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FOR 1894.

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ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.

SECRETARY'S REPORT,

Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Members, on Thursday, the 4th January, 1894.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I think it only proper to preface the Fourteenth Annual Report of the proceedings of your Club with a few remarks on the circumstances that have led to my being here to present you with that Report.

Early in last year Mr. Lawrence Fletcher, being called abroad by business, was compelled to resign the office of Secretary. The full extent of our loss can hardly even yet be realized, suffice it to say that in thus losing Mr. Fletcher the Anfield Club sustained, not only the greatest loss it has ever had to bear, but a greater loss than it would be possible for any other cycling club to sustain. We can only hope Mr. Fletcher will always remain in touch with the old Club he has worked so hard and so long for.

Your Committee elected Mr. J. B. Beazley to the vacant post, an office he had held with honor full ten years before. But our losses were not at an end; Mr. Beazley, after a couple of months in office, left England to permanently make his residence in South America. We long shall miss his cheery presence at our runs, and his sage counsel at our business meetings. I had then the honor to be elected by your Committee to fill the vacant office.

The usual statistics will, I hope, prove as interesting and as satisfactory as before.

We closed the year 1892 with an Active Membership of 125; on 31st December, 1893, we find 121 names on our list.

We can still substantiate our claims to a front rank position

among the great road-riding clubs of the country, a place we have occupied for many years.

There have been 52 Club Runs, and the attendance has been as follows:—

TOTAL TOTAL	
H. Hellier49	W. W. Shaw11
W. R. Toft48	A. J. Jack11
E. G. Worth46	J. Roberts11
W. J. Neason43	J. R. Thompson10
P. C. Beardwood42	C. J. A. Decker10
C. Keizer42	E. T. Ward10
C. J. Conway41	A. Brereton 9
F. Bath38	H. Stephens 9
T. B. Conway38	A. G. Rowe 8
D. C. Rowatt37	D. J. Bell 8
A. N. Deakin35	C. W. Hutton 7
H. B. Saunders35	D. Templeton 6
D. Duggan34	G. W. Elias 6
A. G. White34	H. H. Carlisle 6
F. del Strother33	H. R. Carter 6
R. Thomas33	H. Fraser 6
W. M. Owen31	C. W. Offord 6
H. H. Parry 31	F. Hickson 5
H. P. Spence30	I. C. Robinson 5
W. R. Hood29	I. H. Ruddin 5
E. Edwards27	G. H. Tetley 5
R. H. Carlisle26	N. Crook 4
D. R. Fell26	R. B. Jones 4
J. Lyle25	W. Tomlin 4
I. A. Bennett23	I. Bain 3
A. S. Neason23	W. Corrie 3
A. W. Cottle22	E. A. Thompson 3
G. B. Mercer22	R. C. Shore 2
W. R. Thompson20	J. Ashcroft 2
S. H. Keeling19	R. Butterwith 2
H. C. Siddeley18	D. Davies 2
W. Adams17	J. R. Davies 2
W. Deakin16	F. Lawton 2
L. Fletcher15	W. Leatherbarrow 2
J. F. German15	A. Pollard 2
W. H. Cottle14	C. M. Sargeant 2
C. E. Stoker12	E. Browne 1
W. Stainton12	J. B. Hartley 1
F. R. Russell12	J. H. Jones 1
F. Watkiss12	F. Reynolds 1
J. B. Beazley11	

The Competition for the attendance prizes has again been very keen, and has resulted in favor of Mr. E. G. Worth, Mr. W. J. Neason taking second prize.

The average attendance at Club Runs has been 25, which is very satisfactory, again eclipsing as it does any previous Club record, and being, as far as is known, far better than any other Cycling Club.

The thanks of the Club are again largely due to Messrs. S. H. Keeling and E. G. Worth, for the trouble they have taken in procuring and measuring new courses, all of which have been accepted by the Northern Roads Records Association, the performances done upon them having been passed by that body, and also to Mr. Worth for work he has done in connection with the handicapping Committee, the bulk of which fell on his shoulders.

The Easter Holidays found an even larger crowd than ever in North Wales, full forty members gravitating to that well-loved centre Bettws-y-Coed, and enjoying to the full the various delights of the surrounding country.

An all-day Ride was arranged for June 24th, the destination being Peterborough. The 23rd June proved to be the wettest day in the whole summer, and night brought with it no cessation of the torrents which were accompanied by such gales as made riding almost an impossibility in the streets of Liverpool, in consequence, this ride had most reluctantly to be abandoned.

Our August Tour opened up fresh ground, for most of the score of members who took part in it, nearly all of whom will long have pleasant memories of Hereford and the Wye Valley.

The Summer of 1893 was simply phenomenally fine, and it has been most unfortunate that so many of our best men stood down and did not participate in the road events of the year, while others with designs on records left these designs unaccomplished till too late. With the exception of the 50 miles safely record, your Club still retains possession of every Northern Road Record on the three classes of single machines.

Your Committee has been careful, some of you may think too careful, in selecting quiet and secluded courses for your 50 and 100 miles races, and it is most satisfactory to be able to report that no member of the Public has met with the slightest accident or has even been inconvenienced.

Messrs. Carlisle, Toft and Worth constituted the Handicapping Committee, and their labours were rewarded with fairly successful results, though they may appear to have treated the middle-mark men rather too leniently.

