

1952

It is interesting to note that the 'Blah' of January 1952 includes a request from Fred Lee for Handbooks, Gazettes, Southern Cyclists, Course details, Results Sheets and Cuttings to enable him to start writing the Club History. While he certainly made an excellent start with considerable material from the 1920's and 30's the task overwhelmed him. He did produce an abbreviated history much of which was reprinted in the Centenary Dinner booklet of 2004 but he did not continue with his labours. Only in 2004 with another 50 years to detail has the full scope of the Paragon History been realised. It is likely to be 2006 before the History is completed let alone printed!

The first event recorded in the Time Trial Secretary's notebook was Alan Baxendines' 2.3 something in the Balham Rough Riders '25' on the 16th February and Harry Corby's 1.8.04 in the Carlton RC Medium Gear '25' on the same day. No other times are recorded. This was followed on the 23rd February by Wally Happy completing the Castlenau Medium Gear '25' in 1.10.

March started with the SCCU Medium Gear '25' with Bob Shepperd our best rider in 1.7.02. Alan Baxendine completed the course in 1.7.51 but had 3.17 to add on through a late start. Doug Godfrey made up the Team with a 1.10.32.

It was pouring with rain for the Club Medium Gear '25' on the 9th March and of the 24 entries only 11 decided to start and 10 managed to the Finish. Scratchman Ron Stretton rode down but was so wet when he arrived he turned around and went back home! Bob Shepperd claimed fastest time with a 1.8.14 finishing 1.29 ahead of Harry Corby and 2.01 faster than Alan Baxendine. Bob also took the handicap from Tom MacManus, 1.6.14 to 1.6.55, with Harry 3rd in 1.7.13. The T.T. Secretary also noted that the Worthing Excelsior '25' was cancelled that rather confirms the impression of a nasty day.

The Paragon had a Team in the Dartford Whs Medium Gear on the 16th March with Vin Callanan leading the Team home with a 1.6.06. Dan Hadfield finished in 1.7.14 and Bob Shepperd 1.9.07.

Following this was the Kentish Whs Novice '25' in which the club had 3 riders. The winner was R. Boddington, Kingston Phoenix with a 1.3.18. Our riders were E Wixon, 1.7.39, Brian Southall 1.8.36 and F Weller 1.10.21. Brian Southall was the son of Frank Southall. Great things were expected but although Brian was a competent rider his interest was in music rather than the sport of Cycling. Meanwhile or fast riders were competing in the Calleva '25'. Vin Callanan being the fastest in 1.4.07 behind Stan Higginson 59.20. Bob Shepperd was a little slower than Vin in 1.4.59, Dan Hadfield finished in 1.5.23 and Harry Corby 1.7.28.

Next weekend we had teams in the Apollo '25', the Solent '25' and a Junior '10' was also on the Calendar. All have the cryptic remark 'Cancelled – Snow!' beside them – this on the 30th March! However as an aside we have in the Archives TWO Start lists for the Apollo Middlemarkers on the same day. One race was on the Cherry Tree Course (Earlswood to Faygate) and the other on the Pound Hill course (Horley and out to Blindley Heath etc.) Both have full fields of 120 riders!

To make up for this perhaps we had 32 entries for the Club '25' the next week-end of whom 28 started and 26 finished even though conditions were almost the same as the for the Medium Gear event. Vin Callanan made fastest time in 1.5.50 just holding off Ron Stretton by 6 seconds. Harry Corby was 3rd in 1.6.57 just beating Bob Shepperd by 2 seconds. Brian Southall was knocked off his machine by a passing lorry resulting in a broken collar-bone. Two Juniors headed the Handicap with Dennis Paine, 1.3.25, getting the better of Brian Hunt, 1.3.44, with Harry Corby 3rd with 1.4.27. A name to remember though was in 7th place with young Walter Happy finishing in 1.8.21. There will be much more of this young man in later years.

Easter came with no one riding the Charlotteville '50', the Ealing Manor '25' was cancelled and only 3 riders in the Fountain '25' on the local Cherry Tree course. Vin Callanan was our fastest rider with a 1.2.19 ride, Bob Shepperd was next with a 1.4.18 and Ken Cattermole finished with a 1.5.36. Over on the Isle of Wight Wally Happy came 2nd in one of the massed-start race held on the hills above Ryde.

On the 20th Maurice and Ron Tugwell went up to Bishops Stortford for the University Tandem '30' and finished with a time of 1.11. On local roads the SCCU '50' was run. In the event won by Fred Marshall (Redhill) in 2.5.56 Vin Callanan finished 4th in 2.7.47, Bob Shepperd 2.13.06, Harry Corby 2.13.19, Bob Corby 2.14.17, Dan Hadfield 2.15.24, Sid Butcher 2.15.34, John Vallack 2.17.23, Bill Arnold 2.17.58 and Phil Funnell 2.21.55. Our first three riders were 2nd in the Team race. (We have five copies of this Result in the Archives!) West of London the WLCA (Clubs L-Z) '25' was held and the Paragon Team were Gerry Edmunds, 1.9.25, Tom MacManus 1.10.00 and Aubrey Hill 1.11.34.

