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❖ OFFICERS ❖

FOR 1892.

President:

MR. DAVID J. BELL.

Vice-Presidents:

MR. E. EDWARDS, | MR. D. C. ROWATT.

Captain:

MR. W. R. TOFT.

Sub-Captains:

MR. R. H. CARLISLE, | MR. S. H. KEELING.
A. H. COTTLE (Wirral Division).

Hon. Treasurer:

MR. J. B. BEAZLEY, 42, Balmoral Road

Committee:

MR. T. B. CONWAY,		MR. D. R. FELL,
" W. CORRIE,		" R. W. LLOYD,
" A. N. DEAKIN,		" H. B. SAUNDERS.

MR. E. G. WORTH.

Hon. Secretary:

MR. LAWRENCE FLETCHER,
17, South Castle Street, Liverpool. (TELEPHONE NO. 2369.)

ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Members,
on Monday, the 4th January, 1892.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

The Twelfth Annual Report of the proceedings of your Club must commence with the customary statistics, which will, I think, prove eminently satisfactory to you.

We closed the year 1890 with an Active Membership of 101, as against 115 at the 31st Dec., 1891, and the performances of our Members, undeniably prove that we can hold our own, on the Road, with any Club in the World.

There have been 50 Club Runs and the attendance has been as follows :—

L. Fletcher	49	W. W. Shaw.....	23
W. R. Toft.....	47	W. Adams	22
E. Edwards	42	R. C. Shore	22
D. R. Fell	42	A. N. Deakin	21
Fred Bath.....	42	G. H. Tetley	19
E. G. Worth	41	D. C. Rowatt	19
R. W. Lloyd	40	C. E. Stoker.....	18
A. H. Cottle	39	J. W. Fisher.....	18
J. A. Bennett	37	W. R. Thompson.....	15
S. H. Keeling	32	J. P. Edwards.....	15
R. H. Carlisle	31	A. Brereton	15
T. B. Conway	30	W. K. Siddeley	13
A. J. Jack	29	D. J. Bell	13
W. Corrie	27	S. Bailly.....	12
H. C. Siddeley.....	27	J. H. Jones	12
J. D. Siddeley.....	27	A. G. Rowe	12
E. Browne	26	T. A. Edge	11
J. B. Beazley	25	J. F. German	11

H. Lever	11	W. H. Bennett	4
R. H. J. Dyas.....	11	F. S. Moore.....	4
D. Duggan.....	11	N. Crooke.....	3
W. H. Cottle.....	10	H. Fraser	3
H. B. Saunders	9	E. H. Jones	3
J. Craddock.....	8	E. A. Thompson	3
J. Ashcroft	7	R. E. Garnett	3
F. D. Cox.....	7	W. R. Hood	2
J. R. Thompson.....	7	J. W. Gregory.....	2
E. C. Bissierot.....	7	E. R. Edwards	2
C. W. Lloyd.....	7	A. H. Packwood	2
H. Strother	7	J. C. Robinson	2
C. J. Conway	6	G. B. Mercer	2
C. S. Brooke	6	D. J. McKenzie	2
E. R. Crippen	5	J. P. Fletcher	1
H. Stephens	4	H. W. Hellon	1
W. A. Hammond	4	F. Lawton.....	1
H. W. L. Shubrook	4	W. Deakin	1
E. B. Halsall	4	C. H. Carswell	1
S. V. Rowe	4	W. Tomlin	1
J. B. Hartley	4	J. Clegg	1

The competition for the attendance prizes (Officers debarred) has again been very keen, and has finally resulted in favor of Mr. W. R. Toft, the second prize falling to the lot of Mr. F. Bath.

The average attendance at Club Runs has been 22, which is distinctly satisfactory, eclipsing, as it does, any previous Club record.

The Runs, Tours, and Races have all been most successfully carried out; The Easter Tour to North Wales, in spite of dreadful weather, being patronised by a score of Members, whilst some thirty attended the Boxing day fixture.

Long distance road riding has been the feature of the year, and your Club closed its Season of 1891, in possession of the Northern Road Records for 50 miles, 100 miles, 12 hours and 24 hours, on Ordinary Bicycle, Safety Bicycle, and Tricycle, thus proving itself far and away ahead of any other local Cycling Organization.

Quiet and secluded Courses have been selected for all the shorter races, and your Committee reports with pleasure, that not a single misadventure to the Public has resulted.

On Good Friday, Messrs. Fletcher, Hammond, Siddeley and Toft started for a 24 hours ride, but were compelled by the severity of the weather to abandon it, a few hours after the start. On the 25th of April, however, Mr. Lawrence Fletcher again essayed the 24 hours Tricycle Record, and succeeded in accomplishing $133\frac{1}{2}$ miles in 12 hours, and $235\frac{1}{2}$ in the total time, thus *beating the Northern 24 hours Record by some 20 miles.*

