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FOR 1898.

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ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.

SECRETARY'S REPORT,

*Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Members,
on Thursday, the 6th January, 1898.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

It has been the custom of my predecessors in office to open the Annual Reports of the Club's progress and performances with certain statistics, and as some of you at least are interested in these figures, I cannot do better than follow a good example.

In the first place, examining the list of active members, I am pleased to find a very satisfactory increase in their number, the figures on 31st December, 1897, being 109, as against 97 twelve months before. For the first time in the Club's history death has removed a name from our membership roll; all those who had the pleasure of Mr. W. A. Hammond's acquaintance heard with regret of his untimely decease.

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

E. G. Worth.....	52	T. B. Handley.....	29
E. Edwards	49	E. Cottle	26
H. Poole	49	B. H. Glover	26
T. B. Conway	41	P. C. Beardwood.....	25
W. R. Toft	41	W. J. Neason	25
W. M. Owen.....	37	A. H. Cottle.....	24
C. J. Conway	33	D. C. Rowatt	24
D. R. Fell.....	32	F. H. Koenen	23
C. Keizer	30	H. Hellier.....	22

E. A. Tooth	22	W. Deakin	5
F. Watkiss	22	William Ewing	5
A. G. White	22	H. Fraser	5
W. Grundy	19	J. E. Green.....	5
W. A. Lowcock	19	J. Dalgleish	4
H. H. Parry.....	17	J. S. Ellis	4
W. H. Cottle	15	A. Hewitson	4
J. J. Finley	14	W. B. Kendrick.....	4
H. P. Spence	14	D. J. Bell	3
W. Finnigan.....	13	J. A. Bennett	3
G. R. Lichtenberg	13	E. Buckley	3
J. R. Thompson	13	J. Butterwith	3
W. R. Hood	12	C. J. A. Decker	3
D. H. Simpson	12	S. H. Keeling.....	3
C. G. Curphey.....	11	F. C. Lowcock	3
H. W. Smith	11	J. Lyle.....	3
J. Fowler	10	J. C. Robinson	3
H. B. Saunders	10	W. J. Slade.....	3
A. N. Deakin.....	9	E. Balmer	2
W. H. C. Holt	9	W. Bond.....	2
W. J. Jenkins.....	9	N. Crooke	2
Walter Ewing	8	J. R. Davies	2
G. B. Gee	8	A. A. Fownes.....	2
G. B. Mercer	8	L. Fletcher.....	2
W. E. Parry	8	A. Pollard	2
R. Thomas.....	8	T. T. Tripp	2
E. H. Arnott	7	F. Bath	1
H. E. Barr	7	J. K. Conway.....	1
J. F. German	7	T. A. Edge.....	1
D. Mangan.....	7	W. Fisher	1
G. J. Theakstone	7	C. G. Grey	1
D. Dalgleish	6	T. E. Ruddin.....	1
S. I. Ellis	6	W. B. Russell.....	1
J. L. Welch.....	6	F. C. del Strother.....	1
G. T. Bater.....	5	A. Vigitello.....	1
R. H. Carlisle	5	J. H. Weightman	1

Officers being debarred from the competition for the attendance medals, it will be seen the first prize goes to Mr. T. B. Conway, with Mr. W. M. Owen in second place.

The average attendance at Club Runs shows an increase of over two on last year's figures, being 20.45 as against 18.24; this is fairly satisfactory, but with our increasing membership we ought to strive for even better results in the future. In 1893 the attendance averaged 25, cannot we try and at least equal these record figures?

ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.

FORMED, MARCH, 1879.



49, CONNAUGHT ROAD,

LIVERPOOL, *March 24th*, 1897.

DEAR SIR,

Herewith I beg to hand you particulars of the arrangements made by the Committee for the Easter Tour in North Wales. As the Accommodation at the "Glan Aber" is not unlimited, shall feel obliged if you will notify me by Saturday, 10th April whether you purpose joining in the gathering, in order that I may secure a room for you. Should you be unable to start with the Club on Friday, April 16th, you will be most welcome on any of the three following days.

