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### **LAST WORD FIRST**

I am sorry to say that I have received very little copy for this months mag, President Mike has gone off on holiday to Turkey, did not have time to do a write up.

Nothing from our Secretary, as you will see from the AGM agenda Katie is not carrying on next year, this is due to an unplanned event, could it have been that training weekend.

Anyway congratulations Katie, those who don't know will have to keep guessing for the next few months.

Also we could be looking for a new Treasurer, as Steve would like to stand down.

Don't forget the SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING on the 15th June, unfortunately I will not be able to be there as on that day, I should be on my way up to the summit of PIKE'S PEAK (all you mountain bikers will know of this) in the Colorado Mountains. The peak is some 14,000 feet high I will be taking the easy way up, which is by a rack and pinion train.

If the meeting decides against the proposition to sell the CLUBROOM, then three members must be prepared to take on the job of TRUSTEES, as three of the existing trustees have resigned.

I think you all know that I have agreed to carry on editing and producing the DLN, but you must let me have your copy for if I only get four pages like this month, it will not be worth producing.

May I thank all those members who phoned or wrote to Jason, and myself thanking us for our services since we took on the job in December 1993 for four months until a new editor could be found. Well that is what made us decide to carry on.

MARK BALLAMY

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**O.M.A. LUNCH  
SUNDAY 28th May at  
BRIGHTON & HOVE GOLF CLUB**

Well - no news is good news - so they say, but in this case - not true! I have had little response for this 'DO'. Where are you all going, on holiday maybe or prior engagements, the date was in the last DLN, so there has been plenty of time for you to call me, it not too late. So I do hope to hear from more of you as soon as you read this - come and join us (sounds like the Sally Ann!). It's always a very good reason to get together and see your 'old' clubmates for a natter and a drink or two - and a good lunch.

Phone me now, I'm waiting!

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**ROAD RACING NEWS**

After a seemingly slow start from the De Laune riders, the better weather has brought out the riders and the results. The latest Ciclos Uno event at Eastway saw BEN NEVILLE winning

both primes whilst making concerted efforts to escape the watchful bunch, followed by ALAN MALE unleashing his ferocious sprint to win the race.

The Thursday evening series at Eastway has begun and DANNY RUDD took an excellent second place on 8th May after getting across to the break, ably supported by BEN NEVILLE and JAMES LETT at the head of the bunch. JAMES LYON, BILL WRIGHT and IAN CLEVERLY dipped their toes in the Surrey League at Ottershaw and very good it was, too, although a pan flat course and negative tactics resulted in a bunch sprint where the numerous attempts at escape by our intrepid trio resulted in no placings.

Keep those results coming, boys, and don't forget, SERRL and now Surrey League entries are completely free when entered in advance.

The club road-racing trophy will be awarded this season after laying dormant for a couple of years (sorry!). The scoring system is quite simple. Points will be awarded for top 5 placings (5 for first down to 1 for 5th) in any road races or circuit races you ride in. I will attempt to keep track of your results but, obviously, if you could keep me informed, it will make life easier and help me to publicise your placings. The point's table will be published in every DLN and here's the first one.

BEN NEVILLE came 3rd in the Ciclos Uno race at Eastway, won by ALAN MALE. DANNY RUDD made his annual pilgrimage to Suffolk for the Bungay May Day crits and came away with an excellent 4th place in a very fast race. The clubs' promotion at Crystal Palace saw a home win from the in-form DANNY RUDD, who claims to be not going very well yet!

The revised scores for the road race competition are-

Danny Rudd 10 pts  
Alan Male 5 pts  
Ben Neville 3 pts

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## MESSAGE

Massage night is Thursday, 8th June at the clubroom, 0830 onwards, with Ian (Mr. Muscles) Cleverly. It costs nothing. Do you want some?

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Last weekend I managed to wrap my rear mech around my seat stay during the 34th Nomads '10' making my bike unrideable. Having dismantled the gear I found that the top pivot bolt from the hanger was bent plus so was the tension screw.

I phoned Parker International Monday Lunchtime who put me in touch with the Campagnolo Service Centre (Mercian Cycles). I ordered the parts and they arrived on Tuesday Morning! In case anybody wants any Campag spares here is the Address & Tel. No.:-

Mercian Cycles Ltd.  
7, Shardlow Road  
Alvarston  
Derby DE24 0JG

Tel. No. 01332-752 468      01332-752 468      (Closed Wed.)

ALAN ROWE

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You may remember that in an article in a recent DLN David Dulake thought he could remember crossing paths with Arthur Howe at W H Smiths. According to Arthur, however, David's memory failed him on this occasion as Arthur thinks that he is confusing him with A E (Bert) Houghton of the Twickenham C C, who was at one time their president and a good friend of Chip. Bert, like Chip, was a great administrator in the world of cycling in the Fifties and Sixties and Arthur believes he was at that time chief accountant at W H Smiths.

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#### **Novice 25 Result (14th May)**

Charlie Curtoys 1:4:58  
Jeremy Briggs 1:12:17  
Steven Flowers (PTT) 1:4:52

Jeremy won the first Interclub event, the hilly 12.2, but there was only one other rider.

**Off-Road Racing:-** We are promoting the London Open Cyclo-Cross Championships on 29 October at Eastway. There are no date clashes for other big cyclo-cross events and it is the week before the first World Cup event so we should get a good field. We will get a lot of support in organizing the event from the other London Cyclo-cross clubs but we will need some marshals from the Club.

#### **Beastway starts on 17 May**

We welcome one new ordinary member (who used to be a member in the 1950's): John Mackenzie, White House Farm, Thimbleby, Lincolnshire, LN9 5RE, telephone number 01507 522127      01507 522127      , date of birth 10/4/42.

Andrew Skeen and Raymond Orre have resigned from the Club.

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