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## FIXTURES

February 1965

- 1 Committee Meeting, Free Church Centre, L'pool.
- 6 HATCHMERE (Forest Café)
- 7 CAERWYS (Piccadilly Inn) Lunch 1.0 p.m.
- 13 PONTBLYDDYN and SOMERFORD.
- 20 TARPORLEY (Grotto Café)
- 27 BANGOR (Smithy) GOOSTREY.

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Closing date for next issue - MONDAY, 1st FEBRUARY

COMMITTEE NOTICES

The Birthday Run has been fixed for Saturday, 20th March, at Halewood, and prior booking is essential.

Members finding it necessary to 'phone the Secretary should note that Frank's Exchange is now CALDY (not Hoylake), the number remaining as before.

Members intending to support the lunch fixture on 7th February at Caerwys should book with David Bettaney in good time.

RACING NOTES

The first club event, a "25", will be held on Saturday, 13th March, with headquarters, as usual, at Huntington. Tea will be available at Two Mills as soon after the event as possible. Those making for the Manchester area will be having tea at Hatchmere.

IN MEMORIAM. BRIAN BERRY

The news of the death of Brian Berry a week before Christmas, as a result of a road accident while riding home from work, came as a great shock to his many friends.

Brian joined the Anfield in May 1959 and at the A.G.M. in November 1960, was elected to the Committee. A year later, for reasons which seemed good to him and which we fully appreciated, he decided that his future lay with the Birkenhead North End C.C. It was characteristic of him that, having come to such a decision, he should attend a Committee Meeting, tell us what he had decided, pay his dues for the season, then only a week or two old, and offer his resignation.

Much as we regretted his move, we admired him for the open manner in which it was made and he numbered among his friends all Anfielders who knew him.

His novice rides in the time trials game were done as an Anfielder, and from the first he showed great promise. He was a stylish rider who coaxed his tricycle along at a deceptively high speed; among his many fine performances was the winning of the Ernest Snowden Handicap Trophy in the T.A. "50" last May with a time only seconds more than that great and experienced rider John Pardoe.

Fine racing man though he was, Brian will be remembered as a

quiet unassuming clubman who delighted in all aspects of our cycling game. To his parents we would offer the sincere sympathy of all Anfielders in their loss.

#### BATH ROAD CLUB DINNER - 5th December 1964

Under what was later described as "the genial, efficient and knowledgeable chairmanship of Jack Beauchamp" about sixty-five members and friends gathered at the Comedy Restaurant in Pantom Street, off the Haymarket. The Club was represented by Stan Wild, whilst our President, wearing one of his many other hats, attended in the capacity of a member of the Bath Road Club. Both were honoured with seats on the top table, adjacent to veteran Bath Roader Ted Boyle. During the usual cross toasting, reference was made to the presence of the Presidents of the three surviving Founder Members of the Road Records Association, namely the North Road, Bath Road and Anfield.

There were the usual toasts to the Club and to the Visitors, with nothing noteworthy about the speeches. A surprise item was the presentation made to H.N. Binham to mark his seventeen years as Editor of the Bath Road News, whilst the highlight of the Prize Distribution, apart from the presentation of the Bath Road Cup to the winner of the Open "100", was the award made to Secretary John Shuter for his ride of 162 miles in a "12" - at the age of 77!!!!

The evening provided another demonstration of the fellowship that exists between those who ride (or have ridden) bicycles; and the welcome given to the writer and his fellow Anfielder made them both very proud and very happy.

R.J.A.

#### NORTH SHROPSHIRE WHEELERS' DINNER - 11th December 1964

The popular North Shrops. Dinner was held as usual on a Friday evening, a choice of night which obviates the necessity of throwing everyone out before midnight.

Anfielders present were Jack Pitchford looking very healthy but well over his normal racing weight; Ira Thomas, immaculate as ever and with that lovely Shropshire accent of his; then there were Cheshire men Allan Littlemore and Derek Byron with their wives (one each).

Chairing the gathering of some 93 diners at the Victoria Hotel,

Whitchurch, was that indefatigable old warrior Jack Duckers.

Yarns and cross toasting added to the enjoyment of a real cyclists' night out.

A.L.L.

LLANARMON AND MOBBERLEY - 5th December 1964

There appears to be a conspiracy of silence regarding these runs. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that the Captain's remarks regarding the Llanarmon run were quite unprintable while the only other attenders (John Farrington and Geoff Sharp) had nothing constructive to add. At the time of writing no word of the Mobberley meet has been heard.

VETERANS' T.T.A. LUNCHEON, GOOSTREY - 6th December 1964

Allan Littlemore was the only Anfielder in a gathering 111 strong, the chief guest being that 60 years old Yorkshire enthusiast Arthur Rogerson. The U.T.T.A. is, of course, an association of men aged 40 years and over who continue time trialling, often returning times which make riders half their age green with envy.

Allan's job was to propose a toast to the prizewinners, a job he cannot do very often as he is usually numbered among them!

In the chair was that pre-war racing man Albert Livingstone of the Dukinfield C.C.

HOLT & LLANGOLLEN Y.H. - 12th December 1964

Of this miserable, wet afternoon the less said the better, so here goes.

I rode to Holt with John Gornall in the rain. There we had our tea and met Jeff, Ken Barker, Len Hill, Blotto, Dave Birchall and John Farrington, while the rain continued outside.

Then I rode to Llangollen in the rain.

Next day I rode home via Llandegla, at times in the rain, at times in the dry.

And that, folks, is about it.

D.W.B.

This was the week-end of the great floods. Later we read of Bangor-on-Dee under five feet of water and watery chaos everywhere.

Lunch for the Y.H. tourists had been mooted for Pontfadog but there was only one tourist, the Craig Hotel couldn't cater and no



one else had booked, so -- ! But Peter Jones and David Bettaney circumnavigated the floods, arrived at Pontfadog, left lunchless but were lucky shortly after. Even on this wettest of wet weekends nearly a dozen Anfielders were out. Didn't somebody use the word 'Bonkers' in another context recently?

#### TWO MILLS - 19th December 1964

This traditional pre-Christmas meet of the Merseyside members attracted a turnout of twenty Anfielders with friends Oscar and Hilda Dover and Tom Mason.

Blotto (who ought to have more sense) arrived complaining that Barker Junior had been half-wheeling him all over the Wirral; Barker Senior (who knows better than to ride with Junior anyway) grinned unsympathetically and pointed out that John Leece had managed to hold Len Hill to a draw. Frank Perkins and John Seed completed the Vets portion of the attendance list, then we had young Mills, Peter Jones, John Farrington, John Gornall, Keith Orum, Phil Whitehead, David Jones, Geoff Sharp, David Bettaney, John Whelan and Jon Vickers. David Birchall brought all his projector paraphernalia and a couple of boxes of slides and John Thompson arrived as soon as he had shown them!

With tables cleared and lights dimmed, David Birchall took us through a fine set of slides, to various parts of Wales and on one or two club runs and time trials. All too soon came the time to put "Eureka" to rights again and turn out into the cold clear night but not before we had expressed grateful thanks to Addy for all she does for us through the year at Two Mills.

#### GOOSTREY - 19th December 1964

If Beeching ever closes Goostrey station, Harry Duck is going to be very upset! On this afternoon of cold and freezing fog, Harry was the only one to turn out for Goostrey and he played for safety and went by train

#### HALEWOOD - 26th December 1964

A cold but pleasant Boxing Day morning was ideal for pottering to the Derby Arms through what is left of the countryside in this part of Lancashire.

