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The Season started with the CDCA Hardriders and the Paragon had two riders. Andy Murray went round for 4th place in 1.10.56 just 1.30 slower than the winner Ted Boorman (Croydon RC). Keith Parkinson was a mite slower in 1.27.36 no doubt due to his being last man off and seeing no one but the marshals all the way round. Pete Corry started the season with a fine win in the Chiltern RC February road race at Fifield. In the 3rd category race he broke clear with John Lyons (Orpington) with a lap to go. The two worked well and managed to hold off the chasing bunch to the line where Pete took the honours. Then on the Sunday he rode the Avon Valley 3rd category race and in the bunch sprint he just failed to make the double, crossing the line in 2nd place.

A week later and an 'almost-success' when Pete Corry and George Clare came 2nd in the Lea Valley 2up '25' in 57.05. They were 39" slower than the winners Downs and Leatherbarrow (Basildon). A later start in warmer conditions might have reversed those places.

The East Surrey Hardriders saw good grouping from our team of three riders but, regrettably, no success or prizes. Pete Corry was best in 1.23.54; Ian Murray did 1.25.46 and Andy Murray 1.25.56. Dan Hadfield contented himself to race closer to home with the Border CA Hilly '21' and a 58.28 ride.

Saturday the 8th March saw Robin Buchan start his 1975 campaign with a win in the Central Sussex Hilly '25' in 1.5.11 on a cold and wet afternoon. Dan Hadfield was our only other finisher in 1.11.55. On the 9th March Graham Bristow and Ian Murray teamed up for the Twickenham 2up. Unfortunately they managed to start late (1.20) so their 1.5.50 is somewhat faster than one presumes at first glance. The first Club event, a 10 miles Scratch event, was held this morning. George Clare finished in 24.29 to put over 2 minutes into Ray Puttick, 26.41 with the rest of the field absolutely nowhere.

The following Sunday Robin Buchan struck again with a 1st place in the Hainault Hilly 40 kms in 1.6.13 beating Dave Eldridge (Addiscombe) by just 10 seconds. (Riders are getting soft – it was 40 MILES when we rode!) Dan Hadfield rode the Border CA 2up but had no partner. He covered the 22 miles in 54.15. Pete Corry and Dave Worsfold went to Essex for the Highgate Wild Hill road race. They forced a four-man break but could only get 2nd and 4th in the sprint. They did collect more points for upgrading and Dave is now a 1st category rider.

The 23rd March and Robin Buchan completed a hat trick with 1st place in the Sotonia Hilly 26½ in 1.6.08 beating Bore (Farnborough) by 17 seconds with the 3rd man another 3 minutes slower. Dan Hadfield rode yet another Border CA event. This time it was 25 miles time trial and he finished in 1.8.13. Ray Puttick did a 1.9.04 in the Kentish Whs '25'. Pete Corry and George Clare rode the Hounslow 1st category road race at Ottershaw. In spite of a last minute break that looked like developing into a Paragon 1 – 2 the eager bunch caught them inside the last 200 yards. Pete managed to salvage 6th

place but George was out of the honours. Dave Worsfold rode the Dulwich Paragon event at Frant and was not too pleased with his 12th place.

Dan Hadfield was busy again on the 30th March with a 5th place in the VTTA (Birmingham) '25' with a 1.6.47. The next day he raced again and finished the Bec '25' in 1.4.01. He thought he had done a season's best but unfortunately the turn marshal was in the wrong place so everyone did less than the expected 25 miles. Pete Corry was our best finisher in the Folkestone to London (Bromley) road race. He missed the vital 9-man break but came 2nd in the bunch sprint for 11th overall.

The Good Friday Meeting was nearly a no-go with snow falling in the morning. When the snow stopped a quartet of Dernies were sent out to dry the track, which they did very effectively. Pete Corry was our only rider and although he won his heat of the White Hope Sprint he was knocked out in the semi-finals. Later he came 4th in the 10 laps Points race.

