

## 1963

This was the year of the big freeze when the temperature rarely topped zero degrees Centigrade from Boxing Day to the end of February. It was so bad that Polo matches had to be cancelled or postponed! Notwithstanding that Keith Butler turned up to the Start of the Croydon and District Hardriders on the 17<sup>th</sup> February with a lovely pair of apparently well-tanned legs. On closer inspection one could see that these were ladies stockings pinned to his shorts. Not wishing to race over the hills of Surrey and Kent in Tracksuit bottoms Keith thought this would be a lightweight and aerodynamic way of getting around the problem of keeping warm. In today's (2004) traffic conditions this race would not be held but in 1963 even on the best February days there were few cars on the road. In the snow and ice they were almost non-existent. Even so 41 hardy souls had entered but 12 of them decided to stay in bed. The roads on the Surrey end of the course were reasonably dry with few patches of ice but on the Kent side the roads were treacherous. The lanes from Downe to Hawlys Corner (top of Westerham Hill) were just sheets of ice. This caused many a crash. Keith had the misfortune to catch a rider on this stretch that was in the same rut as he was. Trying to hop out of one rut into an overtaking rut was asking for trouble and down he went. It just ruined his tights! Oh the indignity! Nevertheless he continued to pass the Timekeeper in 1.54.27 (over 15 minutes slower than his best ride over this course) to win by just 50" from cyclo-cross man Brian Lapworth (CC Islington). Terry Slattery got round in 2.22.27 and Jack Platts in 2.28.30. Mike East slid off the road around Cudham and failed to worry the Finish Timekeeper.

Four young men went out to ride the Kentish Whs Novices. Fastest of these was a young hirsute Peter Ansell (later to become President and Chairman). He finished in 1.12.18 whilst Alex Clifton clocked 1.13.22 and Alain Eve 1.15.20. Peter Paterson punctured and failed to reach the Finish.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> it was still cold as the times for the Club '10' show. Keith Butler was fastest in 25.37 with Les Black 2<sup>nd</sup> in 26.02 and Dick Phillips 3<sup>rd</sup> in 27.17. Six of the 13 entries stayed in bed.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Brighton Road race was promoted by Ron Stempfer and held on an amended course on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. It was identical to previous years to Polegate but continued along the A27 to Alfriston and climb the High and Over hill to Seaford before returning along the coast road to Newhaven and Brighton. Dave Wren (Barnet) took the first prime on Caterham bypass. Keith Butler was wearing his National Champions jersey and, as is a common occurrence to wearers your efforts are doomed and/or the gremlins strike at the worst times. Keith responded to an attack up 'The Wall' but the effort did not agree with him and he was forced to 'rest' near the top to dispose of his breakfast. John Goodrum (Catford) won this prime. On the stretch from Maresfield to Polegate various breaks were attempted but none gained more than 15 seconds lead. Dave Bonner (Old Portlians) caused problems for the established 'stars' as he attacked and took the High and Over prime. He continued his attack through Seaford and Newhaven and collected that prime as well. A nagging headwind was not kind to Bonner and he was eventually reeled in just a mile from the Finish. Although the course was altered to make it harder there were still 25 riders left in the pack when the sprint started and from the ruck came Mick O'Shea (Hemel Hempstead) to win. Close behind came 'Goz' Goodman ((North Bucks), 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike

Barry (Morden), 4<sup>th</sup> Mick Brown (Edgware), 5<sup>th</sup> John Branch (Woolwich), 6<sup>th</sup> T Dooley (De Laune) 7<sup>th</sup> Brian Lapworth (CC Islington) and 8<sup>th</sup> Roy Savery (CC Islington). Time for the 72 miles was 2 hours 53 minutes.

The Jim Fox '25' had 15 entries on the 31<sup>st</sup> March and 11 of them faced the Timekeeper on what Bill Diplo reported as the wettest morning he could remember for some years! Brian Newcombe won with a 1.6.34 from Bruce Smith 1.6.58 and Tony Alfold 1.7.35. Tony Alfold won the Handicap from Peter Ansell and Dick Phillips.