Bob Shepperd manage to beat Vin Callanan in the De Laune '25' on the Cherry Tree course on the 27th finishing in 1.3.26 to Vin's 1.3.34. Don Chamberlain was the Paragon's 3rd man with a 1.6.45. Out on the Bath Road for the Spelthorne '25' Alan Baxendine finished in 1.5.03, Dan Hadfield 1.6.14, Phil Funnell 1.6.47 and Harry Corby 1.10.37. On the Farnham Alton Road in the Eclipse Middlemarkers '25' Bill Arnold completed the course in 1.8.00, Gerry Edmunds 1.8.40 and Tom MacManus 1.9.26.

Four teams were riding on the 4th May. In the Wessex '50' Dan Hadfield finished in 2.18.13 and Harry Corby 2.27.16. In the Clarence Whs '25' Alan Baxendine did 1.5.55 for 23rd place, Gerry Edmunds 1.7.31 and Bill Arnold 1.8.24. Out east of London Don Chamberlain completed the Brentwood '25' in 1.1.20 but was the only Paragon finisher and on the other side of London the Club had three finishers in the Slough '50' with Tom MacManus coming home in 2.21.41, E Cattermole 2.28.18, and Aubrey Hill 2.30.25. Not a particularly successful day.

May 8th was a black day for the Norwood Paragon with the passing of George Colget one of the Club's Founder members and the last survivor.

Tommy McNulty and Jock Proctor won the Professional Madison at Herne Hill.

There is a cryptic note in the T.T. Secretary's notebook on the 11th May. 'Club '30'. Event Cancelled – Missing Marshall'. Whilst understandable, it has always been a

rule that the onus of keeping to the correct route lies with the rider and certainly in the early days of the century there were precious few marshals anyway. It does reflect that the 'modern' racing man did not prepare properly and had no real idea of where he was going. Though in fairness it could be said that some of the courses used were rather devious with right hand turns through quiet lanes.

On that day was the Gravesend '25' with Don Chamberlain our fastest rider in 5th place with 1.3.45. Maurice Tugwell finished in 1.8.53 but Dan Hadfield took 1.14.17 that denotes some trouble 'en route' one thinks.

Ron Stretton broke the Club 1000m Record with a 1.16.8.

The SCCU '100' saw seven Paragon names on the Start Sheet to compete for the Goss Green Cup. Unfortunately three failed to start and another to finish. This left Sid Butcher as the fastest Paragon rider in 4.35.10, Stan Butler 4.36.23 (his first race of the season!), John Vallack took 4.47.36 (a personal best) and Gerry Edmunds 4.49.17. Sid's time was the fastest recorded for this trophy and he was also the first winner of the Cup 14 years previously! On the same day Dan Hadfield completed the Kingston Hilly '73' in 3.17.00 and Pete Wall, 1.7.18, and Tom MacManus, 1.7.05, finished in the Southwark CC 2nd Class '25'.

In the London Centre 25 miles Tandem paced event Don Chamberlain came 3rd and Tony Stocking also finished but was unplaced. It was also noted that the Polo Team was eliminated in the 1st Round of the National Championship. New recruits are urgently required! On the bright side they did win the Winter League Final. The massed-start lads had collected two 3rd places one by Alan Baxendine and the other by Tony Stocking. Also four 2nd places in Team competitions that is a little galling.

In the Catford '50' Vin Callanan was our best finisher in 2.8.29 in the event won by Les Ingman (who had not yet joined the Paragon) in 1.58.43. Our other finishers were Dan Hadfield in 2.13.13 and Sid Butcher 2.15.29. The Club had two finishers in the SCCU '25' Don Chamberlain with a 1.2.01 and Maurice Tugwell 1.5.59. On local roads the Walter Moon '50' was run-off with Bob Shepperd our best finisher in 2.13.28. John Vallack did 2.15.21 Gerry Edmunds 2.18.49, Tom MacManus 2.20.04 and Frank Sisley 2.26.17 to collect 2nd Team award.

Sid Butcher attacked the SRRA Worthing and Back Record and finished in 5.19.00. This caused a little controversy amongst those 'not-in-the-know' as he was attacking the record held by Stan Butler. Much was made of this until it was made clear that it was at Stan Butler's suggestion and with his full support that Sid went for the record. Later Sid also went for and collected the SRRA Southampton and back record

On the 1st June the Club had a Team in the Calleva '100'. Sid Butcher finished in 4.33.25 (a personal best), Harry Corby 4.50.29 and Dan Hadfield 4.53.00. There were another two riders in the Balham 2nd Class '100' Tom MacManus finishing in 5.00.55 and Aubrey Hill 5.12.37 with 5 minutes late start. Two '25' Teams were in action. Don Chamberlain 1.0.17, Bob Shepperd, 1.3.12 and Don Corry, 1.4.53, rode the Farnham '25' and Jerry Morrith, 1.6.11, Gerry Edmunds, 1.6.52 and Pete Wall, 1.9.38, rode the Bec 2nd Class event.