Already there and waiting for opening time were David Barker,

John Seed and friend Johnnie Williams.

Rex and Mrs. Austin soon followed and our numbers gradually increased to twenty-two, including Eddie Morris, Len (sporting a coat Santa Claus had brought him) and Syd and Mrs. del Banco.

Twenty-one obeyed the clarion call to move upstairs (John Seed had to leave early) for the excellent meal this hostelry always provides.

There was great reluctance to leave but eventually the drift homewards started; I joined Allan Littlemore and together we got a few miles in before the parting.

Those present and not mentioned earlier were:- George Parr, David Bettaney, David Birchall, John Whelan, Wally Rees (plus dad whom we were glad to see again), John Farrington, John Thompson, Joe Dodd, Peter Jones, Les and David Bennett.

John Thompson's rear axle packed up on him just after leaving the Derby Arms and it took the combined efforts of John and David Barker to get the brute home to Greasby through the snow which fell towards the end of the afternoon.

J.H.M.

### "HOME FROM THE SPEEDWELL"

"Perhaps the memory of sun and river, mountain and glade may be recaptured for your entertainment when the dark days of winter are upon us".

These words concluded a write-up of part of the August weekend tour to the Speedwell '100' in our September issue. The Editor, with David as pacemaker, had reached Chaddesley Corbett from Warwick and booked in for a comfortable and enjoyable night at the ancient Malt House Youth Hostel.

Next morning we rode in perfect weather through Hartlebury to Stourport where one of the more enlightened (in the cycling sense!) "dailies" supplied the result of the previous day's Bath Road Club '100'. We lingered on the bridge and watched as gaily painted pleasure craft moved up and down the river and here we laid our plans for the morning which included a visit to Tenbury Wells, its quaint and attractive main street choked with traffic.

Unlike Stourport which was recovering but slowly from the Bank Holiday, Tenbury was very wide awake and soon produced a much needed bag support. With this useful item fitted we proceeded by narrow winding lanes which skirted Clee Hill and finally decanted

us right on the bridge at Ludlow in good time for lunch.

Of the meal the less said the better, but Ludlow was charming as ever and quite reluctantly we left its ancient streets behind and took the high road as far as Craven Arms before turning for Lydbury North, Bishop's Castle and the final meandering miles to Bridges Hostel.

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The last day of our tourlet started with early mist shrouding the mighty Long Mynd but as we watched from the garden of this popular school turned hostel, the sun broke through and soon we knew that we were in for a scorcher.

A mile or two from the hostel we left the Shrewsbury road for a narrow twisting lane route to Pontesbury and so to Minsterley and more lanes up and over to Alberbury and the old '100' course across Llandinio Bridge. A bungalow tea garden, elevenses in blazing sunshine with a magnificent view of Breiden Hill tempted us to linger but soon we were away to Four Crosses, Llanymynech and Oswestry where a satisfying and most reasonable meal cancelled out the fiasco of yesterday in Ludlow.

Now we tackled the climb from Whittington on the road to Ellesmere, pausing at English Frankton to look back over the miles of plain to the hills we had breasted in the morning.

Many hued ducks and other water birds had resumed possession of the placid waters of Ellesmere after the disturbance of the holiday crowds and we left them in peace as we took the Whitchurch road for a few miles before turning left into a maze of lanes which eventually brought us to Holt, the Castle Cafe and a welcome pint of tea.

Now we were on every-day ground but it was none the less enjoyable to wander through to Lavister, Kinnerton (for a call on friends - and more tea!) and later to Broughton, Queensferry and the Woodbank Lane which led us to more friends, more tea and the weekly Anfield meet at Two Mills.

K.W.B.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

Stan Wild had an unfortunate ending to 1964. After covering 9,500 cycling miles (his highest since 1950) up to 29th December he had a front wheel skid, crashed and so damaged one knee that he was on crutches for a time but hoping to be fully recovered

## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

early in 1965. We hope all has gone to plan and wish you 10,000 joyous miles this year Stan.

Bob Austin and family leave Singapore on or about 6th February, a few days after Rex and Mrs. Austin go for their usual early holiday in Switzerland. On his return to England, Bob will be stationed at Fylingdales, up on the moors near Whitby.

Allan Littlemore gets around plenty. After attending the North Shropshire Wheelers' Dinner in Whitchurch, he is off to Shrewsbury on 16th January for the Mid Shropshire Wheelers' affair. Perhaps it is just as well that there are no East and West Shropshire Wheelers!

The same Allan had bicycle trouble while working one Saturday morning recently and had to leave his steed at a farm. For a few days afterwards he was riding a Moulton and Alec of that ilk wouldn't appreciate his comments.

The Clifton C.C. of York included a note about our 85th Birthday celebrations in their quarterly "Cliftonite" and concluded by wishing us a Happy Birthday. We gladly acknowledge these greetings from across the Pennines and note from the cover of their excellent journal that this year will see their own 70th anniversary.

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- 14 HUNTINGTON, SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING, 11.0 a.m.
- 20 HALEWOOD, (Derby Arms), BIRTHDAY RUN.
- 27 LLANARMON (Raven). CHURCH MINSHULL.
- 28 WHITEWELL (Holly Cottage). LUNCH 1.0 p.m.

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COMMITTEE NOTICES

The Special General Meeting to consider a motion by David Birchall, seconded by John Whelan "That the Club should affiliate to the British Cycling Federation" will be held at 11.0 a.m. on Sunday, 14th March 1965, at the Pavilion Cafe, Huntington. There is only one item of business and no further notice or agenda will be circulated. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

BIRTHDAY RUN - Halewood, 20th March

Members are again reminded that bookings (with 12/6) for the Birthday Run are essential and should be made with Frank Marriott immediately.

EASTER TOURS.

There is some concern over the recent falling off in support for the Easter Tours and members wishing to join the tour this year should inform the Captain as soon as possible.

John Thompson is planning a Youth Hostel tour and any interested should contact him right away.

NORTH ROAD C.C. 79th ANNUAL DINNER - 12th December 1964

The pleasure of this always great occasion was enhanced for me by the presence of Rex Austin, our genial President. As the Guest of Honour, Rex was seated next to Bill Frankum, the N.R. President. However, I am not without influence in N.R. circles and I was placed next to our old friend Ed.Green and in excellent position to act as umpire in the raucous duels (supposed to be cross toasts) between Ed and the one and only Charlie Sewell.

In proposing the toast to the Club, Rex made the speech of the evening. He took us back to the days when the Anfield and North Road rode through the night to meet at York, stressing the fact that in those days the road surface would be inches of dust or, if wet, mud. He reminded us that it was on such roads as this that G.P.Mills (a man with joint membership of A.B.C. and N.R.C.) won the first N.R. "24" on an "ordinary" with 227 miles and in the same year (1886) broke the End to End record (5 days, 1 hr., 45 mins.) and set up a new 24 hours record of 268 miles on the same type of bicycle - before turning to the "safety", and finishing the season

with new records for 50 miles (2.47.36) and 24 hours (295 miles).

