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## New Editor

Hi all- welcome to the first newsletter by yours truly, new editor. Please be patient while I learn the ropes although I can assure that I have had experience in journalism - as recently as 1969 I was writing articles for the Portsmouth Evening News about the performance of my then cycling club - Portsmouth CC I apologise if this issue is a little late and disjointed, but it bear with me and I will try to produce something a little more coherent next issue (unless sacked beforehand!!)

This issue covers the events of the winter season and brings an up-date of what lies before us for this year

## Hillclimb

The last racing event of the season was the hill-climb, organised this year by a3crg. Conditions were not as inhospitable as the previous year (if that would have been possible!) although several riders commented that the hill seemed just as steep (or steeper!- Ed)

The club event was won by a storming ride by 17 year old Bob Crabtree, riding only his second hill-climb and with a time of only 10 seconds off the winning pace

Other HRC riders put in good performances with some six riders achieving course personal bests. Club results are:-

Position	Name	Club	Time	Ave speed	Notes
1	Seb Ader	a3crg	00:03:53	15.45	
3=	Bob Crabtree	HRC	00:04:03	14.81	Club HC winner *CPB
9=	Tom Pritchard	HRC	00:04:24	13.64	*CPB
11=	John Banham	HRC	00:04:26	13.53	*CPB
27	Den Tapping	HRC	00:05:18	11.32	*CPB
28=	Hamish Walker	HRC	00:05:20	11.25	*CPB
34	John Isard	HRC	00:05:27	11.01	
38	Julian Middlewick	HRC	00:05:32	10.84	*CPB
43	Paul Beck	HRC	00:05:59	10.03	
44	Chris McGuire	HRC	00:06:07	9.81	

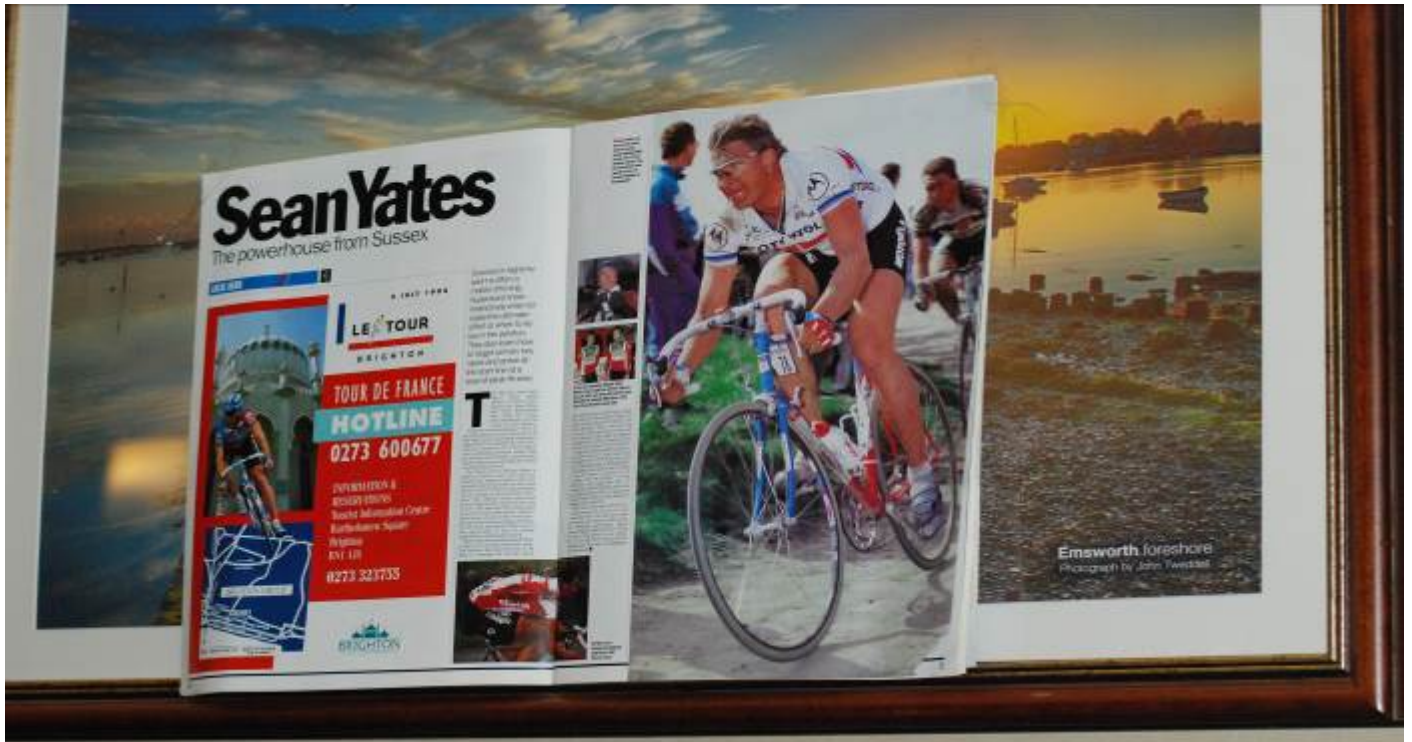
## Winter club-runs.

