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NATURE OF EVENT	200 MILE THREE DAY CYCLE RALLY		
NAME OF COMPETITOR	R. S. Hopkins		
ADDRESS	9 Gwern Hyfryd, Horncastle Meadows, Llandaff, Cardiff		
NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
A W Rudge	BT Centre Bina Gate St	5/-	£10
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On his bike — with a cash pledge from Mrs T

SPONSORED cyclist
Robert Hopkins has succeeded where thousands have failed — he's secured a cash pledge from the Prime Minister.

Mr Hopkins, of Gwaun Hyfryd, Mornington Meadows, Caerphilly, met Mrs Thatcher outside 10 Downing Street as part of a delegation of cyclists riding from the House of Commons to Brussels to raise money for the NSPCC.

year. I said £60,000 and she gave the impression that that was not very much," said Mr Hopkins, who works as data processing manager for British Telecom.

"She said that now industry was doing well, she hoped they would be able to help out."

Largest team

The Prime Minister also signed his sponsorship form and agreed to send a cheque to the NSPCC after the event. She did not say for how much.

Up to about 500 people are expected to take part in the ride, which leaves London on August 10.

The British Telecom team from Cardiff raised £2,000 in last year's NSPCC ride from London to Paris, when they were also the largest team.

Robert Hopkins outside No 10 — and inset, a copy of the sponsor form with Mrs Thatcher's signature

Row over man led to offensive call

A ROW over a man led to a Rhymney Valley woman making a threatening telephone call, Bargoed magistrates' court heard.

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Prosecuting solicitor Mr Alistair Shaw said 27-year-old Julie Collis gave the other woman the message that she would be dead if she got hold of her.

Collis, of Heol Brychan, Gilfach, was granted a conditional discharge for

had been a disagreement between the women over "a certain gentleman."

"a certain gentleman." But he added: "The situation has blown over entirely. The heat has been taken out of it totally and she assures me there will be no repeat of any threats to this lady."

Mr Evans said it was Collis's first appearance before a court and she was there "in great trepidation."

Bulgaria, graphically illustrated

INTEREST in the new exhibition at Cardiff's Chapter Arts Centre will probably be set off by events reported in the news headlines about the changing face of Eastern Europe.

But it would be a mistake to see this show of contemporary Bulgarian graphics just in the light of "flavour of the month".

by former gallery administrator Mr David Briers on an exchange visit made in the mid-'Eighties

"There is a long history of exchanges with other European countries, which perhaps says something about our insularity rather than that of Bulgaria, which is far from being some kind of ba-

nana republic of the Soviet Union," says Mr Briers, who along with the Bulgarian ambassador Mr

Dimitar Zhulev and his trade commissioner Mr Kiril Kostov were sampling Bulgarian wine along with the country's art at the show's opening.

● Contemporary Bulgarian Graphics runs at the gallery until July 22