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❖ OFFICERS ❖

FOR 1897.

President :

MR. DAVID J. BELL.

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

Captain :

MR. W. R. TOFT.

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MR. F. H. KOENEN | MR. H. POOLE.

Hon. Treasurer :

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

Committee :

MR. P. C. BEARDWOOD.
(Assist. Hon. Sec.)

MR. T. B. CONWAY.

MR. A. N. DEAKIN.

MR. H. HELLIER.

MR. G. B. MERCER.

MR. W. M. OWEN.

MR. H. B. SAUNDERS.

MR. H. P. SPENCE.

Hon. Secretary :

MR. E. G. WORTH, 49, Connaught Road, Liverpool.

Auditors :

MR. A. POLLARD.

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

ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT,

*Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Members
on Thursday, the 7th January, 1897.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

At the last General Meeting of this Club you will of course recollect Mr. H. P. Spence was re-elected to the post of Honorary Secretary, but at the April Meeting he felt obliged, for business reasons, to place his resignation of that office in the hands of your Committee. Under the circumstances, there was no alternative but for that body to accept this resignation, which was done with much regret and expression of thanks for his valuable services. To find a successor was no easy task, but at last Mr. Hellier was prevailed upon to take the vacant office, which he did on the understanding that an Assistant Secretary was appointed. To this position I had the honor to be called. Mr. Hellier's acceptance of the Secretaryship causing a Sub-Captaincy to become vacant, Mr. Spence was elected by your Committee to take this post.

Mr. Hellier's business calling him abroad in August, your Committee, thinking it wise not to make any further change in the list of officers, left the duties in my hands as Assistant Secretary, which renders it necessary for me to present you with this Annual Report of the Club's performances and progress.

On the List of Active Members standing on 31st December, 1896, I find 97 names, as against 91 twelve months before.

An increased membership would undoubtedly be to the advantage of the Club, and I feel sure that among the friends of the Members there are many who would be in every way most desirable candidates for election. We should be in a much more

secure position with a membership of 150, and if half-a-dozen candidates were proposed at each Committee Meeting, this number would soon be attained.

There have been 53 Club Runs and Tours, and the attendance has been as follows :—

H. Poole	47	A. S. Neason	7
A. G. White.....	39	F. C. del Strother	7
A. H. Cottle.....	39	R. Butterwith.....	6
W. R. Toft	38	J. F. German	6
P. C. Beardwood.....	37	C. Keizer.....	6
T. B. Conway	37	E. Allen Tooth	6
D. R. Fell.....	37	A. Vigitello.....	6
W. M. Owen	36	W. Bond.....	5
E. G. Worth.....	35	R. H. Carlisle.....	5
E. Edwards	34	W. J. Slade.....	4
D. C. Rowatt	32	W. Adams	3
H. P. Spence	31	E. H. Arnott	3
H. Hellier.....	29	C. G. Curphey	3
F. H. Koenen	25	S. I. Ellis	3
A. N. Deakin	23	C. G. Grey	3
W. H. Cottle	22	D. J. Bell	2
W. J. Neason	22	J. S. Ellis	2
G. A. Townley.....	22	W. Finnigan	2
G. R. Lichtenberg	21	H. Johanning.....	2
F. Watkiss	21	W. J. Jenkins.....	2
E. Buckley	20	S. H. Keeling.....	2
C. J. Conway	20	A. Pollard	2
W. E. Parry.....	15	J. W. Weightman	2
J. R. Thompson	15	W. L. Addy	1
J. A. Bennett	14	E. Balmer	1
J. Fowler	14	F. Bath	1
D. H. Simpson.....	14	J. Butterwith	1
H. B. Saunders	13	N. Croke	1
H. W. Smith	13	J. R. Davies	1
G. B. Mercer.....	12	H. Fraser	1
R. Thomas	11	J. W. Fisher	1
C. J. A. Decker	10	W. A. Hammond	1
J. Lyle	10	A. J. Jack	1
R. B. Jones	9	H. J. Leake.....	1
H. H. Parry	9	J. C. Robinson	1
H. E. Barr	8	T. E. Ruddin.....	1
Walter Ewing	8	W. Tomlin	1
W. Deakin	7	J. L. Welch.....	1
W. R. Hood	7		

It will be seen Mr. H. Poole has easily established his claim to the first attendance prize, the second, after a struggle, going to Mr. A. H. Cottle.

