

ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB

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LIGHT UP AT

December 29—Warrington (Patten Arms).....4-58 p.m.

FIXTURES FOR JANUARY, 1907.

January 5—Hunt's Cross (Hunt's Cross Hotel)	5-9 p.m.
.. 8—Annual General Meeting (see Circular herewith).	
.. 12—Cronton (Unicorn)	5-18 ..
.. 15—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
.. 19—Hinderton (Shrewsbury Arms)	5-29 ..
.. 26—Sankey (Sankey Chapel House)	5-42 ..

Alternative Runs for Manchester Members.

- .. 5—Holmes Chapel (Lion Hotel).
- .. 19—Sandiway (Blue Cap).

MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

COMMITTEE ITEMS.

Please note that Cronton will not be available for Saturday, December 29th. The run will be to Warrington instead.

The resignations of Messrs. J. R. Jones and C. E. Grisewood were accepted with regret.

NEW MEMBERS.

- A. Crowcroft, 16, Maple Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport.
- H. Dakin, c/o Mr. Tomlinson, Station Road, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport.
- W. H. Gibson, Lane End Farm, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport.
- J. J. Rogers, 21, Valley Road, Anfield, Liverpool.
- J. B. Wilkie, 8, Southwood Road, St. Michaels, Liverpool.

It has been suggested by certain members that the Annual Dinner ought to be revived. Will ALL interested kindly send a postcard to the Hon. Sec. This will decide what the Committee will do in the matter. Don't fail to post your opinion by January 12th at latest.

NOTES.

W. J. Neason, P. C. Beardwood, "Everbright," "Timbertiles," W. P. Cook, R. H. Corlett, and "Keizerette" were amongst the party at the Anfield table on the occasion of the R.R.A. Dinner on Nov. 30th.

WANTED.

Copies of the Club Handbook for 1889, 1890, 1891. Any member who has duplicates of these would greatly oblige by sending the same to the Hon. Sec.

We refuse to believe it, yet rumour hath it that the Apostle HAS walked up the rise into Chester. "Get away you boys." Three speed gears fitted, 3/6. Why walk?

RUNS.

IMPORTANT.

To those who it may concern. The Editor is not responsible for any remarks in the following articles.

Warrington, November 24th.

Thirty-one members got out here by various methods and partook of an excellent tea. Manchester well represented. Greasy roads the order of the day plenty of fun and sideslip, (ask Suuter). It is reported that Tom Conway tried some of the latest dodges in steeplechasing, i.e., putting his mount full at a rope with three lamps slung on it. F. H. couldn't get near the bar at the "Patten" and complained bitterly of the increase of temperance in the A.B.C. The arrival of the medals on Saturday seemed to give great satisfaction to the recipients thereof.

Hunt's Cross, December 1st.

Considering the lovely day with perfect roads, the muster of about 25 was distinctly disappointing, and the riding contingent was remarkably small. Is it not the correct thing to cycle to Hunts Cross? Veteran Edwards showed a noble example to the younger generation by riding via Chester and Warrington, although they are not recommended to follow it entirely and lose their way round Ditton! Longfellow and Cook followed the same route, but cut the course and missed the Warrington check by sampling the Transporter, and Longfellow spoke feelingly of Rock Savage and the "race track" between Widnes and Ditton Junction. However, what we lacked in numbers we made up in appetite and harmony, for the grub was "very excellent" and a pleasanter evening has rarely been spent. The card on which attendances are scored was exhibited and proved most interesting, showing Pritchard to have a small but useful lead for the first attendance prize, with Lancaster, Rudd, and Lowenthal close up, but our 3 speed gear merchants do not shine in this respect. We are all pleased to welcome Jimmy Green amongst us again, and hope he will carry out his intention

of rejoining us. Fulton, who is up for membership, and should make a useful addition to our speedmen, was also present. With Mercer as M. C. an excellent evening was spent. The younger members amused themselves with a toy Cook had brought back from the Stanley Show, while the rest enjoyed the harmony provided. It is true we had no "lion comique" and missed Simpson, "Poor old Chem," and Theakstone, but we were not lacking in enjoyable items. Smyth, a friend of Fell's, opened the ball with a tasteful piano solo, and then "young Archie" arrived and took his place as accompanist. Blackburn favoured us with "Simon the Cellarer," "Alcala," "The Mighty Deep," and, by special request "Drinking," in which he showed that he has not yet gone out of training. Band gave us "Queen of the Earth" and the "Village Blacksmith." Rudd gave the chorus a chance with "Off to Philadelphia," and so did Pritchard with "Boys of the Old Brigade." Poole provided the high sentimental with "In Friendships Name," and "Love could I only tell thee." Fell took us back to old days by warbling "The Powder Monkey," and Koozer again broke all records by surprising us with a capital rendition of "Seaweed" showing that he had evidently taken to heart and profited by the criticism in last month's Circular; while to cap all Knipe gave us "Uffem" without any diagrams or glossary; and after the nine-eight contingent had departed, and Pritchard and Blackburn had co-operated in a terpsichorean item, the small riding section departed in peace leaving no secret society (with "Minesabitter" as the password) behind.

Sankey, December 8th.

Considering the bad weather, heavy roads and strong wind blowing, the muster of seventeen, including four Manchester members, was very satisfactory. The feeding arrangements were up to the usual Chapel House standard. Two fierce "tandemons" came via Birkenhead and Sandiway and ran "amok," (Query: Shouldn't the last syllable be spelt in a more appropriate way), in every sense of the word on the return journey to Liverpool, members being dropped at various intervals and left to plough their weary way home against the gale. The last one had both his eyes blinded with mud of a particularly dirty kind and he died miserably by himself after puncturing near Wavertree.

MEMS.

Winter mudguards and small gears were very much in evidence,—two more converts after that Saturday's experiences.

Will the Committee kindly refuse licences to all tandems without large mudguards on their back wheels?

Does any member know the address of the Club's eye specialist?

Newburgh, December 15th.

A small muster and bad weather were the chief characteristics of this run. The catering arrangements left a lot to be desired as was evident by the entire absence of vegetables of any description, (what's the two bob for?)

After the pipe of peace and small talk had been indulged, a general break up ensued, one enthusiastic party touring round by Rainford and an equally enthusiastic party, (for home and comfort), chose the Oriskany route and led by the valiant Captain finally landed at Seaforth with a burst tyre. The pedestrian votaries had decidedly the best time, as swathed in macintoshes and big boots, they successfully resisted the onslaught of the nasty drizzle that set in.

H. W. KEIZER,

Hon. Secretary.



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February 5—Hunt's Cross (Hunt's Cross Hotel)	5-56 p.m.
.. 9—Hinderton (Shrewsbury Arms)	6-10 ..
.. 11—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
.. 16—Warrington (Patten Arms)	6-23 ..
.. 23—Chester (Bull and Stirrup)	6-36 ..
Alternative Runs for Manchester Members.	
.. 2—Goostrey (Red Lion).	
.. 9—Mobberley (Roebuck).	

MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

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COMMITTEE ITEMS.

The Prize Fund will be continued this year. Any member wishing to give to this deserving charity is requested to forward the amount to the Hon. Treasurer. Contributions have already been promised by:—H. Poole, H. W. Keizer, W. R. Toft, H. Pritchard, S. J. Lancaster, T. B. Conway, L. Oppenheimer, F. Gee, D. R. Fell, E. G. Worth, E. Edwards, W. P. Cook, G. B. Mercer, R. L. Knipe.

The Annual Dinner will not be revived. In reply to a paragraph in the last circular the Hon. Sec. received four postcards and one letter. The support promised it is hardly sufficient.

Note that the February Committee Meeting is on a Monday, not a Tuesday evening. This change will be continued until further notice.

Delegates for 1907 are as follows:—R. R. A.: Messrs. P. C. Beardwood and H. W. Keizer. N. R. R. A.: Messrs. N. M. Higham and H. W. Keizer.

Members claims for Club runs by any other than those attending Club tea must be passed by the Committee.—New Rule passed at a Committee Meeting on January 15th, 1907.

Will members kindly address any correspondence referring to the circular to the Editor, Mr. S. J. Lancaster.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Bunchy and Mawr.—We believe an Ordnance Survey Map of the Whiston district on a large scale can be obtained at Mawdsley's.

Orchestra.—At Bromborough you keep straight on for Sandiway, and do not turn sharp right.

RUNS.

Chester, December 22nd, 1906.

The venue of our run for this afternoon was Chester, where our committee had thought well to arrange a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Bates in their new quarters, the Talbot Hotel.

For quite a number of years have this genial pair been associated with the Bull and Stirrup, and have rendered great help, coupled with keen interest, to the Anfield, both as a club and to individual members, always showing the greatest willingness to do what lay in their power in every manner possible.

In recognition of such services, it was suggested that a memento of some tangible form should be presented to Mrs. Bates by our members; Mr. D. C. Rowatt kindly took the matter in hand, with the result that after all present had done justice to a good tea, our worthy President, in a few well-chosen words expressing the good feeling and appreciation of our members, presented to Mrs. Bates a silver salver, which we think came as a very pleasing surprise to the recipient.

We were pleased to meet one or two of our members at this run who were very nearly strangers, owing to their long abstinence from attending our fixtures, at the same time we missed a considerable number of faces we had expected would support so interesting a function, especially when one remembers how easy of access both per road or rail the city of Chester is.

Sandiway, Boxing Day Run, December 26th, 1906.

Boxing Day, 1906, will ever live in the Annals of the Club to be talked about when we reach the period of bath chair cycling, but why I should be commissioned to write this account of it I know not, unless it be that I was one of the only three who carried out the fixture as per circular. There was "some snow," and it was a case of the "survival of the fittest," but with the glorious sunshine overhead a few more stalwarts might have been expected. There were seven members got through by road more or less, but only three got ALL the way with their machines. Toft and Edwards trained part way, while Worth and Poole, by ignoring the arrangement to "leave by 9-30 New Ferry boat or meet at New Ferry tram terminus at 10-0 a.m." and going via Run-corn were finally forced to abandon their machines at Acton Bridge, as they found them an impediment to their walking! At New Ferry tram terminus, 10-0 a.m., the Apostle was prompt to time and was soon joined by Band, James (a prospective member), Cody, and "young Archie." The latter was in mufti and en route to the rattler, but he helped to make a respectable crowd, and his cheeriness was infective. At 10-15 the "tour proper now commenced" and the first incident was the desertion of Band at Bromborough! Evidently the G93 gear and winter mudguard did not like the snow! Very fair progress was made to Sutton, where James began to fly signals of distress, and a few minutes halt was called, during which the oldest inhabitant was interviewed, and he cheered us greatly by reminiscences of gruesome Christ-mastide disasters! Then we got on with it, and the going was not half bad up to Backford, where the Apostle got sidetracked into a drift halfway up, and had to walk the balance owing to inability to find a mounting spot. Here Tierney, who had arrived a few minutes late at New Ferry, caught up, and at the lanes we waited for James. Going through the lanes proved an unwise choice, as they were very bad and caused several involuntary dismounts, and eventually finished James off altogether, for he told us to go on and we saw him no more. From Vicar's Cross we made excellent progress to Tarvin and were quite fierce up the hill, but then our real troubles began, for the Apostle dived on to the footpath in the village, and Cody struck a snag at the bottom of the hill and could not get on again for some time. It was then Graft with a capital G to Kelsall where a halt "to see the time" was made, and finding it was one o'clock we quickly resumed, riding up to the new P. O. on the footpath which had been cleared, and then tramping to the top. Here mounting with difficulty we "thumbed it out" the rest of the way. Each in turn got into difficulties, and there seemed to be a lot of luck as to whether you kept going or fell off; the nerve tension being more trying than the physical effort involved. However, at 2-15 the Bluecap was reached, and we were soon busy satisfying our enormous appetites at the table just being vacated by Foster (the sole Manchester representative), Toft, Buck, Venables, Rowatt, Mercer and McCall. We thus numbered 10 after dinner, but at 3-40 Keizerette arrived from Hartford Station on foot having been disappointed by the car he arranged to come in, and immediately afterwards Poole and Worth arrived, the latter having been nearly seven hours on the way, while finally Edwards arrived at 4-0 o'clock from Chester

claiming to have taken two hours from Kelsall; so that we altogether numbered 14, and as the Circular says nothing about the return journey I will not describe the pleasant ride back in the cool of the evening beyond recording the fact that a party of six had tea at Chester.

