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The AGM re-elected George Ongley as President with Chairman Frank Cleeve. Alan Baxendine took over the General Secretary's post and Eric Bonner became Treasurer. The Vice Presidents in 1957 were Arch Allin, Arthur Bristow, Frank Burton, Stan Butler, Frank Cleeve, Bill Diplo, Alan Gordon, Bill Hitchmough, Frank Patterson, Harry Ryan, George Saggars, Bill Saggars, Bill Smith, Monty Southall, Norman Upton, Albert Webb, Ching Allin and Ron Tugwell.

During the winter the Paragon Team of Keith Butler, Alan Baxendine, Ken Knapman and John Barclay rode a series of Cyclo-cross events and were placed 2nd Team in the Southern Championships. Results include a 4th for Ken Knapman, 5th Keith Butler and 7th Alan Baxendine at Biggin Hill in November. Then at Chelsham Gravel Pits Keith Butler came 6th with Alan Baxendine 10th and Brian Newcombe 20th. In the De Laune Time Trial at Biggin Hill Ken Knapman was 3rd and with Keith and Alan we came 2nd in the Team race. Just before Christmas Keith came 3rd on Epsom Downs with Ken Knapman in 8th place and Alan Baxendine 14th.

The time trial season started with a bang! Keith Butler rode his first Balham Rough Stuff '25' and showed he was made of the same clay as his father by winning the event at his first attempt and in a time two minutes faster than Stan. At the top of Westerham Hill he was 30 seconds slower than John Smith (Addiscombe) but over the closing miles he pulled this back and crossed the finish line in 1.41.10. This was 30 seconds faster than Smith who came 2nd. Alan Baxendine came 5th in 1.45.47 and the only other Paragon finisher was John Barclay in 2.17.00. The other three entrants all went off course, along with about 20 others, at various points – not too difficult in this event.

Ken Knapman came 4th in the National Championship Cyclo-cross at Brands Hatch. In the Southern Cyclo-cross League Championship Ken Knapman was 4th, Keith Butler 10th and John Barclay 18th that gave us 3rd Team award. In the League Ken Knapman finished in 3rd place, Keith Butler was 5th and Alan Baxendine 10th for 2nd in the Team Competition.

Chris Gray was our only representative in the Castlenau Medium gear '25' where he finished with a very creditable 1.4.57. The next week-end was the St Christopher's Longmarkers '25'. In this Ted Clark's good winter training showed with a 1.6.47 that also gave him 2nd handicap award. Pete Greenfield finished in 1.11.42 whilst Brian Vallack came in with a 1.13.

The Medium Gear event was held on the 10th March and this too was a win for Keith Butler. His 1.5.47 was just a shade too good for Chris Gray, 1.6.02, with Alan Baxendine 3rd in 1.7.49. These riders also took the Handicap Prizes in that order.

On the 17th March we had 5 riders entered in the SCCU '25' but all of them were some way off the prize list. There was a strong headwind coupled with rain out to the turn by the 'Cherry Tree' that slowed times somewhat. Keith Butler was 10th in 1.3.37, Alan Baxendine 1.5.36, Chris Gray 1.5.59 and John Galloway 1.8.17 were the finishers.

The following week Keith Butler made his road racing debut in the Archer Spring Handicap. This was a fine illustration of how road conditions have changed since the late 1950s. The course went from Hillingdon along the A40 to Denham, branched off along the Aylesbury road, turned right to Lee Clump and a few other hills in the Chilterns, dropped back to the A413 and retraced the route back to Hillingdon. Not impossible today but rather fraught. However Keith's group caught the leaders on the first climb and were, in turn caught by the scratch group. On the second hill a small group of seven riders got clear, including Keith, and they gradually pulled away to the Finish. In the sprint Keith came 4th. It was also Kentish Wheelers Novices day and the Club had three representatives for their first ride in anger. Dave Onslow was our fastest with a 1.8.12, Colin Dennis was slightly slower with 1.8.42 and S Mark completed the course in 1.14.26.

The Brighton road race was held on the 24th March and attracted, as usual, a top class field. D Bowman (Leicester RC) attacked from the start and was later joined by John Blunsden (Willesden) and they took the Primes at Wych Cross and the South Downs. It was a fast race but this kept the rest of the field a minute behind the two leaders. The speed ensured it became a race of attrition rather than of mind-blowing attacks. The climb from Forest Row to Wych Cross left quite a few gasping reducing the size of the bunch. However the 'real' action did not start until the turn at Polegate and the climb through the South Downs. Here a front group of some 15 riders moved clear of the rest including Robin Buchan who could not match the speed on the hill. The two leaders were caught over the climb. Down through Exceat and up and over to Seaford then round to Newhaven and the climb out onto the coast road. Although there were attacks in plenty nothing worked so then we saw a fast sprint along Madiera Drive between fifteen riders with Bill Best (Sydenham Whs) getting his nose in front. In 2nd place was John Pound (De Laune), and 3rd last year's winner Doug Collins (Army CU). Les Ingman came in with this group but only managed 9th place. Time for the race was 2hours 47 minutes.

