

1981

The year began on a low note as there were too few members to make a quorum for the AGM. Therefore a Special General Meeting was called for the 13<sup>th</sup> January. In spite of atrocious weather sufficient members managed to reach the Club Room for the Meeting to start albeit 45 minutes late. There were a number of reasons for calling a Special General Meeting. The Rules had been rewritten to bring them into line with modern riding conditions. The Drafting Committee had presented their works and it was open for discussion. Our legal man Fred Lee had sent a letter from the wilds of Wiltshire congratulating the Committee and offering minor alterations. John Parsonson, also absent due to the weather, had sent a letter giving the views of the Trustees. After lengthy discussion the new Rules with the suggested amendments were carried unanimously. Subscriptions needed to be raised and they were. Senior membership was now to be £6, Social membership £4 and Junior membership £2.

On to Item 9 – Female Membership. This was proposed by Graham Bristow and was to be seconded by Pete Smith but he was unable to make the SAGM. Keith Butler took his place. Graham expressed the view that changing times and attitudes called for changes in our own affairs. It was pointed out that many club members' wives had, over many years, assisted in all manner of Club Promotions. It was not quite surprising that Keith Butler had seconded the Motion. Although he had opposed the last attempt to 'inflict' female membership of the Club he had not really been convinced until two things happened a) Howard Chadburn, a member of the Committee, had intended to resign from the Club because of the 'stick-in-the-mud' attitude of many members. As Howard had brought up the matter himself at the Committee Meeting Keith felt that there must be a great deal of unrest amongst the younger members and b) he had a problem at home. His eldest daughter, Allison, was a keen rider and wanted to race. He was between a rock and a hard place! After considerable discussion the proposal was voted on and passed 23 to 1. After 77 years the Norwood Paragon became a mixed Club. Keith passed Allison's nomination to the Chairman straight after the Meeting. It should, however, be pointed out that on the revival of the Club after the First World War the Club had three lady Vice Presidents. The whys and wherefores of this are lost to us but the names of Mrs Coppard, Miss Cole and Mrs Puddick appear in the Club handbooks of 1921 but not those of 1922! Can anyone enlighten us?

At the SAGM Len 'Shaggy' Butler and Pete Kitchiner were elected as Vice presidents of the Club.

Another of the proposals that Howard put forward was a change in the Clubroom. He felt that it was not conducive to young members if they had to walk through a bar to get to our Meetings. This was agreed and therefore our next Meeting was to be at St Andrews Church Hall, South Croydon. This remained our Clubroom until 2003 when Croydon Council decided to charge Parking Fees until Midnight on the roads outside.

At the next Committee Meeting four lady members were elected, Allison Butler, Elaine Bristow (Arthur's wife), June Tyrie (Norman's wife) and Lorna Mitchell (Sid's wife). Also elected at that Meeting was Graham O'Sullivan later to become General Secretary and instigator of the Walking Week-ends.

On the racing Front Ray Puttick was the first Paragon member to get his name in the press when he finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Southborough road race at Frant. The 'Blah' also reports that on a recent training weekend Ray Puttick went to the front of the group on both days to accompanying cheers from the company.

Allison Butler rode the Surrey Youth Cyclo-cross event on Boxhill and finished in 14<sup>th</sup> place. In the 14-19 age group and took the Ladies Prize.

Our first rider to perform 'down the road' was Jack Platts who finished the CDCA Hardriders event in 1.34.05 and was our sole starter.

A Club '10' was held on the windy afternoon of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March and resulted in a win for Graham Bristow with a 24.52. Tim Parr came 2<sup>nd</sup> in 25.55 and Gavin Sherlock was 3<sup>rd</sup>. Allison Butler became the first lady to compete in a time trial for the Paragon finishing with a 31.08.

Dave Lovell made his debut in Paragon colours on the 28<sup>th</sup> March when he was 6<sup>th</sup> in the Gravesend '10' in 22.31 with Nick Reardon finishing in 23.21. On the Sunday Dave Lovell really showed his class by winning the Jim Fox '25' with a Buchn-like dominance. His 59.54 on a damp and dismal morning was nearly 3 minutes faster than Nick Reardon (1.2.51). In 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Graham Bristow (1.4.32). Howard Chadburn had his first race after a hospital visit to have an appendix removed and was reasonably pleased with his 1.7.07. tim Parr also achieved a personal best of 1.7.51. Ray Puttick continued his run of good places with another 5<sup>th</sup> in the London Fire Brigade 56 miles road race.

