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## FIXTURES for MARCH, 1906.

	Light up at
March 3—Aldford (Grosvenor Arms).....	6-54 p.m.
„ 10—Warrington (Patten Arms) ..	7- 7 „
„ 13—Committee Meeting at Laurence's Hotel, 7-30 p.m.	
„ 17—Northop (Red Lion) .....	7-19 „
Week-end Run to Denbigh (Bull Hotel).	
„ 24—Knutsford (Lord Eldon).....	7-32 „
„ 31—Sandiway (Blue Cap).....	7-45 „

## MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

BREMONT, CHESHIRE.

### Introductory.

A word of explanation is necessary. At the Committee Meeting, in January, it was thought advisable to give the general body of members an idea of the doings of the inner circle, together with items of general interest. This leaflet is the result. The Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive communications, however small, for publication.

### A. G. M. Notes.

The institution of the post of Hon. Racing Sec. seemed to meet with the approval of all present. It goes without saying that Knipe, the man chosen, is fully qualified for that important position.

The Chairman proposed, and it was carried unanimously:—"That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. W. R. Toft, on his retirement from the captaincy, for his eminent and long continued services to the Club."

Committee Meetings will take place during the second week in each month, on Tuesday evenings, instead of Monday, as formerly.

### Committee Notes.

**NEW MEMBERS (active):**—Mr. L. G. Fletcher (Jan. 16th), Mr. J. H. Williams (Feb. 13th).

**RESIGNATIONS (active):**—Messrs. Hurst, Handley, Knowles, Rushton, Barnaby, Bird, Baynes, Gunton and Jenkins (Jan. 16th); Fraenkel (Feb. 13).

Mr. Spence resigns from Honorary; Mr. F. Keizer's name is transferred from the Active to the Honorary List.

### R. R. A. Delegates.

Mr. H. Fraser and the Hon. Sec. The Hon. Sec. was instructed to write Mr. Fraser and thank him most heartily for his attendances and valuable reports during 1905 (Jan. 16th).

### N. R. R. A. Delegates.

Mr. N. M. Higham and the Hon. Sec. were elected for 1906 (Jan. 16). The Committee have great pleasure in announcing that Mr. Del Strother will again present a Special Prize, to be awarded to the best placed member in the "100," Prizewinners barred (Jan. 16th).

### Handicapping Committee.

Messrs. Cook, Knipe, Poole and Worth (Feb. 13th).

### Course Committee.

Messrs. Cook, Knipe, F. Roskell and Worth (Feb. 13th).

### Alteration in Prize Rule No. 14.

"Motor pacing or following is entirely barred" (Jan. 16th).

### Alteration in Rule No. 9.

"Place-to-place Rides" now reads "Place-to-place Record Rides" (Jan. 16th).

## \*\*\* RUNS. \*\*\*

### Hunt's Cross, Jan. 6th.

Very excellent attendance of thirty-six members and friends. The musical programme went rather better than usual, due perhaps to extra good talent. Mr. Carl Keizer's gramophone was much appreciated.

### Hinderton, Jan. 27th.

The fine weather tempted out twenty-five members and two friends. The sunset from the "Top road" was very grand. One party, after tea, went on to week-end at Chester; another made for Mold, to do the "Horse-shoe" to Llangollen, on Sunday.

### Sankey, Feb. 10th.

Afternoon unsettled, strong S.W. wind with showers. Manchester contingent well to the fore: "Pa" & Norman Higham, Marchanton, "F.H." (in want of a tandem partner for record work), Butler, Turner, Hellier, (contemplating a new trike), and Buckley. Tea was a little late, due to a faulty timesheet of the landlady's. Several came *via* Chester; Bright, of the North Road, being amongst the party.

### Chester, Feb. 17th.

Good muster of twenty-nine. Where was the Wirral member who complained that the February fixtures were off his map? The Manchester men didn't find it too far.

### Notes.

The Prize Fund, a most deserving charity, is to be continued.

The "24" in August, will be unpaced. Standards for all types of machines will be found in the Handbook for 1906.

Suggestions for runs from Shrewsbury, on April 14, 15 and 16, will be welcomed.

Hubert Roskell is on his way home from Coscapa.

Anyone wishing to subscribe to the "North Road Gazette" (an excellent little publication), 5/- per annum, can obtain a form from H. W. Keizer.

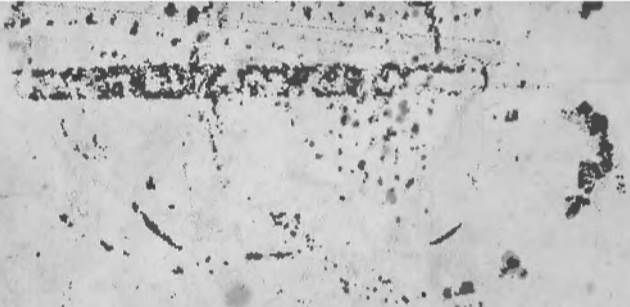
Speed machines are now making their appearance. One seen at Hinderton was very classy indeed: it was enamelled dove-colour, was shod with Constrictors, and had gold-lined glass mudguards.

Foster has been on the sick list.

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H. W. KEIZER, *Hon. Sec.*



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FIXTURES for APRIL, 1906

	Light up at
April 7—Wrexham (Wynnstay Arms) .....	7-58 p.m.
„ 10—Committee Meeting at Laurence's Hotel, 7-30 p.m.	
„ 13/16—Easter Tour (see Circular) .....	8-10 „
„ 21—Knutsford (Lord Eldon).....	8-19 „
„ 28—50 Miles Unpaced Handicap .....	8-36 „

Entries for the "50" must reach Mr. R. L. L. Knipe, 35, Skerries Road, Liverpool, not later than April 21st.

✻ MONTHLY CIRCULAR. ✻

70, FALKLAND ROAD,  
EGREMENT, CHESHIRE.

It is with the deepest sorrow I have to record the death of Mr. Hugh Fraser, which took place in London on February 28th, after a most severe operation. Mr. Fraser has been an active member of the Club since 1885, and as far back as 1886 held the post of Hon. Sec. He has also been an R.R.A. delegate for the Club from 1903; his very complete Reports of these meetings being most valuable. The loss of such an active and hard-working member is deeply to be deplored.

**Committee Notes.**

The R. R. A. Delegates are now—Mr. H. Poole and Mr. H. W. Keizer. The latter has been elected to the Committee vice the late Mr. H. Fraser.

**NEW MEMBERS**—Mr. E. A. Woodward, 29, Kingsland Rd., Birkenhead; Mr. George Croft, 4, Elm Drive, Seaforth; Mr. J. A. Bratt, Moss Grove, Prenton, Birkenhead; Mr. E. A. Bentley, "Norwood," Prenton, Birkenhead.

**North Road "24."**

It is quite possible we will send three strong men to represent us in this important event. Here's the best of luck to them. What a very nice touring party could be arranged to cheer them on their way.

**N.R.R.A. Annual General Meeting.**

This event took place on Wednesday, February 28th, and proved most interesting in many ways. Mr. Baines was there and talked (ye gods, how he did talk). His friend J. A. W. (beg pardon, Mr. J. A. Walker) was not there—we had his letters instead. Messrs. A. M. Higham's and Wheeler's names were added to the list of vice-presidents; Mr. Buckley's, to the timekeepers.

THE COURSE COMMITTEE should read :—Messrs. Buckley, Knipe, F. Roskell and Worth. My humble apologies to the first-named gentleman. Grisewood leaves for Canada early in April.

The Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive communications, however small, for publication.

"White" Cottle is talking of joining the Club again.

All members taking part in the Easter Tour and wearing steps on their bicycles, are requested to carry a red flag when in motion.

Gunton, E. S., is again an active member of the Club: his address is now, 1, Old Wrexham Road, Chester.

## RUNS.

### Newburgh, February 24th.

The day was not exactly an ideal one, the going in some places being decidedly greasy and heavy, and at the time of leaving Liverpool rain threatened. You will note that the mariners were out in force on what the Skipper calls the "Cunard Flyer," but later events proved that they had evidently left their compass at home, as on the return journey they lost their bearings, and found themselves on some rather bad going. We were all very pleased to again welcome "Lanky," and as we understand he has a new machine on order, we trust to see more of him during this year. We regret to see our friend, who is such a staunch supporter of the Liverpool F.C., endeavouring to increase the railway dividends lately: really exercise would be much better. Where were our usual supporters of the Newburgh fixture? Quite a number were notable by their absence. "Pardonnez moi Monsieur" is training hard, and we believe is going strong, his appetite being splendid, our hope is that he may win the first "50" of the year: hard work always has its reward.

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### Aldford, March 3rd.