Reference was made to famous N.R. characters - F.T.Bidlake who looked like a Bishop and rode like the devil; R.Seymour Cobley (Anfield 100 winner in 1901); Stan Artaud, prince of pedallers; Arthur Smith and men with dual membership of A.B.C. and N.R.C.C. such as Dr. R.H. Carlisle, W.J.Neason and Percy Beardwood. Rex held an enthralled audience in silence and sat down to a great round of applause.

Don Ward welcomed the Visitors, specially mentioning Rex, Cliff Smith ('24' winner), Will Townsend and Alec Glass of the R.R.A., Alf West, Jack Westaway and John Shuter (Bath Road Club) and many others far too numerous to mention.

Seated near to me were Horace Pryor (Manchester Wheelers), Dick Hulse and Syd Capener (Speedwell), "Cap" having recently celebrated his 92nd birthday with a new Moulton bicycle!; also nearby were Charlie Holland and Jack Middleton (M.C. & A.C.).

There were good speeches also by Peter Walthall (responding for the Visitors) and Ken Davies replying for the Club but space precludes further details.

Altogether a wonderful evening and a great delight to be present.

MERSEY ROADS CLUB DINNER - 30th January 1965

S.W.

The President was one of the principal guests at this function, held in the Banqueting Suite of Reece's Cafe in Liverpool and attended by more than 160 members and friends. Rex was to reply for the guests and in anticipation of his effort being the last on the programme he had, in his usual careful manner, prepared an extempore speech in very light vein. Alas, the toast to the guests proved to be the first on the programme. Too late to change things and the effort was duly put over; but it was hardly fair to subsequent speakers. The principal guest was Lionel Blundell, President of the C.T.C., who toasted the Club in a beautifully rounded speech - but it was a pity his turn did not arrive before the pints began to circulate and before Rex had lowered the tone of the evening!!! Mr.Blundell made an eloquent appeal for many more cyclists to join the C.T.C. to help in the general defence of the cycling fraternity that is undertaken by the Club. As usual Harry Pearson was an urbane and ultra efficient Chairman and it was a blow to the assembly when he told them at the end of the evening that this was his swan song, the last time that he would preside over a Mersey Roads dinner, as he was not offering himself for re-election. This was a really

delightful evening in excellent company - what a pity that no other Anfielders were there to support the President.

#### MID SHROPSHIRE WHEELERS' DINNER - 16th January 1965

Ira Thomas (Mid Shrops. President), Jack Pitchford and Allan Littlemore were the three Anfielders in a party of some 124 diners. Chairman for the evening was Alan Griffiths, R.R.A. record holder. In his reply to the toast to the Visitors, Allan Littlemore took the opportunity of thanking the "Mids" for all the help they give with our promotion of the '100' at Whitsuntide and pointed out that they also supplied the winner a few years ago.

#### C L U B     R U N S

#### Hatchmere - 2nd January 1965

As I had written up the first run of 1964 it seemed appropriate that I should do the same in 1965.

It was cold but dry and as frost seemed non-existent I decided to dash over to Widnes on the two-wheeler to see my folk.

Retracing my steps across the Mersey I was soon at the popular cafe on the lakeside at Hatchmere and received a warm welcome from V.P. Len Hill, veteran John Leece (as perky as ever), David Jones, John Gornall, John Thompson, Phil Whitehead, John Farrington (trying to sell some horrible draw tickets at a bob a time; the prize - a motor car!).

Henry Ashcroft had been running in some cross country event near Northwich and we had as a welcome visitor George Jones (B.N.E. C.C.), father of David, who had brought junior and Henry over to this footslogging event.

Marian had cycled the short distance from home and warned me of some icy patches on the route. This was as well and by walking a few stretches, we reached the home paddock without mishap.

I hope those with longer rides were as lucky; at least two of them were on trikes so they should have been quite safe.

A.L.L.

#### Pontblyddyn & Whaley Bridge - 9th January 1965

Veterans John Leece, Len Hill and Blotto made a staid and steady group assault on this North Wales venue arriving in good order and condition. They were joined by Johns Farrington, Gornall and Whelan, David Birchall and David Barker making his last appearance before

returning to the rarefied academic atmosphere of Oxford.

Over at the other end of Anfieldland, Alan Gorman found the shutters up at the Santa Rosa Cafe and with no evidence of other members in the area he made the best of a bad job and scuttled for home.

#### Tarporley - 16th January 1965

It was a blustery day and a wind coming from the wrong direction caused me to have some misgivings about the ride home. But first things first.

I arrived at Two Mills in time to see Messrs. Farrington and Gornall disappearing from view. A few others were around but not going on the run and I was thinking in terms of a quiet solo meander to Tarporley when Jon Vickers arrived to shatter the illusion.

We left by way of Capenhurst and before long the heavens opened and the capes became the order of the day for although the shower lasted but a short while we kept them on until a point near Huxley and Hargrave.

From here we sped to the Grotto to find John Farrington, John Gornall, Ken Barker, Len Hill and Sid del Banco in possession and surprisingly these made up our total number of seven.

The journey homewas uneventful. Chester was reached without difficulty but from there onwards the adverse wind increased in force and it was a weary rider who finally completed the journey.

J.H.M.

#### Bangor-is-y-Coed - 23rd January 1965

The forecast was that the wind would increase in strength as the day progressed, and consequently I made an early start with the intention of reaching Bangor before the going became really hard.

John Gornall and Geoff Sharp kept me company through Queensferry and along the road through Sandicroft and Broughton to Pulford. For a short while now we kept to the main road but at Pulford we turned into lanes for the remaining miles.

John Farrington arrived at the Smithy soon after we did and then David Bettaney made the total five and completed the party.

The journey homewards was pleasant with a following wind and I left the four younger ones to carry on and ploughed a lonely furrow.

J.H.M.

Goostrey - 23rd January 1965

A pleasant afternoon brought four of us to Mrs. Bates' establishment by varying methods of transport; the only point in common being that all the methods ran on wheels. The President was joined by Harry Duck, Alan Gorman and Alf Howarth and once again found the Manchester Wheelers also present. An amicable arrangement was soon arrived at and thirteen in all sat down to an excellent meal in the sitting room. It was a happy gathering with old and new friends to talk to - and the present, past and future were all comprehensively explored. The large dining room was set out for a dinner and this proved to be the promotion of the Weaver Valley C.C., of which our own Allan Littlemore is Chairman and in which capacity he was to preside over the Dinner. Harry Beech and Derek Byron were also present so that subject to the consent of the Committee we may count our attendance as seven. Harry Duck turned out to be the real hero of the day, as following a Mrs. Bates tea in the sitting room he moved on to the dining room and there did full justice to a Mrs. Bates dinner!!!!

Outside it was raining heavens hard and it proved a most unpleasant homeward journey.

Two Mills - 30th January 1965

Fifteen members grasped this opportunity of a really easy run on Wirral roads although some of the younger (and madder) element made it as tough as possible, arriving at "Eureka" liberally plastered with mud of varied hues.

Jeff was recovering from a dose of 'flu and found the easy mileage much to his liking. Blotto was observed getting some useful training in around Raby while Len Hill and John Leece came more or less direct after joining forces at Willaston.

The Editor tried the Puddington-Shotwick path and found it rather sticky as did David Birchall & Co. who also brought a fair proportion of Burton Marshes away on shoes, bicycles and clothing. Others out (many of them on the Birchall Rough Stuff expedition) were Geoff Sharp, John Farrington, David Jones, John Moss, Keith Orum, John Whelan, John France, David Bettaney and Philip Whitehead.

