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At the AGM the assembled multitude were informed that Frank Fischer, Timekeeper and Handicapper and our longest serving second claim member (he is actually a Kentish Wheeler) had offered to donate a perpetual trophy for the Ladies Open BAR. This was the Donovan 12-hour Trophy that Frank won for three consecutive 12-hour wins. However as the Kentish Whs are no longer a racing club he has presented the Trophy to us. The Trophy is now to be called the Fischer-Donovan Cup.

The other earth shattering moment was when both Keith Butler and Alan Bristow were elected Vice-Presidents of the Club. They have been members since 1953 and 1954 respectively.

Keith was a top class amateur winning the National Road Race Championship before going to Belgium and racing professionally for 4 years. He then won the Professional Road Race Championship and was in the Great Britain team supporting Tom Simpson when he won the World Championship. He has served on the BCF Racing Committee and as a GB and Centre of Excellence Team Manager. In 1983 he formed the Surrey Cycle Racing League. He has had many posts on the Paragon Committee including Runs Secretary, Road Race Secretary and now General Secretary.

Alan started his racing career in the same event as Keith – the Kentish Wheelers Novices of 1956. He was moderately successful but has always been a member of the Paragon and as served on the Committee for many years and in many posts including Treasurer and Time Trials secretary.

The VTTA (Surrey/Sussex) Group published their list of Records and the names of Harry Featherstone and Jack Platts are on many pages. At 10 miles Harry holds the Age Records for 54, 55 and 56, at 25 miles the 55 and 57 Records, at 50 miles the 54 and 57, at 100 miles the 56 and at 12 hours the 54 and 56 year olds Records. The 55 year old 25 miles, the 100 miles and 12-hours at 56 are also National VTTA Records. Jack Platts has the 58 years olds Records at 25 miles, 50 miles, 100 miles and 12 hours.

On the racing side Gethin Butler started as he wished to continue by winning the GS Stella Hilly 40 kms on the 4th February. (That is even earlier than the old Balham Roughstuff!). Gethin took 1.5.04 for the course that included a climb of South Harting Hill. As Gethin was riding an 83” fixed wheel this caused some ache in the legs but didn’t appear to slow him down.

Returning to the ‘North Countree’ Gethin Butler came 4th in the Clayton Velo road race and earned himself a place in an England team to race in Ireland at Easter.

Our Tandemists went over to Essex on the 10th March for the ECRA ‘10’ Gethin Butler and Ray Runham demolished the field with a 21.44 to win by 2.42. Jon Jennings and Allison Butler came 5th in the tandem event with a 25.06. This was a day when only 7 singles in a top class field beat 25

minutes for the 10 miles and the organiser had to apologise on the Result sheet for the wind! The following day Gethin Butler rode the Croydon & District Hardriders event and, once again, demolished the field with a course record of 1.3.54. P Bull (Gemini) came 2nd in 1.7.25. Kate Haynes went round in 1.22.53 and Dave Woods 1.27.02 but he was not well at the time. The roadmen went to Smallfields for the first Surrey League race of the season. Jon Jennings came 3rd, Roger Mills 18th, Tony Garner in the bunch and Ray Puttick punctured but rode on to get a finishing point.

The first Club event of the season was the 10 miles handicap on the 17th March. Gethin Butler provided the fastest time of 21.57 but in 2nd place with a personal best to start the season on the right foot was Dillon Adams with a 23.21. Pete Danckwardt 23.29, was 3rd and Jon Jennings 24.00, was 4th. Dillon took the handicap with a nett 20.21. Charlie Rodgers came out of the woodwork to take 26.17 for the distance and with 5.30 allowance annexed 2nd on handicap. 3rd place on handicap went to Schoolboy Josh Ansell, son of Chairman Pete, whose 27.49 had a 7-minute deduction. (And that's the last time he will get that amount of generosity!). In the afternoon Gethin Butler went over to the 34th Nomads '10' at Tonbridge and produced a 20.40 to win the race and break Dave Lovell's old Club record by 3 seconds.

On Sunday Gethin Butler rode the first Star Trophy of the year The Grand Prix of Essex. As per usual Gethin was in the thick of the action. With 30 miles left of the 91-mile race he was in the 36-man chasing group after the three leaders. As the bunch caught the leaders it fragmented again due to the relentless pace. Gethin found himself in a small chasing group eventually crossing the line in 19th place 1.10 behind the winner Steve Farrell (Tunstall Whs).

Jon Jennings repeated his effort of last week in the Surrey League road race promoted by the Festival RC by coming 3rd in the 3rd category race on the Walliswood circuit. Roger Mills however had gone one better and he came 2nd. Dillon Adams was not far back in 9th place while Ray Puttick, Tony Garner and Kate Haynes earned points for finishing. In the afternoon Jon Jennings had another go but the 72 miles were a bit too far and he eventually finished in 25th place. Chris Marshall though came 11th and Dave Adams was unplaced but in the main bunch. Harry Featherstone started his 1990 campaign with a 1.0.08 in the Sussex CA '25' for fastest on Age Standard and 7th actual.

Allison Butler and Jon Jennings tried the WLCA 2up 10 miles and with a 24.29 were best mixed pair on the 23rd March.

In the Bournemouth Jubilee '25' on the 24th March Harry Featherstone clocked a 1.1.16 for fastest on Age Standard and Charlie Rodgers a 1.10.59. Jon Jennings was 7th in the Surrey League race at Ottershaw with Roger Mills just behind him in 8th.

Jon Jennings borrowed some Rollers from the Addiscombe and an evening of Roller racing was had at the Clubroom. Thirty-two names appear on the Start

Sheet and it is noted that Bob Patton's name appears in the list of Lady competitors. Is there something we should know? One thing that was not expected is how noisy the rollers were in a low ceiling Hall. The Senior race, over 750m, went to Gethin Butler in 33.85 seconds. Roger Mills came 2nd, 34.18, and Jon Jennings 3rd. Ray Runham took the veterans race over the same distance in 38.66. The Ladies and Juniors rode over 500m where Kaye Patton was the best lady, 28.16 and Stuart Catley the best Junior 26.40. It was an excellent evening's entertainment if rather strenuous if you were taking an active interest.

Ray Runham and Gethin Butler went Tandem racing on the 31st March and won the Southboro event with a 19.49. Dillon Adams and Gerry Horn were in the solo event finishing with a 23.46 and 23.49 respectively.

Gethin Butler won the Salisbury '25' with a 53.10 not far off his Club Record time and 1½ minutes faster than Brooks (Poly) in 2nd place. Harry Featherstone came 13th in 57.52 and Dave Adams 1.0.43, only a few seconds away from his best. Harry took the fastest veteran on Age Standard prize and the Paragon won the Team race. In the Surrey League race at Elstead Ray Puttick came 6th, Tony Garner 14th and Chris Marshall finished with the main bunch.

Dillon Adams won the Jim Fox '25' with a 1.2.51 on the slow Horsham Road course. Gary Adcock, making his first attempt at 25 miles, clocked a 1.7.29 for 2nd place and Charlie Rodgers a 1.9.29 for 3rd place. Kate Haynes was 6th with a 1.10.58 but with 14 minutes allowance scooped the handicap.

