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The first Club event of 1985 was the 10-mile event on the 16th March. On a bitterly cold morning it was once again a Featherstone benefit with Harry finishing in 24.04 and Dave some 49 seconds slower. In 3rd place came Paul Price, 26.25, and 4th was Gethin Butler, 26.58. Dave Hayward took the handicap with a net 22.41 from Graham Moore, 22.49, and a tie or 3rd handicap between Gethin Butler and Alistair Mitchell on 22.58.

A new name has to be engraved on the Jim Fox Cup as Dave Featherstone beat everyone with a 1.2.06 holding off his father Harry by just 8 seconds at the line. In third place, with an improvement of over 3½ minutes, was Gethin Butler whose 1.4.35 also took the handicap with some ease (i.e. 5 minutes). Dave Hayward came 4th with a 1.10.23 and he collected 3rd on handicap while Dave Featherstone was 2nd on handicap. Rowan Vacher came 7th in the SCCU '25' with a 1.3.36. Steve Rickwood came 6th in the Surrey League 2nd category event.

On the 13th April the Club had a strong team entered for the Kingston Phoenix '10' but the puncture bug struck for the third time in as many weeks for Dave Featherstone and the Team race was out of the question. At the Finish Dave Lovell just pipped Harry Featherstone by 1 second 23.38 to 23.39. Gethin Butler won the first Junior event of the season at Godstone when he finished in 25.24. Alistair Mitchell came 2nd with a 28.43 and Graham Moore was 3rd with a 29.14. Kamesh Prasad was 4th in 30.11.

Rowan and Doug Vacher came 4th in the St Neots 2-up time trial on the 14th April with a 58.18. Dave Lovell, paired with Dave Sinclair (Unity), was best composite team with a 59.51 for 9th place. Sunday morning at Marlow for the Marlboro '25' saw the Featherstones untroubled - apart from a strong nagging north-westerly wind. On their new low-profile machines they clocked 1.0.02 for Harry and a 1.0.59 for Dave.

Allison Butler showed a welcome return to form when she finished 2nd in the SWLLCA '25' at Newbury. Her time of 1.5.58 is by far her best of the season. Harry and Dave Featherstone were caught in a hailstorm when 'warming-up' for the Bognor '10' Harry was so cold that he elected not to start but for the sake of the family honour Dave 'had a go' and clocked a 23.43 for 11th place.

By Sunday morning the weather had improved, the roads were dry but it was still pretty cool. Harry and Dave went north of the river for the Basildon '25' and were pleased with their best rides this year of 57.36 and 57.46. Graham Moore took 4 minutes off his best '25' time with a 1.12.00 in the De Laune event.

Another Team win came on the 29th April when the two Featherstones and Dave Lovell took the honours in the Epsom '10'. Dave Featherstone was fastest of the trio with a 23.03 for 5th place, Harry did a 23.28 for 6th and Dave Lovell a 23.41. Harry also took the fastest veteran on Age Standard. Alistair Mitchell also rode and finished with a 27.09. A cross wind on the Colchester

road slowed times in the Viking '25'. Harry Featherstone only managed a 1.0.07 for 5th fastest and fastest veteran on Age Standard. Jack Platts finished in 1.4.44.

On Thursday 2nd May the Surrey League held its first race on the M25. No, that is not a misprint! The section of the M25 around what is now the Leatherhead Junction (Junction 8) was completed far in advance of the section to the A3 or the other way to the top of Reigate Hill. Keith Butler had received permission to use the road from Messrs Balfour Beatty until the other sections had been completed – probably until August 1985. In this handicap race Gethin Butler came 4th on the 4.5-mile circuit. Keith was rather amused to have to sign an indemnity in case he and the riders damaged the Motorway!