A new style Paragon Strip was on show on the 12<sup>th</sup> April. A new design with the Black and Gold vertical stripes over Green made for a very light and noticeable colour scheme. Nick Reardon was the first to 'show the flag' starting No.3 in the West Kent '25'. He finished in a very pleasing 59.55. Dave Lovell was going even faster but his saddle bolts came loose altering his position. He managed to get to the Finish but 'only' with a 57.10. The next morning on the much slower Portsmouth Road course Dave finished the De Laune '25' in 1.0.13 and Nick in 1.3.57. Jack Platts went back to North London and took fastest time and 1<sup>st</sup> handicap with a 1.3.08 in the Century '25'.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> April Dave Lovell was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Southboro '10' with a 22.47 on a wet and miserable morning. A week later at Easter he took 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Gemini BC '10' with a 22.12. Then on the Sunday he came 2<sup>nd</sup> to Pete Hamilton (34<sup>th</sup> Nomads) by just 8 seconds with a 59.57 in the Bec '25'. Keith Butler rode the Crawley-Shoreham and back and finished in 2.0.36. Jack Platts rode the Norland Combine '30' producing a personal best of 1.16.47

that won him 5<sup>th</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> on handicap, 1<sup>st</sup> veteran and 1<sup>st</sup> veteran on age standard. Not a bad mornings work!

Dave Lovell put in another fast '25' in the 34<sup>th</sup> Nomads event finishing in 56.51. Nick Reardon went along but only managed a 1.2.21 that was , at least, his best for the season so far. Jack Platts finished the SCCU '25' in 1.4.25. Ray Puttick came 6<sup>th</sup> in the London St Christophers road race at Woldingham

Over the May Bank Holiday Dave Lovell was again in fine form. He came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Addiscombe '10' with a 22.08 and followed this with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Luton Whs '25' with a 58.52 a minute behind Roger Queen (VC Slough). Tim Parr took a 6<sup>th</sup> place at Hove Park and another 6<sup>th</sup> at the Gravesend Youths event on the Bank Holiday Monday. On the Tuesday at Crystal Palace he came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Surrey Division Schoolboys Championship.

Jack Platts rode the North Midds and Herts '50' finishing in 2.11.18 whilst Keith Butler was 1 second slower in the Haslemere '50'. Then on the Sunday Gavin Sherlock rode the Club '25' in miserable conditions on the Holmwood Course and came in with the fastest time of 1.5.51 from Keith Butler 1.7.00 and Graham O'Sullivan 1.9.28 in his first attempt at the distance. Ray Puttick came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Epsom CC road race at Ellens Green. just 21 seconds behind the winner Alan Ephgrave (Festival)

The first of the Saturday Morning '10's was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May and it resulted in a win for Keith Butler in 24.10. Close up was Glyn Durrant with a 24.33 ride and Pete Smith came 3<sup>rd</sup> in 24.50. Les Black appeared and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in 25.43 whilst Graham O'Sullivan finished his first 10 miles time trial in 26.16. Allison Butler improved a minute with a 30.08 ride. Graham took the handicap by just 1 second from Keith Butler with Allison in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. On the Sunday Keith Butler finished 17<sup>th</sup> in the VC Etoile road race on the Turners Hill Circuit. Dave Lovell clocked a 58.08 in the SECA '25' whilst Nick Reardon desisted after having an argument with a car and then being caught by Dave for 4 minutes.

The Cycling published on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1981 has a picture of Gavin Sherlock and Dave Lovell modelling cycling clothes for Messrs Holdsworth. Readers of Cycling Weekley will have noted that even in 2004 the pictures of many Paragon members regularly adorn the pages of the magazine modelling clothes, testing machinery and even racing! But Gavin and Dave were the first!