The first 50 miles Handicap of the season was run off on May 6th over the Wirral triangles under most favourable conditions as regards weather and roads, and a fairly representative field turned out. The finish for first place was most exciting, Mr. H. Hellier, 20 minutes' start on his tricycle just beating Mr. W. M. Owen (who rode from the same mark) in the excellent time of 2 hrs. 56 min. 19 sec. There was an equally exciting race for 3rd place, Mr. A. N. Deakin 8 minutes' start, doing 2 hrs. 48 min. 16 sec., and gaining the verdict from Mr. H. B. Saunders, scratch, whose 2 hrs. 40 min. 16 sec. took the fastest time medal. The following excellent times were also done: Mr. W. R. Hood, 2 hrs. 51 min. 33 sec., Mr. W. J. Neason, 2 hrs. 53 min. 31 sec., Mr. A. H. Cottle, 3 hrs. 4 min. 3 sec. Mr. Hellier's time was within 3 minutes' of the then existing Northern Tricycle Record, while Mr. Owen's performance was little short of marvellous, this being the first race in which he had ever competed.

Our Annual 100 miles Invitation Handicap was held as is customary on Whit Monday, May 22nd. The picked men of the North of England Clubs as usual competed against our own members, and we were again visited by a select party of enthusiasts from the neighbourhood of the Metropolis. The day was the gloriously fine one with which this event seems usually favoured. Your Committee thought it advisable to alter the course

from that used the previous year, and though the roads were perhaps hardly as fast, I think you must approve of their action. The start was arranged south of Whitchurch, and the quadrangle formed by the roads running between that town, Tern Hill, Shawbury, and Wem was ridden round twice, while the necessary extension was put on over the road from Shawbury to The Cock Inn, Watling Street, and thence on the main Shrewsbury road. "Punctures" most unfortunately put many good men out of the race, while some of our more distinguished visitors found they had hardly got into their best form. The race ended in a creditable win for our old member Mr. T. B. Conway, who rode through with 40 min, start in 6 hrs. 24 min, 2 sec., showing vastly improved form at the distance. He had a most determined opponent in Mr. J. Waddington, of the Warrington B.C., who rode from the same mark and finished second in 6 hrs. 26 min, 28 sec. Mr. W. R. Hood, 20 min, start, occupied the same place he had done the previous year, gaining 3rd prize, his time 6 hrs. 9 min. 56 sec., showing however considerable improvement. Mr. R. Thomas 35 min, start, also of our own Club, finished 4th, doing 6 hrs. 27 min. 29 sec., while Mr. R. H. Carlisle, scratch, was 5th, and takes the Fastest time medal, doing 5 hrs. 58 min. 16 sec. Mr. J. Reilly, of the Manchester Wheelers, who also started from scratch, and riding remarkably well, had left his co-marksmen before half-distance, was most unfortunately mis-directed by a fellow-clubsman and took a wrong course robbing the race of much of its interest. Mr. Hellier, who had got away from a most formidable opponent, and who appeared to have the Northern 100 miles tricycle record at his mercy, unfortunately croppered at an awkward corner.

The 50 miles Handicap, confined to those Members who had never completed the distance under 3h. 15m., was decided on June 3rd. The same course as before was used, but the roads were rendered heavy in places by thunder showers, which were hardly welcomed by the competitors. The winner turned up in

Mr. H. P. Spence, 15 minutes' start, who rode through with the judgment of a veteran in 3h. 6m. Mr. C. Keizer, 17 minutes' start, taking second place, and doing 3h. 9m. 3os. Mr.W. Deakin, scratch, being 3rd, and capturing the Fastest time-medal with his fine ride of 2h. 54m.; while Mr. F. Bath, 5 minutes' start, took 4th prize, doing 3h. 1m. 45s., Mr. P. C. Beardwood hunting him home, doing 2h. 57m. from scratch. These times are most encouraging, and we can but hope the "novices" of 1894 do as well.

At 6 a.m. on Monday, June 5th, Mr. G. P. Mills left Land's End on a tricycle for John o' Groat's House, intent on breaking his own record, over this "classic" route, of 5d. 10h., which had remained untouched from 1886. Within a mile of the start he got on to a wrong road, but this mishap, which caused some delay, was really the only hitch in the journey. He reached Launceston (84 miles) at 12-30, Exeter (126 miles) at 4-35, and Bristol at 11 p.m.: continuing strongly he arrived at Worcester at 4-45 on Tuesday morning, and at Whitchurch at 11 a.m. Messrs. L. Fletcher and R. H. Carlisle were here waiting for him, and he was brought into Warrington at 1-45 p.m., being now inside the safety time. Barely slackening his pace for the rough Lancashire roads he reached Preston (388 miles) at 4-50 p.m.; crossed the dreaded Shap Fells; rested at Penrith for an hour; passed the border and arrived at Lockerbie at 4-55 a.m. on Wednesday. Moving as well as ever he reached Granton Ferry some hours in advance of his time-table, having covered 579 miles in 55 hours; here he slept for half an hour during the wait for the boat, resumed his journey at 3-10 p.m., and reached Perth (623 miles) at 6 o'clock. During the following night the Grampians were crossed, Kingussie passed and he rode into Inverness (743 miles) at 7-45 on Thursday morning. Tain was reached at noon, Helmsdale at 4-45, Wick at 9-5, and at 10-47 p.m. Mr. Mills arrived at John o' Groat's House, thus completing the greatest feat ever performed on a tricycle. His time for the entire journey was 3d. 16h. 47m., breaking his own

tricycle record by 1d. 17h., and being 7h. 8m. in advance of the safety bicycle time. He had glorious weather for the journey, and the rider of a safety bicycle to beat or even approach his time will have to be equally favored. In addition to those mentioned as assisting him, Mr. Mills' pacemakers included Messrs. F. W. Shorland, J. W. Stocks, H. H. Sansom, T. A. Edge, and J. Butterwith, as well as Mr. W. W. Shaw of our own club.