I also beg to inform you of the dates of subsequent tours and your Committee hope that you will make a point of attending same.

June 19.—Night ride to Nottingham.

July 31—August 2.—Tour to Mid-Wales and Aberystwith.

If you desire to attempt Record Breaking, please bear in mind the necessity of communicating your intentions to the Hon. Secretary of the Northern Road Records' Association, Mr. W. F. COLLIER, 172, Duke Street, Brooks Bar, Manchester, and also to myself.

I enclose fixture card for April, and for obvious reasons must ask you to treat the information contained thereon as CONFIDENTIAL.

Yours truly,

E. G. WORTH,

Hon. Sec.

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Easter Tour, 1897.

(CYMRU AM BYTH.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 16th—Leave the George's Landing Stag by the 9 a.m. New Ferry Boat.

ROUTE.

NEW FERRY TO—	MILEAGE,		HOTELS.
	I.	T.	
CHESTER		12	Bull and Stirrup.
WREXHAM	11	23	Wynnstay Arms.
RUABON	5	28	Wynnstay Arms.
LLANGOLLEN (<i>via</i> Chirk T.G.)	8	36	Royal
CORWEN	10	46	Owen Glyndwr.
CERRIG-Y-DRUIDION	10	56	Saracen's Head
PENTRE VOELAS	6	62	Voelas Arms.
BETTWS-Y-COED	6	68	Glan Aber.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17th—Leave the "Glan Aber" after Breakfast and ride to Capel Curig, Pen-y-Gwryd, Beddgelert and the Pass of Aberglaslyn, returning to Bettws-y-Coed for Dinner at 6 p.m. Social Evening at 8 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 19th—Return home by above Route, leaving Bettws-y-Coed at Noon.

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

E. Edwards	12	T. B. Conway.....	8
D. R. Fell.....	12	D. J. Bell.....	7
W. M. Owen.....	12	H. P. Spence.....	7
H. Poole	12	P. C. Beardwood	6
E. G. Worth.....	12	H. Hellier	6
W. R. Toft	11	A. N. Deakin.....	3
A. G. White	11	F. H. Koenen.....	2
G. B. Mercer	9	H. B. Saunders	1

The gathering at Bettws-y-Coed, at Eastertide, was a large and representative one. We had little to thank the weather for, but all seemed to find enjoyment at the old haunt,—those who had been down more Easters than they cared to remember, and those whose first visit it was. Long may the annual gathering in the Conway Valley be a feature in the Club's programme.

The first week-end tour, on May 8th, was carried out under most unfavorable conditions, and the party to arrive at Lancaster was a small one. The ride to Morecambe next morning, and the journey home, were however very enjoyable.

The date fixed for our Annual All-Night Ride seems very frequently to be preceded by the wettest day and night of the season; 1897 was a notable instance. From this cause the attendance at Nottingham, on 19th June, was reduced to a minimum; it has been reported that those few present have very lively recollections of the lace town.

The August Tour was a grand one, the quality of the roads in the Severn Valley, between Welshpool and Llanidloes, being a revelation to all, while the scenery at the Devil's Bridge and in the wild pass of Tal-y-Llyn, charmed even the least appreciative.

The Week-End Runs to Buxton in September, and to Oswestry in October, were very enjoyable, but the attendance on neither occasion was as large as it ought to have been.

Our past season's Road Riding has been of a good all-round character, without rising to exceptional brilliance; several of our old members have been riding as well as they have ever done before, while among the new members there are many who have

shown signs of fitness for carrying on the work for which our Club has so long had an honorable name.

Our events have been carried out with due regard for the convenience of all, and it is most pleasurable to be able to report that not the slightest accident to any member of the general public has resulted. The North Shropshire people have again taken the most kindly interest in our events. Road riding, despite the diatribes of the envious, the interested, and the incapable, remains undoubtedly the grandest and purest branch of the sport.