Following this the Cycling of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1981 has an article on the London to Brighton bike ride. It only had 10,000 riders then rather than the 30,000 today. The Paragon interest in it is that Graham Watson took the pictures. Graham took up photography then went of to see the Tour de France. He took some pictures and offered them to Cycling. They published some of them and then gave him some events to cover and so a legend was born! He is now one of the most respected Photographers on 'Le Tour' and can often be spotted on the back of a motorcycle. He has the knack of being at the right

place at the right time (or wrong time if you are an unfortunate rider). Two volumes of superb pictures of the Tour de France and other races have been published and are well worth browsing through and reliving memories.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> May Dave Lovell came a close 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Southboro' '10' behind John Oakes (CC Bedouin) who won in 22.32. Dave's time was 22.47. The following week he came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Addiscombe '10' in 22.08. Tim Stevens (34<sup>th</sup> Nomads) won in 21.03

Dave Lovell came closer to George Clare's 10 miles record when he finished an event on the Portsmouth Road in 21.52 just 16 seconds slower than the Record. The next day he finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Southboro' '25' with a 57.43 behind Jeremy Short (Vectis Roads) 57.00. Jack Platts rode the Norland '50' and crossed the line in 2.11.03 for 4<sup>th</sup> fastest time and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Vets section. The following week he did another 2.11 ride in the SCCU '50' this time with 50 seconds. Gavin Sherlock also rode to finish 6th in 2.9.46. Glyn Durrant broke a gear wire leaving him in top gear – not the best gear for the Worthing Road course – but he made it to the Finish in 2.27.0. Howard Chadburn produced a personal best in the Bexley (1.2.0 limit) '25' of 1.2.43. Tim Parr came 9<sup>th</sup> in the Schoolboy races at Crystal Palace after managing to get a lump of wood into his rear wheel.

In his first National Championship Dave Lovell came home in 58.08 for 48<sup>th</sup> place! He turned at half distance in 22.55 in 55<sup>th</sup> place showing he finished much quicker than many. Martin Pyne (CC Breckland) won with a 53.00. The day before Dave had 4<sup>th</sup> in the Balham '10' in 22.09. Keith Butler came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Rodney circuit races at Crystal Palace two lengths behind Joe Jones (34<sup>th</sup> Nomads). Tim Parr came 10<sup>th</sup> in the Schoolboys race. The previous Wednesday at the SCCU Meeting at Herne Hill Keith Butler finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Points race and 7<sup>th</sup> in the Roadmans 25 miles event. Jack Platts finished in 2.17.00 in a Combine '50' on the Worthing Road.

Rain put pay to the completion of the Moët & Chandon's Champagne Meeting at Herne Hill promoted by Graham Bristow. The Grand Prix of London Sprint had reached the Semi-finals stage and the famous 10 miles event could not be run. Dave Mayes (VC D'Or) won the Stan Harrison Silver Salver for the 500 metres Handicap In a thrilling finish he held off Paul Swinnerton (Stoke) and Peter Cattermole (VC D'Or). The Professional cleaned up in the Devil-take-the-hindmost with Nigel Dean, Ian Banbury and Robin Croker taking the honours. Howard Cadburn and Keith Butler also rode but were eliminated before the final sprint.

In the 10 Minutes Pursuit Dave Lloyd (Manchester Whs) gave a superb display of riding. Against him were Martin Pyne, who had just won the National 25 miles Championship, Barry Smallwood (Clarence) and George Clare (CC Bedouin) but it was clear from the first laps that Lloyd was in a class of his own. He cleared the track and went on to complete 4 miles 1120 yards on a windy evening. In addition to the bottle of Moët & Chandon Champagne he took the Robin Buchan Special Award given for this event.

Glen Mitchell won the 15 laps Point to Point breaking away at about half distance and riding on his own to the Finish. The 90 laps Derny paced race was filled with incident. Ian Hallam's motor punctured and so did Tony Doyle so with two favourites unfortunately out the others were extremely equally matched. Tony James winning in the pouring rain from Ian Banbury and Nigel Dean in the final yards of the race.

Dave Lovell had another 4<sup>th</sup> place this time in the SCCU '10'. His clocked a 22.09 whilst Howard Chadburn finished in a personal best time of 23.58. Tim Parr came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Schoolboy race at Hove Park. He was going to be 4<sup>th</sup> but one rider fell on the last corner and another was disqualified for causing the crash so Tom was quite pleased with the result. At the same Meeting Keith Butler was 4<sup>th</sup> in the Senior event. In the Monday Competition at Herne Hill Keith came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 20 laps Scratch and then 9<sup>th</sup> at Eastway on Thursday from 130 starters

Howard Chadburn finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the Clarendon road race on the Lingfield Circuit. He was extremely pleased; as this was the first road race he had managed to finish this year due to various crashes, mishaps and punctures.