The great event of the year was our 100 miles Invitation Road Handicap on Whit Monday, in which the Members competed against Members of several of the leading Clubs in the Kingdom. After dreadful weather almost up to the time of starting, matters cleared, and a beautiful day resulting, some capital sport was provided. The Race ended in a win for Mr. Alex. J. Jack of our own Club, who got home on the Pneumatic Ordinary Bicycle in 6h. 58m. 25s., *beating Northern Ordinary Record by upwards of 50 minutes*, and finishing 5 minutes in front of Mr. J. Reilly of the Manchester Wheelers, Mr. J. M. James of the North Road C.C. running into 3rd position. Pride of place must, however, be accorded to Mr J. A. Bennett, who came through in 6h. 25m. 54s. accomplishing the fastest time in the race, *and beating the Northern Safety Record by 15 minutes.* Mr Lawrence Fletcher also annexed the 100miles Northern Tricycle Record in 7h. 42m. 43s., and the following excellent times were accomplished by our Members; Mr. R. W. Lloyd, 6h. 44m. 31s.; Mr. W. Tomlin, 6h. 54m. 31s., and Mr. R. H. Carlisle with a practically disabled machine finished in 6h. 57m. 56s. Mr. E. R. Crippen who also came through in 6h. 56m. 20s. has since joined our Club, and will no doubt prove an acquisition. The arrangements for this race, which was ridden over what is now known as the Single Triangle Course, were excellent, and the feeding department, very kindly superintended by Mr. J. Price Edwards, was particularly commended by the visitors. The thanks of the Club are also due in large measure to Mr. James E. Berry of Congleton, for most efficient checking on both this and the 24 hours Race,

the latter event calling for his presence throughout the night.

Whilst on this subject I must add that Mr. J. D. Siddeley is especially worthy of praise, having voluntarily relinquished his chances in all the races, in order to act officially at the turning points, and as your Committee has, at considerable expense to the Club, engaged the official Timekeepers of the Northern Road Records Association, to "clock" every event, and as the various Courses have been passed by that Body, the records have been accepted by the Cycling world as absolutely and undubitably correct, a satisfaction which did not always obtain, in former years. The marked improvement in times and distances shown during the year, is largely due to the good feeling existing amongst our Members, and which has led them, at considerable expense to themselves, to turn out both by day and night, in the Season, to pace one another, and in this direction particular thanks are due to Messrs. Adams, Bennett, Carlisle, Craddock, A. N. Deakin, Price Edwards, Fell, Fisher, German, Jack, Keeling, Shaw, the brothers Siddeley, Toft, and Tomlin.

Four Fifty Miles Road Handicaps have been held over the new Course, now universally known as the "Anfield Course," and which, starting beyond Warrington, completes 50 miles, out and home, without passing through any Towns, touching only the Village of Holmes Chapel; over this Course the 50 miles Safety Record has been beaten six times during the year. Recognizing the added expense to which our Liverpool Members were put, in order to reach the starting point, your Committee entirely waived the customary Entrance Fee to these races. The Handicapping Committee, consisting of Messrs. Bell, Fletcher and Rowatt has adjusted all the starts. The first Fifty was run off on the 9th May; the day was fine but windy, a fair field turned out, and a good race all the way resulted in a clinking finish, Mr. D. R. Fell, (17 minutes start) winning by half a length from Mr. F. S. Moore (25 minutes start) Mr. R. H. Carlisle, (scratch) finishing very close up, in third place;

in this race Mr. Carlisle came clear away from his fellow marksmen and *beat Northern Record by 3m. 3s.* covering the distance in 2h. 54m. 10s.

The second Fifty Miles Handicap was held on Saturday, the 13th June, and proved in every way a success. The Winner turned up in Mr. W. K. Siddeley, who with 35 minutes start, rode an exceedingly plucky race, and landed home 2 minutes in front of Mr. W. R. Toft (20 minutes start), Mr. W. W. Shaw (40 minutes start) running into third place. Messrs. Bennett and Lloyd (scratch) rode a dead-heat in 2h. 53m. 5s. *beating Northern Record by 1m. 10s.* and Mr. Alex. J. Jack on the Pneumatic Ordinary, got through in 3h. 12m. 43s., *beating Northern Record by 11 minutes*, and Messrs. H. B. Saunders and L. Fletcher also created a Tandem Tricycle Record covering the distance on a Cushion tyred machine in 3h. 24m. 48s.

The Third Handicap was ridden on the 4th July, and proved an immense success, the day being good, and the times accomplished, being startlingly fast. The Winner proved to be Mr. W. W. Shaw, (32 minutes start) who won comfortably from Mr. H. C. Siddeley (22 minutes start), a terrific finish between Messrs. Tomlin and Jack for third place, resulting in the former gaining the verdict by a few lengths. In this race Mr. Bennett got through in 2h. 46m. 53s. thus *beating Northern Record by some 6 minutes*, and the following excellent times were accomplished; Mr. W. Tomlin, 2h. 53m. 20s.; Mr. A. J. Jack, 2h. 53m. 22s.; Mr. W. R. Toft, 3h. 2m. 15s.; Mr. H. C. Siddeley, 3h. 3m. 52s.; Mr. W. W. Shaw, 3h. 9m. 33s.

The Fourth and last Race was brought off satisfactorily on Saturday the 5th September, and resulted in a magnificent finish, Mr. W. R. Toft (15 minutes start) winning by a few yards from Mr. W. W. Shaw (15 minutes), with Mr. H. C. Siddeley, from the same mark, very close up. A stubborn race all through, amongst the Scratch men, was fought out to a splendid finish, Mr. H. B. Saunders beating Mr. J. A. Bennett by a few yards, with Mr.

R. H. Carlisle a few yards further back ; in this race Mr Saunders also *beat the Northern Record by just 1 minute* in 2h. 45m. 55s., and the following splendid times were registered ; Mr. J. A. Bennett 2h. 45m. 56s. ; Mr. R. H. Carlisle, 2h. 46m. 55s. ; Mr. R. W. Lloyd, 2h. 53¹/₂s. ; Mr. W. R. Toft, 2h. 56m. ; Mr. W. W. Shaw, 2h. 57m. Mr. H. C. Siddeley, 2h. 59m. 30s.

