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Phil Griffin was our sole cyclo-cross rider during the 'social season' but he certainly kept the Club's name in the footlights. In the Morden event on Chobham Common he came 8th and a week later moved up to 6th place in the De Laune time trial event. The South of England Championships were also on Chobham Common. The Cycling report gave the conditions as fast flat stretches linking oases of mud plus an almost vertical ascent to be faced every lap. Phil endured all to finish in 8th place just a couple of minutes behind Paddy Hoban (34th Nomads).

The first great ride of the year was achieved by Phil Griffin who took on the big boys in the National Cyclo-cross Championships on Chobham Common. He made an excellent start and held on to the front riders throughout the race. The Championship was won by John Atkins (Coventry). Phil finished in 10th place just 2.30 down and only 3 places behind the evergreen Mick Ives who is still performing at this high level in 2004!

Down on the Purley Way Playing Fields the C Team won their last two games in the Winter League by 6 – 1 and 10 – 2 against Croydon Aces.

The season's racing got under way with the Croydon and District Rough-riders' 25'. This CDCA took over the event from the Balham when the marshalling duties became too onerous for the size of the club. The course was the same and so was the winner. A storming ride by Keith Butler saw him come home with a new course record of 1.39.44 some 4.25 in front of the 2nd man Dyson (Viking RC). The rest of the Paragon did not do so well with three non-starters and Phil Griffin failing to finish after breaking a pedal.

It was also noted in the February Blah that the Paragon Darts Team had won the League Championship and reached the Semi-finals of the Belle Vue knock-out Cup.

February 25th saw 5 riders make their debut for 1961. It was an extremely hard morning for the St Christophers '25'. Alan Sturgess returned a 1.4.14, Ray Brake 1.5.26, Alan Bromley 1.7.44 and Pete Wall 1.11.20. John Fisher was second fastest to the turn but punctured on the way back to record a 1.9.00.

On a cold and misty morning Robin Buchan, Alan Sturgess and John Fisher won the Portsmouth Command Team TT by 4.24 in a new course record that has not been listed in the archives.

On the 12th March the Paragon organised the 9th Brighton Trophy Grand Prix. The Organisers were John Fisher and Ron Stempfer and they put together a good prize list and were rewarded with a class field for this 'Star' Trophy' Event. At the ungodly hour of 8am (for road racers that is) President Bill Saggars dropped the Union Jack at Purley Way Playing Fields to start 70 riders on their way, by devious routes, to Brighton. The bunch snaked through Whyteleafe to the Caterham By-pass where, at the top, last year's winner Roger Munn (Zeus) took the Prime. Then down through Godstone to East Grinstead and then to Forest Row with constant attacks and counter attacks. Then came 'The Wall'. This sorted out the men from the boys in its usual brutal fashion. Harry Jackson (Portsmouth) took the Prime with our lads, Robin

Buchan and Keith Butler up with the leaders. Through Maresfield to Uckfield and on this section at one time the bunch was split into five groups but no one could gain any significant distance. At Polegate the course turned right to climb the South Downs through Jevington and thick mist. This climb is where the heat gets turned on – and you thought it was already pretty hot! Barry Willoughby (Army CU) took this Prime. Although more riders were dropped there was still a sizeable bunch in a long line dropping down to Exceat and over to Seaford. Winding around to Newhaven the riders faced the last big climb and the last Prime counting for the King of the Mountains prize. The mist here was so thick that the riders had two Primes, as the Judges, arriving separately in two cars, could not see each other! Nevertheless to keep things simple Harry Jackson won both (and the KoM Prize). From Newhaven to Brighton is not far but as the riders reached the top of the hill out of Newhaven they were exposed to a howling westerly gale to add to the mist. The Hill had done its job though as a front group of 14 riders had formed. The race speed dropped to 15 mph at times as the riders struggled to ride westwards. Then at Rottingdean traffic lights Nev Crane (Boston), Ron Jowers (Clarence) and Warwick Dalton (Southern Roads) jumped clear and gained about 200 yards. There they stayed. The chasing group could not close the gap even with all 11 of them trying. The three were tantalisingly close. On to Marine Parade and Nev Crane swept by the other two to win by a wheel from Ron Jowers with Warwick Dalton 3rd. Keith Butler came 4th winning the chasing group sprint from J Collins (Flixton) and Jim Hinds (RAF CA). Robin Buchan punctured and failed to Finish. The Blah notes that Keith Butler won a Mansfield saddle for his pains! Alan Sturgess came 7th in the Falcon Road race.

Also on the 12th March John Fisher won the Hampshire RC Hardriders event in 1.5.19 and the following times were recorded in the SCCU '25':- Ray Brake 1.4.02, Adrian Herbert 1.5.47, Alan Bromley 1.7.36 and Bob Biggs 1.12.08.

The Club racing season started on the 19th March with a 10 miles time trial. In this John Pocock put in the best ride to win in 26.02. This beat Don Ward, 26.17, and Les Black, 26.31 into 2nd and 3rd places. Bringing up the rear was Gerry Pearl with a 34.57. Eleven Paragon riders had entered for the Kentish Wheelers Novices '25'. On a cold, windy and icy morning they all started which did them due credit. Fastest of them was Dick Ongley with 1.8.16 followed by Bob Roots 1.9.14, Brian Woolford 1.9.54, John Minter 1.10.25, Tony Alfold 1.10.43, Paul Chapman 1.14.43, Colin Yandle 1.15.19, E Fontaine 1.15.23 and John Temple 1.17.27. David Brown rode in long trousers, trainers, waistcoat and beret but completed the course in 1.24.25 whilst John Bryant was unfortunate enough to puncture. On the same morning John Fisher won the ECCA '25' with a 1.1.17. Ray Brake also finished in 1.5.07.

Keith Butler rode the Grand Prix of Essex on the 19th March. He managed to get into the leading break but touched a wheel and crashed with about 10 miles to go. He rejoined the race with a small group of chasers but could not pull back all he had lost. Eventually he crossed the line in 13th place some 50" behind the winner Warwick Dalton (New Zealand).

The Jim Fox '25' turned out to be the usual Buchan Benefit race but without the usual Buchan domination. His 1.0.07 was fastest but John Fisher, 1.1.30, and Alan Sturgess, 1.1.31 were much closer than usual. The 4th man, Ray Brake, was indeed another, respectful, 3 minutes back! Mark Fisher took the handicap – just. Five men

beat Robin Buchan on handicap time. Mark with 59.12, John Cleeve 59.32, Richard Ongley 59.39, John Minter, 59.55, and Bob Roots 59.59. Not a bad bit of handicapping.

The Paragon almost pulled off two massed start wins on one day when Phil Griffin won the Archer Spring Handicap in a sprint with three others. Not only did he collect a Tankard and £5 he also had two 10/= (50p) Primes as well.

Keith Butler was riding the Archer Grand Prix. It was then and still is one of the most prestigious races on the Cycle Racing Calendar. Action there was straight from the start when seven riders broke away after five miles. Keith with Warwick Dalton and Jim Hinds (RAFCA) chased and after 10 miles of chasing they eventually caught the escapees. This was the race. The ten-man group gradually drew away from the rest of the field. After 55 miles they were down to 9 then with 25 miles to go another two riders dropped away. Two more dropped back with a lap and a half to go leaving five men out in the front. The sprint was a long, long wind up with no one giving way. At the line Gil Taylor took the honours with Keith a very close 5th. Only a length and a half covered the riders. For the record Keith won £3 plus one 10/= prime AND a month's supply of Guinness!