The Kingston Phoenix '10' was won by Gethin Butler in 21.34 and Kate Haynes, 26.33, took 1st Lady prize. In the afternoon the Paragon had a team of Tandem riding the ECRA event in Essex. Ray Runham and Gethin Butler demolished the opposition with a 20.57 on a windy day. Jon Tennings and Allison Butler were the fastest mixed pair with a 23.17 whilst Keith and Marilyn Butler just about got round in 26.09. This pair had borrowed a rear wheel from Gethin's track bike but by the time they made the Finish it had almost collapsed. Not a tight spoke anywhere. Chris Marshall was our only rider in the Solo event and he was 14th in 24.54. Gerry Horn came 10th in the VC Deal '10' with 23.47. Kate Haynes did 1.6.10 in the Basildon '25'.

A cool, some would say cold, strong northeasterly wind coupled with a frosty start slowed all times on the 8th April giving the results a 1930s look. Harry Featherstone was 3rd in the Southampton Whs '25' in 1.1.07. Pete Danckwardt came 10th in the Redmon '25' with a 1.5.33 (he has done a 53), Dave Adams 1.9.20 (after a 1.0 last week), Jack Platts 1.10.05 for his first ride of the season and Kate Haynes 1.16.56 (6 minutes slower than the Club '25'). Gethin Butler rode the Overtoom Grand Prix (Usually the Archer Grand Prix) but after making a determined attack on the last lap of a hard race he lost contact with the leaders and rode in. Tony Garner finished 6th in the Surrey League race at Ripley with Gary Adcock and Pete Owen close up in the bunch. Also there was Allison Butler who took the points for 1st lady. Jon

Jennings rode the afternoon race and was placed equal 8th after being brought down by another rider in the sprint.

Gethin Butler was riding the Northern Ireland Milk race in a British Cycling Team over the Easter holidays. He started brilliantly by winning Stage 1 breaking away in the last half mile after a team mate had just been caught and hanging on to a slender lead to the line. On Stage 3, Carrickfergus to Coleraine, he finished 37th in the main bunch 24 seconds behind the winner. Stage 4 was a 12½ miles time trial in which Gethin was placed 3rd 40 seconds behind ex-professional Alan Gornal (North West Centre of Excellence). On Stage 6 Gethin was 8th at 1.32 sitting in a chasing group behind his team mate, Nigel Bishop, who won the Stage. Overall Gethin finished in 2nd place and this must rank as his best road racing performance.

The bad weather over Easter certainly played havoc with cycle racing. Jack Platts rode the Crawley to Shoreham finishing in 2.5.30 for 3rd best on Age Standard and he spent the rest of the holiday in bed. Kate Haynes also rode and it took her 2.18.13 to cover the course. Jon Jennings deserved praise for finishing the Surrey League 3-day in 7th place. He was 6th on Stage 1, 7th on Stage 2 and 8th on Stage 3. In the morning supporting events Tony Garner came 9th and Chris Marshall 10th on Good Friday when only 16 riders finished.

Kate Haynes finished the Hainault Middlemarkers '25' in 1.11.21. Harry Featherstone only had one race over the weekend finishing the Bournemouth Arrow '10' in 24.35. In the Surrey League Support race on Saturday Dillon Adams came 8th and Chris Marshall 11th. Tony Garner, Ray Puttick, Roger Mills and Dave Adams were close up in the main bunch while Pete Owen 31st, Allison Butler 34th and Kate Haynes 35th were just off the back.

Sunday's Support race saw Paragon riders in action with Chris Marshall 10th, Tony Garner 19th, Allison Butler 37th and Roger Amer 39th. In the Points classification over the three events Chris Marshall came 3rd and Tony Garner 5th.

On the 19th April Allison Butler and Kate Haynes tied for 2nd place in the SWLLCA '10' with a 26.20 each and they, not surprisingly, won the Team race. Allison also took 2nd handicap prize. Saturday 21st Tony Garner 24.28, and Jon Jennings 24.40, competed in the Wren Whs '10'. Kate Haynes went for the De Laune '10' and was timed at 27.31.

Gethin Butler came 2nd in the Circuit of Ingleborough in 1.6.13 on the 22nd April behind Scott O'Brien (Manchester Whs)'s 1.3.54. Harry Featherstone won the fastest on Age Standard prize and 7th place on scratch in the Viking '25' with a 57.46 on a hard morning. Gerry Horn made 8th place in the Sydenham Whs '10' in 22.52.

A clear win by 52 seconds in the Epsom '10' on the 28th April by Gethin Butler. Pete Danckwardt did a 24.33, Kate Haynes 26.46 that also took 1st lady prize, Roger Moore 26.50, John McNee 28.19, Megan Butler 31.28 and Marilyn

Butler 31.58. Ray Runham, Chris Marshall, Tony Garner and Dillon Adams finished as a team in the Southend & County 4-up with a 1.18.12.

In an unknown event on the A12 Chris Marshall finished in 58.38. Dave Adams put up a personal best of 58.57, Gerry Horn did 59.04 and new member, but old racer, Dick Wallis 1.0.16. Charlie Rodgers rode the 29th Whs '25' and was pleased with his 1.6.32. Gethin Butler partook of the Welwyn-Hatfield Star Trophy road race but finished in the bunch. Ray Runham and Dillon Adams came 4th in the South Eastern RC 2up with 1.20.00. Allison Butler did a 1.10.36 and Kate Haynes a 1.14.18 in a 25 miles event that counted for the SCCU Ladies BAR but we do not know whose.

Harry Featherstone won the VTTA (Surrey/Sussex) '10' in 22.45 and took the award for fastest on Age Standard. With Charlie Rodgers coming in with a 26.00 they took the Team race on Age Standard prize. In the afternoon Tony Garner did a 23.18 in the Catford '10' leading in Chris Marshall 23.19, Pete Danckwardt 23.30 and Jon Jennings 23.46. Allison Butler did her best '10' for four years with a 25.50.

Jon Jennings finished in 8th place in the Surrey League race promoted by the Old Portlians in a race won by the promising Roger Hammond.

During the week Gethin Butler rode and produce the fastest times in two evening '10's getting to within 1 second of his course record with a 22.01 on the Tuesday and doing a 21.26 on the Wednesday. On the 5th May Gethin Butler won the Cleveleys '10' by 1.47 in 21.04 and the next morning the Ribble Valley '25' by over 3 minutes in 55.03.

In the Bec road race Jon Jennings came 6th after missing the break and coming 3rd in the Bunch sprint. Ray Puttick was unplaced in the bunch. Tony Garner. Chris Marshall and Bob Patton took part in the Surrey League road race at Hartley Whitney over 72 miles. All finished in the top 20 but no accurate positions have been found. Gethin Butler came 2nd in the Wigan Whs '10' in 21.35 losing to Dave Smith (Horwich) who did 20.39.

On the 13th May Gethin Butler won the Clitheroe road race over 90 miles by breaking up the field and finishing alone. He also rode out to the race over the Trough of Bowland and back again the long way round to cover 160 miles in the day! Allison Butler rode the easterly Ladies road race at Ugley to finish 4th. The Moon Trophy was also held on this day. Our counters were Dave Woods with a nett 57.03 (real time 1.12.03), Gary Adcock 57.49 (1.7.19), Dillon Adams 58.50 (1.3.20) and Charlie Rodgers 59.20 (1.9.20) and we won the Moon Trophy with an aggregate of 3.53.02. Harry Featherstone came 9th in the ECCA '50' in 1.58.50.