The following week-end, the 8th June was the WLCA '50' with three Paragon riders. Bill Arnold finished in 2.17.12, Terry MacManus 2.17.54 and Gerry Edmunds 2.18.36. Tight grouping but no prizes. The shorter distance lads were riding the Ealing Paragon '30'. Don Chamberlain being our fastest rider in 1.14.25, Maurice Tugwell 1.18.31 and Don Corry 1.18.52. Meanwhile down on the south coast Bob Shepperd finished the Brighton Mitre '50' in 2.11.44 in spite of having a 1½-minute late start.

There was a second SCCU '100' on the 15th June and there were eight Paragon riders on the Start List all of whom started! Sid Butcher was fastest of them in 4.34.10 and 3rd in the event. Stan Butler was 5th in 4.36.23, Bob Shepperd 4.40.26, John Vallack 4.43.01 (he also collected 2nd on Handicap) Harry Corby 4.43.35 and Gerry Edmunds 4.45.23 were the six finishers and the Paragon won the Team Race by 19". Other results from that weekend are Jerry Morrill 1.6.23 and Pete Wall 1.11.26 in the Surrey Road CC 2nd class '25'. Dan Hadfield, 2.12.42, and Don Corry, 2.14.55 finished the Gosport '50'.

There is another note in the book that Sid Butcher attacked the SRRA London – Southampton and back Record. He covered the 155 miles in 7.12.16 to beat the previous record by 37 minutes!

Four riders were down for the Chichester '50' but 3 failed to start leaving Dan Hadfield to represent the Club with his 2.15.24 ride. Back nearer home the Fryco Cup '50' was held. This was a resounding success for Bob Shepperd whose 2.11.38 was a course record for the Pound Hill and he won by 5½" and the Handicap by 1.44. In 2nd place was John Vallack, 2.17.08 with Jerry Morrill 3rd in 2.19.22. These two were also 3rd and 2nd respectively in the Handicap section. Although it was not raining during the event heavy rain had left large and deep areas of 'casual water' on the course. Gerry Edmunds took one bend without due care and attention and took an early bath in the opposite ditch.

There were three teams in action on the 29th June. Bob Shepperd was fastest of the Club trio in the Kentish Whs '100' in 4.34.54 for 5th place and a personal best ride at the distance. Second Paragonian was Terry MacManus in 4.52.14 and Gerry Edmunds recorded 4.55.22. The fast men were in Essex to ride the Romford '25' with Don Chamberlain recording a very quick 1.0.57. Backing him were Don Corry, 1.3.45, and Dan Hadfield 1.4.00. Surprise of the day came in the Anerley Long-markers '25' on the Pound Hill Course. Brian Hunt finished in 1.2.46 to take both the race and the handicap prize. J Horam recorded 1.7.55, D Paine 1.10.00 and Aubrey Hill 1.11.10.

News also came through that Ron Stretton had been selected to ride for Great Britain in the XV Olympics in Helsinki.

The Club had four riders entered for the Catford '24' but Messrs Butler, Corby and Butcher failed to finish. John Vallack saved the day for the Paragon by riding into 4th place with a fine 431 miles 877 yards. This included a long period during the night when there was the 'mother and father' of storms resulting pools of hub deep water on the course. Just what one wants after 15 or more hours of racing! In other parts Bob

Shepperd was riding the Oxford City '50' and finishing in 2.10.15 whilst the Tugwell brothers, Ron and Maurice, finished the Archer Tandem '50' in 1.53.38.

In the Paragon Open '50' the Club had 5 of its own riders. Fastest Club rider was Vin Callanan with a 2.7.22. Don Chamberlain should have been fastest but he managed to lose 55" at the start and finished in 2.7.34! Bob Shepperd continued to improve with a 2.8.55 whilst Don Corry, 2.11.18, and Dan Hadfield (who had the 'honour' to be No.1 on the Start Sheet) 2.11.57 were our other riders. Such was the quality of the field that Vin was not in the top 12, no one was placed in the Handicap and the Team was 15 minutes too slow!

On southern roads Ron Tugwell recorded 1.4.2 in the Sydenham '25' whilst the slower riders rode the Basingstoke '25'. Bill Arnold 1.9.52, Gerry Edmunds 1.10.03 and Tom MacManus, 1.15.09 were our riders.

On the 20th July Vin Callanan rode the National 100 miles Championship held, this year, in the Warwick area. It was not a good day as 13 failed to start and another 25 failed to finish. Vin started slowly being 39th fastest when passing the Timekeeper at 25 miles and already 4.31 down on the leader Wilmot (now undergoing his National Service and riding for Western Command CC). By the 50 miles check Vin had pulled up to 31st although now 8.08 in arrears of Wilmot. Then at 75 miles he was 24th and 14.27 back. In the last 25 miles Wilmot cracked losing his 2.22 lead over Ken Whitmarsh (Southampton) plus a further 6.31. He crossed the Finish line in 4.25.24 to Whitmarsh's 4.18.53. Vin plugged on rising to take 15th place at the Finish with a 4.34.25.

Following the Open '50' weekend Don Chamberlain rode the Bellingham '25' in 1.1.03 with Bob Shepperd just a bit slower with a 1.1.48 but still a personal best. Don Corry made up the Team with a 1.6.00 ride after 'blowing-up' on the return leg. Meanwhile east of London Gerry Morritt recorded 2.16.11, Bill Arnold 2.19.32 and Tom MacManus 2.21.05 in the Upton Manor 2nd Class '50'.