On June 17th, Mr. H. Hellier, emboldened by his success in the first 50 miles' race, attacked the Northern Tricycle Record for that distance. He chose the Anfield course, as used by previous record holders, and despite the roads being loose and the day one of the most sultry of a phenomenally hot summer, he covered the distance in 2h. 51m. 32s., beating record by 1m. 40s.

The third 50 miles Handicap was decided on July 8th, the Club reverting to their old country, Mid-Cheshire, starting beyond Warrington and using the Lostock Gralam, Rudheath, and Knutsford triangle. The roads were not in the best condition, the day was oppressively hot, and only a moderate field turned out. The crowd of two that had gathered at the timekeeper's post however witnessed a fine finish, Mr. R. Thomas, 15 minutes' start, getting through in 2h. 56m. 50s., a bare machine's length in front of Mr. W. J. Neason, 12 minutes' start, who for his 2h. 53m. 50s. takes Fastest Time Medal as well as second prize. Mr. W. M. Owen, 15 minutes' start, again showed his capabilities as a rider of the F. D. Safety, doing 2h. 59m. 17s., and taking 3rd prize, while Mr. D. Duggan rode through in 3h. 7m.

On Friday, July 28th, at 8 a.m., Mr. Lawrence Fletcher left Cork on a safety, and crossed the southern Irish counties between that city and Dublin. The roads are proverbially rough and hilly, and the wind and weather were not too favorable, but Mr. Fletcher reached the G.P.O. of the Irish Metropolis at 9-46 p.m. Returning he finished at Clonmel, substantially increasing the Irish 24-hours' Record, his distance -266 miles—being 22 miles better than the previous best.

The start for the Annual Twenty-Four Hours' Ride was made from Rainhill Stoops at 10 p.m. on July 28th, the course being that used in 1892, over the Roads of Cheshire and North Shropshire, these latter this year proving very stoney. A perfect night for a speed journey was followed by a very fair day with a few showers towards evening. There were the usual dozen starters, so few of whom had ever before ridden through an event of this kind, that this ride might well be termed "the Novices' 24." With the single exception of Mr. Hellier, who stuck to his threewheeler, all were mounted on R. D. safeties. The field was soon spread out, Mr. R. H. Carlisle forcing the pace and covering over a hundred miles in the first 6 hours, only to be clean put out of the race soon after by a most unlucky tyre accident. At 12 hours the scores were W. J. Neason, 165 miles, T. B. Conway, H. B. Saunders, and R. Thomas, 1561 miles, H. Hellier, A. G. White, and P. C. Beardwood, 1513 miles, A. H. Cottle and J. F. German, Mr. W. J. Neason who had ridden entirely by 1361 miles. himself for almost the whole journey, and Mr. Thomas who had hung on to Mr. Carlisle for some 60 miles, retired at 12 hours. There was a terrible scarcity of pacemakers, and several of the other competitors talked of retiring, but happily were persuaded to persevere. Messrs. Hellier and White, who had ridden with great judgment, turned at Broxton, omitting the roads north of that point, and were thus enabled to fight out their finish on the Knutsford and Warrington roads.

Mr. A. G. White was the first to arrive at the 11th milestone at Rainhill, 280§ miles, and in accordance with last year's precedent takes first prize. Mr. Hellier arriving a few minutes later took 2nd prize, and continued to ride against the old record figures for tricycles till the call of time, covering a total distance since passed by the N. R. A. as 281§ miles, beating record by 13 miles; a splendid performance. Mr. Saunders who finished at Whitchurch with some considerable time to spare, took 3rd prize, doing 272½ miles. Next in order came Mr. T. B. Conway, 271 miles,

J. F. German, $263\frac{1}{4}$ miles. P. C. Beardwood, $260\frac{1}{5}$ and A. H. Cottle, 236 miles. It is worthy of particular notice that none of the placed men had ever before ridden through a 24, the distance covered by Mr. White as his first essay being really surprising. Mr. German also rode most pluckily, and Mr. P. C. Beardwood proved that he, as well as Messrs. Hellier and Saunders was capable of something more than short distance work.

Mr. Lawrence Fletcher, on August 14th, started from the Land's End bent on reaching John o' Groat's House in record time, but owing to some hitch in his pacemaking arrangements he retired at Exeter. On the 16th, he again essayed the journey, and had got as far north as Hodnet, when a series of accidents left him without pacemakers and with an unrideable machine, and he was again most reluctantly compelled to abandon the ride.

The North Road C.C's. 24 hour ride took place on August 26th, in which event Mr. R. H. Carlisle competed. He was a victim to his usual shocking ill-luck, puncturing his tyre, and after a long stern chase, catching the leaders only again and again, to be delayed by similar misfortunes. Mr. Carlisle finally retired an hour before the call of time, with 307 miles to his credit, which placed him in 4th position in the race.