Reality set in the next week with the Club '25' for the Jim Fox Cup. It was a freezing cold morning as is often the case in March. Sixteen started to find out who was the best man and in the end there just was no argument. Robin Buchan slaughtered the field to win in 1.1.48. This was 3.20 faster than Tony Kerss and 3.21 faster than Len Saunders. Eighteen seconds covered positions 2nd to 7th. Les Black who had managed to get 8 minutes allowance took the Handicap comfortably. His nett of 59.03 beat Len Saunders, 1.00.39 and Alan Baxendine's 1.1.20.

The Hainault Hilly '40' saw a Paragon team start but only Keith Butler, 1.49.52 (9th) and Alan Baxendine, 1.57.54, finished. The team in the Twickenham (1.2.0 limit) faired better with all three riders reaching the Finish. Len Saunders with a 1.6.20, Alan Norris with a 1.7.30 and Brian Newcombe a.1.10. Dave Onslow visited the New Forest for the Poole Whs '25' and recorded a 1.11.

Seven riders were down for the Bec '25' on the 13th April. Robin Buchan was the best of these in 4th place with a 1.0.55. Chris Gray finished in 1.2.39, Keith Butler in 1.5.40, Tony Kerss 1.6.01 (2' late start), Alan Norris 1.6.57 (a 30 seconds improvement), Len Saunders 1.13.21 with two punctures and Barry Gregory failed to record a time after running our of spare tubular tyres! Better news came through from

the massed-start scene where Alan Baxendine won the Old Kent C.C Road race sprinting clear of the field.

At the Good Friday Meeting Gerry Edmunds reached the quarter-finals of the International Sprint before going out to the National Champion Karl Barton. However he made amends by getting a 2nd place in the 2 laps Scratch Sprint. A very pleasing note was that the Team Pursuit Squad rode a match against the Polytechnic CC and trounced them by 11 seconds.

On the Isle of Wight Les Ingman came 6th in the Clubmans Road Race with Alan Large, Ron Stempfer and Gerry Pearl coming in with the bunch. Then on the Sunday Les came 12th in the extremely testing Downs circuit race

On Easter Sunday Robin Buchan won the Fountain '25' with a 59.30 and with Tony Kerss, 1.2.34, and Barry Gregory 1.3.15 the Paragon won the Team race. Other Paragon times were Colin Dennis 1.10.19, Dave Onslow 1.10.22 and Warner 1.17.02. Then on the Monday Robin went to the Bath Road and recorded a 59.25 to finish 3rd in the Actonia '25' behind Ron Jowers (Clarence). Alan Norris finished with 1.6.29 and Brian Newcombe 1.7.25.

The following Saturday the Paragon made history by entering two teams in the London Centre Team Pursuit Competition and the 'B' Team justified their position by beating the Eltham Paragon in the 1st round.

Another 3rd place came Robin Buchan's way in the Hitchin Nomads '25'. This could be a very hard course at times and he 'only' managed a 1.2.01. Alan Baxendine finished in 1.5.6 and Alan Norris 1.6.55. Les Ingman took to the Hills with a 3rd place in the Bath Road Hilly '50' with a 2.11.10. An excellent ride as this race wanders around the hills between Theale and Wantage and is not for the faint hearted. On a misty morning Keith Butler went down to ride the Southampton Whs '25' hoping to repeat his win of the year before. Unfortunately the event was now a full Open event and not restricted on time and on a very foggy morning his 1.2.44 was only good enough for 7th place.

A large Paragon contingent went up to Finsbury Park on the 4th May for the Circuit races. Crashes were in abundance and one pigeon failed to take off in time giving a number of riders a very messy job after the race trying to clean their bikes of assorted bloody feathers and other offal. Most of the riders finished in the main bunch of 60 being placed equal 5th. These included Keith Butler Ron Stempfer and Gerry Pearl.

Twenty-seven riders had their names down for the Dave London '30' but it could not have been a good morning as only seventeen made it to the Start and only fifteen troubled the Finish Timekeeper. It was a wet morning. Fastest rider was Chris Gray with a 1.16.27 from Alan Large, 1.18.41 and Len Saunders 1.19.24. Brian Amsdell took the trophy with a handicap time of 1.14.01 just 17 seconds too good for Johnny Vallack and Len Saunders who was back on 1.15.24. The University Tandem '30' saw a Paragon team in action. While well down on the winners, Beauchamp and Craven (Crescent), 1.4.02, Keith Butler and Alan Baxendine came a respectable 5th in 1.8.13. Just to prove that weather is no problem to a really fast man Robin Buchan won the Marsh RC '25' by 23" in 59.00, his fastest time so far this season.

