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Six men went to the start of the East Surrey Hardriders on the 6th March ready to open their 1977 Campaign. It was a day of 'nearlies'. Andy Murray came 2nd just 19 seconds slower than Dave Stalker (Feltham) who won in 1.21.30. Then with Andy's 1.21.49 we had Ian Murray on 1.25.23 and Steve Hackett on 1.26.26. This gave a team time of 4.13.38 that was 7 seconds slower than the De Laune with their 4.13.31! So near and yet so far! Other times were Dave Worsfold 1.27.23, John McNee 1.32.16 and Alan Colburn 1.33.20. In the Junior section Paul Dennison recorded 35.41. Disappointing but still a promising start to the racing season.

To make amends Andy then won the CDCA Hardriders the following week. He completed the course in 1.17.59 just 19 seconds in front of Dansie (Sydenham). The was indeed a good ride as Andy had to stop at the foot of Flinthouse Hill when his front changer mechanism jammed and had to be straightened out. Not the best place for a standing start! Les Black was our only other finisher in 1.30.28. The day before Alan Colburn and John McNee went down to ride the Central Sussex Hardriders. They finished with times of 1.13.20 and 1.15.30 respectively.

In the March Blah it was reported that George Clare has been selected for the Scottish National road squad. Unfortunately it did not help him when he punctured with 4 miles to go in the Magnet & Planet Building Society's 65 miles Trophy race at Chelmsford. At the time he was with the leading group of seven riders then both he and Bob Downs (Bilton) punctured. Together they managed to get back to the leaders but the effort at that stage of the race blunted any sprint they had. George was placed 6th.

The first Club Event was incorporated in the CDCA '10' and from six riders only two managed to record a time. Indications of not a very good morning! John McNee finished with a 26.29 and Paul Dennison with 27.25. Pete Corry was back racing after his crash in Majorca (broken arm) on the 12th March with a 5th place in the Medway Velo road race. George Clare came 3rd and Steve Hackett a 7th in the 2nd/3rd category race.

Pete Corry collected more points in the Dulwich Paragon 'Wally Gimber' road race at Frant. A small group broke away from the main field and then Peter tried a lone break for a solo win. Unfortunately he was brought back but still had enough in the tank to get 3rd in the sprint. George Clare and Ray Puttick finished in the bunch. Steve Hackett came 4th in the Wandsworth & District event at Eastway.

Andy Murray continued his run of success in the Catford Hilly time trial when he finished 2nd to Doug Sheehy (Hainault) in 1.16.36. Brother Ian was also well to the fore with a 1.19.28 for 6th place but with Alan Colburn being unable to start there was no chance of the team race. The following morning Ian Murray finished the Kentish Whs '25' in 1.3.01.

Pete Corry won the Pearson's of Sutton road race over 48 miles held at Ellens Green on the 2nd April. With four laps to go Pete broke away with 10 other riders then in the sprint he out distanced them all. His former tandem partner, Pete Hamilton, (34th Nomads) came 2nd. The Jim Fox '25' was another win for Andy Murray with a 1.0.12 on a cold morning. Ian Murray was some 1.45 back with a 1.1.51 and Alan Colburn came 3rd with a 1.3.57. Ian did take the Handicap in a very close run section. His handicapped time was 59.51 with John McNee just 4 seconds back, 59.55, and Jack Platts another 4 seconds away with a 59.59. That was not bad handicapping. Paul Dennison finished the Gravesend '10' in 27.01.

Andy Murray recorded yet another near miss when he came 3rd in the Crawley Whs event on Good Friday. His time of 1.0.53 was just 4" slower than the Winner, Cliff Sharpe (Eastbourne). However he did enable the Paragon to claim its first Team race of 1977. Andy was backed up by Alan Colburn 1.5.29 and Steve Hackett 1.6.08. Also finishing were Jack Platts 1.7.39 and John McNee 1.10.13. Barry Gregory went out to the WLCA '10' and recorded a 26.35. In the afternoon George Clare was riding at Herne Hill in the SCCU Good Friday Meeting. On a cold hard day he covered 4 miles 600 yards in the 10-minute pursuit to be placed 3rd.

On the Saturday Paul Dennison finished the Southboro '10' in 27.28. Then on Sunday Les Black went round the Festival '25' in something over 1.13. Alan Colburn did 1.3.10 in the VTTA (Birmingham) '25' for 8th place. On Easter Monday Steve Hackett finished the Gemini '10' in 25.12 and Paul Dennison 28.05.