At 2 a.m. on the 4th September, Mr. Lawrence Fletcher again left Land's End for John o' Groats, there was a strong head-wind blowing, and the roads were very loose. Launceston (83 miles) however, was reached at 8-29, Exeter (124 miles), at 12-16, and Bristol (200 miles), at 6-47 p.m. Pressing on, Mr. Fletcher reached Worcester at midnight, and Bridgenorth (281 miles), within the first 24 hours, this being the best first day's journey ever done from Land's End. Through the morning mists he continued to Wellington (303 miles), where he tried unsuccessfully to snatch half-an-hour's sleep. Leaving at 5 a.m., he was taken on through Whitchurch to Warrington where he arrived at 9-15. Between Warrington and Preston, a local rider who had offered to show the best way through Wigan, delayed Mr. Fletcher

considerably, taking him miles out of his way and over the most wretched roads. Leaving Preston soon after 1 p.m., Kendal was reached at 5-40, the heavy ride over the Fells was accomplished, Shap reached at 7-15 p.m., and Carlisle passed through at 10-30. Soon after the Border was crossed, very heavy rain came on, but Mr. Fletcher continuing, ran up a total of 515 miles for the first two days. Granton Ferry was reached in time for the 9-40 a.m. boat, a sleep thereon being indulged in, then tracks were made for Perth (625 miles), reached at 2 p.m. Very heavy rain soon after came on again, and continued as Mr. Fletcher passed through Blair Athole (664 miles), at 5-35, Dalwhinnie at 8-45, Kingussie, at 11 p.m., and Carrbridge at 2-30 a.m. Then came the calamity that compelled all idea of reaching John o' Groat's in record time to be abandoned, the road onwards to Inverness was found to be practically non-existent, owing to the operations of a Contractor engaged in constructing a new Highland Railway, indeed it was only by walking shoeless that progress was possible at all. We can all imagine what a dreadful disappointment thus to be robbed of the record it must have been to Mr. Fletcher, who decided thereupon to turn and attempt a ride of 1000 miles. He proceeded via Nairn, Forres, Grantown, and Kingussie, in most miserable weather, then on through Blair Athole to Perth and Stirling, finishing with out and home journeys as suggested by local men and finally completing the ride at Perth, having actually covered 1008 miles. He took 4 days 231 hours for the journey, over 6 hours better time than had previously been done over the picked roads of England. For this ride and his Irish 24 hrs. record your Committee has awarded Mr. Fletcher a special medal. A complete list of his pacemakers would be too lengthy to give you; among the most prominent were Messrs. Adams, W. Deakin, Hood, Kerr, Lennox, W. J. Neason, Saunders, Shaw, J. D. Siddeley, and Tomlin, all Anfielders.

On September 16th, the last of the series of 50 miles Handicap was held over the same course as used for the previous race, the day being a fairly suitable one. Again Mr. R. Thomas proved the victor, beating Mr. P. C. Beardwood by a machine's length; both had 15 minutes' start, and showed great improvement, the time being returned as 2h. 51m. 51s. Mr. H. B. Saunders, scratch, came in third, also for the second time in the season taking the Fastest Time Medal, his 2h. 40m. 30s. differing from his time in the first 50 by a few seconds only. The following excellent times were also registered:—A. N. Deakin, 2h. 44m. 48s.; R. B. Jones, 3h. om. 33s.; and W. Adams, 3h. Im. os.

At 8-5 on the morning of September 22nd, Mr. R. H. Carlisle left Edinburgh to assail his own record between that city and London. The roads were very heavy and the weather cold, but he soon began to lower his previous time, being I hour ahead at Newcastle and 4 hours to the good at Boroughbridge. Misfortune now overtook him, as the night was most inclement, and he had to struggle on alone against a strong headwind to Doncaster, twice missing his way in the darkness. He persevered however and reached Newark at 6-40 a.m., but the weather then completely breaking up, he was forced to give up his attack on the figures he had established in 1892.

On October 20th, Messrs. Carlisle and Saunders started together with the idea of annexing, the former the Northern 12 hours' safety record, the latter the Northern record for 100 miles on a tricycle. Mr. Carlisle had an accident with his tire 5 miles from the start, and, being thus left alone, Mr. Saunders retired at about half distance.

To sum up the year's performances, I can safely say Mr. Mills has proved himself the best tricycle rider the world has ever seen, he and Mr. Lawrence Fletcher asserting themselves as true champions when really long journeys have to be undertaken. Mr. Hellier has added his name to the list of crack tricycle riders in the ranks of the A.B.C., his performances showing both speed and stamina. We await even more sensational rides from him in 1894. Mr. H. B. Saunders has shown himself for the first time as a

stayer, while that he has not lost his fine turn of speed is proved by his excellent performances in the 50 miles' handicaps. You must all be be pleased at Mr. A. N. Deakin's re-appearance in the 50's, as he was really one of the pioneers of fast times at this distance in the North. In Messrs. W. J. Neason, R. Thomas, P. C. Beardwood, and W. M. Owen we possess a quartette of splendid young riders, who have all shown excellent form in at least a couple of the 50 miles' handicaps, while Messrs. Neason and Thomas have put in good 12 hours' rides, and Mr. Beardwood a plucky 24 hours' performance. To these men and such as these you must look to maintain the Club's reputation in the future. Without doubt the surprise of the 24 hours' ride was the performance of Mr. A. G. White, he at once stepped up to a very high position amongst our long-distance men. That the Members of the Old Brigade have not forgotten to pedal as of yore is proved by the prizes won and times done by Messrs. T. B. Conway, W. R. Hood, W. Deakin, J. F. German, F. Bath, W. Adams, A. H. Cottle, and D. Duggan, while among the new members worthy of special mention are Messrs. R. B. Jones, H. P. Spence, C. Keizer, and C. J. A. Decker. We must all regret the strange series of misfortunes that has attended that sterling rider, Mr. R. H. Carlisle, throughout the year, and trust that his name will appear far more frequently on next season's prize list than it has done on this. It is also to be truly hoped that from such a list the names of such men as J. A. Bennett, A. J. Jack, H. C. Siddeley, W. W. Shaw, and S. H. Keeling will not again be entirely absent, while, I can assure you, nothing would give me greater pleasure than to find myself riding in such form as would justify my starting in some at least of our races during the next season.

