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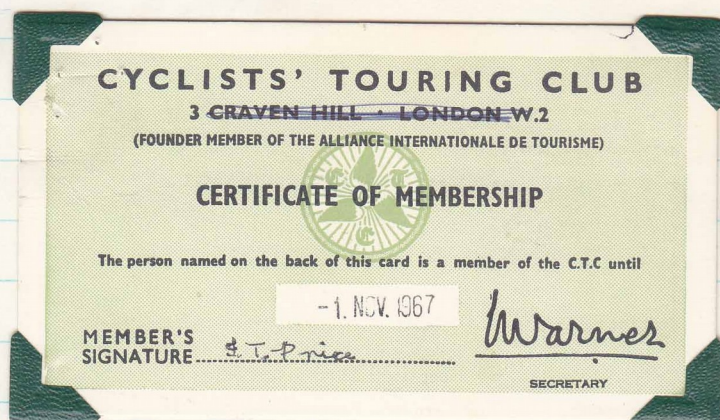
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The bike was the 'Super Coureur' model of the 'Claid Butler' range of machines. The finish to the frame was moss green flamboyant with tricolour seat panel in red / white / black, and a two-colour down tube panel.

I saw a copy of the C.T.C. magazine, 'Cycle Touring', in the public library and I decided to join the Cyclists Touring Club for the companionship that it offered. This I did and I went on my



first club run on Sunday 30TH October 1966. The 'run' went to 'Gate' Inn, near Crawley, for lunch and finished up at Ox-hatt Tea Rooms for tea. I arrived home completely shattered after taking over half an hour to cover the last five miles. My total mileage was a then impressive 65.

I rode with the C.T.C. nearly every Sunday through the winter and on the 12TH March 1967 I rode the West Surrey D.A. annual 50 mile standard ride and I completed the distance in 3 hours 5 minutes. The event was reported in the Surrey Advertiser and I received a certificate at the club dinner at the end of the year.

On Good Friday (24TH March) I went on a four day tour of the Isle of Wight with several other members of the C.T.C.

Soon after this it was suggested to me that I should try competitive cycling as I showed promise. On the 30TH May I rode up to Putney and placed an order for a lightweight frame from W.F. Holdsworth. On the 21ST June I rode my first time trial - on

CYCLING

12 cheat wind for 50-mile standard

SUNDAY was a day of weather contrasts and a testing time for West Surrey C.T.C. members who took part in the annual 50-mile standard ride.

At 9 a.m. 14 riders were despatched from Woodham cross-roads in bright sunshine for the strenuous morning ride. The test was not merely the 50 miles to be ridden in 3½ hours, but the hilly nature of the course and the strong winds.

The first hard slog was presented by Newlands Corner, followed a few minutes later by a second climb on to Farley Heath. Then an easier run down over Stroud Common brought the cyclists to the first check at Cranleigh in just one hour.

WIND

Turning into the wind to Dunsfold and Chiddingfold, the going became harder on the ascent to Haslemere, and after a second check at Shottermill the riders faced the fierce climb to Hindhead.

Dropping past Frensham Pond, a third check came at Farnham, where a change of direction to Elstead brought the group up to Thursley to finish at the Half Moon, on the Portsmouth road.

DROPS OUT

With one rider dropping out at Chiddingfold 12 finished the course with 10 minutes to spare and qualified for 3½-hour certificates, while another arrived 15 minutes later to gain a four-hour award.

In the afternoon, under cloudy skies, 24 competitors and helpers enjoyed a more leisurely cross-country ride, taking in Eton Lake and the golf course to Hambledon.

Then a rough farm track led through quiet, hilly country to Loxhill, and at Ewhurst more members arrived for tea. In contrast with the sunny start, nearly all the homeward ride, via Shamley Green and Womersley, was carried out in blinding snow, which turned

to rain beyond Guildford.

Next Sunday's run is to Christmas Common, near Watlington. Meet: Woking 9.15, Chobham 9.30. A shorter alternative run is to Cockpole Green, near Henley. Meet: Woking 10, Gordon Boys' School 10.30. Tea at Wokingham for both groups.—W. E. INDER.

RAIN SLOWS WEST SURREY C.T.C. RIDERS

RAIN persisted from dawn to dusk last Sunday and West Surrey C.T.C. members had a very wet ride. A dozen or more braved the elements, climbing over Pewley Downs, dropping through Chilworth and into Cranleigh for eleven miles.