Church Minshull - 31st January 1965

Cycling proved a healthy exercise on this cold dry day. The Cheshire lanes were quiet and very attractive with occasional



patches of frost where the sun had not yet reached.

At the cafe, among a fair sprinkling of other cyclists, were espied Anfielders Rex Austin, John Whelan, John Gornall, Percy Williamson, Rigby Band, Phil Whitehead, Allan Littlemore, Harry Beech and John Thompson, together with two ladies, Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Littlemore.

The proprietors of this popular cafe were at full pressure so it didn't surprise us when Allan Littlemore disappeared into the kitchen to emerge later in an 'Omo' white apron and start waiting on the many customers. We wonder if Allan was working his passage or merely satisfying a sympathetic urge to assist his starving fellow creatures. Anyway it was a jolly crowd and good to see nine members and the ladies out at this Sunday fixture.

How nice to see Percy who had cycled from home accompanied by Rigby on three wheels. We should like to see both of them more often on these Cheshire runs.

A.L.L.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

Drawings recently seen in "Cycling" bear a striking resemblance to the work of the late Frank Patterson. The artist, Russell King, says they are not modelled on Patterson's work but to many of us who go back a good few years these excellent drawings strike a chord.

The Bidlake Memorial Prize, awarded annually for the best performance on a cycle or the best contribution to cycling has been awarded by the judges and trustees to Alec Moulton for his new and in many ways revolutionary bicycle.

Congratulations to Anthony Gorman (through father Alan), on gaining his Ph.D. and proceeding to Zurich University on a two year N.A.T.O. Fellowship. Also through Rigby Band to his son and heir Michael on going up to Cambridge to read Classics.

It is with the deepest regret that we report the passing on 10th December of our old friend Joe Chappells of the Cheshire Roads Club. One of the joys of his recent years had been to spend Whit Sunday with the Anfield. He had for many years joined the President in the Manchester C.T.C. Veterans' "100" and had not his fatal illness intervened he was to have been proposed for membership of the Club in October last.

## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

With a long week-end off in January, John Seed planned to attend the Tarporley fixture before having a couple of nights in North Wales. Waking up on Saturday morning to find a roaring wind blowing, from Tarporley John let it waft him to Ingleton for the night. He offers a special prize for the first to guess which way the wind blew on Sunday and also enquire if he gets an attendance mark for Tarporley as his intentions were honourable?

Tea will be available after the "25" on 13th March at Two Mills provided members arrive as soon after the event as possible. Stewards and others not riding in the event should not wait for riders but proceed as quickly as possible to the Cafe and so spread the load.

Norman Turvey missed the North Road Dinner owing to a family bereavement which necessitated him flying to the Continent. His plane was turned back owing to fog and he made the crossing again next day by boat. Norman sends greetings to all who remember him.

The Annual Report for the year ended 30.9.64 of the Y.H.A. Merseyside Group is a mine of information on the use of this Group's Hostels. The most popular Hostel, judged by bed-night bookings was Colwyn Bay with 9,329 followed by Chester (8,439), Capel Curig (7,843) and Idwal Cottage (7,754). Total bed-nights fell from 114,048 in 1963 to 110,519, and it is not surprising to find that 50% of the year's bed-night use was in July-August. The report records a fall in the use of Hostels by cycling members from 13,619 bed-nights in 1963 to 12,077 in 1964. These figures represent about 11% of the total bed-night bookings.

Early in July, Stan Wild leads a C.T.C. promoted tour to the Dolomites, starting from Venice and finishing in the Engadine. The President has been inveigled into joining this party and there is still room for one or two more if anyone wishes to go.

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Closing date for next issue - MONDAY, 5th APRIL.

COMMITTEE NOTICES

On the invitation of the President any members interested will be welcome to attend future Committee meetings, details of which will be found under "Fixtures". Members accepting this invitation, which is intended to stimulate interest in the affairs of the Club, will be encouraged to take part in discussions but will not be entitled to vote.

Members attending the alternative fixture on 10th April will find the Bollin Restaurant in Mill Lane, Heatley, opposite the Green Dragon Hotel, and on the Lymm side of the Warburton canal toll-bridge. This is a new venue and it is hoped that the run will attract a good turn-out.

The Photograph Run has been arranged for 29th May at Hatchmere and members are urged to book this date now so that we can have a large gathering and a representative photograph.

Change of Address: J.R.Griffiths, 8 Wynnstay Road, Broughton, Nr. Chester.

RACING NOTES

The second Club '25' and the first '10' of the season will be held on 3rd April. Cadets wishing to ride in the '10' should note that entry forms are required and they should see the Captain in good time.

Amendments which we hope to make to the '100' route should make for a more compact and faster course. The stretch through Ellesmere to Overton is to be cut out and additional mileage put in around the Wellington/Hodnet area.

These changes will entail a good deal of measurement and checking and as much assistance as possible will be appreciated. Those willing to help should see the Captain as soon as possible.

Offers of help at the '100' should be made to Frank Marriott who will be glad to hear as soon as possible from those who will be available. We also repeat the advice given elsewhere regarding early booking of accommodation. This applies particularly to those wishing to stay at the Lion.

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A TOURING MEMORY

The most enthusiastic lover of the Principality would hardly list the South Wales coalfield among his favourite touring grounds and yet the cyclist who would know his country should acquire at least a passing knowledge of such an area if only to discover how the other half lives.

One way of gaining an idea of this district is to ride along the traffic infested A.465 between Merthyr Tydfil and Abergavenny noting signposts to places which are household names, Tonypany, Dowlais, Mountain Ash or Ebbw Vale, and glancing into the opening of the valleys running south towards Cardiff.

The title of Richard Llewellyn's famous book "How Green was my Valley" takes an added point as one sees what the grimy hand of man has done to the once lovely valleys of the Rhymney and Sirrhwy rivers.

At a far from prepossessing township with the unlikely name of Beaufort, sharp eyes will notice a signpost marked "Llangynidr". If the invitation is accepted, a most rewarding though sticky climb will result as the unfenced road (with numerous signs warning of straying mountain ponies) climbs up and up until a backward glance gives, on a clear day, a panorama of industrial ugliness far below.

This backward glance is essential if the impact of the contrast a mile or so later is to be appreciated to the full. As one perspiringly reaches the summit of this mountain road, the scene changes and a view, breathtaking in its beauty, opens up.

The rider, resting now on a roadside grassbank close cropped by the hardy mountain sheep, will see ahead and to his left the Brecon Beacons hiding the pleasant market town from which they get their name. To his right the rounded Black Mountains beyond which he will know can be found the lovely river scenery around Hay-on-Wye. Straight ahead will be seen the mighty Mynydd Eppynt, to the Northerner reminiscent of the vast upland wilderness of the Berwyns, and, as if this were not enough, the sun, if in kindly mood, will glint on Llangorse Lake like a sparkling jewel in its mountain setting.

With a silent prayer of thankfulness that coal has not been found in this cyclists' wonderland the ride can be resumed and both brakes will be hard on as the road winds steeply downwards to the delightful little village of Llangynidr on the canalside.

Here we can pause and take our choice; the back lane to Brecon, perhaps to find rest and food at the famous Tyn-y-Cae Hostel, or is



it to be the few miles drift down to Crickhowell with its almost equally popular Youth Hostel?