In connection with our road events I think the sincere thanks of the Club are due to the following Members who have acted as checkers:—Messrs. F. del Strother, D. C. Rowatt, J. Ashcroft, A. J. Jack, H. Fraser, D. R. Fell, A. Pollard, F. Watkiss, and others.

On the path the principal prize-winners have been Messrs. E. E. Broadbent and W. W. Shaw, the most noteworthy ride however undoubtedly being that of Mr. R. H. Carlisle, in the 100 miles race on the Manchester Athletic Club's tract, in this event he was leading at 50 miles, covered in 2h. 17m. 12 sec., and, after a desperate race, was defeated by not quite a lap by Mr. A. V. Linton, who has been entirely invincible at the distance this year.

Mr. Carlisle's time was 4h. 49m. 36 sec., and he finished many miles in front of any other local rider.

The Winter Runs are proving as popular as ever, and there are signs that the year just opening will be signalized by grand performances, and be as successful a season as the Anfield Club has ever had.

The Officers and Committee have been summoned to 13 Meetings, which they have attended as follows:—

E. Edwards13
H. B. Saunders13
E. G. Worth
T. B. Conway12
H. Hellier12
S. H. Keeling12
A. G. White12
W. R. Toft12
A. W. Cottle11

D. R. Fell	10
D. J. Bell	10
A. N. Deakin	9
W. R. Hood	9
R. H. Carlisle	
D. C. Rowatt (possible 7)	
J. B. Beazley (resigned)	
L. Fletcher	4

W. R. TOFT,

Honorary Secretary.

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Audited and found correct,

ARTHUR POLLARD, NORMAN CROOKE, AUDITORS.

A. G. WHITE

Honorary Treasurer.

The Bankers of the Club are—The Manchester & Liverpool District Banking Co., Ltd., 3, Water Street, Liverpool.

AT THE

Annual General Meeting of the Members,

HELD AT

Laurence's Hotel, Clayton Square,

On Thursday, the 4th January, 1894, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. David J. Bell in the Chair.

Messrs. J. Ashcroft, P. C. Beardwood, J. A. Bennett, R. H. Carlisle, C. J. Conway, T. B. Conway, W. Corrie, A. H. Cottle, W. H. Cottle, N. Crooke, J. R. Davies, A. N. Deakin, W. Deakin, D. Duggan, E. Edwards, D. R. Fell, J. W. Fisher, H. Fraser, W. R. Hood, S. H. Keeling, C. Keizer, J. Lyle, G. B. Mercer, W. M. Owen, C. W. Offord, A. Pollard, H. H. Parry, D. C. Rowatt, J. H. Ruddin, T. E. Ruddin, H. B. Saunders, H. W. Shubrook, H. P. Spence, H. Stephens, F. del Strother, R. Thomas, E. A. Thompson, J. R. Thompson, W. R. Toft, A. G. White, F. Watkiss, E. G. Worth, and the Honorary Secretary.

The notice convening the Meeting was read.

Mr. D. R. Fell moved, Mr. A. N. Deakin seconded, and it was resolved—

"That the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting be taken as read, and that they be confirmed."

Mr. H. Fraser moved, Mr. T. B. Conway seconded, and it was resolved-

"That the Honorary Secretary's Report be adopted."

Mr. G. B. Mercer moved, Mr. C. J. Conway seconded, and it was resolved—

"That the Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1893, be adopted."

Mr. A. G. White moved, Mr. D. C. Rowatt seconded, and it was resolved—

"That the Annual Subscription for Active Members during the year 1894 shall be One Guinea, and the Annual Subscription for Honorary Members a minimum of Ten Shillings."

Mr. R. H. Carlisle moved, Mr. D. Duggan seconded, that rule 3 be altered by striking out words commencing—

"Nor in any Cycling Club," to the end of rule.

Mr. G. B. Mercer opposed strongly the alteration, a letter from Mr. L. Fletcher to the same effect being read by the Chairman.

Upon the proposition being put to the vote, it was rejected by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. T. B. Conway moved, Mr. A. W. Cottle seconded, and it was resolved that rule 4 read-

"The Officers of the Club shall consist of President, two Vice-Presidents, Captain, two Sub-Captains, Honorary Secretary, and Treasurer, all being Active Members."

Mr. E. Edwards moved, Mr. D. C. Rowatt seconded, and it was resolved that rule 6 read -

"Two Auditors from amongst the Members, none of the Committee being eligible, shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting, to examine and report upon the Accounts and Balance Sheet."

Mr. A. G. White moved, Mr. A. N. Deakin seconded, and it was resolved that rule 28 read—

"The Funds of the Club shall be banked in the name of the Anfield Bicycle Club, and the President and Treasurer for the time being, shall jointly sign cheques to meet current expenditure, as authorised by the Committee. All Accounts to be passed by the Committee and initialled by the Chairman before payment."

Mr. W. R. Toft moved, Mr. H. B. Saunders seconded, and it was resolved—

"To present a silver shield to the Roads Records Association, to be awarded to the holder of the fastest record upon any type of single machine, from Land's End to John o' Groat's."

Mr. David J. Bell, proposed by Mr. H. W. L. Shubrook, and seconded by Mr. W. Deakin, was re-elected President by acclamation.

Upon the motion of Mr. G. B. Mercer, seconded by Mr. H. W. L. Shubrook—

Mr. E. Edwards and Mr. R. D. Fell were re-elected to the offices of Vice-Presidents.

Mr. W. R. Toft, proposed by Mr. D. C. Rowatt, and seconded by Mr. T. B. Conway, was unanimously re-elected to the post of Captain.

