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Hello Folks,

Well we aren't far off the end now are we, for this season anyway. We seem to have gained a lot of new members and made many new friends. I hope that the Corsham Club has given you all, old and new members, the enjoyment and comradeship that you expected of it.

An article in the comics a couple of weeks ago prompted me to put pen to paper to let the M.C.N. and the club up-country know just how I feel about 12 year olds riding 250 cc bikes. I know many of our own members were upset about this and so I thought it was my duty to try and do something about it. Unfortunately, all of my letter was not published but at least the portion that was published expressed how I and many others felt about this ridiculous item. I think I can assure all our members that this will never come to the Corsham Club. I will even go as far as to say that the 'A' Group will never be on 250's. What's the point, you only have to look at the results of senior meetings and you can see ex-schoolboys doing very very well.

Perhaps this is why Vic Allen also had to have a go at us recently. He said that too much money was going into Schoolboy Scrambling. What he did not say was that Graham Noyce, an ex-Ringwood/Corsham lad and only out of Schoolboy Scrambling about nine months, was hard on his heels in the 250 open only a week before. Vic finished 1st and Graham 2nd. These older senior scramblers have every right to be envious of the ex-lads, but I don't think they should be jealous.

Another point about ex-schoolboys is that in the under 21 Shell Championship, out of the 12 final placings 8 of them were taken by ex-schoolboys and mostly from the Southern clubs. Can't be bad.

At the time of writing these notes the petrol situation seems to be getting worse so I hope that whatever we decide about the last two meetings you will bear with us and understand we are doing what we think is for the best.

Don't forget the A.G.M. on Dec. 16th at the Bridge Centre, Chippenham, start 3 p.m. sharp. There will be some tea or coffee but nothing to eat, so bring a sandwich with you. We need your nomination forms back in by today and we need your attendance at the A.G.M. How are the raffle tickets going, the money and counterfoils have to be back by the 10th Dec. so get cracking. Then after the seriousness of the A.G.M. there is the Xmas Party. This year we have Bryan Goss to present our Championship Trophies for us. Usually this is done at the A.G.M. but we thought we would break with tradition and have the presentation at our Xmas party. This should be quite a night so get your tickets early. Oh yes, the venue will be the Community Centre at Warmley, Nr. Bristol, it's on the main Bristol A420 Chippenham road, about 5 miles from the centre of Bristol.

Well folks this will be my last Chairman's Letter to you. During the past 2½ years whilst I have been in the chair, many things have happened. There has been many a time when I could have picked up the nearest object like a Bulbo, Husky,

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or Tiger cub (no not the Tiger cub) and thrown at one or two of you, but I didn't, and usually when I get home after a scramble I tend to forget the bad things that happened which wasn't very often anyway, and start looking forward to the next Scramble. Anyway I would like to say it's been an honour to be with the Corsham lot and I am proud to have been the Chairman of the best Schoolboy Scramble Club in the country. That's my opinion anyway.

My sincere thanks must go to all the committee for all they have done, to our editor, to Alan the starter, to the ladies that do the raffle, to the ladies that do the lap scoring, in fact to everyone that has made this last season the success that we all know it has been. There is one other person I would like to thank, a person that is one of the back room girls so to say, never seen, but her work is always in front of you once a month, yes the typist at the Sugg department, she types the stencils ready for our editor and family to copy off and make up into our monthly magazine. Anyway thanks Jen and if you are still at it next season perhaps you won't have such a job sorting out the new Chairman's writing. My thanks to all parents for their season of marshalling and other duties. Once again, Fred our fearless chief marshal had to round some of you up when you were not at your posts, but taking the season through I think it worked out fairly well. Thanks.

My thanks to all the riders, without these kids there would be no schoolboy sport. Every one of us have sacrificed a great deal so as these nippers, young and old, can take part

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in this sport, but whether they are up the front or fighting out the places further back I, and I'm sure I speak for all the parents, feel very proud of all these lads and the way they have tackled our tracks this past season. Thanks lads and let's hope that one of these days we will see one of your names heading the motor cycle news announcing a new 250 or 500 World Champion. It may not be for a few years, but I'm confident this will be so. Finally my thanks to the St. John Ambulance Brigade. These lads attend our meetings in all weathers and never a moan. We are very lucky to have the support of such a wonderful bunch of lads. Thanks lads, we hope you will be with us next season.

Well that's it folks, I wish your new Chairman and his committee every success next year, and to you all Happy Scrambling.

Gordon Davis.