A few days after the above named Race, Mr. Bennett essayed a private time trial, and getting a perfect evening and relays of fast pacemakers, succeed in covering the distance in 2h. 38m. 57s. *beating Northern Record by some 7 minutes*, and accomplishing *World's Record* for the fastest 50 miles ever ridden on an *out and home Course*.

On the 20th June by private arrangement amongst the Members, an onslaught was made upon the long distance Records. Messrs. R. H. Carlisle, T. B. Conway, Lawrence Fletcher, and W. R. Toft, on Safeties, Mr. A. J. Jack on the Pneumatic Ordinary, and Mr. W. Corrie on a Tricycle, starting out for a 12 and 24 hours ride. The day chosen was perhaps the finest experienced last Summer, but disaster dogged the steps of the men throughout the night, and at the call of of 12 hours, the only machines possessing unpunctured tyres were those of Messrs. Carlisle and Fletcher, the former figuring out 152¹/₂ miles in the time, and *beating Northern Safety Record by thirteen miles*.

A week later, Mr. Lawrence Fletcher started for another cut at the 24 hours Record, but after he had put in 10 hours work, the weather broke up completely ; the 12 hours was, however, ridden out, in which time he accomplished 161¹/₂ miles, *beating Northern Record by 9 miles*.

On the 11th July Mr. J. A. Bennett's turn came, and being favored with a fine but windy day, he was successful in riding 167 miles in 12 hours, and 289¹/₂ miles in the 24 hours, thus *beating the 12 hours Record by 5¹/₂ miles*, and the *24 hours Record by 25 miles*.

On the 25th of July, Mr. W. R. Toft essayed a 12 hours Tricycle

ride ; the day proved fine though somewhat breezy, and Mr. Toft surprised every one, by not only "smothering" the 12 hours, but also *beating the 100 miles Northern Tricycle Record by some 15 minutes.* The distance for the 12 hours was $153\frac{3}{4}$ miles, *beating Northern Record by over 20 miles.*

On August the 1st, Mr. H. B. Saunders made an attempt upon his own 50 miles Northern Tricycle Record, but failed to beat it, entirely owing to the collapse of his tyres, for though riding the last 12 miles with a burst tyre, he was but 4 minutes outside the Record. At a later date Mr. Saunders attempted the 100 miles Tricycle Record and was again put *hors de combat* by an accident, when going well at about 60 miles.

On the 3rd August the 12 hours Road Ride was to have been held, but the weather was so dreadfully bad, that your Committee was compelled to cancel the fixture.

On the 8th August Mr. Lawrence Fletcher made another attempt upon the Northern 24 hours Safety Record, but was again obliged by the weather to relinquish his ride, after having covered 256 miles in $20\frac{1}{2}$ hours, and being well inside time.

The 100 miles Scratch Road Race of the North Road Cycling Club was held on the 15th August, when Mr. R. H. Carlisle had the honor to *finish Second in the Safety division.*

On the 22nd August, Messrs. Mills, Bennett and Lloyd started in the North Road Cycling Club's 24 hours ride, but no luck attended them, Mr. Lloyd suffering a severe fall at the start, and Messrs. Mills and Bennett giving up owing to bad weather, after the first 12 hours.

Messrs. Carlisle and Shaw also started in the Speedwell B. C. 100 miles Scratch Road Race ; The day was an extremely bad one, and Mr. Shaw's machine was altogether disabled, whilst Mr. Carlisle *finished Second, in spite of having to walk some distance,* owing to the chain of his Safety going hopelessly wrong.

At midnight on 23rd August, Mr. Lawrence Fletcher left the

Land's End on a Safety Bicycle hoping to beat the John O' Groat's Record. The weather held fine until 5 o'clock at night, when the rain began to fall, and after riding through awful weather for 9 hours, he abandoned the attempt at Kidderminster, being even then some 7 hours ahead of the previous best.

A few weeks later Mr. G. P. Mills started from the Land's End on a Safety Bicycle, and despite bad weather, heavy roads and the long dark nights of late September, succeeded in reaching John O' Groats House in 4 days, 11 hrs. 17 mins., thus *beating by 14½ hours his own Record which has stood since 1886*. Throughout this journey Mr. Mills was paced and generally looked after by Messrs. J. D. Siddeley, R. H. Carlisle and W. W. Shaw, and desires to express his sense of the unfailing kindness and invaluable help freely accorded to him by these Members.

The 24 hours Road Race of your own Club was held on the 19th September, when we were fortunate enough to secure an almost perfect day. The course lay from the Old Swan, through Holme's Chapel, Congleton, and Whitchurch to Newport, (Salop) thence back through Chester to Gayton, following the Wirral Triangle twice, and returning through Whitchurch, Sandbach and Brereton, to Church Lawton and Old Swan. In view of the possibility of the Record being beaten, the Course as extended ran out to 305 miles.