Messrs. C. Keizer and D. C. Rowatt having been appointed Scrutineers, it was resolved by ballot that the following gentlemen be elected to the offices of Sub-Captains —

Mr. W. R. Hood Mr. A. G. White Mr. T. E. Ruddin , W. M. Owen , H. Hellier , T. B. Conway

Mr. A. G. White, proposed by Mr. H. Hellier, and seconded by Mr. D. C. Rowatt, was re-elected to the office of Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. H. Hellier, proposed by Mr. W. R. Toft, seconded by Mr. E. G. Worth, was elected to the office of Hon. Secretary.

It was resolved by ballot that the following gentlemen be elected Members of the Committee:—Messrs. T. B. Conway, A. N. Deakin, H. Fraser, S. H. Keeling, D. C. Rowatt, H. B. Saunders, H. P. Spence, E. G. Worth.

It was resolved by ballot that Messrs. Norman Crooke and J. F. German be elected to audit the Accounts for the year 1894. On the motion of D. C. Rowatt, seconded by Mr. W. Deakin,

it was resolved "That the Club do carry out its usual Road Racing Programme, subject to the discretion of the Committee."

Mr. T. B. Conway moved, Mr. H. Cottle seconded, and it was resolved—"That the Club Tour at Easter shall be into North Wales as usual."

On the motion of Mr. D. R. Fell, seconded by Mr. C. J. Conway, it was resolved "That the Club do hold an All-day Ride during the season, date and destination being left to the Committee."

On the motion of Mr. E. G. Worth, seconded by Mr. A. G. White, it was resolved—"That the Club Tour in August be left to the Committee to arrange."

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the following gentlemen, who promised prizes for 1894 to the value of £47:—

Messrs. C. Conway, N. Crooke, T. B. Conway, R. H. Carlisle, C. S. Brooke, E. Edwards, D. Fell, H. Fraser, J. W. Fisher, L. Fletcher, W. R. Hood, H. Hellier, C. Keizer, S. H. Keeling, G. B. Mercer, W. Neason, D. C. Rowatt, T. Ruddin, H. P. Spence, H. W. L. Shubrooke, H. B. Saunders, R. Thomas, W. R. Toft, A. G. White.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Retiring Officers, and the Auditors.

It is the intention of the Committee to carry out the following Road events:—

A 100 miles Invitation Handicap.

A 24 hours Scratch Ride.

Three 50 miles Handicaps, and a 50 miles Handicap confined to Members who have not, up to the date of the Race, accomplished the distance in 3 hrs. 15 min. or less.

RULES.

I .- This Club shall be called the "ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB."

2.—This Club shall consist of Cyclists who are considered eligible for membership under Rule 20.

3.—No active Member of this Club shall be permitted to join or retain active membership in any other *local* Club, nor in any Cycling Club having its head-quarters within 100 miles of the G. P. O., Liverpool. This Rule not to apply to Clubs in which existing Anfielders have held membership prior to 30th June, 1891.

OFFICERS.

4.—The Officers of the Club shall consist of President, two Vice-Presidents, Captain, two Sub-Captains, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, all being active Members.

COMMITTEE.

5.—The Committee shall consist of sixteen Members, including the Officers.

AUDITORS.

6.—Two Auditors from amongst the Members, none of the Committee being eligible, shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting, to examine, and report upon, the Accounts and Balance Sheet.

MEETINGS.

7.—The Annual General Meeting shall be held within the first two weeks of January, to receive the Hon. Secretary's report

and Treasurer's Balance Sheet; to appoint Officers and Committee for the ensuing twelve months; and to transact any other business that may be found necessary.

- 8.—A General Meeting of the Club shall take place whenever the Committee or Secretary convenes the same. Thirteen to form a quorum.
- 9.—It shall be the duty of the Committee or Secretary to convene a General Meeting when requested to do so, in writing, by ten or more Members of the Club, and they shall call such meeting within two weeks after receiving such requisition. If the Committee or Secretary fails to call such meeting, then the requisitionists shall be entitled to call it.
- 10.—Six days' notice of all General Meetings shall be given by the Hon. Secretary, who shall at the same time, circulate amongst the Members an Agenda paper of the matters to be brought forward.
- 11.—Any Member wishing to bring forward any matters, should send particulars to the Hon. Secretary, who shall cause the same to be entered on the Agenda of the next General Meeting
- 12.—Business which does not appear on the Agenda paper shall not be brought forward until all the subjects on the Agenda have been disposed of, nor shall such business then be discussed, unless it be voted *urgent* by two-thirds of the Members present.
- (13) Any proposition appearing on the Agenda paper in the name of an absent Member, shall be deemed equal to, and treated as, a proposition made in *proprià personà* by the said Member, and shall be moved by the Hon. Secretary.
- 14.—Every Amendment and every proposition which does not appear on the Agenda paper, shall be written and signed by its proposer and seconder, on a form which shall be provided by the Hon. Secretary.

