

Spring bank holiday in the saddle

FARNHAM Road Club, true to their enthusiastic nature, hold their third cycling weekend over the Spring Bank Holiday. And at least part of the event will be watched with the keenest interest by cycling organisations all over the country.

Not content with allowing the event to follow the same format year in year out, the organisers are trying, for the first time ever, a massed team pursuit race on the track at Eelmoor Plain, Aldershot.

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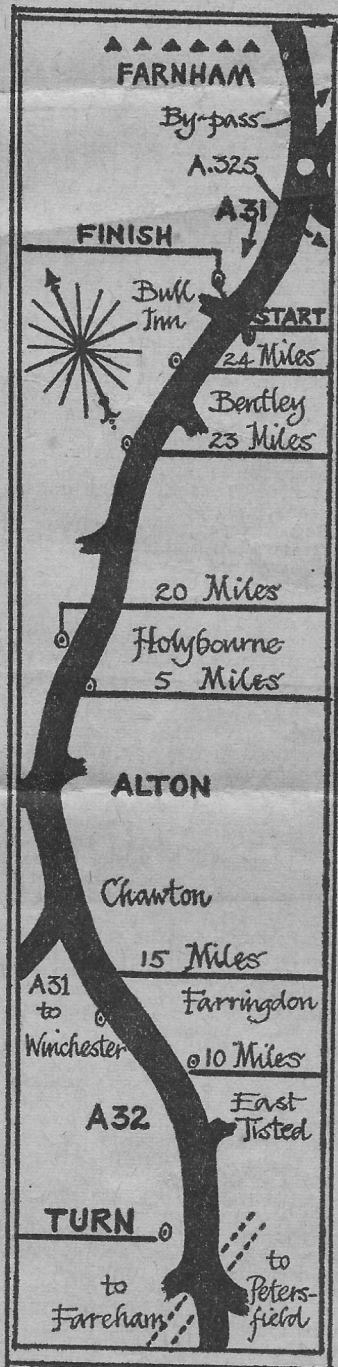
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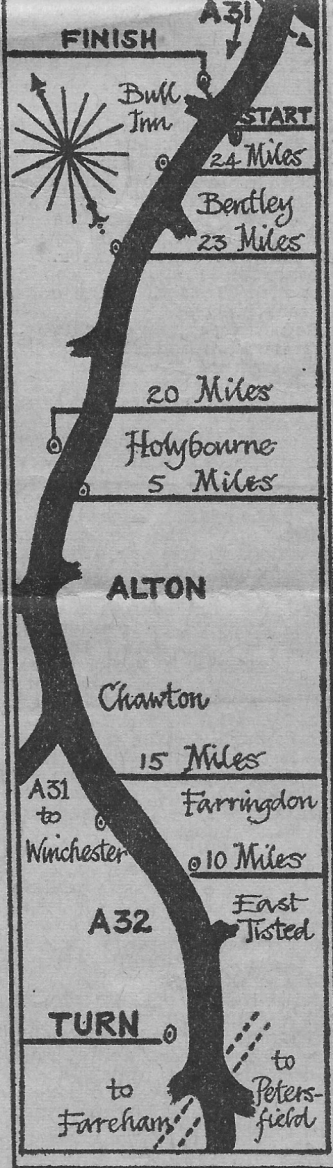
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The idea is for the eight teams to be spaced round the mile track at equal distances. They all start at the same time and once the third man of the chasing team has caught the third man in the chased team, the chased team is out and leaves the track. The race will be run over 10 laps.

With the massed team pursuit over, the third category men will take the track for a 20-mile event. The entry for this was enormous and apart from the 100 riders, 10 reserves have been selected.

Guildford Phoenix, Charlotteville C.C. (Guildford), Camberley Wheelers and Farnham R.C. form the nucleus of local men, who will be trying to hold off the challenge from Essex, London and Sussex.



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Mick Burrows, a past winner and one time competition record holder, may have other ideas. The Upton Manor member is the second quickest man in the field on 54 min. 4 sec. and he will undoubtedly be out to enhance his reputation with a victory.

It looks very much as if the Barnet Quinta will take the team title, for the third and fifth fastest men in the field are the Rochford brothers from that club, and as three men constitute a team, no one else appears on paper to be in with a chance.