Tragic news was received during this week that one of the Club's most promising young riders had been found unconscious by the side of the road and he never recovered. He is still remembered in the Club by the Brian Hunt Shield, donated by his family. A 'natural on grass' said the Track Secretary.

The Portsmouth Road was the scene of the next Club '25' and it proved a close run race. Of the 23 starters it was budding fast man Bob Shepperd who won in 1.3.30 just 11" too fast for Maurice Tugwell and 32" better than Maurice's brother Ron. However Maurice had the satisfaction of taking the Handicap award with 1.00.41 from John Vallack 1.1.52. J Horan 1.2.15 was third on Handicap but the rest of the field were within 3 minutes of him. Excellent handicapping! The longer distance men were riding the Belle Vue '50. Vin Callanan was our fastest finisher in 2.6.59, Don Chamberlain 2.8.34, Dan Hadfield 2.9.54 and Don Corry 2.10.04. The winner was Keith Bentley (Bec) in 1.58.55.

At the Bank Holiday week-end a number of teams were in action but with little success. In the Leo RC '30' Don Chamberlain recorded a 1.14, George Nightingale 1.17, and Don Corry 1.19. Dan Hadfield, 2.12.42, and Ron Tugwell, 2.14.20 finished

the Gainsford '50'. Terry Macmanus finished the Luton Arrow '100' in 5.3.00 and Aubrey Hill finished the Camberley Whs '25' in 1.10.53. The Bath Road '100' lived up to its reputation as the Blue Riband of the sport. The first turn that used to be reached in about an hour took 55.00 this day, Vic Gibbons (Brentwood) led the charge and there were 6 men within 45 seconds of him. Vin Callann was 68th (!) in 59.45 and Sid Butcher last (96th) after losing 2.30 with a late start. He turned up without a bell on his bell! (Well those were the Rules in 1952!) Some sense of decency set in on the way back to the Bath Road enabling Vic Gibbons to pass the 50 miles point in 2.2.47 to lead by 1.11 from Kinghorn (Cheshire) with three others within a minute. Vin Callanan had moved up to 47th with his 2.11.53 and Sid Butcher was now faster than one other rider in 2.18.02. By the far turn at 73 miles Gibbons had slightly increased his lead to 1.30 over Wilmot but Kinghorn, Whitmarsh and Laws (Catford) were still within 2 minutes. Vin had now moved into 24th place albeit some 11.15 behind. Sid was up to 80th but 25 minutes down. At the end Gibbons had won in a new Competition Record of 4.7.18 from Whitmarsh, 4.10.00 and Kinghorn 4.12.25. Vin finished in 4.22.01 for 18th place with Sid Butcher 77th in 4.38.50.

The 10th August was the South Eastern RC 12hours event and a superb ride by Vin Callanan on a very windy and showery day. At 100 miles Vin was only 3rd 6.22 behind White (Leamington) and 2.27 in arrears of Mott (Kentish Whs). Don Corry was 4 minutes slower than Vin in 4th place with Sid Butcher another 4 minutes adrift in 9th place. By 200 miles White was still leading in 9.26.50 but only by 1.57 from Vin. Don Corry was still in 4th place albeit some 19 minutes down whilst Sid Butcher was only a minute slower. What happened to White after 200 miles is not known but he disappears from the Results at this point. Vin is unassailable and runs out time with 249.589 miles to claim first place. Behind Vin things were a bit close with three riders covering 243 miles. Hastings (East Surrey) was the best for 2nd place with 1166 yards, Pink (South Eastern) had 1104 yards and our Don Corry had to be content with 698 yards for 4th place. Sid Butcher dropped back a bit over the last two hours, but did have a puncture to contend with, to finish with 240 miles 855 yards for 7th place but it was the first time he had beaten 'evens' for the half-day ride. However, that was good enough for the Paragon to collect the Team race. John Vallack also finished with a personal best of 226.1050 miles ride in 34th place but had been plagued with tyre trouble. He had at least three punctures that day. The shorter distance men were in the Redmon '30' on the Brighton Road course. Don Chamberlain recorded 1.15, George Nightingale 1.16, and Maurice Tugwell 1.17.

On the 17th August the Addiscombe held their Open '50'. Fastest Paragon rider and winner of the 2nd handicap award owing to 2 minutes improvement was Maurice Tugwell in 2.11.16. Next fastest was Bob Shepperd in 2.11.48, Don Corry finished in 2.12.30, Sid Butcher in 2.12.58 and Ron Tugwell in 2.15.01. Bert Chapman also recorded a 2.15 ride but was noted as 'disqualified' for a breach of Regulation 44(?) The Paragon was 2nd in the Team competition beaten by 14 minutes by the Addiscombe. Vin Callanan, Don Chamberlain and George Nightingale rode in the Farnborough '25' but only George finished in 1.2.49. The Result Card gives Don Chamberlain as 45 seconds up on George at the turn so the puncture ruined an excellent ride. Bill Diplo rode the Bec Veterans '25' and finished in 1.11.34.