Next week Les Ingman showed his class by winning the Kingston Hilly '73' in appalling weather with 3.10.35. The youngsters went to the High Wycombe '25' and in spite of pouring rain produced some good times. Keith Butler came 12th in 1.1.27, a personal best, Chris Gray finished with 1.2.23 and Alan Baxendine 1.3.36 (also a personal best). Tony Kerss was 3rd in the Addiscombe '50' with 2.12.28 and Alan Norris got round in 2.35 after a very late start. The juniors had a 15 miles event and to make matters far more testing had hailstones in addition to the rain. Nevertheless Les Black improved a minute to win in 39.31. In 2nd place was Dave Onslow, 42.42, and 3rd Alec Robinson 44.47. In this race Brian Greenfield had a really good start to his racing career. No only did he have to contend with the weather but he punctured in the first mile of his first event ever. He lost a conservative six minutes but finished the course in 49.36.

The Croydon Winter League saw the Paragon finish in 2nd position but they were knocked out of the English Cup in the 1st round.

At Herne Hill on the 18th May Pete Smith returned to form with a win in the 5 miles Point-to-Point with Alan Large coming 2nd. Robin Buchan came 2nd in the two-man team Point-to-Point race. Then, teamed with Wally Happy and Gerry Edmunds they defeated a combined Manchester Team in an Omnium.

A removal van load of riders left Balham High Road on the 19th bound for Lee-on-Solent and a 100km circuit race. Of the 144 starters only 23 made the Finish. The wind is rather strong just off the Solent! The Winner was Karl Gough (Welwyn Whs) and our four finishers were 7th Alan Large, 9th Alan Baxendine, 10th Pete Smith and 13th Keith Butler. This close packing ensured the Paragon collected 2nd Team award. The following day Keith came 2nd in the Herne Hill Monday Competition Point-to-point. Back nearer home Robin Buchan came 3rd in the De Laune '25' with 1.0.00 again behind Ron Jowers. Les Ingman finished in 1.2.00, Chris Gray 1.2.34 and Tony Kerss 1.3.40.

At Herne Hill on the Saturday Robin Buchan won the Invitation Pursuit match and then joined Gerry Edmunds and Wally Happy to ride as the London Team. They then put the Slough and Commonwealth Teams well and truly in their places,

The 26th May was a day of wind. A strong gale was blowing and it shows in the results. Messrs Butler, Gray and Baxendine went down to Theale for the Yiewsley '50' but were some 5 minutes adrift of the winners. With an extremely strong northeast wind blowing Keith went out to the turn in 59.33 but took nearly 1.10 for the return to cross the line in 2.9.12. Chris Gray took 2.10.24 whilst Alan collected two punctures for his pains. (To quote Frank Cleeve – It was an out in the hour back in the car day!) Les Black rode the London Centre Junior Massed-start Championship but after being away in front for some 20 miles he was caught close to the Finish. Les crossed the line in a disappointing 18th place after such an effort. Only Robin Buchan of our four riders finished the Planet '25' in 1.0.35 but at least he won the Race! Only John Gallo finished the Moon Trophy with a 2.16.02 from eight club entries.

Alan Baxendine and Keith Butler came 2nd in a one mile Tandem Handicap at Herne Hill and then they assisted Tony Kerss to a 2nd place in the 20 miles Tandem paced event. Keith also collected 3rd place in the 3 miles Scratch event. Alan Large, Bruce Smith, Gerry Pearl and Jim Peacock rode the SCCU massed-start Championship at Brands Hatch and whilst constantly in the action were overwhelmed in the finishing sprint.

The Butler, Gray, Baxendine trio intended to ride the Romford Whs '25' but Alan Baxendine went sick. This was rather unfortunate as both Chris Gray, 59.55, and Keith Butler, 1.0.32, produced personal best times. This was Chris' first under the hour ride. Robin Buchan rode the National Championship '25' and came 12th in 58.20. Les Ingman led the team in the Catford '50'. He finished 2nd in 2.6.22 (just 13 seconds behind the winner) and was ably backed up by John Gallo, 2.14.09, and Tony Kerss, 2.15.04 (including a puncture stop). They won the Team race. Brian Amsdell did 1.5.36 in the Surrey RCC '25' and Pete Wall also finished in 1.13.29. Alan Large took a team to the Middlesex Clarion '25'. He finished with a personal best time of 1.0.22 and Alan Norris did a 1.5 and Barry Gregory a 1.6.

