

## CYCLING ON THE QUIET WAYS

by Tony Rostron

THE WIDE roads and the fast roads

Do not interest me,

I'd rather have a winding road

That ventures near the sea.

And on a coastal route like that

Skirting sea and sand;

On a glorious English summer's  
day,

No place I'd rather be.

Of course, there is a lovely road

That travels through the Glen.

Up and down and side to side

And up and down again.

And what about the moorland road

That through the heather soars,

Climbing high towards the sky

Approaching heaven's doors.

And what a joy to cycle

On an English country lane

With hedges brilliant in spring  
green

Or in an autumn flame.

The variety of seasons

Add pleasure to my ride.

From white to green and then to red

As summer's days subside.

Sometimes a winding little road  
Will take me up a hill.

And there I stand, take in the view,  
Until I've had my fill.

The outlook now is sunny;

I've left behind the rain.

I now descend from hill-top high

Down to the golden plain.

Down upon the valley floor

A bright contrast is seen.

And ripening crops all aglow

Against the hedgerows green.

Birdsong, beauty and colours galore

Embrace the road I ride.

From high upon a moorland top

Down to a coastal tide.

A brilliant sunlit hillside

With darkening sky above

Brings drama to my journey

On the little roads I love.

The sky is ever-changing

From fluffy clouds of white

To stormy clouds and sunsets red

To glorious beams of light.

## Quiet ways


By lake and stream, over hill and dale  
The roads they wind their way  
Through forest glades and flowery banks  
In nature's grand display.  
As a lovely blue sky turns to hail  
Mixed in with sleet and rain,  
I stop and put on cape and cap  
And I often do complain.  
But I know well that without that rain  
The scenery I adore  
Would soon become a barren land  
Where I would go no more.

Imagine no more rainbows,  
Lakes or mountain streams.  
An awful nightmare taking hold  
Destroying all our dreams.

So those who like the fast roads  
May one day be like me,  
Seeking out the little road  
That wanders near the sea.

Or following the narrow road  
That meanders through the glen,  
And having tasted roads so sweet  
May well return again.

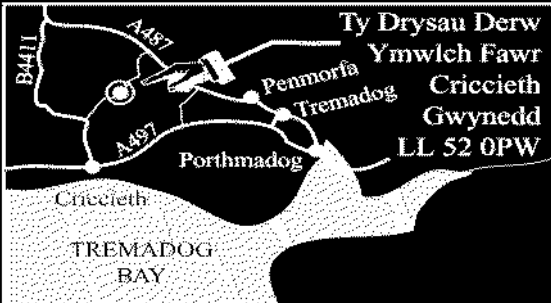
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**FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR****By John Sole**

**A**LTHOUGH Spoke Speak was intended to be published in February, some details were not available till March and then I was slow compiling them and finishing the layout of the magazine. So I apologise to the Tints for lateness and especially Ken and Eric as they provided the information promptly on request.

The magazine is a little short on travel and technical articles this time but I hope you enjoy Tony's poem, Des's quiz and Brian's IOW review. I will be grateful for any articles you care to send me on any subject for the autumn edition of Spoke Speak and if you have any photographs, sketch maps or diagrams to enhance your work, that would be a bonus. Email is the best way to send me copy but if you post me typed script, please do not use hand-written corrections as the OCR does not understand them; the spell-checker finds most of the spelling and grammar errors and my eagle eyes find the rest - maybe.

I have not heard any news about the Inquest on the Rhyll CC deaths. I suspect a blind eye will be turned on the fact that the motorists concerned were probably travelling much too fast in atrocious conditions as they ploughed into the group of cyclists.

On a happier note, Le Tour de France is coming to England! Unfortunately, it will not be coming to the South Coast or to the Midlands or the North but it

should be a good TV spectacle and it may be possible to get to London to see the Prologue. Last time Le Tour was in this country, a party of friends and I saw the race coming out of Portsmouth along Eastern Avenue and climbing up Portsdown Hill. After a pleasant bike ride, a few hours later we saw the riders return to Portsmouth via South Harting hill. They just flew up the hill: I can not climb that hill in granny gear, I have to get off and walk. But it was a great spectacle and a wonderful day out.

