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* OFFICERS *

FOR 1896.

President :

MR. DAVID J. BELL.

Vice-Presidents :

MR. E. EDWARDS. | MR. D. R. FELL.

Captain :

MR. W. R. TOFT.

Sub-Captains :

MR. E. BUCKLEY. | MR. H. HELLIER.

Hon. Treasurer :

MR. A. G. WHITE, 119, Duke Street.

Committee :

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| MR. P. C. BEARDWOOD. | | MR. G. B. MERCER. |
| MR. T. B. CONWAY. | | MR. W. M. OWEN. |
| MR. W. H. COTTLE. | | MR. H. POOLE. |
| MR. A. H. COTTLE. | | MR. E. G. WORTH. |

Hon. Secretary :

MR. H. PERCY SPENCE, 46, Canning Street, Liverpool.

Auditors :

MR. A. POLLARD. | MR. J. F. GERMAN, F.S.A.A.

ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.



SECRETARY'S REPORT,

*Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Members,
on Monday, the 6th January, 1896.*



MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

The season that has passed since our last General Meeting can hardly be said to have fulfilled the promise of success then apparent.

The year opened well, and the earlier of our events were certainly among the most successful races the Club has ever held, but as the season progressed there seemed a sad lack of enthusiasm, and its close was decidedly flat and uninteresting.

Taking the usual statistics first, I find there has been a slight falling off in the number on the List of Active Members, the figures standing on the 31st December, 1895, being 91, as against 107 on the same day of 1894.

There have been 54 Club Runs and Tours, and the attendance has been as follows:—

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|-------------------------|----|-----------------------|---|
| H. P. Spence | 46 | R. Butterwith | 8 |
| H. Hellier..... | 42 | J. F. German | 8 |
| T. B. Conway | 40 | H. Poole | 8 |
| E. G. Worth..... | 39 | S. H. Keeling | 7 |
| E. Edwards | 36 | W. R. Thompson..... | 7 |
| D. C. Rowatt | 36 | C. J. A. Decker | 6 |
| W. R. Toft | 34 | A. J. Jack | 6 |
| D. R. Fell..... | 33 | W. L. Addy | 5 |
| C. Keizer | 33 | N. Croke | 5 |
| A. H. Cottle..... | 30 | L. Fletcher | 5 |
| C. J. Conway..... | 28 | J. W. Fisher..... | 5 |
| W. M. Owen..... | 28 | L. Morath..... | 5 |
| P. C. Beardwood..... | 26 | E. A. Thompson | 5 |
| E. Buckley | 26 | R. D. Williams..... | 5 |
| J. A. Bennett | 24 | W. A. Hammond..... | 4 |
| W. H. Cottle..... | 22 | T. E. Ruddin | 4 |
| A. N. Deakin | 22 | W. Adams | 3 |
| G. B. Mercer | 22 | F. Bath | 3 |
| H. B. Saunders | 21 | H. J. Leake | 3 |
| F. Watkiss | 20 | F. H. Koenan | 3 |
| W. J. Neason | 19 | J. D. Siddeley | 3 |
| G. R. Lichtenberg | 18 | T. A. Edge | 2 |
| H. W. Smith | 18 | W. R. Hood..... | 2 |
| R. Thomas | 17 | Hy. Johanning | 2 |
| R. H. Carlisle | 15 | A. S. Neason | 2 |
| W. E. Parry..... | 15 | C. W. Offord..... | 2 |
| J. Lyle | 13 | W. J. Slade | 2 |
| A. G. White | 13 | Jno. Craddock | 1 |
| G. Townley | 12 | J. R. Davies..... | 1 |
| R. B. Jones | 11 | R. J. Maddock..... | 1 |
| H. H. Parry | 11 | D. H. Simpson | 1 |
| F. del Strother..... | 11 | W. Tomlin | 1 |
| W. Deakin | 10 | H. E. Barr | 1 |
| J. R. Thompson | 10 | | |

As will be seen, the first attendance prize goes to Mr. H. Hellier, while Mr. T. B. Conway takes the second, the officers being debarred. A further scrutiny of this list shows how the losses we have sustained, owing to the removal from the district of some of our most regular riders, affects the average attendance which this year has dropped to 17'13.