The average attendance at Club Runs shows only a fractional increase on last year's figures, being 18'24, but there is certainly some cause for congratulation in the fact that for the last three months the musters have been much better than during any other part of the year, and fully up to our old-time standard. I look upon this as a very healthy sign.

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

Mr. P. C. Beardwood.....	12	Mr. T. B. Conway	10
„ E. Edwards	12	„ G. B. Mercer	10
„ D. R. Fell.....	12	„ H. P. Spence	10
„ H. Poole	12	„ A. G. White.....	10
„ E. G. Worth.....	12	„ W. H. Cottle	9
„ A. H. Cottle.....	11	„ H. Hellier.....	8
„ W. M. Owen	11	„ D. J. Bell	6
„ W. R. Toft	11	„ E. Buckley	2

The great Bordeaux-Paris Race, being confined to professional riders, and Messrs. R. H. Carlisle and W. J. Neason signifying their intention of competing therein, your Committee was called on to decide if they could still retain membership in the Club. After due consideration of the question, the Committee found no rule of the Club calling on Messrs. Carlisle and Neason to resign, and saw no reason why they should not remain members, it being of course understood that they would not be eligible to compete in the club races and handicaps. The performances of Messrs. Carlisle and Neason in the past have become Anfield history, and this General Meeting will doubtless approve of the action of the Committee in this matter.

Our Easter was spent with the usual festivities at Bettws-y-Coed, everything going as well as ever, the only thing that detracted from the pleasure of the gathering was the absence of two or three of the old familiar faces and figures we have always looked forward to seeing at The Glan Aber.

Early in May a week-end tour was arranged to Oswestry, which was very well attended, and proved a most enjoyable outing, affording a visit to a corner of Wales we seldom reach.

On June 19th, at midnight, a fair sized party started on the usual all-night ride, and after the adventures and misadventures common to these occasions, reached the destination—Worcester—where they were afterwards joined by several other members, the muster finally reaching five and twenty.

The August Tour was arranged into the Ingleton district of Yorkshire, and, though not attended by very many members, proved very enjoyable, there being something to suit everybody—fast work for the speed crowd and scenery for the tourists. With September a season of incessant rain set in, and the bad weather completely spoiled the run arranged to Rudyard for the 5th of that month. The 10th of October was, if anything, even a worse day, but this date was the last arranged for a week-end tour, and at least a dozen members defied the elements, and duly arrived at Ellesmere; this "mud-plug" being really one of the successes of the year.

The road riding of the year has been of very high merit; in long distance work your Club, the pioneer in this grand branch of the sport, has practically been alone in the field. Four new names have to be added to the now lengthy list of members who have proved their stamina by covering 300 miles and upwards in 24 hours. Our members still retain a lion's share of the classic-route records recognized by the Road Records Association, and, with one exception, every Northern record is held by an Anfielder. Not a single accident has marred the success of our road events, and if the interest taken in our riding in the district principally affected—North Shropshire—be a criterion, we certainly have the sympathy of the general public.

The Handicapping Sub-Committee has this year not been very successful in bringing about close finishes, but it can be said with assurance in defence that in every race the unexpected happened.

