

ANFIELD CIRCULAR

JOURNAL OF THE ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB
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No 846

- Apr 11 Mouldsworth (Goshawk)
18 Crowton (Hare & Hounds)
25 Kelsall (Morris Dancer)
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- May 2 Hanmer (Hanmer Arms) Stretton (Appleton Thorn)
4 Anfield 25 7.00 am D25.11
Tattenhall (Sportsmans Arms)
9 Huxley (Farmers Arms)
16 Broxton (Durham Heifer)
Club 10 Farndon 11.30 am
23 Hanmer (Hanmer Arms) Holmes Chapel (Bistro)
25*Anfield 100 6.00 am D100/5* (Dog in the Lane)
30 Wrenbury (Cotton Arms)
- Jun 1 Club 25 Pearl Lane 7.15 am
6 Ashton (Golden Lion)
13 Tattenhall (Sportsmans Arms)
20 Kelsall (Morris Dancer)
Club 10 Thornton Hough 8.30 am
27 Crowton (Hare & Hounds)
- Jul 4 Marbury (Swan) Bosley (Harrington Arms)
6 Club 25 Pearl Lane 7.15 am
COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Committee members and officials to be notified of
time, date and venue.

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Black marks for Committee Members

Club business is very slowly - but surely - grinding to a halt, because only 4 or 5 members are, at present, remembering to attend what should be official committee meetings, every six weeks, the dates and venues for which appear in the Circular. It is frustrating, to say the least, for the members who do turn up to find the meeting cancelled because a quorum cannot be formed. We should not expect endless patience to be shown the non-attenders. As members, we appreciate the Anfield way of cycling; accordingly we should fear the consequences of alienating those who shoulder the burden of club business.

Phil Mason (Vice President) and Dave Eaton (Hon. Sec.) both ask for more interest and action from absent committee members, and make a plea to the remaining members to afford a little, or a little more, time to assist running the Club and share the workload. Both Phil and Dave are getting tired and fed up with having to spend so much valuable time, with encouragement from few others, trying to run a Club of 90 or so apparently passive members.

So, if you enjoy racing under the Anfield's name, or riding to clubruns for the company of the Anfield, or just reading the Circular, please please contribute to the life of the Club. Offer your help to Phil or Dave.

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Alteration to Club 10 Farndon - 21 March 1987 - 11.30 am

Intended course has not been approved by the District Committee. As an alternative the Bruera circuit will be used, start and finish at the picnic centre, Broxton, approx. distance 14 miles. It is a sporting course, and could be a useful pipe opener, entries will be taken on the line, and volunteers for marshalling will be much appreciated.

Open Events

The May 25 and 100 rapidly approach and help is welcome and needed for both. Offers of help and assistance should be directed to P. Mason, 39 Glenwood Drive, Irby, Wirral, Merseyside, L61 4UG (Telephone 051 648 5168) for the 100 and C.R. Griffiths, 17 The Highway, Hawarden, Clwyd for the 25 *AS SOON AS POSSIBLE*.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Moss writes to say he's moved again

We've now been in Durban since the beginning of December 1986 and it's been hot and humid most of the time. It starts to get better after the end of February I believe.

Cycling here is very popular, what with the addition of tri-athletics and people just keeping fit. I've tried a few "club runs" but as soon as they reach any fair size climb they speed up and I get dropped (never was much good at going up).

I can now just about stay with them for 1 hour. Usually up the coast road going North, the round trip (if you make it) is about 80 km.

John concludes:

"Keith writes to me now and again to let me know what's going on, and tell me he's still not managed to beat my '100' time".

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7 September 1986:

A HUNDRED MILE RIDE THROUGH THE CHESHIRE LANES

The ride today was to be a rare occurrence in modern Anfield history, for it was the day on which 9 out of the 11 Anfielders taking part in the event started together and remained in each other's company without sprinting or switching until the ride was completed 7 hours later. I say 9 riders because 2 members started at 7 am from the Piper Inn on the Chester by-pass to follow a lanes route through Mouldsworth, Acton Bridge, Budworth, Knutsford, Alsager, Cholmondeley and back through the familiar by-ways of Beeston, Huxley and Christleton.

The other 9 Anfielders followed the same route taking lunch at the White Lion Hotel, Hankelow which was approximately the half distance of the ride.

It was a typical early September day, sunshine with a strong breeze assisting the riders on the outward journey of this circular tour, and there were those who suffered in the closing stages through lack of miles. Nevertheless the peloton remained as one. I remember a Tour De France when Anquetil wearing the yellow jersey was having a bad day but he was safe in the peloton protected by his team. Our star was Phil Mason and similar protection was awarded. His was a courageous effort.

The day inspired good conversation, randonneur's Bettaney and Whitmarsh persuaded me of the merits of riding Liege - Bastogne-Liege - "one car with three bikes on the roof" in June 1987 for a 245 km weekend randonneur was worth consideration. The 1986 tour, Hinault v Lemond was a controversial topic, while others analysed the possibility of an Anfield team in the West Cheshire 12: unanimous was the verdict that it had been a long time since Anfielders had ridden in this style with so much enjoyment and that a similar ride in the spring should be considered.

Initially, the purpose of the ride was to raise money for the Endoscopy Unit at Clatterbridge Hospital to enable them to purchase an Endoscopy High Powered Cold Light Source Machine, which was described in Circular 844.

The efforts of the 11 members through their friends and colleagues raised £790 and in November 1986 the hospital purchased the machine. Several members who took part in the ride attended a small reception at the hospital where they saw the machine, and a photograph with a report of the occasion was recorded in the local press.

Keith Orum

NOTE FROM PIPA ORUM

I have been asked by the staff of the Endoscopy Unit at Clatterbridge Hospital to again convey their thanks to Mike Twigg, Phil Mason, Dave Bettaney, Dave Eaton, Jeff Lewis, Justin Rawsthorne, Phil Ashley, Brian Whitmarsh, Tony Pickles, Keith Orum and Brian Bird for their splendid efforts.

CLUB RUNS

4 October 1986 - Durham Heifer

A 'phone call from Tecwyn suggesting an early start to put in extra miles, sent me to study the local maps. Tec had been on holiday to Brittany and needed to work off a few kilos.

After 'phoning Mike to arrange a 10.30 meet in Farndon, I set off. The wind was light but against me so I was pleasantly warm after my brief ride through Cuddington. As I was a little early I rode along the new by-pass and back over the old bridge. Even though it had only been open a few days the village seemed to have settled into a new peaceful place.

Stuart arrived slightly after me and informed us that Mike would make his own way out.

Cycling through the lanes to Shocklach, Tilston and on to Malpas, soon had Tecwyn warm - for some reason he hates the climb into Malpas. Stuart warned me not to pile on the pressure. From Malpas, through Old Castle on to the Wych road, where Stuart was startled by a grey squirrel rushing at him and going under the front wheel. After much laughter and remarks about 'Nuts' etc. we continued, making a rapid descent into Lower Wych, then on through the lanes to the Newport side of Whitchurch, backtracking to the Market and then turning right at the 'Hospital' sign. Three miles later - still in glorious sunshine, we stopped for light refreshment at 'The White Swan', Marbury. Stuart took the opportunity to examine the Church and Mere. The Swan would make a good club run as the food is quite varied and well priced, also Wem ale is served. Ten minutes later we were again on the road and making for Broxton, but a navigational error, plus a puncture, found us in Whitchurch instead of Cholmondeley. After a rapid ride down the main A.41, turning right at Hampton Heath, over Bulkeley Hill, we arrived at the 'Durham Heifer' at 13.45. Tecwyn's and my reputation ruined - we were accused of going cycling!

The day was finished off by riding over to the 'Sportmans' to meet Mike and discuss Stuart's birthday. That morning Mike had missed us in Marbury by 10 minutes. A quiet pint or three and then on to our respective homes. Great - only $\frac{1}{4}$ mile for me!

Those present at the 'Durham Heifer':-

M. Twigg, C. Griffiths, G. Robinson, J. Futter, M. Day, J. Lewis, H. Catling and Mary, Bob Poole and B. Hagar, K. Wilson, Gavin Partington, Jason France, John Stanfield, Ian Billington, B. & P. Whitmarsh, R. & D. Bettaney, J. Thompson, S. Twigg, T. Williams, and Brian Bird.

Christmas jottings

The Goshawk, Mouldsworth and the Yacht, Woodbank were two of the hostelryes who welcomed the Anfield during the festive season. Amongst those who journeyed to the Goshawk on Boxing Day were Brian Whitmarsh and family and David Bettaney and family. I supped with Mike and Stuart Twigg, John and Mrs Williamson, Brian Bird and Tecwyn. At an adjacent table were Gerry Robinson and Mike Hallgarth in conversation with guest Alan Rogerson.

In the party at the Yacht on New Year's Day, particularly worthy of mention is John Whelan who announced his resolution to race this season. Conversation touched on Addie Yarrington's retiral from the Eureka after more decades serving tea to countless cyclists than I wish to remember (to be honest, 4 decades are spanned since she first served me tea and hot buttered toast). We all wish Addie good health and enjoyment in retirement.

14 FEBRUARY 1987 - WRENBURY: COTTON ARMS

This proved to be an excellent venue, to satisfy both appetite and thirst and within cycling distance of Two Mills. Surely a venue to be repeated.

Members present:

Jason Hughes, Tony Pickles, Ben Griffiths, Frank Fischer, John Williamson, Ernie Davies & Joan, Mike Twigg, Stewart Twigg, Brian Bird & Tony, John Thompson & Maggie, Tecwyn Williams, Gerry Robinson.