Bob Chambers got himself into the Newspapers when he misread the start time of the Rochester Olympic Road Race. He rode down in pouring rain arriving at about 10 am for the 11 am start. Unfortunately the race was to start at 1 pm so he had to wait around for three hours before coming under starters orders. Only 13 other masochistic individuals turned up (from 40 entrants) such was the bad weather. Bob eventually finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place – and then had to ride home again! The spirit of the Paragon is very much alive!

A team of Keith Butler, Bruce Smith and Keith Lomath rode the Surrey RCC event on the Herriard Circuit. Bruce and Keith L gave unstinted help to Keith B but Keith managed to collect three punctures using up everyone's wheels so the result was a financial disaster! Riding on his own in the Grand Prix of Essex he avoided the mass pile-up to finish in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Keith Lomath won the Archer Junior Handicap with Bob Chambers in 4<sup>th</sup> place. It was just as difficult then as it is in 2004. These were class rides. The other Keith, B, rode the Archer Grand Prix and finished in the bunch after missing the break.

In the Dover 2-day Keith Butler finished 6<sup>th</sup> on general classification with Bruce Smith 25<sup>th</sup>. Terry Slattery came 6<sup>th</sup> in the North Road Junior road race over 42 miles just 38 seconds behind the winner and Dick Phillips came 18<sup>th</sup>. Tony Alford collected an 8<sup>th</sup> prize in the Catford Junior Handicap road race with Bob Chambers 14<sup>th</sup> and Dave Nightingale 20<sup>th</sup>.

Keith Lomath was 9<sup>th</sup> in the East Surrey road race on the Ashdown Circuit. Tony Alford, John Sargeant, Bob Chambers and Dave Nightingale rode the Crawley 20 lap kermesse but were unplaced.

In the Apollo road race Keith Lomath collected a prime before finishing 12<sup>th</sup> whilst Bob Chambers and Tony Alford were 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> respectively in the Nonsuch road race. News from Belgium was that Keith Butler punctured in his first race at Oostaker but won his second race at Scheldewindeke. He has been selected for the England team for the Tour of Britain and short listed for the World Championship road race.

Polo results for this first part of the year are mixed. In the Croydon Winter League the A Team lost to Crystal Palace 1- 7 but then beat Woodberry Down 8 –2, Selhurst 5 –4 and Norland 11 – 6. The B Team lost to Aces 2 –5, and Selhurst 6 –8.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> April we held a Junior '10' with Pete Ansell winning in 26.51 from Dick Phillips 27.01 and John Allcock 27.26. Peter Patterson must have had problems as he took 36.56 to cover the 10 miles. We don't think he ever went as slow again!

The following weekend we had the Dave London '30'. Fastest time was by Les Black with 1.16.28 just 19" too good for Bruce Smith. Brian Newcombe was 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1.18.13. Terry Slattery won the Pot and 1<sup>st</sup> Handicap with a nett 1.13.12.

More Polo Results with the A Team in full cry. They beat the B Team 10 – 8, and Selhurst 9 – 6 and have had three games given to them by default. Trying to catch up on a season decimated by bad weather and with unplayable pitches many games have had to be forfeited by teams with limited numbers of players. The B Team lost to the Palace 3 – 7 then agreed to play Bendfield on a double points basis. Typically they won 5 – 2! They ought to try that one again!

In a Club '50' on the 19<sup>th</sup> May Les Black returned the fastest time with a 2.13.53. Tony Alfold just beat John Sargeant by 1" for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. They did 2.17.15 and 2.17.16 respectively. John also took the Handicap. Keith Butler won a race at Hillegem taking 11 primes and the King of the Mountains award. He then came 2<sup>nd</sup> in another race at St Lievens-esse and won an event at Kalkern. In the SW London & Surrey heats for the National Schoolboy Championship Alain Eve was 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chris Matthews 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pete Ansell 4<sup>th</sup>, Derek Hull 10<sup>th</sup> and Pete Patterson 20<sup>th</sup>.

The following weekend we held a Junior '15'. Ten young men faced the Timekeeper and Terry Slattery proved he was by far the best rider on the day. He clocked 38.21 to win by 1.27 from Pete Ansell (39.48) and Chris Matthews 39.54. Undated results have been found for a number of events. Keith Lomath improved to a 1.2.27 and Bob Chambers to a 1.3.47 in the Clarence Whs '25'. Terry Slattery improved to a 1.4.13 and took 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Surrey Roads event whilst Terry O'Loughlin did a 1.12.09.