There is a note in the August 'RAG' from the Treasurer thanking Ken Cattermole for entering every club race this year – and not starting any of them. 'The addition to the

Club Funds is gratefully appreciated'. It is also noted that Bob Shepperd broke a Club record by drinking 27 cups of tea after an event. This, of course, is only the Tea Record. Cubic Capacity Record is held, and probably shelved, by Pete Kitchiner.

Next weekend was 50 miles time with the Paragon riders split between the Vegetarian and SCCU '50's. In the Vegetarian event our fast men were put to the sword by Dave Keeler (Vegetarian) with a 1.59.17 ride. Vin Callanan finished in his season's best of 2.6.28, Bob Shepperd 2.8.25, Dan Hadfield 2.9.34 and Don Corry 2.13.44. On southern roads in the SCCU '50' won by Bill Franks in 2.4.05 Harry Corby was our fastest rider in 2.14.03. Other times were Maurice Tugwell 2.15.13, Bill Arnold 2.15.14, Ron Tugwell 2.15.32, Gerry Edmunds 2.16.10, Jack Taylor 2.16.45, Dick Hare 2.17.14 (with 1.33 late start), Jerry Morrirt 2.18.33 and Tom MacManus 2.18.50 (who also had the joy of being first man off and spending over two hours on his own)

The 31st August was a Club '50' day, 16 riders on the line, and a win for Harry Corby in 2.13.15. His time was too good for John Vallack, 2.13.50, Bert Chapman 2.14.17 and Gerry Edmunds 4th in 2.14.38. Pete Wall had been given a generous 11½ minutes Handicap but even so his nett time of 2.9.28 only just beat Gerry Edmunds, 2.9.38 and Aubrey Hill 2.10.34. 2.4.05 Harry Corby was our fastest rider in 2.14.03. Other times were Maurice Tugwell 2.15.13, Bill Arnold 2.15.14, Ron Tugwell 2.15.32, Gerry Edmunds 2.16.10, Jack Taylor 2.16.45, Dick Hare 2.17.14 (with 1.33 late start), Jerry Morrirt 2.18.33 and Tom MacManus 2.18.50 (who also had the joy of being first man off and spending over two hours on his own)

Vin Callanan rode the National 24 hours Championship on the 7th September and completed the course with 459.05 miles for 2nd place and a new Club Record. After 12 hours he had covered 243¾ miles to lead Eddy Munday (Addiscombe) by some 6 miles but the coldest September night and day for 81 years took its toll. Frequent stops to be massaged back into life resulted in a gradual whittling away of his lead. By 370 miles Vin was back level with Munday and although he never looking like losing his 2nd place Vin gradually dropped behind Eddy who finished with a new Competition Record of 467.5 miles. Dan Hadfield rode the Birchfield '100' and finished in 4.40.50. Nearer home Maurice Tugwell and Harry Corby finished the Redhill '50' Maurice in 2.13.14 and Harry 2.20.36 that did include a delay with a puncture.

Fourteen lads rode the Dave London '30' Johnny Vallack coming out on top with a ride of 1.17.55. Dick Hare was 2nd in 1.18.28 and Arthur Sharp 3rd in 1.18.50. Geof Osborne won the Dave London Trophy for the Handicap event in 1.14.46. Doug Perry 1.15.25 was 2nd and Brian Stocking 1.16.08 3rd. In the Redhill '50' Maurice Tugwell finished in 2.13.14 and Harry Corby 2.20.36.

Six Club members got up for the SCCU 12 hours on the 14th September with the best of them being Harry Corby in 12th place with 228.42 miles. 2nd best was John Vallack with 227.77 in 14th place, and Gerry Edmunds 3rd with 224.90 miles for 24th place. It must have been a wonderful day for long distance racing as 92 riders finished the event. Dan Hadfield rode the Middlesex 12 hours to complete 233 miles 190 yards whilst Dick Hare finished the 29th Whs '25' in 1.4.33.

The September Blah records the election of Alan Sturgess to the Club. More on this young man will be found later in the text. Ron Stretton reduced his 1000m record this time covering the distance in 1.16.4. He is also beat Wally Happy in the Final of the Club 4000m Pursuit (5.25.0 to 5.26.2) Messrs Cattermole (K), Happy, Miller and Stretton broke the Herne Hill Record for the 4 laps Italian Pursuit with a 2.10.0 ride.

There were only 2 riders out on the 21st September when Don Chamberlain, 1.5.18, and Maurice Tugwell, 1.5.30, finished the Kingsbury '25'. These were very slow times for normally fast riders. In the Archives we have the Start Sheet for the Old Portlians Tandem '30' with two Paragon pairs listed. John Pocock was riding with Gerry Edmunds and Pete Wall was accompanying Geoff Osborne. Unfortunately we do not have the Result of their exertions. The result of the Viking RC '50' gives us a clue to the problem. Vin Callanan was due to be the Club's only rider but he figures amongst the 67 non-starters! Another 6 failed to finish leaving 27 riders recording times. The winner, Dave Marsh, Shaftsbury, did 2.12.16 nearly 10 minutes slower than his best. Must have been a beast of a morning! We also have an undated result of the Solent & District '25' that Dan Hadfield was due to ride (he didn't) with only 22 finishers on it. Charlie Blandford won the event in 1.6.30 and he was a regular 'under the hour' man!