Small muster of twenty in spite of a perfect afternoon and evening: the roads were "a bit greasy under the trees," but nothing to shout about. Foster, of Manchester, and Irving, of Southport, deserve honourable mention for supporting the fixture. First appearance of "Jimmy" Williams as a full-fledged Amateur: he pushed out on a matrimonial tandem with Cook.

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### Warrington, March 10th.

It would be difficult to account for the small support accorded this run, seeing that the weather was not at all bad, and that the Manchester contingent mustered well. The run was chiefly noticeable for the absence of officers and other "Pillars of the Club," some of whom had urged the fixing of Warrington at the Committee Meeting. Was it a case of *Stultii defectio*? However, the fixture was greatly enjoyed by the 24 participants, and two touring parties went *via* Chester and Frodsham, one of them including "Deck Ornament" Woodward, who is riding very fiercely, while another party went round by Chester and Cuddington, which clearly shows that the weather provided no excuse for the absentees.

A few observations relating to the Denbigh Circuit. — (*by "Dohterr."*)

Once again Capt. Poole demonstrated, by his excellent carving, the wisdom of our choice in electing him captain. *Query:* Is it also the Captain's province to shield weaker members from the wintry blast—(see the late Sec.'s Warwick report). If so, the Captain's speed is still—as in the speedy days of his impetuous youth—always a mile an hour too fast.

Sunday's Sportsman party consisted of two gents in a car, half-a-dozen energetic riders, and last and least an old, enfeebled, unwell member soon lost far in the rear. Why speak of him? Why! because he had a mission to prove once and for all, that even the weakest may be foremost at sky-scraping has he but drunk at the fountain of wisdom. His was the legend of the Hare and Tortoise carried to its extreme yet inevitable conclusion. Says the Mountain Sage: "To scale the Bwlch 'Sit up, go, oh so gently, the while you weigh the task, measure your strength, vary your muscles for the classic bits, keep 25 per cent. up your sleeve, until you see the summit'" The great law for old men is never to call at one time on muscle and wind. You cannot ride hills on wind (nor gas), so save your wind to feed the muscle.

This is the Only Way for the Weaker Tribe, it is also the Better Way for All, and Sound Sense for the Strong because it is based on the Great Speed Maxim. "Never go all out till the Tape is in sight."

Of the two young zealots among the mountaineering party, Ganton rode wonderfully well, and climbed all the "classics" and he promises to be soon in splendid form. To Pritchard we extend our wish, a few hints and much promise. It is that he should "see himself as others see him": and older counsels having put their heads together suggest unanimously that he "bring his saddle forward three inches, his handles back two inches, lower his saddlepeak one inch, raise his seat pillar three inches, drop his toes two inches, and bring inward his knees one-and-a-half inches."

It is not much we ask, and we promise in return a successful career.

Von, E.G., Lanky, Pritch, and Buck returned *via* Nantglyn and Cyfllylling to Ruthin. Much regret was expressed at Bellier's absence, for the way turned out a trike road, bristling with points for three-wheelers, notably the switchback and back again corner near the crocus field at Lawnt, the Ty-n-twl bulls, the delicate drop thro' Merfod to the hairpin bend over the Afon-Coewest, the jackass and drains of Tai-isaf, and the crossing of the Ulywedog.

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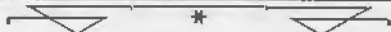
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## FIXTURES FOR MAY, 1906.

	LIGHT UP AT
May 5—Pulford (Grosvenor Arms).....	8-46 p.m.
.. 8—Committee Meeting at Lawrence's Hotel, 7-30 p.m.	
.. 12—Lostock Gralam (Black Greyhound) .....	8-57 ..
.. 19—50 Miles Unpaced Handicap .....	9-8 ..
.. 26—Barton, near Broxton (Cock O' Barton).....	9-17 ..

Entries for the "50" must reach Mr. R. L. L. Knipe, 35, Skerries Road, Anfield, Liverpool, not later than May 12th, and for the "100" not later than May 26th.

## MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

### Committee Notes.

The Committee Meeting of April 10th was very short, (1 hour 40 min.). There is nothing of interest to report.

### New Member:

Mr. H. Lever, 8, St. Albans Square, Bootle, Liverpool.

### NOTES.

As the result of the very unsatisfactory condition of the hotel at Shrewsbury during Easter, a Special Committee Meeting was called on Saturday, April 14th. It was proposed that a deputation of three members make enquiries at the "Raven" and see what they would do for the Club at Whitsuntide. The result is that an inclusive tariff of £1 0/6 will cover the expense from Saturday night, June 2nd, until Monday morning, June 4th. Each man will have a bed to himself, the reputation of the house putting the rest beyond question. The Hon. Sec. would be glad of the names of those who would care to stay at this hotel, which will be the Headquarters for the event on Whit Monday; the number of rooms required must be reserved at least a month before that date.

Griffenstein, discovering a piece of pneumatic tyre in his morning sausage, regards the matter as proof positive that the cycle is superseding the horse.

There is considerable possibility of soon seeing a good deal more of Osborne, who after being exiled in Barrow and London may shortly be returning more immediately among us than ever before. If he can only get back to form again his re-appearance will be doubly welcome.

Our friends of the Pickwick B. C. are greatly interested in our monthly circular which has been started on lines suggested by their own, and the comment has been received that they think ours "jolly good."

For Sale.—"Iron Sanspareil" Bicycle, Modele de Luxe, almost new, only been ridden 19,000 miles, balloon tyres, wrot steel foot-rests, balls throughout, including pedals, massive plunger brake, lamp bracket and pump connection. Offers invited. Would exchange for 4 cylinder "Darracq" and cash. Address Speed, c/o. H. M. B., Beach House, New Brighton.

While a certain member was being "trailed" to Sandiway behind a tandem, his attention was called to the fairness of the scene between Tarvin and Tarpoley, to which he replied "Yes, but I think there is a spot of rust on your rim." Query—Was he "having some" or has he no soul for scenery?

"Dodderer" seems very proud of what he calls his "mission" in inculcating the legend of the Hare and the Tortoise in climbing up the Sportsman from Denbigh, but the writer would like to point out that he was only foremost at skyscraping by an act of grace, for Gunton and one of the "old scarred veterans" deliberately allowed him to pass on and scale the heights while they waited for the walking party. As to whether his ideas of the Great Speed Maxim are correct or not, the writer will only say that Dodderer "scaled the Bwlch" with a railway guide in his pocket and a "nice train from Corwen" in his mind's eye, while the Weaker Tribe had no such intention, and doubtless "walked the Bwlch" to keep the 25 per cent. up their sleeve to enable them to ride home.

## RUNS.

Knutsford, 24th March.

A typical March day. A biting North-easter, with a blizzard or two thrown in, worried us till we were well past Warrington, but it was a bit kinder from High Legh. We congratulated ourselves heartily on not having to control the tandem trike on such a day. We got the team (Poole and the Keizerette) safely started from the "unlicensed pub." at 3 o'clock. Hen-neck and the writer, followed later on a mere common tandem bike, anxiously but vainly scanned all walls and ditches on the corners for traces of a horrible spill.

We spent much time in the smoke-room after tea in the heart-breaking task of trying to persuade the Mossos to purchase a new trike. It was practically decided to open a national shilling testimonial for the purpose—the only obstacle being the Pan's rooted objection to receiving charity.

## RUNS—continued.

Six of us weekendend at Sandbach, and had a gruelling ride on the Sunday against half a gale to Sandiway for dinner and Warrington for tea,—thence home with the wind behind. The Blue Cap wants a lot of beating for dinner on Sundays.

### Sandiway, 31st March.

An ideal cycling day, 30 members attended the run and passed it through an excellent tea at the Bluecap, Sandiway. The Manchester members were strongly represented—the absence of one being no doubt accounted for by his preparations for his stump speech, etc., this coming Easter. The Mountain Sage was, we suppose, drinking at the Wisdom Fountain. Neither did our humorous French gentleman (Old Chem.) materialise; hence the lack of comic element, (vide Irish Cyclist). The New Bright-ones we sought in vain,—and in the bar,—but now that the Noah tandem is fitted with a coach-built brougham body on the back, and the hunting season is over, we are sure they will again stand their ground, (and drinks), and give us the honour of their company, (and their sub.—Treasurer).

After tea a small party was conducted by Bundy down to Shropshire to a place which was about 12 miles too near for some of them. On the return journey on the Sunday the members of the party were together in spirit only, punctures and firckdom being the causes. Two of them hearing Dr. Bodie's trike in the distance waited some ten minutes for him to come up and rode with him towards Mere corner via the smoke-room at the Windmill, where the original party became once more united, and so on to Warrington and home.