John Futter

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A Reluctant Tourist - Summer 1986

Some months ago a friend of mine told my wife and I about his intended cycle ride from Shrewsbury to Land's End and back. I remember my wife suggesting that I could do with attempting something similar. I hurriedly changed the subject and forgot about it. Some time later I couldn't believe it when I actually heard myself agreeing to go on the ride with him and his friends after he had telephoned me at home. (I think it was one of those days when I had one of my dizzy spells.)

I left the preparation until the last minute hoping that something would happen to prevent me from going, but eventually the night before the trip I went into the garage and reached for the bike. I found the panniers and pump and fitted all the bits and pieces which I thought was needed for that kind of trip. I wiped it over with a cloth, and a check of nuts and screws completed the mechanical preparation. A quick 300-yard sprint up the road and back completed my preparation.

The next morning found me riding to the railway station to catch the train to Shrewsbury. This is where I was to meet up with the group. The question going through my mind on the train journey was whether I could stand being "half-wheeled" to Land's End and back.

I met my companions outside the youth hostel at 9.45 am and at 10.00 am we left on the first leg of the journey. At the hostel gate someone got stuck in his toe clips and fell sideways creating havoc as he pushed three other people over. We all dismounted and re-assembled, people, machines and panniers.

We took the A49 through Church Stretton, Stokesay and Ludlow - where we stopped for lunch beneath the castle wall. After Leominster we turned into the A417 and made for Gloucester where a visit to MacDonald's refreshed us until we eventually arrived at Slimbridge Youth Hostel for a welcome night's rest. This hostel is next to the Wildfowl Trust establishment and has its own pond looked over by an observatory - worth a visit.

From Slimbridge we made our way via the A38 through Bristol, past the airport on the hill to Taunton where we sat in warm sunshine in the pedestrianised area eating pasties and fruit. You may have realised by now that we ate regularly on this trip - every hour to be exact. This habit was very difficult to break when I got home (anybody want to buy a number of pairs of size 34 waist pants?). Exeter was the next night's stay - a very comfortable hostel, it was here that I got in touch with Brian Bird's relatives, hopefully so that he could accompany us on part of the journey, but my description of "a pretty way" over the 'phone did not seem to coincide with his idea of the same route. The next day's ride to Plymouth via a beautiful coastal route was made in warm sunshine and I was able also to take photographs of a high speed train as it passed through Starcross on the line next to the road - very impressive.

The ride from Plymouth took us via the Polruan Ferry to Fowey and on to the Golant Youth Hostel. The road down to the ferry at Polruan was so steep that we had to walk down whilst holding our brakes on firmly.

Our following day's ride took us past the clay tips at St. Austell to Newquay where it was decided that we should stay (because of injuries, etc) an extra night at the youth hostel. After a paddle and walk on the beach we had a chat about the injury situation and the next day I found myself alone on the road to Land's End. All the others had decided to travel a few miles to Perranporth, make their way slowly to Land's End and catch the train back to Shrewsbury.

My next stop was at the Land's End hostel at St. Just. I arrived there at 5.00 pm, booked in, stripped the bike of its bags and rode with my camera the last 10 miles to Land's End itself. An obliging oriental gentleman took my photograph by the famous signpost and I then rode back to the hostel for dinner. I had made it!

Up to now the weather had been beautiful, I had become quite bronzed (the nose was red) but the return journey was quite different. It rained nearly every day. My first stop on the return leg (via the A39) was at the Tintagel Hostel - converted miners' cottages on the cliff edge. Foolishly I forgot to take in my shorts which I had left to dry on the wall outside the hostel - it rained overnight.

The next day saw me riding to Minehead with a pair of non-cycling shorts on in pouring rain. Stickability was the name of the game as I cycled through the mist and rain over Exmoor. Fortunately in Minehead there was a good drying room (and a useful jar of vaseline).

Surprisingly the following day was bright and sunny and this lifted me as I cycled to Bristol over the Quantocks midst the the roadside warnings "danger, beware of adders"! The hostel at Bristol was in its temporary house in a Polytechnic hall of residence. By this time I had thoroughly dried out, which was fortunate because my next day's ride took me through torrential rain and huge waves sent over me by juggernauts as I battled my way to the Severn Bridge.

I stopped on the bridge to take a photograph and was disturbed by the massive amount of movement caused by wagon after wagon as they crossed the bridge. I was only too happy to mount once again and continue my journey through Chepstow and up the Wye Valley past Tintern Abbey to the hostel at Welsh Bicknor overlooking the Wye. A night's drying off here, plus a quantity of goat's milk, refreshed me for my final effort to Shrewsbury up the A49.

Refreshments at Ludlow and a final cuppa and bun at Church Stretton gave me enough fuel to "race" the last 13 miles to Shrewsbury Youth Hostel. I wish I had timed that last 13 miles, I'm sure I must have broken some sort of record.

Well, there it is, I had made it - Shrewsbury - Land's End - Shrewsbury. I hadn't expected to enjoy it, but I did. I found my fitness improved day by day. Trouble with the bike? - one small chain problem which was easily fixed. No punctures, wheels (thanks Dave Quinn!) perfectly true at the end of the ride.

Now, about that End to End or coast to coast.....

Jim Middleton

Border incursions

During the past year several Anfielders have visited Edinburgh. In October, business in Scotland led Ben to Dunbar and an overnight stay in Edinburgh. He found space to bring his bicycle too, and so was able to explore the

delightful countryside and empty roads of East Lothian before returning south. From Edinburgh he rode in the shadow of the Moorfoot Hills through the villages of Pencaitland, Gifford and Stenton. The route involved some tricky map reading, but unfortunately the maps fell out of his saddlebag somewhere along the road. My next sighting of him was on Boxing Day behind a pint of beer at the Goshawk, Mouldsworth: living proof that our President has a sound sense of direction - and of the lure of Greenalls bitter.

A visit from our 83 year old Penzance member, Syd Hancock during festival time provided a nice excuse to examine, in quick succession, two complementary art forms: equipment in the Edinburgh Bicycle Co-operative, followed by John Bellaney's paintings in the Gallery of Modern Art. Our respective spouses also present on the combined pilgrimage expressed views which I cannot now recall. Adam, expressing his opinion of the afternoon, with all the directness a 9 year old can command, likes modern art but has more to learn about the subtleties of cycling equipment.

John and Rosemary Farrington, regular visitors to Liberton, live some 20 miles away. John is an established yachtsman, now with East and West coast experience. Happily, I note that his Clifton remains ready for use when the time is right: cycling is still in his veins. Currently he is considering what type of rollers to buy with a view to regaining cycling fitness. Advice and offers direct to John please.

DDB

Addie hands over....

In January, more than 300 cyclists gathered at one of their favourite venues to bid fond farewell to a most popular lady.

Addie Yarrington, "mine hostess" at the Eureka Cafe in Two Mills, Ledsham, Wirral, retired from the cafe her family has run for nearly 60 years.

Addie, who arrived in style in a white Rolls Royce, was presented with an engraved decanter and 6 glasses bearing the image of a cyclist and the words "from Merseyside and Wirral clubs" above her name.

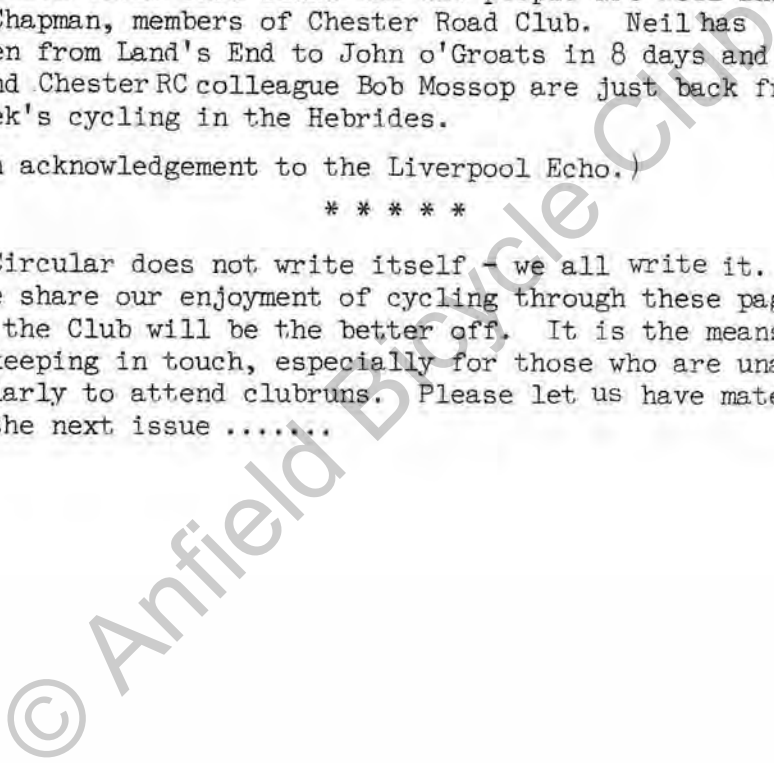
Handing over the gifts were Tour de France hero Paul Sherwen, from Frodsham, and his Raleigh professional team mate Steve Fleetwood, from Liverpool.

Addie insisted the new owner keep up the tradition of providing cyclists with a similar service - and the tradition looks safe since the new people are Neil and Ann Chapman, members of Chester Road Club. Neil has ridden from Land's End to John o'Groats in 8 days and he and Chester RC colleague Bob Mossop are just back from a week's cycling in the Hebrides.

(With acknowledgement to the Liverpool Echo.)