The Evening Track Meeting was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. As far as the Club riders were concerned only the 550 yards handicap and the 550 yards Sprint were run leaving the 5 miles and 4000m to be run on another date. Bruce Smith won the handicap (now why does that not surprise us?) from Les Black and John Barclay. Mark Fisher showed his prowess by taking the Sprint with John Barclay 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bruce Smith 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the Meeting proper Ian Alsop (Poly) won the 880 yards handicap. The 5 miles Block Handicap and the 5 miles Devil-take-the-hindmost were both won by A Sturgess (Old Portlians). The London Region Womens Pursuit Final proved to be a win for Ann Illingworth (Chelmer) from Sylvia Beardon. Dave Bonner attacked the National Record at 4000m and got it with a ride of 5.08.4. Then to make his day complete he won the main event of the evening, the London Centre 10 miles Championship.

Keith Butler came back from Belgium to ride the Tour of Britain for the England Team. Stage 1 was from Blackpool to Nottingham a mere 137 miles and 6½ hours of racing. This stage made history as a break of 12 riders went clear just entering Warrington and the Mersey Ship Canal Bridge swung shut behind them. For seven minutes the rest of the riders sat fuming! There was a total disinclination to get down to business after that and the lead grew to over 12 minutes. However coming over the Pennines a reaction started with Keith and John Clarey, (England) keeping an eye on

things. Coming down through Matlock there is a turn-off to the left. It was regularly used on Stages to Nottingham and Keith Butler knew it. 'Get to the front' he said to Clarey 'and change into the small ring before the corner'. Both did for just round the corner, all unsuspected was a 1 in 6 climb! Charging up the hill to the accompaniment of bad language from falling riders, slipping gears and tangled wheels Clarey, Butler, Jim Hendry (Commonwealth) and three Rumanians set about catching the fugitives. Pete Chisman they were not worried about as he was in the same team but all the others had to be caught. At the Finish Chisman crossed the line in 6.32.59 to win by 9.23. The Butler/Clarey sextet caught half the original break and was within 10" of the 6<sup>th</sup> man when they reached the Finish some 11.09 behind Chisman.

An interesting footnote to the Stage was a penalty to Keith Butler for swearing at an Official. When asked about this he grinned. 'Well', he said, 'this twit was yelling on the P.A. for the riders to keep over to the left over and over again. Now in 1963 two thirds of the field were from Europe and either didn't speak or did not want to understand English. Anyway no one in their right senses was going to move over into the wind. I happened to be last man in the bunch for having returned from racing in Belgium I was finding the hills rather difficult early in the stage. So this noise was being blasted into my left ear time and time again and I wearied of it. So I dropped back and told the Commissaire to stop shouting and gave him the facts about the English. Regrettably I was not as polite as perhaps I should have been. It cost me 2' in the end but it did work!

Stage 2 took the riders across to Cheltenham (114 miles) and once again Keith took a bit of a pasting on the hills as they neared Cheltenham but did finish in the bunch. The next day to Hove (144 miles) started by climbing old Birdlip Hill. Not the smooth dual carriageway up to the Air Balloon Pub but the narrow little lane that gets to the top in a much shorter distance and rather steeper gradient. Knowing the roads Keith said to his England teammates 'Stay at the front but without going for the Prime then attack over the top'. So successful was this ploy that the whole England team were in the break as they sped towards Cirencester. Unfortunately the rest of the field did not take too kindly to this and chased like mad to close the gap. They did do this but not without losing quite a number of riders including most of the Rumanian team. Coming out of Newbury towards Alton Keith went on the attack again eventually pulling clear with eight others. Then coming through Storrington there was 'Pop' Butler (George to us) standing by the side of the road with a bottle for Keith. Being a dutiful grandson he took the bottle but then had to drop back to explain the situation to the Commissaires as the Rules said you could not take food outside of the feeding areas. 'Pop' couldn't care less about that – all he could do was complain to Stan that his son had stolen his (Pop's) bottle. All, however, was forgiven when he learnt that Keith won the Stage into Hove.