### Wrexham, 7th April.

29 members and 2 friends forgathered at the "Wynnstay." It was a most successful gathering. Koozer major made a most welcome re-appearance. He did a non-stop run from New Brighton and his pace, we hear, was terrific. The run was perhaps remarkable for the number of speed machines in evidence, the display of Constrictors giving much promise for the racing season. Easter arrangements and appointments for the journey down formed the chief topic and everything augured a most enjoyable tour. The day and roads were excellent. This run ought to be very popular, being about the right distance for the returning section and very suitable for the weekenders. On the above occasion a party of three slept at Baselurch being joined in the morning by our worthy Sec. who had stayed the night in Shrewsbury on duty bent.

## EASTER TOUR.

On Friday the 13th, a muster of 18 visited the Wrekin, up which they were conducted by one—Captain Slesh, who, though evidently entirely unacquainted with the district, had concocted an explanatory leaflet of weird phrasology, certainly in keeping with the perpetrator. Most of the party, excepting the avoirdupois and deerepiti, passed through the

needles eye. Unfortunately the weather was not favourable for seeing a great distance, but the incessant encyclopedic prattle of our poet guide more than compensated for any atmospheric discrepancies. On the return journey the party got split up: that section *not* under the guidance of Captain Slosh taking the right road to Wroxeter, for afternoon tea—where the Slosh conducted section eventually arrived after writhing along “torturously tortuous” lanes. Whilst waiting for tea we made a close inspection of the Slosh machine, on which appear many strangely ingenious contrivances, notably the inverted lamp-bracket which enables the machine in case of puncture, to be ridden upside down. The handlebar staircase to the belfry is also worthy of examination—may we suggest a clip for holding maps. We sincerely hope that the ideas of this young imaginative genius may not come under the notice of certain authorities who might interfere with his liberty. After tea Slosh took up an irresponsible position and so the party arrived safely back at Shrewsbury.

Ten o'clock, Saturday morning, the 14th inst, saw most of our party, which now numbered about 26, ready for the road. Shrewsbury was left by the Welsh Bridge and the Holyhead Road. A grand drop down Middleton Hill, which hardly deserves a danger-board, brought us to Trewern, where at the local hostelry, the advance party had already discovered some most excellent bottled beer. At Welshpool one tandem team had to make an enforced stop in search of spokes and a wheel-builder. At the Lion Hotel, Meifod, a most excellent luncheon was laid before us at 1-30, the soup being in great demand. The usual hour's laze followed; the married Sub-Captain having no pleasure in his after dinner hour, being engaged in the throes of a very awkward tyre repair. Soon after the tour was renewed, the road following the Vyrnwy being taken, a pause being made at the bridge a little further on. Another halt was called at Knoekin for afternoon tea. Taking the road again, a fast and easy run followed, passing through Nesseliff, a very pretty spot, crossing the Severn once again at Mountford Bridge, and so down the hill to the Welsh Bridge and into Shrewsbury town, completing an extremely fine round of 55 miles or thereabouts, and in good time for the usual “elegant repast” at our “most excellent hotel.”

On Sunday after partaking of a hearty breakfast a la Cordell, and preparing for the fray in close proximity to the refuse destructor, the party set out—with the usual spirit—in sections. Owing to severe tyre troubles, our Captain was non est. First stop, Church Stretton, where Mexican Joe transferred his affections to the Baron's car. Bridgnorth was reached via Wenlock Edge. Our destination was beautifully situated and worth a return visit if only to please the slow division (the Wirral trio) who passed most of their time gazing at the beauties of Venns. Return journey was made through Ironbridge, a pretty town with nasty habits. Buildwas was voted for afternoon tea (and a view of the Abbey ruins). Nothing untoward happened, and an ideal day ended with a burlesque dinner.

H. W. KEIZER,

Hon. Secretary.

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## FIXTURES FOR JUNE, 1906.

	LIGHT UP AT
June 2—Wrexham (Wynnstay Arms) .....	9-28 p.m.
Week end: Shrewsbury (Raven Hotel).	
„ 4—(Whit-Monday) 100 Miles Invitation Unpaced Handicap ..	9-32 „
„ 9—Knutsford (Lord Eldon Hotel) .....	9-35 „
„ 11—Committee Meeting at Laurence's Hotel, 7-30 p.m.	
„ 16—Tattenhall (Bear and Ragged Staff Hotel) .....	9-40 „
„ 23—12 Hours Unpaced Handicap .....	9-42 „
„ 30—Sandiway (Blue Cap) .....	9-42 „

Entries for the 12 Hours Unpaced Handicap (accompanied by the entrance fee of 5/-) must reach Mr. R. L. L. Knipe, 35, Skerries Road, Liverpool, not later than June 16th.

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## MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

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### Committee Notes.

The Handicap on June 23rd will probably be started just outside Chester, (first man away at 7 a.m.) and arranged so as to bring the competitors back to the neighbourhood of Boughton in good time; the Nantwich, Frodsham and Farndon extensions can then be used if necessary. It is hoped a good entry will be received, as this event is open to all types of machines.

### New Members.

Mr. H. C. Ward, Clarendon Avenue, Altrincham.

Mr. E. Bright, "Lynwood," Woburn Sands, Beds.

Mr. E. C. Brady, 52, Brainerd Street, Tuebrook, Liverpool.

The Committee Meeting will be held on a Monday evening this month. Committee men please note.

The resignation of the Yorkshire Road Club and Records Association has been accepted by the N.R.R.A.

## NOTES.

Query:—Was Buckley paced by a snow-plough in April 28th's water carnival.

The new Holmes Chapel Police Sergeant is blessed with one of three qualities,—humour, forgetfulness or charity. He was very much in the way of one of the bail dodgers at Brereton in the first 50, and, not being recognised, was slugged a bit. Robert vowed to catch him on the return journey, Pa Higham breaking the news gently at Arolid, but the rider got through all right at Holmes Chapel and has been wondering ever since whether it was his mud bespattered face that puzzled Robert as to his identity or whether the constable, seeing the humour of cycling in such Arctic weather, became charitably inclined.

The May Gazette indeed is rare, the histories unfolded there  
With smartest turns abound,  
Here thoughts that find premature birth,  
There words that burst their mother's girth,  
The quaintest touch abound,  
With giggling mien I read what's writ,  
Such galaxy of quip and wit  
Turns Captain Slesh dumbfound.

One word of protest I must offer at the address of your printer or his compositor, for surely it could not be Slesh's road critic who got so mixed up, and so lost count of his whereabouts that he mistook Uffington for Wroxeter: Surely no Roman he, let him too read the Leaflet. (Two places many miles in distance and 2,000 years in conception apart).

Members, willing to check in the 100 kindly send in their names to the Hon. Sec., or Mr. F. Roskell, 34, Greenfield Road, Stoneycroft, Liverpool, as soon as possible.

It is with great regret I have to record the exit of Moir, one of our most promising speed men, who leaves for India at the end of the present month. He expects to be away about five years.

Will gentleman requiring rooms over Whitsuntide at the Raven, Shrewsbury, kindly write at once to the manageress, (except those who have already given in their names to the Hon. Sec.). This hotel will be the Headquarters for the event on Whit Monday and the tariff being very reasonable it is hoped a good crowd will materialise. The name of the Club should be mentioned when writing.

## RUNS.

First "50," April 28th.

The first "50" of 1906 was distinguished by severe weather conditions to which we can hardly find a parallel; unusually variable conditions giving dry roads most of the way for the early starters and very heavy roads for those who had the bad luck to be sent away later. Thus the

## RUNS -continued.

luck in the order of starting to some extent determined the position of the scratch men at the finish. After Pritchard, Turnor, Buckley and Rudd had got away, a heavy squall with snow and icy sleet crossed the course, rendering the surface up to Mere very heavy and giving Foster, Higham, Cody, Moir, Gunton and Knipe a shower bath of ice-water and mud to begin with. While the competitors were out in the country further storms were met and they came back quite unrecognisable, but when sorted out we found the result to be: -D. Moir (6 min.) 2.52.32, 1st; E. Buckley (scratch) 2.16.58, 2nd and fastest time; H. Pritchard, (20 min.) 3.7.44, 3rd; E. J. Cody, (scratch) 2.48.1; E. S. Gunton, (13 min.) 3.1.33; R. J. J. Knipe, (scratch) 2.55.17. Rudd and Higham were at discord with the Bretonn oligarchy and perforce discontinued. Foster and Turnor disappeared. Knipe had all the worst of the weather and Moir's win is even better than it looks as he was one of the last to start.