MEMS.

Many of our members overlooked the fact that Sandiway can be easily reached per rattler, either from Wirral, Liverpool or Manchester. Bunchy had his usual puncture, and thoroughly enjoyed the burst! Buck's spare stockings were a dream, and alone worth the price of admission.

Telegrams were received from Charlie Conway and Everbright, the latter instead of attacking record was attacked by influenza.

Our young members did not shine on this occasion. Where were Sandford and Merton?

Three other members are reported as having started. Sunter and Fell in a car were stuck up at Roby, and Pa White got as far as Allerton, and chucked when he found Toft had gone on.

Opposite the Abbey Arms there was only one narrow track, and it was occupied by a collie dog which refused to shift. Cook's language as he subsided into the bank of snow was most elegant and picturesque.

Buckley, on a trike, ploughed as far as the Windmill from Cheadle.

Later news reports James as struggling on as far as Kelsall where Edwards must have passed him while he was inside feeding; he afterwards got back to Chester by road and his performance showed the true grit and spirit of an Anfielder.

Warrington, December 29th, 1906.

To the Honorable Editor:—

It is with most habitually devout expressions of my sensitive respect that I approach the clemency of your masterful position with the self-despairing utterance of my esteem and the also forgotten-by-myself assurance that in my own mind I shall be freed from the presumption that I am making unpardonable assertion when I inform your Honour that consequently upon the Hyperborean climatic conditions subsisting on the 29th ultimo., a copiously representative contingent of honourable members bestowed distinguished and lucrative patronage on the notorious traffic of a contemptible Railway Company. A feeble contingent with pedal appendages only clothed in futile and insufficient garments though personally much courageous struggled along snow-encumbered arteries of locomotionary traffic arriving at the terminus of their dreadful destination in a condition of hideous gratification and flouted said representative contingent of honourable members with contemptuous pranks. With profound conviction of my own unworthiness, I hopefully anticipate that none of the said feeble contingent will be worsened through pulmonary catastrophe in their interior. The distinguished assemblage of prandially mentioned gentlemen numbered twenty-three, and after participating in the mastication and delimitation of variously edible and essential comestibles and liquefactions and having inaugurated mutually respective congratulations for the commencing Anno Domini 1907 betook their personalities by nocturnal perambulations to the Railway Station. I have the honourable delight of subscribing myself,

Your exalted reverence's servitor,
PAPAJEE BABOO.

Hunt's Cross, January 5th, 1907.

The first New Year fixture showed a better attendance than the previous month's run to the same place, thirty-three members and friends partaking of the ample spread provided. One expected a larger muster in this week of good resolutions, and quite a dozen missing faces rose in the mind's eye, as constant at this fixture as boiled turkey or hot-pot. Overhead atmospheric conditions were perfect, but the going was heavy, Cook and Edwards however, again sampled the transporter, conveying a prospective member through the mire on time for tea. Ten stalwarts found excellent train arrangements and

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FIXTURES FOR MARCH, 1907.

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March 2—Sankey (Sankey Chapel House)	6-52 p.m.
.. 9—Helsby (Robin Hood Hotel).....	7-5 ..
.. 11—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
.. 16—Pulford (Grosvenor Arms)	7-18 ..
.. 23—Sandiway (Blue Cap).....	7-30 ..
.. 29/April 1—Easter Tour (CIRCULAR TO FOLLOW)	7-42 ..
Alternative Run for Manchester Members.	
.. 16—Lostock Gralam (Black Greyhound).	

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Committee Items.

New Members.

R. A. Fulton, B3, Liverpool and London Chambers, Exchange, Liverpool.

J. E. Green, 80, Westbank Road, Birkenhead.

J. R. Wells, Jr., "Crofton," Oxtou, Birkenhead.

A. P. James, 74, Cotton Exchange Buildings, Liverpool.

H. G. Bailey, 63, Humphrey Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

New Addresses.

E. G. Worth, New Villas, Laburnum Road, Liverpool.

F. G. Cartman, "Rosslyn," Lingard Road, Northenden.

A. G. White, c/o Federation Master Builders, 31, Bedford Street, Strand, W.

W. Osborne, "Hillhurst," Apsley End, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

Handicapping Committee for 1907.

Messrs. E. Edwards, H. Poole, E. G. Worth and H. W. Keizer.

Course Committee for 1907.

Messrs. E. Buckley, H. Poole and E. G. Worth.

Mems.

The following resignations are accepted with regret:—Messrs. A. T. Simpson, H. Lever, J. P. Jones, A. L. Thomas and F. Keizer.

The following name is struck off the books for non payment of Honorary Subscription, (two years,) R. Large.

In the Fifty Miles Handicaps tights will be entirely barred this year.

The attention of members is drawn to the revised Standards for the Fifty Miles Handicaps:—

	Bronze.	Gold Centre Silver.	Gold Star.
Single Bicycle... 3 hrs. —	—	2 hrs. 50 min.	2 hrs. 40 min.
Tricycle 3 hrs. 15 min.	3 hrs. 15 min.	3 hrs. 5 min.	2 hrs. 55 min.

The second "50," (on June 8th) will be run over the Record course in Shropshire.

H. W. KEIZER,
Hon. Secretary.

Answers to Correspondents.

Pagan Apostle.—(1) No, it is not kind to lend a machine to a friend when the tyres are in a consumptive condition. (2) For treatment, (ancient,) of bites write, J. M. James, 88, Midland Road, Bedford.

Baron.—The Channel Tunnel will not be available for handlebars over 32 in. wide. We should advise you to have yours altered at once and become used to the very difficult steering of a 22 in. bar.

Orchestra.—Try Robert Jones. The matter will certainly not mend of itself.

Cecil and Others.—Don't be nasty. Write whenever asked and be only too glad to be asked. We cannot afford to lose such valuable contributors as yourselves.

Bunchy.—We do not recommend Mold. "Resist temptation whenever possible," has always been our motto.

RUNS.

Hinderton, January 19th, 1907.

Dear Mr. Editor,

As you've been worrying me for an account of the Hinderton run, here it is, and don't bother me any more.

A motley uncouth mob assembled at the Shrewsbury Arms in a roomy and airy smoke room. Some of them, realising that they were members of a bicycle club arrived in orthodox manner per wheel, a New Brighton youth taking a "short cut" via Mold. A somewhat disreputable contingent journeyed to Neston by train and walked up, while one man so far forgot himself as to arrive by motor. This latter case, happily rare, is of course most dreadful, perhaps I should not have referred to it here. (This discussion is now closed.—Ed.)

An interesting discussion on vegetarianism preceded tea, one whose marvellous performances on rice pudding, bread and milk, and boiled carrots are too well known to need comment, is of opinion that a vegetarian lunch leaves nothing to be desired, provided that you have time to go out between three and four to get a steak.

After tea a speed merchant went down to Chester to waylay a home-ward bound tandem, which, valiantly scornful of a nine mile ride, had gone off to Sandiway to worry the Manchester crowd and give the Liverpool district a rest. He managed successfully to get under the tandem's lee and gave it a very good race, his light being in sight for quite a considerable time.

A small party interested in archaeological research journeyed down to Chester to see the sights of this interesting old town and I am informed that a most enjoyable evening was spent, the party returning home next day.

That's all Mr. Editor, except that if you put such rubbish as this in your circular you must be hard up for copy.

Yours till heaven claims you.

"GENUINE CONSISTENT READER."

Sankey, January 26th, 1907.

The run to the Chapel House is evidently a favourite one judging by the attendance of 32 members and friends. Nearly all the Wirral Brigade proceeding via Chester, Helsby and Warrington. We are told that one known as the "Baron" was thought to be very fierce behind the Apostolic trike on the way out to Sankey, likening it in fact unto a bath chair position and declaring he would not leave it. Where, oh! where was he when the top of Dunham Hill was reached? Wells a new member and a promising speed man put in his first Club run to the accompaniment of "Shorty" and there was a fair sprinkling of Manchester Members including Bailey recently joined from the North London C.C. Tea was a great success including pork stuffed with much sage and onions (a delicacy greatly favoured by the Keizerette) we don't think!!! The ride home in the cool of the evening was inclined to be scrappy considering the weather conditions, but Heigh ho! if some people go about asking for it, they get it and no mistake, without mercy. Dawson of the "North Road" came out and week-ended with "Daddy."

Hunt's Cross, February 2nd, 1907.

With splendid atmospheric conditions and excellent roads, such a small muster of twenty-three was somewhat disappointing. The Apostle and his troupe of perspiring speedites, as per usual, toured the world and other places, via the Transporter. For the benefit of a right honourable member exhaustive enquiries have been made, and we can confidently state that Rocksavage is *not* the side of a house. Edwards and "Buffalo Bill" sampled Chester and Warrington, but were waylaid about two miles from Hunt's Cross by the "Vamoosing Kalamazoo," who quietly administered a small dose of hypo-pritchate of ginger. The veteran was rather wamble-cropped, but he got right there. Most of the remainder toured direct, and on the arrival of the train division consisting of the Keizerette, Sir Henry and the Archdeacon, a "most excellent" tea was partaken of. One omnivorous, voraginous gourmand had to be forcibly removed from the feeding station. The turkey was certainly Tres Bon (Ma foi! Get away you boys); but why the whereforism of that thyness?

McCall opened the "warbling competition" with a splendid selection on the musical box. Blackburn, Fell, Lichtenberg and Pritchard provided the company with good singing, while Knipe amused us with funny tales and upheld his reputation as a dialectician. The absence of "Koozer" with his "pathetic love ballad" was greatly deplored, and on enquiries being made as to his absence, we hear on good authority that he is recuperating after a most arduous season's "rehearsing." With the departure of the train division the party gradually broke up and quietly toured home after having spent, with the aid of some slight lubrication from the tank, a very enjoyable evening.

Hinderton, February 9th, 1907.

Arriving late and leaving early I can hardly hope to give a full and complete report of our Hinderton fixture. To be asked to do so however is equivalent to being told to get on with it, our new editor means business and is after copy. The weather was inviting, but the roads,

or rather the stuff that hid them, necessitated such severe pushing that a quartette from sea level were in danger of becoming Nipper-kneed or how-legged long before calling a halt at the "Blazing Stump" en route. They were greatly cheered on emerging, after cooling down, by the appearance of a fifth mud plugger enjoying himself walling a 100 gear around. He *was* treading, but saw us, dismounted, and joined issue in once, perfect control, had not to retire a yard after shutting off. Arriving at Hinderton a little late we found the barn full of bikes lovingly rubbing up against and helping themselves to the polished coating of a large motor car. Visions of our rabbit pie finding some other bourne quickened our movements to the front, and at the first glance into the room we thought our worst fears were realised, each table full and every knife and fork employed.

Mrs. Morris and daughters however soon had us packed in and packing, enjoying an excellent repast, cooked as only they can cook in this best of Wirral hostels.

We mustered 31 members and our friendly enemy of the N.A.C.C. who is improving his knowledge of Cheshire lanes, this time from the bridge, not the stake hole. Whether he "had less and saw more" or "vice versa" was not divulged, but he still wears the sad sweet smile of our Clonton acquaintanceship. After tea, smoke and chat and more smoke occupied a pleasant hour, one member going out betimes to borrow an oil can and lubricate without having the annoyance of interruption, returned to find the room lost in a blue fog, and had no difficulty in getting back unseen.

The homeward ride was most enjoyable, light wind behind, and a starlight sky, with later a brilliant display of Aurora Borealis, the scintillations from the North lasting until after 9 o'clock.

To-day's attendance I should think was a record for Hinderton and augurs well for the coming season.

The young bloods seem eager and the old war horses scent the battle from afar, when the dash comes may the blue ribbon of the road be wrested from the haughtie Southerners and return to adorn the records of the good old Anfield.

Warrington, February 16th, 1907.

A fair muster of 25 attended this run the majority arriving via the Cheshire roads. We were pleased to welcome Kinghorn and note with satisfaction that he has started taking acid again. After an excellent repast had been done full justice to, the garcon kindly obliged with a recital upon the electrically driven piano, although I am afraid that the instrument was in rather delicate health and am inclined to the opinion that our "Archie" could have taught it a thing or two.