Here on the Island, some of us are looking forward to early May when we strap our tents to our bicycles, take a five-day return crossing from Portsmouth to Caen, cycle to Vimoutier in Normandy, explore the countryside, enjoy the cafes and restaurants and take in the french way of life. Last year, the weather was foul and yet we still thoroughly enjoyed ourselves! If you would like to join the IOW Tints on this trip, give Bob a ring on 01983 883610.

The IOW Tints were disappointed when P&O gave up their ferry routes from Portsmouth to Cherbourg and Le Havre. We will miss the occasional 24 hours in France for £1 and practicing the well-rehearsed procedure for avoiding paying an additional £10 for the bicycle. Unfortunately, there is now no competition for the Brittany Ferries routes to Cherbourg and Caen so fares will probably go sky-high and cheap promotional fares disappear. What a shame!

## Meetings

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### SEPTEMBER 2005

**Treasurer.** Des Hampshire presented the current bank balance now at £2027.02. This does include £90.00 dinner ticket. Cash in hand is £115.85. He queried the lack of expenses from committee members.

**Membership Secretary.** There have been a lot of new members joining. Eric and Des kept up to date. Organise a membership form on the Internet.

**Secretary.** Mainly sending Get Well cards and phoning the over-90s. The many stamps members have donated help keep costs of postage down to a minimum. Thanks to all who help this way.

**Re-admittance of Mrs V Crossfield.** The secretary had a list of voter's names and membership numbers; these were checked by the committee and counted for and against re-admittance. There was a large majority voting against re-admitting Mrs Crossfield. Secretary to write Mrs Crossfield.

**Date of next A.G.M.** This will be 10th May 2006 at the Methodist Hall, Wrenthorpe, Wakefield, possibly at 1030.

The Secretary proposed an increase in membership fee. This was not supported.

The Secretary has turned down an invitation for a table at the Hull Cycle Jumble in November. The next one will be February but the committee decided not to book this either.

Fleur asked if she might bank at her local branch of our bank. Des agreed to give this a trial.

The date of the next Spokes Speak publication would be very convenient if February can be arranged. Secretary to contact John.

Whilst members can obtain a copy of the Constitution and Rules on the Internet, new members will now be sent a copy along with their badge.

The National dinner is arranged for October.

#### JANUARY 2006.

**Treasurer.** Des explaining the various items of his report which were accepted. Review of banking changes. Des would prefer a regular monthly day for payments and this was agreed. He passed round the 2006 expense sheets.

**Membership.** Fleur explained the various items. Since the September meeting, new members were now sent a copy of the Constitution and Rules.

**Secretary.** The A.G.M. booking was not yet been confirmed. Hopefully a phone call would make things clearer. An alternate date of a week later, that is 10th May, was agreed if required and this was confirmed.

**National Dinner.** Fleur confirmed this was booked for 28th October 2006 at Smithills, Bolton. Tickets are £10 and will be on sale at the A.G.M. It is hoped to sell more tickets this year for very good get-together. A speaker has not yet been appointed, so suggestions or offers would be welcomed by Fleur.

**Rhyl CC.** Colin suggested the club should write a letter of condolence to the members of the Rhyl CC. Ken to do this with the assistance of Fleur.

There may be underage member accepted. Fleur to check out the date of birth and the membership fee will be returned if this is correct.

Colin had spoken with M. Oliver who was able to help if required. Ken suggested that he write a letter of thanks, and ask if she would think about joining the committee and this was agreed.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

By Colin Brewin

**A**FTER a year as Chairman I am just getting to know what is expected of me,

I am pleased to tell you that the Tints finances are now in a healthy state mainly thanks to an influx of new members, and regular donations from people who wish the Autumn Tints to prosper. (And good management!!)

Another thought is that you, the Autumn Tints members, voted overwhelmingly not to reinstate Mrs Vicky Crossfield as a member.

Also, we now have a new Yorkshire Tints website [www.tints.freeuk.com](http://www.tints.freeuk.com) installed by Roger Walker that will grow with time and where a landscape copy of the Yorkshire Runs list can now be down loaded.

Now my other job is the Yorkshire Runs List

organiser. I would like to thank the Section leaders for their help in sending their section lists to me in plenty of time to meet my deadlines.

