerry placed in the 12 hours event as he eventually made his name as a Sprinter on the Track! Vin came into form with a great win in the Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers '100' with a 4.20.03. Vin was only 3rd at the halfway point some 2.27 in arrears but finished extremely strongly. Pete Kitchiner finished in 4.35.23 but Bernard Brown was unable to start so no team prize was possible. Don Chamberlain showed a burst of form in the 29th Whs '25' with a 1.0.12 just 1.02 behind the winner. Don Corry also had an outing with 1.4.45. Dick Hare finished the Middlesex 12hours event with 230.575 miles. In the WLCA '50' our Club rider's times were Pete Dixon 2.13.40, Bill Arnold 2.19.04, Jack Taylor 2.20.07 and Len Case 2.23.12. Ron and Maurice Tugwell did a 1.8 in the Upton Manor Tandem '30'.

The Tugwell pair went three minutes faster in the Portsmouth Tandem '30' on the following weekend but no result is available. The other racers were either riding the

ECCA '25' or the Addiscombe '50. Those in the '50' were Don Chamberlain, 4th in 2.6.20, Vin Callanan 2.8.38, Don Corry 2.16.44 and Pete Kitchiner 2.17.38 with a puncture. This gained the Paragon 2nd Team award. Over in Essex the results were Dick Hare best 1.4.44, Jack Taylor 1.6.59, Bill Arnold 1.8.32, Len Case 1.11.25 and Pete Dixon 1.12.19.

The Tugwells were hoping for great things in the Old Portlians Tandem '30' but as so often happens they punctured and failed to finish. John Cooke and Ken Cattermole were therefore the fastest Paragon pair with 1.8.06 followed by the Stocking brothers with 1.11.11 and Harry Corby and Gerry Edmunds 1.14.54. On the south coast Bob Shepperd went round the Bognor '25' in 1.4.59 and Phil Funnell 1.6.01 that won him 1st handicap.

Only one event is mentioned on the 30th September and that was the WLCA '25'. In this race Bob Shepperd finished with a 1.3.19 that enabled him to collect 1st on handicap. Phil Funnell went a little slower in 1.6.08 and Jerry Morrirt completed the team with 1.9.56.

Strangely in a season of huge entries to the Club Events the Mayne Cup had 'only' twenty-five entries. However the rest of the Club obviously knew something the others didn't as it turned out to be a particularly foul day. It was good enough early on to tempt twenty-one riders to the start line but only fourteen of them managed to get back to the Timekeeper. Fastest was our Junior Alan Baxendine with a 1.5.17 ride to beat Ron Tugwell into 2nd place. Ron's 1.5.44 in turn put Dick Hare back into 3rd place with his 1.7.07. Not surprisingly the Man of the Day was Alan Baxendine for with his 4 minutes allowance he walked away with the Mayne Cup by nearly 2 minutes. While Alan's nett time of 1.1.17 was far too good for the rest the fight for 2nd place was extremely close. Brian Hunt was 2nd with 1.3.14, John Carter 3rd with 1.3.30, Frank Sisley 4th in 1.3.50 and Brian Stocking was 5th with 1.3.55. It was indeed a Junior benefit. However as some cynic was heard to say – "who else but Juniors would turn out on a day like that!" The other competition that was awaiting the result of this last '25' of the season was the Club Championship. It was rather a damp squib as both Harry Corby and Bob Shepperd both failed to finish so Harry took the Championship by 0.01 mph!