A number of club runs took place with riders braving the rain and floods, although the weather did lead to some cancellations. Thanks must go to the designated leaders, without whom, for insurance reasons, we would not be able to have a group ride of this nature

## Annual Luncheon and Prize presentation Sunday 15th December 2013 at the Brookfield Hotel, Emsworth

The event was a great success and many thanks must be extended to Peter and Sheila Courtnell, for all their hard organising work and also to Margaret, partner of the late Peter Dawson, who allowed the use of some of his legacy to support the event by providing subsidised prices for club members

Guest of honour was the enigmatic Sean Yates, who proved to be a highly interesting character. The usual speech was replaced this time by a question and answer session and Sean's huge depth of knowledge and experience meant that all present gain a few new bits of cycling knowledge.



The prize-giving went well, the food was excellent and the whole event was thoroughly enjoyable





The prizes awarded were:-

Club BAR Championship  
 Middle Markers BAR  
 Junior BAR  
 Short Distance BAR  
 Veterans BAR  
 Bishop Salver  
 Junior Clubman  
 Ladies' Shield  
 Hampshire Shield  
 Clubman Trophy  
 Chichester Bowl  
 50 Mile Memorial Shield  
 25 Mile Championship  
 Exiles Cup  
 Bob Kemp Cup  
 Phil Smith Memorial Trophy  
 Hilly 20 Trophy (P821)  
 Alpha Trophy  
 Vetcher Trophy  
 Wild Trophy  
 Joe Hancock Special Trophy  
 Big Joe Veterans Trophy  
 Grand Prix des Gentlemen  
 Paddy Cup

Andy Langdown  
 Bob Crabtree  
 Bob Crabtree  
 Andy Langdown  
 Andy Langdown  
 Robin Woodcock  
 Bob Crabtree  
 Dee Ferrett  
 Dee Ferrett  
 Den Tapping  
 Andy Langdown  
 Andy Langdown  
 Andy Langdown  
 Andy Langdown  
 Andy Langdown  
 Andy Langdown  
 Andy Langdown  
 Andy Langdown  
 Julian Middlewick & Jon Stamper  
 Bob Crabtree  
 Bob Crabtree  
 Chris Mcguire  
 Andy Langdown  
 Den Tapping & Gary Ferrett  
 Howard Milner





Chris seemed pleased to win the half bottle of sherry !



Now, how do you turn these ipads on??

## Club AGM

The club AGM was held at the Emsworth Centre on 11th November. There was a good turn out and a fair amount of lively discussion. A few changes to the serving committee were made, all of which will be posted in the next issue club handbook

## Other Social events

The last club night of the season on December 9th was followed by a fish and chip supper which proved very popular

A pre-Christmas drinks evening organised by Dee at a pub in Emsworth on December 19th was very well attended, and a good time was had by all.

(Editor note - I don't drink normally but managed a half!)

Curry evening - again organised by Dee, and proved popular, although finding an evening that suits all is difficult (some would say impossible!!)

## Duo Normand September 29th 2013

Results of this event were posted on the last newsletter, but don't tell the whole story - so here goes!

We travelled from Portsmouth on the night boat, Thursday 26th, arriving LeHavre early morning Friday. Travelled to Deauville and went to the Hotel Normandy Barriere for breakfast

Now I know some people might think £30 is a lot for breakfast, but there truly was A LOT of breakfast - as much as you can eat. There was so much that even young Bob was beaten in the end - and he can eat for England!



Set off to find the farmhouse that we had booked. Yours truly had diligently found the place on a map, and set the coordinates into the car's sat nav. There was an obvious place for me in the convey - so with me following all other cars we set off!

After following the convey in what Heidi (German girl who impossibly sits somewhere inside the dash) told me was the wrong direction for a couple of occasions I did what comes naturally to most men and did what the female voice instructed.

Arrived at the farm and waited for the others.... and waited.

Eventually the group assembled and we got unpacked, then it was straight into cycle gear and off to Marigny to ride the course.