A fine day and good roads favoured the starters in the Fifty Miles Handicap held over the Stockton Heath—Congleton course, on April 25th. A fair field provided an excellent race, which would have been even more interesting had the scratch men ridden with more judgment and less with the idea of breaking one another up. The veteran, Mr. D. R. Fell, being well paced, surprised everyone by *not only winning, but by also doing the fastest time in the race—2 hrs. 33 mins. 20 secs.*, this being 20 minutes' faster time than he had ever done before. The second prize was taken by Mr. C. J. A. Decker, who was mounted on a tricycle, and rode from the same mark as Mr. Fell 24 minutes' start. Mr. Decker's time (2 hrs. 43 min. 30 sec.) was faster than he had previously done on a safety, and much better than had ever been accomplished by a tricycle rider in any of our previous handicaps. Mr. A. H. Cottle (30 min.), who also showed much improved form, ran into third place, doing 2 hrs. 50 min. The following fast times were also registered:—C. G. Grey, 2 hrs. 34 min. 19 sec. ; H. W. Smith, 2 hrs. 34 min. 30 secs. ; D. H. Simpson, 2 hrs. 35 min. ; H. B. Saunders, 2 hrs. 35 min. 5 sec. ; H. H. Parry, 2 hrs. 52 min. ; and F. Watkiss, 2 hrs. 58 min. 15 secs.

As I have before mentioned, among the competitors in the Bordeaux-Paris race, on May 23-24, were Messrs. W. J. Neason and R. H. Carlisle. The pacing arrangements of neither of them were to be compared to the elaborately worked out schemes of the winners, but, notwithstanding all disadvantages, they finished in 4th and 6th places, Mr. Neason's time being 23 hrs. 9 min. 45 sec., and Mr. Carlisle's 23 hrs. 48 min. 40 sec.

As usual, Whit-Monday, May 26th, was devoted to our 100 Mile Invitation Handicap, and though we were not favoured, as usual, with the presence of Southern competitors, the men of the North provided a most excellent race. The course was the one used on the previous occasion, the measurements of the N. R. R. A. being taken, the start and finish being arranged for

the same spot, 3 miles south of Whitchurch. The day was a perfect one, and about a score of competitors were despatched by the timekeeper, Mr. W. F. Collier, N. R. R. A. It was arranged that the times for the first 50 miles should be taken, and it was most fortunate it was so. On the arrival of Mr. W. E. Gee (Manchester Wednesday C.C.) at the 50 miles point it was found he was well inside Northern record, his time being 2 hrs. 16 min. 45 secs. This, however, was not destined to stand long, as our Mr. E. Buckley, who had, after a terrific struggle, got away from his fellow-scratch-men, completed the distance in *2 hrs. 14 min. 46 secs., a most excellent performance.* Several other grand times were recorded for the distance. Mr. Gee, who was in receipt of 12 min. start, and who was most carefully looked after by his fellow club-men, was now seen, bar accidents, to be the certain winner of the race, and so it proved, his time being 4 hrs. 59 min. 30 sec., *well inside record and a grand ride.* Mr. Buckley finished in 5 hrs. 1 min. 20 sec., taking second prize, and Mr. W. M. Owen took the third, doing 5 hrs. 24 min. 45 sec., which differs very little from the time he accomplished in 1895, when he proved the winner of this annual handicap. The following riders finished in the order named, completing the distance in the times given :— Messrs. P. C. A. Leete (Liverpool Wheelers), 6 hrs. 5 min. ; J. Waddington (Warrington C.C.), 5 hrs. 35 min. 40 sec. ; D. R. Fell (A. B. C.), 5 hrs. 56 min. 15 sec. ; and R. A. Wilson (Sefton and Dingle C. C.), 6 hrs. 25 min. 45 secs. The times all round were very much better than ever before, Mr. Gee deserving special credit, this being the third occasion on which he has represented his club in this event, each time going through and much improving on his previous performance.

Messrs. D. H. Simpson and F. H. Koenen, riding a tandem safety, but not being in the handicap, took advantage of the checking and timing arrangements, and were completely successful in their attack on the records for both distances, *doing 2 hrs. 14 min. 41 sec. for the 50, and 4 hrs. 58 min. 45 secs. for the 100*

miles, both better than the safety times, and a considerable improvement on the old Northern records for tandems.