Dennis Paine won the Junior Championship from Alan Baxendine

In Arthur Bristow's Track report for 1951 he reckoned that the staff at Dulwich Hospital should have written it as so many of our riders spent an awful amount of time there. Just to add to the problems of keeping a squad riding well the Ministry of Defence wanted Ron Stretton to become an airman and Pete Smith to become a soldier. Well, we all have our weaknesses! Ron has since won the RAF 10 miles Track Championship and come 2nd in the 4000m Pursuit. On top of that Don Chamberlain managed to break some ribs, John Dennis put his shoulder out in a track crash and Maurice Jeffries landed on his head in a road race. In spite of that John Dennis was 2nd in the National Tandem paced '50' He also won the 5 miles Scratch at Onchan, Isle of Man during the Manx Cycling Week. Ron Stretton has also won the Sussex Daily News '5' at Brighton, a 5 miles Scratch at Romford and a 2 miles Scratch at Carmarthen.

Other wins by Paragon riders are
 Maurice Jeffries – 1 lap scratch at Brighton
 John Cooke – 1 miles scratch at Redhill

The Massed Start Secretary reports on 2 each of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places but fails to mention who achieved those results!

In the 'Off' season a number of our really fit men took part in the Annual Belle Vue Cross Country race for Cyclists. John Pocock was 15th, Bob Shepperd 24th, Sid Butcher 25th, Ron Stretton 27th and Fred Sams 39th. The Paragon was placed 3rd in the Team Points.

Polo. This was a real case of anno domini catching up with the Paragon. For the first time for 18 years they did NOT win the National Championship. However the Junior team did win the Croydon League so there is hope for the future.

Club Time Trial Results

	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Medium Gear				
30	Entries	11.3.51				
12	Starters					
11	Finishers					
1	Stretton R	1.06.51	1	Barclay J	6.15	1.04.16
2	Jeffries M	1.07.10	2	Cooke J	3.15	1.05.20
3	Cooke J	1.08.35	3	Jeffries M	0.45	1.06.25
4	Parker R	1.10.10	4	Stretton R	Scratch	1.06.51
5	Barclay J	1.10.31	5	Parker R	3.00	1.07.10
6	Wall P	1.13.58	6	Morritt J	5.30	1.08.59
7	Morritt J	1.14.29	7	Wall P	4.30	1.09.28
8	Garland J	1.15.36	8	Garland J	3.45	1.11.51
9	Corby R	1.16.48	9	Corby R	3.15	1.13.33
10	Corby H	1.20.03	10	Corby H	3.15	1.16.48
11	Shepperd WR	1.24.06	11	Shepperd WR	7.00	1.17.06
	Scratch Result	10 Scr				
		Junior				
8	Entries	14.4.51				
8	Starters					
8	Finishers					
1	Paine D				26.20	
2	Baxendine A				28.12	
3	Carter J				28.19	
4	Morrison A				28.32	
5	Parson W				28.50	
6	Morritt J				29.07	
7	Fishwick A				29.25	
8	Smith N				31.42	