A select party then adjourned to the Billiard Room and after a preliminary center in the form of a quartette the company settled down to an interesting display by Shorty and Kinghorn, and we can advise anyone seeking a few lessons to apply to either of the above gentlemen, as sure of the shots put in by Shorty showed what a master of the game he is.

While the match was in progress the Mudlarks had evidently disappeared in the drizzle, and train time arriving the remaining Members regretfully patronised and travelled home per rattler.

S. J. LANCASTER.

Editor.

The remainder of the crush cycled or walked direct or with few detours. A Wirral couple boasted of making the interior from the coast in 2½ hours direct, one wonders why they hampered themselves with cycles. With Pa White once more directing the programme a right jolly evening was spent. The ever willing McCall opened the ball with a fine selection and also accompanied the other artists in their items. Pritchard gave a song of the sea and three maids, and Knipe took us amongst the heather and peat moss on the Sabbath day. Chem delighted us with an item on the mandolin and obliged with an encore in response to our appreciation. Band sang sweetly of Comrades, and visitor Whales earned an encore with his finely rendered song of the Old Soldier and his King, obliging with The Star of Eve in response. The Koozer next being called upon, sang his other song, "a touching ballad," dealing with a natural barometer represented on this occasion by a "wipe"; Blackburn then sang us "Hybrias the Cretan" in fine style. Mercer now made a tasteful and touching little speech with reference to Mr. President White's departure to London, the emotional chord at tension was relieved as the gathering rose and vigorously toasted "Papa" in "He's a jolly good fellow." Pa replied in the spirit of a true Anfielder, hoping to be with us at Easter and on every available opportunity, and may they come early and often. Fell sang to us "How Paddy stole the rope," and Chem delighted us with "his only hair" and an encore, the train party almost getting left in their efforts to obtain as many items as possible out of Chem.

Cronton, January 12th, 1907.

The beautiful morning gave promise of a very pleasant afternoon, but alas, the weather, like a woman's mind, often changes at very inconvenient moments, and just as most riders were probably turning out the sky became overcast, and rain fell before 3 o'clock, continuing intermittently throughout the afternoon, accompanied by a heavy wind which was very useful if behind, not otherwise. In spite of these adverse circumstances a fair muster, including three Manchester members, sat down and did justice to a regular Unicorn tea.

A strictly touring party, headed by the "genuine consistent cyclist" (vide letter Irish Cyclist), who was in double harness with Dawson of the North Road C.C., came via Chester and Warrington, but judging from the pitiable condition on arrival, of one of our young and aspiring—pardon perspiring speed-worms, we can only but draw two conclusions, either that the young 'un is not yet over fit, or else the speed of the Cook-Dawson combination could hardly be classed as "genuine touring." Never mind young 'un. Chew it, Chew it, you'll never rue it.

After tea an attempt was made to liven the evening with a little singing, but unfortunately it did not prove very successful, but Turnor gave us a very humorous dialogue about "Babies" telling us what he and most of us did not know about them—Cheer up Turnor, you are young yet.

After most of the riders had gone, Band assisted by David Rowatt at the piano, favoured those who remained with "The Skipper."

Small parties of twos and threes struggled bravely homewards against the wind, which blew with unabated vigour, a large section of the "B" division making "Capstanwards."

Railway shares are down, the Keizerette did the double journey per bicycle.

The roads both in and out of town were exceedingly greasy, but was that the sole and only cause of the tandemons making on two occasions before being safely docked, a close and forcible acquaintance with mother earth. There were a lot on Lemon Kalis knocking about at Cronton to say nothing of the Capstan.

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FIXTURES FOR APRIL, 1907.

	LIGHT UP AT
April 6—Newburgh (Red Lion)	7-56 p.m.
„ 8—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
„ 13—Chester (Bull and Stirrup).....	8-8 „
„ 20—Knutsford (Lord Eldon)	8-17 „
„ 27—50 Miles Unpaced Handicap.....	8-34 „

Entries for the "50" must reach the Honorary Secretary not later than April 20th.

Alternative Run for Manchester Members.

„ 6—Goostrey (Red Lion).

MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

Committee Notes.

Invitations are being sent to the following Clubs for the open 100:
—North Road C.C., Bath Road C., Manchester Wednesday C.C., Midland C. and A.C., Vegetarian C.C., North London C.C., Manchester Wheelers, Speedwell B.C., Leeds Road C., Polytechnic C.C., North Liverpool B.C., Unity C.C., Birkenhead C.C., Warrington C.C., Congleton C.C., Cheadle Hulme C.C., Wrexham C.C., Cheetham B.C., East Liverpool Wheelers, Birkenhead N. E. C.C., Yorkshire Road C., Catford C.C.

Items.

We are pleased to note that Mr. A. M. Higham has been appointed an official timekeeper to the N.R.R.A.

Cook has received a postcard from Del Strother advising his safe arrival at Vladivostock after 14½ days' travelling from Moscow. We all wish him success in his new sphere, although it takes him so much further from us. His new address is *c/o* Garbell and Strother, Vladivostock.

Will members kindly note that the R.R.A. notice of an intended ride has been reduced from 4 to 3 days for unpaced rides.

The R.R.A. timekeepers for 1907 are: J. B. Barnes, E. W. Bidlake, H. Poole, F. J. Urry and W. Woolveridge.

H. W. KEIZER,
Hon. Secretary.

Answers to Correspondents.

Free Medical Adviser.—Instead of seeing Robert Jones a visit to Mary of the same ilk would be far more beneficial to you. The All-speed gear boxes produced in St. Helens at 1/1½ each would be useful if you are unable to make the journey as easily as you would wish.

RUNS.

Chester, February 23rd, 1907.

Favoured with bright sunshine and excellent roads, all the members who attended the run to Chester had a very enjoyable day. One member who was recently severely rebuked for attending a club run "per motor" seems to have benefited somewhat by the kindly remarks and was to be seen riding a grease-lightning-arrangement with wood rims and administering small doses of acid to two unfortunate individuals on roadster cycles. He will regret this little indiscretion when the handicappers come to deal with him. A strictly touring party (guaranteed not to exceed six an hour) toured via Queensferry and Wrexham, while one member went down a side street and rode himself to a standstill.

The tandem team from the Red Noses rode into the yard and received a round of applause for the graceful way they dismounted.

This was our first visit to the Bull and Stirrup under the new management, and the attendance was larger than usual—we mustered 30 members and friends. The proprietor and staff were very anxious

to supply all our wants, and no doubt have gained some knowledge which will enable them to cope with a hungry army of cyclists.

After tea and the usual smoke and chat, we journeyed on our various ways, a party of four week-ending at Ellesmere, and returning on Sunday.

Sankey, March 2nd, 1907.

This run attracted some 23 members, 5 of whom being Manchester members. The notable absentee was the captain. Perhaps the state of the roads round Manchester had a good deal to do with the members from that district not being in full force. Some members from Liverpool arrived direct, others via Frodsham and one member went via Tarporley, hoping to pick up two of the younger members who had expressed an intention of going that way, imagine his surprise when later on those hopefuls strolled in having had a comfortable journey by the train. The Manchester tandem journeyed round Great Budworth, Whitley and Daresbury, although a side-slip necessitated a stoppage in Warrington to straighten a crank. There was a talk after tea of the touring party going back by Chester, but whether they did or not remains to be seen. On the homeward journey the Manchester tandem again came to grief in Warrington, causing the journey to Latchford to be done on foot. It seems early for constrictor tyres, but one rider of them on Saturday must have found them fast, for judging from his appearance, he must have overtaken the particles of dirt thrown from the front wheel.

Helsby, March 9th, 1907.

Ideal Spring weather favoured this run, a slight shower having nicely laid the dust making, we believe, the train journey from Liverpool delightfully cool and pleasant. However a few hardy annuals arrived at the venue by road, two enthusiasts making Chester without having to encumber themselves with capes, but rumour has it that over half an hour was spent at the B. and S. to air slightly damp clothing. One veteran arrived valiantly pushing a three-speeder to which he has been converted, perhaps! After extensive drying operations had been performed, tea was served to the ever hungry members of the Anfield Rattler and Bicycle Club, who were rudely interrupted in the midst of their grumbings by the appearance in the doorway of a large heap of Cheshire mud, which on being unveiled disclosed the features of our well-known Baron, who had kindly paced a large car from Chester. Tea over, drying was resumed on a grand scale and then the small cycling section started and we are pleased to say arrived safely home in brilliant rainshine.

Pulford, March 16th, 1907.

A very fair attendance for such a "graffy" day. A few select worms under the guidance of the "Everlasting Bimbashi" are reported to have reached Llandeglo ??? We know they reached Pulford. There's

river, as the Wirral section were favoured with fine weather and good roads.

The Apostolic tandem with the orchestra playing in the stoke-hold was joined by the skipper with his brother up, and, accompanied by James and Edwards, toured through via Hawarden and Wrexham, but most of the members came out direct from Birkenhead. We should have been glad to have seen more Manchester members present.

The tea provided at the Bull and Stirrup left nothing to be desired and the new manager is to be complimented on the manner in which he has profited by past experience.

Knutsford, 20th April, 1907.

After enervating and mud-plugging rides, with dark heavy clouds above, flooded roads beneath, and incessant rain all around them, the members of the Anfield Bicycle and Rattler club gathered together under the roof of the "Lord Eldon," where extensive drying operations were soon in full swing. It was pleasing to note that in spite of the inclemency of the weather there was only one member present who had actually gone so far as to forget himself, and swell the coffers of a despicable Railway Company—"Et tu, Shorty!"—Ugh!! When the process of washing was over, the "inner man" was very satisfactorily attended to. We were very sorry to hear that the Keizerette was unable, owing to a relapse, to be amongst us. Rumour hath it that two perspiring worms actually spent the whole of the afternoon on the course, scrapping the whole way and doing good times in places, this needs the careful attention of the handicappers.

After having sorted out the stockings and other portions of apparel (the Apostle's in particular, we should say, judging from the state of his body linen, that he had had a severe dose of punctures, and had mended them "à sa manière") which had adorned the kitchen fire, and had an argument on catallactics, a move was made to get on our marks. With the wind on the quarter, the ride home in the cool of the evening was very pleasant and uneventful except for a burst which the Poole Frères had to contend with in their back tyre.

S. J. LANCASTER.

Editor.

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FIXTURES FOR MAY, 1907.

	LIGHT UP AT
May 4—Pulford (Grosvenor Arms)	8-43 p.m.
„ 11—Lostock Gralam (Black Greyhound)	8-55 „
„ 13—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
„ 18—Tarpoley (Swan Hotel)	9-7 „
„ 20—100 Miles Invitation Unpaced Handicap.	
„ 25—Eddisbury Lodge, Kelsall	9-17 „

Entries for the "100" must reach the Honorary Secretary not later than Saturday, May 11th.

MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

Committee Items.

New Member.

G. E. Carpenter, "Ardlin," 20, Granville Road, Chester.

New Address.

E. S. Gunton, 1, Whitefriars, Chester.

The accommodation at Whitsuntide will be divided between two hotels in Shrewsbury, viz., "Crown" and "Unicorn." There will be several officials at the "Crown" which will be the Headquarters. Inclusive tariff at the "Unicorn," 12/6, Saturday night to Monday morning, a separate bed for each individual. Members requiring rooms at either hotels are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible. Checkers, Marshalls and Feeders will be in great demand for May 20th. Volunteers kindly write Mr. Lancaster.

H. W. KEIZER,

Hon. Secretary.

RUNS.

Easter, 1907 - Bettws Redivivus.