On a personal note, my shed is now full of assorted cycles. The last one I was given was an alloy gents racer with a bonded frame (aircraft technology!) but it had come apart and been riveted back together. The donor of the frame is somewhat heavier than me and did not dare to use it! I've since assembled it and it runs well. To be continued (maybe). My other interests are my Royal Enfield motorcycles, a Bullet 500 and a Continental GT. I use the Bullet when the legs, knees or other parts of me give way.

Is there anyone out there with the interest plus the talent who would like to become our next Vice-Chairman as Graham will not be standing next time. The position will be available at the next AGM.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

By Des Hampshire

**A**S MANY of you will know I handed my notice to the Autumn Tints committee to relinquish the post of Treasurer from Dec 2005. Nobody came forward to say they wanted the post. I have, however, had many members asking me to reconsider. My circumstances have changed and I have decided to continue as Treasurer. (Difficult to say no to continue as Treasurer with both arms held up my back.)

The club finances have continued to improve through 2005 showing profit (or surplus if preferred) of £504.36.

The club has still some T-shirts to sell. These have now been reduced to £3.50 which I understand is only a few pence

above the cost price. If you would like a T-shirt, contact the Secretary, Ken Whitehead, the Membership Secretary, Fleur Woolley or myself. We would like to sell the remaining T-shirts. These could be collectors items soon as no more will be ordered.

Over the next few years the price of posting will be going up. Thank you to all members who made donations last year: Receipts will be sent to all who donate any money or stamps to the club this year unless that member requests no receipt.

The Bank balance at December was £1978.41 with Cash in Hand at £14.93. A full audited financial statement is in this issue of Spoke Speak.

# Officers' Reports

## Autumn Tint's Cycling Comrades

### Financial Statement for the period from 1st January 2005 to 31st December 2005

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Donations	618.35	541.00	Stationery & Printing	124.24	209.47
Subscriptions	130.00	137.00	Postage	220.81	320.33
Sale of Badges	105.00	74.00	Badges Bought (200)	258.50	0.00
Dinner Ticket sales	320.00	306.00	Dinner - cost	200.70	295.75
Advertisements	62.50	107.50	2006 Dinner Deposit	100.00	100.00
Bank Interest	1.84	1.31	Engraving Badges	30.00	26.00
T-Shirts sales	87.50	59.00	AGM	17.00	32.10
Bike Parts Sale	<u>311.42</u>	<u>56.00</u>	Treasurer's Expenses	0.00	9.00
			Birthday Cards	<u>181.00</u>	<u>68.00</u>
			<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>1132.25</b>	<b>1060.65</b>
			<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>504.36</b>	<b>221.16</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>£1,636.61</u></b>	<b><u>£1,281.81</u></b>		<b><u>£1,636.61</u></b>	<b><u>£1,281.81</u></b>

#### Cash Summary

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Opening Cash Balance	1488.98	1267.82
Plus Profit for year	504.36	221.16

Bank	1978.41	1474.93
Cash	<u>14.93</u>	<u>14.05</u>
<b>Closing Cash Balance</b>	<b><u>£1,993.34</u></b>	<b><u>£1,488.98</u></b>

#### Stocks of Stamps, T-shirts & Badges at Sales Value

<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>		<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
36	59	T-shirts	£126.00	£295.00
175	5	Badges	£612.50	£17.50
		Stamps	£3.15	£8.89
		Dinner Deposit paid in advance	£100.00	£100.00

I have prepared this statement on the basis of the information presented to me and confirm that I have seen appropriate documentation to support the payments included in it.



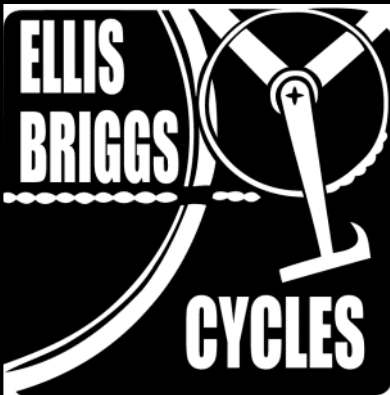
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**NOTICE OF THE A. G. M.**  
**TO BE HELD ON 10TH MAY 2006**  
**AT ST. ANN'S HALL WRENTHORPE, WAKE-**  
**FIELD**  
**AT 11.00**

THE purpose of the meeting is to discuss past, present and future business of the Club. At the present time, no relevant business has been declared.

