

## MEMORIES OF MADGE MARSHALL

I first met Madge and Geoff some dozen or more years ago on a CTC Ride. They had come to the lunch stop, using their tandem. At a later stage they joined the Potterers, giving them the possibility of mid-week meets. Eventually they drove in Geoff's old van to the meet pub before unloading the tandem to take a circular ride while awaiting the coming of the rest of us.

I recall a day when we were out in the garden of the Alma, Painters Forstal: at the next table was a family party, the grandmother a full 57 years old. She commented to our ladies that she used to cycle but, being older now, it was neces-

sary to look after herself and she no longer cycled. Madge had agreed with her sentiments, adding that she was looking after herself, at 86 years, and still cycling!

Planning seemed not to be done. One Saturday I came upon Madge and Geoff, looking for accommodation. Nothing wrong with that, you may think. However, this was August, and it was in the holiday county of Dorset, and it coincided with the CTC Birthday Rides! They were very lucky to find any B&B, not having booked at all. I was very glad to see them, however, especially as they rode to the Birthday Tea the following Tuesday. At