On Thursday 17th May Kate Haynes broke the Club ladies 10 miles record with a 24.47 for 4th fastest in the SWLLCA '10'

Gethin Butler came 2nd in the Bolton CC '10' on the 19th May and once again was beaten by Dave Smith (Howich) with 21.03 to Gethin's 21.42. Down

South Gerry Horn led the team in the Southend & County '25' with a 57.00, Terry Hulme did 57.20, Dick Wallis 57.45 and Jack Platts on his new low-profile machine 58.25. The Club '10' on the 19th May was a "humdinger" Four riders separated by 19 seconds for 1st place and 3 separated by 9 seconds for the handicap. Tony Garner took the laurels with 24.08 from Pete Danckwardt 24.13, Chris Marshall 24.14 and Dillon Adams 24.27. The Handicap went to Gary Adcock whose personal best of 24.58 had 2½ minutes allowance giving him 22.28. Kate Haynes' 26.00 was less 3,15 giving her a 22.45 and Dave Woods personal best of 26.47 had a 4 minutes allowance taking him to 22.47. It doesn't get much closer than that!

The next day a cool cross wind slowed everyone's times considerably on the same course Terry Hulme took 1.0.14, Gerry Horn 1.1.22, Jack Platts 1.1.57. Dave Adams took 1.1.30 and Kate Haynes 1.7.32. Dick Wallis rode the tandem event with his friend Ian Howard (San Fairy Ann) and they clocked 54.25. Harry Featherstone went to Cadnam on his own to ride the Sotonoia '25' but also had hard going and it took him 1.0.03 to cover the 25 miles for 6th fastest time but he did take fastest on Age Standard.

Jon Jennings 25.08 won the first evening '10' from Gary Adcock 25.29 and Kate Haynes 27.15. Allison came 7th in Susies road race at Hambledon and over the Bank Holiday in the WCRA 3-day she came 8th on the last stage. On Thursday 24th May she came 2nd in the Surrey League handicap with Dave Woods 3rd and Kaye Patton 4th.

On the 27th May Gethin Butler won the Horwich '50' by 7 minutes. He took 1.51.11 for the distance with the 2nd placed man, Waddington, (Pendle Forest) taking 1.58.22. With this ride he also won 2nd handicap prize and broke the Course Record. Harry Featherstone finished 2nd in the Frank Southall '50' for the third time. Ian Kitching (34th Nomads) did fastest time of 2.3.00 with Harry 12 seconds slower. In 3rd place came S Ayres (Chippenham) in 2.3.25. With Terry Hulme finishing in 2.7.14 (5th) and Jack Platts 2.7.49 (7th) the Paragon won the John Carter Shield. Dennis Wright (London Fire Brigade) took 1st handicap prize by 2 seconds from Maureen Herbert (Anerley) but she also took the fastest lady prize with a personal best of 2.23.43. Martin Snow (Epsom) took 3rd handicap. The VTTA (Surrey/Sussex) veterans Group was a Paragon benefit. Harry was fastest and first on Age Standard, Jack came 2nd in both sections and between them they won the team race.

Jon Jennings, Tony Garner, Chris Marshall and Dillon Adams had a busy Bank Holiday week-end riding the "Deux jours en Mai". Jon and Tony were actually riding for Surrey Division whilst the other pair was representing the Paragon. Stage 1 was a 4up Team Time Trial and Stage 2 a 62 miles road race. At the end of the day Jon Jennings was lying 2nd on General Classification and 8th in the King of the Mountains competition. In the Individual time trail Dillon Adams came 13th with Jon 30th but in the afternoon road race Jon was 5th and Dillon in the bunch. Jon Jennings was placed 3rd overall and won the Most Aggressive rider prize. Tony Garner and Chris Marshall were involved in a crash and were not able to finish Monday afternoon's stage.

Tuesday's '10' was a win for Jon Jennins in 23.52 by just 7 seconds from Gary Adcock 23.59. Bon Patton came 3rd in 24.30. Also racing for the first time was Nick Haynes, husband of Kate, who did a 26.15 – Kate clocked 25.38. On Saturday morning it was Bob Patton's turn to win with a 25.30. Kate Haynes was 2nd (26.13) and Dave Woods 3rd (26.51). Roger Amer took the handicap prize.

On the 3rd June Gethin Butler rode the RTTC National 25 miles Championship held near Beverly. He ran into some formidable opposition finishing 14th with a 56.59 behind Chris Boardman (Manchester Whs) 53.06 and Graham Obree (Wallacehill) 53.36. At the other end of the country a Paragon team went down for the Wessex '50'. Harry was disappointed with his 2.0.41 even though he was 9th fastest and best on Age Standard. Jack Platts improved on his ride in the Frank Southall '50' by over 5 minutes with a 2.2.15 that gave him 2nd on Age Standard. Ray Runham rode his first '50' of the year in 2.5.02 to make up the winning team. Terry Hulme recorded a 2.6.43 and Dave Adsams a 2.8.49. The Ladies put on a good show in the Chelmer '25'. Allison Butler led them home with a 1.5.20; Kate Haynes did 1.5.27 and Kaye Patton a 1.5.45. This established a Club Ladies Team record of 3.16.32 that has yet to be beaten. Gerry Horn was in the men's section of the same race and he clocked a 59.16. The longed-for rain that all gardeners were praying for arrived to cause havoc in the BCF Surrey Division road race Championship. Crashes and spills put pay to the efforts of Chris Marshall and Dillon Adams but Jon Jennings (12th) and Tony Garner (20th) soldered on finishing with the much-diminished bunch on Pitch Hill.

On Tuesday the Paragon promoted races at Crystal Palace. The Under 16s race went to R Bruce (Wembley) from T Griffin (Gemini) and S Bailey (Gravesend). Simon Gamblin (Vulcan CRC) won the senior race from Paul Miller (Australia) and Steve Tomkins (Vulcan CRC) 3rd.

A small contingent from the Paragon went to the Antelope Ladies and Tandem '25' held on Wednesday 6th June. Kate Haynes came 4th in the Ladies race with a 1.8.53 behind Clare Greenwood's 1.2.31. Ray Runham and Gethin Butler won the Tandem event in 51.48 thus taking 33 seconds from the old 25 miles Record. Jon Jennings and Allison Butler could not be left out and in finishing 9th in 56.30. This took 6 seconds from the old Record of 56.36 held by Marilyn and Keith Butler. Dick Wallis rode with his mate from the San Fairy Ann taking 57.58 for the journey. On the Tuesday Kate Haynes finished 2nd in the SWLLCA '10' with 25.39.