The Membership Secretary, Fleur Woolley has offered her services for a further two years. Bill Houlder and Meryl Oliver have also offered to join the committee. John Sole will need to be elected to continue as Editor. Brian Wey will also require your support to continue as the Birthday and Christmas card Secretary. Voting slips are in the magazine. Please send your vote to the Secretary, Ken Whitehead.

Thanks to Graham Hall for serving on the committee; he finds he cannot continue for an other term.



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## Club News

### CLUB NEWS

Compiled by Ken Whitehead  
and Eric Walker

#### 90+ BIRTHDAYS

##### October

Archie Steel            Pontefract    100

##### November

Edith Rose            Ipswich        94  
Surnam

##### December

Alfred Price           Burnley        92

Charles Imeson       Middles-  
borough       91

Gerald Jameson-  
Green           Wakefield      91

##### January

Eric Jowett            Harrogate      92

Frederick Gardiner   Ipswich        91

Joe S Kipling           Leeds            93

##### February

Mary Willcock        Worsley        95

Eunice Richardson   Rotheram      97

Arthur Beecroft       York             93

##### March

James Murray        Edinburgh      90

Joseph Laycock       Keighley       95

J W Young            Liverpool       94

S J Dolby              Syston          97

Richard Jones        Manchester    93

Fred Howard          Stockport     92

George Gould         Great           99  
Dunmow

Frank Mumford       Ormskirk      91

#### NEW MEMBERS

Thelma Bradley       York

Frank Branch          Huddersfield

Jeffrey Breedon       Doncaster

Sue Buttle             Honley

Stephen Carter        USA

Eric Flatman           Doncaster

Ken Hahlo              Bolton

Andrew Ireland       Huddersfield

Brian Jakeman        York

Sylvi Jakeman        York

Peter Moore           Manchester

David Shaw            Pontefract

Neil Stafford          Isle of Wight

David Stannard       Huddersfield

Gaham Sydney        Huddersfield

**SADLY DECEASED**

Harry Bebbington	Skipton	82
Harry Bridge	Manchester	93
John Brown	Cambridge	68
Harold Dawson	South Emsall	95
Frank Dobson	Leeds	80
Bri Ferguson	Doncaster	87
Clifford Hill	Normanton	95
Fred Jones	Sheffield	81
Tony Mattison	Barkston Ash	73
Alf Miles	Doncaster	87
Vi Parkin	Colne	84
Agnes Parkingson	Preston	93
Harry Smith	Skipton	90
Archie Steel	Pontefract	100

**AUTUMN TINTS  
NATIONAL  
DINNER**

**The National Dinner will  
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Please state how many tickets you require and make your cheque payable to Autumn Tints.

## **A CENTENARY BIRTHDAY**

**by Michael Steel**

ARCHIE Steel celebrated his centenary with his family and friends at Priory Garden Care Home, Pontefract on 15th October. He was also visited by cycling enthusiasts from the Featherstone Road Club and local Autumn Tints. Archie was presented with an inscribed plaque to mark his hundredth birthday from the Featherstone Road Club of which Archie is a Life Member. This was presented by Bill Ross of the Autumn Tints and Colleagues. Also proudly on display was a birthday card from the Autumn Tints alongside a birthday card from the Queen.

## **GIVE AN INCH AND TAKE ...**

**By John Sole**

WE all know what a mile is, don't we? Have a look at this and you may not be quite so sure.

Statute mile	5280 feet
Irish mile	6720 feet
Scottish mile	5940 feet

Even seamen and airman are not too sure:

Admiralty nautical mile	6080 feet
International nautical mile	6076 feet
NATO mile	6000 feet

Personally, I quite like cycling on the Continent; the kilometres disappear quickly so you collect a lot more on your bicycle ride.

Kilometre	3281 feet
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## **STORY OF THE SHOES**

**By K. Auty**

**O**N visiting the Cycle Jumble at Hull and choosing what to buy at the Autumn Tints table, I spotted these two pairs of cycling shoes. They looked a bit big and on checking the were marked 43.

Now, friend Ken out of Rotheram had asked me to look out for him a spare pair of shoes, size 9.