The Club '10' on the morning of the 4th May was probably the best morning of the season. The Blah reports that 6 of the 14 riders produced personal best rides and that there were 3 scratchmen and 1 with only 15 seconds handicap. It was to be a close call for the winner. So it proved. Harry Featherstone was fastest with a 22.22 followed by Dave Lovell, 22.41, Dave Featherstone 22.52, Rowan Vacher 23.04, Gordon Button 23.46 and Gethin Butler 6th in a new Junior Record of 23.52. This broke his father's record of 24.06 set in 1956! Riders whose times had been done earlier in the year on slow or hard mornings dominated the handicap. Making the most of the condition was Simon Pipe whose personal best of 24.38 was brought down to 19.08 by his allowance, Kamesh Prasad's 26.05 to 19.35 and Graham Moore's 26.16 to 20.16. Harry and Dave Featherstone went down to the New Forest on the Sunday. Harry came 4th and was fastest veteran in the Bournemouth Arrow '25' with a 58.13 whilst Dave was a few, unrecorded, seconds slower.

Harry Featherstone also picked up the fastest veterans prize in the Catford '10' run on the 11th May with a 23.32 whilst Rowan Vacher finished in 24.08. Paul Price rode the Bath Road Hilly '50' and completed this rather difficult race in 2.22.00.

If the 4th of May was a glorious morning of personal bests the Club '25' of the 12th May was a morning of personal worsts. A strong and cold north-easterly wind was blowing down the Dorking road making the way back from the turn rather difficult. Gethin Butler was timed in with a 1.6.14 and this ensured he took the handicap as well. In 2nd place came Gordon Button with a 1.7.04 and he was 2nd on handicap as well. Third was Jack Platts, just back from a holiday in the sun and not a happy man, 1.10.27 and 4th place and 3rd on handicap went to Dave Hayward with a 1.10.35. The other times are listed on the results page to spare the riders blushes. Only 9 of the 53 riders on the Start Sheet beat 1.10 for the distance! Harry Featherstone was in the High Wycombe '25' coming home in 10th place with a 58.23 and Dave Featherstone finished in 59.56. Rowan Vacher came 7th in the Tooting Sporting 42 event. Paul Price rode the New Forest '64' taking 2.45.29 for the distance.

In the Redmon '10' Dave Hayward clocked 26.53 and Graham Moore 28.49. Allison Butler rode the Islington Ladies 2-day Stage race finishing amongst the minor prize winning placings. She also had a 1st and 2nd place in the Ladies events at Herne Hill last Monday.

The Crystal Palace Circuit events promoted by the Paragon had a glorious evening! Rain, rain and yet more rain! Of the 22 entries for the Under 16s races only 9 started and of the 97 Senior riders only 29 started. Spencer Wingrave (Old Kent) won the Schoolboys race from A Grainger (SWRC) and A Suckling (Surrey Road). The Senior race was shortened from 25 to 20 laps. Paul Rodgers (VC St Raphael) came 1st with A Elderfield (Gemini) 2nd and J Wallis (North Road) 3rd and Barry Clarke (Surrey Road) in 4th place.

With warmer weather making life much more pleasant times began to improve. On the 18th May Dave Lovell came 5th in the SECA '10' with a 22.12 leading in Dave Featherstone on 22.58, Dave Hayward a personal best of 25.13 and Alistair Mitchell also on a personal best of 25.38. Harry Featherstone was in the veterans section and he finished 2nd just 2 seconds slower than Salter (Thanet) in 22.20 but he did take fastest on Age Standard.

On the Sunday Dave Featherstone finished in front of Harry with a 57.51 to 58.19. Paul Price rode the Redmon Hilly '73' completing the course in 3.7.05. Stuart Millington's time is recorded as 3.49.21, which is nothing to write home about until you read at the bottom of the result sheet that he had a 25.30 late start! Allison Butler rode the Monday Competition at Herne Hill and had another 1st in a 6-lap points race and 2nd in an unknown distance event.