The Fifty Miles Handicap, confined to those members who had never previously ridden the distance under three hours, was run off over the usual course on June 6th. There was but a poor field, and the handicappers again had their calculations upset, this time by Mr. W. E. Parry, who was allotted 20 min. start, but who not only won, but also made the fastest time, doing 2 hrs. 40 min. 40 sec. Mr. Parry had never previously ridden through a "50," which makes his time still more creditable. Mr. H. Poole (scratch), who was also a new hand at the game, finished second in 2 hrs. 44 min. 40 sec., and Mr. E. Allen Tooth, a veteran who had but recently joined our ranks, took third prize, doing 2 hrs. 45 min. 5 sec. These were, unfortunately, the only finishers, and though the times were the best ever recorded in a "Novice's Fifty," it would have certainly been more gratifying had more competitors ridden through.

Saturday, June 13th, was the date of some very startling performances. Mr. J. Fowler, deciding to make an attack on the 50 miles Northern tricycle record, Messrs. Hellier and Decker arranged to mount a tandem tricycle, and while rendering him assistance as pacemakers, to attempt the reduction of the Northern record figures for that class of machine for the same distance. The day was a perfect one—a splendid course over the Shropshire triangles was arranged, and relays of safety tandems were at hand to render what assistance they could in leading the tandem trike. The ride was carried out without a hitch, and resulted in Mr. Fowler not only *beating the Northern record by nearly twelve minutes* but also in his *establishing a new world's record for the distance, his time, 2 hrs. 19 min. 46 sec., beating Mr. F. T. Bidlake's old figures by over 3 minutes.* Messrs. Hellier and Decker, on the tandem tricycle, *beat the Northern record by no less than twenty-seven and a-half minutes, and were not three minutes outside world's record.*

The Annual Twenty-Four Hours' Ride is to Anfielders perhaps the most interesting event of the year. The course was the one previously used, with extensions from Chester to Eastham and Chester to near Frodsham added, and with the road from Chelford to Twemlow Green substituted for the Chelford to Broken Cross piece. These extensions, and the use of the Lymm and Altrincham road, enabled the competitors to avoid passing through Warrington, an alteration which was considerably to their advantage. The usual dozen competitors were despatched from Stockton Heath at 10 p.m. on Friday, July 17th, by Mr. W. F. Collier, N. R. R. A. The night was too dark to be a favourable one, and the pace in consequence had to be moderated, the leaders, Messrs. E. Buckley and A. N. Deakin, taking over 3 hours to get to Whitchurch ($52\frac{1}{2}$ miles), the main body being about a quarter of an hour behind them and another party still further in the rear. Between Chester and Eastham, about 100 miles from the start, Mr. Deakin got away from Mr. Buckley, and on the Frodsham extension was at one time leading by 15 minutes; the second division, now reduced to three, Messrs. Watkiss, Owen and Hellier (who was, as usual, riding a tricycle) being about ten minutes behind Mr. Buckley. Getting down on to the Shropshire roads the two leading men began to increase the distance between them and their fellow competitors, and Mr. Hellier, not being satisfied with his progress, retired at $183\frac{1}{2}$ miles some time before the first twelve hours was up. At ten o'clock Mr. Deakin was still leading, his distance being 196 miles, the other scores being:—E. Buckley, 194 miles; F. Watkiss and W. M. Owen, 187 miles; A. G. White and W. H. Cottle, $168\frac{1}{2}$ miles; and H. H. Parry, 144 miles. Mr. Parry now retired. The second time round the big Shropshire circuit Mr. Deakin continued to lead, Mr. Buckley all the time being a couple of miles in his rear, while Mr. Watkiss got away from Mr. Owen. Leaving the Shropshire part of the course, Mr. Buckley began to gain, and finally took the lead from Mr. Deakin between Nant-

wich and Congleton. From here to the finish there was no alteration in position, Messrs. Buckley, Deakin and Watkiss remaining in the order named to the close of the race. Mr. Buckley, reaching Latchford with an hour to go was taken along the Lymm and Altrincham road, and finally finished with the remarkable total of $375\frac{1}{2}$ miles, *breaking record by no less than $17\frac{1}{2}$ miles.*

Mr. Deakin finished with the grand total of $363\frac{1}{2}$ miles, this also being *considerably better than the old record figures*, while Mr. Watkiss took third prize with a total of 355 miles, a considerable improvement on the figures he won with in 1895. Mr. Owen, who did not ride out full time, completed $308\frac{1}{4}$ miles, and Messrs. White and W. H. Cottle, who had kept together all day, totalled 302 miles. Taken altogether, it was one of the finest 24-hour rides our Club has ever carried out.