P.S. Don't think you've got rid of me as easy as all that, we as a family will be popping in to see you from time to time and will always have an interest in Schoolboy Scrambling.

This meeting was brought forward a week owing to our own meeting coinciding with Remembrance Sunday, so with only one more championship meeting to go the competition was very keen. In 'C' Group Robert Shears clocked four wins and Nicky Selwyn three. Richard Hughes won the other race. Well done lads. In 'B' Group it was Paul Collins turn with six wins while Kevin Denman had to be content with two, while in 'A' Group Phil Davis won two races while Chris Bryan and Andy Thorpe shared the other two. We see several of our new boys' names creeping into the results recently, well done lads.

Event 1. 'C'

1. R.Hughes.
2. R.Shears.
3. N.Selwyn.
4. M.Lake.
5. K.Nurden.
6. R.Toghill.
7. T.Poolc.
8. S.Leyfield.

'B'

- G.Hudson.
- K.Denman.
- P.Collins.
- K.Turner.
- A.Sugg.
- S.Bailey.
- M.Webb.
- C.Salter.

'A'

- C.Bryan.
- A.Taylor.
- K.Marshall.
- A.Thorpe.
- C.Chapman.
- C.Clark.
- R.Ford.
- R.Stacey.

ATWORTH RESULTS, cont'd....

'C' Extra Races.

1. R. Shears.
2. R. Hughes.
3. N. Selwyn.
4. K. Nurden.
5. M. Law.
6. T. Poole.
7. S. Leyfield.
8. M. Tuck.

'B' Extra Races.

1. P. Collins.
2. K. Denman.
3. A. Sugg.
4. K. Turner.
5. M. Webb.
6. D. Stacey.
7. P. Huntley.
8. M. Cleaver.

Event 2. Points.

'C'

1. R. Shears.
2. M. Law.
3. K. Nurden.
4. N. Selwyn.
5. A. Rossiter.
6. T. Poole.
7. M. Lake.
8. R. Toghill.

'B'

1. P. Collins.
2. A. Sugg.
3. K. Turner.
4. M. Webb.
5. S. Bailey.
6. D. Stacey.
7. C. Salter.
8. N. Sugg.

'A'

1. A. Thorpe.
2. C. Clark.
3. P. Davis.
4. C. Bryan.
5. A. Taylor.
6. S. Daniels.
7. R. Stacey.
8. K. Marshall.

'C' Extra Races.

1. N. Selwyn.
2. R. Shears.
3. R. Hughes.
4. M. Law.
5. K. Nurden.
6. T. Poole.
7. A. Rossiter.
8. M. Tuck.

'B' Extra Races.

1. K. Denman.
2. P. Collins.
3. K. Turner.
4. A. Sugg.
5. M. Webb.
6. B. Toogood.
7. S. Bailey.
8. C. Salter.

ATWORTH RESULTS, cont'd....

Event 3. 'C'

1. R. Shears.
2. N. Selwyn.
3. K. Nurden.
4. T. Poole.
5. M. Lake.
6. R. Hughes.
7. R. Toghill.
8. M. Tuck.

'B'

1. P. Collins.
2. G. Hudson.
3. K. Turner.
4. A. Sugg.
5. B. Toogood.
6. M. Webb.
7. C. Salter.
8. S. Bailey.

'A'

1. P. Davis.
2. A. Thorpe.
3. C. Bryan.
4. K. Marshall.
5. R. Stacey.
6. R. Ford.
7. M. Downes.
8. C. Downes.

'C' Extra Races.

1. R. Shears.
2. N. Selwyn.
3. R. Hughes.
4. K. Nurden.
5. M. Law.
6. T. Poole.
7. A. Rossiter.
8. M. Lake.

'B' Extra Races.

1. P. Collins.
2. K. Turner.
3. M. Webb.
4. D. Stacey.
5. S. Bailey.
6. B. Toogood.
7. C. Salter.
8. G. Hudson.

Event 4. 'C'

1. N. Selwyn.
2. R. Shears.
3. K. Nurden.
4. M. Law.
5. T. Poole.
6. M. Lake.
7. A. Rossiter.
8. R. Toghill.

'B'

1. P. Collins.
2. K. Turner.
3. M. Webb.
4. A. Sugg.
5. C. Salter.
6. D. Stacey.
7. N. Sugg.
8. D. Clarke.

'A'

1. P. Davis.
2. A. Thorpe.
3. R. Ford.
4. K. Marshall.
5. C. Clark.
6. K. Eddolls.
7. C. Chapman.
8. M. Downes.

<u>'C' Extra Races.</u>	<u>'B' Extra Races.</u>
1. N.Selwyn.	P.Collins.
2. R.Shears.	K.Turner.
3. K.Nurden.	M.Webb.
4. R.Hughes.	C.Salter.
5. T.Poole.	D.Stacey.
6. M.Lake.	A.Sugg.
7. R.Toghill.	N.Sugg.
8. S.Leyfield.	D.Clark.