Dave Featherstone clocked an excellent 57.40 in the Colchester Rovers '25' and Pete Ansell did a 59.22 for his first race of the year. Dave rode the SCCU '50' the following day and came 4th with a 2.6.21. Rowan Vacher did a 2.7.47 for 5th place but Paul Price 'died' over the last 12 miles into the wind and clocked a 2.24. Those riding the Surrey Road CC '25' also picked a hard morning for the course. Pete Ansell came in with a 1.3.16 and Jack Platts a 1.3.26. This took the fastest veterans and best on Age Standard prizes. Les Black, having missed the whole of 1984, rode the Polytechnic '25' and was pleased with his 1.3.15. Harry Featherstone came 6th in the Bournemouth Jubilee '25' with a 56.29 that also took the veterans Age Standard prize.

Saturday 15th June was Moët & Chandon Champagne Meeting at Herne Hill promoted by Graham Bristow. As it was held on a Saturday the heats to the various races were held in the morning with the main meeting in the afternoon. Between the two our Vice-President Charlie Bowtle and his associates in the Southern Veterans Cycle Club put their collection of vintage machines on display and had many of them parading on the track. Highlight of this was, from Norwood Paragon eyes, was the Butler family on a 'quad'. Keith steering with Allison and Gethin behind him and Megan perched on the back! The racing, as usual, was first class.

The 500m Handicap for the Stan Harrison Salver went to Robert Mitchell (Kettering Friendly) from Alistair Watsdon (City of Edinburgh) and Michael

Borman (IVC Nottingham). The Devil Take the Hindmost was won by Mark Noble (Team Zoyland) from Chris Lillywhite (Dinnington RC) and Terry Taylor (Team Haverhill). Alistair Watson also won the 20 laps scratch run off in a very fast 12.36. Nick Faint (Highgate) came 2nd and Phil Watkins (Old Portlians) 3rd. The Robin Buchan Memorial 10-minute pursuit had only three riders left on the track at the end. Pete Sanders (Manchester Whs) came first with 4 miles 1257 yards with Mark Noble 2nd, 4 miles 1036 yards, and Ray Hughes (Clarence) 3rd 4 miles 877 yards. Terry Taylor also won the 20 laps Points race from Nigel Dean (Spenco) and Steve Gowar (South Western RC).

The Professionals had their Omnium with a Keirin, Italian Pursuit, Derny paced race and devil take the Hindmost. The two teams were Tony Doyle, Glen Mitchell and Tony James representing Great Britain against Danny Clark, Garry Wiggins (both from Australia) and Michael Marcusson (Denmark). Danny Clark won the Keirin from Tony Doyle and Glen Mitchell. The GB Team won the Italian Pursuit by 1 second. The GB Team also dominated the Devil with Tony James winning from Glen Mitchell and Tony Doyle 3rd. Tony Doyle then won the Derny paced race from Danny Clarke and Glen Mitchell. The GB Team took the Honours.

The Grand Prix of London Sprint went to Alistair Watson beating John Arkwright (GB & Highgate) and Robert Mitchell in the Final after having to 'come back' through the repechage heats.

The final race was the Moet & Chandon 10 miles. It was a classic. Tony Doyle punctured but was allowed three laps to get back in which he did so. He then launched the decisive attack with 17 laps to go. Danny Clark, Guy Rowlands and Chris Lilleywhite went with him. Rowlands could not hold the paced and slipped back whilst Tony James crossed the gap to join the leaders. Fast and furious was the pace with Tony Doyle attacking again with 3½ laps remaining and only Danny Clark able to stay with him. They came shoulder to shoulder down the home straight with Danny Clark just getting his wheel in front winning again in the record time of 20.37. Just behind a similar race was on for 3rd place with Chris Lilleywhite just getting the better of Tony James.

Pete Ansell did a 59.56 in the 29th Whs '25' and Jack Platts a personal best of 1.14.03 in the Essex Roads '30'. Harry Featherstone came 4th in the South Eastern '25' with a 58.49 with Rowan Vacher on 1.0.55 and Jack Platts a 1.1.46 for 2nd fastest team. Paul Price put up a personal best in the Sussex CA '50' with a 2.3.19. Staurt Millington did his personal best in the Wessex '50' where he was timed in at 2.15.18 whilst Paul Price did a 2.16.48 including time off the bike changing a tyre.