Some dozen Members started, and a good performance was looked for. The race proved fast from the outset, the leaders, Messrs. Bennett and Fletcher, reeling off the first 100 miles in company, inside 6h. 40m. For some hours in the early morning, the riders were worried by thick misty rain, which thoroughly wetted them, and made the roads somewhat slippery. At 12 hours Mr. Bennett had obtained a slight lead, and just got level with his old record of 167 miles, Mr. Fletcher being some 6 minutes behind. Mr. A. J. Jack who was meantime pushing the Pneumatic Ordinary in fine style, reached Chester in the 12 hours, covering 156 miles within time, and *beating Northern Record for the Ordinary Bicycle*

by 22 miles. After the call of half time Mr. Fletcher commenced to forge ahead, and at Whitchurch on the return journey, held a lead of one hour from Mr. Bennett, Mr. Conway then lying third some way back, as Mr Jack had omitted the second circuit of the Wirral Triangle, to enable him the sooner to reach his pacemakers at Whitchurch. Little change took place in these positions until the last hour, as Mr. Fletcher reached Rainhill, 300 miles in $22\frac{1}{4}$ hours from the start, Mr. Bennett getting there 45 minutes later, Mr. Fletcher getting to Old Swan at 5 minutes to 9 and Mr. Bennett at 9-35 ; the leaders then proceeded over the Gateacre and Huyton roads, and finished, Mr. Fletcher beyond Old Swan with $314\frac{1}{2}$ miles and Mr. Bennett near Broadgreen some 2 miles behind. Mr. Fletcher thus *beating Northern Record by exactly 25 miles*. Mr. Jack was still pluckily pegging away on the Ordinary, and after taking a detour to Lostock Gralam and back, landed at Knotty Ash at the call of time, having accomplished the splendid distance of $286\frac{1}{2}$ miles in 24 hours, *beating Northern Ordinary Record by 27 miles*, his performance deriving additional excellence from the fact that he was practically unpaced all day. Mr. Conway despite an accident to his machine, stuck to his work, and eventually finished with the very creditable total of $251\frac{1}{2}$ miles, thus taking third prize. Mr. S. H. Keeling whose tyres also went wrong several times, covered some 155 miles in 16 hours on a tricycle, and Mr. J. F. German has also won a standard medal for 120 miles in 12 hours on a Safety Bicycle.

Perhaps the finest performance of the whole year was that of Mr. G. P. Mills in the International Road Race from Bordeaux to Paris, when, riding under Anfield colors, he not only beat all the leading French Amateurs, but also such "crack" riders as Messrs. Holbein, Bates and S. F. Edge, and covered the distance, 361 miles, in 26h. 34m. 25s. *winning by $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours*, and proving that he was still entitled to be considered the finest long distance rider in the World. For this capital performance your Committee awarded Mr. Mills a special prize.

Taken all round, the long distance riding of the year has been of a most satisfactory and encouraging order, especially in face of the extremely unsettled weather which prevailed during the Summer, and which effectually prevented anything like consistent training. Your Committee last year expressed a belief that 300 miles would be done in 24 hours upon local roads during the year, and not only has this been done by *two* Members, but that distance has been *exceeded by upwards of a dozen miles*.

A feature of the year has been an increased interest in Tricycling, and judging by present indications, 1892 will see the capabilities of the three wheeler surprisingly developed upon Northern Roads.

Amongst so many good riders it is impossible to name the absolute best, but taking the performances upon Northern Roads, Mr. Bennett has shown himself a magnificent all-round rider, whether at 50 miles or 24 hours. Mr. Carlisle has proved once and again that he only wants a "Spurt" to equal the fastest men on the road at 50 or 100 miles, whilst Messrs. Lloyd and Saunders have pleased and surprised everyone by forcibly asserting their claim to be placed in the very first rank of 50 milers. The improvement of Mr. Shaw at 50 miles has been *simply marvellous* and makes us look for phenomenal riding from him in 1892, whilst Messrs. Toft and Tomlin have also proved that they can both of them stay, as well as travel. Amongst the younger riders, Mr. H. C. Siddeley stands out prominently, and his capital riding in the Club "fifties" gives promise of a great future for him, whilst amongst the Old Brigade, Messrs. Fletcher, Jack and Fell have done extremely well, and proved that the hand of Time is dealing very tenderly with them.

Taken as a whole, the Club has been successful even beyond precedent, and without trenching upon the Treasurer's province I may point out that some £140 has been distributed amongst the Members for Road Riding Prizes during the past year, figures which I fancy no other Club in the world can touch, for purely road riding events.

On the Path, Messrs. A. N. Deakin, Saunders, Mills, Cox, Lever,

Shaw, Jack, and Browne, have done fairly well, and kept the name of the Club to the front.

The Wirral Division has ridden regularly and successfully during the year, and your Committee has been encouraged to form, for the Winter months only, a new Division known as the "Manchester and North Staffordshire Division" for the convenience of our Members resident in Manchester, and the Pottery Districts.

The Winter Runs and Paper Chases have been well attended by all the Divisions and everything points to a successful season in 1892.

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

J. B. Beazley	12	D. J. Bell	9
E. Edwards	12	D. C. Rowatt	8
D. R. Fell.....	12	R. H. Carlisle	7
Lawrence Fletcher	12	W. Corrie	7
J. D. Siddeley	12	F. D. Cox	7
E. G. Worth.....	12	A. N. Deakin	6
T. B. Conway	11	W. R. Toft (possible 6)	6
J. A. Bennett	10	R. W. Lloyd (possible 7) ...	4

LAWRENCE FLETCHER,

Honorary Secretary.