Revenge was sweet for Gethin Butler on the 9th June. Taking delivery of a new low-profile machine he beat Martin Pyne (Poly) who had beaten him twice by large margins earlier in the season. The margin of victory for Gethin was 1.12. However apart from the win was Gethin's time - 50.38, which makes a new Club Record by 2.30 and the fastest 25-mile time trial of the year in the country. Then Harry Featherstone returned a 55.46 and Terry Hulme a 56.51 and another 19 seconds came off the Club Team Record. Jack Platts must have felt a bit "after the Lord Mayor's Show" as he 'only' did

a 58.22. Jon Jennings came 3rd in the SCCU '10' on 23.17. Josh Ansell did a personal best of 25.15; Allison Butler 25.35, won 1st lady prize and Marilyn Butler finished in 28.54.

Another Record went on the Sunday morning, 10th June, when Ray Runham and Gethin Butler won the Oxford City '50'. In 1.44.37 taking 5 seconds from Ray's old record that he held with Rowan Vacher. Allison Butler trimmed 2 seconds from her fastest and Club record time with 2.18.33 and took fastest lady prize. Dave Adams clocked 2.11.26 and with it 2nd on handicap. On the other side of London Dick Wallis and Ian Howard (SFA) won the Victoria Tandem '25' in 54.19. Kate Haynes rode the RTTC Ladies 25 miles Championship at Newcastle finishing with a 1.8.16. The veteran's squad took 2nd Team in the South Easter RC '25' with Harry Featherstone taking 1.0.15, Terry Hulme 1.2.18 and Jack Platts 1.2.31.

Gethin Butler made fastest time in the Evening '10' on the 12th June with 21.22. In 2nd place was Tony Garner 23.42, and Nigel Everett 25.32 was 3rd. Jon Jennings and Allison Butler rode the Tandem and recorded 22.17.

On Saturday evening Kate Haynes broke the Club Ladies '50' Record with a 2.11.48 in the Finsbury Park event on the A1. Tony Garner took 7th place in an 'Over 35s' road race on the Ellens Green Circuit.

On the 17th June Gethin Butler continued to show superlative form when he took 9.05 minutes from his own Club 100 miles Record in the ECRA '100'. Garry Dighton (Manchester Whs) won in 3.32.56 but Gethin came 2nd with a 3.41.13. Jon Jennings was determined to stay clear of Gethin, who started 34 minutes behind, and did so to such an effect that Jon finished with a personal best of 4.10.02 and had 5 minutes to wait before Gethin arrived. Dick Wallis came in with 4.13.17 and the Paragon took 2nd team medals with 12.4.32 that also improved the Club Team Record by 17 seconds. Elsewhere Allison Butler won the Fryco Cup, incorporated in the SCCU '50', with a 2.22.22 beating Kate Haynes' 2.30.08. Five riders partook of the Westerley '25' with Harry Featherstone being the best of them with 5th fastest time of the morning 56.56. Terry Hulme clocked 58.58, Jack Platts 59.11, Bob Patton 1.2.41 and Kaye Patton 1.6.37. Chris Marshall came 2nd and Tony Garner 3rd in the Surrey League road race on the Withyham circuit.

After the ECRA 100 miles Gethin and Allison Butler, Jon Jennings and Tony Garner waltzed off to the Isle of Man for the Cycling Week. On Monday Gethin came 3rd in the Wiilaston Handicap (10 laps and 32 miles) with Jon Jennings finishing in the bunch as equal 21st. Tuesday and Allison was 6th in the Ladies 25 miles time trial with 1.7.41. Gethin came 2nd in the Open '25' with a 56.01 behind Graham Obree (Wallacehill) 54.11. Tony Garner was 35th in 1.2.12 and Jon Jennings 47th in 1.3.08. Dillon Adams came 72nd in 1.5.56. Wednesday was 11 laps of the Billown Circuit for the Curwen Clague Memorial race and Gethin was 7th in the mass bunch sprint. Thursday was the Open '10' day and Gethin came 3rd, again behind Obree with a 21.55 to Obree's 21.34. Tony was 13th 24.52 and Jon 44th in 25.56. Allison was 9th in the Ladies event with 26.01. On Friday Allison finished 41st in the Veterans

and Ladies race over one lap of the TT circuit but was 6th lady. Jon Jennings was 39th and Tony Garner 48th in the Viking Trophy race over two laps of the TT circuit. Gethin came 10th in the Manx International over 3 laps of the TT circuit finishing in the front group albeit 1.31 down on the winner Tim Hall (Liverpool Mercury). Gethin had a rear wheel change onto one that was not fully compatible with his chain and gearing and finished in rather a shattered state.

The evening '10' was poorly supported with only four riders. Nick Haynes 27.20 was best, Stephen Road next with 27.25, Kate Haynes 27.32 and Ross Bartlett 28.34.

On the 20th June Harry Featherstone and Terry Hulme went up to Oxford for the Poly '25'. In spite of the wet Harry improved his own VTTA National Record for a 57 year old by a few seconds to 54.07. Terry covered the course in 56.46.

Returning to the mainland Gethin took in the Pendle Forest '10' on Saturday 23rd June and finished 2nd to Dave Smith (Horwich) with 22.17 to Smith's 21.13. He then came south and on Sunday he rode the Tandem Club Championship '25' with Ray Runham. They finished 5th in 51.15 behind Vic Haines (Leo) and Martin Pyne (Poly) 50.51.

The Robin Buchan Silver Salver '25' was on the same day and once again we had a tie for 1st place. Pete Hamilton (Wren Whs) and Peter Bull (Gemini) both did 57.49. Keith Reed (Clarence) was 3rd 58.13 and there was another tie for fourth place between Ron Keeble (Wren Whs) and Bob Addy (Hemel Hempstead) on 58.48. Harry Featherstone was our best rider in 6th place and 59.49. Tony Garner put in a personal best of 1.0.52 and with Jack Platts clocking a 1.2.08 the Paragon won the Team race. Fastest lady was Maureen Herbert who also had the 1st lady prize in the Frank Southall '50'. Other Paragon times were by Dave Adams 1.3.13, Terry Slattery 1.3.44, Bob Patton 1.5.38, Dave Woods did a personal best of 1.6.24 and took 3rd handicap prize, Roger Moore 1.7.47, Josh Ansell 1.8.59 and Kaye Patton 1.10.52. W Beaumont (Central Sussex) won the Handicap.

Allison Butler produced her best ever performance to take the Silver Medal behind Marie Purvis (Isle of Man) in the Women's National Road Race Championship on an undulating course near Hambledon, Hampshire. The course and Finish were right up Allison's sleeve with not too many hills and a dwindling bunch, twenty at the Finish, where she could use her strong sprint to greatest advantage. Those that witnessed her sprinting in League handicaps and road races were well aware of her ability to follow a wheel and find her way through a bunch of racers at the Finish and not over duly surprised at this result.

Tuesday's '10' had 13 competitors with Tony Garner taking the honours with a 23.23. Terry Slattery came 2nd 24.27 and Graham O'Sullivan 24.28 returning to the fray after a 2-year lay-off. Steve Roach 25.18 and Ross Bartlett 27.20

produced their personal bests. In the District Final of the GHS Schoolboy '10' in very windy conditions Josh Ansell recorded a 26.07 for 7th place.