Even the most chronic grumbler could find no fault with our Easter Holiday Tour which was perfect in every respect. Weather ideal, jolly company, no all-night sessions in the Tank, and the Commissariat Department excellently presided over by a real Chief. The theory of those who expressed the belief that Bettws could be successfully revived by providing a proper *riding* programme on the Shrewsbury lines was amply demonstrated, but those who thought otherwise were not there to be convinced, having organised opposition parties, and perhaps if they did not want to be convinced they were better away. Numerically we, of course, suffered, for only 24 members and 3 friends really participated, although 3 more members were *at Bettws in fiamilla*, and 2 others met us on the return journey. Poole, Worth, Rowatt, Toft, Lowenthal, McCall, "Boss" Higham, and Mr. Bird got down on the Thursday night, and carried out Friday's excursion to Twll Du, Llyn Idwal, and Falls of Benelog, but we understand Llyn Rhoelwyd was not visited. Friday saw the arrival of Cook, James, Pritchard, Tierney, Gee, Sunter, Bright, Bentley, Wells, Fulton and Mr. Sachs, the first four meeting the Devils Kitchen party at Capel Curig, but on Saturday morning Lowenthal suddenly deserted us, and Wells and the Baron having thoroughly explored North Wales in the billiard room—also departed to get "at the beaten track" in the vicinity of Market Drayton. However, Saturday's ride was carried out by *all* the others, Gee looking passage in Sunter's car, so that "Everbright," whose tyres required re-making, could have a noont. The roads were somewhat loose, and punctures frequent, but the riding was easy, and from Beddgelert to Carnarvon was entirely new to the majority. Several fires had to be attended, and at one of them McCall broke his crank a few miles out of Carnarvon, while on the return journey Bunsby's handlebar gave way and had to be jury rigged. Up Llanberis Pass Tierney showed his mettle as a hill climber by easily surmounting it, while Poole, "Everbright," Mr. Pritchard and the "Everlasting Bimbashi" cried "Quantum salt" the last 200 yards, and dismounted to enjoy the fine view. Thence it was a slide back to Bettws where the brothers Conway and Norman Higham were found added to the party. Sunday again saw all but Sunter's car, Mr. Bird, and "young Archie" (who had to leave us carrying out the scheduled ride to Conway for the "Sickenening" Pass, although a few "tried not the Pass" owing to curiosity as to the internals of their tyres not permitting time. At Conway we were joined by Mercer and Fell in a car, and Band, Williams, and Mr. Cooper on beef and beer motors, and a fine ride back down the Trefriw side of the valley completed a "very excellent" day. On Monday most of the party (18 of us) returned via Pentre and Denbigh, where Kettle the Sheffield blade joined us, the ride over the sportsman being very fine, and the road in much better condition than the main Corwen road. But a very funny incident must be recorded. The Highams and Conways without maps and trusting to their knowledge of the roads

promptly turned *at Pentre Voelas*, and of course eventually found themselves at *Llanwrst* much to their surprise! They then took the direct *Abergele* road, but instead of reaching *Denbigh* via *St. Asaph*, they were induced to go the "shortest" way from *Llangerniew* to *Llansannan*, and as though that were not bad enough they were again directed to *Henlann* instead of joining the *Sportsman* road at *Gröes*, so it was a very vacquaterated party that reached *Denbigh* at 3.15. However, they speedily recovered, and in small parties we proceeded up the *Bodfari Valley* after depositing *Gee* in *Mercer's* car, and saying good-bye to "*Everbright*" and *Tierney*, who were making for *Corwen*—and in due course *Hinderton* was reached for tea, where *Lichtenberg*, evidently touring up and down the top road, and *Wells* and the *Baron* full of newly discovered *Salopian* beauties joined us, and a quiet ride in the cool of the evening brought to a close one of the finest *Easters* the *Club* has ever experienced, and certainly the best *Easter Tour* the *Club* has ever carried out in *Wild Wales*.

Items.

General regret was expressed at *Keizerette's* absence through illness, but he had arranged some "very excellent" meals which were duly appreciated.

We had some music in the evenings, but *Blackburn*, *Cheminais* and *Theakstone* were sadly missed, and it was a pity "*young Archie*" had to leave us on Sunday morning. However, two artist friends helped us out greatly.

Some very fine "exhibition" games of billiards were played, and the billiard room was a popular rendezvous.

We greatly missed the badge to decorate the *Glan Aber* and protect us from intrusion.

Bunchy's imitations of motor horns and sirens are most realistic—*Honk Honk!* It is an awful pity *Guy* isn't here!

As *Mawr* has only been riding along *Telford's* road since 1122, he could not be expected to know the turn for *Denbigh*.

As a cragsman "*Boss*" *Higham* is certainly a scratch man.

Newburgh, 6th April, 1907.

This run was carried out under unfavourable weather conditions, although there was a fair muster of members, some 20 odd turning out.

There was no incident of any note to record, but one has satisfaction in testifying to the excellence of the feeding arrangements, which were all that could be desired.

Chester, 13th April, 1907.

Quite a respectable crowd turned up here and everyone was delighted to welcome the *Keizerette*, who put in his first club run since his illness.

Those who "toured the earth" had plenty of rain between *Liverpool* and *Warrington* and would have done better to have crossed the

nothing new under the sun, (vide "Winning Post") *except* the fact that the "Hypo" man's been at it again, this time passing it clean through an infirm old gentleman on a three-speed gear and then expressing surprise at not finding him there on arrival at Pulford. Oh! Pritchate, Pritchate, how are the mighty fallen? MORE BILLIARDS, 1st attempt, Wells and Shorty before tea (many appetites spoiled). El Presidente and El Capitano after tea. Shorty's a rotten billiardist of that there is no doubt. Tea was quite up to standard every one seemed pleased with it. We were sorry the Keizerette was unable to turn out. The Master came through from Manchester, please note all you young worms who failed to put in an appearance.

Sandiway, March 23rd, 1907.

This ride was carried out under most genial weather conditions, some 25 members putting in an appearance. With the exception of a slight insufficiency of food, tea passed off all right and the majority of the crowd prepared to return via Chester, and after some little jockeying for position a favourable start was made and we had a nice little tour until approaching Kelsall several members broke away, with the result that an interesting few miles were spent in a dust-up (in more than one sense) ere reaching our destination.

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Editor.

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FIXTURES FOR JUNE, 1907.

	LIGHT UP AT
May 25—Tattenhall (Bear Hotel)	9-17 p.m.
June 1—Nantwich (Crown Hotel)	9-23 ..
.. 8-50 Miles Unpaced Handicap (in Shropshire)	9-29 ..
.. 10—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
.. 15—Hoo Green (Kilton). Photo. by Mr. C. J. Conway	9-35 ..
.. 21-22—Night Ride to Abergavenny. (Circular to follow.) ..	9-42 ..
.. 29—Pulford (Grosvenor Arms)	9-39 ..

Entries for the "50" must reach the Honorary secretary not later than Saturday, June 1st.

MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

Committee Notes.

Please note Tattenhall, (Bear Hotel) will be the run on Saturday, May 25th, instead of Eddisbury Lodge.

New Members.

Mr. A. L. Jones, 81, Edge Lane, Liverpool.

Mr. G. E. Poole, 29, Alexandra Road, Waterloo, Liverpool.

New Addresses.

Mr. P. C. Beardwood, 26, Portman Avenue, East Sheen, London, S.W.

Mr. H. Hellier, J. K. Conway and Co., Aire Street, Leeds.

NOTES.

It is with much regret I have to record the removal from the district of Messrs. S. Irving and H. Hellier. The former has gone to California on business which may detain him for some time, the latter has moved to Leeds and we shall probably see little of him in future.

Every speedman is expected to get as fit as possible for the great scrap on June 8th. The course is as fast as any that can be found in this part of the country and given a good day we certainly ought to find at least two or three men who could with confidence attack the "50" single record later on and bring it back to the good old Club. First man away at 4-0 p.m.

RUNS.

50 Miles Unpaced Handicap, April 27th.

The bad luck which dogs our 50's is getting chronic, and it is no wonder our speed worms are getting sick of it, not to mention those who take up the thankless task of checking, etc. We are about fed up and the sooner we get a decent 50 day the better. However we must not be discouraged; other clubs get fine days and do fast times, and we have the men if we can only secure the opportunity. It was particularly galling to find that the Liverpool side of Warrington had very little rain while right over our course it had been raining all day, and the "weather" was concentrated for our benefit. Considering these distressing circumstances we can congratulate ourselves on a most successful event. The Card showed 13 entrants, most of whom were of our "promising young novice" brigade, and it seemed strange not to have Knipe figuring on scratch, although a pleasing re-appearance was that of Green out for a training spin. Gunton was the only non-starter, and it says much for the pluck displayed that only Turnor, Bentley and Green retired from the fray. Again the winner proved to be one of the 12 minutes men, for James of that mark rode strongly throughout and finished in 2-57-31 which was most excellent for a complete novice on such a day. Cody from scratch was second and fastest in 2-49-35, (which shows what the day was like) and we are all glad to see him among the pots again. Rogers off 2 minutes was third in 2-55-19, and Bailey off 17 minutes was fourth in 3-10-47. The other finishers were Fulton (12 minutes) 3-10-22, Band (1 minute) 3-3-36, Dakin (12 minutes) 3-16-21 and Pritchard (8 minutes) 3-14-37; Carpenter unfortunately getting off the course at the Whipping Stocks second time. Fulton and Dakin will undoubtedly do much better performances on a respectable day, and Band had considerable trouble with his stockings which caused repeated dismounts to adjust, while Pritchard is evidently not suited by heavy going. After the event a goodly crowd assembled at the Patten Arms—more like old times—and possibly the note of warning sounded in the circular last time has had some effect.

Items.

Wilkie's car party were of inestimable value at Twemlow and the finish.

Dawson of the N.R. and the Apostle toured the course and cheered the checkers up.

Buckley was very busy about the course, and Hubert Roskell looked very fine in tennis trousers at Ollerton.

Where were the Master and the Professor's Love Story?

James took his win very modestly, and is not likely to suffer from swelled head. "Bimbashi" was delighted his novice pulled it off at the first time of asking.

Pulford, May 4th.

This run was supported by twenty-four members and four friends, the afternoon being exceedingly fine after a most miserable week. Quite a large party toured to Shrewsbury for the week-end and had a favourable return journey which was enlivened by several alarming fires.

Lostock Garam, May 11th.

Here we had a muster of twenty-eight and two friends, the Manchester contingent being a large one, (twelve). Arrangements, etc., for the "100" were the chief items of interest. Many speed machines on view. All our possibles for the great event looked very fit and well.

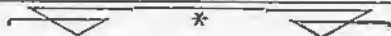
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FIXTURES FOR JULY, 1907.

	LIGHT UP AT
July 6—Knutsford (Lord Eldon)	8-39 "
„ 8—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
„ 13-12 Hours Unpaced Handicap	8-33 "
Headquarters: Bull and Stirrup Hotel, Chester.	
„ 20—Lostock Gralam (Black Greyhound)	8-25 "
„ 29—Pulford (Grosvenor Arms)	8-14 "
Entries for the "Twelve" must reach the Honorary Secretary not later than Saturday, July 6th.	

MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

Committee Notes.

Members will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Hubert Park, at Bishop's Castle, a few days ago. Mr. Park was an Anfielder for several years, during which time he took a great interest in the Club.

"Twelve Hours Unpaced Handicap."

At the last committee meeting it was decided to allow followers to "HANG ON" to competitors from Vicar's Cross.

Mr. Lancaster's Resignation.

The secretary read a note from Mr. Lancaster saying that owing to indifferent health, etc., he would regretfully have to resign his seat on the committee. Mr. A. P. James was elected to fill his place and Mr. E. A. Bentley was elected Editor of the Circular during the current year.

Mems.

Several members have promised to check, marshal, follow, and make themselves generally useful. Please don't have another appointment for the 13th July. More followers will be wanted, also checkers, so swarm out and make the "Best Club Ride" of the year a "Top-Notcher." Remember "TWELVE HOURS' DAY," July 13th.

H. W. KEIZER,

Hon. Secretary.



RUNS.

Whitsuntide, May 18-20. Tarporley-Shrewsbury.

Perhaps owing to the Circular not describing this fixture as a week-end run and not clearly explaining why two Hotels were fixed at Shrewsbury, the social side of our Whitsuntide suffered somewhat in comparison with previous years, for although about 40 supported the fixture there were not more than about 25 in Shrewsbury. About a dozen met at Tarporley for a pleasant ride to Salop, which was only marred by a regrettable accident to Pa Higham caused by one of the party emulating the methods of mixed clubs! On the Sunday most of the party "slacked it" with the competitors at Cound Lodge, but four energetics carried out a fine tourlet to Much Wenlock, and down Covedale to Ludlow where they met and returned with the N. R. touring party of 14. Whit Monday saw all busily engaged with the classic Anfield 100, and favoured by excellent weather the event was a great success. Keizerette had done his work well, and everything passed off smoothly except for the failure of the Hollybush marshal to materialise (Bagillt is such a sweetly pretty place). It is not proposed to give a full account of the race as it has been so fully dealt with in the Press, but we cannot refrain from praising the magnificent rides of Lowcock and Frank Wingrave. For a man of Lowcock's age to do 5-20-50 is marvellous, and for Wingrave to do fastest time again, and beat the record by accomplishing 5-17-44 is wonderful. Of our own competitors Rogers did exceedingly well in getting through in 5-39-39, which placed him 6th in the handicap, and secured for him Standard C and the Del Strother Prize. Kettle with 5-55-48 was 12th and secured Standard B, while Cudy who rode magnificently up to 80 miles and then got troubled with sleepiness, got 17th place with 5-46-1.