More than likely the view we so recently sat and admired will spur us on to take the road from Bwlch past Llangorse Lake to Talgarth or if we are particularly energetic and time permits we could settle for a visit to the ruins of Llanthony Abbey in their lovely setting in the Vale of Ewyas on the bank of the Afon Honddu which we now follow to the head of the valley.

A hard climb follows through the pass between Black Mountain and Lord Hereford's Knob and then, far below and downhill all the way, lies the silver ribbon of the Wye.

K.W.B.

### C L U B   R U N S

#### Hatchmere - 6th February 1965

Geoff Sharp and John Farrington left Two Mills on a bright afternoon and followed the conventional lane route from Capenhurst to Guilden Sutton. After the usual chancy crossing of the A.51 the pack horse bridges were attacked with wheels spinning on slimy cobbles.

Birch Hill was the next obstacle and required the exercise of some little used walking muscles; during this operation we were treated to a fly-past by the Ferranti Works helicopter.

Hatchmere was reached along twilight darkened paths through Delamere Forest and if spirits had been lowered by this sombre route they would soon have been raised by Anfielders Les Bennett and Allan Littlemore and their wives who were in possession of the Forest Cafe when we arrived.

J.F.

#### Bangor-on-Dee - 7th February 1965

A lunch fixture at Caerwys had been planned for this Sunday, but Sub-Captain David Bettancy heard only on the Friday from mine host at the Piccadilly Inn that they were no longer catering on Sundays.

The most likely customers were informed and a meeting at Two Mills arranged so that those joining the run could go elsewhere together. Unfortunately John Thompson (late at the Mills!) slipped through the net and chased hard after the others right along the Denbigh Road and up the final mile of slog to Caerwys. We will draw a veil over his remarks on finding no Anfielders and no lunch!

Meanwhile a party including John Whelan, David Bettaney, Keith Orum, Phil Whitehead and John Gornall were making their way to the ever hospitable Smithy at Bangor where they fared better than poor John in the matter of lunch; where their subsequent wanderings led them is not recorded but certainly Whitchurch was included in the itinerary.

#### Pontblyddyn - 13th February 1965

A slight change in the title of a Pop song would make a fitting heading for this run report "A Hard Day's Ride".

A gale force wind made conditions difficult and to make matters worse, I had as my companions David Barker (on a flying visit home from College for an interview at Manchester), John Gornall and Jon Vickers.

Despite numerous hints that they should push off and leave me to potter along at my own pace they stuck to me like leeches and I was very glad to reach the Woodlands.

Already there were Ken Barker and Les Bennett and following close on our heels came David Birchall, John Farrington and John Whelan to complete the party.

The run home was much easier than expected, particularly after David and I had left the two Johns and made our way via Ledsham and the Missing Links to avoid the traffic.

J.H.M.

#### Somerford - 13th February 1965

This was a day of terrific winds blowing from the West and making it hardly safe at times to be on a bicycle but I pushed off with the gale at my rear and managed an easy ride, often on wet roads, through Middlewich and back lanes to Holmes Chapel.

At Somerford I espied two cyclists waiting for the door to open; John Seed had made the long run from St.Helens together with a young friend living in the area and an exile from Leicester.

No one else turned up but we had a pleasant tea in the newly decorated room with its bright paintwork and new electric heaters.

We pedalled steadily homewards and to help the others on their way I invited them into the Harbour Master's Office for Coffee to sustain them over the remaining eighteen miles into Lancashire.

A.L.L.

Tarporley - 20th February 1965

Jeff Mills pushed into a stiff S.E. wind to reach Two Mills and find two other Anfielders present but not going on the run. This left him free to potter through the lanes and arrive at the 'Grotto' just on 5.0 p.m. to join up with Blotto for tea and a long chat on subjects of mutual interest.

Having decided that no-one else was coming, a move was made for home and a following wind meant good and easy progress through Huxley, Christleton and Chester.

Following the Top Road as far as Mollington more lanes brought them eventually to the parting of the ways at Spital cross-roads.

Had they but known it, Jeff and Syd had hardly got clear of Tarporley before Allan Littlemore slid in from the other end having ridden out to Church Minshull for a cuppa and there persuaded Harry Jackson, Withington Wheeler and proprietor of the popular cyclists' cafe, to join him on the ride to Tarporley where they enjoyed a good meal and learned that the others had only just left.

Harry left Allen at Eaton and our member for Acton Bridge arrived home a few minutes before John Parr and Beryl called. They were on a flying visit to John's father who was ill in hospital.

A slide show of travels in Norway and Ireland filled a pleasant evening and John sent greetings to all Anfielders.

Bangor-on-Dee - 27th February 1965

I pushed off along A.49 and travelled by way of Utkinton and the many lanes around Huxley until I reached Tattenhall which boasts a village snack-bar which dispenses very good coffee. This was to be our meeting place and the end of my cycling activity for the day. Marian had set off earlier and was inside drinking coffee with Alan Rogerson (trike B.A.R. Champion in 1962) and his fiancee and soon we piled into Alan's van and that was how we descended on Bangor's Smithy. Obviously there was method in our madness.

All told there were eleven round the table for tea, five Anfielders, viz. V.P.'s Ken Barker and Len Hill, Syd del Banco, John Thompson and Allan Littlemore, and in addition to those already mentioned we were glad to see Mesdames Barker and Hill and Vivienne, Len's charming daughter.

The meal was excellent and after a few words with Ruby about the effects of the recent bad floods, we were on our way to Shrewsbury Youth Hostel to join a good gathering of cyclists and others and

enjoy a first rate slide show about the Scottish Highlands by Richard Palgrave, a Salop man and first rate photographer and veteran cyclist. These were wonderful pictures and his taped commentary was quite unique.

In addition to the van party, John Thompson was at the Hostel and to uphold my reputation I state categorically that Marian and I cycled all the way home on Sunday in spite of showers of snow and sleet.

A.L.L.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Annual General Meeting of the Northern Road Records Association was held on 27th February. In addition to our Delegates (Rigby Band and Percy Williamson) we had David Jones and of course Hubert Buckley present.

Hubert is Hon.Secretary/Treasurer and he reported a quiet year with only two attempts on records. Eric Matthews (Altrincham R.C.) set up a new 12 hours bicycle record of 264 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles in July and on 6th September, R.T.Wesley, Macclesfield Wheelers made a gallant but unsuccessful attack on the 100 miles record and was beaten by the adverse wind conditions.

The sincere sympathy of all his fellow Anfielders will be with John Gornall whose mother died recently.

John Seed who discovered the Bollin Restaurant (alternative fixture on 10th April) tells us of a long weekend he had in February in the West Riding and Yealand area which he found most attractive at this time of the year before the crowds of cars and caravans start milling around.

We were sorry to read in "Cycling" that Alf West, Bath Road Club's winner of our 1929 '100' who came up to Shrewsbury for the 1964 event was in the West London Hospital (early March) with a row of stitches in his head, four fractured ribs and severe bruising following a cycling accident.

Although there is no definite evidence, it is considered likely that he had collided with a suddenly opened car's offside door. We wish him a complete recovery and speedy return to the road.

## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

Two other Bath Roaders, Len Baker and Jack Westaway, hope to join us at Whitsun and then go on tour in the Welsh Border country after the '100'. They enquire if any Anfielders would care to join them.