We must call on our new Officers to endeavour to attain the old standard, and on our members, old and new alike, to support them in their efforts.

The Officers and Committee have been summoned to 12 meetings, which they have attended as follows :—

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|--------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| D. R. Fell..... | 12 | W. M. Owen..... | 10 |
| H. P. Spence | 12 | E. Buckley | 9 |
| E. G. Worth..... | 12 | W. R. Toft | 9 |
| E. Edwards | 11 | C. Keizer | 7 |
| H. Hellier..... | 11 | H. B. Saunders | 6 |
| G. B. Mercer | 11 | S. H. Keeling | 5 |
| A. G. White..... | 11 | D. J. Bell | 4 |
| T. B. Conway | 10 | A. N. Deakin | 4 |

The most pleasurable of gatherings, that at Bettws-y-Coed, at Easter, was as well attended as ever, over 40 members turning up at the "Glan Aber," and, as usual, taking apparent possession of the entire district.

The first of a series of extended runs, instituted by your Committee, was that to Shrewsbury, on May 18th, which was very successful, the members present usefully enlarging their knowledge of Shropshire roads on their return journey.

The All-Day Ride, with York as the destination, was carried out on June 15th, the route being by Stockport and Penistone, instead of that by Preston and Skipton taken on the previous ride in 1892. After sundry adventures, the party, to the number of 17, reached the famous old city, which was also that day the destination of 11 members of the North Road C.C., who rode from London.

The August Holiday Tour to the English Lakes was a most enjoyable one. The arrangements were left in the hands of those members to whom the district was familiar, and if the statement on the programme that the roads were "not too hilly" smacked of fiction, the beauty of the scenery was a glorious fact.

On September 7th an extended run was carried out to Denbigh, and though the attendance was small, those present passed some very pleasant hours in the Vale of Clwyd.

The run to Buxton, on October 5th, was unfortunately completely spoiled by the weather, and the attendance was reduced to a minimum.

The position of being able once more to announce that our road events have been carried out without misadventure is a gratifying one to me.

With continuation of the care in the selection of our courses, which has been our aim, and with wise discretion shown by competitors in the matter of pace-making, I see no reason why a programme suitable for a road-riding club should not again be framed and carried out. We have seen this past year that those clubs which have carried their long-distance events from road to path find this means loss if not ruin.

If road-racing were entirely abandoned, fast pace on the road would by no means be at an end. The spirit of competition will last as long as human nature is what it is, and the most determined anti-road-racer is sometimes seen doing his best in an impromptu dust-up on the highway, and chuckling at having left some less speedy individual. Promiscuous scorching is far more annoying to the public than the well-arranged road race over a secluded course.

The Fifty Miles Handicap opened the 1895 season, being ridden over the old record course on May 4th. The day was favourable—the roads in grand order, and the times done much the best ever registered in competition in the North. Mr. W. M. Owen 15 min. start, who showed greatly improved form, doing 2 hrs. 35 min. 15 sec. won; Mr. J. R. Thompson, who was on the same mark, coming in second in 2 hrs. 38 min. The four scratch men, who had ridden through together, had a splendid struggle for 3rd prize and fastest time medal. Mr. J. A. Bennett succeeded in annexing these, his time, 2 hrs. 25 min. 15 sec., being *but two seconds outside the then existing record*. Mr. A. N. Deakin was but beaten by half-a-wheel; Mr. W. J. Neason, who did 2 hrs. 25 min. 17 s., and Mr. E. Buckley whose time was 2 hrs.

25 min. 30 sec., were close up. Excellent time was also done by Mr. R. Thomas, 2 hrs. 39 min. 30 sec., and by Mr. D. R. Fell, 2 hrs. 54 min. 45 sec.