Our friend, the Honorary Treasurer, has certainly the weather to thank for the comparatively small prize list this year, as but for the unfavourable month of September some startling rides would doubtless have been accomplished, some of them perhaps in the classic neighbourhood of the Great North Road.

Reviewing the year's performances, the riding of Mr. E. Buckley justly entitles him to prominent mention ; some time has elapsed since the shortest and longest records recognized by the N. R. R. A. were both in the possession of the same rider.

Till this year Mr. A. N. Deakin had never seriously taken up long distance work, but he has now shown us what he can do in that direction, and his performance in the "24" is most gratifying to the club that for so many years has counted him as one of its scratchmen in shorter distance events.

Mr. F. Watkiss has every reason to be proud of his ride in the "24," which has certainly not detracted from his year-old reputation as a stayer. Mr. D. R. Fell seems to have forgotten the flight of time, and has ridden this season with a vigour the envy and admiration of his juniors. Mr. W. M. Owen has again shown himself as a sterling rider, his long distance performance being a

considerable improvement on his previous efforts ; while Messrs. A. G. White and W. H. Cottle also deserve special credit for their riding in the "24."

The handicap performances of Messrs. H. W. Smith and C. G. Grey make us wish for their frequent appearance in our events, and it is to be hoped that Mr. W. E. Parry will follow up the excellent form he showed in the novices' "50."

The riding of Messrs. D. H. Simpson, H. B. Saunders, H. Poole, A. H. Cottle, E. A. Tooth, H. H. Parry and others in our handicaps proves we have both old and new members willing and able to keep the club's name to the front.

The Tricycle Brigade, which has always been a feature of the Anfield Club, has been most decidedly strengthened by the appearance of Mr. J. Fowler, as a world's record holder on this type of machine, while Mr. C. J. A. Decker has also shown up well in this section. Our old friends, Messrs. Hellier and Toft, though not rewarded by tangible success this year, can, as many a rider has found out, still render a very good account of themselves when mounted on their favourite three-wheelers.

The Tandem Records of Messrs. D. H. Simpson and F. H. Koenen, and Messrs. Hellier and Decker have been a feature of the year, and show the best of form. Several other excellent pairs have been seen moving together during the season, and we may look forward to some further developments in this direction.

The best thanks of the Club are due to those members who have given their assistance as checkers and marshals in the various events, especially Messrs. W. L. Addy, E. Edwards, S. H. Keeling, G. R. Lichtenberg, D. C. Rowatt, H. P. Spence, W. J. Slade, A. Vigitello, etc.

The outlook before us is certainly as hopeful as it has ever been, the Club stands united as to the general idea of its programme, and there seems no reason to doubt that in twelve

months' time we shall meet again as we do to-night to look back on an even more successful season than the past, perhaps on one of those wholesale harvests of triumphs that periodically the Anfield Club gathers.

PERCY C. BEARDWOOD,

Assistant Hon. Secretary.



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CASH ACCOUNT FOR 1896.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1895	54	10	11	By Postage, Printing, &c.	21	8	11½
„ Subscriptions and Entrance Fees	79	4	0	„ Road Ride Prizes	70	18	6
„ Donations to Prize Fund	20	6	8	„ Time Keepers' Fees, &c.	18	1	9
„ Badges Sold	1	17	6	„ Bank Commission.....	0	2	6
„ Bank Interest.....	0	1	7	„ Cash in hand and in Bank	45	8	11½
	<u>£156</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£156</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>
<i>LIABILITIES.</i>				<i>ASSETS.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Prizes not yet selected	54	17	6	By Cash Balance.....	45	8	11½
„ Balance	8	8	5½	„ Subscriptions Outstanding	11	11	0
	<u>£63</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11½</u>	„ Prize Fund Outstanding	6	6	0
	<u>£63</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11½</u>		<u>£63</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11½</u>

Audited and found correct,
 ARTHUR POLLARD,
 J. F. GERMAN.