Pete Corry was again in action at Easter riding the Bill Cox 2-day. In cold and windy conditions Pete came 3rd on Stage 1 behind Pete Hamilton (now 34th Nomads). The conditions did not improve for the Sunday double stage and 21 riders did not start the Time Trial. Pete was not up with the leaders but at least finished in 9th place. In the Final Stage over 103 kms the winner was Mick Lee (Gemini) with Pete Hamilton 5th and Pete Corry 6th. This gave Pete Corry 6th overall at 32 seconds.

Saturday 5th April and Robin Buchan's efforts to wipe the floor with the opposition suffered a reverse. He was only 2nd in the Morden CRC Hilly time trial over the Ashdown Forest! His 58.15 was 51seconds slower than Moore (Poly CC) but it did get him the veterans prize.

An early start, (No. 10), did Robin no favours on the Sunday as his 1.0.49 in the Harlow '25' was only good enough for 4th place although he did collect another fastest veterans prize! The same very cold conditions also affected the Jim Fox '25' as there were only 2 finishers. Andy Murray, 1.4.17, beating Dan Hadfield 1.8.02 a time that is 4 minutes slower than his ride at Easter. This gives one an idea of the adverse conditions. Pete Corry continued his good form when he won the Lee Circuit race over 50 miles and had another 2nd place this time in the De Laune road race over 70 miles around Frant. He has now gained his 1st category licence. Ray Runham finished 4th in the De Laune event.

The 13th April saw Robin Buchan finish in 4th place with 1.2.18 in the SCCU '25' and Jack Platts with a 1.8.23 in the North Midds & Herts '15'. The Croydon Advertiser had their Trophy races at Crystal Palace and in the main event Ray Runham was prominent. He managed to get away with 8 others. This group was gradually reduced to 6 by the end of the race where Ray was placed 5th. Pete Corry missed the vital move but came in seconds behind Ray for 8th place. Andy Murray came 2nd in the 3rd category event. It was almost a birthday treat but not quite. Ray Puttick was also up with the action but failed to be placed in the bunch sprint.

Andy Murray finished with a 24.21 in the Addiscombe '10' on the 19th April. Pete Corry won the Glendene Middlemarkers '25' with 1.00.30 and in 2nd place just 3 seconds slower was George Clare. Ray Runham and Pete Ansell tried the South Eastern 2up time trial and they got home successfully winning by just 2 seconds in 1.22.00. Robin Buchan went for the Bath Road Hilly '50' but was disappointed with his 2.11.07 for 4th place. Ian Murray finished in 2.22.53 and Dan Hadfield 2.23.49. Graham Bristow ensured his upgrading to 2nd category roadman when he finished 6th in the Tiedman road race at Fifield.

The Club had four finishers in the De Laune '25' with Rowan Vacher being the fastest of them. He did 1.0.02, Pete Corry 1.0.33, Pete Ansell 1.1.03 and Graham Bristow 1.5.52. Some success did come our way the next day when Robin Buchan, 59.04, and Dan Hadfield, showing signs of a return to top form with his fastest ride at the distance since 1965 of 1.1.35; won the 2 man Veterans Team Award in the Hillingdon '25'.

On the Saturday morning, 3rd May, Dan Hadfield went for the North Hants '10' and finished in 25.11. The next day he was up early and in the team for the Tooting Hilly '42'. This was an event right up Robin Buchan's sleeve and he duly won in 1.40.43 by over 3 minutes. Andy Murray was 3rd in 1.45.07 and Dan finished in 1.48.39 for the Paragon to take the Team award. Graham Bristow clocked his best time of the season in the High Wycombe '25' with 1.4.39.

The Paragon had a team in the SW London and Surrey Division road race Championships held at Elstead on the Cutmill circuit. At about half distance Dave Worsfold went clear with John Lyons (Orpington) and built up a good lead. On the last lap Lyons proved the stronger and he dropped Dave and went on to win. Dave kept going to take 2nd place. Pete Corry came in at the front of the bunch to take 4th with Ray Runham just behind in 6th place.