There was no respite as the cyclists battled against a strong south-west wind to Bucks Green and on to the lunch venue near Billingshurst. Hopes of an improvement in the afternoon were doomed, but traffic was light and main roads were used across to Broadbridge Heath. The wind helped as the riders turned through Warnham and Forest Green, eventually to run down into Abinger Hammer where 26 met to tea. A very damp party splashed its way home over Netley Heath, the rain ceasing as Woking was reached.

EASTER RIDE

A report of Easter on the Isle of Wight came too late for last week's issue but, by contrast with Sunday's riders, the 10 who took part were fortunate with the weather and left their capes unrolled for four days. On Good Friday the cyclists rode to Rake, where they turned into the lanes to cross the South Downs to Compton and Havant. Crossing from Portsmouth, Ryde was reached by 1 p.m. and the shell museum, housing over 3,000 local speci-

mens, was one of the first attractions.

Then came a tour of Carisbrooke Castle before a move was made to much-photographed Godshill and, after Shanklin, Sandown was reached for the night. On Saturday, after visiting Brading with its interesting old stocks and whipping post, the party went to Ashley Down to see the start of the annual road race, then, using the Undercliff road from Ventnor, St. Catherine's Point was the next objective, for a tour of the lighthouse before going on to Whitwell.

TOUGH

Sunday was strenuous for, after visiting Blackgang Chine, strong winds along the exposed military road made progress slow to Freshwater. Then it was time for the ferry to Lymington and a run through the New Forest to Burley.

The first event in the three-day races for professional cyclists was Monday morning's high-light and later, a lane route through Lyndhurst led round Southampton and across to Bishops Waltham. Snow had fallen in the Meon Valley and tea in Alton was followed by an easy ride home after an extremely varied weekend.

SUNDAY'S RIDE

Next Sunday's run is to Bryant's Bottom, near Great Missenden. Meet Woking 9 a.m., Chobham 9.15. An alternative run goes to Burchetts Green, near Maidenhead. Meet Woking 10 a.m., Chobham 10.20. Both groups to Warfield for tea.

W. E. INDER.

Cloud Butler bike with high pressure tyres. I took 26 min. 3 sec. to cover the 10 miles. The fastest rider - D. Pitt. - took 24 min 14 sec.

On 23RD July 1967 the C.T.C. run went to Chieveley for lunch. In the afternoon I did something which achieved one of my aims in cycling - to get my name mentioned in the Surrey Advertiser in the cycling section.

On 11TH August 1967 I began a Youth Hurtle around North Wales with Andrew Moore and one other member of the C.T.C. I covered 661 miles in 13 cycling days.

On 17TH September I rode the West Surrey D.A. annual 100 mile standard ride. I completed the distance in

5 hour 45 minutes.

TOURISTS BEAT THE CLOCK

IN the long series of annual touring tests organised by West Surrey C.T.C. members, wind and rain have made some of the 100 miles in seven-hour rides very tough propositions, but Sunday's calm, warm weather ensured that this year's event was carried through in near perfect conditions and riders voted it "a piece of cake."

Timekeeper Owen Brown, of Ottershaw, sent off 11 riders from Brookwood crossroads on the pip of 9 a.m. and, routed by way of Woking, Addlestone and Chobham Common, they covered the first 18 miles to Bagshot in two minutes over the hour.

Romping down through Camberley, the cyclists had several miles of level going to the first check at Heckfield (31 miles). They were still in one group as the course turned south through Hook and Odiham for the climb over the Hampshire Downs to Alton. A gradual climb along the Meon Valley brought the riders to the Meon Hut check after 57 miles. Some stayed half an hour for a lunch break while others went ahead after a brief pause and the field was split into several groups.

CALM

The calm morning gave way to a southerly breeze as the hills across to Petersfield were tackled, but this was no real hindrance. The pace was speeded up on the road through Rogate to Midhurst and soon, after Cowdray Park, the third check at Petworth (81 miles) saw all the riders through with plenty of time in hand. Along the lanes to Kirdford and Plaistow, the final check was reached near Cranleigh where riders were turned back to finish at Dunsfold.

Although the event was intended to be a tourists' trial the speeds were well in excess of what was required and two entrants, Russ Mantle, of Aldershot, and Ian Price, of Godalming, completed the distance in five hours 45 minutes including a half-hour lunch stop, while all the starters finished in well under seven hours and qualified for awards.