LIVERPOOL, January 7th, 1897.

AT THE

Annual General Meeting of the Members,

HELD AT

LAURENCE'S HOTEL, CLAYTON SQUARE,
LIVERPOOL,

On Thursday, the 7th January, 1897, at 7 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. David J. Bell in the Chair.

Messrs. E. Balmer, H. E. Barr, E. Buckley, R. H. Carlisle, C. J. Conway, T. B. Conway, A. H. Cottle, W. H. Cottle, C. G. Curphey, D. Dalglish, J. R. Davies, A. N. Deakin, W. Deakin, E. Edwards, J. S. Ellis, S. I. Ellis, D. R. Fell, J. F. German, W. R. Hood, S. H. Keeling, F. H. Koenen, G. R. Lichtenberg, G. B. Mercer, W. J. Neason, W. M. Owen, H. D. Parry, H. H. Parry, A. Pollard, H. Poole, J. C. Robinson, D. C. Rowatt, H. B. Saunders, H. P. Spence, J. R. Thompson, W. R. Toft, G. A. Townley, A. G. White, E. G. Worth, and the Assistant Honorary Secretary.

The Assistant Honorary Secretary having read the notice convening the Meeting—

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

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

Mr. J. C. Robinson moved, and Mr. E. Buckley seconded, and it was *resolved*—

“That the Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1896, 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 1897, shall be One Guinea, and the Annual Subscription for Honorary Members a minimum of Ten Shillings.”

Mr. A. G. White moved, and W. R. Toft seconded, and it was *resolved*—

“That the Club’s policy with regard to Road Racing remain unaltered.”

Mr. G. B. Mercer moved, and Mr. A. N. Deakin seconded, and, after considerable discussion, it was *resolved*—

“That the Club do hold three shorter distance events, one Invitation Hundred Miles Road Handicap, and one Twenty-Four Hours Road Ride, it being left to the Committee to decide if one or more of the shorter distance events be carried out on the track, or if they all be as usual, Fifty Miles Road Handicaps.”

Messrs. G. R. Lichtenberg and A. Pollard having been appointed Scrutineers, *it was resolved by ballot* that Mr. D. J. Bell, proposed by Mr. A. N. Deakin, and seconded by Mr. J. C. Robinson, be elected President.

Messrs. E. Edwards and D. R. Fell, proposed by Mr. E. G. Worth, and seconded by Mr. A. G. White, were unanimously re-elected Vice-Presidents.

Mr. W. R. Toft, proposed by Mr. D. R. Fell, and seconded by Mr. A. N. Deakin, was re-elected Captain by acclamation.

Mr. F. H. Koenen, proposed by Mr. E. Buckley, and seconded by Mr. H. P. Spence, and Mr. H. Poole, proposed by Mr. H. P. Spence, and seconded by Mr. D. R. Fell, were *elected by ballot* as Sub-Captains.

Mr. A. G. White, proposed by Mr. T. B. Conway, and seconded

by Mr. D. R. Fell, was unanimously re-elected to the office of Honorary Treasurer.

Mr. E. G. Worth, proposed by Mr. A. G. White, and seconded by Mr. D. R. Fell, was *elected by ballot* 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, A. N. Deakin, H. Hellier, G. B. Mercer, W. M. Owen, D. C. Rowatt,* H. B. Saunders, and H. P. Spence.

On the motion of Mr. G. B. Mercer, seconded by Mr. C. J. Conway, Messrs. J. F. German and A. Pollard, were elected to Audit the Accounts of the Club for the year 1897.

Mr. F. H. Koenen proposed, and Mr. G. B. Mercer seconded, and, after very lengthy discussion, it was *resolved*—

“That from rule 3 be omitted the words ‘nor in any Cycling Club having its Head-quarters within 100 miles of the G.P.O., Liverpool.’”

The necessary resolution making the business urgent, being passed by a two-thirds majority, various propositions to further amend rule 3, were placed before the meeting without success.