Frank Marriott is busy preparing an up to date list of members and addresses. Any amendments, particularly in the matter of incorrect addressing of the 'Circular', should be notified without delay to the Secretary or Editor.

Jeff Mills was timing the Larkhill Wheelers' Two-up Time Trial on Sunday, 28th February, and had Len Hill on parade as Starting Steward. Both our worthies are invited to the Larkhill Dinner - but the Wheelers don't know what is coming to them!

Sunday run fans can make an advance booking for 9th May when a lunch fixture at Church Minshull has been arranged.

By the time these notes are in print, regular Wednesday evening meets at Two Mills will be in full swing again and we hope that apart from the regulars we might see some members who are unable for one reason or another, to get out to the week-end runs very often.

It may not be too late to join one of the Easter Tours. If you are interested, contact Jeff Mills right away regarding the 'Inn' or John Thompson if your tastes are for Youth Hostels.

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## FIXTURES

May 1965

- 1 BANGOR-ON-DEE (SMITHY). SOMERFORD.
- 3 Committee Meeting. Free Church Centre, L'pool.
- 8 HUNTINGTON CLUB '25' & '10'.
- 9 CHURCH MINSHULL (Lunch 1.0 p.m.)
- 15 LLANARMON (Raven). GOOSTREY.
- 25 HUNTINGTON. CLUB '25' & '10'.
- 29 HATCHMERE (FOREST CAFÉ) PHOTOGRAPH RUN.
- 31 Committee Meeting. Free Church Centre, L'pool.

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Closing date for next issue - MONDAY, 3rd MAY.

COMMITTEE NOTICES

Special General Meeting: Huntington, 14th March 1965.

Present: The President R.J.Austin, in the Chair, and H.J.Ashcroft, K.W.Barker, D.D.Birchall, D.Bettaney, S.del Banco, L.J.Hill, D.Jones, F.E.Marriott, J.Moss, K.Orum, G.Sharp, J.Thompson, J.Whelan and P.Whitehead.

A proposition that the Club should affiliate to the British Cycling Federation was put before the meeting and after some discussion, the proposition was carried by 13 votes to 1.

Members wishing to become Affiliated Members of the B.C.F. should contact David Birchall in the first instance.

Change of address: Sqdn.Leader R.R.Austin, 4 Farm Close, Castle Park, Whitby, Yorks N.R.

HATCHMERE - 6th March 1965

John Gornall, David Jones, Jon Vickers and Jeff turned off the Top Road to Capenhurst, leaving John Thompson to carry on for Chester to collect a racing jersey.

When the party re-formed, somewhere beyond Backford, Jeff looked the worse for wear after a snowball battle but gallantly carried on and reached Hatchmere in fair order.

Whilst Jon Vickers tied some paraphenalia to his saddle (why can't he get a decent saddle bag?) two young ladies rode up and enquired the way to Delamere Youth Hostel. Always anxious to help, Johnny Gornall escorted them to "Fox Howl" and that is why he now spends so much time riding to Oldham and back.

The run home was without incident except for negotiating the missing link complete with four feet snow drifts.

J.F.T.

For a day when conditions proved a bit dicey after the heavy snow fall a few days earlier this was a good run with quite a fair turn out. In addition to those already mentioned we had out:- John Leece, Len Hill, Ken Barker, Les Bennett, John Farrington and Allan Littlemore who had come from Tarporley after seeing Peter Jones start in a C.T.C. "50 in 4".

This mildly competitive tourist trial started at the Park Cafe, Tarporley, proceeded almost to Nantwich and then turned via Broxton to Holt for a compulsory half-hour's stop.

The return journey was over the same roads and Peter completed

the course with fifteen minutes to spare out of the  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours riding time allowed.

### HUNTINGTON - 13th March - CLUB "25"

Hard windy conditions greeted riders in the first Club event of the season. This, added to the fact that it was an early season event, made any time inside 1-10-0 a sterling effort. The novice ride by John Moss, who clocked 1-12-58, was first class value for the handicap award and John Thompson's 1-16-38 on a tricycle is a good indication of faster things to come.

In addition to the riders listed in the table of results we had out on the course:- Rex Austin, Blotto, Len Hill, Jeff Mills, John Whelan, David Jones, John Gornall and Allan Littlemore. The usual party gathered at Two Mills after the event for tea at the hospitable Eureka Cafe.

	<u>Actual Time</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Handicap Time</u>
D. Bettaney	1. 7. 9	-	-
P. Whitehead	1. 8.58	2.30	1. 6.28
J. Moss	1.12.58	8.00	1. 4.58
J. Thompson (Tr.)	1.16.38	9.00	1. 7.38
D. Birchall	1.21.22	6.00	1.15.22

### HALEWOOD - 20th March - BIRTHDAY RUN

The modern Derby Arms bears no resemblance to the country inn to which Anfielders made their way as far back (at least) as 1885 but it certainly made a fine setting for the celebration of our 86th birthday. Once again we are indebted to Mr. Sharp and his staff for a very warm welcome and a splendid meal.

Fifty-nine guests, friends and members sat down in comfort to enjoy the maximum of refreshment (both solid and liquid) and the minimum of speech-making.

Before we take a look at the proceedings at Halewood we should put them in their proper setting by taking off our hats to three of the company who completed marathon bicycle rides to be present: Richard Hulse, energetic Secretary of the 88 years old Speedwell Bicycle Club rode from Birmingham, returning next day by another route and was only mildly critical of the - - weather we arranged for Sunday. Ed Green, T.A. President, came from his Lake-land home at Sawrey on a bicycle instead of his customary three-wheeler and this proved his undoing for a mix up with a dog near

Preston on the return journey landed him in hospital with a fractured skull.

If anyone deserved a medal (he got one, as we shall see later) it was John Parr who can tell his own story by way of these extracts from a letter to the Editor, describing his 270 miles round trip:-

"The Birthday run was most enjoyable for me particularly as I am out of touch with ordinary Anfield activities just now. Since New Year I have had only two days off work (a seven day week at present) so I decided to ride over and get some miles in my legs. On Saturday morning I reached Ripon, thirty miles from home, before the rain started. It will be fine on the other side I thought and even snow and mist on the top of Greenhow did not deter me from being an idiot. So it came to pass that of the 135 miles ridden that day 105 were soaking wet.

Next morning I pointed my wheels northward towards a backcloth of wet snow. After Wigan the skies cleared and dried up but a nasty wind arose from the East.

As far as Lancaster I didn't suffer too badly and was strongly tempted to carry on north for the Lakes but reluctantly and with great effort I turned eastward into the half-gale. The fells loomed ahead, dominated by Ingleborough clothed in snow. Three and a half hours later I reached the top of the Pennines to find an endless vista of white; Pen-y-Ghent and Whernside stood out but still Ingleborough dominated the wintry scene as I made a careful study of the packing round some Kendal Mint Cake. Even the penguins were friendly!

The six mile descent into Hawes took a record time of over 30 minutes. Approaching Richmond the snow lay deeper but home was not far away and even the impatient motorists on the A.1 failed to deter me. But the dark run in caused my only "packet" of the week-end three miles from home.

Looking back over some good hard miles I reflected that not every club run can take in Teesdale, Swaledale, Wensleydale, Nidderdale, Wharfedale, Airedale, Ribblesdale, Lunedale and the chemically fertile vale of Mersey".