The Evening '10' had nine takers of whom Rowan Vacher was fastest in 24.03. Paul Price came in with a personal best of 24.12 for 2nd place and Dave Lovell was 3rd with 24.29. In the SECA '10' on Saturday afternoon in the rain Gethin Butler did a 25.40, Dave Hayward 26.08 (that also took 4th handicap prize) and Allison Butler a 28.27 for second fastest lady.

The Frank Southall '50' was held on the 23rd June on a new course south of Buck Barn on the A24. The riders had to face near gale force winds out to the far turn so times were somewhat slower than expected. Jeremy Short (Antelope) proved to be the fastest with a 2.1.38. Harry Featherstone, who would love to win this race, had to be content with 2nd place with his 2.2.18. Gareth Earwicker (Wren Whs) was 3rd. The Paragon did at least take the Team prize with Harry being backed up by Paul Price, 2.6.38, and Dave Featherstone, 2.7.04. Jack Platts came in with a 2.9.28 and Stuart Millington produced another personal best of 2.13.48 on a particularly hard day. The first prize apart Harry Featherstone took most of the other prizes especially in the Surrey/Sussex veteran's event run in conjunction with our Open. Harry was best of Age Standard, had fastest actual time and with Jack Platts the fastest team of two on Age Standard and on actual time. The handicap awards went to A Hardy (Portsmouth NE) H Nesser (Epsom) and P Woods (Havant). In the Balham '10' Dave Lovell did a 23.03 for 6th fastest time, Gethin Butler got close to his Junior Record with a 24.12 for 13th, Dave Hayward put up a personal best of 24.57 (25th) and Allison Butler a 26.23 for 2nd fastest lady prize.

In the Redhill '10' Dave Featherstone was our best rider in 10th place with a 23.47 in front of Paul Price (15th), 24.13, Gethin Butler 24.25, Allison Butler 28.00 and Graham Moore 29.19. Allison Butler won the women's 4-lap scratch at the Monday Competition meeting at Herne Hill.

The Club Open '25' for the Robin Buchan Silver Salver was held on the 30th June with Dave Hayward having the 'honour' to be No. 1 on the Start Card. Fastest time of the morning and winner of the Salver was scratchman Steven Barnes (Lewes Wanderers) in a time of 57.14. In 2nd place came Ian Silvester (Unity) with a 57.58 and in 3rd place was Cliff Dent (34th Nomads) with a 58.51. Of the Paragon riders Harry Featherstone came 5th in 59.08, Gethin Butler surprised everyone, except those who he had been training with, by finishing with a personal best of 1.0.48 for 8th place. Dave Featherstone came 12th in 1.0.54, Jack Platts 16th in 1.1.53, Pete Ansell 18th in 1.2.07; Dave Hayward clocked a personal best of 1.6.50 and Allison Butler a 1.9.51. The Paragon won the Team race; Allison Butler was fastest lady, Gethin Butler, thanks to a 10.30 allowance, won the handicap by nearly 2 minutes with Dave Hayward in 3rd place. O. Smallman, Twickenham took 2nd on handicap to spoil a complete Paragon benefit.

Oliver Penny, son of John Penny (Willesden and former BBAR man) has come over to England from Switzerland for a family holiday and started his English career with a 3rd place in the Southern Velo 3rd category and junior race over 45 miles on the Smallfields circuit. In the Club '10' with the CDCA Combine Harry Featherstone made fastest time with a 22.44 followed by Gethin Butler, 24.35, and Dave Hayward 24.52. Dave won the Handicap from Harry with this personal best ride. Stuart Millington also produced a personal best of 26.00 for 4th fastest. Paul Price was concentrating on the longer distances and with some success. He came 3rd in the Sussex CA '100' with a personal best ride by some 23 minutes of 4.21.41.

