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Closing date for next issue - MONDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY.

COMMITTEE NOTICES

Change of address:-

D.J.Byron, 43 Hillside Road, Overton, Frodsham, Cheshire.

Club events for 1964 have been arranged as follows:-

25 miles: April 4th, 18th; July 18th; August 22nd.

50 miles: May 9th; June 27th; September 5th.

Details of courses will be available as soon as these are finalised and agreed with the R.T.T.C.

Arrangements for the celebration of the 85th Birthday of the Club at Halewood on Saturday, 21st March, are well in hand. Members are asked to note the date and are advised that booking with the Secretary or Captain is absolutely essential.

Subject to confirmation of our booking, the Easter Tour will be based on the Sun Hotel, Llansantffraid and the Secretary is taking names. There will also be a Youth Hostel tour, details of which may be had from David Birchall. Lunch on Easter Monday will be at Whitewell and a Saturday alternative for those unable to join either tour will be at the Forest Café, Hatchmere.

"EIGHTYFIVE NOT OUT"

In March the Anfield will celebrate the conclusion of eighty-five years' continuous activity. Very few Clubs, certainly no more than half a dozen, can claim to have lived as long. Among our intimate friends only that great Midland club the Speedwell is our senior for they saw the light of day in 1876 while we waited until March 1879.

The Derby Arms, Halewood, where we shall gather for our Birthday Run, has Anfield associations going back over seventy years and during our celebration we shall remember that on Whit Monday we are to promote the sixty-fifth Anfield "100".

Within living memory, Dinners have been held only at ten yearly intervals and, with one exception, at Shrewsbury on the week-end of the "100". For our "eightyfifth" we have decided on an informal jollification in the city and the month of our birth. It will be a great occasion and a fine opportunity for renewing old friendships but it seems certain that the 70 to 80 available spaces will be booked up quickly; already we envisage some twenty guests representing kindred clubs and organisations. We can only say "You have been warned" and repeat the advice to book early with the Captain or Secretary.

THE BATH ROAD DINNER, DECEMBER 7TH, 1963

The 78th Annual Dinner of our friends the Bath Road Club, held at the National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, was truly consistent with its predecessors - a joyous and happy occasion. Jack Beauchamp, the President, was in the chair, and I received a warm welcome from Bath Roaders who have been our companions on many cycling occasions. Len Baker and Jack Westaway are certainties for our Hundred week-end at Whitsun. I shared wine with "Bin" and Rex Coley, reminisced with Frank Southall and Alan Gordon and had time also for a few words with Bill Frankum, Will Townsend, Alec Glass and Alfie West, the last named, winner of our Hundred in 1929 and making a welcome re-appearance in Bath Road circles.

Alec Glass (President of the R.R.A.) proposed the toast to the Club, and excelled himself in describing the Bath Road Club as the finest in the world and went back most interestingly on many great incidents in the club's long history. George Rogers replied and it was good to hear from him of the many up and coming youngsters the club now possesses.

Doug. Meekins (Barnet) was the star of the evening and he was right royally received when he went forward for the greatest of awards - the Bath Road Cup for winning the Bath Road Hundred!

"Chertsey" Clarke toasted "The Visitors and the Press" and Bill Frankum (North Road President) and Harry Keates (Oxford City) replied.

Altogether a great occasion at which it was a privilege to be present.

S.W.

NORTH SHROPSHIRE WHEELERS' DINNER - 13TH DECEMBER.

At this popular Friday night fixture held in Whitchurch, the Club was represented by Jack Pitchford, Ira Thomas, Derek Byron, and Allan Littlemore, with their respective wives. This was a very jolly function organised by Jack Duckers and the guests included Peter and Tommy Barlow.

CLIFTON C.C. (YORK) DINNER - 14TH DECEMBER.

Once again the Anfield supplied the chief guests at this long established Club's Annual Dinner held in York at the "Windmill" under the Chairmanship of Bernard Wood.

In 1962 President Rex and Mrs. Austin filled the role, this year Allan Littlemore was invited to propose the toast to the sport and pastime of cycling coupled with the Clifton C.C.

Allan's speech was well received and Marian was called upon to present the many trophies and prizes.

Also present were John Parr and Beryl and together with the

Littlemores made up the only four responders to a cross toast to those who had travelled from outside Yorkshire. A.L.L.

C L U B R U N S

Highwayside - 7th December 1963

"Travellers' Rest, Saturday", Bond's informant had whispered in his ear.

It was a good tip off, Bond decided as his eyes swept the room. They were all there. The one they called Captain Mills, who sabotaged army tanks, Bettaney, a killer when he had a racing machine between his knees, Littlemore the three-wheeled specialist, and Birchall, chief of execution and torture. Among the other rogues, Bond recognised Byron, Vickers, Gornall, Thompson, Sharp, Dodd and Pullan.

Bond with studied casualness, took a seat, and ordered caviar, followed by a very small tournedos, underdone, with sauce Bearnaise, and a coeur d'artichaut. The waiter brought him two boiled eggs.

OO7 listened with interest as the gang spoke with easy familiarity and intent demeanour of Solihull calendars, Y.H. weekends and fellow members of the Organisation.

Bond's eyes flickered momentarily as Birchall, the Chief Executioner leaned forward and snarled, "Bwylch myn Gwyneth". Bond's lips parted in a soundless scream, he stumbled to his feet, fled from the room, and without bothering to attach his cycle clips to the bottom of his Savile-Row-tailored trousers (a point to which he normally gave considerable attention) and pedalled off into the night on his hand-built, ten geared, double-butted Beretta.

J.D.

Bangor - Cynwyd Y.H. - 14th/15th December 1963

A party consisting of Jeff, Keith Orum, Jon Vickers, Joe Dodd, John Thompson, David Barker, Dave Birchall, John Gornall and Geoff Sharp left Two Mills on a fine but rather cool afternoon; the Queensferry, Hawarden, Rossett, Wrexham route made a pleasant change from the more usual Chester-Farndon road.

Arriving at the Smithy, on time for a change, we found Guy bent over an inverted bicycle making one or two adjustments. Soon after we were joined by Davids Bennett and Bettaney.

After the usual excellent meal, during which we discussed the number of ergs Joe would use up in getting to Cynwyd, the party split up, five of us (Dodd, Thompson, Birchall, Barker and Sharp) setting off for Cynwynd Hostel, which we reached via Overton, Llangollen and then the Llantysilio road on the north side of the Dee as far as Corwen, which made an enjoyable though harder ride than

the main road. After signing in, making up our beds etc. we repaired to the village to replace the lost ergs as Joe put it. Later, after a painful wash in ice cold water we retired, David Birchall and one or two others disappearing under mounds of blankets. It was a good job only three others (walkers) were in residence as there wasn't an unused blanket in the place.

Next day we set off towards Llandrillo for a mile or so before turning in at a farm gate and taking the Glascoed track leading to the Nant Rhyd Wilym. David Barker having recently had his frame re-sprayed etc. had second thoughts about this crossing and left us to go over the Alt-y-Bady promising to meet us at Glynceiriog.

After climbing some 500-600 feet we were surprised to find a thin cover of snow on the mountainside and many of the streams which cross this rough track were frozen solid. At the crest we stopped for a breather and to sign the Rough Stuff Fellowship book in its metal box near the "Wayfarer" Memorial Stone.

The descent proved even rougher than the climb and about half way down Joe's bottom bracket started to give trouble. Fortunately we had known that Joe was coming and had brought a more than usually comprehensive tool kit. After an easy ride down the Ceiriog valley we arrived at Glyn a little late to find David Barker just finishing lunch. Later, well satisfied, we set off in the direction of Chirk and were fortunate that a threat of rain did not last. Bangor was reached by a more civilised route than the morning's ride and from here we took the Farndon road to Chester where Joe left us for Manchester. A little later at the Mills we found Jeff returning from Beeston and so a grand week-end came to an end.

G.S.

Goostrey - 14th December 1963

A brief card "Very select. R.J.Austin and H.H.Duck present. Mrs.R.J.added dignity" appears to be all there is to say about this run which was, of course, the President's last appearance until March as he sailed for Singapore three days later.

Two Mills - 21st December 1963

This get-together at the Eureka Café on the pre-Christmas Saturday is becoming quite a popular feature of our programme. This year's meet was no exception and a turnout of twenty-one members and five friends had a grand evening's entertainment when David Birchall took us here and there in Cheshire, North Wales, the Black Mountains, the far North of Scotland and finally to Shropshire for our Whitsun "100" through the medium of a fine set of colour slides.

Our visitors were Marian Littlemore, Hilda Dover, Tom Mason,

Stan Barker and a B.N.E.C.C. rider who called in for a quick cuppa and stayed to make a meal of it.

Members present were "Lifer" John Leece, the Captain, Len Hill, Ken Barker, Guy, Frank Parkins, John Seed, Allan Littlemore, John France, David Birchall, David Barker, Peter Jones, Henry Ashcroft, Peter Keen, Philip Whitehead, Geoff Sharp, Keith Orum, John Thompson, John Gornall, Eric Dalton and Jon Vickers.

For an hour or so after tea was over and the decks had been cleared we were enthralled by a grand set of slides brought by David Birchall who we followed as he went alone or in company to Scotland's Glen Affric, Skye, Torridon and many other selectable spots in the Land of Cakes, then to North and South Wales with records of many rough stuff crossings in the Berwyns, Black Mountains etc.

Nearer home we visited lovely Cheshire and passed into Shropshire for the Anfield "100" of 1963 and all too soon we came back to earth at Two Mills.

We are greatly indebted to our hostess at the Eureka for the facilities she gives us not only for this annual event but at many other times and before wending our several ways we asked her to accept a box of chocolates as a very small and inadequate token of our regards and thanks. Then with the compliments of the season ringing in our ears we went into the dark night for the familiar few miles home.

K.W.B.

Knoll's Green - 21st December 1963

Rigby Band and friend Peter Crabtree of the Bury Clarion were first to arrive at Egerton's Café - and incidentally the last to arrive on three and two wheels respectively. They were soon followed by Alan and Mary Gorman and Eddie Goodall and family.

This party just filled a table and Dave Brown, arriving later, had perforce to dine alone but this seemed to have its compensations by way of preferential treatment from the catering staff.

The excellent meal in congenial surroundings came to an end all too soon. The motoring section repaired to the Goodall residence for the evening while the two cyclists headed for the wilds of East Lancashire, the writer at least having the rare pleasure of company all the way.

J.R.B.

Halewood - 26th December 1963

In contrast to the 1962 fixture this Boxing Day run to the Derby Arms enjoyed pleasant, mild weather and even enticed three members "round the earth".

David Birchall joined up with David Barker and John Thompson at Two Mills from whence the trio made for Helsby, Sutton Weaver and the new bridge over the murky waters of the Mersey.

Jeff, Guy, Allan Littlemore, and Jon Vickers were the other cyclists, then petrol assisted came Peter Jones. Les and David Bennett, David Bettaney, Len Hill (in command of the operation as senior officer present), Henry Ashcroft, Joe Dodd, Wally Rees and his father, John Whelan and Rodney France.

One name remains to be chronicled, that of Eddie Morris, eighty-five this spring, who reported having packed up smoking, his intention being to put the resultant savings into a Moulton bicycle! We hope he uses it to get to Club runs as well as for transport to his daily dip in West Kirby lake.

Hatchmere - 28th December 1963

The most notable feature of this run was the absence of our much-maligned sub-captain. In consequence nothing very much happened. No-one finished neck-deep in a bog, fell down a precipice, got chased by a bull or shot by an irate bailiff, or mangled person and machine in the wilder, remoter, Birchall-beloved tracts of Anfieldland.

Those present on this historic, mud-free occasion were the Captain, Guy Pullan, Les and David Bennett, John Farrington, John Gornall, Harry Duck, Keith Crum, Jon Vickers, Henry Ashcroft, John Thompson and David Barker. What a pity Allan Littlemore missed it by going to the Crewe R.C. dinner instead!

D.W.B.

CREWE ROAD CLUB DINNER - 28th December 1963

Allan Littlemore and his good lady were invited to the Crewe R.C. and C.T.C. section Dinner and Social, a pleasant evening in cycling company organised by that indefatigable C.T.C. stalwart and super tourist, Gil Tirell, now quickly recovering from a very serious illness. Gil. is the C.T.C. Chief Consul for Cheshire.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

A letter from the President headed "S.S.Chusan approaching Aden" December 27th, contained the news that all was going according to plan and that the real heat was just being turned on. Rex sends regards and good wishes for 1964 to all with the hope "that everyone will try to put a little more into the Club next year. That way lies progress".

John Seed has been doing his stuff journalistically recently. In the issue of "Cycling" dated 18th December the "guinea letter" bore his signature - it concerned rough stuff routes. Then in the first issue of the new (and excellent) C.T.C. glossy "Cycle Touring" John had a short article entitled "That Hill".

We would offer the sincere sympathy of all members to Percy Williamson whose wife died shortly before Christmas in Withington Hospital.

In his report on the Bath Road Club Dinner, Stan Wild omits any reference to the fact that he came in for honourable mention when Major Keates, replying for the Visitors, remarked that three of those present, Harry Keates himself, John Shuter (veteran Secretary of the B.R.) and our Stan between them had recorded a million cycling miles.

In a covering note to his report Stan tells of a talk he had with Alan Gordon (Norwood Paragon) who mentioned meeting J.E. Rawlinson, a former Anfielder, now living at Tonbridge, Kent. He is still in the banking business and apparently very interested in Anfield affairs.

Thanks to John Seed, Allan Littlemore and one or two more historians who pointed out that the Tom Hughes of Wigan who died recently, was not 'Owd Tom but his son. 'Owd Tom - a founder of the Autumn Tints C.C. in 1924 - died in 1952 aged 84 years.

When Alf Howarth was proposed for the Committee he warned us that his duties at Crewe Technical College might prevent his attendance. This forecast has unfortunately come true and we have lost (only protest we hope) a useful Committee man with an independent and lively mind. George Connor has been invited to fill the vacancy.

John Farrington and John Thompson are the latest recruits to the trike brigade. Thompson's Triangular Atrocity came from the Birchall stable - the current story being that Dave's mother was scared to go for coal when the brute was loose in the yard.

A few more copies of our history "The Black Anfielders" have been bound and are available from Frank Marriott, price 10/6d plus 1/- postage if not collected.

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BIRTHDAY RUN (1879-1964)
- 27-30 EASTER TOURS - LLANSANIFFRAID (Sun)
YOUTH HOSTELS (Peak District)
- 28 HATCHMERE (Forest Cafe)
- 30 WHITEWELL (Holly Cottage) Lunch 1.0 p.m.

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Closing date for next issue - MONDAY, 2ND MARCH.

COMMITTEE NOTICES

Bookings are now being taken for the Easter Tour based on the Sun Hotel, Llansantffraid. Names to the Secretary or Captain please; and those interested in the Youth Hostel Tour should contact David Birchall without delay.

THE BIRTHDAY RUN

The Derby Arms, Halewood, scene of Anfield festivities going back for at least seventy years, will be packed, we hope, to capacity on Saturday, 21st March, for the celebration of the Club's eighty-fifth birthday.

If YOU are not present, somebody will be disappointed, so please contact the Secretary or Captain before it is too late.

Owing to the expected heavy demand, it has been decided that this must be an all ticket affair. Tickets price 12/6d (7/6d for Cadets) must be obtained in advance from Frank Marriott or Jeff Mills.

This promises to be a really memorable occasion; a number of kindred clubs will be represented and well known cycling personalities will be present.

NORTH ROAD DINNER, 14TH DECEMBER, 1963

The N.R. Dinner, held once more in the resplendent Connaught Rooms, was as colourful as ever and rich in personalities of the past and present racing world. Yet, oddly enough, the speech of the evening came from a super tourist, Lionel Blundell, Q.C., President of the Cyclists' Touring Club, who, in these days of supposed decline, struck a refreshingly optimistic note in forecasting a revival in the fortunes of the C.T.C., other cycling organisations and cycling in general. This veritable "shot in the arm" came in his reply to the Toast of the Visitors, ably proposed by our good friend, Arthur Smith.

Jack Middleton (M.C. & A.C.) toasted the Club in an entertaining speech containing many interesting racing reminiscences. Ken Davis, the Club Secretary, replied.

During the Prize Distribution, Cliff Smith (East Midlands) took the 24-hour Cup for the third time, and we were impressed by the many up and coming North Road youngsters who qualified for racing awards.

Norman Turvey (wearing the North Road oval and the Anfield button) shared wine with me. Ed. Green brought the fresh air of the North with him and his verbal duel with Charlie Sewell was as vociferous as ever. Sid Capener and Dick Hulse (Speedwell), Alec Glass and

Will Townsend (R.R.A.), Jack Rossiter (Century), Jack Holdsworth (Kentish Wheelers), Horace Pryor (Manchester Wheelers), Bill Oakley (Senior C.T.C. Vice President and personally known to many Anfielders), and Charlie Holland (Midland - 3 times winner of our Hundred in the 'thirties), were amongst the personalities present. Altogether it was a very fine evening and a great credit to Les Couzens, the organiser. Thank you, North Road.

S.W.

CLUB RUNS

Pontblyddyn - 4th January 1964

It was the first club run of 1964. Dry weather encouraged cycling activity, so I pedalled towards Delamere Forest, and, having passed the cross roads, undulated along the pleasant switchback road where I was hailed by the occupants of a car. I wheeled around in a wonderful "U" turn and discovered a party consisting of Reg Wilson, his good lady, somebody's mother-in-law, and a young friend. After greetings and some chit chat 'mother-in-law' said quite seriously that Reg was now too old to cycle! I tootled off in a very thoughtful mood, wondering if I might, after all, be taking some grave risk in pounding the pedals at my time of life?

However the welcome cuppa in Chester revived my drooping spirits and I went into the lanes towards Balderton, Kinnerton and Hope with reckless abandon. Nearing Hope, I stopped to fiddle with lamps, and just then along came Jeff on his trike, and Jonathon, so we three dodged the traffic as far as the cafe.

It was good to see John Leece looking so fit and well, chatting to Len, Les Bennett, and Guy. It was hard to realise that our octogenarian member had that morning cycled to and from the golf course, and indulged in a very successful round of golf.

In addition to those mentioned above, the following gathered round the board for the usual excellent meal:- Peter Jones, David Bettaney, Allan Littlemore, David Barker, Keith Orum, John Gornall and Henry Ashcroft. David Bennett's new trike came in for some approving glances from the critics and as the main party was about to leave, John Farrington, John Thompson and Geoff Sharp arrived.

We set off in a bunch for the return, but the superior speed of some (and the inferior speed of others) soon caused gaps in the ranks, but it didn't matter; I turned off at Penymynydd island, for Chester, and enjoyed a lonely but satisfying ride beyond the city, through the dark stillness of the forest, and so downhill to the valley of the Weaver, feeling quite satisfied with my first 50 miles of 1964. A.L.L.

Highwayside - 11th January 1964

Only two bikes were propping up the wall at the Eureka when I arrived and inside I found Keith Orum and John Gornall. The regulars soon made their appearance and we were pleased to see two unexpected arrivals, John Heseltine and Andrew Williams, a prospective from our prolific recruiting ground at Pensby.

A business call at Chester dictated my activities for the afternoon and so with Geoff Sharp and John Gornall I set off poste haste for the city. From here our route took us down the Whitchurch road as far as Christleton where we turned for Egg Bridge and the little lane that meanders, with several alarmingly sharp bends, between the Gowy and Shropshire Union Canal, eventually coming out at Hargrave. From here it was the familiar route through Huxley, Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall to the Travellers' Rest. Three barrows revealed the presence of Dave Bennett, John Farrington and John Thompson while on two wheels came Messrs. Bettaney, Whitehead and Littlemore (with Marian). Halfway through the first boiled egg Jon Vickers appeared but Henry Ashcroft's mud-covered efforts to be adventurous, spontaneous and variable brought him in just as we were about to leave.

The return journey was uneventful until one of the party got his pedal entangled in John Thompson's off-side wheel. Neither combatant suffered unduly though the wheel came to look rather like a vertical hula-hoop.

At Waverton, John Farrington and I decided that the Whitchurch and Chester high roads were not to our taste and we turned off to enjoy a traffic-free meander through the lanes to Brimstage where we parted company. Altogether a very pleasant run and what a change from last year!

D.W.B.