- 15.—No resolution of any previous General Meeting shall be rescined unless the Member proposing to cancel such resolution shall have given notice on the Agenda paper of his intention to do so.
- 16.—No alteration of the rules of the Club shall be made except at a General Meeting, and then only by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting.
- 17.—All active Members residing at a distance of not less than fifteen miles from Liverpool, may exercise the right of Proxy Voting upon any subject appearing on the Agenda of any General Meeting, or which the Chairman may rule to be coincident thereto.
- 18.—The Minutes of all Meetings shall be open for inspection to any Member of the Club on giving reasonable notice to the Hon. Secretary.
- 19.—Committee Meetings shall take place during the second week of each month. Seven to form a quorum.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

- 20.—Candidates for Membership must fill up a form provided by the Club, which must also be signed by the proposer and seconder, (both having been active Members of the Club for at least two months) and forward same to the Secretary, who shall place it before the next Committee Meeting. If there be any objection and the Nomination be still insisted on by the proposers, a special General Meeting shall be called to consider the Candidature. Ten black balls to exclude.
- 21.—Any Member violating the rules or regulations of the Club, or being discovered not to be, or ceasing to be an amateur or being guilty of misconduct, may be expelled by the votes of a two-thirds majority of the Members present, and voting, at a Special General Meeting summoned for the purpose, and such Member

shall receive six days' notice of such Meeting. Any Member so expelled shall forfeit all claim upon the property of the Club, and shall cease to be a Member. Voting to be by ballot.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

- 22.—Candidates for Honorary Membership shall be proposed and seconded by Active Members, and shall, unless objected to, be elected by the Committee at their next meeting; but should any objection be made, it shall be dealt with under Rule 20.
 - 23.—Honorary Members shall not receive the regular notices of Club runs, &c., neither shall they be permitted to attend or vote at any General Meetings, nor to take part in more than three Club runs during the year, nor compete for any of its long-distance prizes, or in any of its closed events.
 - 24.—An Honorary Member may become an Active Member upon payment of the difference between his honorary subscription and the current subscription, and Entrance Fee of the Club; but his name must come before the Committee in the usual way.

SUBSCRIPTIONS. &c.

25.—The minimum Annual Subscription for Honorary Members shall be 10s., no entrance fee being charged to them. The Annual Subscription for Active Members shall be one guinea, payable within one month from date of election, with an entrance fee of 5s. Any Member whose Renewal Subscription is not paid by 1st March, shall receive written application from the Treasurer, and if payment be not made within one month from the date of such notice, the Treasurer shall bring the matter before the Committee, that body having full power to deal with the case as it thinks fit. After the 31st August in each year, the subscription to incoming Members shall be one-half the ordinary Annual Subscription, but the full Entrance Fee shall be chargeable under all circumstances.

RESIGNATIONS, &c.

26.—Any Officer or Member of the Committee wishing to resign his office or seat on the Committee, shall notify the same (in writing) to the Hon. Secretary, for the information of the Committee, but until such resignation shall have been accepted, he shall continue to exercise the duties, and retain the responsibilities of his office.

27.—Any active Member wishing to resign, must give notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary, before the Annual General Meeting, otherwise he will be held accountable for the ensuing year's subscription.

FINANCE.

28.—The funds of the Club shall be banked in the name of the Anfield Bicycle Club, the President and Treasurer for the time being, shall jointly sign cheques to meet current expenditure, as authorised by the Committee. All accounts to be passed by the Committee and initialled by the Chairman before payment.

29.—The Financial Year of the Club shall expire on the 31st December in each year.

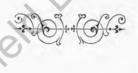
UNIFORM.

30.—The uniform shall be black patrol jacket, knicks and hose, with black cricket cap, and blue and black scarf. The Captain to be distinguished by a gold badge.

COMMITTEE,

- 31.—All runs shall be arranged by the Committee, and shall not be altered without its consent.
- 32.—The Committee shall have power to fill up any vacancy in the Officers or Committee which shall occur within the year, subject to confirmation by the next General Meeting.

33.—The Committee may decide any question on the meaning of these Rules, or anything relative to the Club not provided for therein, and may do whatever they deem necessary for the well-being of the Club, which is not inconsistent with these Rules. The decision of the Committee shall be final, unless notice of appeal, in writing, be given to the Hon. Secretary within seven days following that on which the decision is arrived at. All such appeals shall be heard at the next General Meeting, and the decision of such meeting shall, in every case, be final.



PRIZE LIST AND RULES FOR COMPETITION.

SEASON 1894.

No. 1.—No Medals, Record Medals, or Prizes of any description, will be awarded, unless the claimants have ridden under the name of the Anfield B.C. only. No Member is eligible to receive any of the Standard Medals or Record Prizes, unless he has attended at *least* twelve ordinary Club Runs.

No. 2.—Standard Medals will be awarded as follows:—

A. On any class of machine, 200 miles in 24 hours, Gold-Centred Silver Medal.

Gold Medals in 24 consecutive hours.

	В	C	D	E	F
Safety Bicycle	230	260	290	320	350
Ordinary Bicycle Tandem Bicycle or Tandem Tricycle	225	250	275	290	305
Tricycle	220	240	260	280	300

Ten per cent. extra for Rides in the District of the Great North Road. Previous Winners barred, i.e., holders of the former Standard Medal for 200 miles, are eligible under Class B and upwards.

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No. 3 - For 12 hours' rides. Medals will be awarded as follows:

	Gold.	Gold Centre.	Silver.	Bronze.
Safety Bicycle	180	160	140	120
Ordinary Bicycle, Tandem Bicycle, or Tandem Tricycle	} 175	155	135	115
Tricycle	170	150	130	110
Ten per cent. extra	for Ride	es in the District	of the Gr	eat North

Road.

No. 4.-No Member will be entitled to more than one Standard Medal at the end of the year in each of the Ten Classes, (that is : Safety Bicycle, Ordinary Bicycle, Single Tricycle, and Tandems, Bicycle and Tricycle, twelve hours, and 24 hours each), such medal being for the longest distance during the year. Previous Winners barred.

No. 5.-A Gold Medal will be awarded to any Member who succeeds in beating any of the Road Records, or Northern Road Records for the time being, the ride to be proved to the satisfaction of the Road Records Association, or Northern Road Records Association, as the case may be.