Our first event was a 50 Miles Road Handicap, run off on the Stockton Heath-Congleton course, on Saturday, 24th April. The wind on the outward journey was tiring, and among the dozen starters, no one was found better able to cope with it than Mr. H. W. Smith, who had been over-leniently treated by the handicappers, his start being 13 min. Mr. Smith, at half distance, looked an unquestioned winner, and coming back in excellent style, not only took the first prize, but also the fastest-time medal, his performance, 2 hrs. 33 min. 15 sec., being a splendid one for the day. Mr. W. R. Toft (5 min.) ran into second place, doing 2 hrs. 34 min. 15 sec., while Mr. W. A. Lowcock (10 min.) took third prize, his time being 2 hrs. 43 min. 15 sec. The next finisher was Mr. B. H. Glover (15 min.) who, for his performance, 2 hrs. 48 min. 31 sec., took the special novice medal. The other finishers were Mr. D. H. Simpson (scratch) 2 hrs. 34 min. 40 sec., and Mr. E. H. Arnott (18 min.) 2 hrs. 52 min. 45 sec. Punctures unfortunately put several members out of it who otherwise would undoubtedly have made a good show.

On May 4th Mr. W. J. Neason made an attempt on the London to Brighton and back ride, and, although severely handicapped by having to ride seven miles on a punctured tire, managed to reduce the record figures by nearly three minutes, his time being 5 hrs. 19 min. 39 sec.

On Whit Monday, 7th June, the Hundred Miles Invitation Handicap was most successfully carried out, no alteration in the course being thought necessary. The day was hardly the ideal one of the previous year, the wind in places, notably from

Crudgington to Chetwynd Church, being particularly trying. There were about thirty starters, two-thirds surviving at the fifty miles post. For this distance the times showed a very high average, eight riders being inside 2 hrs. 30 min. It was now seen that Mr. J. H. Banks, of Congleton, was, bar accidents, certain of first place. Mr. Banks, who some years ago was a tricycle record-holder, but who had not for some time been prominently before the public, had the liberal allowance of 30 minutes. He won with great ease, finishing in 5 hrs. 10 min., a most excellent performance. The second place was filled by our Mr. W. R. Toft (15 min.), who rode with great judgment, doing 5 hrs. 8 min. 55 sec. Mr. H. Baker, Crewe C.C. (20 min.), another of the older school of riders, was third, he doing 5 hrs. 16 min. 20 sec. Then followed Mr. G. H. Wivell, Liverpool Carlton B.C., 5 hrs. 39 min. 20 sec.; Mr. W. E. Gee, Manchester Wednesday C.C., who took the special medal for fastest time, doing 5 hrs. 7 min.; Mr. B. H. Wright, North Liverpool B.C., 5 hrs. 43 min. 20 sec.; Mr. W. A. Lowcock, Anfield B.C., 5 hrs. 38 min.; and Mr. J. Waddington, Warrington C.C., 5 hrs. 22 min. The times all round were very good, the day considered, the only cause for regret being the fact that so few of our own men went through, Mr. W. A. Lowcock being the only member to win one of the special standard medals offered to non-prize-winning Anfielders.

On July 3rd Mr. W. R. Toft made an attempt on the Northern 100 Miles and Twelve Hours Records, but was unfortunate in his choice of day, strong winds causing his efforts to be in vain.

Ten o'clock on the night of July 16th was the time fixed for the start of the Twenty-four Hours Ride. The number of competitors to be despatched from Stockton Heath by Mr. W. F. Collier, N.R.R.A., was larger than usual, 3 tandem and 11 single bicycles being started. Out of such a number starting it was hoped many very creditable rides would be accomplished, but though the list of standard medals for twelve hours won is a long one, as a twenty-four hours race this cannot be described as a satisfactory one. The riders of singles seek to throw some of the blame on the erratic pace set by the competing tandems in the