Stage 4 was from Brighton to Bournemouth (103 miles). Keith forced a break around the back of Winchester with some eight others eventually winning his second stage on the trot with a furious sprint along Bournemouth Promenade. The only black spot on the day was when the break followed the Organiser's car through some temporary traffic lights that had turned to red. All the riders in the break were given time penalties! Very little of note happened on Stage 5 to Paignton but Stage 6 had real problems as there was a traffic jam on the road from Paignton to beyond Exeter on the way to Weston-super-Mare. The England Team, with a couple of motorcycles, had to

lead the field through the jams to the clear roads north of Exeter. At a convenient garage they stopped to await the arrival of the officials in their cars. It was fortunate that some riders were carrying money so a pleasant half hour or so was spent sunbathing, drinking bottles of fizz and eating. This enforced rest cut the racing distance to about 67 miles. Three lowly placed riders got clear and Keith won the bunch sprint for 4<sup>th</sup> place. Stage Seven from Weston super Mare to Northampton (138 miles) was Keith's worse day. You always have at least one bad day in any long Tour and this was Keith's day. He missed the breaking going through Swindon and finished with the bunch some 6 minutes down in 29<sup>th</sup> place.

Stage 8 from Nottingham to Cleethorpes (120 miles) ended with a large bunch sprint with Keith coming 5<sup>th</sup> just 2 seconds behind the winner. The 9<sup>th</sup> stage to Scarborough (109 miles) over the York Moors was never a favourite with Keith but he stayed with the bunch eventually winning the sprint for 12<sup>th</sup> place some 4.46 minutes behind the stage winner. He was then 10<sup>th</sup> on G.C. at 18.59 and leading in the Points Competition.

The next day was a split stage. Firstly 2½ miles of hill climb on Oliver's Mount at Scarborough then a 25 miles Criterium on the motor racing circuit. In the Hill Climb Keith was unplaced (as usual) but came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the short circuit race. Stage 11 to Newcastle (108 miles) was a benefit for local rider Norman Baty who being well behind on general classification was allowed to go away on his own. Eventually he finished some 4 minutes in front whilst Keith came in with the next group of riders in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Stage 12 to Morecombe (116 miles) was the big stage over the Pennines with 6 hills counting for the Mountains prize. A little Polish rider (Zapala) attacked after the first climb and Keith set off in pursuit with a group of riders but they never saw or caught Mr. Zapala. He was gone and finished 5.57 in front and made sure of the King of the Mountains prize. Keith kept up the chase, as the Polish team were only five minutes or so behind the England team on general classification. In doing so he picked up enough points to ensure a 7<sup>th</sup> place in the Mountains competition. Unfortunately a series of punctures and mechanical problems prevented the England team getting to Keith's group and the Team race went to Poland. As compensation Keith won the group sprint for 2<sup>nd</sup> place on Morecombe promenade.

The last stage was on a loop from Morecombe to Blackpool (62 miles) and Keith scored a hat-trick e did not want. He rode three Tours of Britain but had to have wheel changes on each of the three last stages that in every case prevented him from getting into the stage-winning break! The four-man break was almost closed down by the England team to enable Keith to come in 5<sup>th</sup> just 46 seconds behind. Keith finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall at 13 minutes and 29 seconds. Just about the same distance behind Pete Chisman as he was after the end of Stage 2! Keith also won the Green Points jersey. He scored 91 points that if you consider that the Stage winner scored 1, the 2<sup>nd</sup> man 2 points etc. over 13 stages Keith averaged 7<sup>th</sup> every day. This was to be the lowest points score ever using this system.

Straight after the Tour of Britain Keith went to the Isle of Man where he again rode for England in the Manx International. He broke away with Goz Goodman and Pete Chisman on the first climb of Snaefell. They stayed away until coming towards Ramsey on the 3<sup>rd</sup> circuit when a group of about 12 riders came up. Keith was shelled out on the Gooseneck but went on to finish in 15<sup>th</sup> place. All this racing did him a

power of good as on his return to Belgium he won both stages of a 2-day at Zulte. (As an indication of how motor traffic has changed cycle races; in 1963 both stages finished on the main Ghent to Kortrijk road!)