These times may disappoint some, but they are a welcome improvement on recent years, and encourage us to expect that we shall soon again get men through in 5½ hours. None of the "promising young novice" brigade got through, for Bentley, Fulton, James and Pritchard all punctured when no spare was available. Fulton particularly was going strong, and James was unfortunate in coming to grief at 30 miles. Carpenter did not start, and Bright repeatedly punctured before retiring. As the event started an hour earlier than previously everyone was able to get back comfortably, but several members remained to "strictly tour" back on the Tuesday.

Tattenhall, May 25.

Twenty-one members turned up to support this fixture and had another fine afternoon after a very wet week. Late arrivals were the order of the day, all however partaking of the very excellent tea provided on the bowling green. "N. R." Dawson and Bentley arrived earlier and having refreshed themselves toured down into Shropshire to see if the "Fifty" course was still there. Week-end party growing rapidly. Tricycles very fierce.

Nantwich, June 1.

After a number of years the committee again decided to visit this quaint old town. Eighteen with one friend materialised and found the "Crown" in the same old spot. Rumours of awful pace from Tarpoley; the handicapping committee have their eyes and ears wide open. We hear that the continuation scrap to Lichfield found a better horse at Stone and there died for Saturday night Excellent "Cider" L.S.D.

June 8—50 Miles Unpaced Handicap.

The experiment of holding one 50 in Shropshire may be written down a great success, for although it was raining in Liverpool it was quite fine in Shropshire, and a good crowd of competitors and lookers on assembled. On another occasion I think it would be an advantage if a head-quarters were fixed with arrangements for a feed before and after the ride, for besides giving those members not actively participating a venue to make for, it would save competitors a lot of trouble. Furthermore it might be suggested that onlookers spread themselves more about the course at awkward corners instead of hanging around Shawbury doing no good. Marshalls at Breck Corner and Cradlington would have been invaluable. Roads were excellent, but the strong S.W. wind severely hurt and was particularly bad for the trikes. Of the 18 entries 15 started and 12 finished—Green going wrong, Dakin retiring, and Kinghorn puncturing. It was early seen that Cody was riding on the top of his form, doing "evens" all the way, and in the end, notwithstanding puncturing at 47 miles and finishing on the rim, he secured 1st and fastest with the excellent time of 2-31-25, showing he is quite capable of breaking the record on a good day. Pritchard at 44½ miles was just his handicap allowance (10 mins.) behind Cody, having ridden remarkably well, but dying somewhat on the last stretch did not make so close a finish as seemed probable; but with 2-45-19 he was comfortably second. Fulton who rode full of beans throughout was third off 8 mins. with 2-44-39, and Peole on a trike did wonderfully well, getting within 7 minutes of record with 2-57-23 which placed him fourth. The other finishers were Bentley (14 mins.) 2-51-35, Turner (12 mins.) 2-51-52, James (6 mins.) 2-46-7, Kettle (7 mins.) 2-48-27, Bailey (15 mins.) 2-56-53, Rogers (scratch) 2-45-49, Crowcroft (9 mins.) 3-2-39, and Bright (trike 20 mins.) 3-16-15, but it is only fair to record that Rogers got off the course and Bright punctured. Cody's win is most popular for he has not had the best of luck in these handicaps and is always a keen trier. All the other competitors showed improved times, and the Treasury will be depleted by a sheaf of time medals, so the Prize Fund should not be overlooked by those generously inclined.

Hoo Green, June 15.

The weather authorities must have thought we were holding a "50" and so they greeted us with rain in large quantities. At tea-time it seemed as if there would be no photograph, but Mr. Conway very gallantly got to work and with the aid of Mr. David Fell who held the umbrella succeeded in exposing three plates. Our thanks are very much due to Mr. Conway for bringing out his camera on such a day. The attendance on Saturday was nearly a record one, 35 members turning out. The "ALL NIGHT" formed a subject of much conversation and by the time this article appears will be a thing of the past. The Twelve will shortly be with us and the writer hopes that one of "Cook's Stable Apprentices" will be able to pull off the event.

All-Night Ride to Abergavenny, June 21.

June 21st, Friday evening was the date fixed by our committee for the all-night ride to Abergavenny, seven members ferro-gathered at the Landing Stage near the hour of 9 o'clock, but of these two were in mufti and two signified their inability to go further than Whitechurch, owing

to business claims. On landing at New Ferry the party assumed larger proportions, but unfortunately only four joined the all the way brigade; the ride to Whitchurch where the first halt was called for refreshment was uneventful, the night being fairly light and the wind whilst not being in the right direction to make the journey a sleigh ride, was not so trying as it proved later in the day. Our party for supper numbered nine, Turnor having arrived from Manchester a few minutes before the Liverpool contingent; having attended to the needs of the inner man and Fulton taking precaution against feeling the pangs of hunger on the next stretch, our ride was resumed (good-bye having been said to Cody and Turnor) and we arrived at Shrewsbury inside the schedule time, the President and Blackburn being the first to arrive, the remainder of the party having had some little delay owing to tyre troubles. A mile from Craven Arms we were met by Mercer who had driven down with three friends over night. At Craven Arms full justice was done to the excellent breakfast provided, thirteen, our lucky number, partaking, Koenen and Slack who had been indulging in a few hours sleep, joining the party from this point.

No sooner had we finished breakfast than it was time to once more get on the move, our ride was now enlivened by the witty sallies of the Master who fresh from bed and under the influence of the morning air fairly excelled himself. Ludlow, Leominster, the climb up Dinmore, the fine run down and soon Hereford was reached, another breakfast had been prepared here, but I venture to think the majority of the party were not in urgent need, on schedule time the ride was resumed and from here to Abergavenny proved the most trying part of the whole journey, the wind dead against and much stronger; three miles out Blackburn who had forged ahead with the Baron, had the luck to burst a tyre which necessitated his going back to Hereford for a new tube, James and Fulton staying to render assistance, the remainder of the party proceeding arrival at Abergavenny fairly well on time, closely followed by the Higham tandem (pere and fils) who had left Lower Peover after timing Lowcock and Taylor's abortive tandem 50 attempt. Some light refreshment was partaken of and the afternoon spent in viewing the town and Castle grounds where sundry feats of strength were attempted. At dinner we mustered 18, Mercer and party who had made a longer tour having arrived, together with Cook, Bentley and Conway, T. B., who had made the journey to Hereford per rattler being the additional members.

The majority retired to bed in good time, fresh air, plenty of wind and a night without sleep causing a small feeling about the eyes.

An early breakfast was the order for Sunday morning, prompt to 8 o'clock the party assembled to do justice to the excellent fare provided, and by 9 o'clock all who were returning home were ready for the road.

In small detachments by 4-15 nine had arrived at Craven Arms for lunch where once again we regaled ourselves with the good things Mrs. Hide knows so well how to provide. The morning had not been free from troubles, the back tyre of Conway's machine picked up a few inches of wire with the usual result, the President also had tyre troubles, whilst two of the tandems shared in the same complaint. With usual perverseness the wind had backed from the S.W. to N.W. and on resuming the ride, one was not inclined to do much hard work although it was reported that the 21 miles to Shrewsbury was done in the hour by an energetic trio.

The President, Conway, Cook, Bentley and Wells together with the four lazy individuals who took train from Shrewsbury once again met at Chester and partook of tea at the Talbot ere the party finally broke up.

The whole ride was notable for the good fortune we had in missing the heavy rain that fell at different times during the week-end, and although the wind at times was rather trying, the event was most enjoyable and worthy of much better support.

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FIXTURES FOR AUGUST, 1907.

	RIGHT UP AT
Aug. 3-5—Tour in Yorkshire (SEE CIRCULAR ENCLOSED)	9-4 to 9 p.m.
„ 10—Llangollen (Hand Hotel)	8-51 „
„ 12—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
„ 17—Lostock Gralam (Black Greyhound)	8-37 „
„ 23-24—24 Hours Road Ride (Headquarters: Bull and Stippup)	8-21 „
„ 31—Pulford (Grosvenor Arms)	8-5 „

Entries (with Entrance Fees, 10/6 enclosed) for the "24" must reach the Honorary Secretary not later than Saturday, August 10th.

MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

Committee Notes.

Checkers, etc., for the "24" are urgently wanted. Will gentlemen willing to help kindly send in their names to the hon. sec. at once.

The "Del Strother" prize has arrived and has been duly forwarded to Rogers, 1st placed Anfielder in the Invitation "100." The prize, an ivory cigarette box, is exceedingly beautiful. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Del Strother for his continued generosity.

A large attendance of members is hoped for on the Llangollen run on August 10th next.

The August tour has been provided in the West Riding of Yorks. and given good weather the trip is sure to be enjoyable. The "Black Horse," Skipton, is the "pub." for Saturday and Sunday nights.

Mems.

Cody holds the Northern "50" record, 2hrs. 27mins. 39 secs. and W. H. Kettle did 5hrs. 48mins. in a private "100" for the "Sharrow" C.C. Sheffield, and Chas. Fienney got second prize and a gold medal in the Pool Bank Hill Climb, Yorkshire Road Club.

H. W. KEIZER,

Hon. Secretary.



RUNS.

Pulford, June 29th.

This run though one of our nicest outings never seems to attract a large gathering, though there was some excuse in this case, as several members were down in Shropshire helping Cody in his first attempt on the Northern "50." Cook thought, owing to the smallness of the party, and by the look on the proprietor's face, that there was likely to be a rise in the price of food, so he promptly got the little hot-air pump working and told the old gent a fearful tale of bad weather, etc. However there was no advance and the market closed quietly at 2/1 on the spot. We believe that enquiry for acid (downwards) delivered Birkenhead, was very strong.

Knutsford and Northern "50" Attempt, July 6th.

The number of members at the quaint old "Lord Eldon" was exceedingly small. The fact that Cody was making an attempt on the Northern "50" certainly affected the attendance, but as there were only ten in Shropshire helping him, the presence of eleven at Knutsford was very unsatisfactory. The Manchester contingent was in the majority, as only four members of the Liverpool Section put in an appearance. Various ways and bye-ways were adopted by the members in reaching the "Lord Eldon," and although rain fell in places, all, except the Higham Combination, were fortunate in escaping the showers. Over a splendid tea the forthcoming "Twelve" and the prospects of Cody getting the "50" were thoroughly discussed, and Norman Higham was heard beseeching various members to try their luck next Saturday, but his efforts did not meet with great success. (We presume he meant Saturday week. - Eds.)

As the weather looked threatening, and we were rather anxious not to get wet (outside at least) an early departure was the order of the evening.

In the account of the June "50" appeared the comment on Cody's ride showing he is quite capable of breaking the record on "a good day," and history has proved the prophecy gloriously correct. Largely owing to the enthusiasm and keenness of our Skipper, Cody gave notice for June 29th, and although the evening turned out perfect from a climatic point of view, it was found that half the course had been inundated with a thunder-storm, and after going once round the triangle in 1-19 it was considered best to abandon the attempt and hope for dry roads a week later. Therefore on July 6th the usual small crowd of club enthusiasts made for Shawbury again, and as Loweck of the Man-

chester Wheelers had also given notice to start about the same time it was somewhat exciting. As Cody had given notice first he started at 6-0, and Lowcock at 6-30, but it could hardly be called a fine evening for there was a fair breeze and frequent drizzly showers, and the outlook was far from promising. Round Shawbirch the roads were heavy after rain, and Cody got the worst of them by his early start, so that at Shawbury Corner, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, Lowcock was 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ minutes faster. However as Cody had only taken 1-16 $\frac{1}{2}$ our spirits were greatly raised, for we felt confident that barring accidents he was certain to beat the record, even if he only held it for half an hour. We have never seen Cody riding so strongly before, and although rain began to fall in earnest again it did not seem long before he was seen dropping down from Edgebolton, and Poole announced the time as 2-27,18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to our huge delight. We had just time to see Cody attended to after hearty congratulations before Lowcock was due, and excitement ran very high as to whether he would displace Cody's figures, but the time passed without Lowcock appearing and just as we knew he could not beat Cody's time he was sighted, and after finishing, Buckley announced the time as 2-28-11 $\frac{1}{5}$, and our tension was relieved. Both were fine rides, and Lowcock undoubtedly had the worst of the finish, even as Cody had the worst of the start, but of course we are delighted that Cody now holds the record, and that at last we have got it back in the Club. Congratulations were renewed, and we are sure there will not be a more modest and popular wearer of the frilled button than our Sub-Captain E. J. Cody.