Somerford - 11th January 1964

Only one member out at this alternative fixture. Alf Howarth, accompanied by Anne, made the trip from Crewe and, finding no other Anfielders, decided that a write-up is hardly justified.

Bangor-is-y-Coed - 18th January 1964

Our party of seven left Two Mills heading for Bangor and taking the road through Chester, Churton and Farndon which was made tough by a persistent and cold head-wind.

Near Farndon we were joined by Jon Vickers, a late riser, and

at the Smithy we found David Bettaney.

After the usual good meal and a talk on the Mersey Roads Club "24" by Captain Jeff, we set off in a surprisingly warm evening for a pleasant wind assisted ride home, "we" being the Captain, Dave Birchall, John Farrington, John Gornall, Jon Vickers, John Thompson, Geoff Sharp, prospective Cadet G.Haywood and the writer, Philip Whitehead.

Knolls Green - 18th January 1964

It was cold but dry, as I set sail for east Cheshire. There had been some days of keen frost but as this day progressed, dampness came out of the ground, indicating a slow thaw. The lanes around Comberbatch, Gt. Budworth and Tabley are always pleasant and quiet, but it was a hard struggle into the east wind. Knutsford is now almost a "ghost town" now that the new motorway is opened.

I arrived at Egerton's cafe, at the same time as John Seed and we promptly ordered two quick teas. Shortly after came Alan Gorman, with his good lady, accompanied by the Squire of Chorlton cum Hardy, H. Hillhouse Duck.

John and I were away by 5.30 p.m., en route for Goostrey, to attend the first dinner of the Weaver Valley C.C. (formed 18 months ago). With a company of 55 persons this proved a much more enjoyable function than I had dared to hope. The youngsters behaved magnificently and the excellent meal, toasts and speeches, were put over in a manner worthy of a Club of many years' standing.

Gil Tirell, Cheshire's C.T.C. official, was the chief guest, whilst Derek Byron of "Our's" was also a guest speaker. John Seed won a box of bath cubes in a raffle but as he had no use for such delicacies presented them to my wife. The chairman carried out his duties with impeccable efficiency, happy in the knowledge that he had first fulfilled his obligations to the Anfield B.C. by attending and then writing up the run.

A.L.L.

Hatchmere - 25th January 1964

It was Friday night when I decided to set out about noon next day and get some miles in before finally arriving at Hatchmere for tea. Out came the tattered sixpenny Esso road map and soon a route was planned.

Usually on an occasion like this I end up starting out late and

dashing straight to the venue; today was no exception and anyway who wants a long ride at this time of the year (that's always the excuse!)

I left home about half-past three, making my way along the direct route through Chester and Tarvin. On the approach to Chester I passed an unfortunate black moggie (this one wasn't lucky) which had been a bit slow off the mark and had just used up its ninth life. Cats are usually tidy animals but the way this one left its intestines in the path of any unsuspecting cyclist makes you wonder?

Beyond Chester I passed the turning into the lanes for Ashton and carried on through Kelsall to Delamere before turning for Hatchmere.

Those at tea at the Forest Cafe were Captain Mills, Blotto, John Leece, Len Hill, Peter Jones, Derek Byron, Les Bennett, John Farrington, Geoff Sharp, John Gornall, Philip Whitehead, John Heseltine, Allan Littlemore and David Bettaney.

The route homewards took us through lanes to Bridge, Trafford, Upton, Backford and so to Two Mills where I left the party for the final miles to Queensferry.

D.B.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jack Walton, writing from his new abode at Patrington, East Yorks., bemoans the fact that he is even further from Anfield company than before. He sends greetings to all, mentioning particularly George Connor and Blotto.

A note from Ernest Snowden, a keen and regular attender at runs before his retirement and removal to Bexhill, and of course, a former editor of the Circular, contains good wishes to all Anfielders. He now finds the ever-rising hills of Sussex trying and longs to roam again the lanes of Cheshire and Shropshire.

The President is enjoying his stay in Singapore and, armed with a local driving licence, is seeing a lot of the area in Bob's car. By the time this issue is in your hands, Rex will be on his way back to England and the Anfield Birthday Run.

It was with great regret that we heard the news of the death of Miss Lee of Street House, Four Crosses. Many Anfielders will remember her with affection and cyclists generally have lost a good

friend and a catering house of the old school, which become fewer and much farther apart.

The N.R.R.A. Annual General Meeting to be held at Milton Hall, Deansgate, Manchester at 3.0 p.m. on Saturday, 7th March, has been added to our fixtures. It is hoped that this will be a real get-together of cyclists generally and particularly those in any way interested in record breaking.

The Committee have given this meeting (which is open to all cyclists and not only to delegates) their blessing and hope the Anfield will be well represented.

Allan Littlemore cycled to the Janus R.C. Dinner and was the sole Anfield representative.

"Cycling" issue of 22nd January had the usual review of mileage charts and included mention of John Seed's 11,090 miles in 1963. One of the highlights of John's year was a chance meeting with John Helms in Derbyshire.

Stan Wild writing from Bexhill comments on the fact that Eric Vallender had given a lantern talk at our Ladies' Night saying "we are old friends. I crossed the Berwyns (Nant Rhyd Wilym) with him in 1927 and hammered to Land's End and back to Manchester in his company in 12 days by a far from direct route. Eric rode with the Mersey Roads and Cheshire Roads Clubs in the early thirties and picked up quite a few handicap prizes". Stan continues to relate that their last meeting was in June 1963 in Bergen when Eric was ending a Norwegian tour just as Stan was starting one.

The Annual Report on Merseyside Y.H.A. shows an increase of 307 in membership which rose to 12,711. The use of hostels by cyclists dropped from 15,165 bed nights in 1962 to 13,619 last year.

John Parr has been running into trouble recently while riding downhill he broke his rear drop-out, throwing his gear into the back wheel. John got away undamaged but the resultant skid ruined his tyre. A few days later he was trying so hard that he broke a crank - at the same moment his front wheel collapsed.

Members in the Church Minshull area and looking for refreshment will find "Bridge Cottage" an excellent port of call. As yet only

NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

individuals or quite small parties can be accommodated.

Two of the four Saturdays in April (4th and 18th) will be occupied with 25 miles events with headquarters at Huntington and the finish nearby the "50" terminus.

We make no apologies for yet another reminder of the Birthday Run at Halewood on Saturday, 21st March.

Our next really big blow-out will be our centenary in 1979 - and some of us may find travelling less easy fifteen years hence - so let's do it now!

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Closing date for next issue - MONDAY, 6TH APRIL.

COMMITTEE NOTICES

Change of address: W.P.Rock, 72 Hesketh Avenue, Rock Ferry,
Birkenhead.

Birthday Run. There may still be room at Halewood for our Birthday Run - Please contact the Secretary immediately by telephone if you wish to book.

Easter Tours. It is not too late to book up for the tour based on the Sun at Llanantffraid. Those unable to join in may meet the tourists for lunch at Whitewell on Easter Monday but please inform the Captain beforehand.

Inter-Club Week-end. An Inter-Club week-end with the Speedwell is planned for 4th/5th July, with accommodation at Llanfair Caereinion. The Captain will be glad to have names and will give details when these have been finalised.

THE BLACK ANFIELDERS

When, in March 1879, the Anfield Bicycle Club was formed in that part of Liverpool from which we took our name, cycling was in its infancy.

Now, eighty-five years later, many would have us believe that cycling is in its dotage, so it was refreshing to hear of Lionel Blundell, Q.C., President of the Cyclists' Touring Club, saying that he believed that the sport and pastime of cycling has a great future with signs even now of a revival.

All this leads us to wonder what we Anfielders will be celebrating at the Derby Arms, Halewood, on Saturday, 21st March, when we gather on the eighty-fifth birthday of the Club.

Let us say here and now that we shall be remembering a great past, rejoicing in a healthy and active present and looking forward with confidence to the future. These could be just glib words and we need now to see what justification there is for speaking in such terms.

First of all we can claim eighty-five years of continuous activity, a claim which not more than perhaps three other Clubs can make.

If you multiply 85 by 52 you should get 4,420; add a few for years with 53 Saturdays, remember the annual Boxing Day lunch and the inescapable conclusion is that we have had, over the years,

at least four thousand five hundred fixtures. And history does not record one single instance when fog, ice, wind or rain, nor the terrible roads of the late 19th century, could combine to stop us - even throughout two World Wars when our lads were spread all over this globe, there were those who managed somehow to get out week by week.

The place of the Saturday meet at the very heart of our life as a club is underlined by two of our rules. One provides that prizes won in Club events are withheld from those who fail to attend at least twenty runs in the year concerned; another permits a General Meeting of members to elect to Life Membership any member who completes 1,000 run attendances. Little mathematical skill is needed to discover that 25 runs a year (one in two of our fixtures) for 40 years would be necessary or some other such combination. That is why we take off our hats to men like Life Members Frank Chandler (a member since 1916) or Bren Orrell Senior (1920) who attain the magic thousand and go on at the wicket.

The imagination boggles at the remembrance of the late Bert Green who scored his first 1,000 in 20 years membership, went on to complete his second thousand 20 years later and added another three hundred and fifty in the next seven years before his death in 1959 at 83 years of age.

Last October in his Secretary's Report for the year then just ended, Frank Marriott told us of an average attendance at Runs of just over 18 each week - and that 81 of our members had been out on one or more occasions in the year.

That is the secret of Anfield longevity - the weekly meeting of kindred spirits up the road and this has gone on come rain, come wind, come what may, for eighty-five years. This will keep the Anfield alive and kicking whether we are on the crest or in the trough of the racing wave.

Much more could be said of our past but space and time run short. We could talk of long associations such as our seventy and more years journeyings to the Derby Arms, Halewood on our high-days and holidays; of the Anfield "100", a classic going back to the paced racing days of 1889, and held annually ever since, war years excluded. But we must content ourselves with emphasising again and again that for us the weekly club-run is the essence of our cycling life together.

What now can be said of the present? First of all we must look at our membership, and here we find 7 Life Members, headed by

D.C. Kinghorn, an Anfielder since 1906 though now long resident in the Isle of Man and personally known to only a few of us. Eddie Morris, John Leece, Teddy Webb, Chandler and Orrell need no introduction and to show that this Anfield House of Lords is no closed shop we must add one of the new boys, Frank Marriott, a member for a mere 30 years before his translation to the top drawer.

Full members number 88 and of these 9 joined in or before 1924. This select band includes our President (1923), Frank Perkins (1922) with over 700 runs on the slate despite shift work preventing his attendance on at least one Saturday in three all through the years. Jimmy Long (also 1922), Hubert Buckley, Harry Austin, Jim Cranshaw - much abroad and at present in Persia - Mark Haslam, Cyril Selkirk and, by no means least, Norman Turvey, a great Anfielder whose loyalty to the Club has survived over 35 of his forty years' membership being spent exiled in Yorkshire, Kendal or the South.

A further eleven full members are listed with membership going back to 1934 or earlier and one of this group, Rigby Band, 34 years an Anfielder and a cyclist of tremendous enthusiasm still, will reply for the Club to the greetings voiced on our birthday, we hope by Frank Slemen.

Again we could go on but again we must be content to remark that 10 at least of these 88 full members came to us first through our Cadet Scheme and numbered among them are some of our keenest and most regular riders.

A list of 19 Honorary members serves to remind us of an unofficial slogan "Once an Anfielder, always an Anfielder" or as one member puts it rather more picturesquely "Anfielders leave the Club feet first".

Honorary membership provides a place for those who may move far from Anfieldland or when calls on their time allow of little or no cycling. It also acts as the Anfield refrigerator where those with other and wide interests are kept in prime condition until the cycling and Anfield bug bites again. Those in the know will have no difficulty in identifying a former record breaker (on three wheels) and ardent club runner of the thirties, who has recently left the 'fridge' for a second spell of activity.

One class of membership remains and this will serve as the link between present and future.

We have on our list some twenty Cadets and again we must remember that 10 of our 88 full members graduated from this scheme. It is our belief that this cycling game, and the Anfield way of

playing it, is worth preserving and passing on. The keen enthusiasm of these youngsters prove that we are not alone in thinking so. Week by week they roam the highways and byways gaining a knowledge and love of the countryside and gleaning from the older members something of the fascination that cycling has for its devotees. In the process they come to have a loyalty to the old Club which we hope will hold them fast for years to come.

Looking back over these notes, two thoughts strike home, first one of pity for the typist who must decipher these scribbled lines, then the fact that in five pages of foolscap no word of racing appears.

No Club has had a greater share, over long years, of racing stars, than our Anfield. The records of the R.R.A. and N.R.R.A. are spangled with the names of Anfielders past and present while in the time trialling world, ours was a name to conjure with for many of our 85 years.

This is not so at present and it may be many years before we can say the same again though we have a stable of very useful performers even now. Racing prowess is, alas, the main criterion by which so many judge a club today - apparently one super racing man may make a cycling club - but half a hundred cyclists do not. To any who may think this way, we offer a word of advice - and a challenge. Look at the Anfield story of the last 85 years - and come to see us again fifteen years hence when we celebrate our Centenary. In the meantime borrow a computer and calculate how many cycling clubs have been, or will be, born and perish in these years.

This is not the note on which we would conclude. For many, cycling and the Anfield have been too much part of us to think of life without them. We believe fervently that the old Club has a great future and we look to those of a like mind, of any age, to see that this future is as bright as the past. There will be much to celebrate on 21st March; will you be there to share in it?

C L U B R U N S

Pontblyddyn - 1st February 1964

Jeff Mills arrived at Two Mills to find only David Bettaney and Wally Rees left, the others having gone. These three rode together as far as Queensferry where the Captain turned for

Sandicroft, Kinnerton, Shordley and Hope.

At Pontblyddyn he found John Farrington and Peter Jones already fed and watered. Derek Byron and Allan Littlemore followed and soon came the mob who had taken Hope Mountain in their stride. Over at Goostrey only Alf Howarth and Harry Duck attended the alternative. Three other members were dining with the Mersey Roaders.

Highwayside - 8th February 1964

Under the eagle eye of Captain Mills, a party of nine members and one prospective got their knees under the table for the usual Highwayside feed. Those out in addition to Jeff were Gornall, Whitehead, Heseltine, Crum, Vickers, Byron, P.Jones, Bettaney, Thompson and prospective member, A.Williams.

Bangor-on-Dee - 15th February 1964

John Seed (to whom apologies for mangling his write-up) rode quietly from St.Helens dreaming of the week-end awheel he wasn't going to have. In imagination he went down Llangollen's vale to a well tried guest house - in fact he bashed for home and work after a hearty meal at the Smithy in company with Allan Littlemore, Derek Byron, Jeff Mills, Guy and a gaggle of youngsters (unspecified) whose names are recorded in the Captain's little book.

On the same day Percy, Rigby, Bob Poole and Harry Duck gathered at Knolls Green for tea and talk.

Hatchmere - 22nd February 1964

Ten members out, all regulars and the only names we will record here is that of John Leece who came out to ensure that V.P.Hill arrived in time to preside.

Turton - 23rd February 1964

Another Sunday run marred by atrocious weather. Percy Williamson called for Rigby at Bury and after elevenses the two made for Turton to find John Seed the only other attender.

After lunch it was wet capes again when John went cross country to Belmont and Rivington while the other two kept company as far as Whitefield.

Goostrey and Holt - 29th February 1964

Bob Poole, Harry Duck and Allan Littlemore found their way to Goostrey while a muster of fifteen sampled the fare at Holt. Again most of these fifteen are tired of seeing their names in print so we list only John Leece, Blotto and Derek Byron and hasten on to say that John Whelan was out next morning assisting (with Jeff) at the Larkhill Wheelers' event.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The President is due back in Bramhall on 17th March, just in time to welcome the guests (and the Anfield) to the Birthday Run.

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Cyril Selkirk retired early in March and at the end of the first week was doing fine. Belated congratulations to Keith Selkirk and his wife on the birth of Stephen last April.

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As mentioned earlier, a week-end with the Speedwell is planned for 4th/5th July. Originally it was to be early June but a proposed record attempt on that week-end will keep all Speedwellians busy.

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Wednesday evening meets at Two Mills start again in April and we look forward to good Anfield musters at these mid-week runs.

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Those on the Easter tour or Speedwell week-end and looking for something to look at could call at Powis Castle, Welshpool, to see the tallest tree in Britain, a Douglas fir 181 ft. high. If you want a real ride, the runner up (another Douglas fir, 172 ft. high) can be found at Dunkeld in Scotland.

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Apologies to those (if any) whose write-ups of runs for February got severely mauled to leave space for other things.

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Braithwaites of Kendal (Kirkland House) was a famous cyclists' catering establishment for many, many years. Mrs. Braithwaite we hear is still going strong at 93 after many years' retirement but news of the death of her husband Jack on Boxing Day reached us quite recently.

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Guy Pullan, Ira Thomas and Jack Pitchford attended the Mersey Roads Club Dinner in Liverpool on 1st February.

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Bill Finn will not be over for the 85th Birthday celebration but looks forward to a real blow-out in 1979! In the meantime he hopes to be at the "100" at Whit.

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COMMITTEE NOTICES

Offers of help at the Hundred are now urgently required and members are asked to contact Frank Marriott and let him know what they can offer.

Confirmation of the booking at The Red Lion, Llanfair Caereinion for a week-end with the Speedwell on 4th/5th July has been received. The charge for dinner, bed and breakfast will be 22/6d and there will be room for eight Anfielders - Names to the Captain as soon as possible please.

The Photograph Run will be at the Forest Café, Hatchmere, on 6th June when it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

HALEWOOD - 21st March 1964. BIRTHDAY RUN.

"This is your birthday party. We are delighted to be here and wish you Many Returns of the day". With these words the one and only Tommy Barlow, President of the eighty-years old Manchester Wheelers concluded his reply to the welcome to our guests voiced by President Rex Austin.

Earlier, Tommy had said "when the last atom bomb has fallen and mankind, on hands and knees, crawl in the slime back to his primeval state, a man will stand straight up - and he will be wearing an Anfield badge". This faith in the future of our great old Club matched some words of Frank Slemen's, who proposed a toast to the Club, "The Anfield are a proud lot - and fair enough, they've got plenty to be proud of".

Frank's speech was a masterpiece. Printed verbatim, it would fill this Circular (and land the Editor in the law courts!) but cold print could not do justice to this tribute to our great past, our active and encouraging present and the part we shall have to play in the future of this cycling game. Thank you Frank Slemen and Tommy Barlow for the nice things said about us and for the greetings you brought from our many friends. Thanks also to our guests for coming to share in, and enhance, our pleasure on this great occasion of the eighty-fifth anniversary of our birth in Anfield, Liverpool.

Seventy Anfielders and guests filled the Derby Arms, "home" of the Club on many occasions since at least 1885 and right well

the good folk there ministered to our needs. Thank you, Mr. Sharp, and your staff, for a real cyclists' birthday dinner.

Long before the appointed hour, the lounge started to fill up. Pride of place must go to Stan Clabon and Richard Hulse, not only as the representatives of the oldest Club, the Speedwell (1876) but because they arrived in the proper way - on bicycles. Richard, having left on Friday night, fitted large chunks of Derbyshire into his route from Birmingham to Liverpool.

Also at the top of the list we put Graham Thompson, representative of our old and good friends the North Road C.C. (1885) who also cycled (from Leicester!) to be present.

Ed. Green pushed his trike from Sawrey in the Lake District to represent the Tricycle Association, changing to a tandem barrow at the Dover establishment from whence he and Oscar (President of the Liverpool Century Road Club) pedalled in unison (if not in harmony) to the Derby Arms.

From Whitchurch came Jack Duckers, of the North Shropshire Wheelers, then we had George Jones of the Birkenhead North End C.C., Eric Mustill (East Liverpool Wheelers' President), Harry Pearson (President of the Mersey Roads Club) and dear old Johnny Williams also M.R.C.

A month ago the Cheshire Road Club celebrated fifty glorious years and today their Present, Tom Nolan, represented this great Club at our birthday party; also from the Manchester area we had John Matthews, former assistant Editor of "Cycling" and Peter Barlow representing the N.R.R.A.

Together with Tommy Barlow and Frank Slemen there comprised the fifteen guests we were delighted to have at our party.

Of "Ours", it was good to see the President back safe and sound from Singapore, and supporting him on the top table, Life Members John Leece, an Anfielder since 1910, Eddie Morris (1912), Bren Orrell Senior (1920) and Frank Marriott (1930).