Tony Alford came 7<sup>th</sup> and Bob Chambers 11<sup>th</sup> in the Balham Junior road race on the Ashdown circuit but John Sargeant was involved in a crash that put him out of action for a while. Keith Lomath came 4<sup>th</sup> in the CDCA race on the Lingfield circuit and was upgraded to 2<sup>nd</sup> category. In that event Terry Slattery was 30 seconds in front with 7 miles to go but was caught on the climb through Dormansland to finish 10<sup>th</sup>.

Les Black showed some of his old form with a 1.0.18 when collecting 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Festival '25'. Alan Symonds was persuaded to race again by Jack Platts and did 1.7.33 in the North Midds & Herts '25'. As he was much faster than Jack the joke obviously backfired!

The CDCA decided that in order to encourage more riders to take part the Walter Moon '50' would become a '25'. The result of that decision must have gratified the Committee, as there were 70 names on the Start Sheet. Conditions were ideal with the morning being warm and dry with hardly any wind. This year we had 20 entries of whom 12 made it to the Start. Best of these was Keith Lomath with a 1.2.53 for 5<sup>th</sup> place. Dan Hadfield came out of the woodwork with a 1.4.46 and Terry Slattery did a 1.6.02. Not surprisingly Dan took the Handicap with 57.16 a clear 2 minutes better than Chris Matthews 59.27. Keith Lomath collected 3<sup>rd</sup> prize with 59.53.

July 14th was Junior '10' day and Terry Slattery clocked the fastest time of 24.30 with Pete Ansell 2<sup>nd</sup> in 25.15 and Alan Eve 3<sup>rd</sup> in 25.42. Peter had 45 " handicap from Terry so they tied for the Handicap prize. Alec Clifton came 3<sup>rd</sup> with 24.45.

Bad news from Belgium was that Keith Butler was involved in a car accident on his way to a race in France. No normally serious personal damaged was sustained. However a badly twisted foot, ankle and lower leg has left Keith hobbling about and unable to race properly.

Les Black put up one of the fastest rides to the coast to win the Purley to Brighton in 1.31.19 over 2' clear of the fastest Junior John Sargeant (1.33.33) and Tony Alford (1.34.02). Alan Eve won the Handicap. He passed the Timekeeper in 1.38.33 but we have no record of his handicap allowance.

Better news from Belgium was that Keith Butler had had massage treatment on his leg and was trying to ride and race. Each time he goes out he can go further and faster. It does look if he will be able to ride the World Championship at Renaix whether it will be worth his while is another matter.

In the Oval Middlemarkers '25' Jack Platts finished with a 1.4.45 and Terry Slattery with 1.6.55.

With no top class senior riders from the Paragon competing our Open '50' went to the Addiscombe! Doug Sheehy finished in 2.3.19 to take the Frank Southall Trophy with Bill Lindsay (Old Portlians) in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 2.4.31 and R Stemp (Bromley RC) 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2.5.15. Some consolation for the Paragon was gained by John Sargeant who won the Handicap. His 2.10 26 was subject to a 11½ minute deduction down to 1.58.56

and was a 7 minutes improvement. John won by 41 seconds from B Fowler (Southern Whs) and by 1.13 from Steve Averley (Tooting). The Old Portlians won the Team race and the John Carter Shield. Our two other finishers were Jack Platss, 2.12.59 and Terry Slattery 2.13.22.

Keith Butler rode the World Championships but did not finish the course. He reported that on the Team's training spin around the circuit they noticed that there was a very narrow cobbled section with barriers protruding onto the road. This section was halfway round the first lap and knowing what the first lap of the World Championship road race was like the combination of barriers and narrow cobbled road looked a death trap. When the race started George Halls and Keith took off up the first hill and were amongst the first riders to reach this section. They survived – half the field didn't. John Clarey broke his collarbone. This left Halls and Butler in the front group. George stayed there until the Finish but Keith had nothing left after 7 of the 10 laps and dropped out. Looking back with the certainty of hindsight Keith realised that he ought to have withdrawn from the Team. He had not raced or ridden at a sufficiently high level for some four weeks before the Championships. It was mainly will power that enabled him to get three-quarters of the way through the race before blowing up. With all the pressure off Keith then won his next race at Heusden.

Jack Platts was getting faster as he got older. He won the Fryco Cup '50' on the 1<sup>st</sup> September with a 2.12.35. That was over 5 minutes too good for Dave Nightingale (2.17.49) and Chris Matthews (2.18.37). Dave Nightingale took the handicap. His 8 minutes allowance gave him a 2.9.49 to get in front of Jack Platts and J Penny.