	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		15.4.51				
44	Entries					
37	Starters					
37	Finishers					
1	Callanan V	1.03.33	1	Smith J	8.30	1.00.16
2	Jeffries M	1.03.59	2	Shepperd WR	4.45	1.00.35
3	Kitchiner P	1.04.13	3	Salmon J	6.30	1.00.40
4	Shepperd WR	1.05.20	4	Bullough S	7.00	1.00.43
5	Hare R	1.05.21	5	Morrison A	7.00	1.01.25
6	Corby R	1.05.35	6	Hill A	13.00	1.01.27
7	Sharp A	1.05.42	7	Cattermole E	8.15	1.02.08
8	Corby H	1.05.49	8	Corby R	2.45	1.02.50
9	Hadfield D	1.06.10	9	Corby H	2.45	1.03.04
10	Cooke J	1.06.26	10	Buckland P	7.00	1.03.17
11	Tugwell R	1.06.47	11	Cooke J	3.00	1.03.26
12	Salmon J	1.07.10	12	Jeffries M	0.30	1.03.29
13	Chapman H	1.07.11	13	Callanan V	Scratch	1.03.33
14	Dixon P	1.07.30	14	Edmunds G	6.30	1.03.42
15	Tugwell M	1.07.35	15	Kitchiner P	0.30	1.03.43
16	Bullough S	1.07.43	16	Cattermole K	4.00	1.03.43
17	Stocking A	1.07.43	17	Lawrence R	5.30	1.03.43
18	Cattermole K	1.07.48	18	Barclay J	5.00	1.03.47
19	Brown B	1.07.56	19	Godfrey D	5.00	1.04.02
20	Corry D	1.08.19	20	Hadfield D	2.00	1.04.10
21	Morrison A	1.08.25	21	Stocking A	3.30	1.04.18
22	Smith J	1.08.46	22	Hare R	1.00	1.04.21
23	Barclay J	1.08.47	23	Sharp A	1.00	1.04.42
24	Godfrey D	1.09.02	24	Sisley F	8.00	1.04.54
25	Lawrence R	1.09.13	25	Tugwell R	1.45	1.05.02
26	Edmunds G	1.10.12	26	Tugwell M	2.30	1.05.05
27	Buckland P	1.10.17	27	Chapman H	2.00	1.05.11
28	Cattermole E	1.10.23	28	Morritt J	5.15	1.05.21
29	Morritt J	1.10.36	29	Dixon P	2.00	1.05.30
30	Vallack J	1.10.46	30	Vallack J	5.00	1.05.46
31	Taylor J	1.12.31	31	Corry D	2.15	1.06.04
32	Arnold W	1.12.47	32	Brown B	1.30	1.06.26
33	Sisley F	1.12.54	33	Taylor J	5.30	1.07.01
34	Smart J	1.13.01	34	Arnold W	5.30	1.07.47
35	Hill A	1.14.27	35	Pryce W	6.30	1.09.04
36	Pryce W	1.15.34	36	Wall P	9.15	1.23.29
37	Wall P	1.32.44	37	Smart J	T.T.	
	Scratch Result	15 Scr				
		Junior				
8	Entries	29.4.51				
8	Starters					
7	Finishers					
1	Morrison A		41.43			
2	Baxendine A		41.54			
3	Wall P		41.58			
4	Parson W		44.19			
5	Tween P		44.48			
6	Carter J		45.29			
7	Fishwick A		48.24			

	Scratch Result	30 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Dave London Trophy				
21	Entries	13.5.51				
21	Starters					
18	Finishers					
1	Brown B	1.18.01	1	Dixon P	1.30	1.17.04
2	Dixon P	1.18.34	2	Arnold W	4.30	1.17.29
3	Chapman H	1.18.50	3	Edmunds G	5.15	1.17.33
4	Shepperd WR	1.19.00	4	Chapman H	1.00	1.17.50
5	Tugwell M	1.21.08	5	Shepperd WR	1.00	1.18.00
6	Arnold W	1.21.59	6	Brown B	Scratch	1.18.01
7	Salmon J	1.22.20	7	Vallack J	3.30	1.18.50
8	Vallack J	1.22.20	8	Morrison A	5.30	1.19.13
9	Edmunds G	1.22.48	9	Salmon J	3.00	1.19.20
10	Morrison A	1.24.43	10	Tugwell M	1.30	1.19.38
11	Morritt J	1.26.02	11	Sisley F	7.00	1.21.26
12	Parsonson J	1.27.14	12	Morritt J	4.30	1.21.32
13	Case L	1.27.25	13	Cattermole E	7.30	1.22.45
14	Sisley F	1.28.26	14	Case L	5.30	1.22.55
15	Stocking B	1.28.48	15	Lawrence R	4.30	1.26.12
16	Cattermole E	1.30.15	16	Wall P	7.30	1.31.50
17	Lawrence R	1.30.42		Parsonson J		T.T.
18	Wall P	1.39.20		Stocking B		T.T.
	Scratch Result	10 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Junior				
8	Entries	20.5.51				
6	Starters					
6	Finishers					
1	Pocock JP		28.28	1	Pocock JP	2.00 26.28
2	Baxendine A		28.44	2	Baxendine A	1.00 27.44
3	Paine D		28.54	3	Morrison A	1.30 28.05
4	Morrison A		29.35	4	Paine D	Scratch 28.54
5	Wall P		30.09	5	Wall P	1.00 29.09
6	Williams R		32.32	6	Williams R	2.00 30.32
	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
22	Entries					
22	Starters					
19	Finishers					
1	Dixon P	1.05.14		1	Hill A	9.00 1.03.08
2	Sharp A	1.05.25		2	Sisley F	7.00 1.04.11
3	Tugwell R	1.05.48		3	Edmunds G	4.30 1.04.12
4	Hadfield D	1.06.20		4	Dixon P	1.00 1.04.14
5	Cattermole K	1.07.02		5	Cattermole E	5.00 1.04.50
6	Shepperd WR	1.07.04		6	Cattermole K	2.00 1.05.02
7	Tugwell M	1.07.43		7	Shepperd WR	2.00 1.05.04
8	Edmunds G	1.08.42		8	Pothercary L	6.45 1.05.07
9	Sams F	1.09.30		9	Tugwell M	2.30 1.05.13
10	Lawrence R	1.09.42		10	Sharp A	Scratch 1.05.25
11	Cattermole E	1.09.50		11	Tugwell R	0.15 1.05.33
12	Morritt J	1.10.00		12	Lawrence R	4.00 1.05.42
13	Sisley F	1.11.11		13	Sams F	3.30 1.06.00
14	Godfrey D	1.11.40		14	Wall P	6.30 1.06.29