SKITTLES.

It was at very short notice that we managed to acquire the use of the skittle alley at the Five Alls, Chippenham. Some 30 members attended. We regret that at such short notice we were unable to let everyone know about it but perhaps we can organize things a bit better next time. Mrs. Berry (Mrs. No.60) had the highest ladies score and Mr. Durnell (Mr. No.105) the highest gents score. A big thank you to Mrs. Smith (Mrs. No.48) who gave that lovely teddy as a raffle prize. It was won by Cecil Sugg who incidently had the lowest score.

Don't forget there are skittles at the Red Lion Inn, West Pennard on 29th December. This alley I know is out of reach to some of you but we hope to get an alley in your area some time in the future.

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Well lads, that's the last championship meeting of 1973, and what weather, but Corsham lads don't give up easily, and with all that rain we see quite a change of names in the results. In 'C' Group, Nicky Selwyn had a very good day, the weather didn't affect him. Michael Law too did well winning one race and Richard Hughes had three seconds. Mark Price, Kenneth Nurden, Robert Shears, Stuart Faultley, Shaun Leyfield, Martin Lake, Timmy Poole and Alun Rossiter all rode extremely well.

In 'B' Group we saw many changes, although Kevin Denman was still out in front in all but one race, the other was won by a fairly new member Chris Salter. Mark Webb clocked a couple of seconds and a third and Paul Collins also two seconds, a third and a fourth. Nicky Sugg we see beat out Andy in two races, although Andy picked up a bit as the weather improved as did Keith Turner.

David Stacey, Kelvin Ashford and Paul Huntley rode well to get their name into the results. Whoops, I forgot to mention Gary Hudson, but then Gary has clinched the championship and I'm sure he will be mentioned elsewhere in the magazine.

In 'A' Group, Andy Taylor won two races, Chris Bryan and Geoff Davies each winning one, and in trying to outline the places in 'A' Group it was beginning to look like Uncle Tom Cobley and all so if you study the results you will see that with such sticky conditions it was anyone's day, but a very enjoyable one.

STONEHOUSE, cont'd....

Our thanks to Robin (No. 60) Berry, he was responsible for checking the yellow flags, cutting & fitting new sticks, etc. Well done Robin, and if anyone starts thinking about using those flags for dusters, don't forget, Robin may be watching.

STONEHOUSE RESULTS.

Event 1. 'A'

1. A. Taylor.
2. G. Davies.
3. N. Toms.
4. M. Williams.
5. C. Bryan.
6. C. Clark.
7. K. Fiddolls.
8. K. Ree.

'B'

- C. Salter.
- M. Webb.
- P. Collins.
- G. Hudson.
- N. Sugg.
- D. Stacey.
- * M. Parry.
- A. Sugg.

'C'

- N. Selwyn.
- R. Hughes.
- M. Price.
- K. Nurden.
- R. Shears.
- M. Law.
- S. Leyfield.
- A. Rossiter.

Event 2. Points.

1. G. Davies.
2. C. Clark.
3. K. Marshall.
4. N. Toms.
5. I. Jones.
6. K. Ree.
7. C. Bryan.
8. M. Williams.

- K. Denman.
- C. Salter.
- P. Collins.
- G. Hudson.
- N. Sugg.
- M. Webb.
- P. Huntley.
- D. Stacey.

- N. Selwyn.
- R. Hughes.
- M. Price.
- R. Shears.
- K. Nurden.
- S. Faultley.
- M. Law.
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STONEHOUSE RESULTS, cont'd.....

Event 3. 'A'

1. C. Bryan.
2. G. Davies.
3. A. Taylor.
4. P. Davis.
5. R. Stacey.
6. M. Williams.
7. N. Toms.
8. K. Poole.

'B'

- K. Denman.
- P. Collins.
- M. Webb.
- C. Salter.
- G. Hudson.
- A. Sugg.
- K. Ashford.
- D. Stacey.

'C'

- N. Selwyn.
- R. Hughes.
- M. Price.
- M. Law.
- R. Shears.
- K. Nurden.
- M. Lake.
- S. Faultley.