Dr. Cash Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1891. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1890	21	3	0	By Road Riding Prizes	123	4	6
„ Balance from Bootle B.C.	10	16	2	„ Postages, Printing, Stationery, &c....	21	10	3
„ Subscriptions and Entrance Fees ...	110	3	6	„ Time-keeper's Fees and Expenses ...	8	15	6
„ Badges Sold to Members	10	16	0	„ Subscriptions to Record Associations	0	10	0
„ Donations to Prize Fund	18	18	0	„ Badges, A/c.	10	0	7
„ Entrance Fees to Races	2	12	6	„ Cash in Bank and in Hand	10	19	6
„ Interest allowed by Bank	0	11	2				
	£175	0	4		£175	0	4
<i>LIABILITIES.</i>				<i>ASSETS,</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Long Distance Prizes not yet selected by Members... ..	14	19	0	By Balance of Cash	10	19	6
„ Balance being Surplus	9	5	6	„ Subscriptions Outstanding	5	5	0
				„ Long distance Shield, Badges, &c. ...	8	0	0
	£24	4	6		£24	4	6

Audited and found correct,

NORMAN CROOKE, { AUDITORS.
R. C. SHORE,

J. B. BEAZLEY,
Honorary Treasurer.

The Bankers of the Club are—The Manchester & Liverpool District Banking Co. Ltd., 3, Water Street, Liverpool.

AT THE
 Annual General Meeting of the Members,
 HELD AT
 LAURENCE'S HOTEL, CLAYTON SQUARE,
 LIVERPOOL,

On Monday, the 4th January, 1892, at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT.

Mr. David J. Bell in the Chair.

Messrs. J. Ashcroft, F. Bath, J. B. Beazley, J. A. Bennett, A. Brereton, C. S. Brooke, E. Browne, R. Butterwith, H. H. Carlisle, R. H. Carlisle, C. J. Conway, T. B. Conway, W. Corrie, A. H. Cottle, W. H. Cottle, F. D. Cox, E. R. Crippen, A. N. Deakin, D. Duggan, R. H. J. Dyas, E. Edwards, D. R. Fell, J. H. Jones, S. H. Keeling, H. Lever, C. W. Lloyd, R. W. Lloyd, A. Pollard, D. C. Rowatt, A. G. Rowe, H. B. Saunders, R. C. Shore, H. C. Siddeley, J. D. Siddeley, H. Stephens, C. E. Stoker, H. Strother, J. R. Thompson, W. R. Thompson, W. R. Toft, E. G. Worth, and the Honorary Secretary.

The notice convening the Meeting was read.

Mr. A. N. Deakin moved, Mr. D. R. Fell seconded, and it was *resolved*.

"That the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, and of the Special General Meeting, held on the 29th June, 1891, be taken as read, and that they be confirmed."

Mr. R. H. J. Dyas moved, Mr. J. D. Siddeley seconded, and it was *resolved*.

"That the Honorary Secretary's Report be adopted."

Mr. J. B. Beazley moved, Mr. F. D. Cox seconded, and it was *resolved*.

"That the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1891, be adopted."

Mr. J. B. Beazley moved, Mr. Lawrence Fletcher seconded, and it was *resolved*.

"That the Annual Subscription for Active Members during the year 1892, shall be one guinea, and the Annual Subscription for Honorary Members, a minimum sum of ten shillings."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. N. Deakin

"That no Active Member of this club shall be permitted to join or retain Active Membership in any other Cycling Club ("C.T.C." excepted), whose Head-quarters is within 100 miles of the Liverpool G.P.O." After a lengthy discussion, in which Messrs. J. D. Siddeley, E. Browne, C. S. Brooke, W. Corrie, R. H. J. Dyas, J. B. Beazley, C. E. Stoker, R. W. Lloyd, A. Brereton, and E. R. Crippen, took part, Mr. Fletcher further amended his proposition by permission to read—"That no Active Member of this Club shall be permitted to join or retain Active Membership in any other Cycling Club having its head-quarters within 100 miles of the G.P.O., Liverpool. This rule not to apply to Clubs in which existing Anfielders have held membership prior to June, 1891.

This amendment was carried by a two-thirds majority.

The reading of the Rules was then proceeded with, and these were amended to read as printed on pages 20 to 25.

Mr. David J. Bell, proposed by Mr. T. B. Conway, and seconded Mr. R. H. J. Dyas, was re-elected President by acclamation.

	Proposed by	Seconded by
Mr. E. Edwards	Mr. J. B. Beazley	Mr. R. C. Shore
„ D. C. Rowatt	„ E. G. Worth	„ A. N. Deakin

were re-elected to the offices of Vice-Presidents.

Mr. W. R. Toft, proposed by Mr. W. Corrie, and seconded by Mr. R. W. Lloyd, was elected to the office of Captain.

Mr. J. B. Beazley, proposed by Mr. D. R. Fell, and seconded by Mr. T. B. Conway, was re-elected to the office of Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. Lawrence Fletcher, proposed by Mr. C. E. Stoker, and

seconded by Mr. D. R. Fell, was re-elected to the office of Hon. Secretary.

Messrs. R. H. Carlisle, S. H. Keeling (Main Division), and A. H. Cottle (Wirral Division), proposed by Mr. Lawrence Fletcher, and seconded by Mr. F. D. Cox, were elected to the offices of Sub-Captains.

Messrs. Shore and Strother having been appointed Scrutineers, it was *resolved by ballot* that the following gentlemen be elected Members of the Committee—T. B. Conway, W. Corrie, A. N. Deakin, D. R. Fell, R. W. Lloyd, H. B. Saunders, and E. G. Worth.

Mr. E. G. Worth moved, Mr. H. B. Saunders seconded, and it was *resolved*.

“That the Club Tour at Easter, shall be into North Wales, as usual.”

Mr. R. W. Lloyd proposed, Mr. J. R. Thompson seconded, and it was *resolved*.

“That the Club Tour, on August Bank Holiday, be to Buxton and the Peak District.