15	Pothercary L	1.11.52	15	Morrith J	3.30	1.06.30
16	Hill A	1.12.08	16	Godfrey D	5.00	1.06.40
17	Wall P	1.12.59	17	Pryce W	6.45	1.07.55
18	Casey B	1.13.03	18	Casey B	5.00	1.08.03
19	Pryce W	1.14.40	19	Hadfield D		T.T.
	Scratch Result	50 h/c		Handicap Result		
		3.6.51		Walter Moon Trophy		
18	Entries					
18	Starters					
18	Finishers					
1	Chamberlain D	2.10.28	1	Taylor J	15.00	2.02.25
2	Corby H	2.12.52	2	Corby H	9.45	2.03.07
3	Dixon P	2.13.53	3	Dixon P	9.00	2.04.53
4	Hare R	2.16.01	4	Morrith J	11.30	2.06.26
5	Sharp A	2.16.55	5	Edmunds G	19.00	2.06.38
6	Taylor J	2.17.25	6	Cattermole K	14.00	2.06.58
7	Butler SM	2.17.32	7	Cattermole E	17.00	2.07.46
8	Cattermole K	2.17.56	8	Case L	18.00	2.08.05
9	Morrith J	2.20.58	9	Lawrence R	13.30	2.08.26
10	Corby R	2.21.21	10	Arnold W	13.00	2.08.59
11	Lawrence R	2.21.56	11	Butler SM	8.00	2.09.32
12	Arnold W	2.21.59	12	Hare R	5.45	2.10.16
13	Edmunds G	2.24.46	13	Chamberlain D	Scratch	2.10.28
14	Cattermole E	2.25.38	14	Sisley F	19.00	2.10.34
15	Case L	2.26.05	15	Sharp A	5.30	2.11.25
16	Sisley F	2.29.34	16	Corby R	6.30	2.14.51
17	Pothercary L	2.34.55	17	Pothercary L	20.00	2.14.55
18	Hill A	2.42.10	18	Hill A	17.30	2.24.40
	Scratch Result	100 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Goss Green Cup				
11	Entries	24.6.51				
10	Starters					
9	Finishers					
1	Cattermole K	4.44.38	1	Parsonson J	48.00	4.12.50
2	Shepperd WR	4.49.30	2	Cattermole K	25.00	4.19.38
3	Hare R	4.53.03	3	Cattermole E	35.00	4.21.53
4	Edmunds G	4.56.17	4	Shepperd WR	24.00	4.25.30
5	Corby H	4.56.47	5	Edmunds G	26.00	4.30.17
6	Cattermole E	4.56.53	6	Hill A	50.00	4.36.40
7	Parsonson J	5.00.50	7	Hare R	11.00	4.42.03
8	Hill A	5.26.40	8	Corby H	13.00	4.43.47
9	Lawrence R	5.30.22	9	Lawrence R	32.00	4.58.22
	Scratch Result	50 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Fryco Cup				
17	Entries	1.7.51				
16	Starters					
13	Finishers					
1	Sharp A	2.13.57	1	Morrith J	8.00	2.09.49
2	Shepperd WR	2.14.49	2	Shepperd WR	3.30	2.11.19
3	Dixon P	2.16.42	3	Cattermole K	6.00	2.12.04
4	Morrith J	2.17.49	4	Dixon P	3.00	2.13.42
5	Cattermole K	2.18.04	5	Sharp A	Scratch	2.13.57