Harry Featherstone made a wise choice when he entered the ECCA '50' the light north-easterly winds were ideal for the Colchester Road and clocked a season's best of 1.56.25. Pete Ansell was not far back with a 1.58.52 for his first ride at the distance this year. It was unfortunate that the Club had no third man for a 2.3.12 would have broken the Club Team Record. Jack Platts was fastest Paragon in the CDCA '25' with a 1.2.30 that ensured he took the trophy for the best on Age Standard. Dave Hayward and Stuart Millington also rode this event and both improved. Dave came down to a 1.5.08 and Stuart to a 1.5.17. Gethin and Allison Butler rode the Farnborough & Camberley '25'. Gethin finished 14th with a 1.1.52 and took the Group C award. Allison finished with a 1.10.53.

The 9th July was Inter-Club '10' night against the Addiscombe. It was blessed with a fine night and the troops rose to the occasion, as they so often do when riding against the Addiscombe, with a host of personal best rides at the distance. Harry Featherstone put up the fastest time of the night with a 21.52, an excellent ride for the Dorking course. Second fastest and in a new Junior Record time was Gethin Butler with a 23.08. Then in a series of personal bests came Paul Price 23.34, Jack Platts 23.46, Stuart Millington 24.30, Dave Hayward 24.31, Graham Moore 25.40 and Allison Butler 25.41. Most unusually it was Vin Callanan who brought up the rear but he had ridden his fastest '10' for many a year of 25.45. The Paragon won the team race with 2.21.21 to the 2.25.53 of the Addiscombe. The Handicap went to Stuart Millington from Vin Callanan with Graham Moore in 3rd place.

On Thursday evening Oliver Penny, Gethin Butler and Graham Moore rode the Surrey League handicap on the M25. Oliver finished somewhere in the second group, Gethin punctures and retired and Graham was tailed off on the last lap when the hammer went down. On returning to the Clubroom after the race Graham was told that he looked tired and was the race hard? "The race was not too hard – the hard part was coming back from the Finish to the Clubroom with Gethin"!

Dave Lovell won the evening '10' on the Godstone course in 23.11 from Gethin Butler, 24.29 and Dave Hayward 3rd in 25.19. In 5th place was a newcomer to the Club. A certain Chris Marshall, of whom more anon, rode his first bike race and took 26.47 for the 10 miles.

In the 34th Nomads '10' Harry Featherstone clocked 22.40 and Dave Hayward 24.06. Oliver Penny rode the Guildford Town Centre race and finished 11th. He also rode the Farnborough & Camberley '10' and did well finishing 13th in 24.01. Allison Butler won a ladies Omnium in the SCCU Meeting at Herne Hill during the week. Paul Price came 16th in the Belle Vue '50' in 2.9.53

The Paragon had a strong team entered in the Unity '25' on the 21st July but a westerly cross-wind put pay to ultra fast times. As it was Harry Featherstone came in with a 56.28, Pete Ansell did a 57.56 and Jack Platts did a season's best of 59.08. Paul Price was timed in with a 2.5.42 in the New Forest '50'. Stuart Millington was the only Paragon rider in the SCCU and Club '100' but he came home with a personal best of 4.49.23 to take 10th place and the

Goss Green Cup. It also ensures that he wins the Club Events Championship.

Harry Featherstone came 2nd in the Ashford Whs '10' with a 23.13. Not his best at the distance but an excellent ride on a 'lanes' course when the intended course was ruled out through road works. He did collect the 1st on Age Standard award as compensation. At the GLC Championships at Herne Hill Allison Butler came 3rd in the Ladies Sprint but was brought down in the 10 lap scratch suffering grazed knuckles, back and hip. Gethin Butler was using Allison's bike in the GLC Championship. He took a 4th place in the Junior Pursuit but found the gearing too low for the 10 miles scratch. Stuart Millington did a 24.46 in the Surrey Road CC '10'.