It has been decided to hold the 100 miles invitation Road Handicap, on Whit Monday, and the following Road Races during 1892, viz: Three 50 Miles Handicaps, One Novices 50 Miles Handicap, a 24 Hours Scratch Race, and Two 50 miles Handicaps, in the District worked over by the Wirral Division of the Club.

The decision as to Prizes and Distances for Standard Medals was left to the Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the following gentlemen, who promised Prizes for 1892, to the value of £50. Messrs. Beazley, Bell, Bennett, Carlisle, Corrie, Crippen, A. N. Deakin, E. Edwards, Fell, L. Fletcher, Jack, Keeling, R. W. Lloyd, Rowatt, Saunders, and Toft.

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

R U L E S .

1.—This Club shall be called the “ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.”

2.—This Club shall consist of Cyclists who are considered eligible for membership under Rule 20.

3.—No active Member of this Club shall be permitted to join or retain active membership in any other *local* Club, nor in any Cycling Club having its head-quarters within 100 miles of the G. P. O., Liverpool. This Rule not to apply to Clubs in which existing Anfielders have held membership prior to 30th June, 1891.

OFFICERS

4.—The Officers of the Club shall consist of President, two Vice-Presidents, Captain, three Sub-Captains (two Main Division one Wirral Division), Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, all being active Members.

COMMITTEE.

5.—The Committee shall consist of sixteen Members, including the Officers.

AUDITORS.

6.—Two Auditors from amongst the Members, none of the Committee being eligible, shall be appointed annually by the Committee, to examine, and report upon, the Accounts and Balance Sheet.

MEETINGS.

7.—The Annual General Meeting shall be held within the first two weeks of January, to receive the Hon. Secretary's report

and Treasurer's Balance Sheet ; to appoint Officers and Committee for the ensuing twelve months ; and to transact any other business that may be found necessary.

8.—A General Meeting of the Club shall take place whenever the Committee or Secretary convenes the same. Thirteen to form a quorum.

9.—It shall be the duty of the Committee or Secretary to convene a General Meeting when requested to do so, in writing by ten or more Members of the Club, and they shall call such meeting within two weeks after receiving such requisition. If the Committee or Secretary fail to call such meeting, then the requisitionists shall be entitled to call it.

10.—Six day's notice of all General meetings shall be given by the Hon. Secretary, who shall at the same time, circulate amongst the Members an Agenda paper of the matters to be brought forward.

11.—Any Member wishing to bring forward any matters should send particulars to the Hon. Secretary, who shall cause such matters to be entered on the Agenda of the next General Meeting.

12.—Business which does not appear on the Agenda paper shall not be brought forward until all the subjects on the Agenda have been disposed of, nor shall such business then be discussed, unless it be voted *urgent* by two-thirds of the Members present.

13.—Any proposition appearing on the Agenda paper in the name of an absent Member, shall be deemed equal to, and treated as, a proposition made *in propria persona* by the said Member, and shall be moved by the Hon. Secretary.

14.—Every Amendment and every proposition which does not appear on the Agenda paper, shall be written and signed by its proposer and seconder, on a form which shall be provided by the Hon. Secretary.

15.—No resolution of any previous General Meeting shall be rescinded unless the Member proposing to cancel such resolution shall have given notice on the Agenda paper of his intention to do so.

16.—No alteration of the rules of the Club shall be made, except at a General Meeting, and then only by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting.

17.—*All* active Members residing at a distance of not less than fifteen miles from Liverpool, may exercise the right of proxy Voting upon any subject appearing on the Agenda of any General Meeting, or which the Chairman may rule to be coincident thereto.

18.—The Minutes of all Meetings shall be open for inspection to any Member of the Club on giving reasonable notice to the Hon. Secretary.

19.—Committee Meetings shall take place during the second week of each month. Seven to form a quorum.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

20.—Candidates for membership must fill up a form provided by the Club which must also be signed by the proposer and seconder (both having been active Members of the Club for at least two months) and forward same to the Secretary, who shall place it before the next Committee Meeting. If there be any objection and the Nomination be still insisted on by proposer, a special General Meeting shall be called to consider the Candidature. Ten black balls to exclude.

21.—Any Member violating the rules or regulations of the Club, or being discovered not to be, or ceasing to be an amateur, or being guilty of misconduct, may be expelled by the votes of a two-thirds majority of the Members present, and voting, at a Special General Meeting summoned for the purpose, and such Member shall receive six days' notice of such Meeting. Any Member so expelled shall forfeit all claim upon the property of the Club, and shall cease to be a Member. Voting to be by ballot.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

22.—Candidates for Honorary Membership shall be proposed and seconded by Active Members, and shall, unless objected to, be elected by the Committee at their next Meeting. But should any objection be made, it shall be dealt with under Rule 20.

23.—Honorary Members shall not receive the regular notices of Club runs, &c., neither shall they be permitted to attend or vote at any General Meetings, nor to take part in more than three Club runs during the year, nor compete for any of its long-distance prizes, or in any of its closed events.

24.—An Honorary Member may become an Active Member upon payment of the difference between his honorary subscription and the current subscription, and entrance Fee of the Club; but his name must come before the Committee in the usual way.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, &c.

25.—The *minimum* Annual Subscription for Honorary Members shall be 10s., no entrance fee being charged to them. The Annual Subscription for Active Members shall be one guinea, payable within one month from date of election, with an entrance fee of 5s. Any Member whose Renewal Subscription is not paid by 1st March, shall receive written application from the Treasurer, and if payment be not made within one month from the date of such notice, the Treasurer shall bring the matter before the Committee, that body having full power to deal with the case as it thinks fit. After the 31st August in each year, the subscription to incoming Members shall be one-half the ordinary Annual Subscription, but the full Entrance Fee shall be chargeable under all circumstances.