### Pulford, May 5th.

A small muster of fifteen on a popular run probably due to the weather conditions, although the rain proved to be merely local (vide the Keizerette on his motor), and had the town potters ventured they would have been rewarded with an enjoyable slog against a snaggy breeze and a delightful spin home in which free-wheel sprints were indulged in. Captain and Cooky hit a check on their antimed trial to Bettws and one can imagine their enjoyable potter the following day.

### Lostock Gralam, May 12th.

Another small muster of twenty-three probably the result of weather conditions, the same as May 5th, viz., raining hard in Liverpool district, very fine beyond Warrington. Manchester well represented, speed machines abundant. One party returned via Chester, others going Warrington way, the latter running on to greasy roads again in Liverpool.

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Hon. Secretary.

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## FIXTURES FOR JULY, 1906.

July 6 and 7—Night Ride to York .....	LIGHT UP AT 9-38 p.m.
(SEE CIRCULAR HEREWITH).	
„ 10—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant. 7-30 p.m.	
„ 14—Hoo Green (The Kilton), Photo. by Mr. C. J. Conway....	9-30 „
„ 21—Pulford (Grosvenor Arms) .....	9-21 „
„ 28—Sandiway (Blue Cap) .....	9-10 „

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### Committee Notes.

It is hoped there will be a big attendance at Hoo Green on July 14.

Mr. Conway goes to a good deal of trouble in bringing his camera out and the least we can do is to turn up in our hundreds.

### New Member.

Mr. D. C. Kinghorn, "Ardoch" Prenton Hill, Birkenhead.

The Leeds Road Club have applied for affiliation to the R.R.A.

### NOTES.

"Old Slesh" who at prose is a "hot'un,"

A "penchant" for verse has now gotten

He may think it alright,

But in black and white

The general verdict is "rotten."

Checkers and Marshalls in the remaining water carnivals this summer season will be provided with bell tents, umbrellas and gruel at their own expense if they so desire. The Timekeeper and Judge may wear Milner's safes.

## Answers to Correspondents.

PRENTONIAN.—Yes, mudguards are an essential equipment in this uncertain climate, even for an Anfielder. You cannot attend many fixtures without them, and Bluemells are not very expensive.

BENYON.—Would advise you to give up chin music, get a decent bicycle, and do some graft, otherwise Pedestrian Ritchie will "pass it through" you.

BEECH HOUSE.—Sorry cannot agree with you. Our experience is that weather observations taken in Moor Street are quite unreliable.

QUAKER OATS.—Persevere and you will in time learn how to be able to "take your pipe out" when speeding on the trike at over 4 an hour.

## RUNS.

Saturday, May 19th.

On Saturday, the 19th May, in weather eminently suitable for ducks, we held our second "50." Out of an entry of thirteen only five chose to start in the rain which had no appearance of clearing.—Bright on a trike, Turnor, Cody, Knipe and Rudd. Bright wandered off the course, Rudd losing interest early on. The remaining three finishing thus:—

R. L. L. Knipe, (scratch) 2:46:51, 1st and fastest time.

E. J. Cody, (scratch) 2:48:5, 2nd.

C. H. Turnor, (13 min.) 3:6:18, 3rd.

As a race it was disappointing on account of the smallness of the field as some of the entrants were reputed to be exceedingly fit. To Maddock especially it must have been a sore disappointment. At Knutsford, sandwiched between a huge umbrella and full roadster boots was the amiable Buck marshalling at the goal corner not only competitors, but anything else on the road. Those archæologically disposed will have noticed Hellier on his trike. The weather must have reminded this antedeluvian couple of their youth and their brakeless descent of Ararat and all those happy times before motors and libellous monthly circulars were thought of. "De turf" expert, Slesh was also at Knutsford whence he started to carry out the tour to Warrington, but meeting some of the young bloods whom he recognised to be habitual weekenders, he put in his reverse and was lured away with them. (No further details yet to hand of their destination).

Barton, May 26th.

The run to Barton attracted the small muster of nineteen. The weather, true to its well-earned reputation, kept threatening and showery, and some of the early starters got badly drenched. All the conversation was naturally of the great coming event, keen hopes being expressed that the Anfield luck would improve at last. The tense expression on Cook's face as he rounded the corner from Malpas on his new trike was

## RUNS—continued.

worth coming miles to see, but he had our sympathies when we found he had been seduced into "laneing" with Bunchy! Tea was not bad. We must congratulate the chef on his versatility in the cooking of onions; they appeared on the table in no less than seven different forms! Rain fell very heavily in the evening, and the run was finished in true Anfield weather.

### Whitsuntide.

Anything more perfect than the weather it would be difficult to imagine, and a most enjoyable holiday was spent. The advance guard consisting of Keizerette, Lanky, and Cook toured down to Shrewsbury via Wrexham and Llanymynech, and by Saturday night the party at the Raven numbered about 30, so that with the speedmen at the farm at Hadnall, and those who came down into the district to check and marshal on Whit Monday there must have been nearly 60 members supporting the fixture. The accommodation and feeding at the Raven were good, although the attendance gave rise to many complaints. In my opinion it is hardly fair to blame the Raven management ENTIRELY for unfortunately we have some members who absolutely refuse to make any notification of their intention of coming, and the result was that whereas only 15 to 20 were expected and arranged for, our numbers were nearly double this. It is extraordinary that men who have held office in the past and must know something of the difficulties a secretary has to contend with, should apparently make a fetish of refusing the co-operation asked for in the May Circular, but should instead arrive early and secure accommodation really booked for others who had complied with the secretary's reasonable request. Sunday was spent in a lazy manner by most of the party, some going to visit the speedmen at Hadnall, and others lane crawling around Pitchford; but Captain Slesh commanded a small party of energetics who rode to Ludlow and formed a guard of honour for the touring North Roaders, while the evening was spent fraternising with the various clubs at the other Hotels, and judging from all accounts we gathered that Osborne who had toured up with the Bath Road contingent and put it through "Speed on the Road Owl" is about fit enough to race again. About the event on Whit Monday it is not necessary for me to say much as the result will appear elsewhere, but it was a great success, and we did much better than usual with Knipe and Buckley accomplishing rides quite up to our expectations, and it was a pity Cody "saw life." I am afraid some of our members have a very hazy idea of checking and marshalling, and evidently require nailing down to their corners. Most of the party returned by road and rail on Monday evening, but a strictly touring party remained over to return on Tuesday under the guidance of Frank Roskell, a lane route being chosen and the speed being most terrific, as we hear 16 miles were done in 2½ hours. One of the sights of Shrewsbury was "Jim Jams" looking disgustingly fat and evidently feeling cheap after touring up from London. Who would have thought Golf was so demoralising?

## RUNS—Continued.

### ANFIELD FINISHERS IN THE "100."

- 1 R. L. L. Knipe (20min.), 5h. 40min. 41sec. Winner of the Del Strother Prize.
- 2 E. Buckley (20min.), 5h. 42min. 31sec.
- 3 E. Bright, Tricycle (70min.), 6h. 36min. 37sec.
- 4 H. Pritchard (50min.), 6h. 20min. 36sec.

### Knutsford, June 9th.

Considering the day only a mediocre muster of 22 braved the scorching sun and petrol-laden road to Knutsford, where, however, a bounteous repast awaited the intrepid survivors. A feature of the ride was the re-appearance of the whilom promise of the Club, accompanied by the pocket Hercules, who on the outward journey, whilst riding at the apex of their form, were overtaken with apparently consummate ease by the latest offering at the hymeneal stake. This dire catastrophe was climaxed by the mysterious recrudescence of a mixed tandem which had in the earlier stages been left hopelessly in the rear, but which with appalling serenity (?) (Poor Tom!) cleft its way to the front with sickening pertinacity. Then indeed were the flickering embers of scrapdom, long dormant in the erstwhile speedy veteran, as by magic fanned into fiery flame, only to die away, however, with dramatic suddenness, as the acid got in its deadly work. After tea ensued the usual "100" discussion, one of the scrapsters enquiring with great pathos why nobody had chased him along to goad him into riding; no satisfactory response being forthcoming he lapsed into reverie, and soliloquised rhapsodically on the beauties of the route which he had evidently been observing with the studious care and loving eye of a child of nature. A small and select party penetrated into the wilds of Congleton for the weekend, and another even smaller, and, if possible, more select party glided away with stealthy pedal into the misty night for regions unknown.