In the SCCU '25' Andy Murray was again in the prizes. His 58.55 gave him 3rd prize. Alan Colburn gave an indication of form with a 1.2.37 and other times were by Gareth Earwicker 1.3.33, Jack Platts 1.5.29 and a six minute improvement from Les Black with 1.7.00. George Clare came 4th from a break away group of six riders in the Reliance-Fernhill Meeting at Crystal Palace

Yet another 3rd place was gained by the Murray Brothers in the South Eastern RC 2up with a 1.22.13 for the 33 miles. This was just 1.13 slower than the winners. Paul Dennison and Rick Tyson were riding the shorter Junior 2up and they got round in 1.8.57. Gareth Earwicker and Les Black were representing the Club in the De Laune '25' and they recorded 1.7.30 and 1.9.59 respectively but were not help by the strong blustery winds.

On the 1st May Steve Hackett had his first major success when he won the British College Students road race Championship over 50 miles at Eastway. Pete Corry crossed the finishing line of the East Grinstead road race on the Lingfield circuit in 4th place. Unfortunately he was then disqualified for crossing some double white lines during the event. We had a team in the Kent RC Middlemarkers '25' (1.0.00 limit). Gareth Earwicker came up with a superb personal best of 1.1.59 leading home Jack Platts 1.4.10, Les Black 1.4.46 (3 minutes off his season's best) and brother Alan 1.7.20.

Saturday 7th and Barry Gregory finished the Addiscombe '10' in 24.59. The next day we collected another Team race in the Tooting Sporting 42. Andy Murray was our fastest in 1.42.22 for 5th place; Ian Murray did 1.46.32, Alan Colburn 1.52.54 and Jack Platts 1.54.30. Pete Corry made a tactic blunder at Lee-on-Solent when in a 4-man break. He thought that the bunch was about to catch this little group so he sat up. So did the bunch and the other three lads kept going and took the first three places. Eventually Pete finished in 10th place. He made amends the next day at Crystal Palace when he finished 4th in the George Tennant Memorial race. On a wet day the Palace circuit can be filthy with black dirt, oil and rubber being thrown up into the riders faces. The riders are almost unrecognisable at the Finish and so it proved on this day.

On Saturday 14th May the Murray Brothers got what they deserved – a 1st place in the West Croydon Whs 2up. They finished with a 58.43 to take the Prize. The following day in the Moon Trophy '25' Andy was 2nd on Scratch with a 1.1.20. As we only had Jack Platts, 1.7.01, and Vin Callanan 1.7.20 finishing the race the Paragon took no part in the Team competition. Alan Colburn was busy in the Midlands with a 1.3.38 for 5th place in the VTTA (Birmingham) '25' whilst Gareth Earwicker was doing a similar ride in the Viking '25' with a 1.3.31. In the BCF SW London & Surrey road race Championship held over 85 miles on the Norwood Hill circuit Pete Corry came home in 2nd place. The winner was a young rider with promise – Tony Doyle (Clarence Whs). Later this lad was to be Professional Pursuit Champion of the World. George Clare finished in 7th place whilst Steve Hackett and Dave Worsfold were unplaced but in the bunch.

In the Paragon Evening Promotion at Crystal Palace 25 laps were covered by the Senior riders. There was a top class field that raced hard and it ended in a tight finish. Tony James (De Laune) getting the verdict from Steve White (De Laune), Paul Fennell (Unity), Glen Read (VC Elan) and Glen Mitchell (34th Nomads). Pete Corry and George Clare failed to get into the leading break but finished in the next group.

Third place seem to be the fashion for the Paragon in 1977 as Pete Corry collected another one in the South West London Ladies '10'. (It was their Open event we should add in case someone reads more into the title than they should). Peter finished in 24.28. Things obviously did not go to plan in the Redmon Hilly '73' as the Record Book notes – Ian Murray 3.9.01 (no problems), Alan Colburn 3.23.16 (puncture and mechanical problems) and Andy Murray DNF (cracked rear fork end). A bad day – they happen! Elsewhere Paul Dennison was achieving his personal best at 25 miles with a 1.9.32 in the Redhill '25'. George Clare took 3rd place in the CC Bexley Mid-Kent Grand Prix over 80 miles at Offham after bridging the gap between the bunch and break.