At Easter the Good Friday Meeting was, as usual at Herne Hill. Les Black rode for England in an Italian Pursuit Match against a group of Internationals and was on the winning side. Alan Sturgess was 3rd in the 9 laps Pursuit and he won the 1-mile Handicap. Keith Butler rode the Coventry 2-day and in spite of the wind and rain came 5th overall.

On Easter Monday Robin Buchan and Alan Sturgess went to Coventry for the Meeting at The Butts. Robin collected a 3rd place in the Sprint and a 4th in the International Pursuit. Alan won the 2 miles handicap from the Scratch Mark!

Robin Buchan won the Fountain '25' in 59.07 beating the Old Portlians rider Dave Bonner by 21 seconds. Ray Brake finished in 1.3.19.

On the 9th April Keith Butler rode the Morden CRC race on the Ashdown Forest Course that went from Colemans Hatch then climbed the dreaded 'Wall' to Gills Lap. Keith took off up the Wall going over the top with a group of 9 others. Over the next 50 miles he wore them down leaving the last of them with 5 miles to go to win by 1.13 from Bill Stocker (29th Whs). John Pocock came through to get 7th place with Phil Griffin 8th. North of the river Robin Buchan was again under the hour taking 2nd place in the Forest '25' with a 58.15 just behind Ken Craven (Crescent). John Fisher was 5th in 59.55 and Ray Brake came down to a 1.3.11 to enable the Paragon to take the Team race. Alan Bromley improved 2 minutes in the Apollo Middlemarkers '25' in recording 1.5.15 just in front of Adrian Herbert 1.5.19. John Cleeve finished in 1.7.27 whilst John Minter improved to 1.8.26.

The next weekend was the Croydon Advertiser Road Race over 75 miles it was a tough race. The race started from John Ruskin School that in 1961 was near the Windmill on Shirley Hills. The course then wound its way through Warlingham, Westerham, Edenbridge to Hartfield. Then it lapped the Ashdown Forest before returning whence it came. The sting was in the last 3 miles, as those that live in

Croydon know so well. Down to Addington Village, left up Spout Hill left again passing the 'Sandrock', down Gravel Hill then up to New Addington to Finish just short of the Roundabout. The survivors of the 40 starters were still bunched together at Addington Village but Jim Hinds (RAFCA) jumped on Spout Hill with his teammate Hamilton and got clear. Although the chase was fast and furious they held on with Keith Butler crossing the Finish just 10" behind Hamilton for 3rd place.

On the time trial front Robin Buchan won the Southborough hilly '42' in 1.54.23 that was a course record. John Pocock won the 'Group A' award with a 2.2.02, Don Ward finished with 2.3.01, Phil Griffin (riding high pressures) did 2.4.29 and Brian Newcombe 'blew up' finishing in 2.10.34. A feature of this race was that the Team race was decided on the Bidlake system i.e. it was the time of the Club's 3rd man that counted. Bromley RC won with their 3rd man clocking a 2.2.20 whilst our 3rd man was Don Ward with a 2.3.01. On the more normal aggregate time the Paragon would have beaten the Bromley 5.59.26 in total against the Bromley RC 6.2.27. It is a bit of a back handed complement to the Norwood Paragon that this method of determining the Team prize was due to the number of Team races won by the Paragon in the 1920s and 30s! It was also interesting to note that from the timing of the climb of Ide Hill (won by D Patton Tunbridge Wells CC) Phil Griffin was only a seconds slower than Robin Buchan.

Ray Brake recorded a 1.3.16 in the Bec '25'. In the Delta Longmarkers Brian Woolford improving by 1.45 finished in 1.8.09. Tony Alford also improved a minute to bring his time down to 1.9.41. Then Dick Ongley came in with a 1.9.43, John Minter 1.11.09, Ted Fontaine 1.13.10 (2 minutes improvement) and Pete Wall also recorded 1.13.10.

Eight juniors got up for their first event of the season on 23rd April. Fastest was Tony Alford with a 26.47. This was 22 seconds too fast for John Minter and nearly a minute quicker than Ian Essex. Keith Butler went back to the Ashdown Forest for the East Surrey RC 65 miles event. This time he did not have it all his own way as while he broke away with some 10 other riders there were still four of them left with 200 yards to go. However his sprinting was far too good for Pete Crofts of the promoting club and Keith won by a length. Down on the south coast Bruce Smith collected a 4th place at Lee-on-Solent. Robin Buchan was 3rd in the Marsh '25' with a 58.14, Alan Sturgess finished in 59.16 and John Fisher 59.21 so the Paragon took the Team award. Alan Bromley tried a '50' for the first time and finished the SCCU race with a respectable 2.16.25. Also north of the river Don Ward won the North Midds & Herts '25' with a 1.0.53 with Ray Brake taking 2nd spot with 1.1.16. Jack Platts did his fastest ride for some time with a 1.4.07; John Cleeve recorded 1.6.47 and Pete Wall 1.10.46. The Paragon won the Team race.

Four pairs of Paragons made the annual pilgrimage to the University Tandem '30' and did very nicely thank you! Robin Buchan and Alan Sturgess finished in 2nd place with a 1.3.37. Keith Butler and John Fisher were 3rd in 1.4.01 and the Paragon took the Team award. Also finishing were John Cleeve and John Pocock, 1.8.29, and Alan Bromley with Pete Wall 1.12.16. In the Glendene Novices and Middlemarkers '25' Mike East took 5 minutes from his personal best when he crossed the line in 1.5.54. John Lovell improved to a 1.9.14. Joe Bryant in his first race recorded a.10.36 and Paul Chapman finished in 1.12.31

Seventeen sent their forms in for the Dave London Trophy but only thirteen managed to greet to the Start Timekeeper. Bruce Smith went round the course quicker than anyone else to record 1.14.25. Ray Brake was 13 seconds slower in 2nd place whilst Les Black was 3rd in 1.15.03. The Trophy was taken by Brian Newcombe with a nett 1.12.20 from Mark Fisher, 1.12.48 and Ray Brake, 1.13.08.

On the Polo field the B Team of Pete Wall, Alan Roberts, Alan Bromley and Richard Ongley won the Croydon Winter League Handicap Section whilst the A Team were runners-up in the Scratch Section. In the National League the team of Dave Bengerfield, Reg Marsh, Alex Bird, Keith Ongley and Bob Reddin have lost to the Palace 6 –5, beat Croydon Aces 7 –3 and lost to Solihull 6 – 3. In the English Championship the team have progressed to the 2nd round.

The Tour of the North Downs was listed as a World Championship selection race but no selectors were in evidence and they took no notice of the result either. This programmed 97 mile race that took nearly 4 ½ hours yet at a very fast pace was probably much longer. However this played into the hands of Keith Butler. The final break went at 72, official, miles when a group of three went clear followed shortly after by another six including Keith. With 5 miles to go Keith took the Final Prime up Swanscombe Cutting. (Think about this! The A2 is now a six-lane motorway standard road! How road conditions have changed in the last 40 years!) He did not persist but waited for the Finish where he took the inside line around the last bend to win by a yard. Bruce Smith went back to Lee-on-Solent and was even more successful as he won the race. Mark Fisher and Alan Bromley took part in the SCCU road race Championship at Brands Hatch and were pleased with their 7th and 8th places. Alan especially so as he rode an 84” freewheel. (50 x 16 for the more modern man).