Asking around the stall, I could not get a satisfactory answer to sizes 43 and 9 so off I went to see Mrs Budd on the Veterans stall. She assured me they were the right size but to be sure, ask Roger, her husband, to try them on. "He's a size 9." Roger tried them on and said, "You will be OK with them."

So asking Des how much, he said, "Take the pair for a fiver!" I paid up and said, "I can give them away at that price."

On carrying them to Wentworth, our Wednesday ride, friend Ken did not turn up but on showing our club mates the shoes, Graham said, "I'll buy one pair." I told him he could have them, but no, he wanted to pay for them. I said, "Make a donation to the Autumn Tints", so he handed over a fiver.

I took the other pair the following week to Holmfirth and the same thing happened when Ken arrived.

So the club got paid three times for the SHOES.

## AUTUMN TINTS QUIZ FOR FUN (YOU MAY PHONE A FRIEND)

By Des Hampshire

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| <p>1 The plant Travellers' Joy is also known as the Old Man's Beard. Give a third, commonly known name for it.</p> <p>2 Where is the Wayfarer memorial stone?</p> <p>3 Stated as a percentage, what is the steepness of a road shown on an ordnance survey map with two arrows set close together.</p> <p>4 Name the crossing - part road and part path - between Braemer and Blair Grass.</p> <p>5 Name the two rivers that join at Tewkesbury.</p> <p>6 Name the two rivers that join at Castleford.</p> <p>7 Why is the Laburnum a dangerous tree?</p> | <p>8 What are belted Galloways?</p> <p>9 What in nature is known as the Devils Darning Needle?</p> <p>10 Which Norfolk village gives its name to a Yorkshire cloth?</p> <p>11 What type of animals are fell, dale and forest?</p> <p>12 In which town or city would you be in if cycling down the Land of Green Ginger?</p> <p>13 Apart from sleeping, where would you be if you were in the Land of Nod. Name the nearest town, city or county.</p> <p>14 Which abbey is associated with Dracula?</p> <p>15 Name Britain's largest lake.</p> |
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**Answers on page 15**

### ISLE OF WIGHT AUTUMN TINTS REPORT DECEMBER 2005

By Brian Brodhurst

**O**N our last anniversary ride on 1st December, we had our first frost of the year when 15 met at Lake. Paul at last joined the Tints after riding with us on and off since 1996. Lunch for 12 was at the White Lion, Niton, and once again Alan was last to be served; he said he had ordered bison this time.

Mike had the early puncture at Safeways on 8th December. He is so used to punctures he didn't require any help, just spectators. Andy had one on the track between Brading and St. Helens: being less experienced it made a good interlude on a cloudy and misty morning and needed two pair of hands to complete the job.

Strong winds and heavy rain on 22nd. December meant only 4 turned out for the ride. As usual, the day was not without incident. John Sole broke the rails of his Brooks saddle on the way to Lake and Derek suffered a broken stay to his rear mudguard.

## Isle of Wight

On a cold and frosty morning on 29th December, 10 of us set out along Route 23 but before we had reached the water-works I got a puncture. Mike, being very experienced with punctures said, "I'd better stay and talk you through it." Gordon's son, who was with us for the ride, punctured just after Newchurch and after they had repaired the tube - no spare - Mike discovered his tyre had deflated. Route 23 was abandoned after this.

John Palmer had his first ride after his recent retirement on 5th January and 9 of us enjoyed lunch at The Blacksmiths Arms although John didn't buy the drinks.

Jose joined us for a ride on 12th January the first time she had been out since March 2004.

John Sole led 5 of us on a mainland ride on 19th January. The weather was cold and sunny during the morning and the intention was to stop at East Meon for lunch. But due to a puncture (JS) and several wrong turns, plan B or was it plan C, saw us having lunch at The Shoe at Exton again. Unusually, Alan was served first with his lunch. Ever thoughtful, during the earlier puncture stop, he had warned us against standing on the damp verge as we could get piles in our feet. Leaving the pub late and with afternoon drizzle, the ride continued back to Portsmouth, partly on main roads and with only two rear lights between us, we just made the 1700 ferry.

Ray joined us for a ride on 2nd February and Nigel resumed Wednesday cycling after the end of the shooting season. 11 of us had lunch at The Crab and Lobster Tap at Ventnor.