Robin Buchan had another under the hour ride in the SECA '25' on the 10th May. On a windy afternoon he came 6th with a 58.38 and took the veterans prize. He was beaten by some 3½ minutes by one Alf Engers so it was not entirely a disgrace! Graham Bristow was our only other finisher in 1.4.05 but this was a season's best. Dan Hadfield opted for the Old Portlians '25' on the Bath Road. He covered the distance in 1.2.03. Ray Runham took 4th place in the Twickenham road race at Fifield. A very fast race in which 80 miles were covered in just 3 hours.

Three youngsters rode the Catford '10' on the 17th May. Steve Hackett finished in 25.46 and the other two produced personal bests. These were by Wayne Clarke, 29.27, and David Harbour 30.08. Next day the bigger (and older) boys were in action. Robin Buchan had his 5th win of the season when he won the Redmon Hilly '73' with a 2.57.27. Dave Worsfold finished 4th in 3.6.45 and Dan Hadfield 3.18.09 to enable the Paragon to win the Team Award by over 30 minutes. (Need it be added that Robin also won the Veterans prize!) Jack Platts with a 1.10.53 in the VTTA Kent Group '25' and Alan Colburn 1.10.42 in the Surrey St Christophers '25' were also in action.

Andy Murray took 5th place in the Southboro road race for 3rd category riders on the Newton's Hill circuit. George Clare and Pete Ansell rode on the Lingfield circuit in the Bec promotion. Both finished in the bunch with Ansell riding very tactically. He finished at the back of the bunch to take the special prize of a rear light!

The Moet & Chandon 'Champagne' Meeting was blessed with good weather and an excellent crowd. They were treated to even better racing. The 500m handicap went to local rider Maurice Burton (Archer) from Dave Le Grys (34th Nomads) and Stu Morris (Teeside Clarion). The Old Ordinary 1 mile went to J Vaughan (Boston Whs) from J Almond (Dinnington) and T Wright (Peterborough). With Ian Hallam and Alf Engers pulling out the Invitation 10 minutes Pursuit race was expected to be a bit dull. Fortunately the crowd were treated to a superb display of controlled speed. Jeffries (Gordano Valley) cleared the track in just 11½ laps. George Clare came 3rd in this event. I Kawawaseli (South Eastern) won the Schoolboy 500m from his teammate C Glibbery and J Semens (Paddington). The 10 laps Point-to-Point was taken by Robin Croker (Archer) from Pete Hamilton (34th Nomads) and G Hill (Dinnington). The Schoolboy 'Devil' went to Glibbery with Russell Williams (VC Londres) 2nd and J Semens 3rd. (Yes, the same Russell Williams who now commentates on Eurosport). The Old Ordinary handicap went to Tom Fiddimore (Surrey Road) from his teammate J Bass. A Hilliam (Long Sutton) was 3rd. Malcolm Hill (Archer) took the Unknown distance from Paul Medhurst (Chequers) and Gary Wiggins (Archer). This gentleman is now more widely known as Bradley Wiggins father!

The Champagne '10' was enlivened in its early stages by Stu Morris who went out to collect as many laps as possible before being reeled in by a steadily moving bunch. With three laps to go it looked like being an almighty big bunch sprint until Australian Robin Croker took flight with Len Double (De Laune). These two held out to the line where Croker beat Double. Malcolm Hill took the bunch sprint for 3rd place.

At the Cycle Race Meeting in Morden Park Graham Bristow won the 500m Roller event with a time of 17.4. If the time is correct that is just over 100kms per hour! The Team Pursuit squad have ridden their way to the Finals of the London Centre Championship where they will meet the 34th Nomads.

Whitsun followed with a flurry of action. On the Saturday in the Belle Vue '25' Ray Runham finished inside the hour with a 59.15. Pete Corry and Pete Ansell both just missed this goal with rides of 1.0.39 and 1.0.18 respectively. Over in Kent Graham Bristow put in a personal best '25' of 1.2.18 in the Bexley (1.1.00) Middlemarkers '25'. The next day George Clare collected 3rd prize in the Farnham '25' with a 1.0.55 and Robin Buchan another 3rd place but this time in the Hounslow '100' with a 4.16.08 ride. Dan Hadfield also finished this event in 4.33.29. Then on the Monday Peter Corry and Ray Runham came 2nd in the Glendene 2up '25' with a 59.33 ride. Pete Ansell and Dave Worsfold were 4th with a 1.0.28. Rowan Vacher finished the Gravesend '25' in 1.1.16. Jack Platts and Alan Colburn elected to ride the Herts '30' north of London. Jack beat Alan 1.20.46 to 1.22.41.