Brands Hatch was the scene for the next circuit race. (These Thursday evening races were a feature at 'Brands' for many years). Our New Zealander member, George Evans, won this one in the then record time of 57.14. Keith Butler was 8th a few lengths back. George came 2nd in the SCCU race at Brands later in the year.

In the Paragon Track Meeting the Club Events produced their usual fiery mix. Alan Baxendine won the Club 550 yards handicap for the Frank Burton Cup from Len Thompson and Brian Amsdell. The experienced lads got their own back in the 550 yards sprint where Gerry Edmunds took the AEU Cup from John Barclay and Pete Smith. The 5 miles Scratch was the fastest '5' ridden at Herne Hill all season with the distance being covered in 10.49. Pete Smith rode a canny race and left the field for dead on the last lap to take the Ravensbourne Cup from Alan Large and Wally Happy. Chris Gray did much of the grafting and won the George Colget Cup for the Points race. The 4000m individual pursuit was a long drawn out affair with the Final event taking place in October

At the Polytechnic Track Meeting at Herne Hill Gerry Edmunds came 2nd in the Victory Cup Sprint to his old rival, and National Champion, Karl Barton.

Keith Butler and Alan Norris went down to the Farnham '25' hoping for a fast morning – and got one! Keith produced his first under the hour ride in 59.15 for 9th place and Alan finished in 1.3.16. (That morning the Silchester CC broke Competition Team Record with an aggregate of 2.53.43). On the Brighton Road Chris Gray was our fastest rider getting 4th place in the Bellingham '25' with a 1.2.02. Len Saunders was 5th in 1.3.0 but this also netted him the 1st handicap award. Brian Amsdell finished in 1.7.01. John Gallo rode the Hounslow '100' and finished in 4.35.35.

Alan and Keith then went off to the Isle of Man to make their fortune in the Manx Cycling Week. In the Mountain Time Trial Keith finished 10th in 1.41.17 against Ron Jowers' (Twickenham) record ride of 1.37.27 and collected 2nd on handicap. He only lost 30 seconds on Jowers over the Mountain but was slower on the flatter roads

before Ramsey. Alan was 68th in 1.49.09. Our pair had better luck in the Clypse Circuit Handicap when Keith went through the field from Scratch on the first lap to take all the Primes and the race by 1.11. Alan made it an excellent day by coming 3rd just losing the bunch sprint. A team went down to Shoreham for the Prestonville Nomads '25'. Chris Gray was our fastest rider in 1.2.49. Len Saunders did 1.3.59 and Brian Amsdell 1.8.57.

The 'B' Pursuit Team (Baxendine, Butler, Kerss and Gregory) beat the Kentish Wheelers in the London Centre Championships to go through to the Semi-Finals and there was every likelihood of the Final being our 'A' team versus the 'B' team! Alan Large won the 10 miles Scratch race at the de Laune Meeting after breaking clear with seven laps to go and holding on to the Finish.

The Purley to Brighton was held on the 23rd June and it was to be Keith Butler's last race before taking up a 'career' with the Army as a National Serviceman. He was in scorching form taking only 1.33.18 to cover the 40 miles to set a new course record. Len Saunders was 2nd in 1.38.59 and Les Black 3rd in 1.39.27. Les tied the Handicap with Pete Greenfield both riders having a nett 1.30.27 with Brian Amsdell 3rd in 1.31.42. Chris Gray, 2.5.3, (his fastest time of the season) and Tony Kerss, 2.5.44 finished the National Championship '50' but were unplaced.

According to the Time Trial Secretary's notebook it was a very light day of racing on the 30th June. Chris Gray finished the Kingston '25' in 1.1.46 and Alan Norris the Chichester '50' in 2.20.18. In fact the Time Trial Secretary's report in the Blah sums up July very clearly. "I think I can draw a veil over July. Robin not racing, Keith called up, non-starters, punctures and nothing worth reporting!"

This was another very light day for the Club as there were only 2 entries for the Goss Green '100. John Gallo, 5.02.03, beating Pete Wall, 5.19.03, for the Trophy. The only other result we have is of Chris Gray doing 1.1.48 in the Sydenham Whs '25'. Pete Smith and Alan Large came 2nd in the 50 laps Madison at the Belle Vue Meeting at Herne Hill and on the Saturday Gerry Edmunds came 2nd in the 5 miles scratch at Southampton.

The end of the month saw Robin Buchan recovered and raring to go and just to prove it the Portsmouth Road '25' was a win for him by just over 2'. His Robin's time was 59.48. Chris Gray finished in 1.1.56 and Tony Kerss 1.2.57. Pete Greenfield took the Handicap having been given 8' allowance. He had a nett 58.57. John Dyer was 2nd with 59.36 and Robin claimed 3rd place from Scratch.