Including 6 non members, we had a record turn out of 20 on 9th February.

My mainland ride to the New Forest on 16th February attracted 14 riders. We lunched at The Lamb Inn at Winkton Common where most of us went for the senior citizens meal. We also managed afternoon tea at The Beach Café at Milford-on-Sea.

Alan had the lucky puncture before we started on 2nd March, and to make the most of it, he replaced the tube with one that had a leaking valve. Eventually 11 of us had lunch at The Dairymans Daughter.

Lyndon made an appearance on 17th March, the first time we had seen him since the 8th September last year. The spring-like weather saw 17 of us outside The Picnic Box on Shanklin sea front for a tea stop.

John Sole led a ride to the mainland on 23rd March. 6 of us enjoyed the hilly ride with lunch at The White Hart, South Harting.

30th March saw 10 riders having a tea stop at Watergate Nursery. I was away, but Pete White was out for the first time since last October.

I was still away on 6th April when 4 of the 8 starters had lunch at The White Lion, Niton; the wet weather no doubt put the rest off.

Peggy came out on 13th April. Although she did not ride with us, it was good to see her riding again after her illness.

The mainland ride 20th April attracted 10 riders with lunch at Compton and afternoon tea at Havant. I was away, but I understand Keith did a bit of involuntary off-road riding.

With me still away, 19 turned out on 27th April when the ride included some of the old railway track to Wroxall. Obviously a John Sole ride.

Of the 12 starters on 4th May 6 had lunch at The Crab and Lobster Tap at Ventnor. Mike and Peggy had left for France the previous day.

11th May. 8 of us (6 Tints & 2 Wayfarers) set off for a camping trip to Falaise. The weather was pretty awful, numerous bottles of wine were consumed, lots of cheating at cards took place and we only managed one panache on the one fine afternoon. I also led one of the worst rides ever. It became so muddy and overgrown that we had to abandon and ride back through the mud. However, Dave Berryman thought it was great.

9 of us took a ride to Salisbury via Southampton led by Nigel on 25th May. It was a fine, sunny day but we all agreed 70 miles was too far. The good thing - the ferry fare for OAPs was only £6.

6 of the 13 starters had lunch at The Folly Inn on 1st June on a wet drizzly day.

On 15th June, the Tints Randonnee was a wash-out. Pouring with rain most of the day, of the 3 that started, 2 managed the whole route one being Alan who also rode to and from home.

Of the 15 starters on 6th June only 3 of us made it to The Three Bishops at Brighstone for lunch. It obviously wasn't D-for-Dining day.

The mainland ride on 20th July to the New Forest led by Jonathon attracted 5 riders. I believe it was a new experience for all who took part. 10 of us on the Island tried a new café - Grand View near Rylstone Gardens. Quite good until it rained and we were all squashed under the gazebo.

Our annual Cowes Week ride on 3rd August saw 8 of the starters lunching at The Travellers Joy after a walk around The Parade. The day was fine and sunny and an interesting ride home through Parkhurst Forest and on bridleways saw us eventually emerge on tarmac at the top of Alvington Shute. Another John Sole ride.



**Brian Brodhurst (centre) reads his report to the IOW Tints  
Listening attentively are Brian K, Ann, Andy and Mike**

## Isle of Wight

On a fine, sunny 10th August we again had 20 out when we joined by Paul Martin and Ray.

12 of us were on the mainland ride to West Sussex on 17th August led by Peter Gould. The day was very hot and when lunch was taken at Bosham, Derek and Peter went for a swim. Somehow in the afternoon we got separated into 3 groups, but all managed (just) to catch the 1730 ferry back to the Island.

One of the hottest days of the year on 31st August, George Wilks paid us a visit at the start. A tea stop at Steephill Cove Beach Café allowed some to take a paddle in the sea.

7th September was another very hot day, but of the 10 starters only 4 stopped for lunch at The Chequers.

A near miracle on 28th September. Johnathon was 10 minutes early due no doubt because he was riding his titanium bike. Ray was out with us again. Lyndon met us at Field Nursery having punctured on leaving home and Dick punctured on the way home.

On 5th October 7 of us had lunch at The Fleming Arms after an interesting tour of Binstead (*suburbia at its worst - Ed*) led by Nigel, some parts even new to Brian Whapham.