The Mayne Cup had 33 entries of whom 29 started and 23 finished. This year there was a new twist as the field were divided into Teams representing the Road, Massed Start and Track riders. Fastest time was by Ron Stretton with 1.3.36. 2nd was Vin Callanan in 1.5.20 and Harry Corby 3rd in 1.5.35. The Man of the Day was Harry Corby whose nett time of 1.2.50 was just too good for John Pocock, 1.3.14, and Ron Stretton 1.3.26. In the Team Competition (based on handicap times) the Road Team of Harry Corby, Arthur Sharp and John Vallack won by a minute from the Massed Start riders (John Pocock, Brian Stocking and John Smart) 3.12.42 to 3.13.42. Even though the Track Team were fastest on scratch times the 1.8.22 by Maurice Jeffries was only subject to a 1 minute deduction so with Ken Cattermole's 1.5.08 the Track squad were 3' slower.

The October Blah records the election to the Club of John Cleeve, son of Frank, and the movement of Jim Hampshire to Canada. The Polo Team have finished top of the National League and the Croydon Summer League.

This year the Hill Climb was resurrected and the hill chosen was Ranmore Common. That is the lane coming from the Boxhill Station to Polesden Lacey Lane to the top of Ranmore Common. It is long and not overly steep but it gets steeper as you near the top to end with a nasty hairpin that needs to be taken wide. Not so pleasant if a car comes down at the wrong time! There were eight starters and Wally Happy won this event in 4.12.4 from Ron Stretton, 4.32.8, and Brian Stocking 4.40.8.

During the year four Junior events had been held. In the first 10 miles Scratch D Paine beat Brian Hunt 26.04 to 26.47 with Jerry Morrith back in 3rd place with 28.01. In the later handicap D Paine again won in 25.32 with Brian Hunt closing up with a 25.35 for 2nd place and 1st on Handicap. J Horan was 3rd in 26.32.

D Paine won the first 15 miles event in 35.53 with A Fishwick well back in 2nd place with 41.16 and Pete Wall 3rd in 41.53. The 15 miles Handicap was won by Brian

Hunt who also took both scratch and handicap awards. Brian's 36.48 was too good for Pete Wall's 40.50 and Brian Southall's 41.15.

The November Blah mentions the election of one Gerald Huntingdon to the Club. The writers have been calling him Geoff since they first knew him! He has never said a thing! It also mentions that John Pocock was off to RAF Padgate on the 2nd October.

The December issue includes the news that the John Carter Memorial Book will be awarded to Ron Stretton. Frank Cleeve won the Freewheel contest yet again!

Vin Callanan won the Road Championship of 1952 with an average of 22.867 mph. In 2nd place was Bob Shepperd and 3rd Dan Hadfield. The Club Events Championship was a win for Bob Shepperd with an average speed of 21.485 mph from John Vallack and Harry Corby. Brian Hunt took the Junior Championship with an average of 23.955 mph from Dave Paine.

	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Medium Gear				
24	Entries	9.3.52				
11	Starters					
10	Finishers					
1	Shepperd WR	1.08.14	1	Shepperd WR	2.00	1.06.14
2	Corby H	1.09.43	2	MacManus T	5.00	1.06.55
3	Baxendine A	1.10.15	3	Corby H	2.30	1.07.13
4	Hadfield D	1.11.24	4	Baxendine A	1.15	1.07.15
5	Morrison A	1.12.59	5	Morrison A	2.30	1.07.59
6	Morritt J	1.13.52	6	Hadfield D	1.00	1.08.54
7	Edmunds G	1.13.58	7	Edmunds G	4.30	1.08.58
8	MacManus T	1.14.25	8	Morritt J	5.00	1.09.22
9	Ames L	1.15.12	9	Ames L	7.30	1.11.12
10	Wall P	1.18.53	10	Wall P	4.00	1.11.23
	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		6.4.52				
32	Entries					
28	Starters					
26	Finishers					
1	Callanan V	1.05.50	1	Paine D	5.00	1.03.25
2	Stretton R	1.05.56	2	Hunt B	7.00	1.03.44
3	Corby H	1.06.57	3	Corby H	2.30	1.04.27
4	Shepperd WR	1.06.59	4	Godfrey D	5.15	1.04.43
5	Baxendine A	1.07.47	5	Baxendine A	3.00	1.04.47
6	Cooke J	1.07.58	6	Cooke J	3.00	1.04.58
7	Happy W	1.08.21	7	Stretton R	0.45	1.05.11
8	Paine D	1.08.25	8	Happy W	3.00	1.05.21
9	Corby R	1.08.48	9	Callanan V	Scratch	1.05.50
10	Godfrey D	1.09.58	10	Shepperd WR	1.00	1.05.59
11	Hunt B	1.10.44	11	MacManus T	7.00	1.06.00
12	Funnell P	1.11.54	12	Corby R	2.15	1.06.33
13	Smart J	1.12.22	13	Edmunds G	6.00	1.06.45
14	Edmunds G	1.12.45	14	Wall P	9.00	1.07.02
15	MacManus T	1.13.00	15	Vallack J	5.30	1.07.33