In the Reliance-Fernhall 100kms Grand Prix run off over 4 races of 25 kms each at Herne Hill Ray Runham came 5th in the 1st race whilst Pete Corry was leading the Points prize.

June 1st and George Clare went back north of the border to ride the Scottish National Championship '25'. He produced his fastest time over the distance since 1969 with a 59.08. This was good enough on the day for him to take the Honours and the Gold Medal.

In the SCCU 50' Andy Murray came in 3rd with a personal best of 2.9.50. Dan Hadfield also finished in 2.14.01 and took 2nd place on handicap. Robin Buchan and Ray Runham did even better in the Archer '50'. Robin won very comfortably in 2.1.25 (his 6th win of the year) from Ray Runham, 2.5.05. With Pete Ansell coming in with a 2.8.28 for 6th place the Paragon won the Team race. Dave Worsfold clipped off in an early break in the 29th Whs 'Bill Stocker' Memorial road race. The lead gradually increased to 7 minutes by the Finish. In the final sprint Dave came 6th whilst Pete Corry came in with the bunch to collect 11th place.

In the De Laune Evening Meeting Pete Corry won the Points race and collected some more Points in the 2nd race of the Reliance-Fernhill 100 kms.

The following Saturday, 7th June, Robin Buchan broke course record when came 2nd with a 58.36 in the Worthing Excelsior '25'. Unfortunately he only held it for 9 minutes until John Lyons (Orpington) arrived with a 57.56 that also relegated Robin to 2nd place. On the Sunday Dan Hadfield finished the WLCA '50' in 2.10.43.

The Paragon Team Pursuit Team overstayed their welcome at the 34th Nomads Evening Meeting by beating the host club in the Final of the London Region Team Pursuit Championship. The team was Ray Runham, Pete Corry, Pete Ansell and George Clare.

Dan Hadfield recorded a 24.28 in the SCCU '10' on Saturday afternoon. George Clare finished 3rd in the Belle Vue road race at Ottershaw over 60 miles. Pete Ansell was with the bunch. Ray Runham tackled the Mid-Let 1st category road race in the Coventry area over 100 miles. In the hot and windy conditions he finished 9th in this top class event.

Another Club Record went on the 15th June when Dave Worsfold finished the Redmon '30' in 1.16.10 on his trike. Pete Ansell was our fastest rider in this event with a 1.13.13 for 5th place but two other team men produced personal bests. They were Pete Corry with a 1.14.14 and Dan Hadfield with 1.16.01. Rowan Vacher rode the Ashford Whs '30' and finished in 2nd place with a 1.11.50. Robin Buchan produced a creditable 1.57.13 for 5th place in the Vegetarian '50'. Alan Colburn returned a 1.6.15 to give him 2nd place on handicap in the Surrey/Sussex Vets '25' whilst Jack Platts was a mite slower in 1.7.50.

Saturday events were increasing in popularity (almost a return to the start of cycle racing in this country!) and the 21st June was no exception. In the SECA '25' Rowan Vacher finished in 57.33 and Graham Bristow managed a personal best of 1.1.35. Robin Buchan rode the Finsbury Park '50' on a hot windswept course on the North Road and only managed a 2.7.10. This was his slowest ride at the distance for some years. The Winner Eddie Adkins (Hemel Hempstead) took 2.1.55 to cover the distance. Then in contrast out in Berkshire Dan Hadfield finished the Maidenhead '50' with a season's best of 2.10.28.

On the Wednesday Graham Bristow won the Points race at the Evening Meeting.