The Frank South Open '50' was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June and had a worthy winner in John Woodburn (Manchester Whs). The first three riders were head and shoulders above the rest even at the 25 miles check. At this point John Oakes (CC Bedouin) was leading in 56.20. John Woodburn took 57.12 and Brian Phillips (East Grinstead) 57.34. The fourth fastest was D Maund (VC Elan) some 4 minutes slower than Oakes. On the way back from Arundel Oakes 'slowed' and it was then that Woodburn took control before crossing the Finish line in 1.59.53. Phillips took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 2.0.33 and Oakes was relegated to 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 2.0.35. Fourth man was Colin Parkinson (South Western) who was 9<sup>th</sup> fastest at 25 miles in 1.1.54 but did not slow as much as many on the return to finish in 2.5.37. This effort won him 1<sup>st</sup> Handicap prize in front of Mark Rayward (Addiscombe) and Terry Bryant (Crawley Whs). CC Bedouin took the Team prize. John Oakes led in George Clare (2.10.37) and Gareth Earwicker (2.10.01) to collect the John Carter Shield. Of the Paragon riders Howard Chadburn was our best in 2.11.05 for 13<sup>th</sup> place, Les Black took 2.13.40 for 16<sup>th</sup>, Keith Butler 2.17.55 for 24<sup>th</sup> and Glyn Durrant 2.27.24. Dave Lovell preferred the shorter distances went into Essex for the Southend & County '25' and came 10<sup>th</sup> with a superb 56.31.

The Club 25 miles Record was broken in the Woolwich CC Event when Dave Lovell finished with a 54.50. This is a reduction of 15 seconds on the old Record. Unfortunately this is the only detail we have of this storming ride.

The next morning both Dave and Keith were riding the Club '25' in conjunction with the CDCA but could 'only' manage a 58.19 for 5<sup>th</sup> place. Keith slowed to a 1.3.25 but Tim Parr improved to a 1.5.45 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Howard Chadburn managed to finish another road race in an upright position coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the CC Bexley event at Sidcup losing the final sprint by inches,

July 5<sup>th</sup> was the Open '25' for the Robin Buchan Salver. The race got under way with high comedy. The first three on the Start List failed to start and the next three, including Keith Butler, found a bridge lying across the Portsmouth Road. The construction gang had not put out the signs and cones before dropping the bridge onto the road! Messrs Barrett (Tooting), Apperley (29<sup>th</sup> Whs) and Butler (NPCC) had the mortification of being off course while on course! All three had to turn and retrace to the planned detour onto the opposite carriageway and managed to stop anyone else doing the same. Keith stopped to ensure all the signs and cones were in position and then continued his race. The Salver was won by Mick Ballard (Unity CC) with a 56.41 a minute faster than Nigel Carpenter (Redhill CC) whose 57.42 was just 4 seconds too good for John Gifford (Croydon RC). The Handicap was won by P Worrell (Addiscombe) from K Smith (South Eastern) and J Slatter (VTTA London). With regret we have to inform you that the Addiscombe won the Team race with three excellent rides by J Wright (59.16), C Walker (59.24) and P Worrell (1.00.19). Dave Lovell was our best rider as expected but in 5<sup>th</sup> place with a 58.25. Les Black finished in 1.3.49, Howard Chadburn 1.3.56, Pete Smith 1.4.25, Jack Platts 1.5.37 and Keith Butler 1.6.27. Allowing for the playing about by the bridge cold reasoning calculated that Keith ought to have finished with a long 1.2 or short 1.3.

In the Inter-Club '10' against the Addiscombe the Paragon were somewhat disadvantaged by the absence of Dave Lovell. A crash at the week-end left him with the inability to hold the bars. This is quite a problem when racing bicycles! Steve Hackett was our fastest rider with a 22.30 but as he is a second claim member he could not count for the team. Even so we did our best. Les Black finished in 23.20, Keith Butler 23.55, Gavin Sherlock 23.57, Graham Bristow 24.09, Howard Chadburn and Nick Reardon tied with 24.14s, Tim Patt produced a personal best of 24.26, as did Allison Butler with her 28.13. Allison's ride secured her the handicap from Charlie Shipwright with Tim Parr in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. It was no surprise to us to learn that the Addiscombe won by some six minutes.