Robin Buchan won the De Laune ‘25’ on the 7th May with a 57.57. John Fisher was 2nd in 58.09, Alan Sturgess finished with 1.0.22 after losing 1 minute at the start and Ray Brake completed the team with a 1.1.50. The Paragon won the Team race. Don Ward finished the Ruxley ‘50’ in 2.11.29, Adrian Herbert did 1.6.07 in the Eclipse ‘25’. John Cleeve improved 3 minutes in the Bon Amis ‘50’ with a 2.12.09. This just beat John Pocock by 13 seconds. They picked a snorter of a day. It took John C 1.12.46 to reach the turn but only 59.23 to get back. John P took 1.13.42 for the first half and only 58.40 to return. The winner, George Wingfield, (North Road) went out in 1.6.05 and back in 53.55 for his 1.59.00 and event record.

Dick Ongley won the junior ‘15’ on 14th May with a 39.09. 2nd was Tony Alford, 39.20 and 3rd place was taken by John Minter in 39.52. Keith Butler went down to the New Forest to take the Wessex ‘50’ in 2.1.17 and then, in company with John Pocock, rode back home to Croydon for training. The training obviously paid off for the following week he won the 70 miles Nomads (Hitchin) road race in a group sprint. John Fisher finished the Wessex event with a 2.7.44 and John Pocock 2.13.29 after a punctured delayed him. At the other side of the country Robin Buchan came 2nd in the Canterbury ‘25’ with a 58.22. Alan Sturgess finished in 1.0.44 and Don Ward 1.1.10 to enable the Paraon to take the Team award.

Robin Buchan and Alan Sturgess went to Halesowen for the Whitsun Track Meeting. Robin took some primes in the 7½ miles scratch but then was bumped off his bike and spent the rest of the week-end in hospital. To make amends Alan won this race. Keith Butler and Gerry Pearl rode the CC Islington Carnival road race. In a fast run race with 70 miles being covered in less than 2 hours 45 minutes a group of eight riders eased themselves off the front on the last lap. Keith Butler won the sprint from Alan Perkins (Leyton Cycles) and Karl Gough (Welwyn). Gerry Pearl was 13th at 32 seconds.

The Club had only 3 riders in the Walter Moon '50' so were unable to challenge for the Team competition. The riders were Ray Brake 2.11.04, John Pocock 2.12.11 and Brian Newcombe 2.17.16. Robin Buchan was 4th in the Farnham '25' with 58.22 whilst Alan Sturgess was 7th in 59.10.

Robin Buchan came 3rd in the Middlesex Clarion '25' recording a 1.0.10. The Paragon won the Team race but no other times have been noted in the archives. The Paragon beat Aces B team 8 –3 at Purley Way

The Team in the National Championship '25' did well but not well enough. Robin Buchan came 9th in 57.12, Alan Sturgess, 14th, 57.45 and John Fisher 58.48. They were just beaten by the Barnet for the Team Championship.

June 4th was a great day for Keith Butler as that was the day the 1961 Milk Race Tour of Britain started from Blackpool and through his riding early in the season he had been picked for the Southern Region Team. 1500 miles in 14 days! The 82 riders started the race as if it was a 30 miles evening handicap. In fact the 127 miles including the climb of the Cat and Fiddle out of Macclesfield and on to Nottingham was run off at over 25 mph! Keith kept up with the action finishing 6th just 50" behind the Stage winner Chisman (Northern Region). The 2nd Stage was the longest of the race being 153 miles from Nottingham to Southend. It included the 40 miles stretch of the A1 from Stamford to Biggleswade that had just been finished as a dual carriageway. Not the most exciting of courses but the distance got one from (a) to (b) quickly. An eleven-man break got away after 15 miles and they gradually drew away to be 7.15 up as they came through Biggleswade. Through the Essex roads the lead dwindled a little to 6.00 then coming through Chelmsford Warwick Dalton, Bob Addy and Keith Butler (all Southern Region) attacked! The leaders were tiring and breaking up (but then after 130 miles so was everyone else!). Dalton was unstoppable. Addy was dropped in Rayleigh and Keith on the outskirts of Southend. Dalton caught the leaders just as they were about to start their final sprint but had nothing left. He crossed the line in 4th place. Keith came in some 40" behind in 6th place. Keith was then 5th on General Classification.

The third day started with a boat trip across the Thames Estuary from Southend Pier to Sheerness. All the riders took the boat whilst the Race and Team Officials had to drive round via the Blackwall tunnel. Keith finished in the bunch at Hove. On the fourth stage to Bournemouth he maintained his position again finishing with the peleton. The fifth stage to Cheltenham was enriched by a hailstorm as the bunch went over and down the old Birdlip Hill. A number of riders crashed on the descent sliding on the hailstones, and everyone collected dozens of small bruises over their arms and thighs.

Keith was settling into this Stage racing without setting the world alight. Stage Six to Swansea saw him cross the line in 4th place some 2' behind the leading two riders. This was a bonus as six of the leading eight riders were directed off course within two miles of the Finish when a youth removed the direction arrows.

Stage Six finished in sunshine and the riders in the Southern Team went to bed at their superb digs on the Gower Peninsular with wonderful views over the Bristol Channel. They awoke to find rain hammering on the windows and the view restricted to about 100 yards in any direction. This was the day the race went over the Black Mountains and the Coach Road through the Welsh Mountains to Aberystwyth. This included climbs of Mynydd Bwylch and the Devils Staircase. Hills with slopes of 1 in 4,5 or 6 were commonplace on this stage. Butler was with the leading group for 42 miles but then found himself riding at the back of the group actually on the moors grass. Trying to get back nearer the front in the conditions proved too difficult and he dropped back. He survived the Mountain Road and arrived at the finish in 29th place some 13' after the leaders.

Stage Eight to Buxton (142 miles) was a different kettle of fish. Almost from the Start four men attacked. They were joined, after some 5 miles, by six riders and after 10 miles by another seven to form a leading group of 17. Keith was in the best position as Warwick Dalton of the Southern Team was, at that stage, in the lead so he just went along for the ride so to speak. By the time the race reached Congleton (135 miles) the break was down to 14 riders and at that point Keith started to play his part in the race. First he took the Prime in Congleton that turned out to be a full, 45lbs, Cheshire Cheese. Then with eight miles to go he went for the first of the two big hill primes and kept going. (By sheer chance this was the same route that Keith and John Fisher had ridden in 1959 on their training week so he knew all the twists and turns). Down into Buxton and he crossed the line some 34" in front of his nearest rivals to win his first Milk Race Stage.

Not content with a stage win the next day on the 115 miles to Skegness Keith was again away in the leading break. At an average speed of 27 mph the race sped over the gradually flattening country and the five men were 2.32 in front at the line where Keith was placed 3rd. The next stage was a mere 138 miles to Scarborough! It started with an echelon session as the remaining riders fought a head/side wind out of Skegness. Then the course turned north to go over the Yorkshire Wolds to Scarborough. The wind was pretty strong as can be seen by the race time. It was 6.21.13 for 138 miles (21.75 mph) and right at the end the riders had to dodge waves crashing over the Scarborough Promenade! Keith finished in the bunch some 8' down on the leaders.

The next day was almost a rest day as the riders had 'only' a 25 miles time trial. Keith was 12th at 2.59. He had some luck on the next stage to Whitley Bay as he missed the break but the whole field was held up by three level crossings with some 33 miles remaining and regrouped. Immediately after there was another split of 14 riders that held out to the finish with Keith taking 8th place in the sprint for the line.

The big day was the Whitley Bay to Morecombe stage. 120 miles over the Pennines with 6 major climbs. Keith kept up with the leaders all day to finish in that group

some 2' behind the lone stage winner Fairbrother (Scotland). The last day was the traditional blind back to Blackpool over the Trough of Bowland and sundry hills. Once again Keith kept up with the action but on the last descent of the day when chasing the break someone fell off on a bend and in the subsequent melee Keith ended up with a bent wheel. Once he had a replacement he regained his position in the peleton but the chance of getting into the winning break had gone so he had to be content with 9th place at 2.54.