Vice Presidents Len Hill and Ken Barker rose in reply to a toast by the President; then there were Captain Mills and former Captains, Reg. Wilson, Alan Gorman and Don Stewart. Herbert Buckley long standing Anfielder and combined Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the N.R.R.A., Ted Byron holder of the Anfield unpaced 24 hours competition record with a near 395 miles ride almost 30 years ago. Cyril Selkirk, Geoff Lockett, Bert Lloyd and Ginner Williams were there and from Cottonopolis we had Percy Williamson, Laurel, Frank

Edwards, Russell Barker, Harry Duck, Eddie Goodall and Stan Bradley (whose first allegiance is to the Speedwell B.C.).

Stan Wild wangled an extension of his usual Easter month off in order to come from Bexhill-on-Sea; "Young" Bren, twice a near winner of post-war "Hundreds", came from Preston and from nearer home we had George Parr, Derek Byron, John Seed, Tommy Sherman, Arthur Birkby, Les Bennett, John France, Peter Jones and Allan Littlemore.

Turning now to the younger brigade on whom so much of the Anfield future depends, we start with the winner of the 1963 Cadets' Ten Miles series of events and those who won Standard medals on the road last season.

The President called to the top table to take token awards:- Philip Whitehead who swept the board in the Cadets' Competition with fastest time, fastest three rides and best three rides on handicap.

Bronze Standards were taken by David Birchall (25 and 50 miles) and John Whelan (50), while Silver medals were collected by David Barker (25 miles) and David Bettaney for a storming end of season 1.1.38.

In support of these speedy youngsters we had Committee members Rodney France, Jon Vickers and John Gornall; then, to wind up this lengthy list, Joe Dodd, Wally Rees (and his father whom we were glad to see again), John Thompson, Dave Bennett, Geoff Sharp, Keith Orum, John Heseltine, Pat Collins, and Eric Dalton.

One name remains to be recorded. Chosen because, to the Committee, he typifies all that is best in the Anfield. Rigby Band rode from Bury to reply on behalf of the Club to the toast proposed by Frank Slemen and to the greetings expressed on our birthday. His was a difficult task and right well he rose to the occasion before starting on his marathon lone ride, a ride which landed him home at 1.30 a.m. - on the morning the clocks were pushed on one hour!

Cross toasting, judiciously arranged "adjournments" for further refreshment and picking up the threads, of old friendships all added up to an evening to which no pen could do justice. By common consent of Anfielders and guests this was a great celebration which no one present would willingly have missed. There were those who would have liked to be with us but perforce had to be content to send greetings. Included here were Frank Chandler,

Bill Finn, Guy Pullan, Norman Turvey, Bob Austin, Bryan Wright; the Clifton C.C. (York), our good friend Mr. Mitchell of Shrewsbury and Ken Matthews ("Spokesman" of the Liverpool "Echo").

The Anfield "Long Distance Shield", massive silver relic of the earliest days of the Club, looked down approvingly on the modern Anfield from its place of honour on the wall of the Derby Arms, Halewood, as the Club slid gently into its eighty-sixth year. Already plans are afoot to celebrate again at this grand venue on the 20th March next year. Book now before you're too late!

EASTER TOUR 1964 - GOOD FRIDAY

With the party at the start being small and very select and all going their separate ways I anticipated a lone ride to Llansantffraid.

Len went by car to Weobley to leave his family while Frank took the train to Gobowen with a possible trip to the Rodney Pillar in view.

At Two Mills the ever smiling Keith was found and, when he gleaned that I had Bangor in view for lunch, gave me the pleasure of his company all the way to the Smithy where we found Ossie Dover and some friends.

Came the parting of the ways and either because of the lunch or the fact that I was now on my own, I seemed very sluggish over the thirteen miles to Cockshutt. After this point I gradually improved and made for Molverley to cross the Severn by what was the old railway bridge. At Four Crosses I veered towards Welshpool and took to lanes through Penrhos to Llansantffraid and the Sun to find Frank Perkins in possession, having called off the proposed climb up Breiden Hill owing to the misty conditions.

We now awaited Len, who maintained the reputation for tardiness he has built up by being 45 minutes late for dinner.

J.H.M.

EASTER SATURDAY

It has become an Anfield tradition for bicycles to leave the

"Sun" after breakfast on Easter Saturday and so it came about that we three, the Captain, Frank Perkins and I left for a day's pottering through the lanes and tracks that hold no motley of traffic in this hilly part of Montgomeryshire.

Scenically this is grand country and cycling should be taken slowly and that is what we did as we ambled to Llanfyllin for lovely hot coffee.

We were making for the upper Tanat valley with a lunch rendezvous at Llangynog. Wishing to see the earthworks at Abernaint I took the main road while Frank, under pressure from the Captain, followed the old track over to Pen-y-bont fawr.

The green hills looked down on us and smiled as they have done on Anfielders for over three quarters of a century and soon there were more smiles as we were joined by Allan Littlemore and Marion who lunched with us at the New Inn (circa 1746).

After parting from Allan and Marion we drifted down the old road beside the gurgling Tanat but alas the hills stopped smiling and misted over; on the bridge near Pen-y-bont we were made to listen to the Boat Race on a miniature radio, one of the many gadgets the Captain can produce from his capacious saddle bag.

Snow and mutiny were in the air! We wanted to go home and refused to accompany Jeff to Pistyll Rhaiadr. But smiles returned with dinner, liquor and good company.

L.J.H.

EASTER SUNDAY

It was cold and dull but the riders three, John Farrington on a trike, Jeff and Frank Perkins cheerfully left Len Hill strapping his bicycle on the car, knowing we would see him again at lunch.

With ample time in hand we left the main road for Meifod and climbed to Bwlch-y-Cibau and Peniarth, all ups and downs, but very enjoyable.

Beyond Meifod we took the lane to Brynhaul and Neuadd and, keeping to the right bank of the river via Melin-y-ddel, dodged the traffic.

A short wait at Llanfair Caereinion's "Red Lion" and Len arrived after his own lane wandering, then following the usual good lunch we said farewell to him as he dashed off to join up with his family at Weobley.

The riders made off for Castle Caereinion, arriving just in time to see the narrow gauge "Flyer" safely flagged across the road. At the station a mile further on we waited to witness the start of the return trip to Llanfair, full of admiration for those hardy passengers who braved the chilly weather in open coaches.

The old member, unable to persuade the younger ones to push off and leave him to his own devices duly reached Welshpool in the pack. A cup of tea, then away we went along the Llanfyllin road. On this steady grind the O.M. found himself outfoxed and actually up in front and, urged on by the Captain's whip, finally made it after much sweat and backache.

Now came the long drop and with the main road in sight, Jeff suggested we should keep to the right side of the river and follow it closely. The O.M. demurred and was outvoted but the reward was some walking to relieve tired riding muscles.

We saw the river only in the distance and not at close quarters until we came to the bridge at Llansantffraid with the "Sun" almost in sight. A most enjoyable day's ride made better by the forbearance of those fast men Jeff and John.

F.P.

EASTER MONDAY

The departure of Len Hill to rejoin his family at Weobley had been balanced by the arrival, on Sunday evening, of Peter Jones. So it was a party of four who breakfasted, paid their scores and departed on this last morning of the tour.

Frank was to take his time trundling home alone and at his own pace while the Captain, Peter Jones and John Farrington set off for Whitewell to join the Youth Hostel tourists and others out for the day.

At Holly Cottage, twelve Anfielders tucked their knees under the table, the three named above, with Geoff Sharp, John Thompson

and David Barker homeward bound from Wilderhope and Johns Whelan and Gornall, Dave Bettaney, Phil Whitehead, Pat Collins and Keith Orum who had come out that morning.

In accordance with what is becoming a pleasant tradition, most of the party came by devious routes to Two Mills for tea and with the final miles home another splendid Easter week-end passed into the storehouse of memories. In all twenty members were out on the tours and at alternative fixtures.

YOUTH HOSTEL TOUR - 28th/30th MARCH 1964

Both Peak district hostels we had planned to visit were fully booked, so we cut down the tour to two nights and headed for our old happy hunting ground, the Welsh border country. Clun was our objective on Saturday - a primitive hostel, we knew. "No meals provided", said the hand-book with the Y.H.A.'s talent for understatement, as if this were the only deficiency.

Conditions were far from ideal as our party of six left Two Mills. It was cold, grey and overcast and a south-east wind made the going hard all day; and this was to be the pattern all week-end except that the wind obligingly went round to north-east for our return on Monday. We made Gobowen for lunch and here the day-trippers, Dave Bennett, Dave Bettaney and Phil Whitehead, bid farewell to tourists Geoff Sharp, John Thompson and Dave Barker. We decided on a fairly direct route, so Oswestry, Welshpool, Montgomery and Bishops Castle it was. The road was quiet and the familiar "Whitsun" country as pleasant as ever, except that distant views were spoilt by a low-lying mist. Even Breiden Hill and Long Mountain; the outstanding landmarks of the district, were almost obliterated. At Welshpool we stocked up with provisions and Forden hill, not an easy climb at the best of times, was a real brute with 3lbs. of potatoes and a can of pears in the bag, on top of the normal week-ending kit. Certain running repairs to an orange Viking (whose owner shall remain anonymous) delayed us and when we finally arrived we were well-occupied cooking, eating, washing-up and puncture-mending till bed-time.

The direct route from Clun to Wilderhope is all of eighteen

miles and we decided we could manage a bit of a detour. South we headed to Knighton then west for Llanvairwaterdine and on up the road which follows the Teme to its source in the Kerry Hills, then plunges down to Dolfor and finally to Newtown. It was new territory to all of us and, we agreed, the high-spot of the whole tour. After lunch in Newtown, we took the road for Kerry, Churchstoke and Lydham, thankful that conditions were so much better than on this stretch last year. At the southern edge of the Long Mynd, as we were turning off for Marshbrook, we met a group from the Belperion C.C., Derbyshire, who had come over from Dinas Mawddwy and were heading for the same destination, Wilderhope Manor. This National Trust property, nestling on the slopes of Wenlock Edge, is one of the best and most popular hostels in the country. The Elizabethan manor house has altered little either in amenities or in appearance since its early days. Two-tiered bunks have replaced four-posters; self-cookers use calor gas, not an open fire. But the studded doors, the massive beams, the spiral staircase and the distinctive entrance arch all remain unchanged and so does the peaceful, rolling Shropshire countryside which surrounds the house. Let's have many more week-ends here.

Jeff had booked lunch on Monday at Whitewell, of all places. So from Wilderhope to Whitewell we trundled, from the sublime to the ridiculous.

D.W.B.

HIGHWAYSIDE - 7th March 1964

One of the smallest gatherings we have had at a joint run, only eight members out.

Two V.P.'s graced the proceedings and in support were the Captain, Derek Byron, Dave Bettaney, John Gornall, Eric Dalton and Phil Whitehead.

N.R.R.A. A.G.M., Manchester - 7th March

Another four members attended the N.R.R.A. meeting when plans to encourage record breaking activity were discussed.

Of "Ours" there were Hubert Buckley (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Association), Percy Williamson, Rigby Band, and Allan Littlemore. Only Rigby failed (narrowly) to get on the Committee. Rex and Percy were re-elected Vice-Presidents.

LLANARMON - 14th March 1964

A pleasant ride after early afternoon rain, a good meal (the best ham and egg I have had for months) and an interesting discussion, what a pleasant way of spending a Saturday afternoon.

I discovered from Les Bennett that when his pupils fidget he growls "I'll put a Bach one on in a minute" thus reducing them to frozen immobility, broken only by an occasional apprehensive whimper. He should use a tape recorder and weave in a more acceptable strand. By judicious dubbing he could produce most interesting effects, "Sheep may safely graze, yeah, yeah, yeah!"

Len Hill said that in Germany it was different; there, everyone loves serious music, which (had it been true) might have shed light on some aspects of twentieth century European history.

Alas, on Sunday evening I asked a pylon-erector from Hamburg if this was so in the free part of that country. "All the best movements in pop music begin amongst our German teenagers" he said, "Ja, ja, ja" I replied.

With Vice-President Hill in the chair, Les Bennett, Captain Mills, Derek Byron, David Bettaney, Phil Whitehead and Peter Jones completed a party of seven.

J.P.J.

HATCHMERE - 28th March 1964

Well wrapped up against the biting wind the Editor pedalled to Two Mills and there collected David, son of B.N.E. C.C's George Jones and a real chip off the old block.

Together these two made through lanes to Mollington, Guilden Sutton, Cotton Edmunds and the ever delightful pack-horse

track with its narrow stone bridges over the tranquil Gowy.

Beyond Oscroft, more lanes filled in the time before we judged it right to make for Ashton, Mouldsworth and tea, picking up Stan Wild on the switch-back road through the forest.

We three had started tea before John Gornall, Keith Orum and Jon Vickers arrived and soon after we were joined by John Seed and Derek Byron.

For the writer a pleasant solo ride through Ranger's Bank, Manley, Wervin and Stoak brought to a conclusion yet another Anfield run. No doubt the others fared as well.

K.W.B.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Members attending the alternative fixture on 23rd May at Glossop will find the Drovers' Arms at the junction of Turn Lee Road and Charlestown Road.

The T.A. Opener and Luncheon on 15th March was marred by some shocking weather. Ed.Green presided over a gathering of 75 of the 92 who had booked. The Anfield contingent consisted of John Parr (with Beryl) and Allan Littlemore who attended in spite of a dose of 'flu. Jeff and Percy were non-starters owing to the snow.

Cadets (and others) interested in a Youth Hostelling in Scotland should contact John France who is organising a tour for boys of Pensby School and may have a few vacancies.

Book June 6th for the Photograph Run at Hatchmere, when we hope for a more than usually large attendance to crowd the lawn at the Forest Café.

The seventeenth century Piccadilly Inn at Caerwys was taken over a year or so ago by friends of John France, and will be the venue for our run on 13th June.

Frank Southall, Norwood Paragon C.C., dominant figure in time trialling for many years pre-war, winner of our "100" in 1926-7-8, who later turned professional and wrought havoc among road records, died early in April, aged 59 years, as a result of a heart attack.

Sporting himself in the Towey Valley recently Arthur Birkby saw two likely looking bicycles on the roof rack of a car. On investigation he found the car belonged to Gil Tirrell, C.T.C. Chief Consul for Cheshire who by chance had a little earlier deposited Allan Littlemore and Marion near the top of the Bwlch-y-Groes. This was Gil's kindly contribution towards Allan's convalescence after a dose of 'flu.

The morning after the Birthday Run our Speedwell guests Richard Hulse and Stan Clabon, with David Barker as guide, had reached the Black Dog, Waverton when by chance they collected Jeff, David Bettaney, John Whelan, David Birchall and Geoff Sharp. Together these eight journeyed to Whitchurch for lunch before bidding our friends farewell and setting them off on their trek to Brum.

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FIXTURES

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1 Committee Meeting, Free Church Centre, L'pool.

6 HATCHMERE (Forest Café) PHOTOGRAPH RUN.

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(Santa Rosa)

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Closing date for next issue - MONDAY, 1ST JUNE

COMMITTEE NOTICESApplications for Membership:-

Colin Gordon, 15 Westbourne Grove, West Kirby. Proposed by D.W.Barker
Seconded by F.Perkins.

David Jones, 14 Pickerill Road, Greasby, Wirral. Proposed by
J.H.Mills, Seconded by F.E.Marriott.

There may still be room at the Red Lion, Llanfair Caereinion for the Speedwell weekend, 4th-5th July, and any member interested should contact the Captain immediately.

The Photograph Run is to the Forest Cafe, Hatchmere on 6th June. It is hoped that there will be a specially good turnout this year.

RACING NOTES

April has been a month of great activity with two Club and two West Cheshire events at 25 miles.

The '100' is almost upon us and as closing date coincided with this issue going to press we can say that fifty-seven entries have come in and what the field lacks in quantity is made up in quality. Former winners Spencer and Middleton share the scratch mark with N.Cole, Scunthorpe R.C. and some thirty of the entrants have beaten 4-30-0.

The June issue will contain a full report of the Sixty-fifth Anfield '100' together with a detailed results sheet.

Club Results so far include:-

Club	'25' - 4th April	25 Miles	H'cap	H'cap Time
1.	D.Bettaney	1.6.30	Scr.	1.6.30
2.	P.Whitehead	1.8.49	7.00	1.1.49
3.	D.W.Barker	1.9.1	1.00	1.8.1
4.	J.Whelan	1.11.25	1.40	1.9.45
5.	J.P.Jones	1.13.37	6.00	1.7.37

Club	'25' - 18th April	25 Miles	H'cap	H'cap Time
1.	D.W.Barker	1.3.23	1.00	1.2.23
2.	D.Bettaney	1.3.39	Scr.	1.3.39
3.	P.Whitehead	1.5.11	3.00	1.2.11
4.	J.Whelan	1.5.20	1.45	1.3.35
5.	J.P.Jones	1.8.34	6.00	1.2.34
6.	K.Orum	1.12.59	6.00	1.6.59
7.	J.Thompson (Trike)	1.14.26	12.00	1.2.26

RACING NOTES - Contd.

W.C.T.T.C.A. '25' - 12th April

D.Bettaney 1.4.34 (13th); D.W.Barker 1.5.13 (20th); P.Whitehead 1.6.33 (27th, P.B., Bronze Standard and 2nd Handicap); J.Whelan 1.7.56 (37th); P.Jones 1.12.38; D.Bennett (Trike) 1.13.47 (missed 3rd handicap by 21 seconds).

W.C.T.T.C.A. '25' - 26th April

D.Bettaney 1.2.27; P.Whitehead 1.5.15; J.Whelan 1.5.32; K.Orum 1.7.55 (Bronze Standard); J.P.Jones 1.10.28.

Wavertree C.C. '25' - 3rd May

D.Bettaney 1.2.41; J.Whelan 1.6.22; P.Whitehead 1.7.7.

Oxford University C.C. '25' - 29th April

D.W.Barker 1.2.59; C.Gordon 1.9.22.

Oxford City R.C. '25' - 3rd May

D.W.Barker 1.3.29; C.Gordon 1.11.29.

Oxford University v. Cambridge U. '25' - 12th May

1.	D.W.Barker (Oxford)	1.0.37
2.	H.W.Fowler (")	1.1.10
3.	W.E.Bailey (")	1.1.31

This result is included in full because of the special Anfield interest. Apart from the Club providing fastest time, W.E.Bailey, also Oxford, is the son of a former member. Fastest Cambridge rider was 4th with a 64 mins. ride. Colin Gordon clocked 1.7.8. The Oxford team lowered the event record by 2 mins. 43 secs.

THE ANFIELD HUNDRED

By the time these lines are in print the sixty-fifth Anfield "100" will be over and another of our Annual Whitsuntide week-ends will be but a pleasant memory.

During this year of celebration of our eighty-fifth birthday we might pause from time to time and look back over the road we have travelled so far. What better time could there be to take a glance over our great classic '100' whose history takes us back to 1889, only ten years from the foundation of the Club.

The first ten Anfield Hundreds were paced events and winning times in those far off days ranged from P.C.Wilson's 7.11.0 in 1889 to North Road C.C., F.R.Goodwin's 5.1.31 in the 1898 event. Five Anfield wins were notched up, by J.A.Bennett (1891/2/4), "Doctor"

Carlisle in 1893 and W.M.Owen in 1895.

The unpaced series started in 1900 with a win for W.H.Nutt (North Road C.C.) in 5.38.47 and over the next nine years our great London rivals (N.R., B.R. and Polytechnic) provided the fastest times with the names of Seymour Cobley, E.J. (Monkey) Amore, Frank Wingrave, E.A.Merlin and R.H.Etherington appearing at the head of the list.

The first of Charlie Moss's three wins came in 1910 and famous names follow in profusion as H.H.Gayler, Maurice Selbach, Jack Rossiter or Genders and Burkhill of the M.C. & A.C. enhanced their claims to fame; then we had the triple wins by Andy Wilson (1923/4/5) and Frank Southall (1926/7/8).

Great was the joy of the Antribe when our own Bren Orrell romped home first in 1930 and again in 1933 on what was surely the hottest morning of all time.

In 1935 we tried out a Sunday event and, although our own Jim Carr returned fastest time, the experiment was not a success and gladly we reverted to Whit Monday.