12 Hours Unpaced Handicap, July 13th.

No wonder it rained! The skies evidently wept with shame at the shocking lack of interest displayed by the general body of members over this event. There was great difficulty in getting checkers, and there was no one for the Raven or Chisleton. Where the gentleman booked for Chisleton got to nobody knows! Dozens more should have been out to cheer the competitors on their way and help them. It is as "The Roll Call" has pointed out "You notice the men who check and feed—you will find they are nearly always the same folk—we ask for help among racing men—and it has not been forthcoming—they might at least make an effort to assist when opportunity offers, even if only to show gratitude for past services. Let us hope that when a man is not riding he will consider it a duty to turn out and assist those who in time past have assisted him." However with only five checkers and the assistance of Messrs. Dews and Evanson (who displayed a keenness some of us would do to emulate, and to whom our best thanks are due) we managed to secure some magnificent performances quite up to the best traditions of the past notwithstanding the rain and heavy roads, and fortunately just enough followers turned up at Vicar's Cross to finish the eight survivors. It was early seen that Cody, Rogers, and Kettle were doing particularly well, but unfortunately Kettle had severe tyre trouble at 130 miles and was forced to retire. Cody rode strongly throughout and finished within 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles of Northern record—191 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, securing Standard E. Rogers accomplished 189 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, securing Standard D, and both these riders seem to have the record in their grasp. The handicap was won by James with 22 miles and a total of 182 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Turnor was second with 18 miles and a total of 183 miles, while Fulton (16 miles) with 183 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles just managed to beat Bentley (22 miles) with 176 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles for third place. The other finishers were Carpenter (30 miles) 166 miles and Pritchard (18 miles) 177 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, although it must be recorded that Carpenter would certainly have been placed but for starting on wangled tyres. Quite a sheaf of Standard medals have been won again outright, but the performances are uniformly good and the Treasurer is the only one who need look glum about it.

Intermediate Times, 12 Hours Unpaced Handicap, July 13th.

NAME.	Start at		Chetwynd Church.		Crudington.		Hodnet Corner.		Hauzmond Corner.		Shawbury Corner.		Shawbrieh.		Hodnet Corner.		Shawbury Corner.		Shawbrieh.		Crudington.		Chetwynd Church.		Christleton.		Vicar's Cross.		19th millstone.		Vicar's Cross.		Result.
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Lostock Gralam, July 20th.

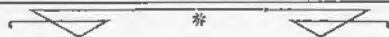
Quite an exciting day. The puncture fiend was out (as the "Owl" hath it) and we, the Wirral party, met him several times. Four bursts and nearly a total wreck at Stamford Bridge on the way out. Lostock was however reached in good time and 26 members and friends, including two or three of the Manchester Wheelers turned in. The Wheelers were very busy holding a "50" somewhere in the neighbourhood. Fox was out on a very fierce looking "vindce" which he was offering as a training iron to all whom it may concern. On the homeward journey several more bursts and a great many fires had to be attended to.

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FIXTURES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1907.

	LIGHT UP AT
Sept. 7th—Nantwich (Crown Hotel).....	7-49 p.m.
.. 9th—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
.. 14th—Knutsford (Lord Eldon).....	7-34 "
.. 21st—50 Miles Unpaced Handicap (Shropshire Course) (Week-end Shawbury) (Elephant and Castle).....	7-16 "
.. 28th—Pulford (Grosvenor Arms).....	6-59 "

(Entries for the "50" must reach the Hon. Sec. not later than Saturday,
September 14th).

MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

Committee Notes.

The last "50" of the year will be held in Shropshire. A special inclusive tariff (lunch, dinner, bed and breakfast) has been arranged at the "Elephant & Castle," Shawbury. A few checkers will be wanted and a large field of riders is hoped for.

Members not checking in the "24" are requested to be at the Whipping Stocks (Mainwaring Arms) not later than 6 p.m. on Saturday August 24th, and to place themselves at the disposal of the timekeeper, Mr. W. P. Cook, to act as followers, &c.

It was proposed and carried at the last Committee meeting that more publicity be given to races, tours, record attempts and official weekends than before. In future these reports will appear in "Cycling," "Manchester Guardian," "Liverpool Echo," "Athletic News," "Birkenhead," "Advertiser," and the "Irish Cyclist."

Only those who attended the Club tea at Llangollen and whose names appeared on Cody's timesheet on August 10th, will be allowed a Club run for that date.

H. W. KEIZER,

Hon. Secretary.

Mems.

E. Bright rode under Anfield Colours in the "Bath Road" "100" and did 5hrs. 28mins. He was 4th on the handicap. We offer you our congratulations Everbright.

Can anybody fit the last line to this *alleged* Limerick?

Twenty-two of the Anfield B.C.
Went touring in Yorkshire you see,
Cook and Poole on their trikes,
Quite astonished the "Tykes,"

.....

It is to be hoped that Cody will have another shot at the "12" Remember, Cody, there are always plenty of men ready and willing to help you.

We also want the Edinburgh-Liverpool tandem record back again (It has gone south recently). Any one biting?

Please note following changes of Address:—

G. CROFT, 20, SANDOWN ROAD, SEAFORTH.

E. H. FOX, ECCLESTON HOUSE, WIGAN.

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RUNS.

Pulford, July 27th.

Pulford again and no one regrets it, yet we could wish there were more to enjoy its manifold pleasures with us. Some 22 of us there were, who by divers ways, hied ourselves to the Grosvenor, there to satisfy the craving of the inner man, to talk of how and from whence we came, and whither we would go, and other things, wise and otherwise, chiefly otherwise, and generally make merry. The forthcoming August "Tawer 'n Yarkshur" is discussed freely, and hopes expressed for its successful accomplishment.

Turner and Norman Higham are again on tandem training strongly. Pa Higham that "young old man" finds the distance not too far, and Tierney with a bicycle one wheel fast and one wheel slow (the former evidently with the object of attracting the latter) turns up to show that he is none the worse for his scrap at Stanley Track. Antics on the lawn by the young bloods follow, and then homewards, some getting lost in Chester, others calling at Hinderton, where the probability of more records being annexed is the topic of excited conversation.

Tour in Yorkshire, August 3rd. to 5th.

Starting from Cook's office on Saturday morning, a small party toured leisurely out to Old Swan, and there joined another small party under the command of the Keizerette. Continuing on we reached Newburgh and there had lunch, after a little rest (for you must always bear in mind that this was strictly a tour) we proceeded to Rufford, sighting the "Skipper" sitting on his trike awaiting our arrival. Preston was reached without incident, except for the fact that Fulton fell off his bicycle, and the Keizerette got the worst of an argument with a curb-stone. At the "Shelley Arms" we found the President and several other "tourists," and after consuming sundry liquid refreshments, "we got on with it" to Whalley, where tea proved itself to be quite a master-piece in the culinary art. The party continued to grow for while we were having tea, Sunter and George Mercer who had come out in the former's car put in an appearance, also Fox on his "Dreadful Engine" joined us. In the evening the ride was resumed, and going of over Sawley Bank and through Clitheroe and Gisburn we duly arrived at Skipton (64½). Sleeping accomodation for all was divided between three hotels, and we had meals at headquarters ("Black Horse.")

Sunday, August 4th, Wharfedale.

Leaving Skipton by the road leading through the Sandy Beck Pass we went on through Rilstone and Cracoe to Freshfield, which is the entrance to Wharfedale; here the scenery is truly beautiful. The writer is of the opinion, however, that we have seen just as good in Wales, but of course the hills, etc., in the West Riding are on a much larger scale; the roads are not nearly so well engineered as in Wales, and some very stiff climbing was experienced on all three days. Buckden, the venue for lunch, is a quaint little place consisting of about ten houses and one hotel. A few of the more energetic ones visited Hubberholme church about a mile away, while waiting for lunch, and found it to be a very ancient edifice, built some where about 698 A.D. The style of architecture is very crude, the pillars supporting the roof of the nave are simply great blocks of rough hewn stone. The screen in front of the chancel has been at one time very beautiful, but some imbecile has painted it black and red and so spoiled it. We were rather unfortunate in meeting here so much of the wagonette element, and it seemed very ludicrous to see these "rough rug-headed kearns" wandering about the old church with their hats on. How full of poetry their souls must be. After lunch we returned by way of Kettlewell and down the East side of the river through Conistone to Grassington. Here a short halt was made, and we noticed that Grassington was an ideal centre for fishermen.

Proceeding by Burnsall we re-crossed the Wharfe and went through Appletreewick to Barden Bridge. Here is situated Barden Tower, a ruinous old residence; the caretaker has several interesting relics on view. The place is exceedingly beautiful and charmingly peaceful. We had afternoon tea on the lawn, the people filling our requirements very nicely. The ride was continued on by Bolton Abbey to Skipton, where we arrived after a splendid outing in plenty of time to change for dinner, which function was voted a distinct success.

Monday, August 5th, Return journey via Whitewell.

Leaving Skipton about 9-30 a.m., we started the return journey with a long climb to Gargrave, thence on to Hellifield and Long Preston, and on as per Circular across Upper Ribblesdale to Wigglesworth. The road up to Toss Side Chapel is very graity indeed, and we were all very glad to avail ourselves of the short rest and the liquid refreshments provided by the Temperance Hotel at the top. Just before Slaidburn the road is very precipitous, the S turn approaching the village providing a bit of interesting manœuvring,

brakeless gentlemen having our entire sympathy. Slaidburn is in the valley of the Hodder, the stream being with us all the way to Whitewell where we had lunch. Whitewell is not unlike Gound Lodge in Shropshire, the river running close to the back of the hotel. Justice having been done to the repast we lounged about and took some photographs and continued quietly on through Longridge to Preston, where the tour virtually ended, the Liverpool section proceeding on to Rufford for tea. That the tour was a great success there is no doubt, and for the rough state of the roads it was really marvellous how free from tyre troubles we were. Our best thanks are due to Messrs. Keizer and Poole for the admirable way in which the arrangements were carried out.

August 8th.

Owing to Cody's fine performance in the 12 Hours Handicap which showed he had the unpaced record at his mercy, an attack thereon was scheduled for this date, but unfortunately the weather proved unpropitious. In Shropshire it poured all night, and the roads were only just dry in time, but the worst condition to contend with was the howling S.W. gale which backed to W. and was never really a help, and finally won the unequal contest. Cody rode very strongly and battled valiantly against the wind for 120 miles. The 100 was done in about 5.50, and at 120 miles he was only 8 minutes behind schedule, with a good chance of success if the wind would only drop a bit, but unfortunately it worked more into the West which was fatal, and after taking the Pines extension he decided to abandon the attempt as the possibility of exceeding 198 $\frac{1}{2}$ seemed remote. There is some consolation in the fact that another rider of equal reputation and ability found similar conditions two days later equally insurmountable, and Cody had no lack of checkers and followers bursting to do all in their power to help him under the guidance of Toft. Better luck next time!

As soon as the telegram announcing the fact that Cody had abandoned his attempt had arrived the small party of helpers who were awaiting orders at the "Bull and Stircup" went off down to Llangollen to carry out the Club run. It is a very regrettable fact that only six men put in an appearance, quite a number of members who were not helping Cody could easily have done so.

Lostock Gtalam, August, 17th.

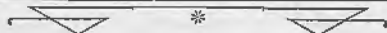
The morning looked anything but hopeful, and I have no doubt many of us thought there would be a poor attendance at tea "Black Greyhound," but strange to relate for the moist times we live in, the sun shone brilliantly all afternoon, and the result was a "well filled bill." Two of our hottest specimens were out "seeing what was it like" on a tandem. Not a word; they're after something in the record line. The Tandem tricycle was out also. Can it be possible that they too have designs on something of the same sort?