Six of our riders started in the Club Open '50' on the 4th August. Robin Buchan was only in 2nd place at 25 miles with 1.2.03 some 29 seconds down on John Smith (Addiscombe). Chris Gray came through in 1.2.41 in 4th place and Alan Baxendine was 6th in 1.3.18. Robin superior fitness and determination enabled him to pull away from the whole field in the second 25 miles and he crossed the Finish line in 2.1.38 to win. Chris Gray held 4th place in 2.4.27 and Alan Baxendine moved up to 5th in 2.6.18. Tony Kerss finished in 2.8.10, John Gallo 2.12.01 and Alan Norris 2.22.05. Alan Baxendine had ridden a personal best by 4 minutes for his '50' and deservedly won the Handicap award. Messrs Buchan, Gray and Baxendine also collected the Team race.

The 11th August would appear to have been a bad day by the number of non-starters and non-finishers in the Time trial Secretary's notes. Mickey Vickers finished the Redmon '30' with a 1.19.16 whilst John Gallo did a 1.21. Our three riders in the Oval Middlemarkers '25' all managed to pass the Finish Timekeeper. They were Brian Amsdell in 1.5.29, Pete Hodder in 1.8.58, and Pete Greenfield in 1.10.08. Over on the Ashdown Forest Stan Butler ran our BLRC Road Race. It turned out to be its usual hard but competitive race with Ken Warren (Thames Velo), the undisputed 'King of the Ashdown', taking control and coming in first. In 2nd place was his team-mate D Buck with Jim Hinds (Southern Roads) in 3rd place. Alan Baxendine came 7th.

On the 18th August Robin Buchan produced an absolute stonker of a ride to win the Farnborough '25' on the Farnham-Alton Course. His time of 56.31 not only collected 1st Prize but also 1st handicap! Alan Large went round in 1.0.21, Mickey Vickers 1.3.25 and Tony Kerss 1.3.47 after losing 20" at the Start. Such was the popularity of this event they ran a support race on a neighbouring course for the 'slower' riders. In this Len Saunders finished in 1.3.51. Another Handicap winner was Les Black in the Kingston Phoenix (1.4.0 limit) '25'. His 1.4.29 enabled him to lift the first prize.

The Paragon retained their London Centre Team Pursuit Championship by beating the Woolwich CC by 3.7" in 5.5.0. The winning Team were Pete Smith, Wally Happy, Alan Large and Robin Buchan. The Track Team also won the London Cycle Racing League Team Championship an improvement on last year's 3rd place.

A Club Team entered for the Southend and County '50' on the 29th August all looking for a fast morning on a fast course. They did not get it! They got a gale! The race was won by John Finch (Ross Whs) in 2.2.03 Robin Buchan was our best finisher in 3rd place with a 2.3.17. Alan Baxendine was 12th in 2.10.02 and Keith Butler, feeling the effects of some enforced 'square bashing', 14th in 2.10.27. Keith's records state that he took 1.4.00 for the first 21 miles but only 31.00 for the last 15! However the Paragon won the Team race. On the same day Brian Amsdell recorded 2.14.08 in the SCCU 2nd Class '50'. He was the fastest rider on the day by 6 minutes but he had omitted to inform the Timekeeper of an improvement to his 25 miles time that took him out of the 'second class' category. He paid the penalty by being excluded from the Result. A junior '15' was run off on this day with another win for Les Black in 38.11. Brian Greenfield came 2nd in 41.09.

We have in the Archives the Result of the Monday Competition run at Herne Hill. Gerry Edmunds was 5th in the Star Competition and 10th in the Scratch Competition and won vouchers for 17s 4d. Alan Baxendine was 2nd in the Medal Competition and won the Scratch Competition this enabled him to win vouchers to the value of £7.6s 8d. Pete Smith was equal 3rd in the Medal and 3rd in the Points to collect £1.16s 8d. whilst Keith Butler was 2nd in the Points to win 11s 0d. Such riches!

The Fryco Cup '50' on the 1st September proved to be a win for Chris Gray with a 2.8.21 ride. Len Saunders came in 2nd with 2.10.24 and John Barclay was 3rd in 2.21.51. Len took the Handicap with 2.4.24 from John Barclay, 2.7.51 and Chris Gray 2.8.21. The fast men went to Essex for the Becontree Whs '25' where Robin

Buchan again produced the goods with a 56.55 for 1st place. Alan Baxendine finished in 1.1.35 and Tony Kerss 1.2.02.