On May 11th Mr. W. J. Neason made a very successful attack on the London—Bath and back record, which was considered by the knowing ones the "thickest" standing on the R.R.A. books. His first 100 miles took about 5 hrs. 30 min.; he did well over 200 miles in the twelve hours; and finished the journey in 12 hrs. 31 min. 45., *beating old record by 24 min. 10 sec.*

On the same day Mr. R. H. Carlisle was one of the competitors in the great race from Bordeaux to Paris, and finished third in the amateur section, being the only Englishman in any of the sections to make a good show.

The 100 Miles Invitation Handicap, on Whit Monday, June 23rd, provided sport of the best. For this event a new course had been arranged, which, though an intricate one, had the great advantage of being entirely away from centres of population. The list of competitors was a lengthy one, and showed excellent class, though the vagaries of the licensing committee accounted for the non-appearance of at least one notable name. The middle-distance men *i.e.* those on the 18 min. and 20 min. were a very warm crowd, and provided the first five riders home. Our Mr. W. M. Owen (18 min.) whose time, 5 hrs. 23 min. 18 sec., also proved the fastest in the race, was the winner. Mr. W. Turner (20 min.) of the Manchester B.C., being a good second in 5 hrs. 27 min. 7 sec., while Mr. W. E. Gee (20 min.) of the Manchester Wednesday C.C. was third in 5 hrs. 28 min. 40 sec. Messrs. H. W. Smith and R. Thomas, both of the A.B.C., followed, doing 5 hrs. 33 min. 43 sec., and 5 hrs. 36 min. 21 min. respectively. Mr. A. F. Ilsley, North Road C.C., was the only scratch man to finish, he had the very worst of luck in having repeatedly to change machines, or his time, 5 hrs. 24 min. 39 sec., would have been considerably bettered, and Northern record broken. Mr. J. A. Birch, Manchester B.C., did 5 hrs. 49 min. 12 sec., and Mr.

B. H. Wright, North Liverpool B.C., 6 hrs. 29 min. 12 sec. Mr. F. T. Bidlake, North Road C.C., on his tricycle, rode through from the 35 min. mark, it being some years since a three-wheeler had gone through this event. He proved out-handicapped, but his time, 6 hrs. 16 min. 27 sec., *beat the previous Northern Record for tricycles by 3 min. 25 sec.* Subsequent examination by the N.R.R.A. proved the course to be considerably over the distance, which makes this splendid list of times done even more remarkable.

On June 7th, Mr. G. P. Mills on a tandem-safety, with Mr. T. A. Edge as partner, attacked the 24 hours road record, riding over the Bedfordshire and Fen district roads, and covering 377 miles, *which beat previous record for the type of machine by no less than 60 miles.* This was the first of a series of tandem performances by Messrs. Mills and Edge. Your Committee, after carefully considering the question of awarding Mr. Mills medals, feel themselves bound by Prize Rule No. 7, which expressly states that for Tandem prizes, both riders must be active members of the Anfield B.C.

The 24 hours Safety Record was the next to be attacked, Mr. E. Buckley making the attempt, which, although not quite successful, resulted in a grand ride being done—205 miles was the score for the first twelve hours, and 375½ miles for the full 24, this being within one mile of record. Mr. Buckley though failing to get a record medal, gets a standard medal for his ride, which is the longest distance ever covered in 24 hours on the road by an Anfielder on a single safety.

On June 28th Mr. R. H. Carlisle made an attempt on the Edinburgh/London record, but his bad luck haunted him, thunderstorm followed thunderstorm, and he gave up a few miles outside Newcastle.

At 10 p.m. on Friday, July 5th, the start of the Twenty-Four Hours Ride took place. The course was the same as the previous year's, starting from Stockton Heath. There were eleven starters, Mr. H. Hellier riding his tricycle, all the others safeties. Mr. J. D. Siddeley having a bad spill at the start, the number of com-