6	Tugwell M	2.20.19	6	Arnold W	7.00	2.14.33
7	Arnold W	2.21.33	7	Tugwell M	4.00	2.16.19
8	Hare R	2.22.38	8	Taylor J	6.00	2.17.10
9	Taylor J	2.23.10	9	Case L	13.00	2.17.18
10	Cattermole E	2.27.35	10	Cattermole E	9.00	2.18.35
11	Edmunds G	2.29.43	11	Hill A	15.00	2.19.14
12	Case L	2.30.18	12	Edmunds G	8.00	2.21.43
13	Hill A	2.34.14	13	Hare R	Scratch	2.22.38
	Scratch Result	15 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Junior				
7	Entries	8.7.51				
7	Starters					
7	Finishers					
1	Baxendine A	38.32	1	Baxendine A	1.15	37.17
2	Paine D	39.11	2	Pocock JP	2.00	37.21
3	Pocock JP	39.21	3	Carter J	4.00	38.06
4	Morrith J	40.11	4	Hunt B	2.00	38.28
5	Hunt B	40.28	5	Paine D	Scratch	39.11
6	Wall P	41.16	6	Morrith J	0.30	39.31
7	Carter J	42.06	7	Wall P	1.15	40.01
	Scratch Result	12 hours				
		Rotherham Cup				
8	Entries	9.9.51				
8	Starters					
6	Finishers					
1	Corby H	231.79				
2	Shepperd WR	226.68				
3	Edmunds G	224.25				
4	Cattermole E	221.97				
5	Diplo W	210.29				
6	Lawrence R	204.22				
	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		14.10.51		Mayne Cup		
25	Entries					
21	Starters					
14	Finishers					
1	Baxendine A	1.05.17	1	Baxendine A	4.00	1.01.17
2	Tugwell R	1.05.44	2	Hunt B	6.00	1.03.14
3	Hare R	1.07.07	3	Carter J	8.00	1.03.20
4	Stocking B	1.07.10	4	Sisley F	7.30	1.03.50
5	Hunt B	1.09.14	5	Stocking B	3.15	1.03.55
6	Stocking A	1.09.42	6	Hill A	8.00	1.04.50
7	Sams F	1.10.16	7	Tugwell R	0.30	1.05.14
8	Arnold W	1.10.23	8	Stocking A	3.30	1.06.12
9	Forrest K	1.10.51	9	Sams F	4.00	1.06.16
10	Sisley F	1.11.20	10	Forrest K	4.00	1.06.51
11	Carter J	1.11.20	11	Hare R	Scratch	1.07.07
12	MacManus T	1.11.27	12	Arnold W	3.15	1.07.08
13	Hill A	1.12.50	13	MacManus T	4.00	1.07.27
14	Kingsmill R	1.23.16	14	Kingsmill R	8.00	1.15.16