Only 2 entrants were received for the Rotherham 12 hour Trophy when John Gallow beat Pete Wall. Only Peter's distance is recorded in the Club Books as 216.55. But another source says that John did not finish – the plot thickens! The shorter distance men rode the 29th Whs '25' on the Cherry Tree Course. Robin Buchan won in 57.25; Chris Gray did 1.0.58, Len Saunders 1.2.37 and Mickey Vickers 1.3.09. Brian Amsdell and Alan Norris rode the Upper Holloway '30' and finished with a 1.21 and 1.22 respectively.

On the 15th September Robin Buchan and Alan Baxendine won the Epsom Tandem '30' in 1.5.13 with Chris Gray and Mickey Vickers 4th in 1.6.47. The next week they tried their luck again in the Old Portlians Tandem '30' but collected a puncture finishing down the list with a 1.7.27. The best pairing of the four that took part were Chris Gray and Mickey Vickers who improved on last week by finishing in 1.5.44. Les Black and Pete Wall did 1.10.26 and Len Saunders and Tony Kerss 1.12.52 including a 'rest' to change a tub. In the Anerley Middlemarkers '25' Bruce Smith overcame a puncture to finish in 1.5.14 to collect 3rd handicap. Brian Amsdell did 1.5.27 and Pete Greenfield 1.12.30 after playing football on the Saturday! John Gallo, meanwhile, had gone north to the Oldbury 12 hours event and finished with 232.622 miles which would be enough for him to take the Club Time Trial Championship.

The Polo Squad reported that they have finished 3rd in the Summer League and 3rd in the National League. The South Western League was successfully completed with Eric Bonner, Alan Roberts, Charlie Watkins, Tony Stocking, Keith Ongley and Alec Bird taking the honours. The George Brake Memorial Trophy was also won by the Paragon team of Bob Reddin, Alec Bird, Charlie Watkins and Ching Allin.

It was not Tony Kerss' year for the Redhill '50'. He finished with a rather slow, for him, 2.10.56 and Len Saunders was our only other finisher in 2.12.57. Chris Gray was our only finisher in the SCCU '25' in 1.1.57 for 4th place.

A Junior '10' was held about this time. This resulted in another win for Les Black, 25.18 from Brian Greenfield, 26.24, and K Keel 26.56.

The Mayne Cup '25' on the 6th October was a close run affair both for the Scratch awards and the Handicap. On the fastest time side Keith Butler produced a 1.2.21 to beat Chris Gray, 1.3.24 and Les Black 1.3.45. On the other side where the 'Important' race was fought out the Man of the Day was Mick Burn. Given 9.30 allowance he produced a personal best of 1.9.04 to have a nett 59.34. Brian Amsdell also produced a personal best ride of 1.4.13 that was reduced by 4.15 down to 59.58 for second place with Les Black taking 3rd place with 1.00.00.

The following week it was Hill Climb time and Les showed everyone how to climb with a winning time of 4.16. Chris Gray was only 1 second slower with Norman Burnard another 9 seconds adrift for 3rd place. About 40 members graced the event to watch the suffering and to have their picture taken afterwards.

On the 20th October Keith Butler rode Len's '10' on the Polhill course. Len Neil put on this event that was to become a classic end of season race. Entries were from the Wren Whs, Rodney, and Norwood Paragon plus invitees from local clubs. In 1958 Keith Butler produced the best ride of the day with a 23.49 to win.

Keith Butler was still taking to the rough-stuff in November coming 5th in the East Surrey Cyclo-cross at Chelsham some 2.15 behind the winner.

Very little dated information regarding the Track squad has been unearthed so we have had to combine the results. Chris Gray eventually won the 4000m pursuit in 5.40 from Alan Large. Holidays, crashes and illness ensured the competition dragged itself to an October conclusion. With the result of the Pursuit known there was then a tie for the Track Championship between Alan Large and Pete Smith for 1st place and another between Gerry Edmunds and Chris Gray for 3rd place. So a further week into winter the lads had to ride a 1000m time-trial! Pete Smith produced a 1.21.2 to beat Alan Large but Gerry was able to claim a ride-over as Chris had gone down with 'flu after his pursuit ride!"

The Club also won the London Cycle Racing League and were 1st in the London Centre Team Pursuit Championship for the 5th year in succession. The team also came 2nd in the National Team pursuit run-off at Coventry. They were 4th fastest qualifiers, then they beat the Coventry CC in the semi-finals before going down to Polytechnic in the Final. The Team was Robin Buchan, Wally Happy, Pete Smith and Alan Large.

The Club Open Road Champion for 1957 was John Gallo with an average speed of 21.448 mph with Pete Wall in 2nd place (19.592 mph).