Finally, on the motion of Mr. A. G. White, seconded by Mr. W. R. Toft, it was *resolved*—

“That this Meeting stand adjourned till 6-30 p.m., on Monday, January 11th.”

*Mr. Rowatt resigning at the First Committee Meeting, Mr. T. B. Conway was elected to the vacant post.

AT THE
Adjourned General Meeting.

PRESENT :

Mr. David J. Bell in the Chair.

Messrs. E. Balmer, P. C. Beardwood, R. H. Carlisle, C. J. Conway, A. H. Cottle, W. H. Cottle, A. N. Deakin, E. Edwards, J. S. Ellis, S. I. Ellis, Walter Ewing, William Ewing, D. R. Fell, W. R. Hood, W. J. Jenkins, F. H. Koenen, G. R. Lichtenberg, J. Lyle, G. B. Mercer, W. J. Neason, W. M. Owen, W. E. Parry, H. Poole, D. C. Rowatt, H. P. Spence, J. R. Thompson, W. R. Toft, A. Vigitello, A. G. White, and the Honorary Secretary.

Mr. W. R. Toft proposed, Mr. A. G. White seconded, and *it was resolved*—

“That the word ‘cycling’ be inserted in rule 3, between the words ‘local’ and ‘Club.’”

Mr. D. C. Rowatt proposed, and Mr. A. H. Cottle seconded—

“That rule 3 be further amended by the addition of the following words after ‘Club,’ ‘nor be eligible to receive medals, record medals, or prizes of any description, unless they ride solely under the name of the Anfield Bicycle Club.’”

On division this proposition was lost.

Mr. F. H. Koenen begged leave of the meeting to withdraw the second portion of the motion standing on the Agenda in his name.

On the motion of Mr. W. R. Toft, seconded by Mr. D. R. Fell, *it was resolved*—

“That Mr. F. H. Koenen be permitted to withdraw the portion of his motion, as desired.”

Mr. C. J. Conway proposed, and Mr. W. H. Cottle seconded, and *it was resolved*—

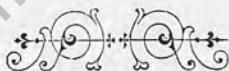
“That the Club Tour at Easter be to Bettws-y-Coed as usual.”

Mr. A. N. Deakin proposed, Mr. G. B. Mercer seconded, and *it was resolved*—

“That the All-day Ride and August Tour be left to the Committee to decide.”

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the following gentlemen, who promised Prizes for 1897 :—Messrs. D. J. Bell, R. H. Carlisle, C. J. Conway, W. H. Cottle, A. N. Deakin, J. S. Ellis, S. I. Ellis, Walter Ewing, Wm. Ewing, D. R. Fell, H. Hellier, W. R. Hood, J. Lyle, G. B. Mercer, W. J. Neason, W. M. Owen, H. Poole, J. C. Robinson, W. R. Toft, A. G. White, E. G. Worth, and others.

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



RULES.

- 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* Cycling Club. 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 personâ* 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 1897.

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 Record Medal will be awarded to any but *first-claim* members. 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	H
(Single or Tandem)	250	275	300	325	350	375	400
Tricycle	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
(Single or Tandem)	225	250	275	300	325	350	375

Five per cent. extra for Rides in the District of the Great North Road. Previous winners barred.

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.

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No. 6.—For the purpose of awarding Northern Record Medals, the records existing on the 31st December, 1896, must be noted as follows:—

DETAILS.	ORDINARY BICYCLE.	SAFETY BICYCLE.	TRICYCLE.	TANDEM SAFETY.	TANDEM TRICYCLE.
Fifty Miles	A. J. Jack 3 h : 12 m : 43 s	E. Buckley 2 h : 14 m : 46 s	J. Fowler 2 h : 19 m : 46 s	D. H. Simpson & F. H. Koenen 2 h : 14 m : 41 s	H. Hellier & C. J. A. Decker 2 h : 19 m : 46 s
Hundred Miles... ..	A. J. Jack 6 h : 58 m : 25 s	W. E. Gee 4 h : 59 m : 30 s	W. R. Toft 5 h : 34 m : 48 s	D. H. Simpson & F. H. Koenen 4 h : 58 m : 45 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 286 miles	E. Buckley 375½ 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.