At the end of the race Keith was placed 9th some 13.06 behind the winner Bill Holmes (North). It is perhaps a reflection on Keith's form over the last week of the race that he lost precisely that time on the Swansea to Aberwystwyth stage.

On the 6th June the Paragon Polo team beat Palace 8 – 5 at Purley Way. and then Bendfield 13 –1 the following week. Unfortunately they lost to Cyrstal Palace in the English Championship 8 –4 but beat Woolston (Southampton) 9 – 4. In the National League we lost to Solihull 5 – 9.

Undated in the reports are the success at various Track Meetings. Robin Buchan and Don Ward won the Double Harness Pursuit at the De Laune Meeting. Robin was also the most aggressive rider in the All-Star 10 miles event. Alan Sturgess and Robin Buchan came 3rd in the annual Fountain 100 laps Madison missing 2nd place by just one point. Alan Sturgess won the 5 miles race at the second De Laune Meeting with Don Ward collecting 3rd place. Alan also came 2nd in the Sprint.

In the Shaftesbury '50' Robin Buchan put up a cracking ride to finish 3rd in 1.58.06. It was an excellent ride as he had time off the bike with a puncture! Ray Brake did his first 'under the hour' ride in the Romford '25' with a 59.41. Bert Chapman recorded a 1.7.46 in a VTTA Surrey/Sussex '25' that also won him 1st on handicap. Someone gave him 11 minutes! He won't get that again!

Seven juniors turned up for their 10 miles handicap event on the 25th June. On a fast morning Adrian Herbert showed everyone a clean pair of heels as he finished in the fast time of 24.106. In 2nd place was Tony Alford, 25.10, and in 3rd place Bob Bigg, 25.15. Ian Essex took the handicap with a nett 23.18 from Bob Bigg and Joe Bryant who tied on 23.45. Keith Butler rode the Oxford City '50' that he completed in 1.57.48 to finish in 2nd place 1.01 behind John Woodburn (Barnet). This ought to have been a win but for a puncture during the first part of the race. John Pocock finished in 2.13.03. Ray Brake came 3rd in the Cambrian '25' with a 1.3.04 whilst an off colour Robin Buchan rode round in 1.3.14. Brian Newcombe did 1.5.48 and Dick Ongley 1.8.02.

Alan Sturgess went to the Isle of Man for a 'holiday' but took his bike with him! He was 3rd in the 1000m time trial behind current Record Holder Harry Jackson (Portsmouth) and in the 5 miles came 4th behind Barry Hoban (Calder). On his return he rode the Kentish Whs meeting and came 3rd in the Sprint. In the last event of the evening Robin Buchan came 3rd in the 10 miles Scratch with Alan Sturgess in 4th place.

Ray Brake got 'under' again in the Kingston RC '25' with a 59.48 to take 2nd place. Alan Sturgess was 3rd in 1.0.02 and Don Ward 1.1.57. The Paragon won the Team race.

The Purley to Brighton collected its usual good field with 16 riders attempting to get to the Coast faster than the others. On not a very good morning Keith Butler showed that his ride in the Tour of Britain Milk Race had done him no harm when he finished in 1.35.00 to beat Alan Sturgess by 2 minutes dead. In 3rd place was Don Ward with 1.40.01. A superb piece of work by the handicapping committee saw Keith catch John Lovell on the Finish line. John started 13' in front of Keith and had received 13' handicap. The only fly in the ointment was that these two rides did not win but only tied for 4th place in the handicap competition! This part was won by John Minter with a nett 1.31.12 from Dick Ongley, 1.32.32 and Phil Griffin, 1.33.13.

Early in July Norman Upton died. He joined the Club in the summer of 1906 and in the succeeding two years broke Club Records at 20, 25 and 50 miles and over the Purley to Brighton course. In 1909 Norman became Honorary Secretary which office he filled with distinction for three years for it was directly as a result of his enthusiasm for the game and his skill as an administrator during that period that the transformation of the Club from a small local club into a virile racing club with a full programme of road handicaps and time trials. After 50 years it is difficult to realise just how great the changes were that Norman, backed by his enthusiastic fellow members succeeding in instituting. The fact remains though that it is mainly due to those far seeing changes that the Club as we know it exist today.

Norman was a quiet unassuming man and it is regrettable that owing to prolonged and acute gastric trouble caused by gas in the 1914-18 War his activities were seriously curtailed preventing him from taking further part in the Club's activities. However he never ceased to take a very keen interest in the progress of the Club and the prowess of its members. He worked in 'The Print' and was George Murray's overseer when George was an apprentice compositor. He was directly responsible for George joining the Norwood Paragon. So we now know whom to blame.

Writing those two paragraphs nearly 100 years after Norman joined the Paragon they appear far too inadequate. From the archives and from the comments made by old members Norman was THE driving force and the ideas man of his day. On the occasion of the 100th Anniversary Dinner, when the Club traditionally toasts 'Absent Friends' at 9 pm, Norman Upton's name was honoured together with the names of our four founder members. We owe him a great debt. We must never forget him.

On the 2nd July a Paragon Team rode the South Ruislip '100'. In spite of starting at No. 20 and spending three-quarters of the race out on his own at the front of the field Keith Butler won by over 3 minutes from Wingfield (North Road) in 4.11.56. This took nearly 5 minutes off his Club Record. Robin Buchan finished 7th in 4.25.21 and John Pocock 4.29.53 to complete the winning Team. At the Bexley Grass Track Meeting Bruce Smith won the 880 yards Handicap

At the Club Evening Track Meeting run by Bert Chapman the main part of the Club Track Championship was fought out. In the 550 yards handicap John Lovell beat Mark Fisher and Alan Sturgess to the line to take the Frank Burton Cup. The AEU

Cup Scratch race was a more serious affair with Alan Sturgess coming through to pip Mark Fisher on the line with Keith Butler in 3rd place. The same 3 gentlemen were the main contestants in the 5 miles scratch and points. Keith Butler took the Points for the Colget Cup from Mark and Alan 3rd. Alan won the final sprint to take 3 points in the Club Championship from Mark Fisher and Keith Butler and the Ravensbourne Cup. In the Meeting proper the main race was the London Region 10 miles Championship. John Ralph (Poly) won the race from John Winter (De Laune), Brian Tadman (Woolwich) and Robin Buchan in 4th place.

From that weeks' Cycling Results we learn that Alan Sturgess and Keith Butler tied in the 10 laps Point to Point at the Monday Competition Meeting and just two lines below we note that M Coombs (Apollo) won the Ladies 6 laps race. We make this observation as this lady was to have quite an influence in Paragon history for she became Mrs Marilyn Butler. At the Catford 75th Anniversary Meeting Keith Butler won the 75 laps Madison teamed with Dennis Tarr and Brian Dacey. Don Ward and Mark Fisher won some primes. In the Italian Pursuit Mark, Robin Buchan, Don and Keith came 3rd in just 0.4 of a second covering the top teams. Alan Sturgess also came 2nd in the 550 yards handicap and won the 3 miles Block Handicap.

Robin Buchan, Alan Sturgess, Don Ward and Keith Butler won the National 4000m Team Pursuit Championship at Herne Hill. They put up a 4.53.2 in the Time Trial round that psychologically flattened the opposition. It was achieved on 90" gears and the two higher gears that they had available were not needed. They disposed of the Whitewebbs in the Semi-Finals, almost catching them, and then trounced the De Laune in the Final with a 4.55.3. These were the best times done by a club team since the Paragon last won the Title (1956). The Paragon also won the London Region Team Pursuit Championship with Bruce Smith and Les Black riding in some rounds. They beat the Southern Roads at the second attempt in the Semi-Final after tying on 4.58 the first time.