After the ride we tested the quality of the local cafe's beer before off to the supermarket to buy loads of food and a bottle of wine (might have been two)

Back to base, unpack and relax then a fabulous dinner courtesy of Julian (with some sous-chef help!)

The bottle of wine got drunk that night (leave it!!)

Saturday was registration day so off to town to sign on after which we all remained uncertain as to what to do - then we saw the bar - problem solved!

Back to base and tested the heated pool - brilliant!!

Another brilliant meal (Julian- please come again!!!), then an early night as had to be up at crack of dawn.

Breakfast of porridge and mashed banana (no, actually it's ok!!) before loading up and heading to town. Bob and Paul were in the unclassified so first team to go at around 8:30, with Chris driving support vehicle. Tricky conditions as there was a fairly thick mist early on

Chris and Dee in the mixed category were off at 11:20 with Paul following in support car



The rest of the group were off at varying times during the day until eventually we had all ridden. Sean took the advice "don't use brakes in a race - it will slow you down" a little too literally but the barrier stopped him successfully and I think by now the skin will have re-grown!!

A brilliant performance by Andy and Dave put them clear leaders of the Corporates group and saw them on the podium, to raucous HRC cheering!!

A last evening of swimming, drinking and eating finished the day with a unanimous "back here next year"

Monday saw all hands cleaning, tidying and packing away before a liesurely drive to the picturesque port of Honfleur where we lunched outside

An easy run to the port to catch the afternoon boat ended what was an absolutely lovely few days



## Racing Season started!!

The club racing season has now started for earnest and the schedule for the year is:

Sun	Mar 2nd	08:30	HRC	2 up 10 mile TTT	P843
Sun	Mar 23rd	07:30	HRC	20 mile TT and PTTL	P845
Tues	Apr 8th	18:45	HRC	10 mile TT	P843
Tues	Apr 15th	18:45	HRC	10 mile TT	P843
Tues	Apr 22nd	18:45	HRC	10 mile TT	P843
Sat	Apr 26th	17:00	HRC Open	10 mile TT	P881
Tues	Apr 29th	19:00	HRC	10 mile TT	P841
Tues	May 6th	19:15	HRC	10 mile TT	P841
Tues	May 13th	19:30	HRC	2up 10 mile TTT	P843
Tues	May 20th	19:30	HRC	10 mile TT	P841
Tues	May 27th	19:30	HRC	10 mile TT	P843
Tues	June 3rd	19:30	HRC	10 mile TT	P841
Tues	June 10th	19:30	HRC	10 mile TT	P841
Tues	June 17th	19:00	HRC	Hilly 20	P845
Tues	June 24th	19:30	HRC	2up 10 mile TTT	P843
Sun	June 29th	06:30	HRC Open	Mem 50 mile TT	<a href="#">P885/50</a>
Tues	July 1st	19:00	HRC	Hilly 20	P845
Tues	July 8th	19:30	HRC	10 mile TT	P841
Tues	July 15th	19:30	HRC	10 mile TT	P843
Tues	July 22nd	19:30	HRC	10 mile TT	P841
Tues	July 29th	19:30	HRC	2up 10 mile TTTGrand Prix de Gents	P843
Tues	Aug 5th	19:15	HRC	10 mile TT	P843
Tues	Aug 12th	19:00	HRC	10 mile TT	P843
Tues	Aug 19th	18:45	HRC	10 mile TT	P843
Sun	Sept 21st	07:30	HRC	25m TT Clonmore	P901/25
Sun	Nov 2nd	11:00	HRC	Hill Climb	Charlton

Other notable dates and events:

April 13th - Sunday -Bognor Regis 25. This is our Bob Kemp event, although hosted by BRCC. Quite a fast course, and generally a good turn-out by HRC

Thursday evenings - Alton CC 10 on the H10/8 Bentley by-pass. Starts May 1st until end of August. Another quite fast course with the great advantage that the race finishes in a pub carpark!!

Results to date

2-up 10 - Won by Den and Gary with Tom Pritchard taking first solo ride place

PTTL events

PTTL1 Team Axiom 15 - 2nd place for Andy, 3rd for Tom, 7th for Gary with some 13 riders from HRC taking part

PTTL2 HRC 15 (changed from hilly due to flooding) A win for Tom, and 3rd for Andy. Excellent turnout with 63 starters

Well I've noticed the number 8 below which means I'm at the end of this issue!

I will shortly be circulating some information about ways of collating news for the newsletters, but would emphasize that if you don't tell/send me information, then I can't publish it!!!