### Tattenhall, June 16th.

Quite a large party of eleven left Hinderton together and nearing Chester proceeded to put it through one poor worm who got his nose in front for a few minutes, a certain single and trike were very fierce. On arrival at Tattenhall we found two of our Manchester members in the throes of that distressing complaint, Hay Fever. An excellent tea was served in the open, several late arrivals bringing the total for the run up to twenty-seven. After a smoke, (and a tremendous amount of persuasion), Bunchy enunciated the name of the mystic rendezvous for the night, so to Hodnet we went, four of us, and were received with open arms at the "Bear." This spot is certainly an ideal one for a weekend, the hotel is beautifully clean and reasonable. The rhododendrons in the Park on Sunday were a blaze of colour. A heavy rainstorm was met outside Whitchurch and wet roads home concluded a most enjoyable day.

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## FIXTURES FOR AUGUST, 1906.

	LIGHT UP AT
August 4/6—Tour in Mid-Wales.....	9-2 p.m.
(SEE CIRCULAR HEREWITH).	
„ 11—Lostock Gralam (Black Greyhound).....	8-48 „
„ 14—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
„ 18—Barton, near Broxton (Cock o' Barton) .....	8-35 „
„ 24/25—24 Hours' Road Ride, Chester (Bull and Stirrup) ..	8-16 „

Entries for the 24 Hours' Road Ride, with Entrance Fee of 10/6 to cover Feeding Expenses, must reach Mr. R. L. L. Knipe not later than August 18th.

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## MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

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70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

### Committee Notes.

Members not riding in the "24" are earnestly requested to give their names to Mr. Knipe for checking and feeding purposes. The event being unpaced this year will require many more checkers than usual.

Followers in the "24" will not be allowed.

A special resolution passed at the last meeting allows Standard Medals to Messrs. Buckley and Knipe for their performances in the "100" on Whit Monday.

When Cook was checking at Hodnet Corner in the "12" a local produced a "100" card from his pocket, (the card was quite new and had evidently been given to him), asking what "100" men were riding in the "12." On being asked where he obtained the card from he said "Oh, one of your members gave it to me." The moral is obvious, don't do it again.

## NOTES.

- "You are old, Father Hellier," the young man cried,  
"And your legs have become very thin;  
Yet thousands of miles on your trike you still ride.  
Pray, how do you put them all in?"
- "In my youth," said the Pan, "many hours I'd pound,  
And I did it for glory and sport;  
But since the good brew at the 'Windmill' I've found,  
Why, I nightly drink quart after quart."
- "You are old, Daddy Bunchy, though I know it is true  
Many men at your age are quite frisky;  
But you went down that hill like a bolt from the blue!  
Don't you think such a speed is too risky?"
- "Young man," said the Ancient One, "greatly I fear  
Your question I can't answer truly;  
But whenever this district of Shropshire I near,  
My legs always hurry unduly!"
- "You are old, Charlie Koozer; though your legs are so weak,  
Your jaws must be stronger than ever;  
You've finished a full-roadster duck, bones and beak,  
And a steak of the toughness of leather!"
- "In my youth," said old Charles, as he finished *my* ale,  
"I went into diggings with Noddy;  
And the chin-wagging contests which nightly prevail  
Have imparted great strength to my 'joah'!"

Any member pining for a really quiet and inexpensive week end or a few days in the country is strongly advised to give Mrs. Exton, Shawbirch House, Wellington, a trial. The house is right on Shawbirch Corner; is beautifully clean; good plain cooking, etc., absurdly small sum of 3/6 a day, only.

Heartiest congratulations Buckley on a very fine tricycle "12" and "24" N.R.E.A. records. We are all very proud of you.

It is at times well we should pay attention to the way others see us, and the following extracts from the account of the "100" appearing in a certain Club Gazette might very well be taken to heart by our younger members:—"A very interesting little side issue was the scrap between Knipe and Buckley for the honour of being first Anfielder home; although why the younger members of the Club should leave these two old warriors to settle such a matter as that is beyond me, and if they allow things to go on like this we shall have Teddy Worth and the Mossoo on the mark next year! (Perhaps)—I do hope that some of the younger members will see that such drastic measures are not really required."

## RUNS.

### 12 Hours Unpaced Handicap, June 23rd.

In very many respects this event was a great success, which is very gratifying after the repeated failures of similar events, but the officials have good reason to complain of the way the fixture was treated by many of the members. There was great difficulty in securing checkers and feeders, but further than this there were a great paucity of men placing themselves at Vicars Cross at the disposal of the timekeeper for the most important service of following and checking competitors at the finish. The day was gloriously fine, and about as perfect as could be wished and some very excellent performances were done by the middle mark division which is distinctly encouraging. Higham pere et fils on a

## **RUNS—continued.**

tandem rode strongly throughout, and finished first with 192.5 miles which with 3 miles handicap placed them first with 195.5 miles. Turner was an excellent second with 175.5 miles, for with 17 miles handicap he totalled 192.5 miles, and as he did 4 miles off the course which could not be counted he may be regarded as the moral winner. Pritchard was third with 168.7 miles which with handicap of 23 miles made his total 191.7 miles, and an excellent performance. Gunton (15 miles) was very close with 175.5 and seeing that his equipment was hardly of speed variety it is quite evident we have not formed too high an opinion of his capabilities. Kettle had fierce luck with punctures all day, but finished with 168 miles. Buckley on a trike, and suffering from hay fever, went through as a preliminary training spin for record attempts, and without pushing himself did 163.5 miles which shows that N.R.R.A. unpaced 12 and 24 trike records are at his mercy. Bright on a trike refused to push himself, and paddled through 144 miles, while Kinghorn was "buying experience" and suffered from the heat, but kept going for a standard and did something round 130 miles. The other starters were Cody who succumbed to the heat when going well, Foster who got his tyre hopelessly wrecked with a useful nail early on, Rudd who "lost his way," and Keizerette who found the heat and draught unsuitable for his trike.

### **Sandiway, June 30th.**

An ideal day with a very fair attendance, the Manchester section in evidence including several members of the Cheadle C.C. "Boss" Higham and Son looking very fit after their splendid Twelve Hours Ride of the previous Saturday. Tea was rather late and not what our worthy Sec. would call "very excellent" when it did arrive, but this was mainly owing to the arrival of several coach loads of trippers bent on making as much noise as possible and who not content with feeding their faces must needs all make speeches, very good no doubt in the proper place, but when the worthy speed men were waiting for them to vacate the room in their favour they might have curtailed their windbagging, but better luck next time. Tea finished the members parted company, some proceeding back via Warrington, and a select party under the guidance of the Apostle returning home via Chester and Hinderton.

### **The All Night Ride to York, July 6th and 7th.**

This was hardly the most successful of the Anfield All Night Rides. Of course those who clamoured for York were not there. However, eleven faced the starter, all going well until Scotland Road was reached when the Keizerette's tyre burst and the spare doing ditto a repair had to be made. The main body went on minus the tandem and Lauky finding a pin at Hoole the whole party reached Preston together. No food, (the Manager had booked Sunday,) a wait of half-an-hour then on our marks again. Item, the tandem trike punctured outside Preston and had to change tyres. Sawley Bank the tandem only rode, Lowy disrobing and casting his underclothes to the winds. Skipton at 7-30 a.m. and after a splendid breakfast we got away again only ten minutes late; Ikley, (with strawberries), Otley, then a horrible scrap, (this is in no sense, etc.)

## RUNS—Continued.

to Harewood in which the tandem dropped everything and arrived at the top of the hill with throttles wide open. The advance guard entered York at 12.45 p.m. The tandem trike had further tyre troubles and was some time behind. After lunch a party of five cruised the Ouse in a motor boat, an unsuccessful attempt to quench Lowy's thirst resulting in a bad attack of motor boat. Arriving back at the hotel we found Mercer, (in a car,) "Dolly" Gray, of the Bath Road, Koozer, and Poole, (on a trike). Dinner over Cook and Tierney went out to meet the North Roaders first greeting Larrette and the J. "Hay" Walker, (not N. R.) tandem, then the dusty crowd of speedmen including "Jim Jams," Bright and Timbertiles. The evening was passed "seeing things" and waiting until the North Roaders had taken baths, etc., when a jolly time was spent with them at the Adelphi. Sunday morning the wind got up with considerable force. The tandem trike was first away with Poole, bound for Doncaster and Buxton, putting in a very thick ride home. Lankey, the Keizerette, Blackburn, Koozer, and Kettle, (who had chipped in from Sheffield), left for Doncaster, (no further details). Cook and Tierney spent that day and Monday touring (?) by Ripley, Pateley Bridge, Settle, Ingleton, Kirby Lonsdale to Lancaster and home.

### Hoo Green, July 14th.

Photo day. Weather grand, muster of thirty-eight only fair for the importance of the occasion. Tandem trike out with the Pan and Pa Higham aboard. Charlie Cunway deserves special thanks for his trouble in bringing the camera out by car, (he nearly didn't get there, but don't say anything). 'Orrid speed on the way home, thirsts at Crouton, great 'eavens! you never saw the like.