16	Arnold W	1.13.01	16	Arnold W	4.15	1.07.49
17	Vallack J	1.13.03	17	Funnell P	4.00	1.07.54
18	Morrith J	1.13.04	18	Sisley F	7.00	1.08.09
19	Patmore H	1.13.59	19	Hill A	9.30	1.08.36
20	Butcher S	1.14.38	20	Morrith J	5.15	1.08.46
21	Sisley F	1.15.09	21	Smart J	3.00	1.09.22
22	Wall P	1.16.02	22	Patmore H	4.00	1.09.59
23	Webb A	1.16.13	23	Webb A	5.30	1.10.43
24	Stocking B	1.16.36	24	Butcher S	1.45	1.12.53
25	Hill A	1.18.06	25	Stocking B	3.30	1.13.06
26	Sams F	1.20.16	26	Sams F	5.00	1.15.16
	Scratch Result	30 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Dave London Trophy				
16	Entries	7.9.52				
14	Starters					
13	Finishers					
1	Vallack J	1.17.55	1	Osborn T	8.30	1.14.46
2	Hare R	1.18.28	2	Perry D	9.00	1.15.25
3	Sharp A	1.18.50	3	Stocking B	4.00	1.16.08
4	Chapman H	1.19.26	4	Sisley F	7.00	1.16.42
5	Stocking B	1.20.08	5	Vallack J	1.00	1.16.55
6	Morrith J	1.20.54	6	Taylor J	3.30	1.17.42
7	Taylor J	1.21.12	7	Morrith J	3.00	1.17.54
8	Arnold W	1.21.43	8	Chapman H	1.30	1.17.56
9	Stocking A	1.22.22	9	Sharp A	Scratch	1.18.50
10	Osborn T	1.23.16	10	Hare R	plus 0.30	1.18.58
11	Wall P	1.23.28	11	Arnold W	2.30	1.19.13
12	Sisley F	1.23.42	12	Wall P	4.00	1.19.28
13	Perry D	1.24.25	13	Stocking A	2.45	1.19.37
	Scratch Result	50 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Fryco Cup				
13	Entries	22.6.52				
11	Starters					
9	Finishers					
1	Shepperd WR	2.11.38	1	Shepperd WR	Scratch	2.11.38
2	Vallack J	2.17.08	2	Morrith J	6.00	2.13.22
3	Morrith J	2.19.22	3	Vallack J	2.30	2.14.38
4	Corby H	2.21.08	4	Sisley F	11.00	2.16.02
5	Arnold W	2.21.46	5	Arnold W	5.30	2.16.16
6	Tugwell R	2.22.09	6	Wall P	10.00	2.17.19
7	Sisley F	2.27.02	7	Corby H	1.30	2.19.38
8	Wall P	2.27.19	8	Tugwell R	1.00	2.21.09
9	Osborn T	2.32.26	9	Osborn T	7.30	2.24.56
	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		27.7.52				
25	Entries					
25	Starters					
22	Finishers					
1	Shepperd WR	1.03.30	1	Tugwell M	3.00	1.00.41
2	Tugwell M	1.03.41	2	Vallack J	3.15	1.01.52
3	Tugwell R	1.04.02	3	Horan J	4.30	1.02.15

4	Hare R	1.04.39	4	Happy W	3.00	1.02.21
5	Vallack J	1.05.07	5	Arnold W	4.00	1.02.26
6	Happy W	1.05.21	6	Sisley F	7.30	1.02.36
7	Butler SM	1.05.52	7	Hill A	8.00	1.02.37
8	Hunt B	1.05.59	8	Tugwell R	1.00	1.03.02
9	Chapman H	1.06.20	9	Cleeve F	6.30	1.03.23
10	Arnold W	1.06.26	10	Shepperd WR	Scratch	1.03.30
11	Horan J	1.06.45	11	Morrith J	3.45	1.03.57
12	Corby H	1.07.13	12	Sams F	5.00	1.04.03
13	Morrith J	1.07.42	13	Edmunds G	4.30	1.04.04
14	Cooke J	1.07.57	14	Hare R	0.30	1.04.09
15	Edmunds G	1.08.34	15	Chapman H	2.00	1.04.20
16	Sams F	1.09.03	16	MacManus T	4.45	1.04.23
17	MacManus T	1.09.08	17	Corby H	2.45	1.04.28
18	Cleeve F	1.09.53	18	Butler SM	1.00	1.04.52
19	Sisley F	1.10.06	19	Pocock JP	6.00	1.05.11
20	Barclay J	1.10.23	20	Cooke J	2.45	1.05.12
21	Hill A	1.10.37	21	Barclay J	5.00	1.05.23
22	Pocock JP	1.13.11	22	Hunt B	0.15	1.05.44
	Scratch Result	100 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Goss Green Cup				
6	Entries	16.6.52				
6	Starters					
6	Finishers					
1	Butcher S	4.35.10	1	Vallack J		
2	Butler SM	4.36.23				
3	Vallack J	4.43.01		No Handicaps Recorded		
4	Corby H	4.43.35				
5	Edmunds G	4.45.23				
6	Shepperd WR	4.45.26				
	Scratch Result	50 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Walter Moon Trophy				
7	Entries	25.5.52				
7	Starters			(No Handicaps		
7	Finishers			Recorded)		
1	Shepperd WR	2.13.28				
2	Vallack J	2.15.21		2nd Team Award		
3	Edmunds G	2.18.49		2nd Team Award		
4	MacManus T	2.20.04		2nd Team Award		
5	Arnold W	2.21.06				
6	Wall P	2.23.27				
7	Sisley F	2.26.17		2nd Team Award		
	Scratch Result	50 h/c		Handicap Result		
		31.8.52				
16	Entries					
16	Starters					
16	Finishers					
1	Corby H	2.13.15	1	Wall P		
2	Vallack J	2.13.50	2	Edmunds G		
3	Chapman H	2.14.17	3	Hill A		
4	Edmunds G	2.14.38				
5	Arnold W	2.15.22		No other Handicap		