And that is how John Parr attended the Birthday Run on his third and fourth days off work in 1965! Cervantes put it in a nutshell when he wrote - "It's the guts that carry the feet, not the feet the guts".

To return to Halewood - Saturday night we had four excellent

speeches, each unique in its own way. Len Hill welcomed our guests mentioning Richard Hulse, Speedwell, Peter Walthall (Manchester Wheelers), Norman Hails and Kevin Bramham (Clifton C.C., York), Bill Barrow, Ossie Dover, George Jones, Ed Green, Eric Mustill, Ken Matthews, Jack Duckers and George Ward (North Shrops. Whlrs.), Harry Pearson, Johnnie Williams (Mersey Roads), Geoff Edwards and Ray Cook (North Road C.C.) and Jim Miller Liverpool D.A. Treasurer representing the C.T.C.

Oscar Dover, still (so he said) a little bewildered to find himself on the top table at an Anfield 'do' made a sparkling reply for the guests and got everybody in a pleasantly receptive mood to listen to Peter Walthall wish us a happy birthday and propose a toast to the Anfield Bicycle Club. During his speech he said that the galaxy of young talent round the tables left him in no doubts about the future wellbeing of the old Club.

The last speaker was our own Jack Walton, specially brought over from East Yorkshire to prove that he can still tell as good a yarn as he could when he was a regular member of the Manchester section in the days before Hitler messed things up.

Sandwiched in between dinner and the more formal part of the proceedings we had the usual presentation of standard medals won during the 1964 season; Among those who visited the top table to take awards were David Bettaney, Phil Whitehead, and John Thompson together with Les Bennett and Ken Barker who collected medals won by the two Davids (unavoidably detained in Oxford and Aberystwyth). The other standard winner, Keith Orum, was ill and unable to attend. The highlights of this little ceremony was the presentation of "Golds" to John Whelan for an "under the hour" "25" and to John Parr for his fine performance on a tricycle between Edinburgh and York when he regained the R.R.A. record from John Pardoe.

Year after year the Birthday Run continues to provide a grand opportunity for keeping up old friendships, making new ones and just hobnobbing with those of like interests in this game of wandering around on bicycles. This year was no exception; no-one who was there would willingly have missed it and no doubt there were many resolutions made to be at Halewood again in March 1966. All too soon the time came for the curtain to fall on the 1965 celebration of the old Club's birthday and for a move to be made for the road.



LLANARMON - 27th March 1965

Perhaps a reaction set in after the bumper turnout at Halewood a week earlier for only six members scaled the heights to Llanarmon-yn-Ial. In fairness to Captain we might add that he, at least, had a cast iron excuse as he was out betimes next morning to act as assistant timekeeper at the Prescott R.C. 4 up team time trial on a Lancashire course.

John Farrington, David Bettaney, David Jones, Phil Whitehead and John Gornall were joined at the Raven by John Seed who had pushed over from St. Helens and had a long natter with mine host who hails from the same place.

Possibly at the same time some other Anfielders were in session at Church Minshull but so far none has admitted to being there.

Nearly the same can be said of the lunch fixture next day at Whitewell for although rumour has it that Johns Whelan and Moss travelled to Holly Cottage, further details, including any other names, are not forthcoming.

NEWS IN BRIEF

In late May or early June, Rigby Band will be taking up a new appointment in Lydney, Gloucestershire. We envy him his new cycling ground but regret that he is to move so much further from the centre of Anfield activity.

We also heard from Rigby of the death, on New Year's Day, of his mother who would be known to many members, particularly those who remember the many pre-war runs when she was out with Harold on their tandem.

In our January 1963 issue we reported Jim Cranshaw on his travels again, this time to Persia for about two years. We hear that he had a flying trip home recently but returned just before the Birthday Run.

Phil Whitehead went to Birkenhead's "twin" town outside Paris

## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

for two weeks immediately after doing a good ride in the W.C.T.T. C.A. "25" on 11th April.

Anybody want a frilled badge? The N.R.R.A. have instituted a new place to place record route - Birkenhead to Ludlow and back with no lowest standards laid down.

Ed Green who had an unfortunate encounter with a dog when returning home after our Birthday Run was reported (early April) home but still very poorly. We send him the best wishes of all Anfielders for a quick and complete recovery.

Frank Perkins expects to retire early in May and we are hoping to see him at the "100". This will be his first Whit week-end free from railway duty since he joined the Club over forty years ago.

Reassuring news regarding his knee injury comes from Stan Wild who has been managing about 100 miles a week gentle cycling and says he feels optimistic about his summer continental commitments. Our Bexhill exile hopes to dash north in April, sandwiching a few days motoring with his family at Ullswater between cycling to Tarporley on Easter Saturday and Hatchmere a week later.

Our Speedwell friends have proposed a joint week-end in or near Bala for 25th/26th September and while nothing definite has yet been agreed, members interested might book the date for what could be a useful training spin for the Tints Tour.

The Annual Report for 1964 of the Youth Hostels Association (England & Wales) just published, shows a steady increase in membership from 181,958 in 1960 to 203,532 in 1964. Last year overnight stays reached a record total of 1,195,091.

Ten new, and larger, Regional Councils are to replace the existing 18 Regional groups. Among examples of improvements at Hostels resulting from work by members' working parties was the provision of electric wiring and hot water supply at Delgellau.

West London Region have bought a houseboat which is to act as a hostel and will be moored at Piddinghoe (Sussex).

Keith Orum has had a very severe attack of gastric influenza, but we are glad to hear that he is making progress.

## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

Returning from the Birthday Run, John Thompson broke a crank and proceeded under one-foot power for a further four miles when his dynamo bracket disintegrated. He stabled the trike and took to public transport. His slogan now is "No fuss by 'bus".

The North Roaders returning to London from Halewood were more fortunate. After a blind down the motorway and then along A.5 they were climbing into bed at 2.0 a.m.

A week after the Birthday Run, John Parr and Beryl met Rigby Band at Aysgarth for a T.A. weekend.

The next (May) Circular will be rather late for a reminder about offers of help over the "100" and we urge all members who can get out and lend a hand to let Frank Marriott know without delay.

And now a reminder about the ~~Birthday~~ Run at the Forest Cafe, Hatchmere, on Saturday 29th May, when we hope for a large and representative gathering of fine looking Anfielders to make up the best group we've had for years on the photograph.

Members of the Committee are reminded that there will be no meeting in June but there will be one on Monday, 31st May.

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## FIXTURES

June 1965

- 5 BANGOR (Smithy) Lunch/Tea.  
5-7 SHREWSBURY. OPEN "100" WEEK-END.  
Headquarters - Lion Hotel.  
12 BANGOR (Smithy) - GOOSTREY.  
19 CAERWYS (Piccadilly Inn)  
26 CHURCH MINSHULL.  
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For an experimental period, commencing Monday, 31st May, meetings of the Committee will start at 6.30 p.m. not 7.0 p.m. This new time is suitable for the majority of members of the Committee, but the change will remain experimental until the views of all have been obtained.

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Lunch on the Sunday of Whit week-end has been arranged at the Herbert Arms, Chirbury, at a charge of about 8/6d. Final numbers will be phoned from the Lion and members and friends intending to join the party should ensure that the Captain is informed in advance.

Members are reminded that entries must be submitted ten days before Club events, otherwise they will not be eligible to compete for club prizes.