### Pulford, July 21st.

Only thirteen members and three friends turned up to support this fixture. Manchester had only one representative who no doubt must have felt very lonely on the way home. Perhaps the fact of so many being out during the previous night helping Buckley in his records, (which we are very proud of), may account, to a certain extent, for the smallness of the muster. The members who complain about the runs at present being too far from home, could hardly make this one an excuse for absenting themselves. We seem to be very unfortunate with the Pulford run of late—it deserves such better support. Mixed tandems were plentiful. One or two select parties went into North Wales for the week-end, the rest of us, in two or three detachments, wending our way home, some feeling very tired and sleepy after the night outing, but with the assistance of the wind and a lot of exertion one party managed to do evens, (for a mile or so). We were rather disappointed that a certain budding and enthusiastic speedman, who reckons to be very fit at present, did not accompany us as we should have liked to have found out whether he can do "consecutive" miles at evens as easily as he imagines.

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### FIXTURES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1908.

	LIGHT UP AT
September 1—Aldford (Grosvenor Arms).....	8-2 p.m.
.. 8—Helsby (Robin Hood) .....	7-44 ..
.. 11—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
.. 15—50 Miles Unpaced Handicap.....	7-27 ..
.. 22—Tarporley (Swan Hotel); Week-end at Ellesmere (Bridgewater Arms).....	7-9 ..
.. 29—Newburgh (Red Lion) .....	6-51 ..

Entries for the "50" must reach Mr. R. L. L. Knipe not later than September 8th.

## MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

### Committee Notes.

The Committee hope there will be a large field for the "50" on September 15th, (the last Club time trial of the year). New members are particularly requested to note. The course will be the Seven Sisters. Timekeeper, Mr. W. R. Toft.

All Members will be sorry to hear that we shall shortly lose our worthy President, "Pa" White. He will have to move to London on business. Our best wishes go with him.

## NOTES.

The "Ancient One" warbles.

"You are young, Oh verse maker, so I'll mention this,  
At cycling you'd still make a hit;  
Give speed one more trial and rhyming a miss  
Poeta nascitur, non fit."

Mr. E. Buckley wishes, through the medium of the Circular, to thank all who helped him when breaking triecyle record on July 20th and 21st.

## RUNS.

Sandiway, July 28th.

The following somewhat fragmentary contribution is a translation from what appears to have been a record, in stone, of some prehistoric Tribe who seem in some ways to have been a forerunner of the Anfield Bicycle Club. It has reached this Editor from an unknown source and seems to refer to some ancient expedition to that part of Delamere Forest visited by the Club on the 28th ulto. on the occasion of the run to Sandiway. As the Editor has not been able to obtain his usual contributions owing to holidays, etc., he gives this fragment as a curiosity (Editor).

"In the seventh month of the first year, Arypotele  
Wa-Erholder of the Antribe was chief.  
Then did the Secret AryKeizer say unto the Scribe  
Write then.....doings.....Antribe.....by.  
Now behold the Antribe are many  
Devious and secret.....paths no can all  
.....doings be told.....If indeed.....  
some.....by Ca-Ister  
some by the Nor-Thwyeh  
The Rain God frowned.....  
.....much farrying by the way.....  
.....many drinks.....  
Kelsalland Nor-Thwyeh heard.....sounding bells  
Bar-Orlek-Nif.....he of the linen sark be from  
the Wilts of Con-Emara beguiled.....  
Fishing stories.....best ended  
Glad the missis did not comect.  
At San-di-Kapin were gathered.....  
Many of the Antribe.....did.....  
Enter a great Hut.....various  
.....rabbit pie!.....meats  
Thus did the Antribe sacrifice to St Omach until Two-and One came  
.....offering of shekels.....  
And the names of the Antribe are they not written  
In the book of the Secret AryKeizer.  
While yet the Antribe offered burnt offering to Itac-Cushok  
The Cloud God glowered.....rain fell.....  
Then did Pa-Gankook.....he who fears not Wetim Darters  
make incantation saying—he not afraid—oh Antribe—it  
raineth not—neither shall rain.....  
and behold the Sun God showed his face.....  
.....all was gladness,  
soon each Antriber.....wigwanward-  
San-di-Kapin was left to Night—the dread Goddess  
and the Ancient Wee-Kender....."

NOTES BY EDITOR—

\* What a pity this part of the translation is so fragmentary. The manners and customs of prehistoric races are most interesting.

† I wonder what literary chestnut this was?

‡ Very curious to hear of the antiquity of this comestible.

## RUNS—Continued.

### AUGUST TOUR, Saturday, August 4th.

The slow brigade, having taken advantage of G. W. Ry. cheap excursions were paradoxically the first arrivals at Craven Arms. Remarkable self-control was exercised, the old-fashioned custom of appropriating the best bedrooms being very laudably refrained from till the arrival of Captain Poole, who through the tour pleased us all by his tactful manner. The Manchester division who had done a practically non-stop run, arrived in due course, and our party of sixteen was completed by the tardy but very welcome arrival of "Old Chem." The weather and roads were perfect and after a most excellent supper, when one of our vice-presidents managed to get outside of about two pounds of galantine of veal, everyone went to bed convinced that we were in for an ideal August tour.

### Sunday.

After a rather disturbed night, (thanks to the trains) and a real Craven Arms breakfast, we all got off with a wonderfully early start,—half-past nine. Following the main road South we turned right after leaving Ludlow, when by reason of the country being new the "tour proper" began for most of us. The road soon proved very beautiful, though involving considerable "graft," one hill being particularly snaggy. However, thanks to the stimulating competition of the Manchester Sandow, we (the Frunchy tandem) just managed to flounder up, and being soon after overtaken by the "H for L" combination, arrived at Mortimer's Cross at an unwonied speed for tourists.

Here a halt for refreshments and the gathering in of the slow pack. Then on to New Radnor,—an excellent road, though the last three miles of uphill proved trying to nearly all.

After an excellent dinner at the charming little town and a short rest, we settled down to what was perhaps the hardest bit of the tour. However the climb, though lengthy proved anything but steep, and taking it steadily we all got up without much pain. A short halt at the Roman tumulus at the summit to enjoy the view was followed by a glorious run down into Penybont, the freewheelers descending at a great pace.—Modesty forbids our mentioning the pedallers! After Cross Gates some six or eight turned off for Llandrindod Wells for afternoon tea, but we lazy ones, disdaining the fashionable watering-place, had a weird repast at an eccentric pub. at Llanddewi. Then followed the tit-bit of the tour, the rise up the Ithon Valley commencing immediately. The road, though rising to a great height proved so well graded that it was comfortably ridden by all, and what little work we had was amply repaid by the succession of glorious views of the charming little valley. After passing the summit we had another fine run down, though very tortuous and steep in places, all arriving at Newtown in good time for an excellent supper, and well-earned repose.

## RUNS continued.

### Monday.

On Monday morning after another very excellent breakfast and sundry tyre repairs by the "harmless, necessary Buck," we started in lovely sunshine for Oswestry. The morning was perfect and all enjoyed the very pretty ride along the beautiful Severn Valley. A short halt was made for liquid refreshment at Welshpool, and some hairbreadth escapes were experienced by the advance guard leaving that town. Then a pleasant ride to charming Llanymyfach, the early start enabling us to take our own time and loaf awhile before dinner at the Wynnstay. The photographic fiend ought really to be suppressed and we look to the authorities to prevent the perpetuation of such scenes as the siesta on the howling green of the adipose.—"larding the plain."

The party broke up here. The Manchester division leaving early and we Liverpoolians proceeded leisurely to accommodate a feeble old man feeling like "ten cents had money," who however with the help of afternoon tea at Wrexham managed to reach Chester. The greater number foregathered at the Shrewsbury Arms where the Keizerette had thoughtfully ordered a very "recherche" tea for himself and party which was duly appreciated by the untamed tandemons and their accomplices. This ended a most successful Anfield tour. The arrangements were perfect throughout, thanks to the Hon. Sec. and Captain who did their duty to our entire satisfaction.

### Lostock Gtalam, August 11th.

Lostock Gtalam was the destination of our run for August 11th. Although we get most excellent fare at the "Black Greyhound," we on this occasion only mustered some seventeen members and one friend for tea, the Dr. turning up later. Members from Liverpool fortunately were not troubled by the rain which was falling in the Manchester district, and whether direct or round by Chester one approached our venue, a splendid ride was enjoyed. We had the pleasure of once again seeing our erstwhile Captain aboard a three-wheeler and well did he push it home, paced by a tame tandem. A small and select party proceeded from L. G. to Stone for the Saturday evening, returning on Sunday by devious paths, putting in a distance of some 80 miles.