Keith Butler has taken out an Independent (Semi-professional) Licence and in his first race in that category came 5<sup>th</sup> in a race at Lapugny in northern France. Next season he will be riding for St Raphael Gitane.

The last Junior event was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September with a 15 miles handicap. Chris Matthews recorded the fastest time with a 39.27 from Alain Eve 39.42, Dave Nightingale 39.44 and Pete Ansell 39.46. It does not get closer than that. Alain Eve took the Handicap but that is all the information we have. Keith Lomath rode a private trial and showed the youngsters how to do with a 37.31.

The George Brake Memorial Trophy was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September with the Paragon supplying two Teams. The A Team of George Ongley, Keith Ongley, Alec Bird and T Pinchin lost to Selhurst in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round by 1-2. The B Team of Reg Marsh, Alan Roberts, J Bettle and Mick Nash reached the Semi-finals where they lost to Crystal Palace 3 –1. The Palace eventually won the Trophy. The Paragon Team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Croydon Summer League and so far has won all of their three games in the South Western League.

Thirteen names down for the Mayne Cup and they all started. Les Black was in fine form and produced the fastest time of 59.36 to win by nearly 4'. Les' time was also a personal best and the event record to boot! Keith Lomath passed the Timekeeper in 1.3.15 and Tony Alford 1.3.32 was 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest. It was Alan Eve who was Man of the Day. He recorded a 1.5.04 that was a personal best and he had 7 minutes allowance to get down to 58.04. Pete Ansell was 22 seconds behind Alain (58.26) with Tony Alford in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on 59.02.

On the same day the Track Championship was concluded. In the 4000m pursuit for the Bert Chapman Cup Keith Lomath was the surprise winner beating Les Black into 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Mark Fisher 3<sup>rd</sup> and Alain Eve 4<sup>th</sup>. The 5 miles race for the Ravensbourne Cup proved to be a win for Les Black from Alain Eve with John Barclay in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Les Black also won the George Colget Cup for the Points section. The Result of the Club Track Championship was, therefore, a win for Les Black (5 pts) from Mark Fisher (4 pts) with a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 3 points each between Keith Lomath and Alain Eve.

After the promising start the Polo team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the South Western League. Injuries to Reg Marsh and Alec Bird who were both out for 5 weeks did not help. Two Teams have been entered in the Croydon Winter League.

The Hill Climb was on Ranmore Common and Les Black made his mark yet again. A clear winner in 3.54.0 from Keith Lomath (4.04.0) and John Sargeant (4.20.6). The rest were nowhere.

Jack Platts rode the Catford Hill Climb on the 16<sup>th</sup> October. The day was damp and drizzly with leaves thickly spread over Yorks Hill. These two combined to make this the slowest Catford for some years and the one with the least successful finishers. Only 32 riders made it to the top. Slow or not it was one of the closest finishes ever with D Patten (Tundridge Wells) 2.5.2 just beating B Shelley (Coventry Paragon) by 0.6 of a second. Jack was 6<sup>th</sup> in 2.18.0

On 24<sup>th</sup> October Les Black took part in the National Hill Climb Championship on Winnats Pass Derbyshire. He reached the top in 3.52.4 some 34 seconds slower than the winner Granville Sydney (Huddersfield Star) and in 35<sup>th</sup> spot from the full field of 120 riders.

Terry Slattery won the Junior Championship with an average speed of 23.686 mph from Pete Ansell, 23.106 and Alain Eve 23.023. (Note all three of these juniors, now somewhat older, attended the 100 years Dinner in 2004). In all nine Juniors completed the qualifying distances.

Nobody finished the required distances for either the Club Open Road or the Club Events Championship.

Les Black won the Massed Start Championship with sixteen points. This was made up of a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Sorian Kermess, another 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Sorian Point to Point race, a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Morden event and a 5<sup>th</sup> in the Camberley road race. Keith Butler came 2<sup>nd</sup> with only his races at Dover, the Grand Prix of Essex and Scheldewindeke counting. After that win he was either riding for England or the Gentse Velo Sport. In 1963 Keith had fourteen 1<sup>st</sup> places and had thirty places in the top six.