Tim Parr rode a 15 miles time trial and clocked a 39.09 and on the same day Keith Butler rode the South Eastern '25' and beat the hour with a 59.38. The last time he achieved this was in 1962! The next morning he did a 1.2.15 in the Farnborough & Camberley '25'.

July 20<sup>th</sup> was Goss Green Cup '100' day in conjunction with the SCCU event. John Beer (Wandsworth) won the event with a 4.29.51 whilst Keith Butler came 5<sup>th</sup> in 4.39.35 and won our Cup. Les Black was less than a minute back in 4.40.25 and Jack Platts completed the team with a 4.52.32. Not only that but the trio actually won the Syd Gray Shield for the fastest Team!

Dave Lovell came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Bec '25' with another 58.19 but was beaten by Dave Douse (Antelope) by 1.39. Dave also collected a 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 34<sup>th</sup> Nomads '10' with a 21.45 just 46 slower than Eddie Adkins (GS Strada). Frank Payce-Driry finished the Mersey RC 24 hours (also the National Championship) with 325.126 miles for 29<sup>th</sup> place.

On Saturday morning 1<sup>st</sup> August we had a Club '10' time trial and Pete Smith showed a return to form as he won with a 23.57. Very close behind him came Tim Parr with a personal best of 24.01, Keith Butler on 24.03, and Howard Chadburn on 24.06. Pete also took the handicap as the Committee had given him 2½ minutes allowance. Tim Parr came a deserved 2<sup>nd</sup> and new member Dave Featherstone collected the 3<sup>rd</sup> handicap prize.

Pete Smith improved even further with a 23.41 in the Orpington '10' with Nick Reardon just 6 seconds slower. The next day Pete finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the Surrey Road CC's race on the Lingfield circuit with Ray Puttick taking 9<sup>th</sup> place. Dave Featherstone and Graham O'Sullivan both improved their 25 miles time in the Kingston Phoenix event with 1.6.06 and 1.7.24 respectively. Jack Platts finished the Balaham '25' in 1.5.41.

Four riders opted for the Fryco Cup '50' on the 16<sup>th</sup> August and of these Les Black was a comfortable winner of the Trophy. He finished in 2.8.59 to beat Pete Smith 2.14.16, Jack Platts 2.15.09 and Graham O'Sullivan 2.21.11 for his first ride at the distance. Pete Smith won the Handicap with an allowance of 7 minutes giving him a nett time of 2.7.16.

The following Sunday it was the Club Track Championships and some exciting racing left the Championship resting on the result of the last race. The afternoon started with the 4000m Individual Pursuit and, not unexpectedly, Dave Lovell won this with some ease clocking a 5.31. Keith Butler and Howard Chadburn tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, both doing 5.55.0. Graham Bristow, also as expected won the 500m Sprint for the AEU Cup for the 12<sup>th</sup> time and the 9<sup>th</sup> time in succession. He held off Keith Butler and Howard Chadburn all the way down the home straight. Dave Lovell took full advantage of his handicap to be a clear winner with Keith Butler and Graham Bristow failing to catch him. Thus at the Start of the 5 miles Keith Butler had 3½ points, both Graham Bristow and Dave Lovell had 3 points and Howard Chadburn had 2½. Howard could still win if he won the 5 miles. So it was all to play for.

Dave Lovell had other ideas and took off after 3 laps building up a big lead. He certainly picked up enough points to win the George Colget Cup for the Points race with ease. However the other plugged away at the gap and after 10 laps brought Dave back so with 4 laps to go still anyone could win. The lady luck struck and Graham Bristow punctured with just over a lap to go and Keith Butler left nothing to chance attacked. He crossed the line first to win the Ravensbourne Cup and the Track Championship. Les Black came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Howard Chadburn was 3<sup>rd</sup>. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the Club Championship came Howard Chadburn with Dave Lovell and Graham Bristow tying for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the decider, a 1000m time trial Dave Lovell produced a 1.21 and Graham Bristow gave him best.