early stages of the race. Whitchurch (52½ miles) was reached by the leaders, the tandems and seven of the singles, at 1-13. Mr. F. Watkiss had long ere this suffered from punctures, and now the same cause delayed Mr. H. Poole, while the Messrs. Ellis had trouble with their tandem chains, which caused them to retire from the ride. At Gayton (85 miles) Messrs. F. H. Koenen and D. H. Simpson, on a tandem, were leading by 10 minutes. Messrs. H. B. Saunders and W. M. Owen, also on a tandem, and Messrs. W. H. C. Holt, W. A. Lowcock, and E. A. Tooth, on singles, being next to arrive. Mr. Koenen having trouble with a broken saddle at Chester, on the return from Eastham (117 miles), the two tandems got together again, the leading singles being about 12 minutes behind. Chester was left for the last time (136 miles) by the tandem crews at 6-20; Messrs. Holt, Lowcock and Tooth following at 6-30; Messrs. B. H. Glover and W. H. Cottle at 7 o'clock, H. Poole at 7-10, F. Watkiss at 7-45, and W. R. Hood and J. F. German at 8-20. From Whitchurch a new extension had been arranged as far as Sparstow, ten miles on the Tarporley road. On this stretch the tandems fought out their battle, Messrs. Saunders and Owen finally getting away from their rivals, returning through Whitchurch and finishing beyond Newport, *with 198½ miles to their credit for twelve hours, thus breaking the long-standing Northern tandem record by over nine miles.* Messrs. Simpson and Koenen completed 193½ miles in the time, and the distances scored by the other competitors were—Messrs. W. A. Lowcock and E. A. Tooth 181½ miles; W. H. C. Holt 180½ miles; H. Poole 176¾ miles; W. H. Cottle 172¾ miles; F. Watkiss 165 miles; B. H. Glover 162¾ miles; W. Grundy 162 miles; J. F. German and W. R. Hood 156¾ miles.

With the exception of Messrs. Lowcock, Tooth, Watkiss and Hood, all now retired, and the interest in the race was practically over. Mr. Hood gave up at Shawbury, having done 237½ miles, and Mr. Tooth could not be prevailed upon to tackle the big Shropshire quadrangle a second time, retiring at Whitchurch with 250¾ miles to his credit, which distance gained him third

place. It was now evident that Mr. Watkiss had a hopeless task in his stern chase of Mr. Lowcock, who had simply to keep steadily going to win with ease, which he did, completing the distance of 330 miles, Mr. Watkiss' score for second place being 304 miles. Mr. Lowcock's win came as a surprise to many, and I'm sure he is good enough sportsman to wish he had had competitors to push him to a close finish. This is by no means his first attempt at the long distance game, but he must certainly be congratulated on this success during his first season as an Anfielder. He is the *sixteenth* member of the Club who has completed upwards of 300 miles on the road in 24 hours. The special medal offered by Mr. J. B. Beazley for the best 24 hour performance by a novice was not awarded. It is to be desired that another year we have more competitors to run out the full time, as it is on 24 hour rides, more than on short distance events, that so much of the Club's reputation depends.

The next event had been long looked forward to—the Fifty Miles Track Handicap. This was carried out at the Tower Grounds, New Brighton, on Saturday, 21st August. But for a heavy breeze, accompanied by flying showers sweeping the grounds, excellent times would have been accomplished, as it was, all previous amateur records for this track were much improved on. There were nine starters, the time allowance running out to 15 minutes. From the first the race between the scratch men, Messrs. F. H. Koenen and H. B. Saunders, proved very exciting, 20 miles being covered in 47 min. 55 $\frac{2}{3}$ sec., and 25 miles in 8 seconds over the hour. So far little had been gained on the limit men, who had evidently been well treated by the handicappers. Mr. Koenen however, riding with excellent judgment, got away from Mr. Saunders at 35 miles, and going very strongly to the finish, managed to get into second place on the handicap, as well as to secure the special time medal, doing 2 hrs. 4 min. 4 $\frac{2}{3}$ sec. Mr. G. T. Bater (15 min.) who won the first prize, doing 2 hrs. 18 min. 14 $\frac{1}{3}$ sec. showed excellent form for a novice, as also did Mr. S. I. Ellis, who had the same start, and took 3rd prize, his time being 2 hrs. 19 min. 32 $\frac{2}{3}$ sec. The other finishers were

Messrs. H. B. Saunders, 2 hrs. 8 min. 8 sec. ; W. M. Owen, 2 hrs. 12 min. 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. ; and Walter Ewing, 2 hrs. 24 min 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