Robin Buchan did a 1.15.11 and Wally Happy 1.21.17 in the Redmon '30'. In the Dulwich Paragon '25' Jack Platts did 1.4.36, Brian Newcombe 1.5.08 and George Walmsley 1.5.40. Ray Brake was 'under' yet again in the Southend & County '25' with a 59.12 whilst Pete Wall defied the wind and the rain in the SCCU '100' to finish in 5.5.56

Robin Buchan came 5th in the Maidenhead '50' with a time of 2.0.56 but some 2.34 behind the winner John Penny (Charlotteville). Keith Butler rode and won the National 100 miles Championship promoted by the Highgate CC on the 9th July with a 4.11.50. Unfortunately he was later disqualified for breach of Regulation 44 that condemns 'Company riding'. The problem arose because the organisers had placed Keith just 1 minute behind the pre-race favourite Harry Middleton and as one can read on these pages Keith was in superb form. Consequently he caught Middleton after 10 miles and surprise, surprise, Mr Middleton did not like that so he fought back. Unfortunately these two picked up Keith's 2-minute man Bombas (Finsbury Park) and he stuck like a leach to the others. While there was no 'wheel sucking' Keith and Harry changed positions continually over the next 60 miles before Keith eventually drew away. Later the Race Judge disqualified all three riders. The Race Judge did not see any of the action and he also sat on the panel hearing the evidence. Keith's appeal was also rejected but his 'Deposit' was returned and he was forbidden to talk

to the Press. The Highgate have never promoted an Open under RTTC Rules again as they were so disgusted with the outcome. Says it all really.

The Goss Green '100' had four entries of whom only two made it to the Finish were it was recorded than John Pocock's 4.39.02 was far too good for Pete Wall's 5.5.16. Alan Sturgess finished 3rd in the 300 yards dash at the SCCU Meeting and then in the Redmon Meeting won the 550 yards handicap and seven of the ten prizes in the Course des Primes. Robin Buchan came 3rd in the 10 miles Points race even though he punctured with 3 laps to go and was off the track at the end. He had secured enough points over the rest of the race.

In the North Road '50' Robin Buchan did 2.2.17 whilst Alan Sturgess did 2.3.06 for his first '50' of the year. Ray Brake was our fastest man in the Eltham Paragon '25' on the Swancombe Cutting course with a 1.3.12. Alan Bromley improved to 1.4.22. (No one improves on THAT course!) Other rides were by John Pocock 1.6.14, Dick Ongley 1.7.53, John Cleeve 1.8.55 and Dick Langenbruch 1.15.14.

July 30th was a fairly quick morning on the Portsmouth Road and Ray Brake crossed the line with a 59.37 putting Les Black back into 2nd place, 1.0.10 and Alan Bromley, 1.2.29 (improving again), into 3rd place. Phil Griffin, 1.2.33, and Dick Ongley, 1.2.52 were also close up. John Minter who had been given 6' allowance took the handicap. He had a nett 58.59. John Pocock was 2nd in 59.35 and Adrian Herbert 3rd in 59.37. Keith Butler rode the Southern Velo 100 miles Road Race on the Chobham Circuit. He came 4th behind Dennis Tarr (De Laune), Dave Bedwell (Professional) and Mick Coward (later to become proprietor of Emperor Sport Cycles In Sutton).

During the Monday Competition on the 31st July Keith Butler won the 10 miles Scratch event. On the Polo Summer League field the Paragon have beaten Selhurst 6 – 4, the Aces 16 – 5 and again 7 – 6.

The Isle of Man was the venue for the National Road race Championship and held on the 6th August. Keith Butler had entered the event that consisted of 8 laps of the Clypse Circuit starting and finishing by the TT Grandstands. Three men went clear on the first lap to be followed by Keith and five others on the 2nd lap. This was the race-winning move. The eight gradually moved to a lead of 3 minutes but shed riders on each climb up to Creg-ny-baa so with one lap to go there were just Keith, George Bennett (Ferryhill) and Bill Bradley (Southport) left in the lead. Bennett tried to break clear on the mountain but was brought back. Keith tried on the last climb of Hilberry and so it came down to the last sprint. It was then that disaster struck! Keith went to change into his sprinting gear with 200 yards to go and the chain dropped off the chain wheel! It had never occurred before and Keith could not get it to do it again afterwards. So he had to be 'content' with 3rd place. (Bill Bradley won). Back at home Alan Sturgess and Robin Buchan won the 10 minutes Tandem Pursuit race at Alexander Park, Portsmouth and Wally Happy won the 3 miles Motor Paced event.

Ron Ford (Crawley Whs) won the Open '50' in 2.3.51. On not a very pleasant morning 25 of the 115 entries decided not to start! At the 25 miles point E Foster (Eltham Paragon) was leading with 1.2.11 from Bill Lindsay (Old Portlians) 1.2.44 and John Froud (Festival) 1.2.59. Robin Buchan came through in 1.3.02 but the eventual winner was only 10th fastest in 1.4.15. Other Paragon times were by Phil

Griffin 1.4.58, Alan Bromley 1.5.27, John Cleeve 1.8.12, Brian Newcombe 1.10.05 and Adrian Herbert 2.4.48. This did include 56.17 late start! At the Finish it was Ford who put in a second half of 59.46 to cross the line in 2.3.51. In 2nd place came Bill Lindsay 2.3.57 and John Froud, 2.4.23 was 3rd. Robin Buchan was 4th in 2.4.24. Phil Griffin improved by nearly 3 minutes to record 2.8.37 and Alan Bromley slashed 5 minutes from his best to cross the line in 2.10.25. These three men won the Team race. Other times were by John Pocock 2.11.34, John Cleeve 2.14.48 and Brian Newcombe 2.26.28. Adrian Herbert called it a day and decided to omit the Horsham leg going straight on at Crawley Island. After all a 3 hour plus ride on your entry form is not good to see whatever the excuse! Alan Sturgess came a brilliant 2nd to Alf Engers in the Fulham Whs '25' with a 57.40.

On August Bank Holiday at Portsmouth Alan Sturgess and Robin Buchan rode the tandem 10 minutes pursuit. They cleared the Track after 5 minutes and went on to record a Meeting Record of 5 miles and 15 yards. They also came 2nd in the Sprint. In the Kingsbury Cup 5 miles (£500 prizes) Alan and Robin were in the action pulling in the lap prizes. Alan won eleven and Robin three but this blunted their finishing sprint as local man Harry Jackson won with Robin 3rd. (Note the Kingsbury Cup stands over 3 feet high and while everyone wants to win it they do not like carrying it about). Mark Fisher was 2nd in the 1 lap sprint and then, to rub it in, was brought down in the 550 yards handicap Final.

At the Belle Vue evening meeting Robin Buchan and Keith Butler were 2nd in the 80 laps Madison. Then at the week-end Keith rode the Broad Oak '12' both for a place in the BBAR and a tilt at the trophy Bernard Brown put up for the first Paragon member to beat 260 miles. At 47 miles Butler was in 2nd place some 1.11 down on the eventual winner, Kirby (Army CU). That lead became 3.00 at 107 miles covered in 4.34.47 and 4.37.45 respectively. By 150 miles Kirby's lead was 6.30 with Keith still in 2nd position. The next 50 miles turned out to be rather difficult for Keith as he 'slowed' to be 16.45 behind at 201 miles and had dropped to 5th place. He did recover, but not sufficiently, over the last 3 hours and eventually ran out time with 261.112 miles. Another half mile would have given him 3rd place. Bernard Brown's Tankard was his! It also put Keith into 4th place in the BBAR.