RACES.

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

It is intended to hold, early in the season, a Fifty Miles Road Handicap, over a course to be selected by the Committee. Five prizes will be offered, viz. :—First, Second, Third, Gold Medal for fastest time, and Special Medal for fastest "novice" home under 3 hours. This last medal will be confined to those members who have not, up to the date of the race, accomplished the distance in 3 hours or less. Gold Stars will be awarded to all (Prize Winners excepted) covering the distance in 2h. 30m. or less; Gold-centre Silver Medals to all (Prize and Gold Star Winners

excepted) covering the distance in 2h. 40m. or less ; and Bronze Medals to all (Prize and Star Winners excepted) covering the distance in 2 h. 50m. or less.

A Fifty Miles Track Handicap will be held during the season, when the following prizes will be offered:—First, value Five Guineas, presented by Mr. J. C. Robinson ; Second, Third, and Gold Medal for fastest time.

A Third Fifty Miles Handicap will also be held, the Committee's decision as to its character will be influenced by the comparative success of the previous events.

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 mins. 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 28.

SPECIAL PRIZE.

Mr. W. J. Neason offers a Special Prize, value £3 3s. cd., to be awarded to the member putting in *the two best performances in Club Races* during the season.

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.	45	Jones, R. B.
2	Arnott, E. H.	46	Keeling, S. H.
3	Balmer, E.	47	Keizer, C.
4	Barr, H. E.	48	Koenen, F. H.
5	Bath, F.	49	Leake, H. J.
6	Beardwood, P. C.	50	Lichtenberg, G. R.
7	Bell, D. J.	51	Lowcock, F. C.
8	Bennett, J. A.	52	Lyle, J.
9	Birtill, H. E.	53	Mangan, D.
10	Bond, W.	54	Mercer, G. B.
11	Buckley, E.	55	Mills, G. P.
12	Butterwith, J.	56	Neason, A. S.
13	Butterwith, R.	57	Neason, W. J.
14	Carlisle, R. H.	58	Owen, W. M.
15	Conway, C. J.	59	Parry, H. D.
16	Conway, T. B.	60	Parry, H. H.
17	Cottle, A. H.	61	Parry, W. E.
18	Cottle, W. H.	62	Poole, H.
19	Crooke, Norman	63	Pollard, A.
20	Curphey, C. G.	64	Pope, H. R.
21	Dagleish, D.	65	Robinson, J. C.
22	Davies, J. R.	66	Rowatt, D. C.
23	Deakin, A. N.	67	Ruddin, T. E.
24	Deakin, W.	68	Russell, W.
25	Decker, C. J. A.	69	Saunders, H. B.
26	Edwards, E.	70	Shaw, W. W.
27	Ellis, J. S.	71	Shubrook, H. W. L.
28	Ellis, S. I.	72	Siddeley, J. D.
29	Ewing, Walter	73	Simpson, D. H.
30	Ewing, William	74	Slade, W. J.
31	Fell, D. R.	75	Smith, H. W.
32	Finnigan, W., Junr.	76	Spence, H. P.
33	Fisher, J. W.	77	Thomas, R.
34	Fletcher, J. P.	78	Thompson, J. R.
35	Fletcher, L.	79	Toft, W. R.
36	Fowler, J.	80	Tomlin, W.
37	Fraser, H.	81	Tooth, E. Allen
38	German, J. F.	82	Townley, G. A.
39	Grey, C. G.	83	Vigittello, A.
40	Hammond, W. A.	84	Watkiss, F.
41	Hellier, H.	85	Weightman, J. W.
42	Hood, W. R.	86	Welch, J. L.
43	Jack, A. J.	87	White, A. G.
44	Jenkins, W. J.	88	Worth, E. G.

LIST OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

89	Beazley, J. B.	94	Fletcher, A. H.
90	Brooke, C. S.	95	Gregory, J. W.
91	Conway, J. K.	96	Lloyd, R. W.
92	Corrie, W.	97	Schafer, C. W.
93	Edge, T. A.	98	Stephens, H.

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