On the 1st July Gethin Butler became the third member of the Butler Family to win a National Amateur Road race Championship Medal when he took the bronze medal at Dudley. The course was 123 miles long with seven large laps to be done followed by 5½ laps around Dudley town centre. After 3 laps a 22-man break had formed and they were a minute clear of the rest of the field. Gethin and Matt Stephens (Hemel Hempstead) took off in pursuit and closed the gap. Later a number of small breaks merged into one large chasing group and those in the front group had to react to this. Wayne Randall (Dinnington), John Hughes (Liverpool Mercury), Matt Stephens and Gethin attacked and got clear as they came into the Town. The Matt Stephens crashed and Randle 'blew' leaving John Hughes and Gethin in the lead. A small group of chasers had formed with Brian Smith (VC D'Or), Simeon Hemsall (Chesterfield) and Tim Hall (Liverpool Mercury). Hughes then decided he did not want to work with Hall coming up so it was left to Gethin to do the driving. Unfortunately Hall could not stay with Hemsall when he attacked. So strong was Hemsall that when he caught the leaders he immediately attacked and left them to chase him. Hemsall crossed the line to be the new Champion while Hughes took 2nd place 3 seconds down and Gethin was 3rd at 8 seconds.

Nearer home two Club Records were broken in the ECCA '100'. In nearly gale force winds Kaye Patton broke the Ladies 100 miles Record with a 5.7.08 and Jon Jennings broke the Tricycle Record by 36 minutes in 5.2.30. This was a record that had stood since 1933. Kate Haynes, 5.12.24, and Dave Woods, 5.3.09 realised that they had chosen a bad day to attempt to race 100 miles but they did persevere to the Finish. Bob Patton also rode but faded in the second half in the condition to record 5.2.25. The weather was no better at Oxford as Chris Marshall and Dave Adams found out. Their 1.5.28 and 1.3.23 were many minutes slower than one would expect of them.

Jon Jennings won the evening '10' on the Crowhurst course in 24.42 from Dillon Adams 24.46 and Dave Adams 3rd in 26.12. Ross Barlett put in a personal best of 27.02. On the Saturday morning event Terry Slattery put in the winning ride of 24.30 that also gave him 1st on handicap. Dave Adams came 2nd 25.01, and Dave Woods 3rd 25.50. Gethin Butler went to Goodwood Motor circuit for the evening races and with Paul Rogers destroyed the field finishing 2.15 clear of the third placed rider. Gethin took 2nd in the sprint. In the Thursday evening Surrey League handicap Jon Jennings finished 5th and Allison Butler 9th.

In the London Borough Games held at Crystal Palace Josh Ansell and Simon Cox were in the Croydon Team of four in the Cycling events. They earned themselves bronze medals for 3rd place. The Team were 2nd in the 4-man team time trial over 4 laps of the circuit and then Josh came 6th in the 60-up field for the road race over 15 laps. Jon Jennings came 11th in the Surrey League road race on Saturday. On Sunday Jon Jennings came 11th in the

Streatham Velo Summer Road race at Forest Green with Tony Garner in 21st position.

Gethin Butler won his first Star Trophy race on the 9th July when he shook the field to pieces in the 106-mile Bristol Grand Prix. He put 1.50 into Simeon Hemsall who beat him for the National Championship last week: 2.35 into John Hughes who took 2nd place in the Nationals and many more minutes into the rest of the star-studded field. Nineteen riders, including Gethin, went clear after 25 miles and proceeded to give a textbook demonstration of how to work in a break and echelon riding where necessary. They never looked like being caught. Eventually the miles and hills began to tell and the group was gradually reduced to 10 men. Tim Hall (Liverpool Mercury) and Gethin broke away from this group with 20 miles to go then on the last Prime hill at 93 miles Gethin attacked and Hall could not stay with him and spent the last 13 miles chasing Gethin to the Finish.

The Inter-Club '10' against the Addiscombe was held on the 10th July. Seventeen Paragon riders took the Start and the Addiscombe were beaten by over 6 minutes. Our six counters were Tony Garner 22.39, Ray Runham 23.26, Pete Danckwardt 23.29, Jon Jennings 23.33, Graham O'Sullivan 23.48 and Terry Slattery 24.01. Josh Ansell took 40 seconds from his personal best but more importantly took 10 seconds from Gethin Butler's Schoolboy Record with a 24.35. Dave Woods improved to a 24.56, Nick Haynes to 24.54 and Ross Barlett to 25.43. Josh Ansell took the Handicap by 4 seconds from Tony Garner with Dave Adams just another 2 seconds adrift. The Blah tells us that the Handicap was a very close affair with one minute covering 16 riders but it fails to give all the figures for an undoubtedly excellent piece of Handicapping.

Harry Featherstone rode the Antelope evening '25' taking only 53.57 to cover the 25 miles. Kate Haynes came 6th in the SWLLCA '10' in 26.45.

The Norwood Paragon had a team of four riders in the Tour of Surrey over the week end of the 13th to 15th July. They were Gethin Butler, Dillon Adams, Tony Garner and Jon Jennings. Stage 1 on Friday evening was a two mile Hill Climb from Dorking onto Ranmore Common. Gethin came 2nd in this. Stage 2 on Saturday morning was a 64-mile road race on the Dunsfold circuit in which most of the whole field contested the Finish and all our riders were safely ensconced without winning any laurels. Stage 3 was Team Time Trial over the 12.5 miles of the Alfold Circuit and the Paragon emerged as 3rd fastest team. Stage 4 started in Dorking and looped around to Leatherhead, Newlands Corner, Albury, Shamley Green, Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Walliswood and Ockley. Then they went up Broomhall Road to Coldharbour, along and back down to Ockley before returning to North Holmwood and the outskirts of Dorking. It was then up the long climb to Coldharbour along to Leith Hill Road, down to Ockley and back along the A24 to Deepdene Roundabout through Dorking High Street, round to North Holmwood before turning left to Deepdene and finishing in the High Street. On this Stage Gethin was the only Paragon rider to stay with the front group and he finished 11th. Jon Jennings came 18th, Tony Garner 32nd and Dillon Adams 36th. It is interesting to note that this event was put on with the full co-operation of the Surrey

Police but even since 1990 the number of pedestrian and traffic lights, not to mention the street furniture and traffic calming measures, have proliferated making any thought of re-introducing this race a very hazardous business.

Other Paragon riders went to Essex for the Goodmayes '100' hoping for fast times but the heat became too oppressive. Harry Featherstone was our fastest with a 4.01.25 that did at least take fastest on Age Standard award, whilst Dick Wallis did a 4.10.25 and Jack Platts 4.29.02. Simon and Peter Cox rode the Southborough '25' and recorded the same time – 1.12.42. This was Simon's first '25' and Peter's first for 10 years. Kate Haynes rode the RTTC Nation Ladies 10 miles Championship and was timed in at 26.46 and then went along to the Southport '25' where she recorded 1.12.45.

Only four takers for the Evening '10' on the Red Barn course when Jon Jennings finished fastest with a 25.34 from Allison Butler 26.56, Ross Bartlett 27.54 and Pete Owen 27.31.