May 25th was the Norwood Paragon Champagne Meeting at Herne Hill and for once it was a warm and sunny evening. Mark Phillipson (City RC Hull) won the 1 mile Old Ordinary race from J Vaughan (Boston) and T Wright (Peterborough). The Old Ordinary 500m handicap went to A Booth (Balham)

from M Weaver (Faversham) and Mark Phillipson. In the real racing the 500m Handicap went to Gareth Morgan (Marlboro) from M Karavasili (34th Nomads) and P Malyon (Old Kent).

The 10-minute Pursuit was a humdinger with George Clare well up with the leaders until his 93" gear proved to be just a bit too high for the night and he dropped back to finish in 4th place. Asked why he rode such a high gear he replied "I ride a 106 bottom in time trials". No answer to that is there? There was a dead-heat for 1st place between Phil Griffith (GS Strada) and Derek Cottington (Charlotteville) both covering 4 miles and 916 yards. Ron Keeble (34th Nomads) took the 10-lap Points from G Hill (Dinnington) and Glen Mitchell (34th Nomads). John Tudor (Chequers) won the Unknown Distance race from Ian Hallam (Orpington) and Dave Le Grys (Archer) then the Schoolboys Omnium between Herne Hill and Paddington was a piece of cake for the local lads.

Then came the Champagne '10'. The first 5 miles were comparatively uneventful with 10.53.8 taken for the distance. With 14 laps to go Tony Doyle (Clarence Whs) attacked and held the lead for a lap. Then Derek Hunt (Hemel Hempstead) had a go and lasted 5 laps out on his own in this 'suicide' attempt before being reeled in. The bunch paused with everyone looking at each other. This was not to George Clare's liking so he attacked opening up a huge gap in next to no time. Hallam tried to bridge the gap but could not do it on his own. Four laps to go and Glen Mitchell and Derek Hunt got clear and started to cut down the distance. Hunt paid for his earlier attack and dropped back leaving Mitchell steaming around the track. With 2 laps to go he had caught and dropped the tiring George Clare and he held that lead crossing the Finish line with 80 yards lead to win the Champers. The bunch was led in by that ace bunch sprinter Dave Le Grys and P Taylor (Chequers). The second 5 miles was 30 seconds faster than the first! The end of a great evenings sport was spent in the tent supping the odd glass of Moet & Chandon's best.

George Clare, who rarely rides time trials, showed everyone just how it should be done in the 34th Nomads '25' finishing in 55.13 to win. It was not comfortably as he punctured with 3 miles to go and finished on a flat tyre! Gareth Earwicker was his only companion and Gareth did 1.2.21. The following morning Les Black started to show a bit of his old class with a 1.2.54 in the Surrey Road (Middlemarkers) '25'. Jack Platts was also pleased with his 1.4.07. Ian Murray was our only finisher in the SCCU '50' with a 2.9.44.

June came in and we had a team in the National 25 miles Championship for the first time for some years. On paper we had a good chance of the Team but the weather, cold and wet, put pay to any thoughts of personal bests. George Clare was our best finisher in 18th place with a 58.27 followed by Andy Murray 1.0.46 and Pete Corry 1.2.52 but they failed to make the Podium. Also in action on the 5th June was Gareth Earwicker with a 1.3.37 in the Wigmore '25 and Alan Colburn with a 1.6.28 in the Addiscombe '25'. Alan went 1 minute faster in the Gravesend event on the Monday (1.5.13) but was not happy with his 25 miles times. He was better pleased with his 2.10.28 in the Midland CCA '50' up North. Jack Platts recorded a 1.3.30 in the London

Clarion '25' north of London. Ian Murray tripped off to Wales and managed (yet another) 3rd place in the Acme (Rhondda) '10' with a 24.19.

Five individuals were in action on the 12th June. Ian Murray with a 1.13.59 in the Redmon '30'. In the South Eastern RC '25' on the Portsmouth Road Andy Murray was our best rider with a 1.1.05. Ian Murray was close up with 1.1.41, Alan Colburn 1.4.06, Gareth Earwicker 1.5.12 and Jack Platts 1.5.33.

The Team Pursuit Squad of George Clare, Pete Corry, Andy Murray and Steve Hackett won through to the semi-finals of the London Region 4000m Championship. George Clare and Andy Murray also qualified for the Quarter-final stage of the Individual Pursuit

Ian Murray came 2nd in the SCCU '10' on the 18th June missing out by just 6 seconds on another 1st place. On the Sunday brother Andy led the Team in the South Eastern '25' with a 1.1.05. Ian was just behind with a 1.1.41 whilst other rides were done by Alan Colburn 1.4.06, Gareth Earwicker 1.5.12 and Jack Platts 1.5.33. George Clare and Pete Corry rode the classic Chequers Grand Prix over 87 miles around the Chiltern Hills. Pete Corry's luck ran out when he punctured when in the winning break. The wheel change this necessitated put him back into the bunch where he and George finished.