In the early hours of Saturday, 11th September, Mr. W. J. Neason, whose London to Brighton and back record had been beaten, made a successful attempt to regain it, *reducing the figures by over three minutes, completing the journey of 104 miles in 5 hrs. 6 min. 42 sec.*

The same day one of the most successful events of the year was carried out, in the shape of an unpaced 50 Miles Road Handicap. The fourteen competitors were despatched singly at intervals, at the discretion of the time-keeper and judge, and "hanging-on" was entirely forbidden. The day was a fairly favorable one, and the times were the best ever recorded for an unpaced 50 in the North of England. The net times and handicap allowances being worked out, the finishers were placed as follows:—1st, Mr. T. B. Conway (7 min.) 2 hrs. 45 min. 58 sec. ; 2nd, Mr. W. R. Toft (3 min.) 2 hrs. 43 min. 2 sec., which performance takes special medal for fastest time ; 3rd, Mr. B. H. Glover (10 min.) 2 hrs. 52 min. 15 sec. The other finishers were Messrs. F. H. Koenen (scratch) 2 hrs. 44 min. 36 sec. ; F. Watkiss (9 min.) 2 hrs. 55 min. 32 sec. ; H. Poole (7 min.) 2 hrs. 59 min. 48 sec. ; J. E. Green (11 min.) 3 hrs. 4 min. 36 sec. ; and C. Keizer (18 min.) 3 hrs. 5 min. 33 sec. Unfortunately some of the other competitors had not made themselves familiar with the course, which was the one from Stockton Heath to Congleton, used for the last five or six years, and lost their way, thus extinguishing their chances of success.

Mr. T. B. Conway was so satisfied with his performance in this event that on the 27th September he "took on" the Edinburgh to Liverpool record. A little crowd of Anfielders, who were to assist, created some astonishment in the Northern City on the previous day, but Mr. Conway was able to leave at an early hour in the morning without any trouble or spectators. For the first 30 or 40 miles he had exceedingly muddy roads, owing to heavy rains the night before, and, though sticking gamely to his task, lost on his time-table. Then matters began to improve, and

crossing the border he was riding exceedingly well. Owing to delayed trains, the pacemakers who should have met him at Penrith were not there, and the tandem he was left with breaking down, he had to cross Shap Fells alone. Once at Kendal, however, he had good roads and excellent pacing, and all went fairly well till nearing Liverpool, when, owing to an accident, he was again left alone to the finish. *His time for the journey was 14 hrs. 35 min., breaking record by 28 minutes.*

The thanks of the Club are specially due to those who have acted as checkers and marshals in the various road events. I desire in this connection to particularly mention Messrs. Massie Harper, and F. Fowler; and among our own members Messrs. H. P. Spence, S. H. Keeling, G. B. Gee, G. R. Lichtenberg, E. Edwards, A. G. White, E. Cottle, J. J. Finley, T. B. Handley, P. C. Beardwood, D. R. Fell, C. Keizer, and W. J. Slade.

I feel assured this general meeting of members will approve of the action of the Committee in awarding Mr. W. J. Neason's special medal to Mr. W. R. Toft, which they did without hesitation; Mr. Toft's riding throughout the season has been of sterling quality. That he has been away from us so long, and that we cannot hope for his genial presence among us for many weeks yet, is a source of genuine sorrow, I feel sure, to all present.

That veteran rider, Mr. T. B. Conway, has once again treated us to a display of the riding prowess of the old brigade. Cannot one or two other riders of the old school be tempted to follow his example?

Mr. F. H. Koenen, who was winning 50 mile championships I don't know how many years ago, again gave us a splendid exhibition in our track race, and has also ridden grandly on the road.

Mr. W. A. Lowcock has gone most pluckily through all the events he has started in, and has added another name to our lengthy list of genuine stayers.

Messrs. Saunders, Owen, Simpson, Poole, Watkiss, and Tooth have not been particularly favored by fortune this year, but have given proof they are still possessed of powers which will, I trust, be more successfully employed in the coming season.