Event 4.

1. A. Taylor.
2. G. Davies.
3. P. Davis.
4. N. Tomms.
5. C. Bryan.
6. R. Turner.
7. C. Clark.
8. K. Marshall.

- K. Denman.
- M. Webb.
- C. Salter.
- P. Collins.
- A. Sugg.
- G. Hudson.
- K. Turner.
- K. Ashford.

- M. Law.
- M. Price.
- R. Shears.
- K. Nurden.
- N. Selwyn.
- S. Leyfield.
- S. Faultley.
- T. Poole.

'C' Group Extra Races.

1. N. Selwyn.
2. R. Shears.
3. M. Price.
4. K. Nurden.
5. A. Rossiter.
6. S. Faultley.
7. T. Poole.

Use a phrase from 'Oklahoma' - "I'd like to say a word for the farmers" who have been most kind and generous with the use of their land this season. Many thanks to you all and we hope to see as many of you as possible at this year's Christmas Party. Complimentary tickets will be sent out during the next couple of weeks. Thank you one and all for your help and co-operation and a Merry Christmas from all club members.

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Now that the Scramble Season is coming to a close I'm sure we have a lot of people to thank. Our Chairman, and Committee, Lap Scorers, Marshals and of course, the help of the riders, but without all these people there would be no Scrambles for us boys.

I would also like to say thank you Mrs. Sugg for our magazine, we all look forward to the beginning of the month for our magazine.

Thanks to you all from one rider who does appreciate all your effort.

There is one more person I think we all need to say a big thank you and this is our starter, many thanks to Mr. Al Cliney, you do a grand job.

From Keith Ree (98).

P.S. Gordon, we shall all miss you. Best of luck to all the lads in Senior racing."

YOUTH MOTOR CYCLE SPORT.

As you all know the A.C.U. would like all Youth Motor Cycle sport to come under one body and have sent out the following letter to all club secretaries. Please read it carefully and study their proposals because we must discuss this at the A.G.M.

"AUTO CYCLE UNION

18th October, 1973.

Dear Mrs. Daniels,

Youth Motor Cycle Sport.

Unfortunately I have no details of the officers of the B.S.M.A. and am therefore addressing this letter individually to the Secretaries of the constituent Club of the Association. I am sure you will appreciate that I mean no discourtesy to the B.S.M.A. in approaching you direct.

Since the meeting held at our Belgrave Square headquarters on 14th June this year, there has been increasing evidence that it would be highly desirable and in the best interest of the sport as a whole - not least for the youngsters involved in this fast-growing "schoolboy" branch - for an effort to be made to bring together those involved in it. We had hoped that the meeting would encourage moves towards closer co-operation but this has not happened. We feel now that, as the body primarily responsible for motor-cycle sport in this country, an initiative coming from the A.C.U. might not be unwelcome.

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Youth Motor Cycle Sport, cont'd....

As you know, our own Clubs are increasingly operating in the Youth or Schoolboy field and we must set up an organisation for dealing with them. It would be criminal if we did not take the opportunity of making proposals to you, to the Junior Motorcycle Federation, and to other independent clubs which we feel might mark a happy beginning to a new stage in the development of Youth Motorcycle Sport.

It is no part of our proposals to impose Senior control on a branch of the sport which is quite competent to manage its own affairs. Our basic proposals - a copy of which I enclose for your consideration and comment - are designed to ensure that the new Youth Division should be run by those involved in the schoolboy sport.

I am sure you will consider these suggestions carefully bearing in mind the long-term benefits to motorcycle sport in general, and I look forward to hearing your views at an early date.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

R.W.Bracher,
General Manager.

PROPOSALS.

1) The formation of a new Youth Division of the A.C.U. (name to be decided) by the merger of existing A.C.U. Junior sections, the JMF and the British Schoolboys Motorcycle

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Youth Motor Cycle Sport, cont'd....

Association and other independent organisations.

2) The Youth Division to be administered by a Youth Division Committee which will be serviced by headquarters staff. The Committee will consist of 9 members (or such number as may be agreed) as follows:-

- (i) Chairman - nominated initially by the A.C.U. after consultation and agreement with the JMF and B.S.M.A.
 - (ii) Three members nominated by the Junior Motorcycle Federation.
 - (iii) Two members nominated by the British S/B Motorcycle Association.
 - (iv) Three members nominated by the ACU being representatives of clubs operating junior sections.
- 3) The Committee to be nominated annually as above for two years, thereafter by election by all clubs in membership of the Youth Division. The form of this election to be decided by the Youth Division Committee and subject to the confirmation of the ACU Competitions Committee and Management Committee.
- 4) The Chairman of the Youth Division Committee shall have access to the ACU Competitions Committee on request or by invitation.
- 5) The Youth Division to appoint two delegates to the General Council of the ACU and two delegates to the Centre Board of each Centre in which youth motorcycle clubs operate.
- 6) New youth motorcycle clubs to be affiliated direct to the ACU Youth Division and no new affiliations to be accepted by the JMF or the B.S.M.A.