petitors was at once reduced to ten, who kept together as far as the Whipping Stocks, where Mr. H. B. Saunders gave the crowd the slip, and being well paced, soon had a substantial lead. He took 5 hrs. 33 min. for the first 100 miles, the next party of competitors to arrive at this point doing so in 6 hrs. 5 min. 15 sec. Mr. Hellier, who was one of them, thus *breaking Northern tricycle record by 11 minutes*. Soon after this the field began to thin down, several of the riders finding the continuous pace too much for them. Mr. Saunders still maintaining his lead, but not increasing it much, covered 201 miles in the 12 hours, *thus breaking Northern record by 5 miles, and being the first man to cover 200 miles in the time on Northern roads*. In the same time Mr. Hellier had covered 189 miles, which *broke the old record so long standing to our Captain's credit by 14 miles*. Messrs. J. R. Thompson and F. Watkiss also each covered 189 miles, and Mr. R. Thomas 187 miles, while Mr. C. Keizer, who was the only other competitor left in, did 165 miles. Messrs. Saunders and Thomas retiring, Messrs. Hellier, Thompson, and Watkiss were left to fight it out. Mr. Thompson got away during the afternoon, and at one time was leading by an hour. It was thought the race for first place was over, but Mr. Watkiss put a fresh complexion on the race, leaving Mr. Hellier on the Broken Cross Road, he began gradually to pull down Mr. Thompson's lead. Leaving Knutsford the last time he was some 40 min. to the bad, which he had reduced to 20 min. at Warrington. Mr. Thompson, who had no idea that he was being followed so closely, and thinking he had no one to fear began to take things too easily, and virtually threw first place away, stopping for food at the checking place at Prescott. While he was here, Mr. Watkiss rushed up, turned, and picking up the time-keeper rode out time towards Warrington, winning a most exciting race, and doing $343\frac{1}{2}$ miles, Mr. Thompson finishing with 343 miles. Mr. Hellier, who had lost a lot of time over the Broken Cross extension, finished very strongly, taking third place, *his distance, 328 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, breaking the Northern Record (his own) by*

12½ miles. Mr. Keizer, who had very little help from pace-makers, was the only other finisher, his distance being $266\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The race would no doubt have been a greater success had more men gone through, but the distances done by those riders who did finish were excellent, being well in advance of anything ever previously done in this annual competition.

Mr. G. P. Mills on a tandem safety, with Mr. T. A. Edge as partner, started on July 8th from Land's End to John o' Groat's House. The pair riding strongly over the trying course, succeeded in beating the records for all other types of machines, their time, 3 days 4 hrs. 46 min., being 1 hr. 3 min. faster than Mr. Mills' own time on a single.

Mr. Mills' rides over this course are quite a special feature of long-distance cycling, he undertaking the tremendous journey apparently as confidently as an ordinary cyclist does a club run. He holds records for all types of machine over this classic route.

On the evening of July 17th Mr. W. J. Neason left Edinburgh on an attempt to get to London in record time. Though troubled slightly with a head-wind he rode over 190 miles in the first twelve hours, and over 340 in the twenty-four. From Hitchin to the finish rain and mud greatly impeded progress, but at 11-40 p.m. on the 18th the G.P.O. of the Metropolis was reached, the ride of $394\frac{1}{2}$ miles taking 27 hrs. 38 min., *beating old record by 40 minutes.*

Mr. Mills, with Mr. Edge, accomplished another tandem performance on July 24th, the journey from London to York being the one chosen. Wet weather and muddy roads were much against the riders, their time 12 hrs. 33 min., though not equalling safety time, being really very good, the day considered.

The Northern tricycle records for 50 and 100 miles received a rude shaking on August 1st. Mr. W. R. Toft, choosing a portion of the 100-mile course in Shropshire, reduced the time for the shorter distance *by nearly 10 minutes*, doing 2 hrs. 31 min. 38 sec. Continuing over Cheshire roads he finished the full century in

5 hrs. 34 min. 48 sec., *beating previous best by fully half-an-hour*, and regaining a record that had been his at the beginning of the season, but had been severely handled since he lost it.

The final event of the Club programme was the 12-hours Road Ride, held on August 17th. The lack of interest in this race was evidenced by the number of starters—four. W. R. Toft within a few miles of the start was taken away by pacemakers, and though not by any means in good health, managed to pile up the very respectable distance of 194½ miles. The other competitors, who had little or no help in the way of pacing, finished as follows:—Mr. H. W. Smith, 164 miles, second; Mr. F. Watkiss, 159 miles, third; and Mr. R. B. Jones, 152 miles. Messrs. H. B. Saunders and W. J. Neason, who were pacing on a tandem safety, succeeded in capturing the Northern 100 miles record for that type, their time being 5 hrs. 14 min. 24 sec., *an improvement of nearly ten minutes*.