The Club Events Champion for 1957 was Pete Wall and the Junior Events Champion was Les Black with Brian Greenfield as runner-up.

There was a tie for the Massed Start Championship between Alan Large and Keith Butler both had a win and a 5th place to count. Keith was also 6th in the Inter Services road race Championship but this does not count. Alan had won at Lee-on-Solent. Alan Baxendine had two wins but neither in 1st category competition in the Old Kent event and the Winchester Grand Prix.

Club Time Trial Results

	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Medium Gear				
8	Entries	3.3.57				
6	Starters					
6	Finishers					
1	Butler KS	1.05.47	1	Butler KS	0.30	1.05.17
2	Gray C	1.06.02	2	Gray C	Scratch	1.06.02
3	Baxendine A	1.07.49	3	Baxendine A	1.45	1.06.04
4	Newcombe B	1.08.14	4	Newcombe B	2.00	1.06.14
5	Gallow J	1.10.21	5	Gallow J	1.30	1.08.51
6	Greenfield P	1.15.59	6	Greenfield P	5.00	1.10.59

	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Jim Fox Cup				
17	Entries	31.3.57				
16	Starters					
16	Finishers					
1	Buchan R	1.01.48	1	Black L	8.00	0.59.03
2	Kerss AD	1.05.08	2	Saunders L	4.30	1.00.39
3	Saunders L	1.05.09	3	Baxendine A	4.00	1.01.20
4	Gray C	1.05.15	4	Dewis C	8.00	1.01.24
5	Butler KS	1.05.20	5	Vallack J	6.00	1.01.28
6	Baxendine A	1.05.20	6	Buchan R	Scratch	1.01.48
7	Gallow J	1.05.26	7	Onslow D	7.30	1.02.04
8	Newcombe B	1.06.25	8	Newcombe B	4.00	1.02.25
9	Black L	1.07.03	9	Gallow J	2.30	1.02.56
10	Vallack J	1.07.28	10	Butler KS	2.15	1.03.05
11	Norris A	1.09.03	11	Gray C	2.00	1.03.15
12	Dewis C	1.09.24	12	Kerss AD	1.00	1.04.08
13	Onslow D	1.09.34	13	Vallack B	6.30	1.05.23
14	Vallack B	1.11.53	14	Dyer J	8.00	1.05.33
15	Coker J	1.12.03	15	Norris A	3.15	1.05.48
16	Dyer J	1.13.33	16	Coker J	5.00	1.07.03
	Scratch Result	30 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Dave London Trophy				
27	Entries	5.5.57				
17	Starters					
15	Finishers					
1	Gray C	1.16.27	1	Amsdell B	6.30	1.14.01
2	Large A	1.18.41	2	Vallack J	7.00	1.14.18
3	Saunders L	1.19.24	3	Saunders L	4.00	1.15.24
4	Amsdell B	1.20.31	4	Gray C	1.00	1.15.27
5	Smith P	1.20.40	5	Dyer J	10.00	1.15.43
6	Vallack J	1.21.18	6	Barclay J	7.30	1.16.00
7	Barclay J	1.23.30	7	Smith P	4.30	1.16.10
8	Carver J	1.23.47	8	Thompson F	7.00	1.17.40
9	Hamblen S	1.23.47	9	Large A	Scratch	1.18.41
10	Thompson F	1.24.40	10	Black L	6.30	1.18.42
11	Black L	1.25.12	11	Vallack M	9.30	1.21.54
12	Dyer J	1.25.43	12	Vallack B	7.00	1.25.21
13	Palmer R	1.28.47	13	Palmer R	Scratch	1.28.47
14	Vallack M	1.31.24		Carver J		T.T
15	Vallack B	1.32.21		Hamblen S		T.T
	Scratch Result	100 Scr				
		Goss Green Cup				
2	Entries					
2	Starters					
2	Finishers					
1	Gallow J	5.02.03	1	Saunders L	9.30	1.35.28
2	Wall P	5.19.03	2	Jaegar P	14.30	1.36.30