Howard Chadburn won the Criterium for 3<sup>rd</sup> category riders at Hobbs Barracks after surviving a fall and regaining the field. A great win. The previous Saturday he rode the Sydenham '10' with new member Brain Hodgson with both riders putting up personal best rides. Hodgson doing a 22.05 and

Chadburn a 23.22. The next day the Paragon had riders in the 29<sup>th</sup> Wheelers '25'. Fastest of these was Brian Hodgson with a 1.0.05 followed by Pete Smith 1.2.51 and Nick Reardon 1.3.59. Keith Butler came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Surrey Division Sprint Championship.

Brian Hodgson did fastest time in the Moon Trophy '25' with a 59.27 also leading our Team to a win in the Over '30s' Team Competition. Other times were by Howard Chadburn 1.1.39 , Les Black 1.1.49, Pete Smith 1.2.24, Jack Platts 1.5.05, Graham O'Sullivan 1.7.10 and Fred Sams 1.16.31

Allison Butler came 5<sup>th</sup> behind Colin McDermot (Festival) in the VC Londres Circuit races for Youths at Crystal Palace.

Dave Lovell was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Old Portlians '25' on the Portsmouth Road with a 57.39 being beaten by Ray Hughes (Clarence) by 32 seconds. Pete Smith improved his 25 miles time to 1.1.55 in the ECCA event.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> October Howard Chadburn won the 'Hell of the South-east' road race on the Hooe circuit. He won from a breakaway group of three riders some 3 minutes clear of the bunch.

For the second year in succession Howard Cahdburn won the Hill Climb Championship on Ranmore Common.

Three Paragon riders won prizes in Len's '10'. Dave Featherstone was fastest Paragon rider; Steve Rickwood was fastest schoolboy and Allison Butler fastest schoolgirl.

Twelve Paragon people took their bikes to Harlow Youth Hostel to ride the Inter-Club Map Reading. John McNee earned himself a place in the record books by puncturing outside of a pub just as they opened. Guess where lunch was taken! Keith Butler managed to knock Allison off. She was not best pleased! Everyone was especially pleased to see Dave Lovell get the 'knock' enabling them to get their own back for the suffering they had at his hands during the season. It was not so good when he cleared all the cheese and biscuits from the pub counter leaving us nothing. In the event Keith Butler came 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pete Smith 4<sup>th</sup> and Charlie Rodgers 7<sup>th</sup> but we were still 2<sup>nd</sup> team to the Century.

Les Black won the Club Events Championship with 22.640 mph with Jack Platts as runner-up. Tim Parr won the Schoolboy Championship.

The end of the year, 9<sup>th</sup> December, was the AGM. This year was the most interesting for some time. In the first instance new Rules etc had been proposed for Ladies and Schoolboys and girls. Secondly it was proposed that the club become sponsored. This glosses over the increase in Subs!

The cost of running a Club with the size and commitments of the Paragon had stretched our resources. It is had not been for nearly £200 in donations and a profit on the Champagne Meeting of just under £500 the Club would have had



quite a loss over the year. Therefore a proposal to raise subscription to £8 for Seniors and £5 for Social Membership was on the Agenda and passed.

The proposal to accept sponsorship from Reliance-Fernhill was passed after long and informed discussion. Two items worried Club Members 1) that the Club would lose its identity and 2) it would attract riders from outside the area who may wish to bleed away the money available. It was speedily realised that the Committee was already aware of this particular problem and would vet applications to join the Club very carefully. The sponsorship really came from Vice-President Len Niel who owned Reliance Fernhill. The Club was offered £2000 a year for 5 years with virtually no strings attached. A new design of jersey would be required and the initial cost would be borne by the sponsor. Everything having been discussed at length the proposal was put to the vote and with only one dissenting vote the motion was carried. Stan Butler and Pete Ansell proposed that the incoming Committee set a series of Standards for Schoolboys and ladies of all categories. This was carried nem.con. Keith Butler proposed and Allison Butler seconded a motion that the Club recognise records for Senior Men and Women, Junior Men and Ladies, Schoolboys and Schoolgirls. The last two were for distances of 10, 15 and 25 miles.

Keith Butler and Jack proposed that a Tankard be awarded to the best 25 miles time trial ridden by a Veteran based on Age Standard. This was passed nem. con.

Arthur Bristow was re-elected as President and Alan Gordon was elected a Life Member of the Club in recognition of his services to both the Club and the Sport in General

The History of this Season has been curtailed as we do not have any Blahs for October, November or December. So ended the first year of the Norwood Paragon as a mixed Club