Jack Platts won the Bec Veterans '25' with a 1.2.37 and took 2nd on Age Standard on a wet, miserable morning. Those riding the Essex Roads '50' also had a miserable morning although not all of it was down to the weather. Harry Featherstone 'only' managed a 1.59.31. Paul Price was the only happy one with a personal best of 2.2.19. Dave Featherstone punctured in the race and had another as he rode back to the car after abandoning. Pete Ansell had to change a tubular with less than 2 miles to go but still managed to do a 2.3.34. Allison Butler, in spite of the cuts and bruises from Saturday's crash, took a 10th place in the 50 miles Jo Bruton race on the Crowhurst circuit.

Paul Price won the evening '10' with a 23.36 beating Gethin Butler, 24.23, and Stuart Millington 24.48. Chris Marshall improved to a 25.57 for 4th place.

Stuart Millington rode the Sussex CA 12-hour event held on the 11th August. He only covered 219.4 miles but it earned him 6th place. It was a day of continuous rain and Stuart was knocked from his bike and lost some time before he could continue. It was a very commendable effort in the circumstances. Dave Featherstone finished the Fareham Whs '25' with a 1.1.05 his team-mates Harry and Pete Ansell both punctured. Jack Platts took 3rd place in both Scratch and Age Standard sections of the Surrey/Sussex veterans '25' with a 1.3.44.

Gethin and Allison Butler rode the Old Portlains '10' in heavy rain and were the only riders from the six Paragon entrants to do so. Gethin finished 14th in 24.44 and Allison in 28.06. On Sunday morning Allison, Paul Price and Stuart Millington rode the East Sussex '50' and had a wet start to their morning although the sun came out before the finish. All three of them had tyre trouble. Paul persevered and arrived at the Finish in 2.14.05 but was 8th for his pains. Stuart gave the morning best after his punctures. Allison had trouble removing a well stuck on tubular and lost considerable amounts of time. She was very pleased when Keith Butler drove up as she thought he would give her a lift. Instead he finished off the change, pumped up the tyre, fitted the wheel back into the bike and pushed Allison back into the race. Words failed her! However although Allison's 2.42.03 did not rate amongst her most prestigious rides she still won the fastest lady prize!

Harry Featherstone and Jack Platts rode the Unity veterans '25'. Harry finished 7th in 58.18 and Jack clocked a 1.2.31. Strong crosswinds did not assist the riders at all.

The final evening '10' of the year on the Tandridge course was held on a warm evening for a change. Paul Price was fastest with a 23.50 followed by Gethin Butler, 24.04, and Dave Hayward on 25.30. Gethin Butler finished 9th in the Surrey League handicap on the M25 whilst Dave Hayward was placed in the main bunch. Gethin finished 11th in the Surrey RCC Summer Road race on the Henfold Hill Circuit.

Paul Price continues to improve at the longer distance. On the 18th August he knocked another 14 minutes from his personal best at the distance with a 4.7.14 in the ECCA '100'. That is a total of 37 minutes from last year's best time. Harry Featherstone won the Fryco Cup with a 2.4.53 from Gethin Butler whose 2.8.56 for his first '50' was done after a 30-mile ride to the Start. Stuart Millington came 3rd with a 2.19.56. It could not have been much of a day as in the Combined Result there were only 37 finishers from the 60 entrants.

Harry Featherstone rode the Veterans National Championship '25' producing an excellent 56.42 for 5th fastest and 7th on Age Standard. On Monday 26th August Harry had also finished 4th in the Old Portlians '25' a 59.09 whilst Gethin Butler was 16th being timed in with a 1.2.27.