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The Circular does not write itself - we all write it. If we share our enjoyment of cycling through these pages, then the Club will be the better off. It is the means for keeping in touch, especially for those who are unable regularly to attend clubruns. Please let us have material for the next issue



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July	11	Huxley (Farmers Arms)	
	18	Malpas (New Inn)	
	25	Kelsall (Morris Dancer)	
Aug	1	Crowton (Hare & Hounds)	
	8	Brown Knowl (Copper Mine)	
	15	Wrenbury (Cotton Arms)	Stretton (Appleton Thorn)
	22	Mouldsworth (Goshawk)	*PHOTO RUN*
	29	Marbury (Swan)	Bosley (Warrington Arms)
Sept	5	Kelsall (Morris Dancer)	
	12	Pont-Blyddyn (New Inn)	
	19	Haughton Moss (Nags Head)	
	26	Huxley (Farmers Arms)	
Oct	3	Hanmer (Hanmer Arms)	Holmes Chapel (Bistro)
	10	Mouldsworth (Goshawk)	

CLUB NIGHT held at Eureka Cafe, Two Mills, 6.30 pm on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, plus the 5th Wednesday where applicable.

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RACING RESULTS

CLUB 14 HILLY BROXTON- BRUERA-FARNDON

Jason Hughes 37-47
Jeff Lewis 40-28
Paul Futter 41-12
Brian Bird 41-15
P G Smith
(Chester RC) 42-08
Paul Ashley 42-39
Tony Pickles 44-50
Stuart Twigg DNF

ST ANNES (ORMSKIRK) CC 25 D25/11 5.4.87

John Stinton 1-5-03
Ben Griffiths 1-5-30
Jeff Lewis 1-6-55

WCTTA 25 D25/11 12.4.87

Jason Hughes 1-3-30 (2nd
Handicap)
(Fastest
Juvenile)
John Stinton 1-3-49
Ben Griffiths 1-4-36
Jeff Lewis 1-5-44
Brian Bird 1-10-02 (3rd
Handicap)
Stuart Twigg DNF

PORT SUNLIGHT HILLY 22 D22/1 17.4.87

Ben Griffiths

ABBOTSFORD PARK CC 10 J3/1 18.4.87

Ben Griffiths

MSW 50 D50/3 19.4.87

Ben Griffiths 2-19-38
Jeff Lewis DNF

BIRKENHEAD VICTORIA CC 25 D25/11 20.4.87

Jason Hughes 1-4-13

WCTTA 30 D30/3 26.4.87

Brian Whitmarsh 1-11-46) Team
Jason Hughes 1-15-31) Prize
(Fastest
Juvenile)
John Stinton 1-16-26
Ben Griffiths 1-18-23
Jeff Lewis 1-19-40
Paul Ashley 1-22-58 (1st
Handicap)
Brian Bird 1-24-30
Stuart Twigg 1-25-17 (2nd
Handicap)

DUKINFIELD CC 50 J3/13 31.5.87

Ben Griffiths 2-15-
Jeff Lewis 2-25-16

ANFIELD BC 25 D25/11 4.5.87

Jason Hughes 1-1-49 PB
1st Handicap
(Ladies and Boys)
Brian Bird 1-7-47
Paul Ashley DNF
(punctured)

CLUB 10 (BARTON-WREXHAM
A534) 16.5.87

John Stinton 25-03
Jeff Lewis 26-08
P G Smith
(Chester RC) 26-14
Brian Bird 26-49
P Smith
(Chester RC) 27-18
Ian Billington 29-50
Robert Wilson 31-28
Stuart Twigg DNF

ANFIELD BC 100 D100/5
25.5.87

Peter Colligan 4-52-35
(incl. 12 min late start)
Jeff Lewis 4-57-21 (PB)
Ben Griffiths DNF
John Thompson DNF
Keith Orum DNF
Paul Ashley

WCTTA 50 D50/1 30.5.87

John Stinton 2-5-34
Ben Griffiths 2-11-56
Jeff Lewis 2-13-48
Keith Orum 2-13-54
Brian Bird 2-21-23

ANFIELD BC CLUB 25
1.6.87 D1/25

John Stinton 1-0-11
Jason Hughes 1-3-42
Jeff Lewis 1-3-43

The Club 10, held on the Farndon by-pass course for the first time, had a turnout of 5 Anfielders and the Smiths out of the Chester RC. Although the weather wasn't too warm for the start, fast times were expected. Our expectations were not to be met as on the way out to the turn at Borrass roundabout the head wind slowed riders down and on the way back not much aid was given by the wind.

Brian Bird is continuing to improve on his times, and Ian Billington, only 15 years old and showing great potential, is off to a good start with a better than evens ride. Jason Hughes, who didn't ride today, has improved tremendously in his 25 times with a 1-1-49 in our Anfield 25 on May 4th. Will he break the hour this year? Let's wait and see. Best of luck, Jason.

ANFIELD 100 1987

This year's Anfield 100 was held on May 25, on what looked like being a good day for cycling.

Several riders found it a cool, energy-sapping morning which meant they would not be completing the course.

Of the six Anfielders down to start, Keith Orum helped out at the last minute with handing up well needed drinks at 34 miles, Paul Ashley packed at 70 miles with cramp. Ben and John Thompson also didn't finish leaving Peter Colligan and Jeff Lewis to complete the course.

Ian Cammish won with a time of 3-59-28.

Jeff Lewis

CAMMISH IS SUPREME IN ANFIELD '100'

Ian Cammish overcame temperatures more suited to March than May to win the Anfield '100' on Monday.

Few would give anyone much chance of beating Cammish at his favourite distance over his Shropshire training roads. However, 21 year old Ian Davis (Warwickshire RC) was not overawed by reputation as he flew down to Shawbirch. Unofficial timekeepers had him up on Cammish though by 25 miles he was 37 seconds down (57-41 to 57-4). This brave challenge ended on the hilly stretch to Prees with Davis packing before 50 miles.

Three other riders were inside 1-1-0 for 25 miles: Simon Edney 59-29, Paul Holt 1-0-20 and national 24 hour champion Ian Dow 1-0-57.

John North (Horwich CC) was next with 1-3-27 and he later retired complaining of back trouble.

As expected Cammish went his own way recording 1-55-8 for 50 miles to a slow (for him) 3-59-28 to finish.

The last 25 miles saw him strip a sprocket, puncture, ride two miles on a flat and 21 miles on a borrowed high pressure.

Edney, Holt and Dow kept in order to 75 miles but Holt punctured at Prees (83 miles) and slipped to fourth whilst Dow's steady pace paid off as he took 3-30 out of Edney over the last 25 miles to gain second place. Holt had the consolation of leading the winning team and Edney was first on handicap.

The morning proved eventful for Anfielder Pete Colligan. Despite rising at 3 am he failed to reach the timekeeper at his allotted time and had a 12 minutes late start. Undaunted, the 53 year old managed to record 4-52-35 to take the vets' award.

A video has been made of this year's Anfield '100' though the director reckons that part of the sound track will need to be edited before it is fit for general release!

Ian Cammish

(Manchester Wh-Trumanns)	3 59 28
I Dow (Oxford City RC)	4 9 21
S Edney (Warwicks RC)	4 10 42
P Holt (Horwich CC)	4 10 57
A Fisher (Team Mirage)	4 23 45
M Kerry (Lancashire RC)	4 24 26
V Jenkins (Weaver Valley CC)	4 24 27
K Silvester (Mid Shropshire Wh)	4 26 14
S Jackson (Skipton CC)	4 29 28
D Jenkins (Birkenhead Vics)	4 32 38

H'cap - S Edney (Warwickshire RC)(15-0) 3-55-42. Vet on standard - P Colligan (Anfield BC) + 31-19. Team - Horwich CC-Partington Cycles (Holt, R Storeman 4-34-43, M Parker 4-50-39) 13-36-19.

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CLUB RUNS

5 MARCH 1987 - KELSALL: MORRIS DANCER

"A Lonely Run"

Following a call to my home by Mike and Stuart I knew that my regular companions on club runs wouldn't be out. Only Tecwyn was to be on the road, a late call on Friday confirmed that he would be in Tattenhall for 11.00.

Saturday morning came as a surprise, 5 inches of snow had fallen and a full blown blizzard was in progress. Tecwyn had found a warm fire and the Rugby International more attractive, I don't know why.

Being stupid, brave or both I set out at 11.10. The roads were deserted and fortunately only covered in slush, the wind being the main problem. At Huxley I was tempted to stop but plodded on head down and now capeless. Down Cork-screw Lane, across the main road, climbing through Willington to Kelsall.

At the Morris Dancer I found the pub deserted, due to the weather and partly I think the new by-pass. After sitting by the fire drying out for one hour I began to wonder whether I had the correct destination. Another $3/4$ hour still alone, 3 pints and 2 bowls of soup later I phoned home to check on the destination. By two o'clock and feeling warm and relaxed I called my wife who travelled across and loaded the cycle into the car and hurried home, hopefully to watch the rugby - only to find a power cut!

Those Present.

"Brian Bird"

14 MARCH 1987: LLANBEDR CYCLISTS' CAFE

An experiment with the Club venue, to a cafe instead of the usual pub, was marred by bad weather.

However, the President journeyed to the mills, in case anyone turned up.

For myself I felt it was probably only slightly worse being out in the weather than stuck in the house looking through the window at it, and made the reasonably short journey to Llanbedr where I was pleased to find the company of Ben Griffiths, Paul Ashley, Jason Hughes. Ernie Davies had made an attendance, but had left before my arrival.

J.F.

18 APRIL 1987 - CROWTON: HORSE & HOUNDS

On this Easter Saturday I travelled with Mary to Crowton in calm Spring weather and warm sunshine. In the company of Keith and Pippa Orum we met Messrs Twigg, Robinson and Davies, and chatted to Harold and Mary Catling who told us they were but a tandem's ride from Didsbury.

Proceedings were given extra bite by a very fast and youthful section under the tutelage of Messrs Futter and Pickles. The maze of lanes between Deeside and Crowton had ensured that

the man with the map had held the key to keeping down the pace (to below 25s!). It is encouraging to see our juniors looking so fit - and we should be grateful to senior members for guiding them into the best all round traditional cycling club in the region.