At the Tollgate Café on 12th October, we discovered that we could sit 12 (if friendly) around a standard picnic table. Ann punctured on the way to Lake. She managed quite well on her own but unfortunately left the tube at the scene at Horringford.

19th October was a very wet and windy day. 4 of us went to the New Forest for a ride with elevenses at Beaulieu and lunch at

The Waterloo Arms at Lyndhurst. In the heavy rain in Lyndhurst High Street I took over from Alan when I fell off after misjudging the depth of water against a kerb. On the Island, 4 were also out when they met at Lizzies Diner because the café at Safeways was closed.

26th October Lizzies Diner was again used whilst Safeways was changing to Morrisons. The diner was not very popular.

2nd November brought wall to wall rain and gales. It rained almost continuously all day, but 9 turned up at Morrisons so I was glad I wasn't the only mad cyclist. John Sole thoughtfully got a puncture on Route 23 near Merstone so the rest of us could shelter under the nearby bridge. On leaving the Old World Tea Rooms I found I had one of my rare punctures. The lunch stop should have been the St. Lawrence Inn, but they were closed. We set off making for The Worsley at Wroxall, but due to the heavy rain that was changed to The Chequers at Rookley. The final plan was the White Horse at Whitwell where 8 very wet cyclists enjoyed lunch before getting wet again on the way home. Mike and Peggy were out with us in the rain, fresh back from France the previous day.

Another record of 20 were out on 9th November and once again Route 23 became puncture alley. John Sole punctured in almost the same place as the previous week, followed shortly after by Peggy and Brian K. With helpers and those giving moral support we arrived at The Dairymans Daughter with almost half of the starters missing. Brian K suffered another flat on leaving the tea stop

It as a very cold day on 16th November for the mainland ride led by John Sole with Mike, Dick and I joining him. Descending

into South Harting, Mike's rear wheel rim exploded with a spectacular bang. A new tube and a temporary repair was not successful so we lunched in the village at The White Hart. After loading his bike into a taxi, Mike returned to the Island by train from Petersfield. We continued on to Buriton because it was on the runs list and then made our way back. As usual it was a dash along the A3 From Horndean, missing the ferry by a couple of minutes and returning to the Island by the 1800 ferry. Obviously another quality John Sole ride.

Another cold day on 23rd November, but 18 turned out. Mike had his usual puncture on the way to the tea stop and 8 of us visited The White Lion at Arreton on the way home.

Our last ride on 30th November, 10 turned out on another cold, damp day. Luckily 2 went home as, for a change, we went to Godshill Organics and there was only seating for 8. Mike got his usual puncture on the way at Godshill.

As usual a few statistics: Our record turn out now stands at 20 - 9th February, 10th

August and 9th November. We had 19 out on 27th April. The least was 3 on the Randonnee ride on 15th June, although there was only 4 out on 20th December (heavy rain) and 23rd February (snow showers). The average turn out was 12.4. I forgot to do last years, but in 2003 the average was 12.7.

Of the regular riders, John Sole has been out 41 times, Dick 39, me 38, Derek 36, Andy 31, Mike 27, Nigel, Alan, John Palmer, and Ann 24, Brian K and Keith 23 and Peter G 20.

The most used tea stop was Thompsons 5 times, with Old World Tea Rooms, Old Smithy, Dairymans Daughter and Fields Nursery 4 times each.

Our first ride as a group on a Wednesday morning was 1st December 1993 when 5 of us met at Safeways.

We now have 30 members, 3 have died (Alan, Dennis, Bob) and 10 who regularly ride with us including Neil who joined us on 9th November.

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## ANSWERS TO DES'S QUIZ

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| 1 | Wild Clematis                           | 9  | A dragonfly   |
| 2 | In the Berwyn Hills or Berwyn Mountains | 10 | Worstead, cloth name Worsted                                    |
| 3 | 20% or more                             | 11 | Ponies  |
| 4 | Glen Tilt                               | 12 | Hull  |
| 5 | The Rivers Avon and Severn              | 13 | Nearest place is Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Howden, East Yorkshire |
| 6 | The Rivers Calder and Aire              | 14 | Whitby  |
| 7 | Because the seeds are poisonous         | 15 | Loch Lomond   |
| 8 | A breed of cattle                       |    |   |

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