The RTTC National 100 miles Championship was held near Abergavenny and the Norwood Paragon had four riders accepted. Unfortunately they were two ladies and two gentlemen so no team medals would be possible. In hot and windy conditions Allison Butler improved by over 27 minutes to take 9th place in the Ladies event with 4.47.49. This broke the old Club Record by 20 minutes. Kate Haynes also broke the old record with a personal best of 5.3.30 for 18th place. In the men's event Gethin Butler was only 3 seconds down on Pete Longbottom (Manchester Whs) at the 50 miles point -1.55.31 to 1.55.34. Alan Gornall (Manchester Whs) was 1.21 behind Gethin but the fourth placed man was over 4 minutes down already. Jon Jennings was not having a good day and took 2.20.54 and was down the back of the field. Over the second half Gethin lost ground on Longbottom although he was still pulling away from all the riders behind him. Longbottom won in 3.51.25 and Gethin took the Silver medal with a 3.55.26 with Alan Gornall 3rd in 3.58.02 and these were the only riders to break 4 hours. Jon Jennings started to come round near the end and almost alone of the whole field produced a second 50 miles faster than his first. Jon's time was 4.39.30 that earned him 37th place.

In the Bec Veteran's '25' Harry Featherstone was 9th with 1.0.00 and Jack Platts finished in 1.34.0 to take 2nd and 4th veterans on Age Standard and the Veterans Team prize. All hopes of the Scratch Team prize went when both Pete Danckwardt and Terry Hulme both punctured and retired. Graham O'Sullivan riding his first '25' for over two years did a 1.3.51 and Josh Ansell took 1.9.52.

The Tuesday evening '10' had twelve takers plus a Tandem and excellent results. Gethin Butler was the best of the evening with a 20.51 that was just short of course Record. Tony Garner did a 23.16 for 2nd place and Terry Slattery produced a personal best of 23.52 just ahead of Graham O'Sullivan's 24.10. Geoff Woodcock had a personal best of 25.42 and one Marcus Brueton rode his first time trial in an excellent 25.57. This name will appear again. Allison Butler and Jon Jennings were on their tandem finishing in

21.26 for a new Mixed Tandem Club Record. Allison Butler came 2nd in the Surrey League evening Handicap on the Thursday.

Tony Garner came 4th in the Clarence Whs '25' in 57.32 less than a minute behind the winner Hallword (Cambridge)'s 56.46 and included some time off-course! This was a personal best by some 3 minutes. Graham O'Sullivan, 1.0.11 and Bob Patton 1.2.18 did their best times this season. In spite of this ride Tony Garner turned out for the SCCU '100' the next morning and took 4th place on this testing Sussex course on his first attempt at the distance. His time was 4.39.51. Six Paragon riders went over to Essex for the Essex Roads '50' for some fast times but strong southerly winds and a new road surface sabotaged their plans. Harry Featherstone was the only one to break two hours with 1.58.37 followed by Ray Runham 2.6.41, Terry Hulme 2.6.47, Jack Platts 2.7.36, Dave Adams 2.15.21 and Kate Haynes 2.24.57.

In a Surrey League road race both Jon Jennings and Dillon Adams finished with the main bunch. Andy Murray rode the Malvern Classic Mountain Bike race finishing 3rd in his heat and then 4th in the Final

The last evening '10' on the Red Barn course had six takers with Nick Haynes producing the best ride on the night. He did 25.45, Dave Woods 26.21, Allison Butler 26.50, Marcus Brueton 26.56, Geoff Woodcock 27.18 and Kate Haynes 27.23.

On the 4th August Harry Featherstone led the Paragon to another Team win in North London '50' on the A1. Harry clocked a 1.59.45 for 6th place and first on Age Standard. Jack Platts recorded a 2.7.35 and Dick Wallis a 2.8.36 to take the Team honours. In the Hounslow & District '25' Nick Haynes led the team home with a 1.7.13 (his first race over 25 miles), Kate Haynes did a 1.8.53 and Marilyn Butler made up the team with a 1.17.35. Jon Jennings came 12th in the Tooting road race on the Lingfield Circuit. Tony Garner also finished but in the main bunch.

Gethin Butler was picked for the GB Team for the Hessen Rundfahrt a 7-day race in Germany. Unfortunately for a rider that does not like the hot weather the race was held in a heatwave. Gethin retired on the second day with sunstroke and over the week was joined by many others. Keith Butler happened to be Team Manager and he reported that in the Team car was a crate of feeding bottles full of water that had to be replenished half way through each stage. If you have seen TV coverage of riders throwing bottles into the hedge as they empty them – in this race you would have seen the team cars stopping with managers and mechanics grovelling in the fields and hedgerows to pick up the redundant bottles.

The last evening '10' of the year turned out to be a cracker with all finishers improving their best times – and it was not against the Addiscombe either! Dillon Adams came in with a 22.24 to be fastest on the night and he was followed by Jon Jennings 22.44, Pete Danckwardt 22.56, Terry Slattery 23.31, Allison Butler 23.45, Nick Haynes 24.13, Dave Woods 24.24, Dave Adams 24.26, Josh Ansell 24.27 (Schoolboy Record), Pete Owen 24.47, Ross Bartlett

24.51, Kate Haynes 25.20, Geoff Woodcock 25.26 and Roger Amer 25.18. Allison's time could not be considered as a Club record as she was, in essence, riding a 2up with Jon Jennings.

The Club Track Championships were run off at Herne Hill on the 8th August. Dillon Adams won the Bert Chapman Cup for the 4000m Pursuit from Bob Patton and Jon Jennings. The AEU Cup for the 500m Sprint went to Jon Jennings from Dillon Adams. Bob Patton won the Ravensbourne Cup 5-mile from Dillon Adams. The Track Championship went to Dillon Adams with 7 pts from Bob Patton 5pts and Jon Jennings 4pts. According to the list of Trophy winners in the Club Articles of Constitution Jon Jennings won the George Colget Cup for the Points race and Bob Patton the Frank Burton Cup for the 500m handicap.

On the 11th August Gethin Butler rode the Charlotteville '10' and suffered a surprise defeat at the hand, or legs, of Simon Bray (Invicta) with a 20.52 to Gethin's 20.58.

Jon Jennings managed to get a ride in the Southend & County '50' on the strength of his 4.10 '100' time as he had not previously raced in a 50-mile time trial. Gethin seemed to have recovered from his heat problems as he produced the fastest '50' of the year with a 1.46.51 and 2.10 faster than Andy Cook (Leo). Jon Jennings finished in 2.3.18 and Kate Haynes 2.15.10. Harry Featherstone won the VTTA (Surrey/Sussex) '25' in 57,34 and, as usual, took the Age Standard award. Terry Hulmer and Jack Platts went to the Cambridge road for the Hainault '25' but found the heat far too oppressive and returned times of 1.5.25 and 1.6.35 that tells the tale. Allison Butler went up to the Midlands and rode the MDLCA '10 and clocked 27.09. The next morning she rode the 'Cobs brow' road race, a counting event in the Ladies League and finished in the bunch. Tony Garner rode the 'Older Man's road race' at Ellens Green and finished 14th. Dillon Adams finished with the main bunch in the SCCU road race Championship. Pete Danckwardt was the best of the Paragon entries to the Festival RC '25' with a 1.1.19. Graham O'Sullivan took 1.2.06, Terry Slattery 1.3.01 and Josh Ansell 1.5.22. This time by Josh establishes new Paragon Club Record figures for a schoolboy.