DDB

33rd BREVET DE RANDONNEUR DES ALPES

Dave Bettaney, Brian Whitmarsh and Chris Edwards tackled the 33rd Brevet de Randonneur des Alpes in July 1985. In Issue 843 (June 1986) we left them poised for the hardest part of the route.

Dave has kindly written up afresh the missing pages, and so after a 12 months rest, the ride continues:-

St Jean de Maurienne lay after 146 Km of the course and we now had only another 112 Km to ride which included the Col du Mollard and the Col de la Croix de Fer - a total of 6400 ft of climbing in the next 24 miles. It was two o'clock and the sun was directly overhead as we stocked up on fruit and cakes, filled our bottles and moved off from the control.

A mile or so down the road a gendarme, with truncheon and gun hanging from his belt, stopped an oncoming car and directed us left off the main road on our way to the Col du Mollard. What a climb this proved to be! The road just went up and up for ever. We were all in our smallest gears in the lower thirties and were really pushing hard. At the time I was possibly the strongest of the three of us but I was also the first one to stop in the shade of a large overhanging rock to escape from the unbearable heat. After a few minutes rest a young boy came running down the road and told us that there was cold water just a little further on so we made our way slowly to a small house with a cave-like cellar cut out of the rock at the side of the road. Here there were people handing out bottles of spa water - ice cold and although we realised it may have given us stomach cramps the temptation was too great.

A little later the road levelled out slightly and went through a short tunnel, quickly followed by another and another --- five of them in all and we suddenly realised we were on the wrong road. A quick look at the map showed that at the point where the pistol packing gendarme had

directed us off the main road there were two minor roads running parallel and we had taken the wrong one. We were not on the Col du Mollard but on the shorter 5 tunnels route. It was too far to turn back and get on to the correct road and besides, we wouldn't have had the strength. We were now feeling quite dispirited with things and rode the next few miles quietly, wondering if we would qualify for the event not having completed our elected route.

We occasionally passed other riders who were also looking quizzingly at maps as though they too had realised their mistake and before long we came to terms with the situation and began to cheer up.

Soon we came to a very welcome downhill section for a mile or so to the Port de Belleville where the road we should have been on over the Mollard rejoined our route. There now followed a few miles of uphill drag, not steep but very tiring - no doubt due to a combination of the heat and the fact that we had been riding for about 12 hours. Ambrosia was the food of the Gods! I always wondered what that meant and now I knew. That cold rice pudding in our bottles just about carried us through to the next control at St. Sorlin d'Arves where we sat down for a good half hour to eat, drink and rest.

For some time, as we approached St Sorlin we had been looking at the mountain towering above the village wondering which way the road would go. Would it run along the valley to the left or over the shoulder to the right? We suddenly found out as the sun glistened on car windows at various points straight up the main face. That was the Col de la Groise de Fer - a five mile climb rising 2800 feet.

At the control Chris decided to go it alone so he left Brian and myself to make the most of another fifteen minutes rest. Eventually we too started up the Col which climbed steeply before we had even left the village. It was a real struggle at first because we were stiff after the rest but became easier as we loosened up. The road was a simple series of hairpin bends joined by short straights, zig-zagging up the climb with St Sorlin always in sight directly below.

In common with all the previous climbs there were several hundred riders in sight at any time - quite a number of them female, some of whom seemed to be riding much easier than we were. One in particular was wearing disgustingly short shorts as she struggled up the climb, occasionally getting out of the saddle to make it a little easier. After riding directly behind her for a few minutes we decided to pass and leave her to her struggles.

The road became very narrow - not much more than a car's width in places which made it rather dangerous when two cars wanted to pass. Towards the top the road swung around to the left and, for the first time since we began the climb some 40 minutes earlier, we lost sight of St Sorlin. Although the gradient did not lessen at all we were able to change up through the gears and onto the large chainring for a final half kilometer - somewhat similar to the last part of the Horseshoe Pass which is always very fast.

At the summit there were dense crowds all shouting encouragement to their heroes. Following cars were not allowed but there were a few places on the route allocated where helpers could meet up with the rider and this was one of them. The event organisers had even arranged mini buses for this purpose.

The nineteen miles from St Jean to here had taken exactly three hours including stops. I wouldn't have believed it possible to go so slowly without falling off.

There now remained only 45 miles back to Grenoble - mostly downhill so we had our cards stamped, filled the bottles again and were away. The descent was very fast on a well surfaced and quite wide road all the way to Rochetaillee, the place where we had made our first stop to remove lights many hours earlier.

The remaining 25 miles back down the Romanche Valley were into a stiff headwind and several small groups were soft pedalling until there had formed a bunch of about 30 riders for a final lineout to the finish. The organisers had arranged a sting in the tail in the form of a stiff drag through the hills of the Uriage before the final drop into Grenoble and the Palais des Sports where we checked in exactly sixteen hours after our departure and collected our well-earned medal and certificate.

All three of us would agree that it was an experience not to be missed and by far the hardest climb on the whole route was carrying the bikes up 3 flights of stairs back to our rooms.

David Bettaney

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear David

In February Mike Hallgarth accepted my invitation to join us triokies for a T.A. lunch run up on the Cotswolds. Despite this being his first ride after his bout of pneumonia he still left me standing on the hills. Can I put this down to the forty years difference in our ages? Once the light evenings are here again we hope to resume our mid-week evening rides to a little pub mid-way between Chepstow, Bristol and Wickwar. These are T.A. events so we shall be able to elect him an honorary triokie.

It was good to get back to Anfieldland to visit Eric Reeves and attend a club run to Huxley. An extra bonus was meeting George Connor again after so many years. We had so much news to exchange that I accepted a lift back to Port Sunlight instead of riding back. On the Sunday Eric and I rode down to Rutton-XI-Towns for a couple of days at a C.T.C. house we had found there and had a day cycling into Wales. On my way home on the Tuesday I called on Jack Pitchford and found him his usual cheerful self but not so mobile as of yore. My list of reunions was completed by a visit from Syd Jonas whom I had not seen since before the war; so, once again reminiscences of bygone happy days filled a pleasant day.

Kind regards to yourself and all old friends.

Rigby Band

TRIBUTE TO BEN

A committee member requested publication of the following poem, written in honour of President by an unnamed lady admirer following a holiday in the sun:-

There was a young man called Ben
Who was different from all other men
He took all our fancy
'Cos he was no nancy
Delectable gentleman Ben

We never rode too slow for him
He never rode too fast
When we were down upon the rim
He made sure we weren't last
So, from the ladies, we say to you
Well done, Ben, we love you.

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CYCLING IN MID ARGYLL

Some of Britain's best mountain and maritime landscapes are found within Argyll on Scotland's west coast. Last summer we hitched up the caravan, and with bicycles on the roof of the car set off for a week's holiday in the area.

The map suggested that Killinochonoch, near Kilmartin, would provide a good base from which to explore the surrounding countryside by bicycle. On our doorstep we found the Polltalloch Estate, a traffic-free network of lanes and tracks ideal for cycling. A mansion, now in ruins, presides over rolling pastures, ancient woodlands, and distant islands beyond the blue Sound of Jura. The once splendid front lawn is now grazed by sheep and cattle. But the small church continues to serve the local community and provides shelter from showers!

From here green lanes through forgotten woodland lead to the salt waters of Crinan Loch. We pedalled to Duntrune Castle which commands the entrance to the Loch, and much of the Sound of Jura. Nearby there are beaches of white sand, and quiet bays; we shared them with seals and herons.

The area is a place where wild mushrooms and raspberries grow for the picking, and, if you time it right, at Crinan mackerel can be fished from the incoming tide. Wildlife abounds: in woodland close to Killinochonoch a family of buzzards were resident. From the caravan we watched them circle the surrounding hills, and how their cries haunted the landscape!

Archaeological remains are thick on the ground too. We cycled to stone circles, burial mounds and prehistoric forts built by people who cultivated the land 5000 years ago. Back to the 20th century to complete the holiday we cycled to the Mid Argyll Show and spent a day amongst cattle, Highland dancing and displays of gleaming modern farm equipment. And our hosts at Killinochonoch Farm came away with some of the prizes!

DDB

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Autumnal Tints Weekend

Cobdens Hotel, Capel Curig will be the venue for the weekend of 23 and 24 October 1987.

Mike Twigg is in charge of bookings and deposits. Prices will be similar to last year - but we will advise you of the exact cost nearer the time.

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October 10 Kelsall (Morris Dancer)
October 17 Ashton
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21 BeestonBrook (Castle)
28 Farndon (Nags Head)
Dec 5 Tattenhall (Sportsman)
12 Pontblyddyn (New Inn)
19 Huxley (Farmers Arms)
26 Mouldsworth-Ladies Invitation (Goshawk)
Jan 1988
1 Woodbank (Yacht)
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RACING RESULTS

EXETER WH CC 17 MILE HILLY
S7/17 20/4/87

Brian Bird 55-00

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D48/11 10/5/87

J. Thompson 2-28-08 (TRIKE)

NWTA 50 D50/3 28/5/87

J. Thompson 2-24-42 (TRIKE)

STAFFORD RC 25 K65 3/6/87

John Stinton 59-42

N. LANCS RC 25 L255 9/6/87

John Stinton 59-42

CHESTER RC(MM 1-2-00 LTS)
D25/11 13/6/87

Brian Bird 1-5-22

MERSEYSIDE ASS 100 D100/4
14/6/87

Jeff Lewis 4-38-59

Keith Orum 4-43-09

Brian Bird 5-9-27

Paul Ashley 5-21-28(1st 100
TIME)

NNEC 25 D25/11 16/6/87

Brian Whitmarsh 59-38(10th)

John Stinton 59-59

Ben Griffiths 1-4-40

RÜTLAND CC 25 025/7 17/6/87

John Stinton 55-56 PB

PORT SUNLIGHT 25 D25/11
24/6/87

John Stinton 59-35

Ben Griffiths 1-4-06

BIRKENHEAD VICTORIA CC 25
D25/11 28/6/87

Jason Hughes 1-6-18

Brian Whitmarsh 1-0-50 (9th)

Ben Griffiths 1-5-41

MEERSBROOK CC25 D25/7 13/6/87

Ben Griffiths 1-2-01

NUNBROOK WHEELERS 50 V356
21/6/87

Ben Griffiths 2-11-50

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COMMITTEE NOTES CONT'D

WILLIAM VOCE 27 THE PRIORY NESTON SOUTH WIRRAL L64 35P

The AGM will be held at Ashton W.I. Hall on 3rd October 1987 commencing at 2.30pm. Agenda is closed.