Two personal bests were achieved in the SECA '25' on the 25th June when Ian Murray finished the race with 58.16 and Gareth Earwicker improved to 1.1.05. Andy Murray rode the Croydon RC '10' and finished in 23.39. Steve Hackett came 5th in the Sutcliff Park races.

The Sunday, 26th June was our Open '50' day. It was sunny and warm but with a strong northwest wind that meant a gruelling finish coming up from Washington. Alan Colburn very kindly sent himself off as No.1. A very sporting gesture greatly appreciated by others in the Club. Jim Walker of the Bec won in 2.1.51. In 2nd place came Martyn Roach (Hounslow) with 2.2.08 then Colin Grady (Bec) 2.2.28, John Woodburn (Sydenham) 2.2.31 and Stuart McPherson (Farnham) 2.2.34. Hard luck story of the day came from the 6th placed man Tony Hunt (Hounslow). He stripped half the cogs on his block with his first kick away from the start and was left with a choice of 100" or a 116" gear! Our riders had mixed fortunes with Peter Corry (broken saddle) and Andy Murray (no-go day) both being unable to finish. This left Alan Colburn as our fastest man with a 2.13.36 followed by Jack Platts on 2.18.47 and 2.25.43 from Paul Dennison that was his best ride at the distance.

A fast evening on the Polhill course was enjoyed by Paul Dennison and Rick Tyson when they produced personal bests of 24.49 and 25.03 respectively. Not quite so happy was Barry Gregory with his 25.10. The Team Pursuit squad beat the Bec to go into the Final against the 34th Nomads.

It was another day of mixed fortunes the next weekend in our Open '25'. Andy Murray was unable to start and George Clare was unable to finish. Our other 5 stalwarts came in with the following times: - Pete Corry 1.2.19, Graham Bristow 1.2.36, Gareth Earwicker 1.3.18, Barry Gregory 1.8.37 and

another personal best from Paul Dennison of 1.6.34. The race proved to be a tie between Eddie Atkins (VC Slough) and Derek Cottington (Charlotteville) both finishing in 54.50. In 3rd place was Peter Howard (Woolwich) with 56.57. The 34th Nomads won the team race with Pete Hamilton leading them with a 57.42, Ron Keeble 57.48 and Mike Burrow 59.02 being the other counters. Ian Murray forsook the Club Open to ride the Eastern Counties '100' with thoughts of BBAR and Club Championships. He made a very forceful claim with a personal best by 5 minutes of 4.19.29.

Tuesday 6th July was Inter-Club day against the Addiscombe and once again this event brought out the best in our riders. George Clare produced the fastest time of 22.26 but six of our other twelve riders did a personal best time for the distance. Ian Murray 22.41 (PB), Andy Murray 23.08, Pete Ansell 24.28, Alan Colburn 24.37, Jack Platts 24.44 (PB), Paul Dennison 25.01 (PB), Graham Bristow 25.04, Vin Callanan 25.24, Rick Tyson 25.48 (PB), Shawn Kelly 28.08 (PB), Gordon Davies 28.55 and Dave Feneron 35.47 (PB) and the Paragon won the Team Competition. The Handicap section was taken by Jack Platts (20.59) from Vin Callanan (21.24) and Ian Murray (21.41).

Ian Murray's '100' did him a power of good as he produced a personal best '25' on the 9th July with a 58.04 in the Woolwich event. Andy, however, kept him in his place with a 57.18! On the Sunday Jack Platts went back to North London for the Whitewebbs '25' and finished in 1.4.52. Alan Colburn went north to Coventry and clocked 2.11.14 in the Walsall Roads '50'.

The Team Pursuit Squad fell apart on Finals night against the 34th Nomads when only 3 riders turned up at the Track. Then to add insult to injury Andy Murray failed to latch onto George Clare's wheel so an easing to regroup was required. You don't do this in Finals as you tend to lose them and they did. Silver medals only for the lads this year.

On the 16th July Dave Worsfold reduced the Club Trike Record for 50 miles to 2.5.38 in the North Road event. Our shorter distance men rode the SECA '25' to good effect. George Clare was our best with a 55.26 followed by Gareth Earwicker, in a personal best time of 1.0.09, and Pete Ansell with a 1.0.46. Two personal best 50 miles times were achieved on the Sunday in the Glendene '50'. Whilst Ian Murray was our best man with 2.5.41 Alan Colburn came in with his best of 2.6.06 and Gareth Earwicker also did his best with a 2.12.56.