The Moon Trophy on the 25th August provided Chris Marshall with his first win, albeit on Handicap. In his first '25' he recorded a 1.6.53 that with 11 minutes allowance gave him a handicap time of 55.53 and a clear 2 minutes lead in the main section of the Result. Paul Price was our fastest man in 2nd position in the race with a 1.2.58. Gethin Butler was 3rd fastest in 1.3.33 and then came Stuart Millington 1.6.37, Dave Hayward 1.6.53, Chris Marshall 1.6.53, Allison Butler 1.11.56 and Graham Moore 1.17.49. Chris came 1st on handicap with Paul 4th, 58.58, Stuart 5th, 1.0.37 and Gethin 7th, 1.1.33, to enable the Paragon to take the Moon Trophy for fastest team on Handicap.

Chris Marshall came into cycle sport after he found a time-trial on a road on which he was driving. It appealed to him as a good way of keeping fit as well as an excellent way of burning out the stress of his job. On sampling the wares he found that it did the job beautifully. He could thrash along to his heart's content feeling relaxed and fulfilled at the end of the race.

Unfortunately he also took the same view when he went road racing to the chagrin of many who just wanted a reasonably quiet ride. He and Gethin Butler got on like a house on fire! You can follow Chris' reasoning when you appreciate that in real life he was Professor C Marshall and lectured all over the world on Cancer Research.

On the 1st September Harry Featherstone produced his fastest '25' of the season with a 55.52 in the Southend & County '25' for 4th place. Jack Platts also did his fastest of the season with a 59.06 and the pair won the Fastest Team on Standard award. Paul Price did a 2.8.49 in the Oxonian '50'. Stuart Millington took 1.7.27 to cover the 25 miles in the 29th Whs event.

Allison Butler came 3rd in the SWLLCA '10' with a 25.29 just 18 seconds down on the winner and took 3rd on handicap as well. Gethin Butler rode the De Laune '10' and in rather unfavourable conditions went round in 25.33 to collect 3rd place in the Junior section. Paul Price rode down to the East Sussex events over week-end but due to spoke breakages had to ride a borrowed high pressure tyred wheel. On the Saturday he came 6th with a 24.38 and on the Sunday a 1.1.17 for 3rd place and 1st on handicap. An excellent result but what could he have done with the faster wheel in?

Harry Featherstone went down to the Salisbury '25' but to be content with 'only' a 56.17. Gethin Butler won the Junior '10' with a 25.31 on the Tandridge course in front of Nick Morris, 27.21, and Graham Moore 28.15. Stuart Millington rode the Belle Vue '25' and took 1.5.41 for the distance.

In the ECCA Gethin Butler came within 1 second of the Club Junior '25' Record with a 1.0.09 for 19th place but did take the fastest junior award in the event. Harry Featherstone was 8th fastest with a 57.22, Dave Featherstone was pleased with his 1.0.26 (20th) as he had not raced for some weeks due to injury but Jack Platts was not happy with his 1.2.00.

On the 22nd September Harry Featherstone won the veterans section of the Rodney '10' with a 22.17 and was fastest on Age Standard. In the main event Dave Featherstone was our fastest with a 24.03, Kamesh Prasad did a personal best of 26.48 and Alistair Mitchell finished in 29.16.

The Club Track Championships, twice rained off, were eventually completed on the 22nd September at Herne Hill. Gethin Butler won the Bert Chapman Cup for the 4000m pursuit with a 5.40.88 from Dave Featherstone, 5.58.03 and Les Black in 3rd place. Gethin also won the 500m Handicap for the Frank Burton Cup with Dave Featherstone in 2nd place and Alistair Mitchell in 3rd place. The 500m Sprint for the AEU Cup Dave Featherstone crossed the line in 1st place with Gethin 2nd and Alistair Mitchell 3rd. Gethin Butler and Les Black dominated the 5 miles. Gethin winning both Scratch and Points trophies and Les coming 2nd. The result of the Championship, therefore, was a win for Gethin Butler, Dave Featherstone in 2nd place and Les Black in 3rd spot.