Ray Brake improved again in the Leyton Camp '25' with a 59.02. In the Romford Middlemarkers '25' Mike East was our best rider with 1.6.41. Tony Davey improved 3 minutes to 1.6.44 and John Lovell over 2 minutes down to 1.7.21. Brian Woolford finished in 1.8.29 and Paul Chapman 1.12.09. In Kent Phil Griffin was our fastest in the Medway Whs '50' with a 2.10.08. John Pocock was not far back with 2.10.52; John Cleeve did 2.13.37 and Pete Wall 2.22.58. In the Oval '25' Adrian Herbert finished in 1.3.31, Alan Bromley in 1.3.58 and George Walmsley 1.4.08.

Robin Buchan paired with Johnny Ralph (Poly) went up to Nottingham to ride the National Tandem Sprint Championships and were beaten in the Final by 2 races to 1 by the Olympic Team of Dave Handley and Eric Thompson. Robin was also placed 3rd in the 5 miles Scratch.

On the 20th August the Southend and County held their Open '50' on the then famed and fast Southend Road. The Paragon Team of Alan Sturgess, Robin Buchan and Keith Butler hoped to get a fast morning and produce some fast times. For once they

were not disappointed. John Woodburn (Barnet) broke the 50 miles Competition Record with a ride of 1.53.31, Keith Butler came 5th with a new Club Record of 1.55.19, Alan Sturgess came in with a 1.58.15 (a personal best by 1 minute) and Robin Buchan 1.58.53. This broke the Club Team Record and the existing Team Competition Record but did not win the Team Award, as the Barnet CC riders were some 7.27 faster and to rub it in their third man finished before ours so we could not claim the Record! Unfortunately all this euphoria was completely wasted for, a few weeks later, when the RTTC checked the course, as they must after a record is broken, they found it a ¼ mile too short! This is the equivalent of 35 seconds at 1.55.00 speed. Ninety-nine riders had their best 50 time of the season wiped out by this ruling. They were not best pleased especially those whose BBAR ratings were severely affected. Keith, for example dropped from 4th to 10th. Down in happy Hampshire and Dorset in the Poole Whs 12 hours event Phil Griffin made his debut at the half-day race and with John Cleeve also riding two excellent results were obtained. At 68 miles Phil was in 5th place just 6.51 behind John Baylis (Southampton Whs) whilst John was 13th at 14.03. By 144 miles Phil was holding 5th place but now 18.41 behind Baylis and John held his spot but 24.56 in arrears. During the second half of the ride Phil's inexperience and John's superior stamina made themselves felt. Phil dropped back to finish 7th with an excellent 247 miles 331 yards that also gave him 1st place on handicap. John moved up to finish 9th with 243 miles 1251 yards and improvement of some 9 miles.

In the Aylesbury '25' Robin Buchan was beaten by just 1 second by Smith (Colchester) with a 57.55 for the 2nd place. Alan Sturgess was 4th in 58.25 and Ray Brake completed the Team with a 1.1.01. The Paragon won the Team race with 2.57.21.

The Fryco Cup '50' saw John Cleeve in control winning by just over a minute with a 2.13.27 from Alan Bromley, 2.14.28, and John Minter 2.19.43. John Cleeve also took the handicap award from John Minter with Alan Bromley in 3rd place.

The Rotherham Cup 12 hours event had four entries but only two finished After encountering severe thunderstorms en route John Cleeve ran out time with a very respectable 240.42 miles to beat Pete Wall with 223.94. Both riders were just 3 miles slower than their best a fact that can be put down to the weather. In the 29th Wheelers '25' Ray Brake was our fastest rider with 1.0.35, with Bruce Smith recording 1.1.40 and Alan Bromley 1.4.11. Mike East recorded a 1.6.16 in the Clarence '25' with John Lovell also finishing in 1.7.06.

Keith Butler went off to Czechoslovakia with a Great Britain Team of Gerry Blake, Dennis Hill and Hughie Porter. On the 1st Stage Keith took a flyer with 10kms to go, was caught by a small group and finished 4th on the Stage. The last 2000 metres were an eye opener! It was all cobbled and unlike the wide open and friendly last 200 metres expected in England this race had two 90 degree bends, a switch through a gateway to finish in the middle of a football pitch! (Keith diary notes – 'never again will I complain about the Ashdown Forest Finish). Keith finished in the front groups on Stages 2 and 3 keeping his 4th place on General Classification. On Stage 4 (Opraviva to Dubrika) Keith broke away with two other Czech riders with some 40 miles remaining. They gained about 3 minutes but Lady Luck was on Keith's side today as the other two misread a policeman's directions and turned off the course.

Keith was watching the direction arrows and took the correct course to cross the Finish Line with in 4.18.43 for the 159 kms and 26 seconds lead. This also gave him the yellow jersey as race leader. He held this until the 10th and last day. Over the evening meal the Team learnt that the course had been changed from 12 laps of a circuit around Bratislava to a large loop out into the country and two laps of the original circuit on the return. This loop contained a mountain road that was found to be unsurfaced. The whole team had punctures, (Porter had three!), and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th men on General Classification (on heavy tyres) attacked on the descent and broke clear. Once the Team had re-grouped on the proper roads it was found that no one would work with the Brits. It was therefore a question of holding on to the Finish. It meant that Keith had to finish in 4th place. It was noticeable that he got the biggest cheer from the riders when going up to collect his prize. Need we say more! The Dinner edition of the RAG gives a much fuller account of this race and Keith's comments on the race.

At the Meeting of Champions The Paragon Team Pursuit Squad beat the Melling Whs in a Challenge Match over 4000m. The Melling actually broke up and whilst two of their riders finished in a faster time than the Paragon the Rules of the game say that you must finish with at least three riders. So we won. Also at this Meeting Robin Buchan was 2nd in the 10 minutes Pursuit being beaten by just 28 yards by Ron Jowers (Clarence).

On the 10th September a junior '15' was held and Ian Essex won both Scratch and Handicap prizes with a 40.10 ride for the distance. In 2nd place was Adrian Herbert with 41.20 and Brian Slater 3rd in 42.41. Behind Ian in the Handicap section were Brian Slater, and Joe Bryant. Down in Dorset Phil Griffin improved his '100' time by 9 minutes with a 4.27.31 in the Bournemouth Jubilee event. John Cleeve also improved, by 11 minutes, to bring his best time down to 4.36.39.

The Results of the Monday Competition show that Alan Sturgess came 2nd in the Medal Competition. Keith Butler won the League with 21 points with Robin Buchan in 2nd place. The Paragon Team won the London Regional Team Pursuit Championship beating the De Laune in the Final. The Team was Bruce Smith, Robin Buchan, Alan Sturgess and Keith Butler. The Result of the Club 4000m Pursuit Championship was a win for Alan Sturgess in 5.23.2 from Keith Butler 5.27.2 with Bruce Smith 3rd. The Result of the Track Championship was therefore a win for Alan Sturgess with Keith Butler 2nd and Mark Fisher 3rd.

Alan Sturgess had his won his first Open time trial of the year when he won the WLCA '25' in pouring rain and strong winds. He won by over 2 minutes. Ray Brake did 1.1.31 and Adrian Herbert collected his first Team Prize ever by completing the Team with a 1.3.19. In the Medway '100' John Cleeve went round in 4.40.30 including some 2 minutes off course. Not a bad ride on a course that was far from flat (like most Kent courses!)