RESIGNATIONS, &c.

26.—Any Officer or Member of the Committee wishing to resign his office or seat on the Committee, shall notify the same (in writing) to the Hon. Secretary, for the information of the Committee, but until such resignation shall have been accepted he shall continue to exercise the duties, and retain the responsibilities of his office.

27.—Any active Member wishing to resign, must give notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary, before the Annual General Meeting, otherwise he will be held accountable for the ensuing year's subscription.

FINANCE.

28.—The funds of the Club shall be banked in the names of the President and Treasurer for the time being, who shall jointly sign cheques to meet current expenditure, as authorised by the Committee, all accounts to be passed by the Committee and initialled by the Chairman before payment.

29.—The Financial Year of the Club shall expire on the 31st December in each year.

UNIFORM.

30.—The uniform shall be black patrol jacket, knicks and hose, with black cricket cap, and blue and black scarf. The Captain to be distinguished by a gold badge.

COMMITTEE.

31.—All runs shall be arranged by the Committee, and shall not be altered without its consent.

32.—The Committee shall have power to fill up any vacancy

in the Officers or Committee which shall occur within the year, subject to confirmation by the next General Meeting.

33.—The Committee may decide any question on the meaning of these Rules, or anything relative to the Club not provided for therein, and may do whatever they deem necessary for the well-being of the Club which is not inconsistent with these Rules. The decision of the Committee shall be final, unless notice of appeal in writing be given to the Hon. Secretary within seven days following that on which the decision is arrived at. All such appeals shall be heard at the next General Meeting, and the decision of such meeting shall in every case be final.



PRIZE LIST AND RULES FOR COMPETITION.

SEASON 1892.

No. 1.—No Medals, Record Medals, or Prizes of any description, will be awarded, unless the claimants have ridden under the name of the Anfield B. C. *only*. No Member is eligible to receive any of the Standard Medals or Record Prizes, unless he has attended *at least* twelve ordinary Club Runs.

No. 2.—Standard Medals will be awarded as follows :—

A. On any class of machine, 200 miles in 24 hours, Gold-Centred Silver Medal.

Gold Medals in 24 consecutive hours.

	B	C	D	E	F
Safety Bicycle	230	260	290	320	350
Ordinary Bicycle, Tandem Bicycle, or Tandem Tricycle	225	250	275	290	305
Tricycle					
	220	240	260	280	300

Ten per cent. extra for Rides in the District of the Great North Road. Previous Winners barred, *i.e.*, holders of the former Standard Medal for 200 miles, are eligible under Class B and upwards.

"	"	225	"	"	"	C	"
"	"	250	"	"	"	D	"
"	"	275	"	"	"	E	"

No. 3.—For 12 hours' rides, Medals will be awarded as follows:—

	Gold.	Gold Centre.	Silver.	Bronze.
Safety Bicycle	180	160	140	120
Ordinary Bicycle, } Tandem Bicycle, or } Tandem Tricycle }	175	155	135	115
Tricycle	170	150	130	110

Ten per cent. extra for Rides in the District of the Great North Road.

No. 4.—No Member will be entitled to more than one Standard Medal at the end of the year in each of the Ten Classes, (that is: Safety Bicycle, Ordinary Bicycle, Single Tricycle, and Tandems, Bicycle and Tricycle, twelve hours, and 24 hours each), such medal being for the longest distance during the year. Previous Winners barred.

No. 5.—A Gold Medal will be awarded to any Member who succeeds in beating any of the Road Records, or Northern Road Records for the time being, the ride to be proved to the satisfaction of the Road Records Association, or Northern Road Records Association, as the case may be.

A Member who succeeds in beating a Record more than once, shall be entitled to a Medal for the highest performance *only* at each distance during the year.

No. 6.—For the the purpose of awarding Northern Record Medals, the Records existing on the 31st December, 1891, must be noted as follows :—

DETAILS.	ORDINARY BICYCLE.	SAFETY BICYCLE.	TRICYCLE.	TANDEM SAFETY.	TANDEM TRICYCLE.
Fifty Miles	A. J. Jack 3 h : 12 m : 43 s	J. A. Bennett 2 h : 38 m : 57 s	H. B. Saunders 3 h : 2 m : 39 s	Lowest Standard 2 h : 50 m : 0 s	J. Reilly & A. Gastall 3 h : 4 m : 45 s
Hundred Miles	A. J. Jack 6 h : 58 m : 25 s	J. A. Bennett 6 h : 25 m : 54 s	W. R. Toft 7 h : 28 m : 55 s	F. T. Bidlake & W. M. Crosbie 6 h : 32 m : 43 s	Lowest Standard 6 h : 45 m : 0 s
Twelve Hours	A. J. Jack 156 miles	J. A. Bennett 167 miles	W. R. Toft 153½ miles	Lowest Standard 160 miles	Lowest Standard 160 miles
Twenty-four Hours ...	A. J. Jack 286½ miles	Lawrence Fletcher 314½ miles	Lawrence Fletcher 235½ miles	Lowest Standard 300 miles	Lowest Standard 300 miles

No. 7.—All Tandem Prizes will be divided, half to each man, and both riders must be active Members of the Anfield B.C. and comply with Prize Rule No. 1.

No. 8.—If a Record Medal is awarded, no Standard Medal can be claimed for the same ride.