On the Sunday Robin Buchan was still suffering from the North Road '50' led the team in the SERC '25'. He did 1.1.41 for 5th place but Andy Murray was extremely pleased as nearly beat the great man with a 1.1.46 for 6th place. Alan Colburn made up the team with a 1.6.15. Ray Runham had his best road race placing for some time when he finished 2nd in the London Fire Brigade road race over 6 laps (90 miles) of the Lingfield circuit. Ray's break was some 3 minutes clear at the Finish but in the chasing group of three was Pete Corry. Unfortunately by the time they reached the Finish all Pete's sprinting prowess had been burnt up and he could only manage 8th place. Dave Worsfold went back onto two wheels to produce a personal best of 1.1.35 in the SECA '25'.

The weekend of the 28th/29th June was also Catford 24 hours time and this year it was also the National Championship event. The Paragon had high hopes of a win for Robin Buchan but a very cold night put pay to this. Robin started steadily and was in 3rd place after 12 hours with 250 miles to his credit. At 300 miles he had moved into 2nd place behind John Cahill (North Staffs). Sunday morning was extremely cold and although Robin had taken the lead at Washington roundabout (336 miles) he had to stop to put on his track suit bottoms but by Adversane he had increased his lead to 3 minutes probably due to Cahill also being forced to stop for extra clothing. The intense cold of the night and early morning also led to Robin having trouble with blurred vision in his left eye and by 400 miles (Effingham Crossroads) his right eye as well. At this point he stopped for a wash and change of clothes plus treatment for his eyes. Robin decided he would go on and covered another 63 miles and to collect a silver medal for 2nd place. Dan Hadfield also rode but succumbed to the cold with cramp in both legs at 300 miles and retired.

Dave Worsfold was at his trike best on the 28th June when he, again, lowered the Club '50' Record with a 2.8.57! Alan Colburn finished the SERC (Veterans) '25' in 1.3.55, his best since his 'come-back' started. Ray Runham and Pete Corry rode the Circuit of Newton in Hampshire over 75 miles. Ray just failed to catch the break finishing 6th just 15 seconds behind whilst Pete won the bunch sprint for 7th some 3 minutes after Ray. Andy Murray took 7th place in the Midsummer road race for 3rd category riders on the Hartfield circuit.

Saturday 5th July and some more personal best were achieved. Rowan Vacher did 56.56 in the Southend & County '25' for 4th place and Alan Colburn a 24.27 in the Redhill '10'. This got him 2nd place on age standard. The following morning Steve Hackett was the man to make the improvement when he lowered his '25' time to 1.8.05 in the Dulwich Paragon '25'. Dan Hadfield was in this event with a 1.8.21 with Jack Platts also finishing in 1.11.08. Robin had gone down to the New Forest and came in with a 58.48 for 5th place in the Bournemouth Jubilee '25'. The Paragon had a benefit race at Lee-on-Solent in the Royal Navy CRC event. Ray Runham won the race with Pete Ansell 2nd about a minute clear of the bunch after riding in front for 16 of the 20 laps. Pete Corry came 2nd in that sprint to claim 4th place. Time for the race was 1.53.00 for the 50 miles. Dave Worsfold had gone road racing and took 4th place in the Bob Tregonning Memorial race over 112 kms at Ugley.

Tuesday the 9th was the Inter-Club '10' against the Addiscombe! The Addiscombe had won the last four encounters so the lads were out to prove themselves. Ray Runham was our fastest with a 22.33, George Clare was next with 22.41, Rowan Vacher came in with 22.50 then Andy Murray, 23.05, Pete Ansell, 23.06 and Pete Corry 23.26 completed the Team. It was a rout!

On Saturday 12th in the Addiscombe '25' Ray Runham equalled his best ever with a 56.23, Rowan Vacher came in with a 57.30, Andy Murray put in his second best ride of 58.54 and Pete Ansell finished in 1.9.34. The team time of the first three mentioned is only 6 seconds outside the Club Team record. On the Sunday Robin Buchan came 2nd in the Bon Amis '50 with a 1.57.33 missing the win by just 11 seconds. In the Moon Trophy '25' our best rider was Steve Hackett with a personal best of 1.6.51. Alan Colburn finished in 1.6.55, Gareth Earwicker 1.8.49 and Jack Platts 1.12.42. The Paragon was 2nd in the Team race on handicap and Steve Hackett was fastest junior. In the SCCU road race Championship at Ellens Green Ray Runham finished 2nd.