Mr. H. W. Smith opened the season very brilliantly, but long ere its close was quite lost to us.

The crowd of novices this year is a particularly promising one; it hardly requires the gift of prophecy to predict that the club handicappers of the future will have to pick their scratch men from such riders as Messrs. G. T. Bater, W. H. C. Holt, B. H. Glover, W. Grundy, S. I. Ellis, and J. E. Green.

For the first time for many years the tricycle does not appear on the prize list, though it still makes its regular appearance at our runs, and gives us re-assurance of the fact that the propulsion of a three-wheeler at speed is not a lost art amongst Anfielders.

The loss of the Northern Tandem Records should urge some of our crack teams to make a special feature of the tandem safety for the coming season.

In this connection I think it appropriate to point out the desirability of members, when attempting records, selecting those held outside the Club whenever possible. That I am not alone in this opinion is evident, as our Honorary Member, Mr. F. C. del Strother, has presented a special prize for competition during the coming season, to be awarded to the member securing most records which, at the time of attack, are not held by fellow clubmen.

The cheerful way in which assistance has been rendered by Anfielder to Anfielder has always been a feature of the Club's life, and one which all must wish to see perpetuated.

We cannot all of us hope to wear record badges, but the Club's fame is not based alone on its speedmen, it has a name for having its members out all the year round, and everyone may assist the Officers to be elected this evening by remembering this reputation and acting up to it.

With every member anxious to advance the Club's name, we may look forward to the coming season with confidence and determination that it, like so many that have gone before, shall be one of *Anfield success*.

E. G. WORTH,

Hon. Secretary.

ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.

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CASH ACCOUNT FOR 1897.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1896	45	8	11½	By Postages, Printing, and Stationery ...	29	1	9
„ Subscriptions and Entrance Fees	112	2	10	„ Road Ride and other Prizes ..	86	15	0
„ Donations to Prize Fund.....	34	18	0	„ Timing and Expenses	16	3	5
„ Badges Sold	3	13	6	„ Cash in hand and in Bank	64	3	1½
	£196	3	3½		£196	3	3½
LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
To Prizes not yet selected.....	48	17	6	By Cash Balance.....	64	3	1½
„ Balance	46	4	1½	„ Subscriptions Outstanding and Good	18	18	0
	£95	1	7½	„ Donations to Prize Fund „ „ ...	12	0	6
	£95	1	7½		£95	1	7½

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Audited and found correct, January 6th, 1898,

ARTHUR POLLARD,
JOSEPH F. GERMAN.

AT THE
Annual General Meeting of the Members,

HELD AT
LAURENCE'S HOTEL, CLAYTON SQUARE,
LIVERPOOL,

On Thursday, the 6th January, 1898, at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. David J. Bell in the Chair.

Messrs. G. T. Bater, P. C. Beardwood, C. J. Conway, T. B. Conway, A. H. Cottle, W. H. Cottle, W. Deakin, E. Edwards, J. S. Ellis, S. I. Ellis, D. R. Fell, A. A. Fownes, J. F. German, B. H. Glover, J. E. Green, W. Grundy, T. B. Handley, H. Hellier, W. J. Jenkins, C. Keizer, F. H. Koenen, G. R. Lichtenberg, G. B. Mercer, W. M. Owen, H. Poole, D. C. Rowatt, H. B. Saunders, G. J. Theakstone, J. R. Thompson, E. A. Tooth, F. Watkiss, A. G. White, and the Honorary Secretary.

Mr. G. B. Mercer moved, and Mr. H. Poole 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. Hellier moved, and Mr. T. B. Conway seconded, and it was *resolved*—

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

Mr. H. Poole proposed, and Mr. D. R. Fell seconded, and it was *resolved*—

“That the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897, be adopted.”

Mr. D. R. Fell proposed, and Mr. C. J. Conway seconded, and it was *resolved*—

"That the Annual Subscription for Active Members, during the year 1898, shall be One Guinea, with an Entrance Fee of Five Shillings, and the Annual Subscription for Honorary Members a minimum of Ten Shillings."