No. 9.—Members winning Medals may substitute Prizes of equal value, subject to the approval of the Committee as to the form these may take.

No. 10.—Claims for Medals, accompanied by proofs, must be sent in to the Hon. Secretary, within 7 days after the performance of each ride.

No. 11.—No distance ridden in any of the Competitions will be recognized, if it be done either wholly or partially on a Sunday.

No. 12.—*No piece of Road, may, upon any pretext, be covered more than twice*, or if covered, shall not be counted in the total distance claimed.

No. 13.—All Prizes and Medals will be awarded at the discretion of the Committee, who shall have full power to decide any question which may arise as to the interpretation of these Rules, and successful Competitors will receive their Prizes at the Annual Dinner of the Club.

ROAD RACES.

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

Three Fifty Miles Road Handicaps will be held during the Season over the usual Course, or any other which may be selected by the Committee, and for each of these Races, four Prizes will be offered, viz., value Four Guineas, Two Guineas, and one Guinea, and a Gold Time Medal. Two Fifty Miles Road Handicaps, for which the same Prizes as above will be offered, will also be brought off during the Season, on the Roads worked over by the Wirral

Division. In these five Races a Gold Star will also be awarded to all (Prizes Winners excepted) completing the distance in 2h. 50m. or less, and a Gold Centre Silver Star to all (Winners of Prizes and Gold Stars excepted) covering the distance in 3 hours or less, and a Bronze Medal to all (Winners of Prizes, Gold or Gold Centre Stars excepted) covering the distance in 3h. 10m. or less. These five Races will be open to every Active Member of the Club.

A Fifty Miles Road Handicap will also be held, with five prizes, viz., Gold, Gold Centre, Silver and Bronze Medals, and Gold-Centre Time Medal. This race will be confined to Members who have not, up to the date of the Race, accomplished the distance in 3h. 15m. or less.

The Hundred Miles Invitation Road Handicap will be held on Whit Monday, when Prizes value Five Guineas, Three Guineas and Two Guineas, will be offered, and also a Gold Medal for fastest time in the Race.

The 24 Hours Road Ride will be brought off, towards the end of the Season, when the following Prizes will be offered, viz., value Five Guineas, Three Guineas, and Two Guineas.

RUNS, &c.

A Gold Centred Silver Medal will be presented to the Member attending the greatest number of Saturday Club Runs connected with the Main Division, and a Silver Medal to the Member with the Second largest attendance (Officers barred). A Gold Centred Silver Medal will also be presented to the Member attending the greatest number of Saturday Club Runs connected with the Wirral Division (Officers barred.)

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

1	Adams, W.	53	Halsall, E. B.
2	Ashcroft, J.	54	Hammond, W. A.
3	Barton, W. A.	55	Hartley, J. B.
4	Bath, F.	56	Hellier, H.
5	Bean, K. M.	57	Hellon, H. W.
6	Beazley, J. B.	58	Hignett, S. C.
7	Bell, D. J.	59	Holbein, M. A.
8	Bennett, J. A.	60	Holmes, E. J.
9	Bisserot, E. C.	61	Hood, W. R.
10	Brereton, A.	62	Hope, W. B.
11	Brooke, C. S.	63	Jack, A. J.
12	Browne, E.	64	Jones, J. H.
13	Butterwith, R.	65	Keeling, S. H.
14	Carlisle, H. H.	66	Lawton, F.
15	Carlisle, R. H.	67	Laybourn, G. W.
16	Clegg, J.	68	Leigh, A.
17	Conway, C. J.	69	Lennox, Jas.
18	Conway, J. K.	70	Lever, H.
19	Conway, T. B.	71	Lloyd, C. W.
20	Cook, J. H.	72	Lloyd, R. W.
21	Cook, T. A.	73	McKenzie, D. J.
22	Cook, W. P.	74	Mercer, G. B.
23	Corrie, E. E.	75	Mills, G. P.
24	Corrie, W.	76	Moore, F. S.
25	Cottle, A. H.	77	Owen, W. M.
26	Cottle, W. H.	78	Packwood, A. H.
27	Cox, F. D.	79	Plant, F. J.
28	Craddock, J.	80	Pollard, A.
29	Crippen, E. R.	81	Pope, H. R.
30	Crooke, N.	82	Pratt, H. W.
31	Dawson, R.	83	Robinson, J. C.
32	Deakin, A. N.	84	Rowatt, D. C.
33	Deakin, W.	85	Rowe, A. G.
34	Duggan, D.	86	Rowe, S. V.
35	Dyas, R. H. J.	87	Saunders, H. B.
36	Edge, T. A.	88	Shaw, W. W.
37	Edwards, E.	89	Shore, R. C.
38	Edwards, E. R.	90	Shubbrook, H. W. L.
39	Edwards, J. P.	91	Siddeley, H. C.
40	Elwood, W.	92	Stephens, H.
41	Fell, D. R.	93	Stoker, C. E.
42	Fisher, J. W.	94	Strother, H.
43	Fisher, F.	95	Tetley, G. H.
44	Fletcher, A. H.	96	Thompson, E. A.
45	Fletcher, J. P.	97	Thompson, J. R.
46	Fletcher, L.	98	Thompson, W. R.
47	Fraser, H.	99	Thomson, J. M.
48	Gastall, A.	100	Toft, W. R.
49	Garnett, R. E.	101	Tomlin, W.
50	German, J. F.	102	Trickey, G. W.
51	Goodwin, H. R., Junr.	103	Walmsley, J.
52	Gregory, J. W.	104	Worth, E. G.

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