The last road ride to be chronicled is the tandem performance put in by Mr. J. A. Bennett, as partner with Mr. M. A. Holbein, of the North Road C.C. The distance covered in 24 hours, 397½ miles, *beat the previous record for the class of machine by over twenty miles*. Prize Rule No. 7 applies to Mr. Bennett's ride as in the case of Mr. Mills' performances.

On the path the most noteworthy performers have been—Mr. R. H. Carlisle, who won the 24 hours race of the North Road C.C. on July 20-21. The day being the very worst on which any event of the kind has been decided. Mr. Carlisle showed his judgment by refusing to be hurried in the early stages, and his rare pluck by sticking to his task,—winning by nearly 14 miles, with a total mileage of 417½.

Mr. J. A. Bennett, who rode in the Cuca Cup Race, and was the only rider to seriously trouble the winner; Mr. Bennett finished second with 448 miles. Mr. E. Buckley, who was second in the Northumberland County C.C.'s twelve hours, at Newcastle, doing

210 miles. In the shorter distance races, Mr. F. C. del Strother has been almost our only representative.

The special prizes offered by Mr. Lawrence Fletcher, for the first members covering 375 miles on bicycle or 330 on tricycle in 24 hours, on Northern roads, have neither been won, though the tricycle distance has been very nearly approached. Perhaps 1896 will see a series of attacks on the 24 hours record, similar to that which characterized 1894.

Mr. W. J. Neason wins Mr. Hellier's special prize by securing the most Road Records not held by any member of the Club. For this competition Messrs. Mills, Saunders, Hellier, and Toft have also scored.

Reviewing the year's performances, we may remark with pleasure that many of our riders whose names have been before the world for some years, are still to the fore, as witness the performances of Messrs. Mills, Bennett, and Carlisle. Mr. W. J. Neason has ridden brilliantly, fully maintaining the position, in the first flight of road riders, he last year acquired.

Mr. J. R. Thompson has shown us his record of last season was no mere "fluke," while Mr. F. Watkiss has most certainly made a big mark by adding his name to the list of worthies who have won "Anfield 24's." Mr. H. B. Saunders, by his 12 hours performance, surprised and gratified us all, and Mr. W. M. Owen has shown most marked improvement, rewarded by success. The riding of Messrs. Buckley, A. N. Deakin, Fell, Keizer, R. B. Jones, H. W. Smith, and R. Thomas proves that among both our old and our new members we have men of pace and staying powers.

The tricycle performances of Messrs. Hellier and Toft have been excellent, they divide between them all the Northern records, the figures being all considerably improved on those of last year.

The startling tandem performances on local roads we were promised did not come off, the "100" of Messrs. Neason and Saunders being the only ride attempted by Anfielders on this type of machine.

The hearty thanks of the Club are due to the following members who have given their services as Checkers and Marshals, thereby rendering considerable assistance to your Officers:—Messrs. T. E. Ruddin, C. Keizer, W. H. Cottle, G. A. Townley, W. J. Slade, E. Edwards, F. C. del Strother, S. H. Keeling, W. L. Addy, A. J. Jack.

In closing, I desire to point out to our new members the series of standard medals for 12 and 24 rides, some of which are within the reach of everyone with any pretensions to staying power. To find more of the new names on the 1896 prize list, and also those notable old ones that are unhappily missing from that of 1895, will indeed be a genuine pleasure, and point to a healthy condition in the Club's existence which it should be the aim of all of us to foster.

H. PERCY SPENCE,

Hon. Secretary.

ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.