Those who knew the glorious thirties will need no reminder of Charlie Holland, H.H.Pickersgill or Reuben Firth who scored wins in 1938 and 1939 and had to wait until 1947 for his third with an event and course record of 4.27.0.

It was not until 1952 that this record fell to the great Ken Joy who stormed round in 4.15.57, a time unbeaten until Lyn Logan clocked 4.15.33 in the 1960 event.

Even that master 100 miler Ray Booty could only manage 4.18.56 and 4.18.15 when winning the event in 1960 and 1962 and between these two fine rides Harry Middleton (then E.L.W., now Kirby C.C.) clocked an amazing 4.13.56 in 1961.

This brief survey would be sadly incomplete without a reference to two fine rides in 1954 and '55 when Bren Junior made gallant but unavailing efforts to put the names Orrell and Anfield at the top again; on both occasions he was pushed into second place, in 1954 by Liverpool Century R.C's Ray Oliver and next year by Mersey Roder Nev Wyatt.

With the exception of one or two of the very early events when police activity dictated a tactical retreat to Cheshire, Shrewsbury has been the centre of activity of successive "Anfields".

The old course started near Battlefield, proceeded to Prees Heath, then down the Newport Road and so to Chetwynd, Crudgington and the inner roads through High Ercall etc.

Just before the outbreak of war in 1939 we surveyed a new course using the Welsh border country and well we remember the joy of the late F.J.Urry, that great Midland C. & A.C. rider and editor of their "Roll Call", when he wrote lyrically of the delectable country through which our new route passed.

The tremendous increase in motor traffic, particularly on the Shrewsbury bypass, even at a very early hour on Whit Monday made the hunt for a new course imperative. Last year therefore we returned to North Shropshire and history repeats itself as the start moved back to Battlefield, scene of a much older scrap which took place here in A.D. 1403.

The present course takes in Ellesmere and Overton before going north along A.49 to Prees Heath, then back to Battlefield, Shawbury, Hodnet, High Ercall and the finish in a lane near Roden.

This is a course for a fit man and an experienced hundred miler - but who else would be worthy to add his name to such a company?

C L U B R U N S

Huntington - 4th April 1964. First "25"

The only good thing which can be said about the weather for this first Club "25" is that there was no rain. It was dull and cold with a strong wind which suggested that times would be slow and so it proved; David Bettaney's fastest time of the day of 1-6-30 was an excellent effort but was completely overshadowed by Phil Whitehead's novice ride of 1-8-49.

David Barker trying (successfully) to ride off a heavy cold went round the course in "bockers" and a couple of sweaters and was satisfied with his 1-9-1. Then in came John Whelan to clock 1-11-25 and Peter Jones, obviously enjoying his 'comeback', recorded 1-13-37 and reported David Bennett having packed.

There was a good turnout of helpers; Jeff timed the event and Les Bennett went to the top turn with prospective Colin Gordon and Reg. Wilson. Blotto, Ken Barker and Allan Littlemore looked after the Black Dog slip lane; then with roving commissions there were Rex Austin, Frank Perkins, Len Hill, David Birchall, Geoff Sharp, John Roberts, John Thompson, John Gornall, David Skillen, Jon Vickers and Raymond Haywood.

With 'cuppas' only at Hungtonton, the problem now is to find some fodder. This was solved by veterans del Banco, Perkins, Hill and Barker who beat it hastily for Two Mills and although a CLOSED notice was prominently displayed at the 'Eureka' the persuasive

charm of Len Hill worked the oracle and we were soon inside the cafe and outside some excellent eggs on toast.

The good Addy took pity on the athletes who were all served and arrangements made for late teas to be available after future events.

Bangor-is-y-Coed - 11th April 1964

A run to the Smithy seemed an excellent opportunity to combine a ride with a long overdue call on friends at Kinnerton. A most persistent and boisterous wind coming from the Bangor direction also suggested that the Editor's morale might be boosted by the knowledge that Mrs. Ed. was following up in the ancient Ford, ready if necessary to pick up the bits should an ancient and as yet unfit veteran fall by the wayside.

Owing to a misunderstanding (and a couple of mysterious deflations in the Editorial back tyre) the plan went awry and the writer fumed and cussed at Churton while the mechanical section took tea at the Smithy with a select Anfield party under the chairmanship of Allan Littlemore.

Two prospectives, Colin Gordon and David Jones, helped to make up an attendance of nine, the others being Peter Jones, Les Bennett, John Gornall, Jon Vickers, Geoff Sharp and John Thompson.

This small turnout was in part due to a West Cheshire "25" next morning in which the Anfield contingent gave a good account of themselves.

For the record (the results are elsewhere) our riders were David Bettaney, John Whelan, David Bennett, Phil Whitehead, David Barker and Peter Jones. Those out to do the Club's official job at Hoole island were Jeff and David Birchall while Ken Barker dispensed tea to our lads at the finish.

Goostrey - 11th April 1964

Over at Goostrey the President was joined by Percy, Harry Duck and Bob Poole to make up an Anfield turnout for the weekend of twenty-two.

Huntington - 18th April. Second "25"

Conditions for the second Club event of the season were much better than for the first and times improved accordingly.

Timekeeper Jeff Mills sent eight riders on their way including visitor Bill Morgan who punctured and recorded 1.8.27 in a private trial.

David Barker romped along the finishing straight and clocked

1.3.23 and beat David Bettaney by the narrow margin of 16 seconds. Phil Whitehead completed another excellent ride in 1.5.11, just nine seconds faster than John Whelan. Keith Orum's 1.12.59 was a splendid effort and Peter Jones improved to 1.8.34 but without doubt the ride of the day was a novice ride by John Thompson who manhandled his trike back to Jeff in 1.14.26.

After trying unsuccessfully for a cuppa at the Hatton Heath cafe, David Jones, Allan Littlemore and Ken Barker shared the marshalling around the Black Dog and up at the No Mans Heath turn we had quite a gallery consisting of Alf Howarth, Jimmy Long, Bert Lloyd and Rex Austin.

Also out on the course were Len Hill, Les Bennett, John Gornall and Jon Vickers, and many of those named made later for Two Mills to finish the run over tea in the hospitable Eureka Cafe.

Hatchmere - 25th April 1964

An attendance of only seven at the Forest Cafe can largely be explained away by the W.C.T.T.C.A. '25' next morning when we had a good team of five riders and three other members were out stewarding.

Les Bennet, Jeff, Derek Byron, Geoff Sharp, John Gornall, Jon Vickers and David Jones made a pleasant ride of it to Hatchmere and next morning we had David Bettaney, Phil Whitehead, John Whelan, Keith Orum and Peter Jones keeping the Anfield flag flying in the Association '25' while Len Hill, John Roberts and John Thompson fulfilled our obligations by stewarding with the Mersey Roaders at Hoole Island.

N E W S I N B R I E F

After putting up with a grumbling appendix for months, David Birchall went into dock recently to have it removed. We wish him a complete and speedy recovery and envy him his convalescence with relatives in the Cotswolds.

Rigby Band called on Urban Taylor recently and found him fit and well and as interested as ever in all forms of sport.

John Farrington will be missing from runs for a few months while he is continuing his studies at Windscale.

Allan Littlemore is now an official R.R.A. observer and is willing to tail along behind any record aspirants (in a suitable vehicle).

Owing to increased costs the Y.H.A. are to increase overnight and breakfast charges by sixpence each.

So far as we know, Allan Littlemore was the sole Anfielder at the C.T.C. A.G.M. in Manchester.

The Club event on 27th June is to be a "25" and not a "50" as originally planned.

There is no mistake in the fixture list for 20th June when it is intended that the main run shall be Goostrey with an alternative at Holt for those unable to face a 90 miles ride on Saturday afternoon and evening. Next morning (21st June) the R.T.T.C. National Championship "50" will be held on the Wirral.

Members will be (or should be) aware that as a Club affiliated to the West Cheshire T.T.C.A. we have to provide two stewards for each Association event. So far this season our obligations have been fulfilled by Jeff Mills, David Birchall, John Roberts, Len Hill and John Thompson and volunteers are invited to act at the remaining Association events. Will you please contact the Captain if you can lend a hand on any of the following dates:-

31st May (50); 12th July (100); 9th August (12 hours)
27th September (25).

The usual Anfield party is expected to assemble at Nant Hall to do our job in the Mersey Roads Club "24" (25-26 July). Names please to Len Hill. Usually there is a good sprinkling of Anfielders on the list of helpers and we hope that this will continue.

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FIXTURES

July 1964

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4 BANGOR (Lunch). HATCHMERE (Forest Café)
6 Committee Meeting. Free Church Centre, L'pool.
11 HOLT (Castle Café). GOOSTREY.
18 HUNTINGTON (Club '25')
19 PARBOLD - Lunch 1.0 p.m.
25 TARPORLEY (Grotto Café)
25/26 MERSEY ROADS CLUB "24".
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS - Eureka Café, Two Mills.

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Closing date for next issue - MONDAY, 6TH JULY

COMMITTEE NOTICESNew Members elected:-

Colin Gordon, 15 Westbourne Grove, West Kirby, Wirral.

David Glyn Jones, 14 Pickerill Road, Greasby, Upton, Wirral.

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There are still vacancies at Llanfair Caereinion for the week-end with the Speedwell B.C. on 4th-5th July and the Captain is taking bookings. Members unable to go for the week-end may join the tourists at Bangor-on-Dee for lunch on the Saturday.

Fixtures for August Bank Holiday week-end will include tours to the Speedwell and Bath Road Club Hundreds.

RACING NOTES

Another Whitsun week-end is behind us and a report and result sheet of the sixty-fifth Anfield '100' are included in this issue.

The other big news of the month concerns two sterling efforts at 50 miles by David Bettaney and John Whelan who finished 8th and 9th respectively in the West Cheshire T.T.C.A. event on the last of May. David gains his Silver Standard at this distance; John missed his by only 21 seconds but the writing is on the wall.

Results to hand for the month:-

Brereton Whlrs. '25' 17th May. D.W.Barker 1.1.59. D.Bettaney 1.3.

J.Whelan 1.3.57. P.Whitehead D.N.F.

W.C.T.T.C.A. '50' 31st May. D.Bettaney 2.8.51 (Silver Standard)

8th fastest. J.Whelan 2.9.20 (9th).

The T.A. '100' on Whit Sunday resulted in a win for Howard Bayley (Solihull) in 4.58.42 with John Pardoe second in 4.59.24. J.R.Thompson (Sorion R.C.) clocked 5.12.41 and then pushed his barrow round the Anfield course next day in 5.5.23 - What a man!

WHIT WEEK-END AND THE HUNDRED

"High the vanes of Shrewsbury gleam
Islanded in Severn stream
The bridges from the steepled crest
Cross the water east and west"

Whitsuntide and Shrewsbury have been linked together for Anfielders and innumerable friends certainly back to 1889 and so once again Saturday, 16th May saw the main start of the annual trek to Salopia from all points of the compass.

One of the first to start would be Bill Finn who jumped the gun by crossing from Dublin on the Thursday night, riding to Whitewell where he spent Friday night with Percy Williamson before carrying on to the Lion on Saturday.

John Parr, the only Anfielder on the '100' card came from the far east coast, Stan Wild travelled from Bexhill-on-Sea to time the event and among the friends who joined us were Ed Green, T.A. President from Sawrey in Lakeland, Jack Beauchamp, Bath Road Club President, Arthur Smith from Bristol, Lewis Morris (T.A. Editor) from Gloucester, Dick Hulse (Speedwell) from Brum and Alf West, Bath Road Club's winner of the 1929 event. There were of course many others far too numerous to mention.

Jeff Mills and Ken Barker rode together to Bangor-on-Dee for lunch on Saturday. Here they were joined by Len Hill while earlier, at Chester, they had left David Bettaney, John Whelan and Phil Whitehead to continue their journey to Rugeley here to meet David Barker (from Oxford) for a night before riding in the Brereton R.C. "25". Later they returned to Whitewell for Sunday night to join up with Keith Orum, Jon Vickers, John Thompson, Geoff Sharp, John Gornall and David Jones who were all out bright and early on Monday near Overton, together with Pat O'Leary who snatched a few hours away from his very exacting job.

One of the best Anfield parties for years gathered at the Lion; Rex and Mrs. Austin headed the list which included the Beauchamps, Jimmy and Mrs. Long, Reg. and Olive Wilson, Mark Haslam and many of those named earlier.

Allan Littlemore, by no means weighed down with his responsibilities for the Trike '100', was in Shrewsbury in good time and of course Ira Thomas and Pitchey are there all the time, and both were active from an early hour on Monday.

Other members out and lending a hand with the Hundred were Peter Jones, John Farrington, Russ Barker, Arthur Birkby, Hubert Buckley, Alf Howarth, David and (loud cheers) Don Birchall, Eric Reeves, Les Bennett, Harry Beech, Bren Senior, and Frank Marriott. Will any member inadvertently missed from the roll, please contact Jeff Mills.

Whit Sunday. Llanfair Caereinion.

Seventeen members and friends travelled to the hospitable Red Lion at Llanfair Caereinion, six of them forming a party to cycle to this lovely border township.

Stan Wild, Jeff Mills, Bill Finn, Percy Williamson, Len Hill and Joe Chappells of the "Chesh" made for Welshpool passing through

Middletown, site of Old Parr's Cottage, once the home of that famous figure remembered by a brass in Wollaston Church inscribed ".....the old old very old man Thomas Parr" who died in the days of Charles I aged 153 years.

After an excellent lunch, the party broke up, the cycling team making for Guilsfield and the wayside cottage cafe at Llandrinio in the shadow of Breiden Hill with its column commemorating the victories of Admiral Rodney.

Here they took afternoon tea and heard the glad news that the new folk at nearby "Street House" Four Crosses will be carrying on the business and catering for the needs of cyclists as the late Miss Lee did for so many years.

Whit Monday. The Sixty-fifth Anfield '100'

After the perfect weather of the previous day, 4.30 a.m. on Whit Monday saw a surprising amount of cloud in the sky but it was dry and there was little wind in contrast to the gale which blew last year.

At five-thirty the little group of helpers and early starters were ready for Bath R.C.'s. Alf West to push off No.1, John Parr of "Ours" on his long ride. There were 53 starters of the 57 on the card and keen Littlemore eyes noted that four only were on fixed wheels.

Traditionally No.10 is back first to the timekeeper; this year was no exception and S.G.Mills, Lancashire R.C., was already holding a commanding lead of 3 minutes on the road at Overton (34 miles). By the fifty mile point he was away on his own with the next man $5\frac{1}{2}$ minutes behind him and at the Finish he romped over the line at 10.4.17 to record 4.24.17, (4th fastest of the day and 3rd on handi-cap) and gave the gallery a wait of nearly ten minutes before the next man came home.

While Mills was pounding round with nobody to chase but the tail-end of last year's field a grim battle was being fought out on these tough Shropshire roads. Three scratchmen, Spencer (Warrington R.C.) winner in 1963, Harry Middleton who came home first in 1961 with event record of 4.13.56 (nearly four minutes faster than the great Booty) and Norman Cole of Scunthorpe, new to the course but the fastest 50 miler of the season so far, were riding neck and neck with men like Matthews of Altrincham, Alan Bland and Warrington's Gaskell breathing down their necks.

At the halfway mark, Cole was leading in 2.4.54 followed by Spencer 2.6.4 and Middleton 2.6.13. Mills, Lancs. R.C. clocked

2.8.1 here, while Bland and Matthews went through 2.9.8 and 2.9.56 respectively.

It was near the quarter distance that a spoke went in Spencer's rear wheel and gave him a wobbly ride until at 57 miles a second broke and he had to change a wheel, losing some 2-3 minutes and, as it later transpired, the race, for he was a mere 8 seconds in arrears at the end. This was cruel luck taken quite philosophically by a great sportsman who, in spite of this hold up, failed by the narrowest margin to repeat his win of last year.

With history repeating itself as No.10 crossed the line first there followed a long wait but when things started to happen properly the pattern of the result card soon showed itself.

Second to finish was E.W.Matthews, Altrincham R.C. whose 4.23.12 later proved to be third best of the day.

Hot on his heels came J.W.Fryer (North Wirral Velo) whose 4.32.28 was seventh fastest and a great ride by a 20 mins. man which earned him the first handicap award.

At 10.21.5 No.30, Ron Spencer flashed across the line, 4.21.5 and good enough for first place but it was not to be and when Harry Middleton finished almost ten minutes later in 4.20.57 everyone knew that the 1964 "Anfield" was his for news had come in that Cole had called it a day at 76 miles.

Spencer had the consolation of leading the Warrington R.C. to victory in the team section with able support from H.Gaskell 4.31.58 and that grand old war horse Stan Lea (5.2.56) riding his fifteenth consecutive Anfield '100'.

Two other veterans Joe Brooke, pre-war Gomersal star, and Dick Corris, returned excellent times and our own John Parr, starting in the unenviable No.1 position, completed a good ride in 5.0.13.

And so another Anfield '100' passed into history with Harry Middleton again at the top of the list.

Our last word must be one of sincere thanks to those who helped to make the event possible. Anfielders are, of course, expected to turn out and assist, but one or two deserve special mention; Jeff Mills carried the main responsibility for the event and we are indebted to him for a heavy load of work done well. Frank Marriott organised the stewarding etc. then we had the usual help from Ira Thomas on the spot in Shrewsbury and from Timekeeper Stan Wild.

It is help from outside the Club which we greatly appreciate and gladly acknowledge now:- Our grateful thanks then to Frank Slemen, the handicapper, to Alf West for a strenuous hour of pushing off, to Johnny Williams and the Mersey Roaders

at Harmer Hill and Edgebolton, the Mid Shropshire Wheelers and North Shropshire Wheelers for so much service at many points on the course; to Jack Beauchamp, to Arthur and Ida Smith who checked and marshalled at Shawbury and to our good friend Mr. Mitchell for again fitting up the telephone and finishing board.

C L U B R U N S

Llanarmon - 2nd May 1964

Jeff Mills, Keith Orum, David Jones, John Gornall and John Thompson left Two Mills to potter along lanes through Sandicroft and Kinnerton to Hope.

From Hope to Treuddyn we walked frequently not so much because of the gradients but in order to hear the latest score in the F.A. Cup Final. After Treuddyn it was a wet and windy climb to the Raven where we found Len Walls, Derek Byron and Allan Littlemore and were later joined by Jon Vickers who had dashed out after watching the match on the "telly".

The return journey was without incident of note until at Woodbank we tried a variation of the rodeo. The contestant was Keith Orum who rode the triangular atrocity from the Birchall stable, appearing to master the brute at first but it gave a sudden lurch towards the right hand ditch and embedded itself (and rider) in the hedge, fortunately with no ill effects on machine or driver.

David Bettaney, John Whelan and Phil Whitehead were out early next morning riding in the Wavertree C.C. '25'.

J.F.T.

Goostrey - 2nd May 1964

Only the President and Harry Duck were out at this alternative fixture and there was nothing of particular note to report.

Hatchmere - 9th May 1964

As the Club '50' failed to receive sufficient entries, the committee quickly decided that the Forest Cafe, should be the official run, but somehow I don't think every member was aware of the change.

I am far from being a "Telly" fan, but on this occasion I spent the afternoon enjoying the Rugby League final when my native town

were successful in lifting the Cup for the first time since 1937. After the show I dashed along to Hatchmere, to find only Peter Jones in attendance, but we learned later that the President, Harry Duck and John Seed had been out earlier and left before we arrived Peter and I tossed for who should write up the run - I lost.

A.L.L.

Bangor-on-Dee - 23rd May 1964

The Hon. Member for Acton Bridge put on a ballet act in the middle of Tilston while making for this venue.

It appears that a stick picked up by his front wheel jammed his mudguard which crumpled up and in turn jammed his wheel. Allan's trusty, and normally docile, steed reared up and threw its rider who fortunately landed on his feet none the worse for his escapade. After picking bits of celluloid and wire stays from out of his forks Allan was able to proceed with Marion who had made an appreciative audience.

At the Smithy, these two joined Ken and Mrs. Barker who were returning from a few days at the Raven, Llanarmon and reported that the name before theirs in the Visitors' Book was that of Bill Finn who had rested there en route from the "100" to Dublin.

Jeff arrived with John Gornall and Jon Vickers and shortly after Geoff Sharp, John Thompson and Keith Orum were tucking their knees under the table to make up a party of eight Anfielders and the two ladies.