Other rides in Junior events by Club members not mentioned in the narrative were Terry Slattery 3<sup>rd</sup> in the White Hart road race. Bob Chambers 6<sup>th</sup> in the Commencement Grand Prix. John Sargeant was 1st in the Junior Autumn Criterium on General Classification; he won the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage and came 2<sup>nd</sup> on Stage 3. He was also



3<sup>rd</sup> in the Croydon road race and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Whitewebbs Handicap. Tony Alford came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior Autumn Criterium behind John. He won the 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage, came 2<sup>nd</sup> on Stage 2 and 4<sup>th</sup> on Stage 1. He also came 5<sup>th</sup> in both the Bonner road race and Croydon road race. Keith Lomath was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Basildon road race, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 29<sup>th</sup> Whs event and 5<sup>th</sup> in the CDCA race. Chris Matthews won the Fountain and Old Kent road race and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Archer schoolboys event. These do not count for the Club Championship, as they were not done in senior competition however a Junior Championship Prize has been awarded based on the same points system as the Seniors. Thus the first winner of this prize is John Sargeant. A medal for the most improved Junior massed start rider was awarded to Tony Alford.

### Club Time Trial Results

	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>10 Scr</b>			
		<b>10.3.63</b>			
13	Entries				
6	Starters				
6	Finishers				
1	Butler KS	25.37			
2	Black L	26.02			
3	Phillips R	27.12			
4	Eve A	28.59			
5	Nightingale D	29.03			
6	Patterson P	29.48			
7	Sturgess B	30.50			
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>25 h/cap</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>	
		<b>Jim Fox Cup</b>			
15	Entries				
11	Starters				
11	Finishers				
1	Newcombe B	1.06.34		Ansell P	
2	Smith B	1.06.58		Smith B	
3	Alford A	1.07.35		Phillips R	
4	Black L	1.07.50		No other handicap	
5	Bromley A	1.08.09		information recorded	
6	Phillips R	1.10.23			
7	East M	1.10.57			
8	Nightingale D	1.11.57			
9	Ansell P	1.12.12			
10	Eve A	1.15.18			
11	Patterson P	1.27.22			
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>10 Scr</b>			
		<b>Junior</b>			
10	Entries	<b>21.4.63</b>			
10	Starters				
10	Finishers				
1	Ansell P	26.51			
2	Phillips R	27.07			
3	Allcock J	27.26			
4	Eve A	27.54			
5	Slattery T	27.59			

6	Hull D	28.19				
7	Sturgess B	28.56				
8	O'Loughlin T	29.51				
9	Matthews C	30.51				
10	Patterson P	36.56				
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>30 h/cap</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>Dave London Trophy</b>				
10	Entries	<b>28.4.63</b>				
10	Starters					
10	Finishers					
1	Black L	1.16.28		Slattery T		
2	Smith B	1.16.47				
3	Newcombe B	1.18.13				
4	Slattery T	1.20.12				
5	Nightingale D	1.21.51		No other handicap		
6	Ansell P	1.24.33		information recorded		
7	Eve A	1.25.19				
8	Cleeve J	1.26.04				
9	O'Loughlin T	1.29.49				
10	Rainey C	1.41.16				
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>50 h/cap</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>19.5.63</b>				
6	Entries					
6	Starters					
5	Finishers					
1	Black L	2.13.53		Sargeant J		
2	Alford A	2.17.15		Alford A		
3	Sargeant J	2.17.16		Black L		
4	Allcock J	2.37.13				
5	O'Loughlin T	2.37.55		No other handicap		
				information recorded		
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>15 Scr</b>				
		<b>Junior</b>				
10	Entries	<b>26.5.63</b>				
10	Starters					
10	Finishers					
1	Slattery T	38.21				
2	Ansell P	39.48				
3	Matthews C	39.54				
4	Eve A	40.31				
5	Phillips R	41.01				
6	Patterson P	41.31				
7	O'Loughlin T	41.55				
8	Hull D	42.01				
9	Boey B	42.27				
10	Sturgess B	42.48				