Andy Murray improved his time for 25 miles by one second in the SECA event on the 19th July with a 58.18 ride. He was still behind Rowan Vacher who recorded a 57.28 for 4th place. Unfortunately we had no third rider for the team event. The Paragon entered a team in the National 100kms Team Time Trial Championship. They finished 13th in 2.20.00. The Team was Ray Runham, Pete Corry, Pete Ansell and Dave Worsfold.

In the final race of the Reliance-Fernhill Grand Prix Pete Corry was overtaken in the Points prize and had to be content with 2nd place.

The next day Robin Buchan was out in Berkshire for the Border CA 12-hours event. He eventually finished in 2nd place with some 263.433 miles. Dave Worsfold made an early break in the Redmon Trophy road race over 5 laps of the Lingfield circuit and stayed clear long enough to take the Points prize. Ray Runham was in the chasing group and managed 5th place in the sprint.

It was Rowan Vacher's turn to improve the next weekend. In the Sydenham Whs '25' he recorded a 56.40. Pete Ansell came in with a 58.08 but, again, we had no third man. Alan Colburn finished the Kingston Phoenix '25' in

1.3.53. Dave Worsfold did not produce another Club Trike Record when he completed the Hainault RC '10' in 25.16. Robin Buchan came 2nd in the Belle Vue '50' missing a win by just 25 seconds. His time for the distance was 1.57.25.

Robin made up for that 2nd place with 1st place in our Open '50' the following weekend. His time was, however, a bit slower with a 2.3.41. Heat wave conditions plus a strong north-easterly wind slowed the riders on the return leg. Many riders packed through dehydration. Unfortunately we had only one other finisher in Alan Colburn who recorded 2.13.53 but did get 2nd on handicap. In 2nd place was J Joannet (Harp) 2.4.56 whose time was subject to a handicap of 9½ minutes giving him 1st on handicap with 1.53.26. In 3rd place was P Gilbert (Oxford City) in 2.5.04 and he collected 3rd on handicap as well with a 7 minute allowance. Reading Whs won the Team Race.

Ray Runham collected another 3rd place in the Surrey Road CC Summer road race on the Lingfield circuit over 60 miles. On the Bank Holiday Monday Rowan Vacher won the Southborough & District '25' in 1.0.01 whilst Robin went faster to win the Balham '25' with a 59.11 on the Farnham – Alton course.

Yet another Club Record for Dave Worsfold on the 10th August when he went round the Tricycle Association event in 24.10 only 4 seconds slower than Competition Record. Robin Buchan was also in excellent form with a 4.10.31 for 3rd place in the Westerley '100' to improve his BBAR time by 6 minutes. He also took the Veterans prize. Alan Colburn was equal 6th with a personal best of in 1.3.50, and Jack Platts, 1.7.50, in the Weybridge Whs Middlemarkers '25.

The Ashdown road races were run off on the 10th August. The Senior race went to Jerry Baker (Twickenham) from Colin Bateman (Festival) and Terry Leach (Beeston-Mansfield). Ray Runham finished in 6th place whilst Dave Worsfold also finished, but unplaced, feeling the effects of his morning exertions on the trike. . In the 3rd category event B Simpson (Southend & County) was 1st with P Andrews (Thanet) 2nd and P Kissens (Crabwood) in 3rd.place.

On the 16th August Ray Runham won the VC Braintree '30' with a 1.9.48. He was backed by Rowan Vacher, 1.11.37, and Pete Ansell, 1.14.34. The Paragon won the Team race. Ray and Rowan also collected prizes for 1st and 2nd on handicap. Meanwhile Robin Buchan was trouncing the opposition in the Redmon Veterans '25'. He had fastest time with 58.36 with backing from Alan Colburn, 1.4.19, and Jack Platts 1.7.50. The next day Robin Buchan won the Eastbourne Rovers '25' with a course record time of 57.52. (Ray Runham held the old course record!)