During tea we were joined for a while by Cyril Selkirk, while next morning three of the clan, David Bettaney, John Whelan and Phil Whitehead were riding in the Prestwich Wheelers' "25".

Glossop - 23rd May 1964

Only the President and Rigby Band attended this alternative run which perhaps was just as well because after it had been arranged, the house changed hands, the new people no longer catering. However, they were able to serve up some hot pasties and steak pies with bread and butter and unlimited amounts of ale which ministered to the needs of the inner man.

Rex and Rigby parted company at Marple after a sunny day in Derbyshire.

J.R.B.

Tarporley - 30th May 1964

A welcome visitor to this run was Ed Green, T.A. President who was in the area for the N.W. Trike '50' next morning. This was timed by Rex Austin and resulted in a win for John Pardoe (2.18.46) six seconds faster than the second man with Brian Berry only another 4 seconds away in third place. (Brian also won the handicap).

Those out at Tarporley were Jeff Mills, Geoff Sharp, David Jones, Keith Orum, John Gornall, John Thompson and Allan Littlemore. Two others, David Bettaney and John Whelan were preparing for the West Cheshire '50' next morning when they returned two excellent times and finished in 8th and 9th places.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bill Finn and Percy Williamson found themselves together at Holly Cottage, Whitewell, on the Friday night before the '100' week-end and discovered that both had ridden in 1929 Anfield '100'.

John Seed was working over Whit, but a fortnight earlier he had managed a three day tourlet in Lakeland and had spent a midweek night just before the '100' at (don't tell Jeff) Whitewell.

A card from Frank Chandler contains greetings to all Anfielders from Glen Head, Co.Donegal, where our veteran member and his wife were passing on tour.

The Committee propose to replace our urn with a more manageable tea receptacle before someone gets ruptured. It took Len Hill, the President of the T.A. and the Lion's night porter to get it into Len's Hillman at 5.0 a.m. on Whit Monday.

After the '100', Stan Wild made for Rhayadr where he spent the night before riding over a hundred miles to Stow-on-the-Wold next day. On the Wednesday he made for Reading for a train to Bexhill, calling at the New Inn, Bourton-on-the-Water, but mine host, Arthur Morris (Speedwell) was out at the time.

A Saturday lunch fixture is an unusual feature of our programme but those unable to join in the week-end with the Speedwell on 4th/5th July might perhaps meet the Anfield contingent at Bangor on the Saturday about 1.0 p.m. Sunday lunchers will note the run to Parbold on the 19th July.

At the time of going to press it seemed likely that we would have two riders (David Bettaney and John Whelan) in the National Championship '50' as their recent West Cheshire rides would almost certainly qualify them.

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Closing date for next issue - TUESDAY, 4TH AUGUST.

COMMITTEE NOTICES

Application for Cadet Membership:-

Allen Porteus, 25 Crofton Road, Lr. Tranmere, Birkenhead.
Proposed by K.W.Barker, Seconded by J.H.Mills.

Members are asked to note that the next meeting of the Committee will be on Monday, 31st August.

RACING NOTES

Southport R.C. "25". 7/6/64: J.Whelan 1.2.36. D.Bettaney 1.2.53.

Oxford City R.C. "50" 7/6/64:

"Wet roads and gale force winds howling across Otmoor. The final ten miles were torture with the last few right into the teeth of the wind". This excerpt from "Cycling" report serves to underline the greatness of Alan Bland's 2.2.33. The next five riders all did "tens", David Barker (6th in the event) recording 2.10.51.

Priory Wheelers' "25". 14/6/64: David Barker 1.0.2.

Club "25". 27/6/64:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>H'cap</u>	<u>H'cap Time</u>
1. D.W.Barker	1.0.25	Scr.	1.0.25
2. J.Whelan	1.1.35	2.20	59.15
3. D.Bettaney	1.5.10	2	1.3.10
4. P.Whitehead	1.8.41	5	1.3.41
5. K.Orum	1.11.8	7.15	1.3.53
6. A.Littlemore	1.22.56	15	1.7.56 (Tri.)

St.Christopher's C.C.C. "50". 5/7/64:

J.Whelan 2.8.3 (Silver Standard). D.Bettaney 2.11.29.

D.Bennett 2.21.33 (Tri.) 2nd Handicap Award.

C.T.C. (Manchester D.A.) VETERANS' "100 in 12", 7th June 1964.

For the eighth successive year the President was at Cheadle Green in good time for the start of this annual event. It is a pity that numbers get less and less each year and this time there were only twelve awaiting the "Off". These included two ladies, one of whom was taking part for the first time, and soon made the surprising claim that she had at one time been engaged to one who is now President of a National Cycling body and that she thought that she had had a lucky escape. All agog for further disclosures

the President pricked up his ears; alas, her companion whispered "Be careful, Mr. Austin knows him" and the flood of information became a complete drought and no further disclosures were forthcoming.

The ride itself was, as usual, a very happy occasion, with pleasant company and cheerful conversation. The weather was unkind during the morning, there being two very heavy showers, but after seeing Guy Pullan, Harry Beech (no club-run for this) and Johnny Williams near Beeston the weather improved, and there was warm sunshine for the rest of the day. Hughie Fletcher, still whipper-in, although nowadays he also qualifies for a certificate, and our Cheshire Roads Club friend, Joe Chappells, were amongst those who finished with more than half an hour in hand; in fact the President was home and in the bath before his time had expired. It would be nice to have an Anfield party next year - or to arrange a similar event for ourselves, which seems a much better idea.

ISLE OF MAN CYCLING WEEK - June 14th to 20th, 1964

The President has been attending and assisting with this event for the last seven years, and this year inveigled the Captain into coming with him. Little did the poor victim know what awaited him. Suffice it to say that the Anfield had a share in timing seven out of the eight time-trials held during the week, three of them exclusively, that the entire timekeeping for the six road races was in Anfield hands and that even at the two track meetings our representatives wandered about with watches at the ready. It is easy to understand why the Captain said "Never mind; a couple of weeks back at work and I'll be almost right again". All the same, he has already decided to return next year!!!!

The only other Anfielder seen on the Island was our Member for Scotland, Alex. Beaton; although it was known that Harry Beech was staying at Laxey neither Rex nor Jeff saw anything of him. There were many friends of the Club either watching or helping, and this is a really happy sporting week. It would be grand if one or two more Anfielders could join our party next year.

HATCHMERE (PHOTOGRAPH RUN) - 6th June, 1964

Organisers of Sunday School treats, Mothers' Union outings or Rechabites' Summer Conventions might have done far worse, over the

years, than to settle for the day of the Anfield Photo Run for we have had a remarkably good run in the matter of weather.

Sooner or later it had to break and the 6th June 1964 was chosen as the day on which we were to learn that "fings ain't (always) what they used to be".

It had rained all night; it poured all morning and nearly all afternoon until a break near tea time gave the President a few dull but dry minutes in which to use up quite a bit of film. Then, as if to make amends, we were treated to quite a pleasant evening for the run home.

The dirty weather had pushed a number of 'regulars' into cars and the resultant picture looked less like a cycling club than usual but by way of compensation several members had brought out their spouses, so that we had Mrs.Orrell, Mrs.Long, Mrs.Hill and Vivienne, Mrs.Barker, Mrs.Bennett and Mrs.Littlemore (by bicycle of course) adding tone to the proceedings.

Twenty-three members appear on the photographs; in addition to the President and two Vice Presidents there were Life Members Bren Orrell, John Leece and Eddie Morris; the Captain, Mark Haslam, Rigby Band, Jimmy Long, Frank Perkins, Allan Littlemore, Derek Byron, Geoff Sharp, David Birchall, John Gornall, David Jones, John Thompson, Harry Duck, Henry Ashcroft, Less Bennett, Peter Jones and Phil Whitehead.

Next day Rex was due to ride in the Manchester Veterans' "100 in 12" together with Hugh Fletcher. Also next day John Whelan and David Bettaney were away at the crack of dawn to ride in the Southport R.C. "25", John's 1.2.36 was a personal best, and just pipped David who recorded 1.2.53. Philip Whitehead went as batman to the riders but was not down to ride. On the same morning, David Barker was battling round the Oxford City R.C. "50" course in a gale to finish in 2.10.51.

All told a busy and quite successful weekend.

CAERWYS - 13th June 1964

Quite a few of the younger brigade were in the throes of G.C.E. examinations and at least four members (including the President and Captain) were in the Isle-of-Man for cycling week. A large attendance was not to be expected, but a turnout of only five at this new venue was disappointing.

Ken (and Mrs.) Barker spent a pleasant afternoon walking on hill tracks above a sun drenched Vale of Clwyd, having made the

London Bridge crossing from Nannerch and parked on the steep drop down to Llangwyfan.

At the Piccadilly Inn, Geoff Sharp, David Bettaney and John Gornall were found well established in a comfortably furnished rear "snug" and although we lingered over the meal, no more members turned up.

It later transpired that John Thompson had taken a leaf out of Len Hill's book and arrived at Caerwys after the party had left.

This new venue is in an attractive piece of country and the good folk at the inn, though obviously inexperienced at catering, were anxious to make us welcome. We must certainly travel this way again if only because it could make such an excellent jumping off point for a week-end.

GOOSTREY - 20th June 1964

Besides being the joint run for the Anfield, Jimmy Taylor of the Manchester Wheelers had chosen the same day and place to entertain his club-mates to his 82nd Birthday Tea. By 5.45 p.m. Harry Duck and Rigby Band were still the only Anfielders present, so we were invited by Jimmy to join his party. This we gladly accepted and greatly enjoyed.

An excellent tea, complete with birthday cake, was followed by a few short speeches by Harold Buckley, Harold Crye and others and rounded off with all singing "For he's a jolly good fellow".

The only other Anfielder present was Jack Seed. As 12 or 14 persons had been ordered for, Mrs. Bates was put to some trouble to prepare a separate room for our party. Harry and Rigby escorted Jack as far as Knoll's Green and broke the homeward journey at the "Ship" at Styal for liquid refreshment.

J.R.B.

HOLT - 20th June 1964

With the prospect of a whole day awheel the B.B.C. forecast of showers and bright intervals could be taken philosophically, perhaps with the hope that the intervals between showers would be longer than those between the sunny spells.

One or two of the more pressing odd jobs which called for attention at home received some rather unenthusiastic attention, then at half past ten a start was made for Two Mills.

Over a coffee, plans were made and soon busy Chester was left

behind and a lane route through Balderton and Dodleston brought the Editor to Pulford and a traffic infested Wrexham road.

This highway was far too busy for comfort and so more by-ways added a few miles to the shortest distance to Chirk and the opening of the Ceiriog Valley. Sun sparkling on the waters of the fast flowing Ceiriog and surprisingly little traffic made the miles to Glyn a sheer delight but time was running short and the ambitious plan to go over to Llansilin was pigeonholed in favour of an easy drift back to Bronygarth and the twisting lane to Selattyn.

The miles were now beginning to tell their tale and a stiff breeze right on the nose made the undulations between Gobowen and St. Martins feel like the foothills of the Alps. Near Overton, a mark on the tarmac signified a turn on our "100" course and served as a reminder of the grim struggle which had taken place over these roads quite recently; and so a flagging veteran came to the welcome drop down to Bangor's race course and the tree lined road beside the Dee. It was on this stretch that the Marriott caravan went past, drew up for a chat and finished up by bundling the "Parkes" in the back and the Editor in the front and so to Holt and the jeers of Keith Orum, John Gornall, Geoff Sharp and Co. who witnessed the unloading!

During the ensuing exchange of pleasantries, Alex Beaton rolled up, having crossed from Douglas that morning near the end of a fortnight's tour which had taken him as far as Dorset before he crossed to the Island for cycling week.

At the Castle Cafe, Dave Bennett, Phil Whitehead, John Whelan and Jon Vickers were poring over the menu and in another corner were John France and Pat Collins. The arrival of Peter Jones and Dave Bettaney made the attendance fourteen and to fill up our cup of happiness by far the heaviest of the promised showers came (and went) while we were at tea.

The three veterans Alex Beaton, John France and Ken Barker, set off merrily for Chester, where Alex had booked a bed, intending to be up betimes to see the Championship "50" before taking train from Crewe to his Scottish homeland. The others continued to Two Mills, but a description of the ride from here would be quite unprintable for the father and mother of all rain storms hit us and two very bedraggled cyclists reached their respective homes to be greeted "Why - has it rained?".

K.W.B.

HUNTINGTON - CLUB "25" - 27th June 1964

A heavy rather humid day promised a none too fast run both ways on our Whitchurch road "25" course. Competition, however, is fierce just now and our lads are really finding their speed legs so that notwithstanding the conditions, the winning time was less than half a minute outside the magic (and elusive) hour.

Seventeen members and a prospective Cadet were out to witness or take a more active part in a good afternoon's sport.

A slip up in the Staff work nearly meant no tea at Two Mills for the good folk there had not been advised until the day, by which time they had made arrangements to go out.

A hurried re-arrangement of times meant that once again we were able to have tea at the hospitable Eureka Cafe.

Six riders started, and finished, and the detailed result will be found under Racing Notes; in addition to the riders named there were Rex Austin, Len Hill, Ken Barker, Jeff Mills, Jimmy Long, David Birchall, David Bennett, Jon Vickers, John Gornall, Les Bennett, Eric Dalton and prospective Cadet Allen Porteus.

NEWS IN BRIEF

We were sorry to learn recently of the death of John Thompson's father and would offer to John and his family the sincere sympathy of all Anfielders.

Rigby Band has been riding a Moulton for some months now for hacking around the rather difficult country surrounding his Bury home and tells us that it is excellent for this purpose.

It has occurred to one or two of our members that there may be support for an occasional lunch time run on a Saturday. This might well appeal to the older members who don't like riding in the dark, or as a preliminary to a night spent at a suitable hostelry in North Wales or Shropshire. The younger members might regard it as a beginning to a hostel week-end.

Will those who are interested in the idea please either speak or write to the President or the Captain?

Alex Beaton is due to retire in October and is looking forward to having more time for cycling. He may eventually be moving nearer to his brother in the Midlands, in which case we hope to see him much more often.

NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

The Speedwell week-end (full report next month) went down well with six of "Ours" and four Speedwellians at Llanfair Caereinion. We hear that George Connor still turns a nifty pedal and piloted his fixed wheel (and Len Hill) over the Hernant and Bwlch-y-Groes in great style.

One of our early tourists, Allan Littlemore, recently returned from an enjoyable circuit of Eire with Marian.

David Bennett did extremely well in his second year examinations at Aberystwyth and qualified to proceed to his final Honours year in both Zoology and Botany.

Owing to holidays, the next issue may be delayed. To cover any eventualities, members are asked to note that on 5th September there will be a Club "25" and "10" based on Huntington.

On 12th September the run will be to the Piccadilly Inn, Caerwys with Hatchmere as an alternative for those unable to reach Caerwys.

Those who like plenty of notice of our main events should book 10th October for the A.G.M. at Halewood, and 24th/25th October for the Tents Tour based on Llansantffraid.

Tea arrangements on dates for club races are:-
Wirral members at Eureka Café, Two Mills as soon as possible after the event please. Manchester members will usually find company at Hatchmere.

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Closing date for next issue - Monday, 7th September.

COMMITTEE NOTICES

Members of the Committee are reminded that the next meeting will be on Monday, 31st August (not 7th September).

New Member:- Allen Porteus, 25 Crofton Road, Lower Trannere, Birkenhead, has been elected to Cadet Membership.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Derby Arms, Halewood, on Saturday, 10th October, and the Autumn Tints Tour will be based on Llansantffraid, 24th-25th October. (Names to the Captain please).

RACING NOTES

Club "25" and Cadets "10" - 18th July.

J.J.Whelan	59.35	Gold Standard.	Club Record	Fastest & 1st Handicap
D.Bettaney	1.0.30			
P.Whitehead	1.5.50			Cadets "10"
K.Orum	1.7.37			E.N.Dalton
J.S.Vickers	1.9.22			H.J.Ashcroft
J.Gornall	1.10.8			A.Porteus
A.I.Littlemore				(punctured)
(Tricycle)	1.16.22			

Birkenhead Victoria C.C. "25" - 26th July

J.J.Whelan 1.0.12 D.Bettaney 1.0.15 D.W.Barker 1.0.50

LLANFAIR CAEREINION - 4th/5th JULY 1964.

Inter Club Weekend with Speedwell B.C.

Leaving home on Friday night I made tracks for Holly Cottage, Whitewell, and arrived to find Percy Williamson already in occupation.

In the morning our ways divided, Percy making for Ellesmere leaving me to head south into the lanes leading to Wem and then the main road to Shrewsbury and Marshbrook.

At Hordesley a stop at the village inn put me in company with Speedwellians Harry Watson and Alan Goodwin who had every intention of fitting in as many hills as possible and eventually crossed over Long Mountain before the final drop to tea at Welshpool. Here we met Rex Austin and soon after Richard Hulse and Stan Clabon joined the party.

The direct road soon landed us at Llanfair and we now awaited Len Hill and George Connor who had motored to Bala and then cycled

over the Bwlch-y-Groes. It was quite a time before they arrived but eventually nine of us sat down to dinner after which the party was made up to ten by the arrival of Allen Littlemore.

Next morning there was a real parting of the ways; the Speedwell contingent set off for Bishop's Castle for lunch, Len and George returned to Bala while the President and Captain made their way through Llansantffraid to Ellesmere for "elevenses" and so to Whitwell for an excellent lunch to round off a most enjoyable week-end.

J.H.M.

SPEEDWELL WEEK-END

George arrived at Heswall at coffee time looking fit and well. While he quaffed two bicycles were loaded on to the car and we set off for Bala.

It was bright and mild as the real week-end started with the push up the Bwlch-y-Groes to Dinas. In order to taste as much fine Welsh air as possible we "sandwiched" up the Pass overlooking the Arrans and Arenigs with Moll Siabod showing her dainty head and smiling at us.

George said he wasn't fit but you should have seen him "fixed-wheel it" down the Bwlch. Years of apprenticeship have made their mark and his dexterous pedalling down one of the highest mountain roads in Wales was a joy to behold.

Living in Southport, George is a bit out of touch with modern travel facilities and at Dinas he tried unsuccessfully for afternoon tea, then for beer, but it was between tea and beer time and we had to travel on to Camm Office for a jar.

We were the last to reach the Red Lion, having made the shortest but highest cycling journey. After dinner George's photographs of pre-war Speedwell week-ends revived golden memories.

Sunday dawned fine and dandy and after an excellent breakfast, photographs and handshakes we went our separate ways. Percy Williamson accompanied George and me for some miles then we lunched at Fronheulog and happily rode alongside Lake Vyrnwy and over the remote 1200 feet Hirnant to Bala.

The gentle rain that fell did not diminish our joy. George was jubilant at his successful come-back to real cycling and I was happy to find the car still at Bala. And so home we went ready and eager for the next time.

L.J.H.

Bangor and Hatchmere - 4th July 1964

A lunch fixture at Bangor had been arranged so that those going to Llanfair Caereinion could join up with others just out for the day. The tourists had other ideas and in the end only Keith Orum and David Jones reached the Smithy.

John Seed writes, "John Vickers and Philip Whitehead were preparing to leave as I reached the Forest Cafe. They talked of early rising next morning when they were to help the Anfield team in an Open "50" and left me to have tea with Derek Byron and Marian Littlemore". Next morning in addition to the two mentioned above there were out round the course of the St. Christopher's C.C.C. "50", Les Bennett, Ken Barker, John Thompson and John Gornall. John Whelan, David Bettaney and David Bennett kept the Anfield flag flying with three very good rides, David Bennett (on a bicycle not a trike as reported last month) collected 2nd handicap prize.

Holt - 11th July 1964

A pleasant and leisurely ride through the lanes via Pulford and Lavister brought me in good time to the Castle Cafe. Needless to say everyone else was early! There was quite a good turnout considering that the alternative run at Goostrey had probably attracted some of our mile-eating brethren.

Henry Ashworth was there with his brand new Moulton. Obviously nearly all of us had to try it out! One could easily see why Rigby Band likes his for utility-riding and I think it would be very good for touring also.