Marshals and helpers rode in from distant points and 21 members gathered for tea. Kevin Mahon, ex-West Surrey runs secretary, now living at Wandsworth, rode the 30 miles to the start and the 40 back after tea, giving him a total of 170 miles for the day.

Next Sunday's run is to Longwick near Princes Risborough. Meet Woking 8.30 a.m., Chobham 8.45 a.m. An alternative run is to Rotherfield Peppard near Henley. Meet Woking 9.15 a.m., Gordon Boys' School 9.50 a.m.

SUNDAY RIDE COVERS 100 MILES

THE C.T.C. run to Chieveley on Sunday served as a reunion for five members of a party of 16 cyclists who toured in Italy together in June.

The main party left Frimley Green at 9 a.m. in the damp but warm atmosphere following a night of storm and they were soon through Yateley, heading west for Mortimer and Aldermaston.

Patches of sand and soil washed down by the night's torrential rain made the by-roads tricky as the riders climbed into the hills north of the Bath road to run down into Chieveley by midday.

The gaily coloured sunshades in the garden of the Hare and Hounds gave lunchtime shelter from the noonday heat and it was here that the companions of the tour over the Appennines to the Mediterranean met again.

RIDERS

They came from Swindon, High Wycombe and Bordon to swell the ranks of the West Surrey riders and it was almost 3 p.m. before the party finally broke up to go their several ways. The Surrey group headed back over the hills to Stanford Dingley and, en route, a flooded ford at Bucklebury presented a challenge. Ian Price, of Godalming, accepted the dare and plunged through at speed, just managing to emerge without a spill, but well soaked almost to the waist, much to the amusement of picnicking parties.

The drying-out process was complete by the time Theale was reached for cups of tea then an intricate way was threaded through the lanes south of Reading and the cyclists arrived in good time for a meal at Wokingham. Riders from the Woking area covered almost 100 miles during the day.

Next Sunday's run is to Broad-halfpenny Down, near Horndean, famous for its early cricketing associations. Meet Woking 8.15 a.m., Ash Station 9. An alternative run is to Ropley (Woking 9, Ash Station 9.50); tea at Shottermill 4.30 p.m.

Wm. E. INDER

On 13TH October the free-wheeling contest and the hill climbing competition were held by the West Surrey D.A. of the C.T.C. I did well enough in these to win the Banstead Cup which was presented to me at the annual dinner on 25TH November.

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Benstead cup winners

THE last two Benstead Cup events were run off by West Surrey C.T.C. members at the weekend. After Saturday's heavy rain, Sunday morning was brilliant and cloudless as the cyclists made their way out to Chobham Ridges where 15 riders tried their free-wheeling skill on White Hill.

With strapped cranks to prevent any surreptitious thrusts, the cyclists rolled from a standing start at intervals and in half a mile or so the rising road slowed them all to a halt at various points—all but one who just crept over the top of the rise and was away for nearly another mile!

The first three places were taken by I. Price (Farncombe), O. Brown (Ottershaw) and J. Percival (Chobham).

An elevenses break on Bisleigh ranges preceded the long haul into the wind via Normandy and Elstead to the Pride of the Valley near Churt where 24 riders swelled the usual Sunday lunch crowd in this favoured Surrey walking centre.

GOOD TIMES

Past Churt the cyclists climbed along the Swiss-like Whitmore Vale to the scene of the afternoon's hill-climb. This also attracted a good entry and although most cyclists gladly walk the long, steep grade to Grayshott, some excellent riding times were recorded, the first three being R. Mantle (Aldershot), I. Price (Farncombe) and P. Brown (Sheerwater).

The strenuous part of the day over—and the best of the weather—the riders made a detour towards Liphook, turning along Hammer Vale to reach Shottermill for early tea. As the evening ride started up Hindhead in the rain the leading riders were all but involved when a descending car hit the steep side of the cutting and somersaulted, landing on its roof amid a shower of broken glass.

The sole occupant emerged little the worse while the cyclists went for the nearest phone and directed the traffic. The emergency over, the ride got under

way again through Thursley and over the Hog's Back at Puttenham.

Tomorrow (Saturday) a film and slide show at Woking Youth Centre will bring riders from all parts of the area, while Sunday's rides are to Ashurst, near Henfield (Woking 9, Guildford 9.30), and Headley, near Bordon (Woking 9.30; Fox, Pirbright, 10.10). Tea at Dunsfold, 4.30 p.m.

