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Editorial

Hi everyone and welcome to Issue 8.

Annual Subs

You all know who you are, **PAY YOUR SUBS!** It's not a fortune so get those cheques made out to:

Brighton Excelsior C. C. and get them in the post to me **ASAP.**

Subs were due on the 1st of January, so if you wish to compete in race colours pay-up or I'll send the 'boys' round to break your legs!

Don't forget my new address is:

**12 Oakdene,
Pouchlands Drive,
South Chailey,
BN8 4QE.**

Tel: 01273 891170

Mobile: 07704 709254.

You can give me your subs at any Evening 10 if that suits, preferably after the event rather than while we are trying to get ready to race.

Please don't make me keep chasing you for your subs.

Rates: Senior £20,
Joint £25.00,
Jun/Juv. £10.00,
2nd Claim £10.00,
Unwaged £10.00,
5 yrs. Senior £85.00, and
5 yrs. Joint £100.00.

Annual 'Knees up' Well Done Jonesy



Dick in full swing

What a smashing 'do'. A very big well done everyone for making it a good evening. I personally think it was one of the best prize presentations evenings we have had for a long time. Judging by the feedback I've received I think most of you enjoyed the evening. (see website for a list of the prizewinners).

Any ideas for next year? If you have let me or a committee member know, we want your opinions it's your club, *let us know.*



Rick and Val being presented their Salver

Rick & Val, Loyal Years of Service

As everyone who was at the Annual Prize Presentation will know, Rick and Val were presented with a beautiful silver salver for all their hard work and dedication to our club over the years. I was very honoured to make the presentation on behalf of the club as I have known both Rick and Val for over 20 years. When I started racing Rick was *THE MAN*. You would be hard pushed not to find his name on every club trophy and as a novice I aspired to have the ability to ride as stylish as he did. As they say behind every successful man you will find a woman and Val has always been there, not only assisting Rick, but fulfilling roles in support of our club. To me they are and always will be Mr and Mrs Excel, Thank You Both for all your dedication over 50 years of being in THE club.

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Club Nights

Now that the Evening 10's have started and the Track is on a Wednesday night, Club Nights at the AOAC Centre are put on hold until the end of the season.

Anyone wishing to socialise come along to either Tuesdays racing or the track, you find plenty of us there to have a gossip with !

Next Issue

Now that the racing season is in full swing I don't seem to have much spare time, racing three times a week and attending the track on a Wednesday night takes a big chunk of my time. I will try to keep the Echos coming but please be patience.

Don't forget, don't be shy PLEASE give me any news or race results you would like included in the Echo. I will do my utmost to include all you give me.

Dates for your Diary

20th August 2006 CLUB PICNIC

Venue to be confirmed, at the recent committee meeting we decided that the club would continue with this annual social occasion but to swap the date away from the same day as the club open, on consulting the racing calendar, both TT's and Road Racing the 20th seemed the best date. As soon as I know more so shall you – DON'T MISS THIS ITS A GREAT FAMILY FUN DAY.

5th November 2006 ESCA Reliability Ride

More details nearer the date.

I received the following e-mail from them, which they asked me to include in the next available Echo.

Dear Keith,
Val and I were truly surprised and humbled to receive the beautiful silver salver at the Club Dinner.

Over the course of fifty years in the Excel, we have made many good and lifelong friends and it has been more 'family' than just a bunch of cyclists.

Hopefully all members, now and in the future, will derive the pleasure and companionship that we have from this club in the past and will continue to enjoy for good few years to come.
Thank you all very much,
Rick and Val.

Club AGM

The club held it's AGM on the 15th March at the AOAC. 24 members attending.

I will not detail all that transpired but if any member who was not present would like to see the minutes see me.

To let you all know who is who here is a list of the elected officers:

<i>Secretary:</i>	Keith (<i>you lot are stuck with me</i>) Balcombe
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Bob (<i>top up my holiday fund</i>) Harber
<i>Time Trial Secretary:</i>	Su (<i>does it by the side of the road</i>) Balcombe
<i>British Cycling Secretary:</i>	Roy (<i>working for British Cycling</i>) Page
<i>Cyclo Cross Secretary:</i>	Anthony (<i>get yourself down the track</i>) Rogers
<i>Social Secretary:</i>	Dick (<i>I've had this top for 50 years</i>) Jones
<i>Club Welfare Officer:</i>	Sally (<i>where would our youth squad be without her</i>) Page
<i>Press Secretaries &</i>	
<i>Web site Co-ordinators:</i>	Su Balcombe & Sally Page

Committee:
Ian (*know what I mean*) Essex, Mike (*never knew it came stacked that high*) Murray, Rod (*hard man*) Mackenzie and Rick (*still working for the club*) Stringer

Please give them all the support you can. Whoops did I really type those bits in brackets!

Welcome to:

Richard Brett
Richard, Bryony and Alastair Carter

And welcome back
Steve Woodbridge

Race Results

Its nice to see we are getting some results in the 'Comic' well done everyone.

Club Clothing

Su is getting ready to put in another order so if you need any kit get in contact with her quickly.

Well that's Issue 8, sorry it's a bit sparse but time is short and I'm trying to get the bungalow decorated on top of everything else.

Su and Sally are keeping you informed on the website so don't forget to visit that.

Don't forget your subs are due – You know who you are!