6	Sharp A	2.15.53		information recorded		
7	Hare R	2.16.51				
8	Taylor J	2.17.44				
9	Morrith J	2.19.09				
10	Wall P	2.20.58				
11	Sams F	2.21.47				
12	Sisley F	2.23.00				
13	Hill A	2.24.34				
14	Diplo W	2.26.26				
15	Osborn T	2.26.51				
16	Perry D	2.30.10				
	Scratch Result	12 hours		Handicap Result		
		Rotherham Cup				
6	Entries	14.9.52				
6	Starters					
5	Finishers					
1	Corby H	228.42	1	Edmunds G		
2	Vallack J	227.77		(No other Handicap		
3	Edmunds G	224.90		information recorded)		
4	Shepperd WR	217.59				
5	Hill A	200.94				
	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		28.9.52		Mayne Cup		
33	Entries					
29	Starters					
23	Finishers					
1	Stretton R	1.03.56	1	Corby H	2.45	1.02.50R
2	Callanan V	1.05.20	2	Pocock JP	4.30	1.03.14MS
3	Corby H	1.05.35	3	Stretton R	0.30	1.03.26T
4	Sharp A	1.07.10	4	Hill A	7.30	1.04.25R
5	Stocking B	1.07.28	5	Stocking B	3.00	1.04.28MS
6	Tugwell M	1.07.41	6	Cattermole K	3.00	1.05.08T
7	Vallack J	1.07.42	7	Callanan V	Scratch	1.05.20
8	Pocock JP	1.07.44	8	Vallack J	2.15	1.05.27R
9	Hare R	1.07.57	9	Sharp A	1.30	1.05.40
10	Cattermole K	1.08.08	10	Tugwell M	2.00	1.05.41
11	Jefferies M	1.08.22	11	Taylor J	4.15	1.05.42
12	Corby R	1.08.53	12	Sams F	5.30	1.05.42
13	Smart J	1.09.30	13	Corby R	3.00	1.05.53
14	Taylor J	1.09.57	14	Smart J	3.30	1.06.00MS
15	Edmunds G	1.10.08	15	Cleeve F	7.00	1.06.16
16	Arnold W	1.10.21	16	Arnold W	4.00	1.06.21
17	Sams F	1.11.12	17	Hare R	1.30	1.06.27
18	Hill A	1.11.55	18	Sisley F	7.00	1.06.28
19	Stocking A	1.12.31	19	Edmunds G	3.30	1.06.38
20	MacManus T	1.12.46	20	Jefferies M	1.15	1.07.07T
21	Cleeve F	1.13.16	21	MacManus T	5.00	1.07.46
22	Perry D	1.13.18	22	Perry D	5.00	1.08.18
23	Sisley F	1.13.28	23	Stocking A	4.00	1.08.31

	Scratch Result	Hill Climb			
		26.10.52			
8	Entries	Ranmore			
8	Starters				
8	Finishers				
1	Happy W	4.12.4			
2	Stretton R	4.32.8			
3	Stocking B	4.40.8			
4	Vallack J	4.50.2			
5	Edmunds G	4.52.4			
6	MacManus T	5.06.0			
7	Perry D	5.06.2			
8	Morritt J	5.37.6			
	Scratch Result	10 Scr			
		Junior			
5	Entries				
5	Starters				
5	Finishers				
1	Paine D		26.04		
2	Hunt B		26.47		
3	Morritt J		28.01		
4	Wall P		28.16		
5	Fishwick A		28.36		
	Scratch Result	10 h/c		Handicap Result	
		Junior			
5	Entries				
5	Starters				
5	Finishers				
1	Paine D		25.32	1	Hunt B
2	Hunt B		25.35		
3	Horan J		26.32		(No other handicap
4	Fishwick A		27.38		information recorded)
5	Bowles J		29.55		
	Scratch Result	15 Scr			
		Junior			
3	Entries				
3	Starters				
3	Finishers				
1	Paine D		35.54		
2	Fishwick A		41.16		
3	Wall P		41.53		
	Scratch Result	15 h/c		Handicap Result	
		Junior			
3	Entries				
3	Starters				
3	Finishers				
1	Hunt B		36.48	1	Hunt B
2	Wall P		40.50		(No other handicap
3	Southall B		41.15		information recorded)