Gethin Butler beat the Event record in the Finsbury Park '25' with a 51.46 the only problem with that was that Matt Purhouse (Royal Sutton) came in with a 51.24 to top Gethin's time and put him back to 2nd place. Allison Butler was declared winner of the Ladies points for Herne Hill's season long Monday Competition races. In the Eastbourne Rovers '10' Pete Danckwardt did 24.41, John Jennings 24.45, Allison Butler 26.17, also 1st lady prize, and Marilyn Butler 31.25.

Disaster struck Ray Runham and Gethin Butler in the Essex Roads Tandem '25' when a pair that they were catching for 8 minutes after 18 miles got into difficulties on the wet road and crashed right in front of them. The resulting melee left nothing worse than the customary cuts and bruises to elbows, knees, hips and ankles but with both wheels smashed they could not continue. Those at the race reckoned they had a sporting chance of beating

the competition record for the distance. In the Ladies event Allison Butler clocked 1.5.15. Harry Featherstone finished 2nd to John Woodburn in the North Bucks '50' with a 2.1.00. Jack Platts managed a 2.7.21 and the pair took the Team race for best on Age Standard. Dick Wallis finished with a 1.13 but Terry Hulme decided against riding in the pouring rain. Ray Puttick was a survivor in the Surrey League 3rd category road race at Rusper finishing 13th. Jon Jennings also survived after puncturing and changing a tubular. He kept going and eventually only had 10 riders left on the road in front of him at the Finish. It was rather wet!

On the 25th August Gethin Butler repeated his win in the North Hampshire '25' at Newbury. He won by over 2 minutes in 55.42. Allison Butler also rode and took 2nd fastest lady prize with a 1.7.40. Then on Sunday morning he was on the A34 in the Middlesex RC "Arch Harding Memorial 50". In this event he was well and truly trounced by Gary Dighton (Manchester Whs) with a 1.47.18 to Gethin's 1.51.48. Also Gethin was only 8 seconds quicker than Clive Brooks (Poly). Dick Wallis returned a 2.3.31 that was his season's best at the distance. On a foggy Bank Holiday Monday Gethin won the Old Portlians '25' in 54.11 just 32 seconds down on his course record. Nick Haynes put in a personal best of 1.4.35 and Kate Haynes did a 1.8.35. At some time Kate Haynes rode the Ashford Whs '25' taking fastest lady prize with a 1.10.52. In the VTTA (Surrey/Sussex) '25' Harry Featherstone came 2nd with a 58.03 to Don Awcock (Central Sussex)'s 57.54 but took the fastest on Age Standard. Jack Platts returned a 1.0.36 and was 3rd on Age Standard. Terry Hulme did a 1.1.20 and Dave Adams a 1.5.04. Jon Jennings rode the Tour of the Hopfields based in Tenterden and came 9th on the last stage but was not high on the General Classification.

The Paragon had six riders entered for the Poole Whs 12-hour and many contenders for the National and VTTA BAR had also put their names down for the event. By 50 miles the leading six riders had come to the fore. T Icke (Poole Whs) 2.1.12, Gary Dighton (Manchester Whs) 2.1.19, Andy Cook (Leo) 2.2.17, Gethin Butler 2.3.53, Ray Hughes (Clarence) 2.3.59 and Shay Giles (Leo) 2.6.22. At the 100 miles checkpoint Dighton led in 4.8.37, Icke came next in 4.9.44, Cook was 3rd 4.10.18, Hughes 4th 4.12.25, Gethin 5th in 4.13.23 and Giles 6th in 4.17.53. Harry Featherstone reached this point in 4.20.34, Dick Wallis 4.34.43 and Jack Platts 4.52.44. We do not have times for Jennings and Hulme as they retired. Jon had a crash at a feeding station. Terry felt lonely at the back of the field but the effects of a lack of training and racing miles did not help.

At the next major checkpoints at Bailey Gate (144 miles) Gethin and Andy Cook had drawn level and were leading the field in 6.12. By 192 miles Gethin had drawn 2 minutes clear of Cook only to have a bad patch and lose all but 3 seconds to Cook by 241 miles. However he recovered and put in a strong finish to draw away to win by over 1½ miles cramming in over 11 miles in the last 29 minutes to run out time with 269.012 miles. This beats Robin Buchan's 1971 record by nearly 2 miles. Andy Cook finished with 267.548 Ray Hughes 267.153, Giles 264.730, Dighton 264.190 and Icke 264.011 miles. Harry Featherstone finished with 252.747 miles that established a new

VTTA (Surrey/Sussex) Record for a 57 year old. Dick Wallis did 242.027 miles whilst Jack Platts kept going for 223.103 miles. The Paragon won the Team race with 763.786 miles for a new Club Team Record.

Not to be outdone Allison Butler beat the Senior ladies 10 miles record with a 24.46 in the SWLLCA '10' to take 2nd place and 1st on handicap. Kate Haynes clocked 25.57 and the pair took the Team race. In the SWLLCA '50' Allison just failed to beat Kate's 50 record with a 2.12.16 for 3rd fastest time.

The September 'Blah' began with three obituaries. The first was for George Ongley who died on 4th October after a long illness. George joined the Club in 1927 and was one of a number of brothers who did so. He rode time trials on a solo and on tandem but he really came into his own when Bicycle Polo was introduced in the early 1930s. He quickly raised a team of current and ex-racing members from the Club and in 1933 the team won the English Championship; a title they held for the next 18 years! George was appointed Captain of the English Cycle Polo Team and as well as being the Paragon Captain was also Polo Secretary for 28 years. He was awarded the John Cater Memorial Book for meritorious service to the sport in 1951 and made a Life Member of the Club in 1954. George was elected President in 1956 and was on the Panel of Trustees from 1965-1981. George was a tower of strength in the bicycle Polo world as was elected President of the Bicycle Polo Association.

Les Ingman died of a massive heart at his home in Hounslow. Les started his cycling career with the Apollo CC after the War and in 1952 he was selected to ride the road race at the Helsinki Olympic Games in 1952. He joined the Norwood Paragon in 1953 and was a prolific winner of short distance time trials and hill climbs as well as his road-racing prowess. In 1953 he won our Open '50' and at the end of the year the Catford Hill Climb. In 1954 he won the '50' again and the RTTC National Hill Climb and he repeated this win in 1956. He emigrated to Canada in 1959 where he joined the Canadian Army and became interested in Marathon running and cross-country ski-ing. He represented the Canadian Army in both those disciplines. Les returned to England in 1979 and set up a plumbing business in Winchester before moving to Hounslow. Always a member of the OPA he rejoined the Club in 1988 and maintained a keen interest in all the Club functions. In his memory we promote each year the Les Ingman Memorial road race on one of our hardest circuits as befits the man we commemorate.

Our third loss was Fred Sams. He was found lying in the road and was thought to have hit a pothole or been involved in an accident. Actually he had had a heart attack. He was ever the Clubman. The first record we have of Fred was in the Mayne Cup of 1939 when he did a 1.16.51. In Club events he had improved in 1940 to a 1.9.07 for a '25' and 1.23.46 for a '30'. Then there was a gap until 1947 as military service interrupted his life. Fred was also a good runner and often led the Team in the Cyclists Cross-country events in the winter months. He enjoyed all the facets of Club life. He was never a top class rider but enjoyed the club competition and the camaraderie. Fred enjoyed touring and went off on many tours with Bill Diplo to Wales, the Lakes

and Scotland. After the death of Fred's parents he was 'taken over' by the Diplos and was always to be seen at Club promotions.