### Barton, August 18th

Splendid day after a most unsettled week. Muster of twenty-one, three Manchester members being present. Much talk and speculation regarding the "24." Tea very good, as it always is here. Great variety of sweets. Bunchy sampled everything, including the putty-like cake. A party of three week-ended at Shawbury, being shown over the Church on Sunday morning by the Vicar. The font is Saxon, carved, it is said, by Egbert the stone mason.

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Hon. Secretary.

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## FIXTURES FOR OCTOBER, 1906.

	LIGHT UP AT
October 6—Chester (Bull and Stirrup).....	6-39 p.m.
„ 9—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
„ 13—Sandiway (Blue Cap Hotel).....	6-21 „
„ 20—Pulford (Grosvenor Hotel); Week-end run to Llangollen (Royal).....	6-7 „
„ 27—Warrington (Patten Arms Hotel) .....	5-47 „

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## MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FARRLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

### Committee Notes.

At the last meeting Mr. E. Edwards was elected to serve on the Handicapping Committee in place of Mr. W. P. Cook who resigned.

### New Members.

Mr. J. C. Band, Jr., "Brightholme," Egerton Park, Rock Ferry.

Mr. C. Blackburn, 11, Allerton Grove, Birkenhead.

### Items.

The week-end run to Llangollen on 20th ult is the annual "autumnal tants" tour and should not be missed on any account. Plenty of accommodation and special tariff at the Royal. Ask those who have been before and then make a point of coming.

At the North Road 24 quite a large party were down to look after Buckley and were pleased to fraternise once again with our London exiles Beardwood and Corlett, not to mention those Southern members we see often at our regular fixtures.

The tandem trike has now developed a new crew, the combination being Keizerette and Prichard.

## Items—Continued.

Lichtenberg now has a "Shirmey-Archur" and is reported to be very hot between Moroton and Leasowe, but we should like to see him further afield and would suggest the Llangollen week-end as providing an excellent opportunity of testing all gears (including the reverse) on the Horseshoe.

Congratulations to Bright on his 2.42.30 in the last N.R. 50 and best wishes for his success in his proposed attack on Liverpool-London un-paced trike record.

## RUNS.

### 24 Hours' Ride.

This annual event proved a fiasco owing to the wet weather during the night which caused all the competitors in turn to abandon the ride. For the first time the event was scheduled to be run on strictly un-paced and unfollowed lines, and it promised to be a great success. Buckley stood down in view of the North Road 24, and out of the eight entries seven were dispatched at intervals of 5 to 10 minutes in the following order:—Bentley, Rudd, Bright, Pritchard, Tierney, Knipe and Cody, but shortly after Cody started it began to rain heavily, and as several of the men had no mudguards their state can be better imagined than described. Bentley and Rudd got back to Chester together, and continued to Gayton. Bright punctured on the return from Nantwich and came into Chester with Pritchard, both having decided to retire. On the Gayton extension Bentley got away from Rudd, and Rudd retired at Chester Corner; Tierney had a bad burst near Hinderton and retired, while Knipe and Cody were riding strongly, but Cody also retired at Chester Corner and this only left Bentley and Knipe in the contest on the Childer-Thornton-Queen's Ferry-Chester triangle. On the triangle Knipe caught Bentley, and when they arrived in Chester and found no one else was riding they also retired, and thus ingloriously ended the 1906 "24." Almost immediately afterwards the rain ceased and a glorious, although somewhat windy day ensued.

### Aldford, September 1st.

Pleasantly situated Aldford was the destination of our first September run, but only a small muster of fourteen sat down to a calm and peaceful meal, enlivened by the playful antics of an extra large brand of wasp. Two other members looked in during our feeding and wasp slaying operations. No one had been around much of the earth, nor had anybody passed or had it passed through. The North Road "24" accounted for the absence of half-a-dozen regular club-runners, and our sympathies went out to Buckley when unwelcome news of his illness arrived. The shooting season, (football, "pew" and St. Partridge) kept two Wirralites away. Results and birds are not yet to hand, so the question of who took the biggest risk remains unsolved. We understand that both of these experts have since been spoken, and are still at large. Manchester was unrepresented; this is very discouraging after the repeated Knutsford-cum-Lestock-cum-Sandiway series. The heat wave no doubt kept many off the road, but the pleasant ride home in the evening more than compensated for the early baking.

## RUNS—Continued.

Helsby, 8th September.

An ideal day with a good muster. A party under the guidance of veteran Buck toured the lanes from Eastham, chief interest in the expedition being caused by the erratic behaviour of the tandem trike's tyres.

A large party made the return via Chester and on entering the top road were rewarded with a "bite" which was promptly annexed by those thirsting for speed and was allowed to have his own way until within jumping distance of the Shrewsbury Arms when he was downed.

50 Miles Unpaced Handicap, September 15th.

Of course it had to rain because was it not 50 day? However although the roads were flooded in places and several very heavy showers fell locally, it was not so much of a water carnival as the previous 50's, and some good performances were accomplished by the recent club acquisitions and the promising young novice brigade. The card showed the goodly entry of 16, and with the veterans Poole, Koenen, and Hellier scheduled to ride, excitement ran rather keener than usual, but unfortunately an accident prevented our skipper from trying his paces and "The Master" did not even deign to spectate, while the "Panjandrum" with fire in his eye (and cigarettes in his pocket) was going very well until a burst put him out of action at the half distance. Kuipo and Tierney also were unfortunate with tyre troubles and it was early seen that Band off the 12 minutes mark was a "snip" for 1st, and fastest, which proved to be the case, for, riding strongly throughout he finished in 2.41.20, which is very hot for a first attempt, and made him a popular winner. Pritchard off 15 minutes was second with an excellent performance of 2.47.57; an improvement of 18 minutes on his previous best which shows what serious training will do. Gunton off 12 minutes was third with 2.46.8, also showing an improvement of 9 minutes. Of the other finishers Rudd (2.55.28), Foster (2.58.44) and Turnor (2.59.54) managed to well beat 3 hours for the first time and secure silver standards; and Kinghorn (2.53.56) and Bentley (2.59.9) also got inside 3 hours at this their first attempt, which is most gratifying; while Blackburn, who will probably do better at longer distances, made a very creditable first appearance and secured a bronze with 3.1.0. After the event there was only a "corporals guard" for tea at the Patten Arms, and if this policy of "please yourself never mind the club" continues to grow we shall shortly run up against the difficulty of finding places to accommodate us for our road events. We have already had warnings. A few years ago, one could always reckon on a crowd of about 40 for tea after a 50, but nowadays this part of the fixture is ignored. There was at least a dozen members round Knutsford who could easily have come to Warrington, but many of them did not even come to the finish to ascertain the result (much easier to get some one drop you a post-card) and some of them sent messages to try and induce others away from the club tea.

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HON. SECRETARY

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## FIXTURES FOR NOVEMBER, 1906.

	LIGHT UP AT
November 3—Hunt's Cross (Hunt's Cross Hotel) .....	5-34 p.m.
„ 10—Sankey (Sankey Chapel House).....	5-22 „
„ 13—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
„ 17—Hinderton (Shrewsbury Arms) .....	5-10 „
„ 24—Warrington (Patten Arms) .....	4-58 „

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## MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

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70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

### NOTES.

On Saturday, September 29th, Bentley started out for a twelve hours' unpaced ride. The morning was cold and misty, but a start was made at 8.0 a.m. The weather turned out fine afterwards and notwithstanding poor feeding arrangements, puncturing and losing a lot of time at Tarporley and Hinderton, a most creditable performance of 142 miles was accomplished. What the rider will do when properly looked after and fed, we hope to find out in the not very far distant future. Well done Longfellow!

F. C. Del Strother is moving to Vladivostock for business reasons. We hope to hear from him in his new abode. There are very few Honoraries who take such a keen interest in the Club as he does. He has our best wishes wherever he goes.

## NOTES—Continued.

R. H. Carlisle, commonly known as the "Dr.," is reported to be taking up his residence in Liverpool again shortly. We sincerely hope this means that he will be seen frequently at Club runs as we can always welcome those men who have helped to make the Anfield what it is to-day.

"There are many subscriptions still unpaid, and if this applies to *you* please remit, or pay in at any Branch of the North and South Wales Bank, for credit at their Kirkdale Branch, account Anfield B. C. Please remember that your neglect gives the Treasurer a lot of extra trouble and that he is an Honorary official."

Query.—Has Bunchy regained his nerve? The blacker the night the faster he goes downhill.

Do Constrictors ever burst? Ask the Idol.