Youth Motor Cycle Sport, cont'd.....

7) The Youth Division Committee to be wholly responsible to the Competitions Committee for the administration of youth motorcycle sport. It will formulate appropriate youth competition rules and standing orders for the conduct of meetings etc.

8) The Youth Division Committee will decide what, if any, fees shall be levied on clubs. Any income raised by the Youth Division shall be used solely and exclusively in the operation of the Youth Division. The ACU **will** make no charge for normal headquarters services.

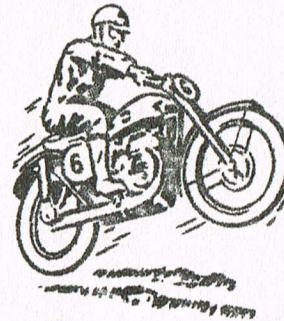
9) Any funds held by the JMF and BSMA shall be handed over to the Youth Division at the end of the two year probationary period. The ACU shall, at the same time, pay into the Youth Division account the sum of £250 or a sum equal to the combined total of the JMF and BSMA contributions, whichever is the greater."

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PLEASE SAVE YOUR STAMPS.

Please do not throw those postage stamps away. Mrs. Ree (Mrs. No. 98) is still collecting them for the Golborne Rehabilitation Trust and their need is great, so please when you receive your Christmas cards think of the folk less fortunate than yourself and save the postage stamps.

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Ian lives at Cadbury Heath, Warmley, and is an only son, but it would seem his interest in sport is so wide that he is never lonely. Since the age of five Dad has taken him off to Scrambles, his jumpers covered with favourite scrambler's names. Then he heard of Corsham Schoolboy Scramble Club and Mum found that her job was more than sewing badges on jumpers especially after wet meetings. Ian is always happy in the mud, whether it's scrambling or football. At football he has played for the county for three years following and has school records in athletics for sprint and high jump, and is also keen on rugby and skating. (Of course, there is his other hobby - girls).

His own scrambling career started in 'B' Group at Easter in 1970, he was then aged about 13 years and with his 125 cc B.S.A. Bantam he did rather well and gained some rather treasured trophies and after another 125 and then a 175 Bantam he is at present riding a 200 cc Tiger Cub and if Santa is kind, Ian hopes to have one more season with the schoolboys before joining his friends in adult scrambling.

Like many of the boys we have interviewed for Personality Page, Bradenstoke is his favourite course, especially if it has rained the previous night. Dad's opinion of schoolboy scrambling - "it's a good sport, and I enjoy it as much as Ian, provided the bike capacities aren't allowed to get any bigger" and Mum's comment, "it's a healthy sport and keeps him out of mischief". Therefore, she doesn't mind muddy football gear Saturday and scramble gear Sunday. We wish you luck with Santa, Ian, and look forward to seeing the results in 1974.

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Club Championship Points for 1973.

'A' Group.		'B' Group.		'C' Group.	
No.	pts.	No.	pts.	No.	pts.
83.	P. Davis 75	29.	G. Hudson 86	5.	R. Shears 86
31.	C. Clark 72	65.	K. Denman 85	17.	N. Selwyn 74
25.	S. Daniels 63	92.	P. Collins 70	64.	M. Law 63
62.	A. Taylor 60	42.	K. Turner 47	22.	R. Hughes 59
34.	C. Bryan 58	15.	A. Sugg 46	114.	K. Nurden 47
40.	R. Turner 34	97.	M. Webb 32	11.	J. Brzeszkiewicz 38
47.	R. Stacey 27	39.	K. Poole 27	28.	T. Poole 30
19.	N. Toms 24	75.	F. Parker 26	80.	S. Gray 25
58.	K. Marshall 22	69.	J. Bailey 15	3.	S. Faultley 21
63.	C. Chapman 17	10.	S. Bailey 12	51.	P. Spencer 20
98.	K. Ree 15	95.	K. Ashford 10	18.	M. Lake 16
2.	A. Thorpe 15	72.	M. Downes 9	109.	T. Norman 11
61.	K. Eddolls 14	139.	C. Salter 9	26.	A. Rossiter 11
57.	G. Davies 13	88.	B. Toogood 8	88.	B. Toogood 7
82.	I. Jones 8	14.	D. Stacey 7	149.	M. Price 6
52.	S. Ball 7	112.	R. Ford 6	94.	S. Leyfield 5
24.	J. Meaden 4	51.	P. Spencer 6	27.	S. Norman 2
112.	R. Ford 4	36.	C. Beavis 5	1.	N. Huntley 1
38.	P. Richards 2	96.	N. Sugg 5	145.	R. Toghill 1
45.	E. Board 1	21.	P. Huntley 2		
55.	P. Norman 1	11.	J. Brzeszkiewicz 1		
	Thorpe 1				
44.	M. Williams 1	71.	B. Toogood 1		