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Cycling

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Riders told: encourage the young

LIGHTS on bicycles, the growing number of young cyclists and membership figures were some of the points emphasised by speakers at the annual dinner of the West Surrey Association of the Cyclists' Touring Club held in Guildford on Saturday with an attendance of 65.

The president, Mr. W. Inder, welcomed the guests and visitors, who included the secretary of the Cyclists' Touring Club, Mr. L. C. Warner; a club councillor for the home counties, Mr. Peter Knottley; and a party from the Fellowship of Kentish Wheelers' Old Members.

The latter included two famous names—Jack Holdsworth, who put up spectacular 24-hour tandem-paced rides at Herne Hill track in the twenties, breaking record after record, and Ted Franklin, a consistent distance man, who broke the R.R.A. 12-hour tandem record in 1924.

The speaker welcomed old friends from the Charlottetown C.C. and new friends from the Farnham Road Club. Mr. and Mrs. R. West, prominent South Bucks members now resident in Woking, as well as past West Surrey officials, Mr. M. Saywood, who had journeyed from Leicestershire, and Mr. G. Edwards, of Littlewick. Mr. Inder paid tribute to his committee.

Proposing a toast to "The Club and the Pastime," Mr. D. J. Field (president of the Charlottetown C.C.) gave a sketch of the club's early days.

Boom year

In the boom year of 1899 there were over 60,000 members, but by the end of the First World War the numbers had dropped to 8,000.

Mr. Field said perhaps the club had a rather old-fashioned image, but fortunately there were a good number of youngsters coming into the game. Mr. Peter Knottley said he had cycled to the dinner from Cheam and preferred that form of travel—he had ridden about 8,500 miles since January.

He had been in the club for 20 years, and thought that it was in very good heart. Those that deplored that membership had dropped in recent years should remember that it was at least as high as it was 40 years ago and that junior membership was rising—a most encouraging sign.

The problem of static membership would resolve itself if older members would give up a little time to introduce youngsters to the pastime. About 300,000 children took up cycling each year, so there was plenty of scope.

Deplored

Mr. Knottley deplored the R.O.S.P.A. poster aimed at cyclists—"Your life depends on a rear light." It shouldn't do, he said. The onus was on every rider or driver to see where he was going and to be able to stop within his range of vision as set out in the Highway Code.

The club was trying a number of new ideas, one of which was the opening of a travel agency

THE WAY TO NOV 26 1967 BEAT A HANGOVER

FOLLOWING the annual dinner on the previous evening, Sunday's C.T.C. run had a purposely late start and it was well after 10.30 when Woking members set out via Pirbright and Tongham.

Any suspicion of the ill-effects from a late night were very soon dispelled as the cyclists pedalled through the keen air, the sunshine giving a sparkle to the frosty countryside.

After a comparatively short ride through the Frimley area, 30 riders arrived at the Cherry Tree at Rowledge for lunch, and in the afternoon they went south to Batts Corner before turning across to Bentley Station and past Isington Mill to Well.

ROMPING

Then, romping down over the open farmlands to "Odham, the leader took an unfamiliar route via Winchfield and Minley Woods to arrive at Blackwater after nearly seven hours of sunshine.

Tea was at nearby Darby Green where about 170 cyclists were in festive mood for the presentation of cups and medals to successful riders of 1967 in events promoted by the Border Cycling Association representing clubs from Reading, Maidenhead, Aldershot and Farnham.

This was followed by a colour slide show by the chief mechanic for the British team in this year's Tour de France with many interesting details of riders and equipment and a graphic description of the untimely death of Tommy Simpson.

By 7.30 p.m. the West Surrey riders were out in the frosty air again for the home run via Frimley and Chobham Ridges after a very full week-end.

● Next Sunday's run is to Maidens Grove near Nettlebed. Meet Woking 9.45, Chobham 10. An alternative run is to Cockpole Green near Henley. Meet Woking 10, Chobham 10.20. Both groups to tea at Wokingham at 4.30 p.m.

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in London for the general public. Toasting the West Surrey District Association, Mr. L. C. Warner commented on the extensive programme over the past year.

The district secretary, Mr. A. H. Evans, responded, giving highlights of some of the year's activities.

Mrs. L. C. Warner presented the Banstead cup to Mr. Ian Price, of Farncombe, in addition to medals, certificates and other