Dr. CASH ACCOUNT, for Year ending 31st December, 1895. Cr.

| | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. |
|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| To Balance from 1894 | 63 0 11 | By Postage, Printing and Stationery..... | 24 17 9 |
| „ Subscriptions and Entrance Fees | 87 6 6 | „ Road Ride Prizes..... | 96 14 6 |
| „ Donations to Prize Fund | 43 15 0 | „ Time-keeper's Fees and Expenses | 19 10 6 |
| „ Badges Sold | 1 10 6 | „ Cash in Hand and in Bank | 54 10 11 |
| „ Bank Interest..... | 0 0 9 | | |
| | £195 13 8 | | £195 13 8 |

| LIABILITIES. | £ s. d. | ASSETS. | £ s. d. |
|----------------------------------|---------|--|----------|
| To Prizes not yet selected | 58 14 0 | By Cash Balance and Donations | 54 10 11 |
| „ Balance | 2 12 5 | „ Subscriptions Outstanding, £9 14s. od., good for..... | 2 7 0 |
| | £61 6 5 | „ Badges in Stock at Cost | 4 8 6 |
| | | | £61 6 5 |

Audited and found correct,

ARTHUR POLLARD.

J. F. GERMAN.

Liverpool, January 6th, 1896.

AT THE

Annual General Meeting of the Members,

HELD AT

LAURENCE'S HOTEL, CLAYTON SQUARE,
LIVERPOOL.

On Monday, the 6th January, 1896, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. David J. Bell in the Chair.

Messrs. P. C. Beardwood, E. Buckley, R. Butterwith, C. J. Conway, T. B. Conway, A. H. Cottle, W. H. Cottle, W. Deakin, E. Edwards, D. R. Fell, J. F. German, H. Hellier, H. Johanning, G. A. Lichtenberg, G. B. Mercer, W. M. Owen, H. H. Parry, W. E. Parry, A. Pollard, H. Poole, D. C. Rowatt, H. B. Saunders, J. R. Thompson, G. A. Townley, F. Watkiss, E. G. Worth, A. G. White, and the Honorary Secretary.

The Honorary Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

Mr. G. B. Mercer moved, and Mr. D. R. Fell seconded, and it was *resolved*—

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

Mr. D. R. Fell moved, and Mr. T. B. Conway seconded, and it was *resolved*—

“That the Honorary Secretary's Report be adopted.”

Mr. A. Pollard moved, and Mr. C. J. Conway seconded, and it was *resolved*—

“That the Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1895, be adopted.”

Mr. A. G. White moved, and Mr. G. B. Mercer seconded, and it was *resolved*—

“That the Annual Subscription for Active Members during the year 1896 shall be One Guinea, and the Annual Subscription for Honorary Members a minimum of Ten Shillings.”

Mr. G. B. Mercer having spoken at length with regard to Road Riding, and after some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Mercer, seconded by Mr. H. Hellier, and *resolved*—

“That the Club do hold Three Fifty Miles Handicaps, one Invitation Hundred Miles Road Ride, and one Twenty-Four Hours Road Ride.”

Mr. David J. Bell, proposed by Mr. H. P. Spence, seconded by Mr. W. Deakin, was re-elected President by acclamation.

Upon the motion of Mr. D. J. Bell, seconded by Mr. J. R. Thompson, Mr. E. Edwards and Mr. D. R. Fell were elected Vice-Presidents.

Mr. W. R. Toft, proposed by Mr. T. B. Conway, seconded by Mr. H. Hellier, was unanimously elected to the post of Captain.

Messrs. G. R. Lichtenberg and H. Poole having been appointed Scrutineers, *it was resolved by ballot* that the following gentlemen be elected to the offices of Sub-Captains—

| NAME. | PROPOSED BY | SECONDED BY |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Mr. E. Buckley | Mr. H. P. Spence | Mr. D. R. Fell |
| „ H. Hellier | „ E. Edwards | „ A. H. Cottle |

Mr. A. G. White, proposed by Mr. D. R. Fell, seconded by Mr. W. H. Cottle, was re-elected to the office of Honorary Treasurer.

Mr. H. P. Spence, proposed by Mr. G. B. Mercer, seconded by Mr. E. Edwards, was re-elected to the office of Honorary Secretary.