Gary Hudson and Robert Shears tied with 86 points for the best Foreign Bike, Stuart Bailey with 12 points was the best British Bike and Stuart Faultley with 21 points was the Best Newcomer. Well done lads.

Dear Members,

First of all I would like to apologise for the mistakes in November Full Chat. At the Doncombe meeting on 29th October, 1973, Nicky Selwyn couldn't possibly have come first and fourth in the Points Race, so we have rechecked the lap sheets and here are Doncombe Points results as they should have read.

'C'	'B'	'A'
1. N. Selwyn.	K. Denman.	S. Daniels.
2. R. Shears.	P. Collins.	C. Clark.
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Sorry lads, but after counting the laps all day for the sponser cards I guess I was a little cross-eyed. Now I must apologise to our secretary Mrs. Daniels, as I seem to have spelt her address wrong. Sorry it's taken me so long to find out Rose but you really should have told me. However, this is where I ask for help from the whole club. PLEASE read Mr. Venables column in the M.C.N. very carefully, and if you do find a spelling mistake let me know.

I do hope you like our Christmas cover, it was drawn by Pip Peasegood, No. 127. Congratulations Pip. Well done also to runners-up, Michael Priest (129), John Brzeszkiewicz (11)

and Gary Hudson (29). You also did very good drawings but unfortunately you could not all win.

I hope by now you have all sold your raffle tickets and returned the counterfoils, also that you have sent in your nomination forms. On mine I have nominated an extra officer.

Mr. Gordon Davis has worked very hard during the time he has been Chairman, many members not envolved with running the club will not know how hard, and now with Phil shortly to join the senior lads, Mr. and Mrs. Davis have offered to let us continue to store the Landrover and caravan at their home if necessary and also to let us hold barbecues there again if we so wish, so ladies and gentlemen and riders too, I would like to propose that we have a President of the Corsham Club and that he is Mr. Gordon Davis.

I would like to thank all the members who have helped me with gathering news for this magazine during 1973, and if you still wish me to continue I hope you will continue with your help, especially I would like to thank the members who have written poems, etc. I was hoping one of you would have had inspiration for another one to end the season. Never mind, perhaps we shall be lucky in January issue, which brings me to another thing I would like to propose - that the membership fee should be increased to cover the cost of the magazine, then every rider would automatically be entitled to one and if anyone wished to receive his by post and he let me have stamped addressed envelopes for each month I would then have no excuse for forgetting you. It's only a proposal, think

about it. I'm sorry if any of you have paid for magazines you have not received but I have still got a few back numbers. I'll bring them along to the A.G.M. or drop me a note if you won't be there.

The sponser money is still coming in and almost £400 has been banked. A cheque will be presented to the Principal of Grimsby Park School for Handicapped Children at the Christmas Trophy Meeting. Thank you everyone, it was a great effort.

I have enjoyed the past 18 months as Magazine Editor, even if it has meant missing the odd Saturday night out and I hope you have enjoyed reading them. I know that I have made a few mistakes but then so do the professionals. We have tried to print what I thought would interest you most (here I would like to point out that Cecil or I have not always agreed with it). I think at this point I should thank Cec for his help in clipping the pages together and cutting them with the guillotine, also for his tolerance when he has found printer's ink in funny places, namely his toothbrush (I can't think how it got there).

However, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and trust that fuel will allow us to meet again next year.

Sincerely yours,
Freda Sugg.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY.

As everyone knows by now the Party is on January 5th 1974 (provided the fuel situation doesn't forbid such gaiety). Tickets will be on sale at the A.G.M. Adults and visitors 50p each. Riding members 25p.

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