	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>25 h/cap</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>28.7.63</b>				
20	Entries					
12	Starters					
12	Finishers					
1	Lomath K	1.02.53	1	Hadfield D	7.30	0.57.16
2	Hadfield D	1.04.46	2	Matthews C	7.00	0.59.27
3	Slattery T	1.06.02	3	Lomath K	3.30	0.59.53
4	Matthews C	1.06.27	4	Slattery T	5.00	1.01.02
5	Taylor A	1.08.41	5	Taylor A	7.00	1.01.41
6	East M	1.09.18	6	Hull D	7.00	1.02.19
7	Hull D	1.09.19	7	East M	6.15	1.03.03
8	Langenbruch R	1.09.39	8	Patterson P	7.00	1.03.19
9	Patterson P	1.10.19	9	Langenbruch R	5.20	1.04.19
10	Ansell P	1.11.22	10	Ansell P	7.00	1.04.22
11	Stempfer R	1.14.30	11	Sams F	9.00	1.05.37
12	Sams F	1.14.37	12	Stempfer R	7.00	1.07.30
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>10 h/cap</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>Junior</b>				
10	Entries	<b>14.7.63</b>				
10	Starters					
10	Finishers					
1	Slattery T	24.30	1st h/cap	Slattery T )		
2	Ansell P	25.15	1st h/cap	Ansell P )		
3	Eve A	25.42		Clifton A		
4	Phillips R	26.01		No other handicap		
5	Nightingale D	26.42		information recorded		
6	Patterson P	27.08				
7	Hull D	27.08				
8	O'Loughlin T	27.39				
9	Clifton A	27.39				
10	Clare D	32.32				
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>Purley to Brighton</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>18.8.63</b>				
11	Entries					
11	Starters					
11	Finishers					
1	Black L	1.31.19		Eve A		
2	Sargeant J	1.33.33	1st junior	Alford A		
3	Alford A	1.34.02		Matthews C		
4	Matthews C	1.36.03		No other h/cap		
5	Eve A	1.38.33		information recorded		
6	Tarvin R	1.41.33				
7	Patterson P	1.44.14				
8	Thompsett P	1.47.12				
9	Barclay J	1.47.21				
10	Penny J	1.47.32				
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>50 h/cap</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>Fryco Cup</b>				
6	Entries	<b>1.9.63</b>				
6	Starters					
6	Finishers					

1	Platts J	2.12.35		1	Nightingale D	8.00	2.09.49
2	Nightingale D	2.17.49		2	Platts J	Scratch	2.12.35
3	Matthews C	2.18.37		3	Penny J	14.00	2.14.38
4	Eve A	2.21.57		4	Eve A	7.00	2.14.57
5	Penny J	2.28.38		5	Matthews C	3.00	2.15.37
6	O'Loughlin T	2.35.24		6	O'Loughlin T	12.00	2.23.24
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>15 h/cap</b>			<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>Junior</b>					
5	Entries	<b>8.9.63</b>					
5	Starters						
5	Finishers						
1	Matthews C	39.27		1	Eve A	1.30	38.12
2	Eve A	39.42					
3	Nightingale D	39.44			No other handicap		
4	Ansell P	39.46			information recorded		
5	Hull D	41.07					
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>25 h/cap</b>			<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>6.10.63</b>			<b>Mayne Cup</b>		
13	Entries						
13	Starters						
13	Finishers						
1	Black L	0.59.36		1	Eve A	7.00	58.04
2	Lomath K	1.03.15		2	Ansell P	7.00	58.26
3	Alford A	1.03.32		3	Alford A	4.30	59.02
4	Slattery T	1.04.56					
5	Eve A	1.05.04			No other handicap		
6	Ansell P	1.05.26			information recorded		
7	Matthews C	1.05.47					
8	Chambers R	1.06.28					
9	Patterson P	1.08.30					
10	Hull D	1.08.44					
11	Penny J	1.09.29					
12	Sturgess B	1.13.02					
13	Tarvin R	1.15.36					
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>Hill Climb</b>					
		<b>15.10.63</b>					
10	Entries						
10	Starters						
10	Finishers						
1	Black L	3.54.0					
2	Lomath K	4.04.0					
3	Sargeant J	4.20.6					
4	Alford A	4.22.0					
5	Slattery T	4.36.6					
6	Tarvin R	4.45.6					
7	Fisher M	4.48.0					
8	Thompsett P	4.50.0					
9	Penny J	4.55.0					
10	Clare D	6.57.0					