In the Redbridge '25' Harry Featherstone recorded a 56.00 and Jack Platts a 59.46. In the Junior '10' Gethin Butler clocked a 25.23 and Robert Shepherd improved by a minute to 32.29. Allison Butler partnered her younger sister Megan on a tandem to be timed in with a 27.01.

A new Junior Record was set in the Mayne Cup '25' when Gethin Butler finished in 1.0.05 to beat the old record by 4 seconds on a foggy Holmwood course. Not only did he make fastest time he won the Mayne Cup itself from the Scratch mark. Second fastest was Les Black with a 1.4.19 and in 3rd place was Graham O'Sullivan having his one and only race of the season with a 1.5.04. Second on handicap was Simon Pipe with a nett 1.1.39. The 3rd

Placed rider was Les Black on 1.2.19. Harry Featherstone rode the Viking '50' and had a personal best of 1.54.10 for 8th place and fastest on Age Standard.

Harry Featherstone took 2nd place in the CC Bexley '10' with a 22.19 and 2nd place on Age Standard. On the Sunday he came 7th and 3rd on Age Standard in the Verulam '25' on the North Road. He was actually outside the hour with a 1.0.04. Dave Featherstone accompanied him and finished with a 1.2.30. Also mention in this weeks section in the Blah is that Ray Puttick has gathered enough points on his BCF Racing Licence to be upgraded to 2nd Category but no record of his individual achievements have been recorded.

The destination of two of the Club Trophies was decided at the Junior '15' on the 6th October. Gethin Butler clinched the Junior Championship with a winning 36.22 and Robert Shepherd with his 50.02 for 2nd place qualified for the Aubrey Hill Juvenile Shield. In 3rd place, having her first solo race was Megan Butler who finished in 54.01.

Ranmore Common was the battleground for the Club Hill Climb and it saw Gethin Butler snatch yet another trophy when he won the Les Black Cup by climbing the hill in 4.11. Graham O'Sullivan came 2nd in 4.26 and Chris Marshall came 3rd in 4.33.

In the ECCA (Clubs G-N) '25' Harry Featherstone got within 12 seconds of the Club Record for the distance with a personal best of 55.02. His finishing position is not known. Dave Featherstone finished in 58.44. The following morning they rode the Redmon 'Gentlemen's 2-up'. The idea is that the fastman sits at the front and the slower veteran, or gentleman, is towed along behind. This year as Dave has been plagued by a knee injury he is not as fit as Harry and had to endure 42 minutes plus 16 seconds of continual hectoring to go faster! He was not happy at the Finish. Les Black teamed up with Neil Hoban and finished 9th fastest team with a 40.34. Dave Lovell made a rare racing appearance when he entered the South Western RC '10'. As is Dave's wont he put in an excellent ride to finish in 9th place with a 22.40.

We only had two entries in Len's '10' this year on the Wrotham Heath course. Gethin and Megan went round on a tandem in 25.23 whilst Keith Butler had a very uncomfortable ride of 28.52 balancing on a wobbly saddle when the clamp broke. The Marshals on one of the roundabout half way back from the turn had a laugh when they heard Megan say to Gethin. "Are we at the turn yet?" Well you can't tell if you keep your eyes shut, can you?

On the 28th October the Annual Map Reading Competition took place at Hatfield Heath. Gethin Butler took the individual honours in 1.12.18 beating the favourite, Dan Burgess, Century, by over 2 minutes. Stuart Millington came 5th in 1.30.35, Keith Butler 6th in 1.30.45 but they were not fast enough to prevent the Century from taking the Team award by 4.11.52 to our 4.13.38.

Pete Ansell won the Freewheel Championship at Godstone with John McNee in 2nd place and Pete Corry 3rd.

Stuart Middleton won the Club BAR competition for the Newman Godward Cup and Club Events Champion for 1985. The Team Points Competition was a tie between Harry and Dave Featherstone. Ray Puttick won the Senior Road Race Championship and Gethin Butler the Junior Championship.