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FIXTURES FOR OCTOBER, 1907.

	LIGHT UP AT
October 5th—Tarpoley (Swan Hotel)	6-39 p.m.
„ 12th—Knutsford (Lord Eldon)	6-23 „
„ 14th—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
„ 19th—Fulford (Grosvenor Arms). Week-end, Liangollen (Hand Hotel).....	6-7 „
„ 26th—Newburgh (Red Lion Hotel)	5-52 „

MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

Committee Notes.

At the N.R.R. meeting, on September 4th last, Cody's fine Record "50" was passed at 2 hrs. 27 mins. 19 secs.

It is hoped that the "Autimnal Tunt" week-end, on October 19th, will attract a large crowd. We are offering special lines in fine weather, good feeding and sleeping accommodation at the "Hand," and touring par excellence.

Enclosed is the "50" card. Read it thoroughly, and on Saturday, 21st September, rush off down to one of the places (mentioned on the card) where you think there will be no checker, Shawbirch for instance. You will be of great assistance to the officials.

H. W. KEIZER,

Hon. Secretary.

Mems.

Since last month Cody and Kuipa have added yet another record to the list. Edinburgh to Liverpool in 13 hrs. 23 mins. This is, we suppose, in response to our query in last month's 'Mems.' Cody and Kuipa desire to thank all those who helped them on their attempt.

We apologise, Timberlites, for not having given notice of new address. Please note:—Mr. C. H. Woodroffe, 63, Winchester Road, Twickenham, Middlesex; also, Mr. F. H. Wood, 41, Russel Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

Messrs. C. H. Turner and N. H. Higham wish to thank all those who turned out for them on their tandem attempt. Hard lines, boys, better luck next time.

We implore you to come on the "Autumnal Tants" tour. Those who have not taken part in any of the club tours this year little know what they have missed. Who says Llangollen and a jolly time? Ab-so-lutely the last word in excursions.

RUNS.

The "24." August 23 24.

Five out of the seven entrants faced the starter on Friday night under very different weather conditions from last year when, you will remember, the ride had to be abandoned owing to the torrential rain which fell during the greater part of the night. Mr. W. P. Cook held the watch and despatched the riders at intervals of five minutes, Woodroffe getting away at 9 p.m., followed by Carpenter, James, Pritchard and Rogers. Gunton and Bright did not start, the former having crooked himself rather badly while training for the event. Woodroffe, owing to a fall he had some time ago, was forced to turn it down at Chester first time, and James who was certainly a very short priced 'un had early tyre trouble, for he burst his front Constrictor on the Chester-Gayton stretch.

Pritchard seemed to be a trifle too fast early on, and perhaps this is why he did not complete the course, but he qualified for a Standard medal with 262½ miles. Rogers ran into first place with 325½ miles, thus getting within 11 miles of Northern record, James obtaining second place with 318½ miles, and would no doubt have won but for repeated tyre trouble, whilst Carpenter was third with 311 miles, proving to us without a doubt that he is a stayer of no mean ability.

All these performances are first attempts at this distance and are therefore very fine. The feeding and checking arrangements were very satisfactory, and the Manager at the "Bull and Stirrup" carried out his part of the programme most admirably.

The smallness of the field is much to be regretted, but we suppose business and holiday pursuits must be attended to as well. Perhaps we shall have better luck next year.

Thirty-four Anfielders have done over 300 miles in 24 hours. No other Road Riding Club can claim this distinction.

Pulford, August 31st.

The small muster at this fixture was probably accounted for by the fact that C. H. Turner and Norman Iffingham had decided to attack the R.R.A. and N.R.R.A. "12" and "21" tandem record. They were started away from 1st milestone on the main Knutsford-Warrington road at 9.0 a.m. on Friday morning, Mr. H. Poole timing. The weather conditions and roads were perfect. They seemed to steadily lose time, however, on their schedule, and were a long way behind at Chester, where they finally decided to give up. There were quite a number of men out for them at different places during the day and night, and as it was about 1.30 a.m. when the tandem team finished, no doubt many of these helpers felt very weary and small-eyed on Saturday. Pulford is not at any time well patronised, and this is a great pity; the place itself is pretty, and the proprietor at the "Devonshire Arms" always gives us good value for our 2/-.

Nantwich, September 7th, 1907.

This run attracted the small muster of 15, and although we are often told our Manchester members are 25% of our membership, there was only one solitary representative of that district. The day was fair with excellent roads, and with only one member away helping Knipe and Cody on their record ride, the small muster is unaccountable. Perhaps more than 3 members lost their way at Shotwick Corner and made for Wales! No stirring incidents were recounted. A touring party explored the Peckforton district, and a speed tandem after biting the earth in Chester went round by Whitchurch. A "very excellent" hot tea was provided, and three members found the "Crown" good enough to week-end there. The other worms then trickled to Chester where the telegram announcing Knipe and Cody's success was found waiting and duly discussed. Gas lamps were good value going home, and back axles of trikes were much sought after.

Liverpool to Edinburgh Tandem Record, Sept. 7th, 1907.

On Saturday morning, September 7th, at 5 a.m., we (Knipe and Cody) started from the G.P.O. Liverpool for Edinburgh, the morning being fine with hardly any wind good progress being made to Longton where we obtained our first check. Preston was reached at 6.30, fifteen minutes inside our time-sheet, and being so much ahead of our schedule we had to wait some time at Garstang for a drink and check. We reached Lancaster at 7.40, where, having been checked through by our worthy Secretary, we went on to Kendal, arriving there at 8.45, thirty minutes ahead. Here we had to wait fifteen minutes while food was being prepared, and when it did finally come it was so hot we were unable to touch it, and had to go on our way hungry.

The ascent of Shap was very trying on account of the heat, but we enjoyed the drop down the other side and made up for time lost through walking. Penrith was reached at 10-45, twenty-five minutes ahead of schedule and Carlisle at 11-50, thirty minutes ahead. Here we had the pleasure of meeting Frank Wingrave looking very fit. After leaving Carlisle the wind seemed to be considerably against us, having gone round to N.W., and this made the going rather hard; we did not lose any time however, being well inside at Gretna and Lockerbie. We ran into Beattook at 2-30 p.m., twenty minutes ahead of our time-sheet, and found Mr. D. Rowatt waiting for us, and after leaving him and going through Moffatt the agony commenced up the Beef Tub, with little or no assistance from the wind we had rather a hard passage to the top and feeling very empty we decided to partake of some food we had with us. After a rest we got under way again, and on reckoning up we found that we must have stayed quite a long time feeding, etc. As a result of this loss of time we arrived at Crook Inn behind our schedule, but we were on time again at Romanno Bridge, arriving there at 5-15, and had to wait while food was got ready.

Starting slightly behind our time the last twenty miles was done in less than an hour, and arriving in Edinburgh we were checked in by Messrs. Johnston and Smith, to whom our best thanks are due. The tandem following us in from Penicuik must have had rather a warm time, and we are afraid they did not keep us in sight. In conclusion, we recommend the "Commercial" at Kendal for bread and milk, 4/- for one shopful each.

Knutsford, September 14th.

There is no doubt that September has been the best month this year as regards pleasant weather, but the absence of rain, together with motor non-skid devices, tend to make the highway very loose and the going slightly uncomfortable. It seems, therefore, that while we can very well do without the road destroying machines, we cannot be perfectly happy without a little rain to lay the dust and keep the sharp flints in their proper places. Punctures were fairly frequent on Saturday, and what might have been a very terrible accident was, by presence of mind, converted into a few bad bruises. An incompetent driver, a restive horse dancing a jig in the middle of a bridge, and a party of cyclists trying their best to get through without being kicked to death. Tea at the "Lord Eldon" was splendidly served, as, indeed, is always the case at this most comfortable of hostels. Cody was out, and he received, on behalf of himself and Knipe, our most hearty congratulations on having secured the Liverpool-Edinburgh Tandem Record. A small party week-ended, and after further attention had been given to wangled tyres, the remainder got on with it homewards.

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November 2nd—Hunt's Cross (Hunt's Cross Hotel)	5-13 p.m.
.. 9th—Chester (Bull and Stirrup Hotel)	5-31 "
.. 11th—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
.. 16th—Warrington (Patten Arms Hotel) Week-end at Congleton (Swan and Lion Hotel)	5-21 "
.. 23rd—Hinderton (Shrewsbury Arms Hotel)	5-12 "
.. 30th—Cronton (Unicorn Hotel)	5-7 "
Alternative Runs for Manchester Members.	
October 26th—Allostock (Three Greyhounds)	5-52 "
November 23rd—Goostrey (Red Lion Hotel)	5-12 "

MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

70, FALKLAND ROAD,

EGREMONT, CHESHIRE.

Committee Notes.

Another official week-end will be held on November 16th, and the venue will be Congleton. As many of our members do not know this district, the week-end will afford them a good opportunity of becoming acquainted with the objects of interest to be found there. It is hoped a large number will participate. 6/6, Supper, Bed and Breakfast.

We want a much larger active membership. Who will help by introducing new blood?

The first Social evening is Hunt's Cross, November 2nd. Bring your music and your musical friends.

H. W. KEIZER,

Hon. Secretary.

Mems.

Why! Certainly!! Conleton's on a bit of the map that a lot of us know nothing about, so let's all go out and have a look.

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Does it do the club any good for a Liverpool or Wirral man to turn up at a Manchester convenience run when he already has a fixture in this part of the world? There will be no postal vote taken for this á la the C.T.C.

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Members whose subscriptions are still outstanding, will save Mr. Owen a vast amount of trouble by remitting at once.

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Changes of Address.

Mr. S. IRVING, Junr., 1864 Sutter Street, San Francisco.
Mr. R. L. KNIFE, 109 Moscow Drive, Stoneycroft, Liverpool.
Mr. J. V. MARCHANTON, Agnew Street, Lytham.

RUNS.

50 Miles Unpaced Handicap, September 21st

This, the last event of the season, was held in Shropshire, and in many respects was most successful, and I think we may conclude that all "50's" should be held on this course. The criticisms in the report of the June "50," were evidently taken to heart, for the Committee fixed a Headquarters, and the onlookers spread themselves more about the course, so that marshalls were not lacking. Indeed, the Committee made a week-end fixture of the event and greatly added to the social success, although the sleeping accommodation is somewhat pre-historic, and everyone does not appreciate sleeping in "throne rooms," so that a change of quarters for the night would be an improvement. The weather was perfect, but the roads very puncturesome, with the result that Green and Tierney were early put out of the running, while James had distinctly hard lines in finding trouble at 43 miles when going strong. These misfortunes, together with Cody's inability to get down in time to compete, made the times look poor in comparison with those of other clubs, but as four of the finishers improved on their previous bests we must not grumble. Pritchard (11 mins.) secured a well deserved win by showing an improvement of $3\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, while Rogers (5 mins.) was second and fastest with 2-34-51, an improvement of 10 minutes on his previous best, and Fulton (9 mins.) third with 2-44-31, practically repeating his June effort. Other finishers were Carpenter (16 mins.), 2-51-38; Band (5 mins.), 2-41-43; Turnor (15 mins.), 2-52-52; Foster (20 mins.), 2-58-14; and Crowcroft (18 mins.), 3-5-58. On Sunday, the majority returned by the stereotyped Nantwich route, but a small party of seven made for Llangedwyn, in the Tenat Valley, and then over the hills to Oswestry, which made a real tour.

Pulford, September 28th.

A very fine and hot day, the roads after a long dry spell being better imagined than described. The muster of twenty-two, five from Manchester, at a place like this is very unsatisfactory considering the amount of grumbling that goes on in account of the longer runs. Where are these slackers? Only two members are now in the running for the first attendance prize, one of these on this day sampling the Albrighton hundred course, but finding the roads beyond Ternhill more like a river bed, decided to have done with it, and he and one of his helpers spent the remainder of the afternoon with Boyes of the M.C. and A.C. who lives on Prees Heath. Wangly tyres having been attended to these two sorrowful worms crawled towards Chester. A large Wirral crowd gathered at Hinderton and filled the small room to overflowing, the non-beer biters being in the majority for once.