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CLUB RUN LEADERS

A group of active members have volunteered to be at the Eureka Cafe. Two Mills at 11am on a rota basis, to meet members (especially cadets) wishing to ride out to the venue.

If any of these dates do not suit individual leaders, will they please make arrangements with another member to take their place.

NOVEMBER

7 P.MASON
14 K.ORUM
21 J.FUTTER
28 J.LEWIS

JANUARY

1 _____
2 J.FUTTER
9 P.MASON
23 J.LEWIS
30 D.EATON

DECEMBER

5 A.PICKLES
12 C.GRIFFITHS
19 D.EATON
26 _____

FEBRUARY

6 C.GRIFFITHS
13 A.PICKLES
20 D.EATON
27 J.FUTTER

N. LANCS RC 25 L255 9/6/87

John Stinton 59-42

CHESTER RC(MM 1-2-00) D25/11
13/6/87

Brian Bird 1-5-22

DUKENFIELD CC25 J3/7 21/6/87

Brian Whitmarsh 1-1-21(7th)

LIVERPOOL DIST. GHS FINAL
D10/3R 2/7/87

Jason Hughes 24-39 (3rd)
P.B.

MSW 10 D10/3R 2/7/87

Brian Bird 25-59

PRESCOT EAGLE 25 D25/10
4/7/87

John Stinton 59-37

Jason Hughes 1-2-01

Ben Griffiths 1-4-58

MERSEYSIDE ASS. 12HR D12/2
5/7/87

J. Lewis 228-437MILES

Brian Bird(1st H'CAP) 222-958
MILES

Peter Colligan 210-407 MILES
(ALL 2ND TEAM)

NORTH WIRRAL VELO 25 D25/11
7/7/87

Ben Griffiths 1-4-59

ANFIELD BC CLUB25 D125
6/7/87

Jason Hughes 1-2-27

Robert Wilson 1-11-32

Ian Billington 1-12-28

NWTA25 D25/11 11/7/87

John Thompson 1-5-50 (TRIKE)

PHOENIX CC10 D10/1 11/7/87

Jason Hughes 24-26 P.B.

MERSEYSIDE WH. 25 D25/10
12/7/87

Jason Hughes 1-2-16

Ben Griffiths 1-6-13

Brian Bird 1-6-48

DERBYSHIRE POLICE CC10 JC16

John Stinton 22-45 P.B.

LIVERPOOL CENTURY 25 D25/3R
19/7/87

Jason Hughes 1-5-09

TANDEM CLUB10 K8 31/7/87

John Thompson 22-49 (TRIKE)

ROCKINGHAM CC25 025/7
26/7/87

John Stinton 59-45

S. LANCS RC100 J4/38 2/8/87

John Stinton 4-38-05

E.LIVERPOOL WH50 D50/1 2/8/87

John Thompson 2-13-08 (BIKE)

LUTON ARROW 25 F1/25 15/8/87

John Thompson 1-5-24 (TRIKE)

WREXHAM RC25 D25/4 15/8/87

Jason Hughes 1-3-02

Ben Griffiths 1-7-28

EXETER WH50 51/50 16/8/87

Brian Bird 2-22-14

WARRINGTON RC25 J3/7 23/8/87

John Stinton 1-1-56

GHS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 5/9/87

After doing a "Personal" with 24-39 in the district heat for the George Herbert Stancer Memorial Championship where he came third, Jason Hughes qualified for the National Final held on the D10/3R, South of Hodnet.

It was on the cards that Jason would do a good ride as in the district final he'd had hayfever and was no longer suffering from it.

The weather was showery with a mainly sidewind along the course. Many riders were back on their times but Jason on Ben's low profile bike pulled out all of the stops and reached the far turn in 12-03 (4.9 MILES).

The return leg of 5.1 miles was covered in 11-33 to give an overall time of 23-36. A personal best by 50 seconds, and a sixth place.

GHS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
10 D10/3R 5/9/87

Jason Hughes 23-26 P.B. (6th)

RHYL RC10 D10/7 5/9/87

Ben Griffiths 27-03

KIRKBYCC 25 D25/11 22/8/87

Ben Griffiths ~~27-03~~ 1-8-04

CHESTER RC 50 D50/1 30/8/87

Ben Griffiths 2-15-31

An excellent ride by Jason and congratulations are in order.

JEFF LEWIS

A RETURN TO THE DISTANCE OF YORE!

It is a good few years since four anfielders set out to get some miles in, in a 12 hour time trial, but this year we will remember those who rode the Merseyside 12 hour on July 5th.

The field, at 39, was a few more than in previous years. Down to start, representing the Anfield BC, were Keith Orum, Jeff Lewis, Peter Colligan and Brian Bird.

Having arranged for food and drink to be handed up by Phil Mason and Mike Twigg the riders set out on what was to be a very hot and taxing ride.

Three riders finished the ride after 12 hours with Keith Packing after 160 miles.

The Anfield were beaten to the first team prize by less than ten miles. The first team being Birkenhead Victoria CC with a mileage of 671.257. Brian won the handicap prize of £10.

JEFF LEWIS	228.437 Miles
BRIAN BIRD	222.958 Miles
PETER COLLIGAN	210.407 Miles

JEFF LEWIS

COMMITTEE NOTES

The following have applied for CADET memberships of the Anfield and have been accepted:

WARWICK ROBERTS	46 RIDGEWOOD DRIVE PENSBY WIRRAL L61 8RE
JONATHAN SHARP	'LITTLE OAK' SCHOOL AVENUE LITTLE NESTON L64 4BS
ANDREW WRIGHT	12 ROSLIN ROAD IRBY WIRRAL L61 3UH
JASON WIGHTMAN	22 GIRTON ROAD WOLVERHAM ELLESMERE PORT CHESHIRE L65 5BH
MATTHEW EVANS	9 HOLBIEN CLOSE BELGRAVE PARK HANDBRIDGE CHESTER

Autumn Tints, 23rd and 24th October.

By popular request the venue for the week-end will be the Cobdens Hotel, Capel Curig. The cost of bed and breakfast is £12-00 per night.

On Friday night 'Bar Snacks' are available.

For Saturday arrangements have been made for roast beef in the dining room at £6-00 per head.

Baggage can be left at my home on the Thursday for those who cannot make the Yacht at Woodbank for 80/c that evening.

Finally, I would be grateful for early bookings.

John Thompson is organising a Youth Hostel option for Cadets and Juniors. Please contact him at his Rainhill address (or work; telephone 0952 502818 Ext 2337) if Capel Curig is your choice.

MIKE TWIGG

CLUBRUNS

Wrenbury Cotton Arms 15.8.87

Topy Pickles, Jason Hughes, Paul Ashley, Craig Clewley and myself, arrived at the mills, just as the President and Ian Billington were about to leave; and as time was pressing, the looked for rest and cup of tea had to be forgone.

Taking the more direct route along the busy Backford Road to Vicars Cross, it was a relief to turn into Pearl Lane, and continue along the traffic free lanes of Waverton, Greenlooms and arrive at busy village of Tattenhall. Here the first sprint of the day took place, by the more enthusiastic members competing to have the honour of being 1st past the place name sign. The pace had tailed me off the back, but regrouping took place just leaving Tattenhall.

The climb up through Harthill was worth the effort, as I have not seen the Cheshire countryside as splendid as on this, the most perfect of Summer days.

By the time we had crossed the A534, just below Gallantry bank, the elastic had stretched again beyond breaking point. As we carried on through Edgerton Green the leading group were only just visible as they crested the hills on the rolling roads alongside Cholmondley Castle. They held onto their advantage until we reached our destination, with the most welcome sight the Cotton Arms by the picturesque black and white wooden drawbridge over the canal.

Already there, were Mike Twigg, Earnest Davies, Herbert Moore, Stuart Twigg, Gerry Robinson, Tecwyn Williams & Bennet, and David Birchall and Mary.

J.FUTTER

CLUB RUN MARBURY (THE SWAN) 29/8/87

Imet Jason, John, Jason O.Billy, John D. and Craig at the mills and we all set off about 11-15am.

Just before Chester we got our first puncture, but it was soon after fixed and we were on our way again. We went through Chester Centre and journeyed on towards Whitchurch. Just as we were nearly there we got a bit lost but it was soon corrected and we found ourselves in Marbury to find everyone else already there.

On the way back about 9 or 10 of us went on towards Farndon where a couple went another way (no doubt quicker to get home.)

We turned left and went up a hill where Ben and I found a tractor we could hide behind and then over-took when we reached the top.

At the top, Peter Colligan's derailleur snapped and he had to be pushed to Farndon where we rang for help.

We waited opposite the pub in Farndon. Unbelievably we acquired a chain remover in a shop so we moved on for refreshments-while Ian found two female admirers in a car (not bad either.)