	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		25.7.57				
15	Entries					
10	Starters					
10	Finishers					
1	Buchan R	0.59.48	1	Greenfield P	8.00	0.58.57
2	Gray C	1.01.56	2	Dyer J	10.00	0.59.36
3	Kerss AD	1.02.57	3	Buchan R	Scratch	0.59.48
4	Greenfield P	1.06.57	4	Gray C	1.00	1.00.56
5	Hodder P	1.08.14	5	Hodder P	7.00	1.01.14
6	Dyer J	1.09.36	6	Kerss AD	1.30	1.01.27
7	Morrith J	1.11.19	7	Wall P	9.00	1.03.23
8	Wall P	1.12.23	8	Morrith J	7.00	1.04.19
9	Onslow D	1.13.54	9	Onslow D	9.00	1.04.54
10	Greenfield B	1.16.11		Greenfield B		T.T
	Scratch Result	50 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Fryco Cup				
		1.9.57				
6	Entries					
6	Starters					
6	Finishers					
1	Gray C	2.08.21	1	Saunders L	6.00	2.04.24
2	Saunders L	2.10.24	2	Barclay J	14.00	2.07.51
3	Barclay J	2.21.51	3	Gray C	Scratch	2.08.21
4	Hodder P	2.22.49	4	Wall P	15.00	2.10.21
5	Greenfield P	2.23.35	5	Greenfield P	12.00	2.11.35
6	Wall P	2.25.21	6	Hodder P	10.00	2.12.49
	Scratch Result	12 hours				
		Rotherham Cup				
2	Entries					
2	Starters			No other information		
2	Finishers			recorded		
1	Gallow J					
2	Wall P	216.55				
	Scratch Result	Purley to Brighton		Handicap Result		
		23.6.57				
19	Entries					
15	Starters					
14	Finishers					
1	Butler KS	1.33.18	1	Black L	9.00	1.30.27
2	Saunders L	1.38.59	2	Greenfield P	11.00	1.30.27
3	Black L	1.39.27	3	Amsdell B	8.30	1.31.42
4	Amsdell B	1.40.12	4	Boreham V	11.00	1.32.18
5	Stocking B	1.40.30	5	Butler KS	Scratch	1.33.18
6	Greenfield P	1.41.27	6	Saunders L	5.00	1.33.59
7	Evans G	1.41.51	7	Mark S	15.00	1.34.28
8	Boreham V	1.43.18	8	Thompson F	12.00	1.36.40
9	Thompson F	1.48.40	9	Stocking B	3.00	1.37.30
10	Mark S	1.49.28	10	Evans G	4.00	1.37.51
11	Newcombe B	1.50.10	11	Keel K	12.00	1.38.30
12	Keel K	1.50.30	12	Wall P	12.00	1.40.05
13	Baxendine A	1.51.10	13	Newcombe B	6.30	1.43.40

14	Wall P	1.52.05	14	Baxendine A	5.30	1.45.50
	Scratch Result	10 Scr				
		Junior				
6	Entries					
6	Starters					
6	Finishers					
1	Black L	25.18				
2	Greenfield B	26.24				
3	Keel K	26.58				
4	Robinson A	27.28				
5	Onslow D	27.30				
6	Kartwright K	27.35				
	Scratch Result	15 Scr				
		Junior				
5	Entries					
5	Starters					
5	Finishers					
1	Black L	39.31				
2	Keel K	42.31				
3	Onslow D	42.42				
4	Robinson A	44.47				
5	Greenfield B	49.36				
	Scratch Result	15 Scr				
		Junior				
2	Entries					
2	Starters					
2	Finishers					
1	Black L	38.09				
2	Greenfield B	41.03				
	Scratch Result	25 h/c		Handicap Result		
		Mayne Cup				
22	Entries	6.10.57				
16	Starters					
15	Finishers					
1	Butler KS	1.02.21	1	Burn M	9.30	0.59.34
2	Gray C	1.03.24	2	Amsdell B	4.15	0.59.58
3	Black L	1.03.45	3	Black L	3.45	1.00.00
4	Amsdell B	1.04.13	4	Butler KS	0.15	1.02.06
5	Saunders L	1.04.36	5	Saunders L	2.15	1.02.21
6	Burnard N	1.05.18	6	Burnard N	2.00	1.03.18
7	Norris A	1.07.35	7	Gray C	Scratch	1.03.24
8	Stocking B	1.08.21	8	Patmore H	5.30	1.03.36
9	Burn M	1.09.04	9	Gager R	5.00	1.04.05
10	Gager R	1.09.05	10	Greenfield P	6.00	1.04.10
11	Patmore H	1.09.06	11	Hamblen S	8.00	1.04.10
12	Greenfield P	1.10.10	12	Norris A	2.30	1.05.05
13	Hamblen S	1.12.10	13	Stocking B	2.00	1.06.21
14	Vallack B	1.13.01	14	Vallack B	6.30	1.06.31
15	Greenfield B	1.18.02	15	Greenfield B	9.00	1.09.02

	Scratch Result	Hill Climb				
10	Entries	13.10.57				
10	Starters					
10	Finishers					
1	Black L		4.16			
2	Gray C		4.17			
3	Burnard N		4.26			
4	Baxendine A		4.28			
5	Butler KS		4.32			
6	Happy W		4.35			
7	Saunders L		4.45			
8	Amsdell B		4.52			
9	Burn M		5.15			
10	Bonner E		5.32			