Getting back to the racing on the 8th September Gethin was getting into a more light-hearted mood after the traumas of the Poole '12'. He rode the Thames Velo Jack & Jill '10' that was in fact 14.1 miles! He and his young lady from Lancashire, Judith Cole, made 6th fastest time with 35.28 just a minute down on the fastest team. Tony Garner did a 22.58 in the Bec '10' Dillon Adams 23.24 and Pete Danckwardt 23.34. In the afternoon he came 6th in the Crawley Whs '10' in 22.54.

On Sunday he was a little more serious riding and winning the Bognor Regis '25' by over 2 minutes from Tony Goodsell (Central Sussex) in 56.33. Harry Featherstone was 6th in 59.55 but also took fastest veteran on Age Standard. Pete Danckwardt made up the winning team with a 1.1.32 but the 1.2.23 of Jack Platts would also have been good enough. Jon Jennings essayed the SCCU '25' after his crash in the Poole '12' but was not too happy with his 1.4.51. Allison Butler took 1st lady prize with a 1.7.04.

The Glade '10' was on the 15th September and a rare DNS from Gethin Butler who had gone down with tonsillitis. However Allison Butler upheld the Club's name in the Ladies event with a 7th place and a 24.44. Ray Runham did a 23.16 in the men's event and Jon Jennings 1 23.35.

Featherstone had a good day for a '50' in the Southampton Whs event on the 16th September and finished with his best time of the season of 1.54.35, Jack Platts did a 2.2.04.

On the 23rd September Allison Butler took nearly 3 minutes from her Club 25 miles Record with a 1.0.23 in the Redbridge '25. Father Keith was on tenterhooks as he had unwisely said to Allison before the Start, "If you beat the hour I will buy you a disc wheel." There was a £400 bill looming on the horizon! Further afield in the North Midds & Herts '100' Kate Haynes was taking a minute from Allison's 100 miles record with a 4.46.40. Harry Jon Jennings went up to the Breckland '12' to get a qualification for the BBAR. This event has only just enough daylight with early starters and late finishers requiring lights. Heavy showers chilled the riders in the afternoon but Jon stuck it out justifying a small handicap allowance to come 3rd with 244.158 miles. In the VTTA (London) '25' for the over 50s Harry Featherstone took 2nd place on scratch and on Age Standard with a 1.0.41. Jack Platts was 5th on scratch and 3rd on Age Standard with 1.1.17. Gethin Butler came 2nd in the Nelson Whs '50' with a 1.59.56 not having fully recovered from his throat problems.

Tony Garner posted another personal best in the Southend & County '10 with a 22.30 for 17th place. Dick Wallis returned a 2.4.31 in the Viking '50'. Both events were run off in horrible conditions with large numbers of non-starters and non-finishers so more credit to these two men. Jon Jennings and Allison Butler went over to the "Duo Normand" at Marigny and came 2nd in the Tandem section only 4 seconds down on the winners.

Harry Featherstone made a last minute effort to improve his average speed for the VTTA BAR in the Epsom '25'. Unfortunately a cool blustery morning slowed time considerably and he had to be content with a 59.45 but it did win the fastest on Age Standard award. Dave Adams returned a 1.4.14 but Diullon desisted before the Finish. Gethin Butler finished 3rd in the West Pennine '10' with a 23.14. Tony Garner came 7th in the Surrey League 3rd category race.

On the 13th October Gethin Butler won the Club Hill Climb on his hackbike with 'steels' mudguards and saddlebag! He did 4.05 to Josh Ansell's 4.57 and Nigel Everett in 3rd place with 5.17. Tony Garner finished off his season on a high note with a personal best of 56.18 in the Essex Roads '25'.

Andy Murray was 1st veteran in the Reddhill cyclo-cross held at the Nower Dorking.

A new departure for the Paragon was Roller Racing. Under the tutorship of Jon Jennings Club night has a new sound. Our first 'match' against the Surrey RCC was a 'no go' as they could not field a team but the lads and lassies had some much-needed practice. The second match against the Bec was an eye opener, as the Bec knows how these things should be done. We were thrashed with Gethin Butler the only Paragon to win a race. The Paragon riders are, however, fast learners and in the third match against the Rodney we handed out the thrashing. Dave Woods has an excellent turn of speed and new member Chris Kennard is no slouch either.

The Inter-Club Map Reading on the 28th October proved to be a handsome victory in all departments for the Paragon. Gethin Butler romped round in 47.30 to win by a mere 11 minutes from David Giles (Century) 58.48. In 3rd place was Ian Murray 1.1.43, 4th Bob Patton 1.2.38 and 5th place Graham O'Sullivan 1.5.13 and that gave us the Team win. Allison Butler was 1st Lady in 1.8.15 and the only prize we did not win was fastest veteran that went to Dan Burgess (Century). What happened to Keith Butler – he was 13th in 1.15.46? Keith fell foul of the "too clevers". At that time the maps we used for the contest were black and white copies of the relevant Ordnance Survey sheet and, if crumpled or damp, could be difficult to read. The answer for the keen map-reader was to transfer the circles indicating the checkpoints from the black and white to the normal coloured sheet. Simple! Keith did just that only the map that Vin Callanan used and the brand new one that Keith had were not quite the same. The 'm' in "dismt d rly" was to the east of Southwater on Vin's map and to the west on Keith's. How the mighty have fallen!

In the Grand prix of London Roller Championship organised by the Bec CC Jon Jennings was 3rd in the senior men's competition and Allison Butler won the Ladies competition.

In Club Competition Gethin Butler took the Newman-Godward Cup for the Open Time Trial Championship and the Massed-Start Championship; Dillon Adams won the Track Championship; Allison Butler won the Ladies BAR and

took the Fischer-Donovan Cup and Josh Ansell took both the AE Davies Junior Championship and the Aubrey Hill Shield for the Juvenile Championship.

The Nprwppd Paragon won nearly £800 in the Surrey League events and Jon Jennings came 3rd in the overall Points Competition.

Allison Butler was placed 22nd in the Ladies BBAR with an average of 22.790 mph whilst Kate Haynes finished in 28th position with 22.203 mph.

Harry Featherstone won the VTTA National BAR with a plus of 6.537. Jack Platts came 15th and Dick Wallis 16th with pluses of 4.584 and 4.582 respectively. Harry was 4th based on actual times and distances and the Norwood Paragon won the Team Competition. Our three lads were also half of the winning Surrey/Sussex team in the group Competition. As a direct result of this Harry Featherstone would be presented with the John Carter Memorial Book at the Club Dinner.

Gethin Butler was 2nd to Gary Dighton in the BBAR with 25.873 mph to Dighton's 26.216. Harry Featherstone came 25th (24.044 mph), Jon Jennings 70th (22.885 mph) and Dick Wallis 71st (22.800 mph). The Norwood Paragon was 3rd in the Team Competition