Adrian Herbert showed a touch of class when he finished the ECCA '25' in 1.0.02 to be our fastest finisher. This is the fastest time ever done by a junior member of the Club. Ray Brake finished in 1.0.39 and John Cleeve reduced his personal best by over a minute to record 1.4.48. The next morning, the 24th September, Alan Sturgess

came 2nd in the WLCA '50' with a 2.4.28. Ray Brake finished in 2.12.18 and John Cleeve 2.15.18 to collect 2nd Team award on not a very pleasant day.

Jack Platts collected his first ever Hill Climb victory when he won the North Midds & Herts Hill Climb on White Hill in 58.4.

On the Playing Fields of Purley the Polo Team had a very successful summer winning the Croydon League. In the National League our lads lost to Crystal Palace 5 – 4 but beat Solihull 11 – 8. Goal scorers in this epic match were Dave Bengerfield 3, Keith Ongley 3, Alex Bird 2, Alan Roberts 2 and Bob Reddin 1. The A Team made it to the Semi-Finals of the George Brake Memorial Trophy going out to Crystal palace the eventual winners. The Team were Bob Reddin, Dave Bengerfield, Keith Ongley and Charlie Watkins.

The Mayne Cup was run off on 1st October on not a very nice day. Only eight of the fifteen entrants made it to the Finish Line. Ray Brake was comfortably the fastest with a superb 58.04. What a pity the course was 1.9 miles short! Mike East was 2nd best in 1.0.11 and Vin Callanan 3rd in 1.0.38. Man of the Day was Mike East who took the Mayne Cup very comfortably in 53.56. Ray Brake was 2nd some 2.38 slower with Vin Callanan taking 3rd spot in 57.06.

Keith Butler beat the hour for 25 miles in the Brentwood event with a 59.56 to complete his distances for the Club Open Road Championship after a two-week break off the bike. Ray Brake also finished this event in 1.1.56 and Adrian Herbert 1.2.26.

Eight riders took to the Hills for the last Club event of the season. There on Ranmore Common Les Black asserted his superiority in this form of competition by winning yet again. He crossed the line in 4.0.8 a time only bettered by Les Ingman the year he won the National Hill Climb Championship. In 2nd place some 15 seconds slower was Dick Langenbruch, 4.15.2, with Mike East 3rd in 4.24.8.

Ray Brake, Adrian Herbert and Alan Bromley rode the Hainault 3up Team Time Trial on a cold and very foggy morning. Some teams encircled the turn roundabout twice trying to find the correct road back to the Finish! Their time for the 25 miles was 1.2.11. In the Bec Hill Climb Jack Platts was up with the leaders with his 2.12 whilst Keith Butler crossed the line in 2.16.2, Les Black 2.16.4 and Pete Wall 2.40.8. Jack Platts beat Keith Butler again in the National Championship Hill Climb incorporated in the Catford Event on Yorks Hill. Jack recording 2.14.0 and Keith 2.14.2. Both were in the top 12.

It was also reported that Les Black came 4th in the Inter-Service Hill Climb.

The Polo team have won the handicap section of the National League. The A Team have won their first game in the Croydon Winter League by beating Selhurst 10 – 5. The B Team lost to St Johns but beat the Aces 'B' 10 – 2.

The Inter-Club Map reading was whitewash for the Paragon. Phil Griffin won in 1.48.26, Vin Callanan came 2nd in 2.1.20 and John Cleeve was 3rd in 2.6.42. We won the Team award by 56 minutes. It should be noted that it was a particularly foul day.

Pete Wall won the Club Events Championship with an average speed of 20.335 mph.

Keith Butler won the Open Road Championship with a Record average speed of 24.008 mph, 2nd was Phil Griffin with 22.583 and 3rd John Cleeve with 21.957 mph. Keith also took the Massed Start Championship with Bruce Smith in 2nd place and Phil Griffin in 3rd place. Adrian Herbert won the Junior Championship with 23.359 mph from Tony Alford, 22.888 mph and John Minter 22.586 mph.

Phil Griffin does not stop racing when the rest of us move to more social events. The December Blah notes that he came 4th in the De Laune Cyclo-cross Time Trial.

Polo news comes with excellent results. The A Team has beaten St Johns 'A' and Bendfield 'A' twice. The B Team have defeated St Johns 'B' and Bendfield 'B'. The January 1962 Blah reports that the A Team beat Aces A Team but lost to the Palace 8 – 6 after the first game was snowed off.

Phil Griffin got himself onto the front page of Cycling when he came 3rd in the South of England Championships at Chobham. It was the day of 'The Big Snow' so they held the Championships over 10 laps of the paths, grass and roads outside the race HQ as no one could get onto the Common to set up the course! Phil went into the lead on the 4th lap but the hard packed snow on his gears started throwing his chain off and it was happening so often that the frequent stops cost him the lead and the Championship. Dave Viney (34th Nomads) and Dave Foyle (Edgware) got by him but Phil did at least beat Keith Mernickle the former Champion.

In the Dulwich Paragon 'Christmas 25' held on the 18th December Ray Brake returned a 1.6.02, George Walmsley 1.7.50 and Adrian Herbert 1.8.30.

Club Time Trial Results

	Scratch Result	10 Scr				
		19.3.61				
12	Entries					
12	Starters					
12	Finishers					
1	Pocock JD	26.02				
2	Ward D	26.17				
3	Black L	26.31				
4	Dennis C	27.08				
5	Wood D	27.41				
6	East M	27.43				
7	Herbert A	27.53				
8	Wall P	28.23				
9	Stempfer R	28.32				
10	Bigg R	28.49				
11	Bromley A	31.07				
12	Pearl G	34.57				

	Scratch Result	25 h/cap		Handicap Result		
		Jim Fox Cup				
24	Entries	26.3.61				
20	Starters					
19	Finishers					
1	Buchan R	1.00.07	1	Fisher M	7.00	0.59.12
2	Fisher WJ	1.01.30	2	Cleeve J	6.30	0.59.32
3	Sturgess A	1.01.31	3	Ongley R	8.00	0.59.39
4	Brake R	1.04.18	4	Minter J	10.00	0.59.55
5	Ward D	1.04.39	5	Roots R	9.00	0.59.59
6	Pocock JD	1.05.20	6	Buchan R	Scratch	1.00.07
7	Cleeve J	1.06.02	7	East M	10.00	1.00.20
8	Fisher M	1.06.12	8	Fontaine E	11.00	1.00.53
9	Newcombe B	1.06.18	9	Sturgess A	0.30	1.01.01
10	Platts J	1.07.03	10	Fisher WJ	0.15	1.01.15
11	Ongley R	1.07.39	11	Brake R	3.00	1.01.18
12	Dennis C	1.08.21	12	Newcombe B	5.00	1.01.18
13	Roots R	1.08.59	13	Pocock JD	4.00	1.01.20
14	Davey A	1.09.20	14	Davey A	8.00	1.01.20
15	Minter J	1.09.55	15	Chapman P	10.30	1.01.49
16	East M	1.10.20	16	Ward D	2.00	1.02.39
17	Fontaine E	1.11.53	17	Dennis C	5.00	1.03.21
18	Chapman P	1.12.19	18	Platts J	3.30	1.03.33
19	Lovell J	1.17.52	19	Lovell J	8.00	1.09.52
	Scratch Result	10 Scr				
		Junior				
8	Entries	23.4.61				
8	Starters					
8	Finishers					
1	Alford A					26.47
2	Minter J					27.09
3	Essex I					27.45
4	Bryant J					27.54
5	Fontaine E					28.28
6	Bigg R					28.31
7	Chapman P					28.45
8	Povey D					29.10
	Scratch Result	30 h/cap		Handicap Result		
		Dave London Trophy				
17	Entries	30.4.61				
13	Starters					
12	Finishers					
1	Smith B	1.14.25	1	Newcombe B	4.00	1.12.20
2	Brake R	1.14.38	2	Fisher M	4.30	1.12.48
3	Black L	1.15.03	3	Brake R	1.30	1.13.08
4	Newcombe B	1.16.20	4	Smith B	1.00	1.13.25
5	Fisher M	1.17.18	5	Minter J	7.00	1.13.32
6	Platts J	1.17.40	6	Black L	0.30	1.14.33
7	Herbert A	1.18.40	7	Platts J	3.00	1.14.40
8	Griffin P	1.18.47	8	Herbert A	4.00	1.14.40
9	Kerss AD	1.18.47	9	Griffin P	3.30	1.15.17
10	Minter J	1.20.32	10	Dennis C	4.00	1.16.48
11	Dennis C	1.20.48	11	Patmore H	9.30	1.18.34