Messrs. G. T. Bater and J. F. German having been appointed scrutineers, Mr. D. J. Bell, proposed by Mr. G. B. Mercer, and seconded by Mr. T. B. Conway, and Mr. A. G. White, proposed by Mr. D. J. Bell, and seconded by Mr. E. G. Worth, were found to have *been tied in the election by ballot* to the post of President. The Chairman giving his casting vote in favor of Mr. A. G. White, that gentleman was declared *duly elected* as President.

Mr. E. Edwards, proposed by Mr. D. R. Fell, and seconded by Mr. D. C. Rowatt, and Mr. D. R. Fell, proposed by Mr. T. B. Conway, and seconded by Mr. F. H. Koenen, were *elected by ballot* as Vice-Presidents.

Mr. W. R. Toft, proposed by Mr. D. R. Fell, and seconded by Mr. C. J. Conway, was re-elected Captain by acclamation.

Mr. F. H. Koenen, proposed by Mr. E. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. H. Hellier, and Mr. H. Poole, proposed by Mr. T. B. Conway, and seconded by Mr. A. G. White, were unanimously re-elected Sub-Captains.

Mr. C. J. Conway, proposed by Mr. D. R. Fell, and seconded by Mr. D. C. Rowatt, was *elected by ballot* to the office of Honorary Treasurer.

Mr. E. G. Worth, proposed by Mr. D. J. Bell, and seconded by Mr. A. G. White, was re-elected Honorary Secretary.

It was resolved by ballot that the following gentlemen be elected Members of the Committee:—Messrs. D. J. Bell, T. B. Conway, A. H. Cottle, C. Keizer, G. B. Mercer, W. M. Owen, D. C. Rowatt, and E. A. Tooth.

Mr. J. F. German, proposed by Mr. A. G. White, and seconded by Mr. H. Hellier, and Mr. G. R. Lichtenberg, proposed by Mr. F. H. Koenen, and seconded by Mr. H. Hellier, were elected to Audit the Accounts of the Club for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

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

“That the Club do hold three Fifty Miles Road Handicaps, one Invitation Hundred Miles Road Handicap, and one Twenty-Four Hours Road Ride. the four first-mentioned events to be paced or unpaced at the discretion of the Committee.”

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. C. J. Conway proposed, and Mr. C. Keizer seconded, and it was *resolved*—

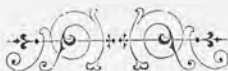
“That the destination of the August Tour be left to the Committee.”

Mr. P. C. Beardwood proposed, and Mr. W. H. Cottle seconded, and it was *resolved*—

“That the Club hold an All-Night Ride during the season, the date and destination to be left to the Committee.”

Contributions to the Prize Fund were promised by Messrs. P. C. Beardwood, D. J. Bell, C. J. Conway, T. B. Conway, W. Deakin, S. I. and J. S. Ellis, D. R. Fell, A. A. Fownes, J. F. German, B. H. Glover, C. Keizer, F. H. Koenen, G. B. Mercer, H. Poole, J. C. Robinson, E. A. Tooth, F. Watkiss, A. G. White, and E. G. Worth.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.



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 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 1898.

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* member. 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 Record 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, 1897, 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	H. M. Holland & G. Gurley 2 h : 10 m : 59 s	H. Hellier & C. J. A. Decker 2 h : 19 m : 46 s
Hundred Miles... ..	A. J. Jack 6 h : 58 m : 25 s	C. W. Schafer 4 h : 55 m : 28 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	W. E. Gee & M. Wild 207½ 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 during the season, three Fifty Miles Road Handicaps, over courses to be selected by the Committee. Four prizes will be offered, viz. :—First, Second, Third and Gold Medal for fastest time. These events may be paced or unpaced as the Committee may decide. Gold stars will be awarded to all (Prize Winners excepted) covering the distance in 2 hours 30 minutes or less if paced, or in 2 hours 50 minutes or less if unpaced; gold-centre silver medals to all (Prize and gold star winners excepted) covering the distance in two hours 40 minutes or less

if paced, or in 3 hours or less if unpaced ; and Bronze Medals to all (Prize and Star Winners excepted) covering the distance in 2 hours 50 minutes or less if paced, or in 3 hours 10 minutes or less if unpaced.