While we were there, Ben and Peter passed us. We waited for John, then tried to catch up with them. We got back to the mills without Ben, who must have taken a different route but still did not make it back to the mills.

THOSE PRESENT:

P.COLLIGAN, G.ROBINSON, N.OAKES, I.BILLINGTON, R.WILSON,
J.DUNNING, J.HUGHES, C.GRIFFITHS, C.CLEWLEY, B.BIRD,
T.WILLIAMS, M.TWIGG, S.TWIGG AND J.FUTTER.

ROB WILSON.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear David

Stan Wild, our one-time president has written telling me that he and Jo will be in Britain early in October and mean to attend the Club run on Saturday, October 10th.

Will you please make a note of this in the next circular as quite a number of members might like to come out and meet them again?

Yours sincerely

Harold Catling

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23 Broxton (Durham Heifer)
30 Crowton (Hare and Hounds)

Feb 6 Little Budworth (Shrewsbury)
13 Pont-Blyddyn (New Inn)
20 Barrow (White Horse)
27 Huxley (Farmers Arms)

Mar 5 Farndon (Nags Head) Training Weekend
12 Tattenhall (Sportsmans Arms) Bruera Circuit '15'
19 Mouldsworth (Goshawk)
26 Crowton (Hare and Hounds)

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CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE
6 March 1988

The Club would like to take this opportunity to express it's thanks to the following retired officers:-

BEN GRIFFITHS	For his work as President
DAVE EATON	For his services over the last 8½ years as Hon Secretary.
DAVE BIRCHALL	For the splendid job he did as Editor of the Circular despite the long-distance from Anfieldland.

CONGRATULATIONS

On their Engagement to:-
DAVE EATON and ELIZABETH DEARS

It is the intention to update the Club's Address List, therefore, it would be appreciated if any errors be notified along with missing post-codes and possibly telephone numbers. To the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

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Concern has been shown over the last year, and especially over the last couple of months as to which road the Club is going down.

It has been said that the Committee and other Members of the Club all want the Anfield to prosper. A few members are willing to contribute to varying degrees, and these efforts need to be multiplied and harnessed if we are achieve anything. It is therefore necessary to concentrate our attention on constructive suggestions and offers of help aimed at improving the well-being of the Anfield Bicycle Club.

1988 would (had it not been for the interruption of the two Wars) have been our hundred hundred. However, it is still 100 years since the inception of the Anfield '100! and it is with this in mind that we are trying to make this 100 a complete success.

However, it is essential we get support for marshalling duties from Club Members, as last year's response to the Circular Appeal for help was weak and resulted in marshals being thin on the ground and a rider going off course.

It would therefore be appreciated if all members could give a provisional Yes or No offer to help to EVENT SEC., as soon as possible.

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IRBY
Wirral, Merseyside.
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WCTTA PRESENTATION DINNER

6th December 1987

As usual the dinner was held at the Heatherlands Cafe at Thurstaston. The Anfield Bicycle Club were to pick up several prizes for their efforts in 1987.

Awards presented to Anfielders were as follows:-

WCTTA 25 (12.4.87) Fastest Juvenile: Jayson Hughes

WCTTA 30 (26.4.87) Team Prize (Brian Whitmarsh
(Jayson Hughes
(John Stinton

Merseyside Ass., 12hr (5.7.87) 2nd Team Prize
(J. Lewis
(B. Bird
(P. Colligan

The WCTTA Best All Rounder Competition was well represented by Anfielders. The Junior qualifiers being as follows:-

J.R. Hughes - 24.207 Average Speed
P. Ashley - 22.117 Average Speed

The Senior Bar also had two Anfielders in Jeff Lewis and Brian Bird. See Senior Championship Table.

Stan Cave, still doing very well at the grand old age of seventy-six, was the Veteran's Prize Winner, with the Senior Bar Prize going to Mark Tabor of the Chester R.C.

The company was good, beer likewise, and the food was also.

Those attending on behalf of the Anfield BC were:
Mike Twigg, John Futter, Stuart Twigg, Brian Bird, Jeff and Jayne Lewis, Tony Pickles, Jayson Hughes, Paul Ashley John Stinton, Brian Whitmarsh, Ben Griffiths, Ian Billington, Ernie Davies and Herbie Moore.

WEST CHESHIRE T.T.C.A.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

NAME & CLUB	25	50	100	12hr	TOTAL TIME	TOTAL DIST.	TOTAL SPEED	AVERAGE SPEED	TOTAL SPEED	OVER AVGE SPEED
M TABOR CHESTER RC	1.01.18 24.470	2.01.47 24.634	4.14.25 23.583	242.458 20.205	19.17.30	417.458	92.892	21.640 23.223	44.863	22.431
K. J. PRINCE BIRK VICS	1. 6.01 22.722	2.12.0 22.727	4.44.27 21.093	231.928 19.327	20.2.28	406.928	85.869	20.305 21.467	41.772	20.886
J LEWIS ANFIELD BC	1.5.44 22.819	2.13.48 22.422	4.38.59 21.507	228.437 19.036	19.58.31	403.437	85.784	20.197 21.446	41.643	20.821
E. J. BIRD ANFIELD BC	1.8.33 21.882	2.21.23 21.219	5.09.27 19.389	222.958 18.580	20.39.23	397.958	81.070	19.266 20.267	39.533	19.766
ICH STUBBS BIRK VICS	1.8.21 21.946	2.21.33 21.194	5.06.27 19.708	206.542 17.212	20.34.21	381.542	80.060	18.546 20.015	38.561	19.280

M.C.T.T.C.A.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

NAME & CLUB	25	30	TOTAL SPEED	AVERAGE SPEED
D JENKINS BIRK VICS	58.50 25.496	1.12.27 24.845	50.341	25.170
R BAGOT BNE	59.24 25.253	1.12.26 24.850	50.103	25.051
J R HUGHES ANFIELD BC	1.1.02 24.577	1.15.31 23.836	48.413	24.207
P FLEMING SNE	1.6.54 22.539	1.22.04 21.695	44.355	22.178
P. ASHLEY ANFIELD BC	1.6.33 22.539	1.22.58 21.695	44.234	22.117
P SMITH CHESTER RC	1.9.44 21.511	1.25.28 21.061	44.572	21.286

ROAD TIME TRIALS COUNCIL - LIVERPOOL D.C.
OPEN AND ASSOCIATION EVENTS APPROVED FOR 1988

Fri 1 Jan	10	Wrekinsport C.C.	NS P	D10/3R	10.00
	10	Wrekinsport C.C. Tandem & Tandem Trikes	NS	D10/3R	10.00
Sat 27 Feb.	10	St.Helena C.R.C.		D10/1	14.00
	10	St.Helena C.R.C.	S	D10/1	14.00
Sun 28 Feb.	25	Larkhill Whs. 2 up T.T.T.		D25/3R	09.00
Sun 13 Mar	22	Chester R.C. Hilly 2 up T.T.T.		D22/1	09.00
Sun 20 Mar	25	North Wirral Velo 2 up T.T.T.		D25/11	09.00
Sat 26 Mar	10	M.L.C.A.	MP	D10/1	14.00
	10	M.L.C.A.	WH	D10/1	14.00
	10	M.L.C.A.	S	D10/1	14.00
Sun 27 Mar	25	V.T.T.A.	SC VH	D25/11	08.00
Fri 1 Apr.	22	P.S.W. Hilly		D22/1	08.00
Sat 2 Apr.	16	B'head N.E. Hilly	H	D16/1	14.00
Sun 3 Apr	50	Mid.Shrop.Whs.	HBT	D50/3	07.00
Mon 4 Apr	25	Mid.Shrop.Whs.	HB	D25/14	07.00
	25	B'head Vics. Slowest 120	SG H	D25/11	07.00
	25	B'head Vics. Tandems	H	D25/11	09.00
Sat 9 Apr	35	Ystwyth C.C. Mountain		D35/2	14.00
Sun 10 Apr	25	W.C.T.T.C.A.	AH	D25/2	08.00
Sat 16 Apr	25	New Brighton C.C.	P	D25/11	14.00
Sun 17 Apr	25	L.T.F.C.A.	AH	D25/11	08.00
Sat 23 Apr	10	V.C. Halton	SC	D10/1	14.00
Sun 24 Apr	37	Rhyl R.C. Mountain		D37/2	09.00
	30	W.C.T.T.C.A.	AH	D30/3	08.00
Sun 1 May	25	St.Annes C.C. Ormskirk	H	D25/11	07.00
	35	Wrekinsport C.C. Hilly	PHT	D35/1	09.00
	35	Wrekinsport C.C. Hilly 2 up T.T.T.	PH	D35/1	08.00
Mon 2 May	25	Anfield B.C.	HB	D25/11	07.00
Sat 7 May	10	L'pool Century R.C.		D10/1	14.00
Sun 8 May	48	B'head N.E. C.C. Mountain	TH	D48/1	08.00
	30	V.T.T.A.	SC VH	D30/3	08.00
Tues 10 May	10	P.O/British Telecomms.N.W.Region	SC NS	D10/1	18.30
Sat 14 May	10	V.T.T.A.	SC V	D10/1	14.00
Sun 15 May	25	Phoenix CC Aintree	H	D25/11	07.00
	25	M.L.C.A.	WBH	D25/11	07.00
Sat 21 May	10	Kirkby C.C.	MP	D10/1	14.00
	10	Kirkby C.C.	W	D10/1	14.00
	10	Kirkby C.C.	J	D10/1	14.00
	10	Kirkby C.C.	S	D10/1	14.00
Sun 22 May	50	L.T.T.C.A.	AH	D50/2	07.00
Sat 28 May	10	Central Lanes.R.C.	JS	D10/1	14.00
	10	Central Lanes.R.C.	MW	D10/1	14.00
	25	V.T.T.A.	SC VH	D25/11	17.00
	25	N.Shrop.Whs.	HT	D25/14	14.00
Sun 29 May	50	T.A. N.W. Trikes Only	BH	D50/3	09.00
	50	T.A. N.W. Tandem Trikes		D50/3	09.00
Mon 30 May	100	Anfield B.C. 90 Riders	SC BH	D100/5	06.00
Tues 31 May	25	Shropshire C.C.A.	AH	D25/14	19.30
Sun 5 June	25	Chester R.C. M.M. 1.2.00 LTS	SC H	D25/11	07.00
Thurs 9 June	25	Shropshire C.C.A.	AH	D25/14	19.30
Sat 11 June	25	Merseyside Whs. 1.0.00 lt.	SC	D25/11	17.00
Sun 12 June	50	W.C.T.T.C.A.	AH	D50/2	07.00
Sat 18 June	25	L'pool Century R.C.	H	D25/11	17.00
Sun 19 June	100	Merseyside Associations	BH	D100/4	06.00
	100	Merseyside Associations Tandems/T/Trikes		D100/4	06.00
		<u>ISLE OF MAN CYCLING WEEK</u>			
Sun 19 June	37 ³ / ₄	Mountain	NS	D37/1	07.30
Tues 21 June	25		NS W	D25/13	09.30
	25		NS V	D25/13	09.30
	25		NS M	D25/13	13.00
Wed 22 June	25	G.P. Des Gentlemen 2 up T.T.T.	NS SC	D25/13	09.00