Ian Murray finished the Southboro '10' in 23.25 on the 23rd July then on the Sunday recorded a 2.7.51 for 4th place in the Belle Vue '50'. Alan Colburn went for the long ride in the Goodmayes '100' and achieved another personal best time of 4.31.02 by some 4 minutes. In the Festival road race on the Baynards circuit Pete Corry took 5th place and George Clare 7th. Ray Puttick was unplaced.

On Wednesday 27th July Pete Corry was in action at the BCF SW London & Surrey Track Championships. He took a 3rd place in the 500m sprint, 2nd in the 'Devil', 2nd in the 5 miles Scratch and 3rd in the Overall Points Competition.

In our Open Road Race over 80 miles of the Norwood Hill Circuit the winner was Steve White (De Laune) who also took the £25 Robin Buchan Memorial Prize. Colin Summerfield (Farnborough & Camberley) was 2nd; Pete Corry was 3rd Steve Hackett 10th with Ray Puttick and Dave Worsfold finishing in the bunch. Paul Dennison rode in the afternoon event for 3rd category riders and juniors and finished in the main bunch. This race was won by T Blake (Gemini) from Tim Stephens (34th Nomads) and Joe Beer (Wandsworth). Alan Colburn was away in the Midlands again finishing with a 1.3.34 in the Evesham '25'.

George Clare won the 'Mills Enterprises' road race on the Lingfield circuit breaking away on the last lap to win by 38 seconds. Pete Corry came 5th in the bunch sprint. The lads in the Balham '25' on the Portsmouth road just missed the Team award. Les Black finished in 1.2.39, Gareth Earwicker 1.2.52 and Jack Platts 1.4.27 to be just 10 seconds slower than the Clarence Whs. Alan Colburn rode the National 100 miles Championship in the Stoke on Trent area and was pleased to improve again by over 4 minutes to 4.26.35.

Dave Worsfold continues to astound when he shattered the Competition record for 30 miles on a tricycle when he finished the Braintree '30' in 1.10.46. Apart from taking 2'49 off the existing Record it is also faster than Dave has ridden on a solo machine! Gareth Earwicker also rode and he also went at a faster speed over the 30 miles than he has done over 25 miles with a 1.10.15. Alan Colburn returned a 2.6.40 for 13th place in the Bournemouth Arrow '50' whilst Jack Platts did 1.4.52 in the Kingston Phoenix Middlemarkers '25'. The Junior '10' was won by Ricky Tyson with a 26.38 from Mark Worrow 28.11 and Ray Jarrett 35.56 (on 24" wheels!)

Alan Colburn rode another National Championship on the 22nd August when he completed the 12-hour event on the North Road course based on Brampton Hut. He finished with 246 miles that is over 25 miles better than his previous attempt at the distance. He has now beaten all his 1976 times and distances. Les Black won the Fryco Cup held in conjunction with the CDCA Combine with a 2.11.03 from Gareth Earwicker 2.12.46 and Pete Corry 2.18.32.

Stage 1 of the Wyvern 2-day Stage race went to Dave Worsfold in great style as he took the 90 miles in 3.46.30. Unfortunately in Stage 2, a 40 kms Criterium, he missed the winning 14-man split and dropped to 15th overall. He was still in that position at the end of Stage 4. Les Black was our best finisher in the CDCA '25' on the 30th August. He clocked 1.2.50 for the distance. Gareth Earwicker finished in 1.3.01, Paul Dennison improved by 1 second with his 1.6.33 and Rick Tyson did 1.8.11. Andy Murray had a bad day when he punctured as he was on the Start line; he changed a wheel and decided to ride a private time trial then punctured again after 8 miles. This meant hitching a lift back to the Start. It was not Andy's day.

Andy Murray had better luck in the 29th Whs '25' with a 1.0.22 and was our fastest rider. Gareth Earwicker improved on his CDCA ride with a 1.2.02 whilst Ian Murray was close behind with a 1.2.07 having had his concentration ruined by a wasp sting on the way round. Les Black came in with a 1.2.20 and Paul Dennison a 1.7.03.