Tricycles are much in evidence. A match between the Pan and another of our strong non-racing members would be interesting.

Please note the following changes of address:—

R. Barton, 27, Harrison Road, Fulwood, Preston.

P. C. Beardwood, Bay Trees, 38, Brixton Hill, London, S.W.

R. H. Carlisle, 13, Madison Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport.

R. H. Corlett, 23, Hereford Road, Seaforth.

J. M. James, 88, Midland Road, Bedford.

## RUNS.

Tarporley and Ellesmere, Sept. 22nd.

The night having every appearance of being dark, those members who intended supporting the Club fixture at Ellesmere made a fairly early start, the slow pack of four made good weather until one of the tyres called for a halt about two miles from Whitechurch when the faster portion, which consisted of seven cycles in all, came up and all proceeded together to Ellesmere which was reached without any further startling episode. Here we were joined by a party of three who had come direct, which made a total of twelve. Sunday morning was splendid and after the bowling green had been duly visited the party in three sections made for Llangollen for lunch, one section going direct, another via the Glyn Valley, whilst the Lanchester car brought up the rear. Eight partook of lunch at the usual time, whilst the four who had made the climb over the tops enjoyed their well-earned repast a little later. Again the party divided into several sections, four arriving after a very pleasant ride at Hinderton for tea.

All the members who supported this fixture had a very enjoyable time and it is a pity that more do not avail themselves of the pleasure to be got out of these trips, and it is hoped that a greater number will put in an appearance at Llangollen.

## RUNS—Continued.

Newburgh, Sept. 29th.

An enjoyable outing of some score of members, cheers greeting the appearance of Sammy Barton and the Koozer. After an excellent repast and the usual smoke a start was made for the return, the majority making the journey via Rainford and Knowsley, Lowey and his headlight making the pace which, though erratic, was good value. With the exception of Band puncturing there was no casualties and all went well until the lights of Knotty Ash appeared in sight when "the true Anfield spirit" asserting itself our good friend was left to flounder in the wake of his quondam pacers.

Chester, Oct 6th.

Afternoon fine, but dull, moderate breeze, and in the evening some showers, (see Daily Liar forecast). It looked as though acid, (Anfield quality), had been the principal form of diet on the outward voyage judging from the appearance of the tandemous (Knipe-fierney). Cook had been on one of those little "labors of love" for which he is so noted, i.e. finishing off the measurements of a "50" course. Manchester solely represented by Foster. Twenty-one members sat down to a "very excellent" tea and after the shekels had been duly collected. Mr. Bates formally informed those present that he had taken over the Talbot Hotel. He said that the little he had done for the A. B. C. in helping them with their Road events, etc., within the past eleven years had always been a great pleasure to him, (and he being a sporting man of course we didn't doubt it). He went on to say that he hoped individual members would patronise his new premises. Pa White suitably replied, (with just a sensation of hot air), and after some smoke the party proceeded homewards: some per G.W.R. (ripping train service from Chester), and others by Thealloutscrappbetterinfivominutes Pustling Association.

Sandiway, Oct. 13.

Small muster of sixteen. The day was exceedingly cold and showery probably accounting for many absentees. The run was also thought by some to be too far afield so late in the year. Buckley full of Yorkshire measurements, F. B. brimming over with a new "low" gear and a wonderful stop brake. (We must stop this gambling).

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Hou. Secretary.

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## FIXTURES FOR DECEMBER, 1906.

	LIGHT UP AT
December 1—Hunt's Cross (Hunt's Cross Hotel) .....	4-54 p.m.
„ 8—Sankey (Sankey Chapel House).....	4-52 „
„ 11—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
„ 15—Newburgh (Red Lion) .....	4-52 „
„ 22—Chester (Talbot Hotel) Tea at 6-30 p.m.....	4-54 „
„ 26—Sandiway (Blue Cap)—Boxing Day Run .....	4-56 „
Leave at 9-30 a.m. New Ferry Boat, or meet at New Ferry Tram Terminus at 10 a.m. Dinner 1 p.m.	
„ 29—Cronton (Unicorn) .....	4-59 „
Alternative Runs for Manchester Members.	
„ 1—Knutsford (Lord Eldon).	
„ 15—Lostock Gralam (Black Greyhound).	

## MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

### COMMITTEE NOTES.

Members having any motion for the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting, must notify me not later than December 26th.

Moir's resignation was accepted with regret.

It is hoped there will be a large attendance at the Chester run on December 22nd. Mr. and Mrs. Bates will be presented with a silver salver in recognition of their good services to the Club during their occupation of the Bull and Stirrup. Tea will be served at 6-30 p.m.

Two alternative runs have been arranged for Manchester members this month. This will be continued throughout the Winter as some of the ordinary Club fixtures are decidedly off the aforesaid members map.

## NOTES.

We have lost both Frank and Hubert Roskell. The former is resident in Darlington, the latter sails for Barcelona on November 24th.

The Keizerette gives a weird account of his journey to and from the last R. R. A. Meeting.

The prospective new speedman, Rogers, was out at Hinderton on the 17th. inst.

The average attendance for the year at present comes out at a trifle over 28.

Boxing Day run has been fixed for Sandiway, where we are sure of a good dinner. All who possibly can are asked to support this fixture. Dinner will be served at 1-0 p.m. prompt.

## RUNS.

### Warrington, October 22nd, 1906.

This run proved to be successful, although it seemed earlier in the week as if it were to be attended by very heavy roads, but they dried up considerably on Saturday morning, and could not be grumbled at considering the time of the year. The first arrivals at the Patten Arms were greeted with an empty yard and one ostler who informed them that there would be no more cabs, but splendid motors, and incidentally remarked that there would be no tea either, "New management." This caused a rush for the bar where the rumour proved to be false. The Patten seemed to be deserted and dead with the exception of one room containing a billiard table and numerous billiard balls quite a quantity having a flat side. Some 24 members and friend sat down for tea in the lower room, the top room having been "sold." In the afternoon news came to hand of Bright having failed in another attempt at record, but over pastures new, viz., London to York, not as expected on the Liverpool to Edinburgh route. Manchester was not quite as fully represented as one would have liked, but perhaps "the Professor's Love Story" may have been responsible for this and one wonders who were the chief characters.

### Hunt's Cross, November 3rd, 1906.

An intellectual and soul raising evening was spent under the able generalship of George Mercer, assisted by those hard working un-thanked accompanists McCall and Simpson. Cheminais played tastefully some mandoline solos, afterwards joining in a well rendered trio with McCall (piano) and Simpson (violin). Cox, a visitor from the R.M.S. "Baltic" sang in a very musical voice, "Long live the King." Band, (official number 2-41), gave us "Oh, promise me" in that devout manner which we only get from the man who is really in love. Pritchard sang "Down the Vale" in melodious style and Rudd entertained us with Jude's fine song "Deep in the Mine." Blackburn sang "The Soldiers Song" and "Drinking," the latter performance showing a wide knowledge of the subject. The humorous element was provided by Roskell

Magnus, Koozer and the evergreen Theakstone. The life story of little pigs was portrayed in pathetic style by Roskell Magnus, this item finishing up with a delightfully quaint ballet by Theakstone and the singer, entitled "Fairy Frolies." Theakstone and Ernie Prichard gave a very amusing dialogue, the former won easily. Prichard not finishing. The new items rendered by George were highly appreciated by the audience and we foresee a great future for this gifted musician. Koozer electrified us with a masterly performance of the Judge's song from "Trial by Jury." While not wishing to be unduly critical, we would like to remind our young friend that his mannerisms, though permissible no doubt in London and the provinces generally, will not be altogether appreciated by such a critical audience as were gathered together at Hunt's Cross; with such a promising career opening out before him, he will doubtless find it expedient to give these matters his close attention. We trust that this unbiased criticism will be taken by him in a kindly spirit in which it is intended; all who know us are aware that, though justly severe upon lesser fry, we never intentionally offend men six feet high.

**Sankey, November 10th, 1906.**

A splendid afternoon, the roads in fine condition. A strictly touring party came via Chester, one member speaking feelingly of the pace on the way. (Eight miles in twenty-four minutes is certainly a bit warm in November). Manchester crowd in great force. Where is the wily Mosses! Hubert Roskell put in a last appearance as he sails for Barcelona on the 21th inst.

**Hinderton, November 17th, 1906.**

An exceedingly stormy day, roads swimming, the result of heavy local showers. Good muster of twenty-two. The meal was very excellent, (as it always is here). Plenty of speedmen about. We hear however the pace was well within legal limit. Two week-enders got on their marks early en route for Prestatyn; we hope they enjoyed the *fin* week-end. Echoes at a premium. "Scotland for ever."

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Hon. Secretary.

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