After tea I had a short visit to make near Marchwiell. Trying to find an interesting way home I ended up in a farmyard - the road had not seemed at all Private. When a girl, wearing stiletto heels and carrying an umbrella, charged out of a little doorway on an incredibly inefficient bicycle, I was terrified. As it turned out, however, she was not going to attack me but was merely hurrying home. She was the help there and her employers had come in late off the farm for tea. So my way to Rossett was enlivened by lively chatter and a horribly squeaking bike (hers). She was fit though: I am sure we did over "fifteens" for six miles - she babbling like a brook throughout.

J.P.J.

Huntington - 18th July 1964

It was in a Club "25" on the Whitchurch road just after the last war that Bryan Jones shook the assembled company by flashing past the timekeeper (Jimmy Long) to clock 59.45 for a Club record which has withstood repeated onslaughts since.

Several of our fast lads were in the hunt and obviously this record was due for an overhaul and so on this July Saturday, John Whelan reaped the reward of careful preparation and steady improvement when he dashed along the finishing straight at Huntington to set up a new record of 59.35, beating his nearest rival David Bettaney by 55 seconds.

There were two unlucky members; John Thompson who had tyre trouble just before the start and David Barker who was away in camp, both missed an event when conditions were excellent and made for improvements of upwards of a minute.

There was a good turnout of members. Around the course in addition to the riders there were Rex Austin, Jimmy Long, Len Hill, Reg. Wilson, Ken Barker, David Jones, David Birchall, Les and David Bennett.

While the seniors were fighting it out on the "25" course Eric Dalton, Henry Ashcroft and Allen Porteus were engaged in their own private scrap on the "10" route to Churton. Eric clocked fastest time and Allen was unlucky to collect a puncture in his first event.

The results will be found under Racing Notes.

Tarporley and the Mersey Roads Club "24" - 25th/26th July 1964

Only three members gathered at Tarporley after seeing off the "24" riders on their long trek. Allan Littlemore, Alf Howarth and Len Hill took tea together but this small gathering gives no indication of the amount of Anfield activity over this weekend.

John Gornall, Jon Vickers, David Jones, Keith Orum and Philip Whitehead were out at the start or on the finishing circuit as were John Whelan, David Bettaney and David Barker who rode in the Birkenhead Victoria C.C. "25" early on Sunday morning.

The official duty list had a very fair sprinkling of Anfielders down to assist with the massive job of promoting this only Northern "24". First we had the official Club job at Nant Hall where Len Hill, Eric Reeves, Les and David Bennett, Wally Rees and John Thompson dispensed refreshments while Jeff Mills took a time check.

Then, in the order they appear on the list, we had Ken Barker

at Two Mills and Ledsham Station, Allan Littlemore at Alraham (Marion was at the "Boot & Slipper"), Stan Bradley at Clive Green, Ira Thomas (Battlefield Corner) Allan & Marion again at Hoofield Hall and finally Rex Austin and Jeff were timekeepers on the finishing circuit.

As usual this was a first class promotion with every detail carefully worked out so that the riders had nothing to do except push the bicycles around 400 odd miles of Cheshire and Shropshire roads. But to the helpers it is a grand opportunity for re-union and the renewals of old friendships. To the writer it is an annual treat to join up with the Williams C.C. at Two Mills and meet old friends far too numerous to mention.

It must be a source of great satisfaction to our Mersey Roads friends that their efforts to keep this event going on from strength to strength has at last been crowned with a competition record ride for this year Eric Matthews, Altrincham R.C., led throughout and amassed the amazing total of 490 miles.

Tour to the Speedwell "100"

Although properly falling into next month's issue a little vacant space might well be taken up with a start on this most enjoyable tour. In fact one of the participants, David Barker, actually started on 31st July when he set off with David Bettaney and John Whelan to make for Blyth, midway between Worksop and Bawtry.

Their hopes were for some fast times in the Rockingham "25" on the famous Nottinghamshire Course over which the present competition record was set up. Alas Sunday morning dawned dry but with a gale blowing and they had to be content with a long "0" and a couple of twos.

After the event Barker junior set off with a near century of miles to cover before joining the Editor that night at Leamington. Jeff Mills and the President had beds booked for Sunday night at the "Lord Leycester" in Warwick and they made their separate ways to the meet, Rex bumping into Norman Heath's son at Bridgnorth.

The Editor ambled gently to coffee at Chester, then through Saughton, Aldford and Worthenbury for an excellent lunch at Bangor-on-Dee.

A solid line of cars at the lakeside at Ellesmere added nothing to the view and soon this lovely Cheshire mere was left behind and the Shrewsbury road (surprisingly clear of traffic) led to Burlton and a chance meeting mentioned elsewhere, with two American tourists.

The plan had been to take the Wenlock road from Weeping Cross and follow it through Cressage to the turn for Acton Burnell but the direct lane to Acton looked attractive and later provided a splendid view of the fine timbering of Pitchford Hall.

This is quite a tough road and the pedals were turning slowly by the time Longville was reached but all that remained was the climb to the back lane leading to the hostel. And so a perspiring veteran tucked his bicycle in the stable and booked in precisely on supper time at the delightful old manor house of Wilderhope, there to browse over a Barts "Half Inch" and plan the next day's trip through the Clee Hills and Wyre Forest to Leamington.
(TO BE CONTINUED)

K.W.B.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The National Trust has been offered the Long Mynd, an area of some 4,500 acres of open moorland to the west of Church Stretton. Apart from providing an ideal home for the Midland Gliding Club, the Long Mynd offers to walkers and cyclists an area for quiet wandering with spectacular views, when conditions are right, of the Malvern Hills, the Black Mountains and the Shropshire and Cheshire plains.

The first Moulton to appear at a Club run was ridden by Henry Ashcroft who followed up his jaunt to Holt by trying out his modern steed in a Cadets' "10".

Our Suffolk member, Bob Wright is anxious to replace some old photographs lost during one of his removals. He offers to pay postage and send a new copy of any photographs lent to him and urgently asks our older members to see if they can turn up any of the following:- H.Pryor (parties in NR24 of 1920), G.A.Glover, J.S.Jonas, G.Molyneux, A.Newsholme, C.H.Turnor, F.Hancock, A.Hancock, T.Hughes Junior, Tuplin, J.W.Brooke and J.A.Grimshaw.

We pay a return visit to Caerwys on 12th September and David Birchall will be estimating numbers etc. in order to help the caterers. We understand that a Youth Hostel week-end is planned, the night to be spent at Llanrwst. Those interested should have a word with David Barker as soon as possible. It is hoped that there will be a good number at Caerwys; the alternative at

NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

Hatchmere is for Mancunians and the aged and infirm!

"Street House", Four Crosses near Llanymynech where the late Miss Lee catered for cyclists over many years is open again and all the indications are that it will be a case of business as before. The Editor called on the way home from the Speedwell "100" and found the new owners anxious to continue along the lines Miss Lee had followed.

The President, Editor, Captain and David Barker made their separate ways to Warwick for the Speedwell "100", two of them having interesting chance encounters on the way.

At Bridgnorth, Rex met a young cyclist who claimed that his father was an Anfielder. On enquiry he turned out to be the son of Norman Heath, one of our Shrewsbury members and a useful performer at the longer distances on the road in the early thirties.

After lunching at Bangor-on-Dee the Editor was making his way via Ellesmere to Wilderhope when at Burlton near Loppington he met Alfred and Ruth Danielson of Chicago who were enjoying an extensive cycle tour in Britain. While in the Isle of Man for cycling week they had met Harry Beech at Laxey Hostel and asked to be remembered to him and to Frank Slemen.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at the Derby Arms, Halewood, after tea (about 6.15 p.m.) on Saturday, 10th October. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend.

Matters for inclusion on the Agenda and any outstanding subscriptions should be sent to the Secretary or Treasurer without delay.

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Closing date for next issue - Monday, 3rd October.

COMMITTEE NOTICES

Change of Address: F.B.Churchill, 8 First Avenue, Walthamstow,
London E.17.

Application for Membership:

David Martin, 135 New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead.
Proposed by J.M.France, Seconded by K.W.Barker.

Tints Tour. 24th/25th October. Llansantffraid.
Bookings to the Captain immediately please.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dear Editor,

Having, by a stroke of rare luck, come into possession of an Anfield Circular for July, I was most intrigued to read the note concerning the President's ride in the C.T.C. M/C. D.A. "100 in 12" and more particularly his disclosures concerning the amorous past of one of our National Cycling Officials. 'Tis lucky for him that he favoured the cult of "No Names No Pack Drill", otherwise I can assure him that my solicitors would have been calling upon him at an early date with a view to obtaining full satisfaction, either by duel or the more modern method of heavy damages.

By strange coincidence, I met both these young ladies at the York rally, and to demonstrate how lucky I thought I had been to escape, gave one an embrace which must have reminded her more than forcibly of those good old days, when she was fortunate to receive them frequently!! There is a moral in this somewhere, which some of your older and more astute members may be able to deduce.

I hope to ride in the Triennial Vets 100 of the C.T.C. next June, and look forward to the company of your worthy President, and also of the two young ladies referred to above. A good time should be had by all!

My best wishes to you all.

Yours in sport.

THE TYKE.

RACING NOTES

- 19.7.64 B.N.E.C.C. "25". John Thompson (trike) 1.9.48. P.B.& Silver.
2.8.64 Rockingham "25". J.Whelan 1.0.50, D.Bettaney 1.2.0,
D.W.Barker 1.2.33.
9.8.64 L.T.T.C.A./W.C.T.T.C.A. "12". D.Bettaney 222 miles (Bronze
Standard), J.Parr (trike) 216 miles.
16.8.64 Merseyside Whlrs. "50". D.Bettaney 2.8.44 (P.B.),

D.Bennett 2.18.20 (P.B. & Bronze), J.Thompson (trike) 2.23.0
(Club tricycle record and Silver Standard).

Rykneld R.C. "25". K.Orum 1.9.44

Veterans' T.T.A. "25". A.L.Littlemore (Tri.) 1.16.55

- 22.8.64 Club "25".
1. D.Bettaney 1.3.5
 2. P.Whitehead 1.5.10 (Handicap Prize & P.B.)
 3. D.Bennett 1.6.8
 4. K.Orum 1.8.50
 5. J.Thompson 1.10.2 (Tricycle)
 6. J.Gornall 1.14.4
 7. G.Sharp 1.17.32
 8. A.L.Littlemore 1.18.13 (Tricycle)

30.8.64 Port Sunlight Whlrs. "25". D.Bettaney 1.1.4.
The Club "25" on 5th September was won by David Bettaney in 1.1.55
with David Barker five seconds slower. A full report next month.

TOUR TO THE SPEEDWELL "100" (Continued)

Saturday night found the President and Captain at the "Lord
Leycester" in Warwick ready for a Sunday out with our Speedwell
friends. The Anfield party was increased on the Sunday evening when
Ned Haynes and Bob Poole joined up for the session at the Globe where
Arthur Smith and other North Roaders also made contact.

After three good rides (in near gale conditions) in the
Rockingham "25" David Bettaney, John Whelan, and David Barker parted,
the first two turning Wirralwards while the latter started on his
ninety odd miles jaunt to join the Old Man of Leamington.

The Editor left Wilderhope by the rough farm track which joins
a metalled lane just above Shipton and made from thence to Ditton
Priors. Here it became apparent that fifty-five years and a fifty-
four lowest gear was no combination for the Clee Hills and a tactical
retreat was made for Weston and the Bridgnorth road as far as Morville.

From here the tough undulations of the road through Glazeley and
Billingsley led to the Wyre Forest and so to Bewdley which supplied
much needed sustenance and a fine view of the Band of Hope standing,
with rods and lines, knee deep in the sparkling waters of the Severn.

After a look at Chaddesley Corbett, whose youth Hostel was to
house us over Monday night, it was hot foot to Bromsgrove and then
some map work to keep clear of Brum and reach lovely Henley-in-Arden
and the remaining miles to Warwick and Leamington.

Monday and the Speedwell "100".

Dick Hulse and Co. had been kind to us in providing jobs which
did not call for our presence until 9.30 a.m. (the middle of the

afternoon to a time triallist) in the fine old town of Warwick. Here for a brief while Rex, Jeff and the Barkers made contact before riders claimed our attention for a couple of hours, after which Jeff started on his 120 miles ride home (with a nagging wind right on the nose) while we three dashed over the two or three miles to the finish to see nearly half the survivors cross the line.

As befits a classic with a history going back to the occasion in 1889 when North Roaders, S.F.Edge and J.F.Bates tied for first place in 8 hrs. 33 mins. 12 secs., there was a great gathering of club folk and much greeting, shaking of hands and renewal of old friendships. What a pleasure it was to see once again Frank Greenwood, (Midland C.& A.C.) who rode in the 1912 event and won the race in 1923, looking businesslike in shorts and jersey and turning the pedals as niftily as ever.

With the last rider (veteran Stan Bray who had ridden the T.A. '50' the day before) home and dry, the crowd melted away and for us it was a return to Warwick, a belated but excellent lunch and so into narrow, leafy, lanes to plot a traffic free forty miles route to the ancient Malt House at Chaddesley Corbett.

For the Editor and Sub. two days joyous wandering still lay ahead; perhaps the memory of sun and river, mountain and glade may be recaptured for your entertainment when the darker days of winter are upon us.

K.W.B.

C L U B R U N S

Hatchmere - 1st August 1964

I had intended to go on the Speedwell and T.A. week-end at Warwick but unfortunately I had to work on Saturday morning so plumped for tea at the Forest Café.

It was a pleasant day and the following jolly crowd greeted my arrival (later than anyone else, which is nothing unusual):- D.J.Byron, J.Seed, L.Hill, L.Bennett, P.Jones, J.Vickers, J.Gornall and P.Whitehead. In addition we had Mrs.Bennett, Flo and Vivienne Hill with two friends and Mrs.Littlemore.

John Seed was off to some unpronouncable spot in North Wales to lay his weary head and I returned home intending to catch a 4 a.m. train from Crewe in order to be at the T.A. '50' near Warwick, but it was not to be; the bed pulled and that was that.

A.L.L.

Llanarmon - 8th August 1964

My cycling activity on this day commenced at 7 a.m. when I was

pushed off on a local record attempt. As a member of the Weaver Valley C.C. I had a year ago established a tricycle time of 2h.0m.22s. for the Club's record route from Northwich to Chester and back. Whilst I was away in Eire, young Keith Alcock, the Club Captain had the barefaced audacity to rob me of this little pleasure by clocking 1.58.22. However, on this revenge morning I managed to get back to the timekeeper in 1.55.31 and regain the record, probably only temporary, but who cares?

My problem now was how to reach Llanarmon after this early morning energy output; this was solved when a visiting relative expressed a desire to have a short trip into N.Wales by car. You can guess the rest of the story.

On arrival at the "Raven" on this lovely afternoon, I found Eric Reeves, David Barker, D.Birchall, D.Bennett, J.Thompson, P.Whitehead, P.Keen, J.Vickers, D.Jones and G.Sharp; all had cycled to the venue and the usual tea time chatter prevailed.

Car borne Littlemore was the other member, together with Mrs.L. and her sister and brother-in-law, who enjoyed this unusual, for them, Anfield company.

Ken Barker and Mrs.B. looked in, but unfortunately the catering department had shut up for teas, but we were glad to see Ken all the same, if only for a fleeting moment.

Next day we had two riders in the W.C.T.T.C.A. "12"; John Parr trundled his barrow 216 miles, while David Bettaney earned a "Bronze" for an excellent novice ride of 222 miles.

Several of those listed at Llanarmon, including Allan Littlemore and David Barker, were out in support and in addition we had Len Hill, Sid del Banco, Jeff Mills, John Whelan and John Gornall helping round the course.

Whitewell & Somerford - 15th August 1964

Jeff Mills, Phil Whitehead, David Jones, Les and David Bennett and Eric Reeves journeyed to Whitewell and enjoyed the sort of fare for which Holly Cottage is famous. Allan Littlemore, with a "25" next morning, decided that Somerford was far enough which was fortunate in that it saved Alf Howarth talking to himself as he had done for an hour before Allan's arrival. Both riders decided it had been worth while and a following wind for the ride home did nothing to spoil their pleasure.

Next morning we had four riders flying the Anfield flag; Keith Orum returned a good 1.9.44 in the Rykneld "25" and in the Merseyside Wheelers "50" three of 'ours' recorded personal bests.

David Bettaney clocked 2.8.44, David Bennett's 2.18.20 earned him a "Bronze" while John Thompson passed the Timekeeper in 2.23.0 on his trike to collect a Silver Standard and take the Club tricycle record from John Parr.

Huntington, Club '25' - 22nd August 1964

Those of us who didn't have to exert ourselves on this pleasant, sunny afternoon were agreed that it was perfect - for pottering. The riders had different ideas. Starting in the South-West, the wind veered to the West as the event progressed making it a hard-all-the-way event with no flier to compensate for the drag out to the turn.

At the start, Jeff counted down for nine riders including one private triallist, Gerry Robinson (B.N.E.) while Rodney France provided the necessary brawn. Dave Bennett, off number 3, was first to reach Jimmy Long at Nomansheath and he held on to this position until near the finish where Dave Bettaney caught him. The latter's "short 3" was good value for winning time on such a day and Phil Whitehead, the only Club rider to improve (by one second) deservedly took the handicap. A herd of cows just beyond Broxton put paid to John Thompson's hopes of a 'personal' which he missed by a quarter of a minute. Our visitor went home highly delighted with a 40 second improvement.

Eric Reeves and David Barker officiated at the Black Dog (an attack of 'flu had prevented more active participation by the latter). Reg. Wilson and John Leece were at the other end of the slip lane and Len Hill guarded the grass triangle with David Jones. Don Birchall put in an unexpected but welcome appearance at the start as a substitute for his errant offspring.

Over this week-end the President was down south for the North Road C.C. "24". A surprising absentee was Norman Turvey and Rex heard that he has met with an accident but could get no details.

Church Minshull - 29th August 1964

With the holiday season in full swing a turnout of ten at Saturday tea with a further three racing next morning could reasonably be called a satisfactory weekend.

Capt. Mills, the senior officer on parade, presided over a company including Harry Duck, Eric Reeves, Alf Howarth, Allan Littlemore, John Seed, David Barker, Dave Bennett, David Jones and John Gornall.

This new venue came well up to expectations as might be expected of a place run by a real cyclist who knows our needs from first hand

experience. All were agreed that this would not be the last visit to the Glenlea Café although Eric Reeves later confided to the Editor that the fast pack made him puff a bit on some of the roads near Utkinton.

Next morning David Bettaney was the only Anfield rider in the Port Sunlight Wheelers '25', while Keith Orum and Phil Whitehead rode private trials as guests of the Birkenhead N.E. C.C. in a Club '25'.

Parbold - 30th August 1964

We were in no position to complain but still we were disappointed to find only the President at the Poplars Café. "We" were Alf Howarth, David Brown and Alan Gorman along with Mesdames Howarth and Gorman.

It must be admitted that only Rex had used the bicycle as a means of getting there and we couldn't tell him that the miles of bricks and mortar were too big an obstacle to cycling.

The day was one from high summer which made the absence of the regulars the more surprising. Of the lunch, all I can say is that it was cheap and we followed it with a stroll along the banks of the River Douglas and had our photographs taken.

That done, the President departed homewards in pleasant anticipation of a helpful wind which we hope materialised.

The rest of us, with Alf Howarth as navigator, touched down at Formby beach without seeing any heavy traffic which is no mean feat on a summer Sunday.

A.G.

N E W S I N B R I E F

An accident at work has resulted in serious damage to Walter Thorpe's left eye. We send him the best wishes of all his Anfield friends and hope for some reassuring news shortly.

We also hope for some good news from Norman Turvey who missed the N.R. "24" apparently because of an accident.

Owing to rather poor support, the future of Sunday fixtures is very much in the balance. The President asks that all interested will make a special note of the lunch at Parbold on 22nd November when future plans will be discussed and guidance for the Committee will be sought.

At the time of writing:- The President is touring in Ireland, the Captain in Scotland and Len Hill in Switzerland. David Barker

NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

has just returned from a few days cycling and pot-holing from a base at Settle. John France took Nigel on his first cycle tour which covered Hostels in the Loch Lomond, Trossacks area and included the grand Rob Roy country near Loch Voil and Loch Doine. Keith Orum and John Thompson used Youth Hostels for their tour to Dentdale, Barnard Castle, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Carlisle and Kendal. David Birchall and Geoff Sharp had some fine trips from their base camp near Hirnant.