AUTUMN TINTS - Weekend

FRIDAY 23rd October 1987

Surprisingly, after several wet days the skies were clear, but this resulted in the first hard frost of the autumn, and my hands and feet were well chilled as I rode to Ewloe to meet the others. Ben Griffiths, Rob Wilson and John Stinton were already present and the next quarter of an hour we were joined by Jeff Lewis, Brian Whitmarsh, Tony Pickles, Paul Ashley, Jayson Hughes, Bas Bucknell and Dave Bettaney.

Dave and Brian led us off towards Northop where we forsook the main road for the narrow climb up to Rhosemor and Moel-y-Crio before descending to Nannerch. With the aid of a tail-wind we bowled along the Denbigh Road at evens plus but were overtaken by Dave Bassett (visiting customers in his car). Elevenses were to be taken in the cafe at the top of Denbigh Hill so he arranged to see us there later. Unfortunately he was delayed and arrived just as we were leaving.

Suitably fortified by tea and cakes we commenced the climb up the moors, riding as a club until the climb proper began at Groes where the group was whittled down by the gradient to Brian, Jayson, John, Bas, Robert and myself, with Paul going yo-yoing on and off the back, though he recovered sufficiently to sprint for the Bylchau sign. Turning right we enjoyed a long descent on wide roads to Llansannan, but on the climb out of the village Jayson and Brian decided to find out who was the better climber. Inevitably three or four of us were shelled out of the back but by working together we rejoined the others on the descent to Llanfair T. H. Ben had said the cafe at Llanfair would be open - "It only closes at Christmas". When we arrived we found the proprietor had decided not to open up again, so Ben was subject to much verbal abuse when he caught up. However, the time was not wasted, John had hit a pebble on the descent and punctured, so his domestiques (Paul, Robert and Jayson) were assigned to repair it. The way they set about the task I doubt that he will ask them to repair a puncture again - maybe that was their plan all along.

Hunger pangs were making themselves felt so Jeff and I led the group towards Llanwrst in search of a belated lunch. This was found at the 'Cornucopia Hotel' in Llanwrst. The landlord was most obliging, opening up his garage so the bikes could be locked away safely while we ate. We had friendly service and good food at a reasonable price.

Dave Bettaney had less than 500 miles in his legs this year so when we left Llanwrst he wisely chose to take a more direct route to Capel Curig. The remainder headed down the main road towards Llandudno Junction enjoying magnificent views of the "Little Switzerland" on our left. Crossing the Conway River at Tal-y-Cafn we took the B road through Dolgarrog to Bettws-y-Coed. This road undulates somewhat and Brian and Jayson 'enjoyed' a half-wheeling session along it for several miles. Local knowledge enabled Ben to take the Bettws prime. He attacked in his biggest gear down a short descent before anybody realized the town sign was round the corner.

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AUTUMN TINTS
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Leaving Bettws I still felt fairly good so put in a burst at the front to thin out the opposition for the final miles to Capel Curig. I paid for my impetuosity with cramp and was unable to hold Jayson, Robert, Bas and Brian when they came past me on the climb to Swallow Falls. Brian was also feeling the effects of his previous exertions so then there were four. Jayson had been well briefed by Ben and took the final sprint from John after sitting in till the crucial point. Meanwhile, I managed to hold Brian at a steady 70 yards or so on the climb and re-caught him again before Capel Curig.

After booking in at the Cobden Arms, showering and changing, I collapsed on the bed for an hour before joining the others at the bar. The younger members were engrossed in a knockout pool competition which was only interrupted when I had a savage attack of cramp in the thigh, much to their amusement. Later we transferred to the lounge for a meal, further liquid refreshment and a convivial evening.

Sat 2th October

After breakfast we divided into two groups, hardriders and a more sociable group. I joined the hardriders under route-master John Thompson who was riding his super-tourer complete with triple chainset giving miniscule alpine gears and map in flap on handlebar bag - what were we letting ourselves in for?

Brian and I led the way for the first few miles. It was a beautiful crisp morning, the grass covered in hoar frost, the greens and browns of the trees and heather, and the lake at Capel Curig dark against the backdrop of the mountains as we set off up the gradual climb to Pen y Gwryd. Mist was suspended several hundred feet above lake Grwynant so we descended slowly to enjoy the views across to Beddgelert. Then followed one of my favourite stretches of road through the Aberglaslyn pass.

At Prenteg, Tommo shouted "Right!", and we found out why he has a triple chainset. The mile long climb would do justice to the hill climb championships with gradients steeper than 20% in several places. Bas missed a gear and assumed a horizontal position. I soon gave the hill the best and dismounted finding I could walk as quickly as some who remained in the saddle.

The road levelled out after a mile or so, so we stopped to rest re-group and enjoy the magnificent view out across Tremadoc Bay. Carrying on uphill the road began to degenerate until we were riding on two strips of rock and rubble separated by grass with gates at regular intervals as we crossed open moorland. We descended from the moor, Tommo shouting directions every so often - usually just after we had passed the junction. He claims it is quite difficult to read small scale maps while descending at over thirty miles per hour.

After a short stretch of main road we returned to steep narrow lanes Dolbenmaen. Someone noticed we had mislaid Mike Hallgarth at Nasareth so we waited a while, he meanwhile was making his own way back along the main road. Pressing on we bore right at Llanllyfni past the old copper mines, over Bwlch Gryfelin and then down to Rhyd-ddu. Here we took a well-earned lunch at the local inn in the shadow of Mount Snowden.

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All too soon it was time to be on our way again, down to Nant y Betws to Maunfawr where Tommo belatedly turned us right onto narrow lanes. On a steep descent John Stinton suffered his second puncture of the weekend when he hit a pebble, Vittoria Floridas seem prone to impact punctures. The rest of us basked in the sunshine while the repair was effected then it was back to the grindstone as we bashed on to Llanberis.

The pace dropped slightly as we rode along the valley bottom enabling a local rider on a sports machine to sit in at the back and come past in a blaze of glory as he neared his home. We, however, had the climb of the Llanberis pass to look forward to. By now yours faithfully was feeling weary and when things began to get serious about half-way up the climb I drifted off the back and rode at my own pace. I rejoined Brian Whitmarsh after the descent but an 87" gear was too low to stay with him for long and I rode the last couple of miles alone.

After a shower and a rest I joined the others for pint-sized appetitifs before the evening meal and resultant conviviality.

SUNDAY
25th October

Two days in the hills had removed the spring from my legs and rather than join the others who were returning home via the Crimea Pass and the Bwlch y Parc I decided to make my way back by a more direct route. For the third successive day we were blessed with sunshine and combined with light traffic on the A5 this made for a pleasant ride home.

Stopping for eevenses at the cafe in Corwen I had an interesting chat with a few cyclists and a local who following a heart attack two years ago, had halved his weight by diet and jogging- he is now only thirteen and a half stone.

The road from Llangollen through Ruabon and Wrexhan was a distinct anti-climax after Snowdonia so I hurried home for a late lunch. Thus ended a most enjoyable weekend.

Midweek winter training is going to seem very grim in comparison.

Gerry Robinson

SHREWSBURY ARMS - Little Budworth

5th November 1987

At last the big day arrived, it was my turn to lead a club run, so naturally I was up early and at the Eureka for 10.45 to be greeted by some names from the distant East a Bettaney - Rowen not Dave, a Whitmarsh - Peter not Brian, a Griffiths and a Futter, yes still Ben and John also waiting to see how well I did were Jeff Lewis and Robert Wilson. At 11.10 we were away through the lanes via Backford and the Chester Zoo, we crossed the motor-way then through Nettle Trafford, crossed the main Chester - Manchester road then through the lanes to Utkinton. John and Ben reminisced on the olden days when the club run would have been out at Smithy Farm.

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SHREWSBURY ARMS

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Mrs Braddocks for a meal of boiled eggs, bread butter and cakes as much a hungry young cyclist could eat for the equivalent of about sixpence in new money but as this was more than five years before the rest of us were born, we didn't join in, we crossed the main road at Cotebrook, but before reaching Little Budworth we met Ernie Davies who told us the pub in the village was not the Shrewsbury Arms and that it was on the main road we had just crossed, so we returned and went down to the pub near the traffic lights at Sandybrow, only to find this was The Cabbage Hall. So we asked directions, it wasn't far down the main road towards Winsford I easily won the sprint. Inside we found a good gathering I noted Mike and Stuart Twigg, Brian Pird, Tecwyb Williams, Jayson Hughes, Tony Pickles, Paul Ashby, Bill Graham, Harold Catling, Gerry Robinson and Herby Moore. We were soon joined by Ernie and Joan Davies. I had the lads back on the road by 1.45 and we went via Delemere Forest and through the lanes, Peter and Rowan turned for home just before the Eureka, but we had a good gathering for tea and cakes, before we went our own ways home.