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend Ray Runham rode the 3-day Tour of the Hopfields. He came 3rd in both Stage 1 and Stage 2 then 2nd in the Time Trial stage. Unfortunately he could not hold his place and on the 4th Stage at Paddock Wood he lost time and slipped to 2nd place at 20 seconds behind M

Robinson (Hull Thursday). Pete Corry was 6th on the last Stage and 16th on General Classification.

Robin Buchan produced another excellent ride in the Essex CRA 100 when he finished in 4.7.40 for 4th place. This takes another 2'51" off his BBAR 100 time. The following weekend, the 30th August he came 3rd in the Velo Club Sacchi '25' with a 58.00 just 19 seconds too slow behind John Lyons (Orpington). Alan Colburn also finished but in 1.3.46.

Gareth Warwicker improved his 25 miles time with a 1.7.11 in the 29th Whs '25'. Robin Buchan came 2nd in the ECCA '25' beaten by just 9 seconds. He was beaten by Barry Chick with a 56.58 to Robin's 57.07. Ray Runham took another 3rd place in the Old Kent and Rodney CC Meeting at Crystal Palace. He clipped off the front after 32 laps with some other adventurous souls and at the end of 45 laps lost by a couple of lengths. Dave Worsfold rode the Croydon RC race on the gruelling Woldingham circuit and was pleased to finish albeit in 14th place.

The Team Pursuit squad as London Region Champions went to Leicester for the National Championship. They qualified for the Quarter-finals with a 5.5.01 ride but then went out to Birmingham.

The Club Track Championships were extremely poorly attended with only three contestants. Pete Corry won the 4000m Pursuits from Graham Bristow and Ray Puttick in 3rd place. Graham Bristow won the 500m Sprint from Pete Corry and Ray Puttick. And then Ray Puttick won the 500m Handicap with Pete Corry 2nd and Graham Bristow 3rd. The Ravensbourne Cup for the Scratch 5 miles went to Pete Corry whilst Ray Puttick collected the George Colget Cup for the Points. Overall Pete Corry won the Championship with 8 points from Graham Bristow with 7 and Ray Puttick 3rd with 3.

Ray Runham won the third of the series of races held on the Lee-on-Solent circuit. He broke away with 8 laps remaining and outsprinted his companion Jerry Baker (Twickenham) to take the race. He also won the prize for Lap Leaders. Pete Ansell only finished 14th on the day but collected 3rd place on the Lap Leaders competition due to his 2up break with Ray at the last event. Pete Corry was 9th at the Finish. Alan Colburn did a personal best of 1.1.31 in the South Western '25'.

Peter Corry and Ray Runham paired up for the Epsom Tandem '30' and completed the course in 1.4.21 for 4th place on the 7th September. Rowan Vacher preferred the shorter races and produced a 22.16 in the SECA '10'. Robin Buchan went up to the Boroughbridge course in Yorkshire looking for a fast '50' to round off his season and came 3rd in 1.57.07. This was an improvement on his BBAR times, but only by 10 seconds. Back down south Dave Worsfold took even more time off the '50' trike record with a superb 2.5.40 in the Eagle RC '50'. Reading this history one becomes aware that there have been quite a number of riders mentioned in these pages who have failed to get anywhere near this time on two wheels! Rowan Vacher clocked 22.16 in the SECA '10' for 4th place.

We had a team in the Redbridge '25' on the 13th September. Robin Buchan was just our fastest rider in 7th place with 57.17 but Ray Runham was 8th with 57.21. Although Pete Ansell weighed in with a 1.0.52 we just failed to collect the team race. Up in the Midlands Alan Colburn improved his 25 miles time with a 1.0.20 in the Coventry '25'. Down south Dave Worsfold took more time from the trike '25' Record with a 1.1.12 in the North Hants '25'.