Arthur Birkby, who retires next year, thinks he has found his dream cottage at Dolwyddelan just off the Bettws-Ffestiniog road. When we last saw him negotiations had reached an advanced stage. It is high time the Anfield opened a Consulate in that part of the Principality.

The Ladies' Night has been fixed for 14th November at Halewood. Something special is promised for our entertainment and you are advised to book early. Full details in our next issue.

Our information that Keith Orum and David Jones were the only attenders at Bangor on 4th July was incorrect. Allan Littlemore lunched there on the way to Llanfair Caereinion which he reached by way of the Little Hirnant with a bumper tea at Fron Heulog followed by a lovely evening spin over to Llwydiarth. He reached the Red Lion just as Richard Hulse put his hand in his pocket near the Bar!

Sid Carver while in Scarborough recently saw Frank Chandler looking fit and well. Greetings to our veteran Life Member and also to Sidney who is busy making aeroplanes and writing plays but still gets out on a bicycle some part of each weekend. By a strange coincidence Frank Marriott passed through Scarborough the same day and 'phoned Frank's home only to find him - out!

A note from Fred Churchill with his change of address says:-
 "I am always very interested to read in the Circular of the activities of Club members; the only contact I have with a saddle nowadays is on my summer holidays. Sackcloth and Ashes!! Too late I realise how favoured I was when I lived in the North. Norway provided some real Lancashire weather during my recent tour - one fine day in 17!! When it wasn't raining it was snowing; this, coupled with semi-prohibition and general high prices made it a pleasure to return to England, Home (NOT the P.M.!) and Beer.

kindest regards to all friends".

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- 22 PARBOLD (Lunch 1.0 p.m.)
- 28 HIGHWAYSIDE (Travellers' Rest)

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions: 21 and over: 30/-. Under 21: 15/-.
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Treasurer, L. J. Hill, Oak Cottage, Lightfoot Lane,
Gayton, Wirral. Banking arrangements will be notified
as soon as possible.

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Closing date for next issue - Monday, 2nd November.

COMMITTEE NOTICESNew Member elected:

David Martin, 133 New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead, has been elected to Cadet Membership.

Ladies' Night - Halewood - 14th November.

Tickets, price 10/- each, are now available from the Secretary or Captain and must be obtained in advance.

RACING NOTES

With the season drawing to a close, results are rather sparse but still the Anfield flag kept flying to the end.

5.9.64 Club "25" & "10"

1. D.Bettaney	1.1.55	4. D.Bennett (Tri.)	1.10.8
2. D.W.Barker	1.2.0	5. A.Littlemore (Tri.)	1.16.13
3. P.Whitehead	1.2.54 (Silver)	- G.Robinson	1.4.42 (B.N.E. C.C. P.T.)

1. A.Porteus	30.2 (Fastest of Series)
2. E.Dalton	31.59

13.9.64 Veterans' T.T.Assoc. "25". A.L.Littlemore 1.18.1520.9.64 Chester R.C. "50".

D.W.Barker 2.8.55 (Silver Standard - Tied for 1st Handicap award)
T.A. (N.W. Region) "25" A.L.Littlemore 1.18.15.

27.9.64 W.C.T.T.C.A. "25".

D.W.Barker 1.0.48 (5th Fastest), D.Bettaney 1.3.12, J.Whelan 1.4.16,
D.L.Bennett (Trike) 1.8.40 Silver Standard & Club Record,
K.Orum 1.9.28.

Weaver Valley C.C. "25". A.L.Littlemore 1.12.52.

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IN MEMORIAM
CHARLES RANDALL

It is with the greatest regret that we record the death, on 28th September, of Charles Randall, a member since 1923, whose enthusiasm for the club and its activities knew no bounds until business took him to work and live in Cardiff some years ago.

The Circular for December 1929 records the formation of the Willaston Tea-Tasters with "Sir Charles Randall as self appointed President" and certainly Charlie was a stalwart of this great and far from solemn organisation from the start. It was our custom to ride round the lanes and highways of Wirral each Wednesday evening arriving at Willaston about 9.0 p.m. For the next hour or so, tea and cakes and side splitting laughter were the order of the day and Charles made his full contribution of droll humour.

On a bicycle he could be a bit of a nuisance. He could ride at a cool "seventeens" for mile after mile, hour after hour and the only way to cure him was to push the pace up to nineteen or twenty miles per hour. Then would come the exclamation "What the ----- are you playing at?" or more picturesque words to the same effect.

It was this ability to ride fast and far which gave him his special interest in 24 hours riding; so far as we can remember he rode in no less than thirteen "twentyfours", twelve in competition and the last, in August 1932, an attempt on the N.R.R.A. record when he pedalled round the roads of Cheshire and Shropshire to amass a fine total of $388\frac{3}{4}$ miles to claim the record and a coveted Anfield frilled badge.

Memories crowd in of those halcyon days before Hitler's war scattered Anfielders far and wide. They were happy days and Charles did a great deal to make them so. Many of us remember him as a good companion down the road and our deepest sympathy goes to his wife.

F.E.M.

GALLOWAY REVISITED

by Rigby Band

Some thirty-three years ago, two young and inexperienced Anfielders spent a few days of their first-ever cycle tour exploring Galloway.

For two days and nearly 200 miles, the rain never ceased and what little we saw was, to say the least, disappointing.

Many times in the intervening years I have wondered what it is really like and this year I decided to find out. The weather was mainly dull, cold for the time of the year (June) and it rained for some part of each of the five days. But at least I saw it in all its moods and what I saw I liked to the point of enthusiasm.

My route took me from Dumfries all round the coast to Girvan in Carrick (Ayrshire) and offered every variety of coastal scenery besides rolling hills, mountains, moors and lakes. To these add quiet, well surfaced roads and you have a tourists' paradise.

High lights of the tour included the coast road from Dumfries to Dalbeattie, the Dee Valley from Kendoon to Kirkcudbright, the isle of Whithorn, Mull of Galloway, Loch Ryan and Glen App.

I am already looking forward to a third visit and hope it will not have to wait another 33 years. I might mention that my companion in 1931 was ex Hon.Sec. and present Committee man George Connor.

C L U B R U N S

Huntington - 5th September 1964. Club "25" & "10".

A very pleasant day for club riding, with a moderate but unfriendly wind to slow the athletes were the conditions served up for the last club event of the season.

Captain Mills sent off seven riders, including visitor Gerry Robinson (B.N.E. C.C.) who came back in 1.4.42. Keith Orum packed but the remaining five made a good race of it. David Bettaney returned fastest time in 1.1.55 with David Barker five seconds slower. Philip Whitehead finished the season on a high note with 1.2.54 to collect a Silver standard medal. David Bennett's 1.10.8 on a trike was a personal best and Allan Littlemore did well to cover the course in 1.16.13 on a tricycle.

Only two Cadets reported to timekeeper Ken Barker for the "10"; Allan Forteus rode well and was unlucky to be 2 seconds outside "evens". Eric Dalton clocked 31.59 and will do better when he stops using gears that would make Reg Harris blink.

Apart from riders and helpers already named, out round the course we noted:- Alf Howarth, Don (yes DON) Birchall, John Gornall, Jon Vickers, David Jones, Les Bennett, Eric Reeves, Peter Keen, Peter Jones and David Martin.

Caerwys and Oaklands Y.H., Llanrwst - 12/13th September 1964

It was a pity that on one of the most pleasant cycling week-ends of the year, only two of the eleven who gathered at Caerwys, were to venture into the wilds beyond Denbigh. It would be great if we could fill a hostel one of these days. On this occasion, John Thompson

and David Barker did the next best thing and provided the bike-shed with its only occupants that night, the other hostellers being coach-tripping walkers (or walking coach-trippers) from Sheffield. Our route through Denbigh, Llanfyllter and Pandy Tudor to Llanrwst was a succession of stiff climbs and exhilarating drops and our efforts were rewarded by the magnificent panorama of wild mountains and peaceful steep-sided valleys and, above all, by a glorious, deep-red sunset. No wonder the others said they wished they were coming with us.

By mutual consent the next day was a lazy one. We made a late start, dawdled into Bettws and then along a surprisingly traffic-free A5 to Corwen for lunch. In the afternoon I decided to introduce John to the mountain road from near Glyn Dyfrdwy to Bryn Eglwys. My kind offer was not appreciated for the engineers apparently didn't have tricycles in mind when building the road. At one point the camber switched so violently that our intrepid record-breaker nearly found himself catapulted straight into the Alyn valley far below.

At Llandegla we were joined for the remaining miles to the Mills by a Liverpool Eagle rider who, as it subsequently turned out, was off a minute behind me in the "50" next week. It's a small world!

Those who bade us a sad farewell at Caerwys were Eric Reeves, Dave Birchall, Jon Vickers, John Gornall, Phil Whitehead, Geoff Sharp, David Jones, Henry Ashcroft and Ian Thompson.

D.W.B.

Hatchmere - 12th September 1964

The only members present were Allan Littlemore and Derek Byron. Marion Littlemore made it a threesome and Allan went home for "early to bed" in view of the Vets. "25" next morning, when he pushed a bicycle round in 1.15.3.

Bangor-on-Dee - 19th September 1964

With several riders on the card for the Chester R.C. "50" next day and Jeff Mills timing a T.A. "25" at Brock (organised by Allan Littlemore who also rode and clocked 1.18.15) it was to be expected that the turnout at Bangor would be small. Eight members and two visitors made the journey to this popular venue in the Dee Valley, those qualifying for Anfield attendance marks being

David Birchall, Geoff Sharp, Eric Reeves, John Gornall, Jon Vickers, David Jones, Phil Whitehead and Keith Orum.

Next morning on the D.2 "50" course it was tough enough to bring E.G.Taylor (P.S.W.) back to 2.5.23 from his customary inside 2 hours ride and this was considered by the pundits to be good value for fastest time in the Chester R.C. "50". Under these circumstances David Barker's 2.8.55, a personal best, Silver Standard and tie for 1st handicap (with $3\frac{1}{2}$ mins. to spare) must be considered an excellent performance. David Bettaney and David Bennett packed and John Whelan did not start owing to further knee trouble. Les Bennett was out helping our lads on the course.

Tarporley - 26th September 1964

For reasons into which we need not delve, the Editor found himself free to make a day of it and a very pleasant day it proved notwithstanding a good deal of rain.

The obvious start was an excellent coffee at Two Mills, then a stop for a film in Chester was beautifully timed so that shower No.1 was watched from the shelter of Bridge Street row.

The back lane through Balderton and Dodleston led to Pulford and lunch was taken aboard at Rossett while shower No.2 filled the gutters.

Half way up Marford hill it was left turn for lanes which eventually led to Bangor and more rain with a sky which promised even more to come.

With such a threat a more ambitious route was shelved in favour of the delightful lane from Worthenbury to Shocklach, then to Tilston and so to the foot of Beeston's massive crag and a chance meeting with John Gornall, David Jones and Allan Redmond who were getting to Tarporley by the most roundabout route known to them.

A further encounter with Captain Jeff and Guy meant company for the last few miles to tea. Staff difficulties had closed the "Grotto" early and we had to go on to the Park Cafe where we were run to earth by Bob Poole who looked pleased with himself when telling us that he was only six weeks from retirement.

Last arrivals were Allan Littlemore and John Parr who was making one of his welcome and all too rare dashes over from the East coast to see us.

In addition to those listed above, another batch were preparing to do battle next morning in the West Cheshire "25" as riders or

helpers. The results will be found under Racing Notes and those out helping were David Birchall at Hoole Island, Wally Rees, Ken Barker, David Jones and Jack Pitchford whose lad was riding his second "25" (under Mid Shropshire colours).

K.W.B.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Elsewhere will be found a notice that tickets (10/- each) for the Ladies' Night at Halewood on 14th November must be obtained in advance. After the meal, Mrs. Austin will give an illustrated talk "Singapore Journey" describing the trip she and President Rex made to see Bob and his family out East. We understand that Bob will be back in England about the end of February.

Reassuring news from Norman Turvey tells of his fall from a ladder perched on the stairs of his home which shook him badly and resulted in a week or so in bed. He is now fully recovered we are glad to say and this is confirmed by a card from Bob Wright who called to enquire, but found Norman out.

Mention of Bob Wright reminds us that he also was out at the North Road "24" but did not bump into Rex. Leaving his Woodbridge (Suffolk) home about 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, he trundled his trike over some lumpy Suffolk lanes before reaching the Mildenhall area. After a meal he decided to get some miles in and was rewarded with a wonderful view of Ely against a pale green late evening sky. Through the early morning hours he did duty at Stretham where the riders turn for Chatteris and Wisbech, then at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday he set off for home arriving in the early afternoon pleasantly tired but delighted with his 200 miles trip.

At the time of writing - David Bennett is back for his "Finals" spell at Aberystwyth, David Barker ditto at Oxford. Wally Rees has just commenced his first year at Leeds Training College.

John Thompson's excellent "O" level results gained him a transfer to Calday Grange where he is studying for "A" level examination in two years' time.

David Bettaney has joined Geoff Sharp in Steel. He travels to Brymbo each day (Sandwich Course) while Geoff is an old hand at Shotton.

NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

Joe Dodd reached his 'twentyfirst' recently and celebrated with a 'do' in Liverpool on 3rd October. David Birchall was present but this doesn't count as a Run!

John Seed sent the editorial staff a card from Skye where he was enjoying a tour in very damp conditions. Rigby Band's article "Galloway Revisited" reached the Editor just as he returned from the same area and he confirms all Rigby says of this "tourists' paradise". Strange to say the scribe was also revisiting after almost 30 years but much of the area covered this time was quite new ground.

The Bradford Hotel, Liverpool, will be the scene of a great cyclists' re-union on Friday, 18th December, when vets and near-vets will gather to swap yarns and relive old times. Rex Austin and Guy will be there and it is expected that other Anfielders will wish to join in. Tickets, price 10/6d, from Johnny Williams.

Once again we would draw attention to the lunch fixture at Parbold on the 22nd November. These Sunday lunches have lost some support recently, and the President is anxious that the wishes of members should be made clear - and what better time and place to settle the question than at Parbold on the above date. It may be that other venues would draw more support and remember that the possibility of occasional Saturday lunch meets has been mooted. Why not lobby a Committee member and make your views known?

While on this subject, we would remind members of the serious shortage of suitable catering places for Saturday teas. If an interesting and varied fixture list is to be provided, it is up to all of us to watch out for, and try, new places, then to see that the Committee have details. Caerwys, a most welcome addition to our list of possible venues, came to our notice this way.

The November Circular will contain a full report and details of the Annual General Meeting, and some other matter may well be crowded out. Those with outstanding run reports would help the Editor by sending them in right away.

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November

28 TARPORLEY (GROTTO CAFÉ) not HIGHWAYSIDE

December 1964

5 LLANARMON (Raven) MOBBERLEY (Egerton's Café)
7 Committee Meeting, Free Church Centre, L'pool.
12 HOLT (Castle Café) Y.H.A. (Cynwyd) SOMERFORD.
13 PONTFADOG (Craig Hotel) Lunch 1.30 p.m.
19 TWO MILLS (Eureka Café) GOOSTREY.
26 HALEWOOD (Derby Arms) Lunch 1.30 p.m.

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

21 and over: 30/-. Under 21: 15/-. Cadet Members: 5/-.
Honorary: A minimum of 10/- and donations to the Prize
Fund should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer. L. J. Hill, Oak
Cottage, Lightfoot Lane, Heswall, Wirral, or may be paid
into any Bank for credit of Anfield Bicycle Club's
Account, Martins Bank Ltd., Heswall Branch.

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Closing date for next issue - MONDAY, 7th December.

COMMITTEE NOTICESChanges of Address:-

R.Wilson, 182 Home Farm Road, Woodchurch, Wirral, Cheshire.

G.G.Taylor, 534 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester 21.

Applications for Membership:-

John William Moss, 'Fernbank', Thurstaston Road, Heswall.

Proposed by J.L.Bennett, Seconded by J.M.France.

Brian Redmond, 13 Porlock Close, Gayton, Wirral.

Proposed by J.L.Bennett, Seconded by K.W.Barker.

The following Delegates have been appointed:-

Road Records Association: Mr.L.M.Baker (Bath Road Club) has been invited to continue as our delegate.

N.R.R.A.: P.Williamson & J.R.Band.

R.T.T.C., Liverpool D.C.:- L.J.Hill & J.H.Mills.

W.C.T.T.C.A.: D.Bettaney & J.J.Whelan.

Boxing Day:- Members intending to attend the fixture at Halewood on 26th December are asked to notify the Captain or Secretary.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held at the Derby Arms Hotel, Halewood, 10th October 1964.

Present:- The President, R.J.Austin, in the Chair, and H.Ashcroft, K.W.Barker, L.Bennett, D.Bettaney, D.Birchall, A.E.C.Birkby, D.Brown, W.G.Connor, S. del Banco, J.Dodd, H.Duck. E.J.Farrington, J.M.France, A.Gorman, J.Gornall, A.Howarth, D.Jones, A.Littlemore, J.Long, F.E.Marriott, D.Martin, J.H.Mills, E.O.Morris, K.Orum, L.Pendlebury, E.G.Pullan, G.Sharp, D.Stewart, John Thompson, Ian Thompson, W.Thorpe, J.Vickers, J.Whelan, P.Whitehead, A.Williams and P.Williamson.

Apologies for absence were received from:- R.Barker, D.W.Barker, J.R.Band, F.B.Churchill, J.Davies and L.J.Hill.

After the President had read the notice convening the meeting, MINUTES of the previous meeting were read, and confirmed.

Reports were submitted, brief details as follows:-

Hon.Secretary: Membership stands at 7 Life, 95 Full (including Juniors), 21 Honorary and 9 Cadet Members.

Attendances at Runs at 1001 was only slightly up on previous year in spite of a much milder winter.

Jeff Mills topped the individual list with a "possible" of 52 Run attendances; John Gornall and Allan Littlemore tied for second place with 51 each. The remainder of the Top Twenty are:- D.Bettaney 50, J.Vickers 40, K.Orum & P.Whitehead 39, J.Thompson 37, G.Sharp 35, R.J.Austin 30 in spite of a three months' trip to Singapore; John Parr 28, Les Bennett and Len Hill 27, J.Whelan & J.P.Jones 25, David Birchall 24, K.W.Barker 23, David Jones 21. David Barker and David Bennett attended 28 and 23 fixtures respectively in spite of spending half their time "abroad" at Oxford and Aberystwyth. Eightyfive members were out on one or more occasion during the year.

High lights of the year included the Ladies' Night, the Open '100' weekend and our 85th Anniversary Run at the Derby Arms, Halewood.

Hon.Treasurer: The balance in hand amounted to £106 against £109 a year ago, but this did not reflect our true position as liabilities amounted to some £50, while only about £20 of the £33 outstanding subscriptions was considered "good".

Captain: This has been the most active year in the racing sense, for some considerable time. Entries to Open events totalled 87. Standard Medals won were, one Gold, seven Silvers and three Bronze. New Club records were set up as follows:-

25 miles Bicycle, J.Whelan	59.35
25 miles Tricycle, D.Bennett	1.8.40
50 miles Tricycle, J.Thompson	1.23.0

Club 25 miles events received good support but the Cadets' 10's were disappointing.

John Whelan won the Club Championship with an aggregate time of 7.18.0. David Bettaney (7.19.24) and David Barker (7.20.54) finished second and third.

Club tours were left in the hands of the Committee and the Club racing programme (in addition to the Open '100') was agreed as follows:-

5 x 25 miles events, one at 30 miles, one at 50 miles (on a Sunday on D.2 course)

Ten miles events for Cadets will be arranged as required.

The proposal that the Club should affiliate to the British Cyclists' Federation was, after some discussion, passed to the Committee for

full examination of the implications it being understood that any major change of policy will be made only at a special General Meeting.

Officers, Committee members and Auditors were elected as follows:-

President:	R.J.Austin
Vice Presidents:	K.W.Barker & L.J.Hill
Captain & "100"	
Secretary:	J.H.Mills
Vice Captains:	D.Bettaney & A.L.Littlemore
Hon.Secretary:	F.E.Marriott
Hon.Treasurer:	L.J.Hill
Hon.Racing Secretary:	J.Whelan
Y.H.A.Secretary:	J.Thompson
Editor, Monthly	
Circular:	K.W.Barker
Committee Members in addition to Officers:-	
	L.Bennett, D.Birchall, W.G.Connor,
	A.Howarth, E.J.Farrington, K.Crum,
	G.Sharp & J.Vickers.
Auditors:	E.O.Morris & J.Long

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Church Minshull - 3rd October 1964

On this pleasant autumn morning I meandered through the Wirral expecting to join up with David Barker at the Eureka but our ways converged at Clatterbridge.