It was resolved by ballot that the following gentlemen be elected Members of the Committee :—Messrs. P. C. Beardwood, T. B. Conway, A. H. Cottle, W. H. Cottle, G. B. Mercer, W. M. Owen, H. Poole, E. G. Worth.

On the motion of Mr. A. G. White, seconded by Mr. D. R. Fell, Messrs. J. F. German and A. Pollard were elected to audit the accounts of the Club for the year 1896.

Mr. R. Butterwith proposed and Mr. W. H. Cottle seconded, *and it was resolved*—“That the Club Tour at Easter shall be to Bettws-y-Coed as usual.”

Mr. E. G. Worth proposed, Mr. H. Hellier seconded, *and it was resolved*—“That the All-day Ride and the August Tour be left to the Committee to decide.”

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the following gentlemen, who promised prizes for 1896—J. S. Brown, D. J. Bell, E. Buckley, C. J. Conway, T. B. Conway, H. Hellier, G. B. Mercer, W. M. Owen, H. Poole, H. B. Saunders, J. R. Thompson, W. R. Toft, F. Watkiss, and others.

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

R U L E S .

1.—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 *propria persona* 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 rescinded 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.

CLUB COLOURS.

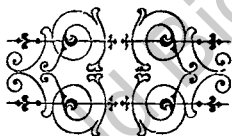
30.—That the Club colours shall be blue and black. The Captain to be distinguished by a gold badge.

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.



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PRIZE LIST AND RULES FOR COMPETITION.

SEASON 1896.

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*. Except by special resolution of the Committee, 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.

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Bicycle | B | C | D | E | F | G |
| (Single or Tandem) | 250 | 275 | 300 | 325 | 350 | 375 |
| Tricycle | B | C | D | E | F | G |
| (Single or Tandem) | 225 | 250 | 275 | 300 | 325 | 350 |

Five 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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| " | " | 230 | " | " | " | C | " |
| " | " | 260 | " | " | " | D | " |
| " | " | 290 | " | " | " | E | " |
| " | " | 320 | " | " | " | F | " |

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

| | A | B | C | D |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Bicycle (Single or Tandem) | 140 | 160 | 180 | 200 |
| Tricycle (Single or Tandem) | 125 | 145 | 165 | 185 |

Five per cent. extra for Rides in the District of the Great 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 Classes, (that is : Bicycle, 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.

No. 6.—For the purpose of awarding Northern Record Medals, the Records existing on the 31st December, 1895, must be noted as follows:—

| DETAILS. | ORDINARY BICYCLE. | SAFETY BICYCLE. | TRICYCLE | TANDEM SAFETY. | TANDEM TRICYCLE. |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Fifty Miles | A. J. Jack 3 h : 13 m : 43 s | J. Waddington 2 h : 19 m : 21 s | W. R. Toft 2 h : 31 m : 38 s | G. E. Lascelles & W. E. Gee 2 h : 23 m : 57 s | H. Hellier & H. P. Spence 2 h : 47 m : 21 s |
| Hundred Miles... .. | A. J. Jack 6 h : 58 m : 25 s | J. Waddington 5 h : 0 m : 14 s | W. R. Toft 5 h : 34 m : 48 s | H. B. Saunders & W. J. Neason 5 h : 14 m : 24 s | Lowest Standard 6 h : 45 m : 0 s |
| Twelve Hours | A. J. Jack 156 miles | H. B. Saunders 201 miles | H. Hellier 189 miles | A. J. Jack & W. Adams 189½ miles | Lowest Standard 175 miles |
| Twenty-four Hours ... | A. J. Jack 256 miles | W. J. Neason 358 miles | H. Hellier 328½ miles | Lowest Standard 300 miles | Lowest Standard 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 recognised, 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 the Rules.

ROAD RACES.

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

It is intended to hold two Fifty Miles Road Handicaps during the Season over a Course to be selected by the Committee, and for each of these four Prizes will be offered, viz :—First, Second, Third, and Gold Medal for fastest time.