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. ; the questions as to the course and pacing will be decided by the Committee.

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 25.

SPECIAL PRIZE.

Mr. F. C. del Strother offers a Special Prize to be awarded to the member holding at the end of the season most records which, when broken, were not held by a member of the Club.

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.)

Members are particularly requested to notify any change of address to the Hon. Secretary.

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

1	Atkinson, T. W.	47	German, J. F.
2	Balmer, E.	48	Glover, B. H.
3	Barr, H. E.	49	Green, J. E.
4	Bater, G. T.	50	Grey, C. G.
5	Bath, F.	51	Grundy, W.
6	Beardwood, P. C.	52	Handley, T. B.
7	Bell, D. J.	53	Heal, E. J. B.
8	Bennett, J. A.	54	Hellier, H.
9	Bird, F.	55	Hewitson, A.
10	Blakiston, R.	56	Hewitt, J. L.
11	Bond, W.	57	Holt, W. H. C.
12	Brocklebank, J. J.	58	Hood, W. R.
13	Buckley, E.	59	Humphreys, W. C.
14	Butterwith, J.	60	Jack, A. J.
15	Butterwith, R.	61	Jeffreys, W. P.
16	Carlisle, R. H.	62	Jenkins, W. J.
17	Conway, C. J.	63	Jones, R. B.
18	Conway, J. K.	64	Keizer, C.
19	Conway, T. B.	65	Kendrick, W. B.
20	Cottle, A. H.	66	Koenen, F. H.
21	Cottle, E.	67	Leake, H. J.
22	Cottle, W. H.	68	Lichtenberg, G. R.
23	Crooke, Norman	69	Lowcock, W. A.
24	Curphey, C. G.	70	Macbeth, A. R.
25	Dalgleish, D.	71	Mangan, D.
26	Dalgleish, J.	72	Marchanton, J. V.
27	Davies, J. R.	73	Menzies, L. E.
28	Deakin, A. N.	74	Mercer, G. B.
29	Deakin, W.	75	Neason, A. S.
30	Decker, C. J. A.	76	Neason, W. J.
31	Eastham, J.	77	Outram, C. F.
32	Edwards, E.	78	Owen, W. M.
33	Ellis, J. S.	79	Parry, W. E.
34	Ellis, S. I.	80	Poole, H.
35	Ewing, Walter	81	Pope, H. R.
36	Ewing, William	82	Robinson, J. C.
37	Fell, D. R.	83	Roskell, F.
38	Finley, J. J.	84	Roskell, H.
39	Finnigan, W., Junr.	85	Rowatt, D. C.
40	Fisher, J. W.	86	Saunders, H. B.
41	Fletcher, L.	87	Siddleley, J. D.
42	Fowler, J.	88	Simpson, D. H.
43	Fownes, A. A.	89	Slade, W. J.
44	Fownes, F. J.	90	Smith, H. W.
45	Fraser, H.	91	Spence, H. P.
46	Gee, G. B.	92	Theakstone, G. J.

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS—Continued.

93	Thomas, R.	101	Vigitello, A.
94	Thompson, J. R.	102	Waring, F. A.
95	Tipton, J. W.	103	Watkiss, F.
96	Toft, W. R.	104	Weightman, J. W.
97	Tomlin, W.	105	Welch, J. L.
98	Tooth, E. Allen	106	White, A. G.
99	Townley, G. A.	107	Whyte, E.
100	Tripp, T. T.	108	Worth, E. G.

LIST OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

109	Beazley, J. B.	116	Keeling, S. H.
110	Brooke, C. S.	117	Lloyd, R. W.
111	Corrie, W.	118	Mills, G. P.
112	Edge, T. A.	119	Pollard, A.
113	Fletcher, A. H.	120	Shaw, W. W.
114	Fletcher, J. P.	121	Stephens, H.
115	Green, S.	122	Strother, F. C. del



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