12	Patmore H	1.28.04		Kerss AD		T.T.
	Scratch Result	15 Scr				
		Junior				
8	Entries	14.5.61				
8	Starters					
8	Finishers					
1	Ongley R		39.09			
2	Alford A		39.20			
3	Minter J		39.52			
4	East M		40.00	Senior		
5	Bigg R		40.20			
6	Essex I		40.55			
7	Collins R		41.23			
8	Chapman P		42.30			
9	Temple J		42.32			
	Scratch Result	10 h/cap		Handicap Result		
		25.6.61		Junior event		
7	Entries					
7	Starters					
7	Finishers					
1	Herbert A		24.16	1	Essex I	2.30 23.18
2	Alford A		25.10	2	Bigg R	1.30 23.45
3	Bigg R		25.15		Bryant J	2.30 23.45
4	Essex I		25.48	4	Povey D	3.00 24.05
5	Bryant J		26.15	5	Herbert A	Scratch 24.16
6	Povey D		27.05	6	Alford A	0.30 24.40
7	Slater B		27.47	7	Slater B	2.45 25.02
	Scratch Result	Purley to Brighton		Handicap Result		
		9.7.61				
19	Entries					
16	Starters					
16	Finishers					
1	Butler KS	1.35.00		1	Minter J	11.00 1.31.12
2	Sturgess A	1.37.00		2	Ongley R	10.00 1.32.32
3	Ward D	1.40.01		3	Griffin P	7.00 1.33.13
4	Griffin P	1.40.13		4	Butler KS	Scratch 1.35.00
5	Minter J	1.42.12			Lovell J	13.00 1.35.00
6	Ongley R	1.42.32		6	Sturgess A	1.30 1.35.30
7	Fisher M	1.44.02		7	Fisher M	8.00 1.36.02
8	Herbert A	1.47.15		8	Herbert A	10.00 1.37.15
9	Lovell J	1.48.00		9	Ward D	2.30 1.37.31
10	East M	1.49.21		10	Wall P	12.00 1.38.15
11	Wall P	1.50.15		11	Bigg R	13.00 1.38.30
12	Bigg R	1.51.30		12	East M	10.00 1.39.21
13	Cleeve J	1.51.38		13	Patmore H	14.00 1.41.20
14	Patmore H	1.55.20		14	Cleeve J	9.00 1.42.38
15	Bromley A	1.58.07		15	Neil L	14.00 1.44.19
16	Neil L	1.58.19		16	Bromley A	9.00 1.49.07
	Scratch Result	50 h/cap				

		25.5.61				
3	Entries					
3	Starters					
3	Finishers					
1	Brake R	2.11.04				
2	Pocock JD	2.12.11				
3	Newcombe B	2.17.16				
	Scratch Result	100 h/cap				
		Goss Green Cup				
4	Entries					
4	Starters					
2	Finishers					
1	Pocock JD	4.39.02				
2	Wall P	5.05.16				
	Scratch Result	12 hours				
		Rotherham Cup				
4	Entries					
4	Starters					
2	Finishers					
1	Cleeve J		240.42			
2	Wall P		223.94			
	Scratch Result	25 h/cap			Handicap Result	
		30.7.61				
19	Entries					
16	Starters					
15	Finishers					
1	Brake R	0.59.37		1	Minter J	6.00 0.58.59
2	Black L	1.00.10		2	Pocock JD	2.30 0.59.35
3	Bromley A	1.02.29		3	Herbert A	3.15 0.59.37
4	Griffin P	1.02.33		4	Bromley A	2.30 0.59.59
5	Herbert A	1.02.52		5	Bigg R	7.00 1.00.00
6	Walmsley G	1.03.24		6	Black L	Scratch 1.00.10
7	Ongley R	1.04.05		7	Walmsley G	3.00 1.00.24
8	Pocock JD	1.04.06		8	Griffin P	1.45 1.00.48
9	Minter J	1.04.59		9	Cleeve J	4.30 1.01.30
10	Cleeve J	1.06.00		10	Ongley R	4.30 1.01.36
11	Bigg R	1.07.00		11	Patmore H	8.00 1.02.08
12	Alford A	1.08.22		12	Alford A	3.30 1.04.52
13	Patmore H	1.10.08		13	Woolford B	6.00 1.05.39
14	Woolford B	1.11.39		14	Povey D	8.00 1.07.59
15	Povey D	1.15.59			Brake R	T.T.
	Scratch Result	50 h/cap			Handicap Result	
		Fryco Cup				
8	Entries	27.8.61				
7	Starters					
5	Finishers					
1	Cleeve J	2.13.27		1	Cleeve J	2.00 2.11.27
2	Bromley A	2.14.28		2	Minter J	7.00 2.12.43
3	Minter J	2.19.43		3	Bromley A	Scratch 2.14.28

4	East M	2.23.01	4	East M	8.00	2.15.01
5	Wall P	2.23.21	5	Wall P	8.00	2.15.21
	Scratch Result	15 h/cap		Handicap Result		
		Junior				
8	Entries	10.9.61				
6	Starters					
5	Finishers					
1	Essex I	40.10	4	Essex I	2.30	37.40
2	Herbert A	41.20	1	Slater B	4.30	38.11
3	Slater B	42.41	7	Bryant J	3.00	39.42
4	Bryant J	42.42	5	Herbert A	Scratch	41.20
5	Nightingale D	45.40		Nightingale D	8.00	42.40
	Scratch Result	25 h/cap		Handicap Result		
		1.10.61		Mayne Cup		
15	Entries					
9	Starters					
8	Finishers					
1	Brake R	0.58.04	1	East M	6.15	0.53.56
2	East M	1.00.11	2	Brake R	1.30	0.56.34
3	Callanan V	1.00.36	3	Callanan V	3.30	0.57.06
4	Sturgess A	1.01.06	4	Lovell J	7.15	0.57.47
5	Bromley A	1.01.28	5	Bromley A	3.30	0.57.58
6	Lovell J	1.05.02	6	Wall P	8.00	0.57.58
7	Wall P	1.05.58	7	Cleeve J	7.30	0.59.14
8	Cleeve J	1.06.44T	8	Sturgess A	Scratch	1.01.06
	Course 1.9 miles short approximately					
	Scratch Result	Hill Climb				
		8.10.61				
8	Entries					
8	Starters					
8	Finishers					
1	Black L	4.00.8				
2	Langenbruch R	4.15.2				
3	East M	4.24.8				
4	Cleeve J	4.39.8				
5	Wall P	4.42.0				
6	Essex I	5.06.0				
7	Hodges R	5.36.2				
8	Slater B	5.41.2				