In these two Races a Gold Star will also be awarded to all (Prize winners excepted) completing the distance in 2 hrs. 30 min. or less, and a Gold Centre Silver Star to all (Prize Winners and Gold Stars excepted) covering the distance in 2 hrs. 40 min. or

less, and a Bronze Medal to all (winners of Prizes, Gold or Gold Centre Stars excepted) covering the distance in 2 hrs. 50 min. or less. These two 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 3 hrs. 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.

Standard Medals will also be offered to Members of the Anfield B.C. as follows :—

Gold Medal to any member completing the distance in 5 hrs. 20 min. or less.

Silver Medal to any member completing the distance in 5 hrs. 40 min. or less.

Bronze Medal to any member completing the distance in 6 hrs.

The 24 hours Road Ride will be brought off in July, when three prizes will be offered. This race will also afford members an opportunity of competing for the standards for twelve and twenty-four hours, as per list on page 26.

RUNS. &c.

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

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

| | | | |
|----|------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Addy, W. L. | 41 | Koenan, F. H. |
| 2 | Adams, W. | 42 | Leake, H. J. |
| 3 | Barr, H. E. | 43 | Lichtenberg, G. R. |
| 4 | Bath, F. | 44 | Lloyd, C. W. |
| 5 | Beardwood, P. C. | 45 | Lyle, J. |
| 6 | Bell, D. J. | 46 | Maddock, R. J. |
| 7 | Bennett, J. A. | 47 | Maddock, A. H. |
| 8 | Brown, J. S. | 48 | Mercer, G. B. |
| 9 | Buckley, E. | 49 | Mills, G. P. |
| 10 | Butterwith, R. | 50 | Neason, A. S. |
| 11 | Carlisle, R. H. | 51 | Neason, W. J. |
| 12 | Conway, C. J. | 52 | Owen, W. M. |
| 13 | Conway, T. B. | 53 | Parry, H. H. |
| 14 | Corrie, W. | 54 | Parry, W. E. |
| 15 | Cottle, A. H. | 55 | Poole, H. |
| 16 | Cottle, W. H. | 56 | Pollard, A. |
| 17 | Crooke, Norman | 57 | Pope, H. R. |
| 18 | Davies, J. R. | 58 | Robinson, J. C. |
| 19 | Deakin, A. N. | 59 | Rowatt, D. C. |
| 20 | Deakin, W. | 60 | Ruddin, T. E. |
| 21 | Decker, C. J. A. | 61 | Saunders, H. B. |
| 22 | Edwards, E. | 62 | Shaw, W. W. |
| 23 | Ewing, W. | 63 | Shubrook, H. W. L. |
| 24 | Fell, D. R. | 64 | Siddeley, J. D. |
| 25 | Fry, C. E. | 65 | Simpson, D. H. |
| 26 | Fisher, J. W. | 66 | Slade, W. J. |
| 27 | Fletcher, J. P. | 67 | Smith, H. W. |
| 28 | Fletcher, L. | 68 | Spence, H. P. |
| 29 | Fowler, J. | 69 | Stephens, H. |
| 30 | Fraser, H. | 70 | Stoker, C. E. |
| 31 | German, J. F. | 71 | Strother, F. del |
| 32 | Gregory, J. W. | 72 | Thomas, R. |
| 33 | Hammond, W. A. | 73 | Thompson, J. R. |
| 34 | Hellier, H. | 74 | Toft, W. R. |
| 35 | Hood, W. R. | 75 | Tomlin, W. |
| 36 | Jack, A. J. | 76 | Townley, G. A. |
| 37 | Johanning, H. | 77 | Watkiss, F. |
| 38 | Jones, R. B. | 78 | Weightman, J. W. |
| 39 | Keeling, S. H. | 79 | White, A. G. |
| 40 | Keizer, C. | 80 | Worth, E. G. |

LIST OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

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|----|----------------|----|-----------------|
| 81 | Beazley, J. B. | 85 | Edge, T. A. |
| 82 | Brooke, C. S. | 86 | Fletcher, A. H. |
| 83 | Butterwith, J. | 87 | Lloyd, R. W. |
| 84 | Conway, J. K. | 88 | Schafer, C. W. |

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