PS Next time I hope to be out in body as well as spirit.

DEESTON CASTLE HOTEL

21st November 1987

Our little party left the Eureka Cafe under an overcast sky with a westerly wind on our backs to speed us towards our destination. Using slight variations to our normal route, the Captain was able to confuse the more energetic members, and this forestalled any potential break aways. On reaching Vicars Cross Golf Course we were forced to a left and right to the cross the busy Chester Road.

This brought our route close to the Pack Horse Bridges. Being many years since I last crossed them in the outward direction and also would be a 'First' for many of our younger members, it seemed too good an opportunity to miss, however, the track proved to be quite muddy, this produced howls of dismay from the assembled gathering, but falling short of mutiny they were totally ignored by the Captain. Younger members Peter, Jo Rowan and Bill took this chance to show that their bike handling skills are equal to that of their elders and this tricky section was negotiated without mishap.

Any thoughts we might have had of using the Cafe at Deeston Brook were dashed, as it was shut, however we were given a warm welcome at the the Deeston Castle Hotel, but our stay was of necessity short because some riders were without lights. Our return journey took in Deeston Castle, and the very steep Little Bridge over the canal at the Shady Oak caught out any who had not chosen a low gear. With the usual scamper over the final miles to the Mills bringing a suitable close to the run.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Ian Billington, Rob Wilson, Geoff & Jonation Sharpe, Bill Voce, Rowen Bettaney, Brian & Peter Whitmarsh, Mike & Stuart Twigg, Brian Bird, Jerry Robinson, Ernest Davies, Jeff Lewis, Ben Griffiths John Futter.

KELSALL - Morris Dancer

A quick glance at the Circular confirmed the club run was to the Morris Dancer. Waiting at the Eureka were Geoff and John Sharpe with Bill Voce, we were soon joined by Rob Wilson, Ian (Herrara) Billington, Paul Ashley and Jayson Hughes. After a cup of tea the eight of us made for the lanes past Chester Zoo and into Delamere Forest until a mile or two from Kelsall when the youngsters rode away on a hill and left Geoff and me to enjoy the countryside in peace. Upon entering the pub I was very surprised at the size of the gathering but the sight of Stan Wild (still complete with pipe) provided the answer. Stan and Jo were again visiting Anfield land from their home in the Antipodes. (The Barron) Arthur Birkby, George Connah made it to yet another club run (we should like to see then out more). Jim Cranshaw had 'twisted' his daughter's Ann's arm to drive him up from the Midlands. Peter and Lil Rock looked very fit from walking. Peter still looks able to put half a wheel on most of us, in spite of breaking tandem records 51 years ago. Bert Lloyd over from the Isle of Man and looking at bungalows around Hawarden (we could do with him moving in). Sid Jonas had driven over from Leeds to prove he is still very much alive - its no wonder he made a trike go so fast with a physique like he has. Also out was Mr. A Power of the Cheshire Road Club who told of winning the Anfield 24 hour in 1929 with a mileage of 371½ beating our own Norman Heath by ¼ a mile on a very hot July day. No I don't remember it. I looked it up in the Circular. The regulars out were the eight from the Eureka. Harold Catling, John France, Brian Bird, Herby Moore, Ernie Davies, Mike Twigg, Gerry Robinson, Tecwyn Williams, Stuart Twigg, Tony Pickles, John Futter, Peter Colligan, and Eric Reeves. Twenty members and ten friends the other visitors being Mrs Flo Hill, Mrs Vivian Sharp who brought out the Whiteway family, Paul and Judy with children Danny and Rachel. Danny took the group photograph for us. We hope to see him out on a bike soon. (We need to look at family membership so we can have many more runs like this). With members present between the ages of twelve to eighty the conversation was very varied ranging from the 24 hours in the 20's to the hill climb that the lads were riding next day. All too soon it was time to get everyone outside for a picture so that the next generation can see what a strange lot we were. After saying our goodbyes to Stan and Jo and all our other visitors, about sixteen of us again made for the lanes, the pace home was very fast and I was glad to puncture. John Futter waited - he wanted to see me suffer - but we rode to the Eureka steadily.

A very enjoyable run.

Ben Griffiths

At the Eureka the other week, I met Andrew Kelly, who is still studying medicine at Oxford. He gave me news of George Ellington who is now captain of the Thames Rowing Club. (I still haven't had my Champagne Breakfast at Cambridge). Andrew wished to be remembered to all Anfielders who knew him and asked after Rod Anderson and Simon Cogan. He stills rides a bike and spent his holidays touring in the Alps.

Ben Griffiths

SUNDAY TRAINING RUN

22nd November 1987 Start 10.00am

Present: B. Whitmarsh, B Griffiths, E Wooton, G Robinson
J Billington, R Wilson, J Hughes and myself

It turned out to be an eventful run. Brian punctured at the Cafe. At Queensferry we found Jayson repairing a puncture. Down the coast road turning off to the Whitford, where Gerry turned off. Through Caerwys to Llanbedr Cyclists cafe for hard earned refreshments.

Despite a very black day we head towards the older steeper Nanty-Garth road. After Craig Fechem Jayson and Ian shot away up the steeper road. Further on we found Ian standing by the road with a broken chain. Myself and Brian start pushing Ian towards the Sunspot for repairs. More drama Jayson's caank falls off. Ben and Ernie to the assistance. Towards the top of the moors heavy rain and snow falling. We arrived soaked at the Sunspot to repair the lads bikes.

After repairs Ernie and Jayson turn off towards Mold. Then there were five heading down to Pont Blyddyn in the pouring rain and freezing cold. Hawarden - Ben can't ride passed his house, then there were four. Queensferry Brian heads for home. Three left. Capenhurst Lane I turn off leaving Robert and Ian to face the head wind home. A real character building day.

John Stinton

Heard later that Jayson and Ernie's short cut involved a ½ mile down hill walk through a mass of hedge cuttings.

THE HILL

The sight of the Club Champion pushing his bike uphill in stocking feet is likely to be my most enduring memory from the 1987 Autumn Tints weekend.

The road round the back of Tremadog looked innocuous on my 1:250 000 map. There cannot have been many through roads in North Wales unpaved by any of the Tints party but this was one, which explains why nobody objected to the choice of route. With the aid of my 1:250 000 map the horrendous statistics may be described.

At Prenteg on the A498 we were at sea level. By the first bend (300 yards) we had climbed to the 40 metre contour (130 feet) by the gate (700 yards we reached 90 metre line (280 feet) and at the top, or rather where we stopped, after little over one mile we could look over Porthmadoc from over 700 feet.

How about a Hill Climb in '88?

John Thompson

DARTS MATCHES

2nd December 1987
Venue Malt Shovel Weston

ANFIELD versus BNE

Only four members turn up to a pub - this must be a Club record.

Myself, Ben, Phil Mason and Ernie Wooton surrounded by North Enders. Sportingly they lent us six players for the match. We went 3 - 0 up without an Anfielder playing. Then Ben went on, then Phil both winning 5 - 1 up, Ernie went on narrowly losing. I went on had almost 30 darts at my double and still lost.

5 - 4 up with one game to play, we play our trump card Dave Smith, manger of the Malt Shovel, and he won a close game.

Victory for the Anfield over a very sporting BNE team who also provided sandwiches after the match, a very good evening out.

John Stinton

CHARITY DARTS MATCH>
15th December 1987

Anfield B C versus Yacht Ladies

Singles

ANFIELD BC

1 John STINTON
0 B Bucknell
1 B Griffiths
1 T Griffiths
1 P Mason
0 T Pickles
0 J Hughes
0 I Billington
0 B Whitmarsh
0 R Wilson

YACHT LADIES

A Yates 0
J Fitzsimons 1
F Lewis 0
S Pover 0
E Lewis 0
M Mason 1
L Williams 1
P Gould 1
P Weaving 1
Z Thomas 1

DOUBLES

1 B Griffiths & B Bucknell
1 B Griffiths & B Whitmarsh
1 P Mason & R Wilson
1 J Stinton & I Billington
1 T Pickles & J Hughes

S Pover & A Yates 0
E Lewis & F Lewis 0
M Mason & L Williams 0
P Weaving & F Fitzsimons 0
P Gould & Z Thomas 0

HIGHEST SCORE - T PICKLES - 129

CLUB EVENT DATES

DATE	TIME	PLACE	
March	5		Weekend Training
March	12	10.30am	Broxton Bruera Circuit 14½ miles
April	9	10.30am	Farndon Lay-by 10 mile
May	14	10.30am	Farndon Lay-by 10 mile
June	25	10.30am	Farndon Lay-by 10 mile
July	16	10.30am	Farndon Lay-by 10 mile
June	1	6.45pm	Pearl Lane 25's
Aug	10	6.45pm	Pearl Lane 25's
Oct	8	11.30am	Mersey View Hill Climb

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Rohan David Bettaney (Cadet) Proposed by J Futter
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Senior Member	£11.00	Licence Fee	£ 11.00
Junior Member	£ 7.50	" "	5.50
Juveniles	£ 4.00	" "	-

For those cyclists who had difficulty in finding the venue
for the Club Run on November 7th please note the following
extract from the Circular dated JULY 1939

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Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Little Budworth,
is on the main Chester - Winsford Road"

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