Tarporley, October 5th.

This little village in the heart of the hunting country is an ideal spot for a club-run, but a cold tea in October is not much appreciated, and the question again arises "what's the two bob for?" The number of members present was seventeen, not many, when one takes into consideration the fact that Tarporley is only about thirty miles from Liverpool. One small party including the tandem trike toured out Knutsfordwards to "spy" out two attempts (tandem and single) on the unpaced "100" record, lest peradventure there should be any irregularities connected therewith. Mr. S. Buck, a new member, came out for the first time and we noticed he was riding a machine fitted with wood rims and wired-on Le-Paris tyres, a combination which most of us are decidedly afraid of unless of course a genuine American laminated wood rim is used. The Llangollen tour which takes place on the 19th was talked about a good deal and hopes were expressed that a large number of men would avail themselves of the opportunity of being with the Club on that date. Of course, the tour will be a thing of the past by the time this appears in print. On the way home most of us were fortunate in dodging the showers which, by the state of the roads in some districts, must have been very heavy.

Knutsford, October 12th.

Knutsford is a long way from Liverpool *via* Chester in these damp and chilly days, but then one knows that the good hostess at the "Lord Eldon" will be ready with a smoking hot meal for the more or less weary traveller. Both districts were very well represented, and after all it is very gratifying to see the Club so well supported at so distant a fixture. One member appears to have attended the run entirely by accident as he said he was under the impression the fixture was Pulford; no doubt he felt very pleased when he saw us at the "Lord Eldon." Mr. W. M. Bailey of the Polytechnic came out with "Pa" Higham to "get to know us." Of course we are delighted to have him as a member, and with him as one "of ours," we ought to see that the Anfielders have really something to do with the Open "100" besides organizing, feeding and checking the ride. Cook and the Band-James tandem returned by way of Chester, aren't they villains for work? The front tyre of the tandem seems to have rebelled against such a proceeding however, for it collapsed en route.

Pulford-Llangollen October 19th and 20th.

This annual fixture seems to grow in popularity, for although the weather was most unsettled, with a gale of wind and considerable rain, a total muster of 37 members and 2 friends altogether participated. At Pulford, 29 sat down

to tea, which was a welcome surprise after the many small musters we have recently had at this place on much better days. After tea, in small parties, 21 proceeded in brilliant moonlight to Llangollen, on the way passing three very old, but seldom seen members, "padding the hoof" in fine style beyond Ruabon, and at Llangollen four more were discovered, so that we totalled 28 at the Hand, and a right merry evening ensued. A new feature was disclosed by the appearance of several members in dancing pumps and long trousers,† causing a rumor to be circulated that a Saratoga trunk had been sent down, and that on future week-ends, dress suits would be de rigueur!! During the evening, a smart exhibition of sporting life, or how to lay odds, was given to the great satisfaction of the two members who thereby secured a cheap week-end! On the Sunday it was so wet that only eight would declare their intention of going to Ruthin to lunch, and as five of these were members who had to reach Manchester, it was somewhat of a reflection on the rest who could not make up their minds* However, the rain passed away, and 15 reached Ruthin, via the Horseshoe and Nanty Garth, four more (comprising the car party), via Corwen, and three more out from Liverpool, and so we numbered 22 there. The pedestrians are reported to have spent the day in Llangollen, while the Saratoga trunk party walked to Glyn Cerriog and back before resorting to the rattler.* At Ruthin, two departed for a further tour in North Wales, and the rest reached Mold after some strenuous efforts up Bwlch-y-parc. Here the party broke up, some to go express home, others, including the two cars, making for Hinderton, where they were joined by three of the Saratoga trunk party, per rail and road, and the balance of 10 making for Chester, where they finally divided, five heading for Manchester, and five for Liverpool—thus ending a really excellent week-end under none too favorable conditions. General regret was expressed that our popular Skipper was unable to be with us.

† Very comfy too after mudplugging for 40 odd miles.

* It must not be forgotten that members were free to do as they liked, no official programme having been arranged for Sunday. (Eds).

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	LIGHT OR AT
December 7th—Hunt's Cross (Hunt's Cross Hotel).....	5-3 p.m.
.. 9th—Committee Meeting at St. George's Restaurant, 7-30 p.m.	
.. 14th—Sankey (Sankey Chapel House).....	5-1 "
.. 21st—Hoylake (Green Lodge Hotel).....	5-2 "
.. 26th—Chester (Bull and Stirrup Hotel). Dinner 1-30 p.m. prompt.	5-5 "
Meet on Liverpool Landing Stage to catch 10 o'clock Woodside Boat.	
.. 28th—Warrington (Parren Arms Hotel).....	5-7 "
Alternative Runs for Manchester Members	
December 7th—Mottram, St. Andrews (Bull's Head Hotel).....	5-3 "
.. 21st—Knutsford (Lord Eldon Hotel).....	5-2 "

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Committee Notes.

The Annual General Meeting has been fixed for Monday, January 9th, 1908, at 6-15 p.m., at St. George's Restaurant, Red Cross Street. Members who have any propositions or suggestions for the possible better working of the Club in the coming year must communicate with me before the 24th December, in order that their propositions, etc., may be placed upon the Agenda.

New Members.

The following two gentlemen were elected members of the A.B.C. at the last Committee Meeting:—

Mr. W. M. Bailey, Messrs. The White Coy., Albion Street, Caythorne, Manchester.

Mr. S. Buck, 19, Admiral Street, Liverpool.

H. W. KEIZER.

Hon. Secretary.

Mems.

L. O. E. Are you opinionated about Lime Street tyres? One of our members has had a pair for some time and they have not yet punctured. If you can satisfy us that you will be as careful of them as he is we will guarantee them for all time.

REARLITE. Please don't give way to such childish emotions. It's quite bad enough to have peruse the drivel which is appearing in our contemporary, "Cycling." And besides, it's a waste of oil and casts a slur on really good head lamps. Try paying more than £11!

"APPY OLLAND." A small party of us honoured the C.T.C. with our presence at a Bohemian Concert held in the "Bear's Paw" on the 18th instant, and a certain Mr. Quigley told us, with the aid of fine light views, "as 'ow 'e 'ad undertaken a tower him 'appy 'Olland." By his frequent use of the word "Stud 'ouse" we took it he was either a horse breeder or a very bad grammarian. Anyhow we had plenty of fun even if the rest of the people present were feeling bored.

Newburgh, October 26th.

The weather conditions were not excellent though the rain kindly kept off, in any case the country in the vicinity of Liverpool does not look very cheerful on a dull day. A personally conducted Cook's party toured out through Knowsley and Rainford, and we are informed that they had quite a lot of excitement over greasy sets in town. A fair number, about twenty, sat down to a moderately good treat below the usual market rate, and after some smoke and small talk we got on our homeward way, the majority riding a few going per rattler from Ormskirk; and we learn that one member got a lift into Preston in a car, the owner of which we were very glad to see amongst us again. For the guidance of the rattler party the authority states that the sets were quite dry on arrival in Liverpool.

Allostock, October 26th.

Eight of the Manchester division attended this run, although there were grave doubts of being able to find the way out of the City on account of the dense fog. Mr. Mark Wild provided a very enjoyable tea, after which the anxiety of one member was great lest it should be a light night and his first experience with a gas lamp should come to nothing. The conditions were favourable to gas light and we all had the benefit of it for a time.

Hunt's Cross, November 2nd.

Oyez! Oyez!! Oyez!!! It was a great success,
I know that isn't poetry but then of course it's true;
You weren't at the Social? YOU WEREN'T?
Well! I am surprised at you.

Yes, there were a lot of people there including a fair sprinkling from Manchester and District. Did Cook and Wells on a tandem, together with two other keemites, go round the earth via the Transporter and Runcom? You, verily, and rumor hath it that the efforts of Wells to stick to the back

seat were decidedly humorous while crossing the Racetrack. Did some other people get there per rattler? We have no answer for such vulgar taunts, ours is a BICYCLE Club. Tea was a great success and so was the entertainment afterwards. The Keizerette brought out his new gramophone and treated us to reproductions of songs by Melba, Caruso, etc., etc. Blackburn's songs are always splendidly rendered, and he received several well deserved encores, while Cheminais still continues to tickle that mandoline of his in truly wonderful style, he also gave one or two recitations. Chem's "furrin" friend is a very humorous gentleman amusing us later on in the evening with French songs and playing a sweet ditty on a weird instrument the name of which I know not. Jim Park, Knipe, David Fell, and "little Archie," all contributed to a highly successful bill, while Charlie Koozer, the inimitable one, in response to a heavy demand for "Seaweed" warbled out that beautiful hymn in truly characteristic style. Thus the first Hunt's Cross run was a complete success, let us hope the next one will be as well supported.

Chester, November 9th.

This was but a short run for some of us and really the very gloominess of the day made some of us feel glad, I have no doubt, that we had not to journey to Knutsford, or some other equally distant spot. Although Woodward has not been on a bicycle for about eighteen months he scrapped out with Cook and a few others as far as Kelsall to meet the Manchester brigade. Another party betook themselves to a certain dirty cafe, and played some very exciting games of bones, after which they returned to the "Bull and Stirrup" to find quite a large crowd on the point of sitting down to tea. On completion of this most important part of the proceedings, a few members indulged in a further stroll in the city, afterwards getting on with it homewards, stopping a while at Hinderton for liquid refreshment. The week-enders, I hear, disported themselves in a box at Chester's one and only theatre, they speak very highly of the play however.

Warrington-Congleton, November 16-17th.

This revival of a November week-end was a great success, and it is to be hoped the Committee will not drop it again. No one expects a big muster so late in the year, but we have sufficient members hardy enough to desire a week-end tourlet that will help to shorten the winter to warrant a continuance of this fixture, and from October to March is to long without a week-end for a Club of our standing. Congleton may not be the best place as the sleeping accomodation is so limited, although it provides an opportunity for a ride in East Cheshire too little explored by most of us, but perhaps another destination would attract our Manchester members and thereby secure a larger muster. At Warrington 22 sat down to tea at the modernised "Patten Arms" with its "I dreamt I dwelt in marble halls" garb. A large party had navigated via Chester, but the outstanding feature was the entire absence of any Manchester members. After tea, 10 proceeded to Congleton with a difference of opinion as to whether it was raining or not, which difference of opinion continued throughout the week-end, and has not been settled yet! The only incidents were the bad behaviour of Woodward's French lamp, and the eccentric acrobatic performance by Cook, Bentley, and Wells, for the benefit of the bucolic wits of Holmes Chapel! At Congleton, an advance

guard of three were found, so we numbered lucky 13, and the Skipper had to indulge in the mathematical problem of dividing 13 into 8, which was eventually solved with 2 left over. The SOLUTION of this problem was found in Bentley's pocket! On Sunday the party divided, one half carrying out the REAL tour to see the Skull and Crossbones at Gawsforth, Maggotty Johnsons grave and Redesmere under the guidance of Buckley, and the other half proceeding to Nantwich. From all accounts the Nantwich party were chiefly exploring the internals of tyres: from which trouble THE touring party were exempt. The moral is obvious. The touring party lunched at Knutsford, tead at Chester, and eventually discovered the tyre exploring party at Hinderton, and so brought to a close a very jolly tourlet.

Hinderton, 23rd November.

Roads:—Inches deep in mud. Sun:—Gone for the long rest. Rain, hail, sleet and wind:—*Ad libitum*. And yet we hear of people still riding bicycles, and furthermore riding them in lanes, miry lanes, greasy lanes, Roman lanes, lanes where the slightest suspicion of a slideslip provides the falling one with a cold mud bath gratis, free and for nothing. O, the charm of cycling in winter (see "Cycling" and the lay press), what food for deep thought it provides as we scrap out to the Club-run going "all out" at quite two miles an hour. Our Manchester and district agents had a run of their own to Goostrey, as the distance to Hinderton from Cottonopolis is a bit thick even in summer. Twenty-two of the Liverpool and Wirral section reached the "Shrewsbury Arms" in a more or less damp condition. Some of the Wirral members are practically at home at Hinderton, so after tea and the departure of the long distance men they proceeded to hold a little sing-song in which Lieut. Woodward was voted good quality. Some of the melodies were particularly touching, especially the one about the three old crows. At ten o'clock, fearing an incursion of the villagers they thought it wise to desist and started for home.

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