George Clare, Pete Corry, Dave Worsfold and Steve Hackett rode in the Catford CC's classic Brighton to London road race. This has a nasty sting in the middle with a climb of 'The Wall' from Colemans Hatch. The field had covered the first 42 miles at 27 mph so literally hit 'The Wall' flat out with the expected devastating effect on the bunch. It split to pieces. George Clare managed to keep with the leading riders and eventually finished in 7th place. Dave Worsfold and Steve Hackett finished at the rear of the field some minutes in arrears whilst Pete Corry called it a day after the climb.

Dave Worsfold attacked the SRRA 25 miles Tricycle Record and brought the best time down from 1.4.03 to 59.41.

In the Belle Vue '25' Andy Murray beat the hour with a 59.52. Alan Colburn did a season's best of 1.2.37 whilst other times were recorded by Les Black 1.2.48, Ian Murray 1.3.38 and Jack Platts 1.5.26. The juniors had their own event at Godstone where Rick Tyson, 41.18, beat Paul Dennison, 41.37. Ray Jarrett, just 14 years old recorded 57.07. Gareth Earwicker notched up a personal best in the ECCA '10' with a 24.20.

The Paragon had three riders in the San Fairy Ann '25' with Andy Murray again being the fastest of them with a 58.31. George Clare produced a disappointing 59.17 whilst Gareth Earwicker edged closer to the hour with a 1.0.28. Alan Colburn had one of his periodic trips to the Midlands but only managed a 1.2.24 in the VTTA '25'.

After three postponements due to bad weather the Track Championships were eventually completed. In the initial 4000m pursuits for the Bert Chapman Cup Steve Hackett was fastest with 5.50.8 just edging out Andy Murray's 5.51.0. Les Black clocked 6.6.0 with Graham Bristow on 6.7.2 and Rick Tyson 6.20.6. However Graham Bristow got his revenge by winning the AEU cup 500m Sprint from Steve Hackett and Andy Murray in 3rd place. Steve then won the Frank Burton 500m Handicap (off 20m) from Graham Bristow (Scratch) and Les Black (40m). The 5 miles lost a bit of interest when Andy Murray retired finding his morning 25 miles time trial not helping his track speed. Steve Hackett made it his job to collect as many points as possible and eventually won the George Colget Cup quite easily. In the final dash for the line Graham Bristow fought his way to the front to win the Ravensbourne Cup but Steve Hackett held on for 2nd place. The 2 points gained from this enabled him to take the Club Track Championship with 7 points against Graham Bristow's 6 and Andy Murray's 3 points.

In the SCCU '25' on the Portsmouth Road Andy Murray recorded 1.0.58, Alan Colburn clocked his best of the season with a 1.2.10 and Rick Tyson managed a personal best of 1.7.43. A trip to the Mercia '25 by Alan Colburn

for a fast time failed as the wind did not co-operate and a 1.4.08 was the result. Steve Hackett rode the Rodney '10' and lowered his 10 miles time to 24.06.

Mayne Cup day arrived and Steve Hackett won another trophy when he collected the Harry Grant Cup for fastest time on the day. He crossed the line in 1.3.22 with Les Black not far back with a 1.3.53. Jack Platts came 3rd in 1.7.00 and Paul Dennison was 4th in 1.7.37. Of course pride of place goes, on this day, to the winner of the Handicap. Man of the Day proved to be Rick Tyson with a nett time of 59.28. This beat his pal Paul Dennison by just 9 seconds with Les Black also just missing the goodies with 59.53. There was some excellent handicapping in this event as a 12-minute spread of actual times was reduced to just 2 minutes in the handicap.

Paul Dennison had his revenge as with this ride he took the Junior Championship with an average speed of 22.598 mph as against Rick's 22.372 mph.

A 2nd place was achieved by Andy Murray in the East Sussex CA Hill Climb on Newton's Hill when he took just 8'8.4" to cover the 2.35 miles. This was a practice run for the Club Hill Climb on Ranmore Common. Andy won this race by 29 seconds from Jack Platts and Steve Hackett. Andy's time of 4.05 was one of the fastest times recorded on the full climb.

In Len's '10' Rick Tyson was the best Paragon rider on a very windy morning. His time was 25.38 and he finished in front of Paul Dennison, 26.08, Mark Worrow, 27.45, Sean Kelly, 27.51 and Dave Feneron 33.16.

News from 'down under' was that Brian Newcombe came 7th in a 64kms time trial in Melbourne.

The Blah confirmed that Alan Colburn had won the 1977 Open Time Trial Championship with an average speed of 22.27. George Clare had taken the Road Race Championship and Paul Dennison had taken the Junior Championship.