After a stop at Two Mills for the traditional, we continued through Chester and Farndon to Shocklach where we turned into narrow lanes to take in Dymoch Mill on our way to Whitewell and lunch.

Leaving by more lanes we picked a very quiet route through Ferns Bank, crossing the Canal after a pause for David to inspect the bridge and so to Tilstock.

Crossing the A41, more byroads led to Ash Parva, Ightfield, Withesley and Audlem where we took the Nantwich road for three miles with the intention of skirting that delectable spot known as Crewe, but an unfortunate delay meant that we had to plough straight through.

Allan and Marian Littlemore had beaten us to the cafe, as had

Peter Jones and gradually our number increased until thirteen members were present.

The homeward run was uneventful and we had passed through Eaton and Huxley before I left the main party at Chester and ploughed a lone furrow along the lower road.

J.H.M.

Halewood - 10th October 1964

A print in the lounge at Halewood bearing the title "Derby Arms, Halewood" bears little resemblance to the present building but the welcome is as warm as ever, the food still reminds many of us of an age that has gone and the new dining room is decorated with taste and gives more elbow room than we used to have.

This was the comfortable setting for our annual deliberations and the thirtyfive members who sat round the board and the two who joined us later were in excellent spirits by the time President Rex Austin called for order and opened the meeting.

Elsewhere will be found a report of the meeting and a list of those present - suffice to say here that when all was over we went home well pleased with a splendid Club run and a meeting full of good humour and hope for the future of the Club.

Llanarmon-in-Ial - 17th October 1964

Sitting in the Raven, I advised Dave Bettaney "as sub Captain you must obtain the bill and instruct a member to write up the club-run". I should have sat quiet and said nothing, for the Captain broke in and put his foot down, "I say who shall do the write-up" and promptly picked on me.

After a year without signing my initials at the end of a report I wonder how to begin.

The afternoon was fine and clear and a crisp freshness set the autumn reds and browns aglow. Near Woodbank we saw the Royal Rock Beagles chase across several fields after an elusive hare and three gliders diving, swooping and, soaring over Sealand, set us contemplating joining a gliding club. Is it a requirement that one must own a glider? Reaching no decision by Mold we dropped the matter and turned left into a muddy lane amid cries of protest.

Beyond Nerquis I remember a hill that stopped us, the low dazzling sun into which we seemed to be walking and the sweat of two hard miles followed by a long wait for John Thompson and his trusty steed. Then we bombed to Llanarmon, four miles away, to sit

in a state of collapse, Jon Vickers, Johns Moss and Thompson, Geoff Sharp and me.

Ken & Mrs. Barker came out an easier way and Syd del Banco used similar means; Jeff, John Gornall and David Jones came en masse and Hank Bettaney rode up the hill from Queensferry.

The prospect of some enforced potholing at Maeshafn encouraged the Captain to get a quick start on us after tea and although we downed a leisurely jar before leaving he still fell prey to us but too late, alas, for potholing. Besides we needed his Harry Quinn (the one reputed to know every combination of ways to Whitewell) to lead us unerringly through patches of mist all the way home to Birkenhead where for me the club run finished. Finished that is except for the write-up.

D.D.B.

Somerford - 17th October 1964

Rex Austin, Percy Williamson, Rigby Band and Alf Howarth attended this alternative fixture but had nothing special to report.

AUTUMN TINTS WEEK-END - 24/25th October 1964

Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain

Friday evening saw me on my way (with train assistance) to Chester where John Farrington awaited my arrival. It was a cold night but we enjoyed our run to Whitewell and found Percy Williamson already installed.

Saturday dawned fine and Percy proposed Oswestry as a possible lunch venue to which John and I agreed and off we went into a maze of lanes, never seemingly going in the same direction for more than a few minutes but landing spot on in Ellesmere for elevenses just the same.

From Ellesmere we took the road through Whittington to Oswestry and found here an excellent cafe for lunch. Our route now took us over the long climb on the Llansilin road and so to Llangedwyn and the final climb over to Llansantffraid.

We were first at the Sun and managed a quiet drink before the rest of the party arrived. Syd del Banco on a bicycle from Chester, Len Hill and George Connor rode from Chirk up the Cefriog Valley and over the tops and Stan Wild having taken train from Bexhill to Shrewsbury, pedalled over from there.

Rex was not feeling quite up to scratch and came out by car as did David Birchall, David Bettaney, John Whelan and Philip Whitehead.

With no pianist present, the evening was very quiet, the younger members of the party indulging in a variety of games while the veterans just talked and talked.

Next morning Len and George set off after breakfast to have a look at a ruin, the remainder of the party making for lunch at Whitewell where they were joined by John Thompson, Pat Collins and our friend Gerry Robinson of the B.N.E. C.C. Then came the parting of the ways. Stan headed for Manchester, Percy was staying another night at Holly Cottage and the others planned a pleasant route through Lower Wych, Kidnall and Aldford to Chester and home.
J.H.M.

Hatchmere - 24th October 1964

John France was early at the Forest Cafe and missed John Seed, John Gornall and Geoff Sharp who enjoyed a pleasant meal and a discussion of rough stuff routes and many other matters. Later they rode through the tints of the Forest and joined up with the Chester Section C.T.C. to revel in a lantern talk on Corsica before parting company for wet rides home under capes.

Over at Loughborough, John Parr and Allan Littlemore were attending the A.G.M. of the Tricycle Association, making up a total turnout of 20 at the Tints Tour or alternatives.

Tarporley - 31st October 1964

Only eight members out on quite a pleasant autumn afternoon. Jeff Mills presided over a gathering consisting largely of Committee members. John Thompson, Keith Orum, David Bettaney, Jon Vickers and Allan Littlemore. Philip Whitehead and John Gornall represented the rank and file.

NEWS IN BRIEF

For some years we have been unable to go to Highwayside during the months of May to September because of a regular catering contract with a long distance coach company. Now we hear that this type of catering is to go on all the year round and the Travellers' Rest has disappeared from our fixture list after more years than anyone now in the Club would care to remember. This news gives added point to the drive to find new tea-places which we mentioned last month.

In a note regarding his change of address, George Taylor says

NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

he hopes to get out to a run some day but most of his very limited spare time is devoted to archaeology in Notts and Derbyshire.

Four times each year the Minister of Public Buildings & Works publishes a list of buildings of historic or architectural interest which are to receive maintenance grants. A recent list includes Nerquis Hall, near Mold, one of the best examples of Renaissance architecture in the country. Also in the list is the Crown Hotel, Nantwich.

During a public enquiry regarding a gravel pit at Borrass, a traffic expert described the 16th Century bridge over the Dee between Farndon and Holt as "an anachronism on an "A" road".

Just before going to press we heard of the death of Mrs. Snowden wife of our veteran member in Bexhill-on-Sea and offer to our old friend the sympathy of all Anfielders.

Observant members scanning the list of officers appointed at the A.G.M. will note a new office - that of Youth Hostel Secretary. John Thompson, the first holder, has lost no time in getting to work and is organising a hostel week-end at Cynwyd from Holt on December 12th. Next day the tourists hope to lunch at the Craig Hotel, Pontfadog in the Ceiriog Valley and invite others to join them provided a booking is made. Those interested in the week-end or the Sunday lunch should contact John right away.

It is hoped that we shall have a slide show on the 19th December at Two Mills. David Birchall will be showing pictures of North and South Wales, and we hope for a good turnout.

Another occasion on which we shall have tea at the Eureka Cafe is 30th January, and we hope that some of our irregulars will make the effort to come out on this short run with the opportunity of getting home in good time for another engagement if necessary.

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- 4 Committee Meeting, Free Church Centre, L'pool.
- 9 PONTBLYDDYN & WHALEY BRIDGE (Santa Rosa Café)
- 16 TARPORLEY (Grotto Café)
- 23 BANGOR (Smithy) GOOSTREY.
- 30 TWO MILLS (Eureka) SOMERFORD.
- 31 CHURCH MINSHULL (Lunch 1.0 p.m.)

THE PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE
EXTEND TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS THEIR
SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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Closing date for next issue - MONDAY, 4th JANUARY.

COMMITTEE NOTICESNew Members elected:

John W. Moss, "Fernbank", Thurstaston Road, Heswall, Wirral.
 Brian Redmond, 13 Porlock Close, Gayton, Wirral.

Change of Address:

Alex Beaton, c/o 21 Springfield, Dundee, Scotland.

A lunch fixture has been arranged for Sunday, 7th February 1965 at Caerwys. Bookings should be made with David Bettaney.

RACING NOTES

Subject to confirmation, the following dates have been fixed for Club events in 1965:-

25 miles events:- 13th March, 3rd April, 8th May, 22nd May,
 4th September.

"30":- 21st August. "50":- (Sunday) 18th July.

Ten miles events for Cadets will be arranged according to demand probably on the dates for 25 miles events (except 13th March) and on the occasion of the "30" (21st August).

THE BRITISH CYCLING FEDERATION

Members will recall that on the agenda for the A.G.M. there was a proposition that the Club should affiliate to the British Cycling Federation.

When the matter was raised, it was discussed briefly and remitted to the Committee in order that the proposers might clarify certain points. It was also understood that a decision would only be taken at a Special General Meeting.

The matter has now been discussed at length by the Committee and will shortly be brought before a Special General Meeting on a date to be arranged; in the meantime, a few general notes may be of assistance to members.

The B.C.F. may be said to fulfil a dual role viz:

- a) as a national body protecting the interests of cyclists and providing legal aid, third party insurance together with touring advice, and facilities including a map library, touring handbook etc.
- b) as a controlling body for track and massed start racing (but excluding time trialling and road records). It is the internationally recognised body for selection of riders to compete overseas.

There are three classes of members:- Associate, Private and Affiliated. The important benefits under (a) above are available to

Associates and all benefits are available to Private and Affiliated Members provided that those wishing to race on track and/or road also take out a racing licence, which in 1965 will cost 15/-.

Affiliated Clubs pay an annual fee of 30/- and individual subscriptions are 10/- for those over 18.

The clear cut issue is whether or not the Club is prepared to participate in road racing. At the moment the scale of such participation would probably be very small but it is impossible to forecast future development.

BANGOR-IS-Y-COED - 7th November 1964

Early afternoon saw me hit the tarmac with the bike comfortably tucked away in the petrol waggon - discretion and creaking knees being the better part of valour. I unloaded the bike at a garage just outside Chester, elbowed my way through the eternal city and proceeded at least 6 m.p.h. towards Wrexham. Marford Hill lured me on to turn left down Horsley Lane - a lane which I last used in the happy days before Hitler upset the apple cart. As I pedalled blithely along (well, almost!) memories crowded in of those in whose company I had many times travelled this route to Bangor and who, alas, will travel it no more.

Early arrival at Bangor warranted a cup of char before a stroll to await the arrival of the charging herd. Ken Barker, accompanied by Mrs. Barker in the editorial chariot, was espied sneaking into the village by the back way.

At the Smithy other arrivals in quick succession were Captain Mills, Keith Orum, John Thompson, Geoff Sharp and prospective member S. Handley, Syd. del Banco made up the party.

Tea over, a lane route to Kinnerton and Dodleston was used. Hereabouts del Banco parted company to make for Lache Lane and Chester, whilst the others continued for Queensferry and home.

So ended an enjoyable run in good company on a very pleasant autumn afternoon.

'Blotto'.

GOOSTREY - 7th November 1964

Five members, President Rex, Harry Duck, Alf Howarth, Allan Littlemore and John Seed, gathered at the West End Cafe for tea and chat. Two of the above mentioned were presumably checking on the establishment, for within a few hours they were back again for the T.A. luncheon.

TRICYCLE ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON - 8th November 1964

Among the 112 diners at this popular fixture were Anfielders Rex Austin, Jeff Mills, John Parr and Allan Littlemore, who had organised the event which may well prove to be one of the last big functions to be held here for the Bates family are very reluctantly intending to retire.

Ed.Green was in the chair and the chief guests were Eric Matthews, the 24 hours Competition record holder, and Gil and Mrs. Tirrell, C.T.C. stalwarts from Crewe.

'HALEWOOD' - 14th November 1964 - LADIES' NIGHT

From snatches of conversation overheard at the Derby Arms, it was apparent that many members are unaware of the origins of this popular annual event.

This is not surprising for many cannot claim a membership going back to 1935 or so and in fact we must go even further back for the real start.

Last month in an appreciation of the late Charlie Randall, reference was made to the formation, in 1929, of the Willaston Tea Tasters, a week-night gathering of Anfielders in the younger age brackets which was complementary to, and a friendly rival of the Saughall Beer-Biters, a much older foundation whose Arch-Druid at the time was one W.Pagan Cook.

The W.T.T.'s met weekly in a private room over the Post Office in Willaston and soon after the inauguration an annual (mid week) Christmas Dinner was started: tea, on these occasions, hardly figured on the menu.

Those who attended (and survived) the Dinner of 1932 will have hazy recollections of the events up to about 9.0 p.m. when the company marched in procession to the "Nag's Head" led by the Frail Hubert (Roskell) brandishing the Bath Road "100" Cup (won by Salty) in one hand and the Trike Trophy won in our "24" by Syd Jonas, in the other.

What went into those Cups will never be known for certain, but no Tea-Taster has ever been quite the same since. We still like to think that it really was advancing years which decided Mrs.Holmes to give up catering at Willaston.

With the closing of our first headquarters, we cast around for a new home and soon settled on Prosser's Deeside Cafe at Parkgate. It was here, a couple of years or so before World War II, that we invited the ladies for the first time. The venture was a great

success and for several years, including one or two post-war occasions, it remained the Tea Tasters' Dinner and was held on a weeknight, although after the War we were homeless on Wednesday for a time until a converted bus/canteen at Ledsham provided a temporary answer to our needs.

A little mild research in back issues of the Circular would discover the date on which this annual event moved to a Saturday; suffice to say that the change took place soon after the end of hostilities and, after trying out a number of venues (including one in our spiritual home of Willaston) we have finally settled on the Derby Arms and the event has now become a Club, rather than a Wirral, affair.

This year's event brought members, their ladies and friends from far and wide. In all sixty-four sat down to a grand Halewood spread and according to President Rex Austin, this number was evenly divided between members and their guests.

In addition to the wives of members, many of whom are now hardy annuals, we were glad to welcome Les and Lilian Heald (who need no introduction in any cycling gathering), Harry and Mrs. Pearson and no less than seven members of the Williams C.C. led by the one and only Johnnie. Last, but certainly not least, we had with us once again, Elsie Salt who always find a ready welcome where Anfielders foregather.

As one speaker reminded us, the Anfield waited over eighty years for a President's wife but when they got one they got the best. We broke entirely new ground when, for our after dinner entertainment, Mrs. Austin took us by word and picture on the trip she and the President made to see Bob and his family in Singapore. We are indebted to her, and to Rex who acted as projectionist, for an interesting and memorable evening.

CHURCH MINSHULL - 21st November 1964

In the afternoon I was helping to marshall a cyclo cross event which was held in Northwich, on the same course as that which will be used for the Northern Championships very shortly.

It was a nice warm day for November and the enthusiasm of these cyclo cross fanatics had to be seen to be believed. Harry Bond's win was a masterpiece of confidence, strength and strategy and augers well for the forthcoming big event.

I got away as soon as it was over and was about 6 miles from

the venue before lighting up. On arriving at the cafe in the village I discovered that Mrs. Littlemore, who had set off much earlier than me, was the sole customer. The Jacksons who run the cafe are cheery folk and, as we tucked into a good meal, we chatted with our hosts. After bemoaning the fact that no one else would be coming, judge of our surprise when out of the murky darkness, and into the cosy cafe, stalked John Farrington, leading behind him David Jones, Keith Orum, and Brian Redmond.

A total of six was not a bad show on a murky day, which looked like ending up with fog. Fortunately this was not to be and a pleasant ride home was reported by all participants.

A.L.L.

PONTBLYDDYN - 21st November, 1964

A pleasant but uneventful ride via Hawarden and Pen-y-ffordd took Philip Whitehead and John Gornall to Pontblyddyn where they found Syd del Banco and Guy Pullan already installed. Later, some of the vacant chairs were filled by Captain Mills, John Thompson, Geoff Sharp and David Bettaney.

The ride home through Mold and Queensferry was notable only because of the fog patches encountered here and there.

P.W.

PARBOLD - 22nd November 1964

The notice in the Circular that Sunday runs were in the balance after the poor support of the last one must have gone home because thirteen members and friends met for lunch at the Poplars Cafe.

As the weather was not as good as it could have been the attendance was encouraging although we should like to see more than one Liverpool member out.

Those present were, Rex Austin and Edna, Alan Gorman and Mary, Alf Howarth and Ann, Hugh Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, George Connor, Alan Littlemore and Rigby Band together with friends Johnnie Williams of the Mersey Roads Club and Peter Crabtree of the Bury Clarion.

TARPORLEY - 28th November 1964

It was a cold day with frequent hail storms as we, the Captain, David Jones, Henry Ashcroft, John Farrington and Keith Orum, decided on a route to the Grotto. As we set off for the lanes Phil Whitehead and John Gornall decided to go via Chester.

At Capenhurst the flying Geoff Sharp caught us, and six made their muddy way through Mollington, Dunkirk and Backford to Mickle Trafford and eventually crossed the railway at Bridge Trafford. Here the Captain took the lead and we traversed lesser known roads through Ashton, Kelsall, Willington and Atkinton, eventually approaching Tarporley from the Chester end, a most unusual occurrence for most of the younger members of the Club.

We were first at the Grotto, but were soon joined by Syd del Banco, Len Hill and Frank Marriott.

After an excellent meal, extra warm clothing was donned and we went out into the below zero night. Road conditions were bad and we exercised extreme caution but near Milners' Heath I skidded but managed to remain upright. David Jones was not so lucky and at the same spot he hit the deck, bringing Phil Whitehead down with him. Fortunately only slight bruising resulted, but we had been warned and the speed dropped accordingly.

Beyond Chester it was much warmer and from there heavy rain accompanied us home.

K.O.

NEWS IN BRIEF

A week after the A.G.M. Allan Littlemore and Marian spent a few days at Fron Heulog near Lake Vyrnwy. They were luckier with the weather than John Seed who had spent a very wet and windy weekend there a week earlier. Allan tells us that the old rough short cut from the hairpin bend, which follows the Cownwy River for about a mile then bears left past the Mill and through lovely Llwydiarth Park, is now a well surfaced tarmac lane and well worth a trial.

John Seed has been getting around plenty for late in November we had a card from him picturing Maker in Swaledale but posted in Richmond. He was then making for the Keld Valley and Kirby Stephen

to keep a lunch fixture with a fellow member of the Autumn Tints C.C.

Alex Beaton retired from Railway service at the end of September and celebrated his new freedom with an extended tour. The first two weeks of October were spent in the Black Forest, then he left his bicycle at Basle and went south by train spending a few days in Rome. Returning to the U.K. with a base at his brother's residence near Warwick, Alex set off for a week on Exmoor, then cycled by way of Glastonbury, Wells and Cheddar where the weather turned dull and misty, spoiling the best of the views.

When writing the notes about the start of the Ladies' Night, it was necessary to check that 1932 was the year Sid Jonas won the Trike Trophy in our "24" and what an interesting check up it proved to be. The event was won by G.H.M. Pitt, North Road C.C., with $394\frac{3}{4}$ miles and the late Charlie Randall was third just 10 miles down on the winner. Jonas, on his barrow, rode into 4th place a further 10 miles down a tremendous ride which gave him the coveted Tricycle Trophy for a year. Norman Heath of "Ours" was second in the trike class and third was Allan Littlemore, then a Mersey Roder.

Going back to the two wheel brigade, we find Syd del Banco just beating Rex Austin for 5th Place overall (they were 4th & 5th in the solo class) and each collected a silver medal.

Less and less notice is being taken of the closing date shown on the front of each Circular and consequently date of publication gets later and later each month. Will members please send in notes on club runs immediately after the event while memories are fresh, otherwise it is a constant headache for the Editor and there is a risk that reports will have to appear hopelessly out of their chronological order.

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