A Member who succeeds in beating a Record more than once, shall be entitled to a Medal for the highest performance only at each distance during the year.

A Special Prize of the value of Five Guineas has been offered by Mr. Lawrence Fletcher to the first Member completing 300 miles or more in 24 hours on a tricycle.

No. 6.—For the purpose of awarding Northern Record Medals, the Records existing on the 31st December, 1893, must be noted as follows:—

DETAILS.	ORDINARY BICYCLE.	SAFETY BICYCLE.	TRICYCLE.	TANDEM SAFETY.	TANDEM TRICYCLE.
	A. J. Jack	C. W. Schafer	H. Hellier	R. Thomas & A. Robertson	J. Reilly & A. Gastall
Fifty Miles	3 h : 12 m : 43 s	2 h : 34 m : 42 s	2 h : 51 m : 32 s	2 h : 36 m : 24 s	3 h: 4 m: 45 s
	A. J. Jack	J. A. Bennett	W. B. Toft	F. Lowe & J. M. James	Lowest Standard
Hundred Miles	6 h : 58 m : 25 s	5 h : 46 m : 50 s	6 h : 29 m : 54 s	5 h:53 m:7 s	6 h : 45 m : 0 s
	A. J. Jack	J. A. Bennett	W. R. Toft	Lowest Standard	Lowest Standard
Twelve Hours	156 miles	167 miles	$175\frac{3}{4}$ miles	175 miles	160 miles
	A. J. Jack	Lawrence Fletcher	H. Hellier	Lowest Standard	Lowest Standard
Twenty-four Hours	286_2^f miles	$314\frac{1}{2}$ miles	281§ miles	300 miles	300 miles

No. 7.—All Tandem Prizes will be divided, half to each man, and both riders must be active Members of the Anfield B.C. and comply with Prize Rule No. 1.

No. 8.—If a Record Medal is awarded, no Standard Medal can be claimed for the same ride.

No. 9.—Members winning medals may substitute Prizes of equal value, subject to the approval of the Committee as to the form these may take.

No. 10.—Claims for Medals, accompanied by proofs, must be sent in to the Hon. Secretary, within 7 days after the performance of each ride.

No. 11.—No distance ridden in any of the Competitions will be recognized, if it be done either wholly or partially on a Sunday.

No. 12.—No piece of Road, may, upon any pretext, be covered more than twice, or if covered, shall not be counted in the total distance claimed.

No. 13.—All Prizes and Medals will be awarded at the discretion of the Committee, who shall have full power to decide any question which may arise as to the interpretation of these Rules, and successful Competitors will receive their Prizes at the Annual Dinner of the Club.

ROAD RACES.

Members are requested to consider the information contained herein as "Private and Confidential."

Three Fifty Miles Road Handicaps will be held during the Season over a Course, to be selected by the Committee, and for each of these Races, four Prizes will be offered, viz., value Four Guineas, Two Guineas, and one Guinea, and a Gold Time Medal. In these three Races a Gold Star will also be awarded to all (Prize Winners excepted) completing the distance in 2h. 50m. or less, and a Gold Centre Silver Star to all (Winners of Prizes and

Gold Stars excepted) covering the distance in 3 hours or less, and a Bronze Medal to all (Winners of Prizes, Gold or Gold Centre Stars excepted) covering the distance in 3 h. 10 m. or less. These three Races will be open to every Active Member of the Club.

A Fifty Miles Road Handicap will also be held, with five Prizes, viz., Gold, Gold Centre, Silver and Bronze Medals, and Gold-Centre Time Medal. This Race will be confined to Members who have not, up to the date of the Race, accomplished the distance in 3h. 15m. or less.

The Hundred Miles Invitation Road Handicap will be held as usual, when Prizes value Five Guineas, Three Guineas and Two Guineas, will be offered, and also a Gold Medal for fastest time in the Race.

The 24 hours' Road Ride will be brought off during the Season, when the following Prizes will be offered, viz., value Five Guineas, Three Guineas, and Two Guineas.

RUNS, &c.

A Gold-Centred Silver Medal will be presented to the Member attending the greatest number of Saturday Club Runs connected with the Main Division, and a Silver Medal to the Member with the Second largest attendance (Officers barred).

ACTIVE MEMBERS. LIST OF

Adams, W Ashcroft, J. 2 Bain, J. 3 Barlow, A. E. 4 5 Bath, F. 6 Beardwood, P. C. Beazley, J. B. 78 Bell, D. J. Bennett, J. A. 9 Brereton, A. 10 Broadbent, E. E. II Brooke, C. S. 12 Browne, E. 13 Browne, J. E. 14 Butterwith, R. 15 16 Carlisle, H. H. Carlisle, R. H. 17 18 Carter, H. R. 19 Conway, C. J. Conway, J. K. Conway, T. B. 20 21 Corrie, W. Cottle, A. H. 22 23 Cottle, W. H. 24 Cox, F. D. 25 26 Craddock, J. Crooke, N. 27 Davies, J. R. 28 Deakin, A. N. 29 Deakin, W. 30 Decker, C. J. A. 31 Duggan, D. 32 Edge, T. A. 33 Edwards, E. 34 Elwood, W. 35 Fell, D. R. 36 37 38 Fisher, F. Fisher, J. W. Fletcher, A. H 39 Fletcher, J. P. 40 41 Fletcher, L. Fraser, H. 42 German, J. F. 43 Gregory, J. W. 44 Hammond, W. A. 45 Hartley, J. B. 46 Hellier, H. 47 Hickson, F. W. 48 Hood, W. R. 49 Hope, W. B.

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