Whilst not producing the goods in the Epsom event Ray Runham and Pete Corry showed their class on the 14th September when they won the Viking Tandem '50' in 1.53.49. Just to keep things straight Robin Buchan then took the solo bicycle '50' with a 2.2.21! The weather was appalling with strong winds and heavy rain. Only 30 riders started the main event from 91 entries.

Pete Corry and Ray Runham went out for the third weekend in a row on their tandem and collected a 2nd place by just one second in the Southend and County '30' with a 1.1.03. They also missed Club record by just 13 seconds after being stopped by a traffic jam at one point. Very frustrating!

On the Sunday Gareth Earwicker improved his '25' time with a 1.5.49 in the SCCU '25'. Robin Buchan finished 7th in the Glendene '50' in 2.0.40 after a crash when his rear brake became detached. Dave Worsfold also rode this event 'only' doing 2.11.00 on his trike. Jack Platts visited his homeland and did a 1.7.46 in the North Mids and Herts '25'.

Still trying for a good BBAR '50' Robin Buchan travelled, once again, up to Yorkshire for the Harrogate Nova event but was not blessed with the best of the weather and had to be content with a 1.58.56 for 8th place. Ray Runham rode the Criterium des Vainqueurs at Colchester. You can only ride this event if you have won a race during the season. Kevin Apter, the National Champion won from a group of 4 riders. Ray Runham came 5th at about 1 minute whilst Pete Corry came 17th at 2½ minutes.

The Lea Valley and Crescent Tandem '30' saw Messrs Corry and Runham in action again but it must have been a hard morning as they only managed a 1.6.55 but they were within a minute of the winners, Lack and Cole (Leo RC). The next morning Alan Colburn came 2nd in the VTTA '25' with a 1.2.16 ride. Jack Platts went round in 1.9.04.

The Mayne Cup had Alan Colburn recording the fastest time of the day with a 1.2.26. He was well ahead of the others. Gareth Earwicker was 2nd in a personal best of 1.5.25 and Jack Platts 3rd in 1.8.03. However it was a different matter for the handicap. Man of the Day turned out to be Gareth Earwicker. He beat Alan Colburn by just 1 second with 1.1.25 to Alan's 1.1.26. Gareth was the only rider to produce his personal best and so deservedly took the Mayne Cup.

A Junior '10' and '15' were run at some undisclosed time during the season. Steve Hackett won both of them. He completed the '10' with a 24.28 and the 15 with a 40.31.

Alan Colburn rounded off his road season with a 1.6.02 (with 2 m inutes late start) in the Maidenhead '25'. Then to finish it completely he rode the Bec Hill Climb with Jack Platts. After playing second fiddle to Alan all season Jack got some back by climbing the hill 25 seconds faster than Alan - 2.35 to Alan's 2.50. On the same day Gareth Earwicker finished his season with a 1.5.06 in the Brighton Mitre '25'.

The last race of the year was Len's '10' and Pete Corry came 2nd with a 24.25 beaten by just 6".

It was reported in the Blah that Brian Newcombe who had emigrated to Australia had won a 100 kms road race. Andy Murray took to the dirt with a 2nd cyclist and 4th overall in the East Surrey Cyclist v Harriers event he followed this with a 19th place in the Tooting 'Circuit of the Sods' on Shirley Hills. He came 15th in the Old Portlians Handicap Cross at Westerham. A 24th in the Southern Championships at Eastway was marred by a crash that ruined his chance of a high placing and put him out of action for some weeks.

Just to show he had more talent than just riding very fast Andy Murray also took the John Vallack Darts Championship for the season!

Our end of year Cyclo-cross on the 7th December was won by Steve Snowling (Chiltern) from Alan Brunnsden (Middlesex Clarion). Pete Corry and Ray Puttick had a go and finished 30th and 31st respectively. Chris Glibberry (South Eastern) won the Schoolboys race.

Robin Buchan won the Frank Cleeve Points Competition from Pete Ansell and a tie between Dan Hadfield and Ray Runham for 3rd place.

Robin Buchan also won the Open Time Trial Championship with an average speed of 24.514 mph, Ray Runham won the Road Race Championship, Steve Hackett the Junior Championship and Pete Corry took the Track Championship.