RACING NOTES

The season is now in full swing and this is shown in the greatly improved times recorded by our fast pack. Davids Bennett and Barker are not yet in the hunt yet owing to impending Finals.

Recent performances in Open and Association events include:-

11.4.65. W.C.T.T.C.A. '25'

J.J.Whelan 1.3.38. D.Bettaney 1.5.1. P.Whitehead 1.6.51.

J.W.Moss 1.27.33 (including 15 minutes late start penalty)

18.4.65. Apollo Whlrs. '25'

J.J.Whelan 1.4.43 (7th Fastest and 3rd H'cap)

Otley M.T. '40' J.Parr 2.31.

25.4.65 W.C.T.T.C.A. '25'

J.J.Whelan 1.1.21. D.Bettaney 1.1.35. J.Thompson (Tri) 1.9.48

J.W.Moss 1.10.25. J.P.Jones 1.10.28.

2.5.65. Wavertree C.C. '25'

J.J.Whelan 1.2.20. D.Bettaney 1.2.34. P.Whitehead 1.4.47

J.Thompson (Tri) 1.9.48 (1st H'cap).



Students of form (and mathematics) will note that in successive weeks John Whelan screwed David Bettaney down by exactly 14 seconds and in the same two events John Thompson recorded 1.9.48 twice.

Although the "100" will be upon us very soon after these notes are in print there will still be time to get a job on the course, brief details of which are as follows:- Start on the Cressage Road (A458) near Weeping Cross, proceed to Cross Houses, turn and retrace to Weeping Cross Island - turn right to Wellington and take A442 to Hodnet. Retrace to Shawbirch, then to High Ercall, Battlefield Corner and on to A49 to Rockhall where left to near Wem and left again to Harlescott. Retrace to Rockhall, right to Battlefield, left to Shawbury and Hodnet. Turn and retrace to Shawbury, High Ercall and the FINISH near Roden.

From the riders' point of view this should prove a better and faster course but it calls for more marshals and we need every available Anfielder out unless there are to be undue calls on other Clubs who already give generous help.

One or two of those going on the week-end tour will be lunching at Bangor on the Saturday and hope to be joined by others including any unable to get away for the week-end.

#### HUNTINGTON. CLUB "25" - 3rd April 1965

A stiff breeze greeted riders and helpers in this second club event of the season but it did not prevent the recording of some excellent times. John Whelan's 1.5.36 was a good effort but only just good enough to screw down Philip Whitehead who was under a minute down in 1.6.24 and took a well deserved handicap award. David Bettaney clocked 1.6.55 for third place, one second faster than Birkenhead N.E. C.C. visitor Gerry Robinson, who joined us for a private trial.

	<u>Actual Time</u>	<u>H'cap</u>	<u>H'cap Time</u>
1. J.Whelan	1. 5.36	Scr.	1. 5.36
2. P.Whitehead	1. 6.24	2.30	1. 3.54
3. D.Bettaney	1. 6.55	0.30	1. 6.25
4. J.P.Jones	1.13.10	7.00	1. 6.10
5. J.W.Moss	1.14.32	7.30	1. 7. 2
6. D.D.Birchall	1.20.37	7.00	1.13.37
- G.Robinson	1. 6.56	P.T.	-

There was quite a good turnout of helpers including Len Hill,

Jeff Mills, Ken and David Barker, David Jones, John Gornall, Jon Vickers, Les Bennett, and John D. Smith. John Leece had spent the morning golfing and decided on an easy spin straight to Two Mills where he joined the clan for tea.

K.W.B.

#### PONTBLYDDYN - 10th April 1965

When the Editor arrived at Pontblyddyn it was to find Jeff Mills and Guy Pullan already installed and studying a note from an even earlier scholar, Henry Ashcroft, who had looked in during the afternoon and hurriedly dashed off to join the Mancunians at Heatley.

David Barker was followed by John Farrington and Geoff Sharp and then we had an unexpected visit from Rodney France who was even more surprised than we were. Rodney, with a friend, was returning from a holiday at Barmouth and called in for tea quite unaware that he was attending a club run!

The party was completed by the arrival of Sub-Captain David Bettaney who had doddled quietly up from Queensferry and went home equally sedately as befits a man with a "25" date early next morning.

Supporting David in the W.C.T.T.C.A. "25" next morning were John Whelan, Philip Whitehead and John Moss (for results see Racing Notes) and carrying out the Club's duty at Vicar's Cross Island were David Barker, David Birchall, John Gornall, Jon Vickers and David Jones.

#### HEATLEY - 10th April 1965

This fixture at a new venue was arranged at my suggestion and I was glad of a fine bright afternoon for the run.

Even an ominous groan from the front wheel bearing as I wheeled my bicycle to the gate did not worry me; a hurried change of wheel and I was away on the eighteen wind assisted miles trip.

At the Warburton toll-bridge I had ample time to stand and watch a Danish cargo boat pass along the canal beneath me. A newly installed board announced "Cycle Charge - 1d" but my interest was aroused by a much older board (perhaps the original one) upon which could just barely be discerned the legend "Cycles, Ordinary, Rider - 1d".

Percy Williamson, every inch a cyclist, greeted me at the

Bollin Restaurant and we were joined by Harry Duck just before the arrival of Rex and Mrs. Austin. We were glad to welcome a T.A. rider who came over to have tea with the Anfield and then came the last arrival, Henry Ashcroft, en route to a Red Cross gathering.

After a good meal and a good yarn we started to make our various ways homeward. For me it was a push into the strong wind in an effort to reach St. Helens in time for a 7.30 p.m. theatre performance but at Winwick Church I was so far behind schedule that I accepted the excuse to turn into bylanes and thoroughly enjoyed the remainder of a sunny evening.

JOHN SEED.

#### TARPORLEY - 17th April 1965

It would take a lot of delving into past 'Circulars' to discover how long it is since there was no Easter Tour to report but that is the sorry story of Easter 1965 unless we count Captain Jeff's stay at Castle View, Edgebolton, from whence he put in some useful mileage measuring the revised "100" course.

It is the more surprising also that there were only three members out at Tarporley, a great disappointment for Stan Wild who had hoped to see numerous Anfielders on one of his all too infrequent dashes North.

Unfortunately for Stan, only David Barker and John Thompson braved the unpleasant elements and while the small turnout meant plenty of elbow room at the Grotto Cafe, our Bexhill exile would have preferred a real crush with seating accommodation at a premium.

#### HATCHMERE - 24th April 1965

Back from a short Lakeland holiday with his family, Stan got his trusty steed out for another run before returning home. This time he was joined at Hatchmere by Jeff Mills, John Leece, John Farrington and Derek Byron, who reported his imminent departure to take up a new post in the West Country. On this occasion there was reason for an attendance of only five members as many others were booked to ride in or help with a W.C.T.T.C.A. '25' next morning.

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WHITEWELL - EASTER MONDAY, 19th April 1965

In last month's Circular I read with interest John Thompson's ironic crack about paraphenalia tied to saddles, and, later in the same issue, how his trike had disintegrated somewhere between Halewood and Greasby and had been abandoned. Having acquired a new one John decided to accompany us on this run until, as fate would have it, the new trike started to disintegrate like its predecessor.

It was unfortunate that John had no paraphenalia tied to his saddle and so we filed into Mr.Hallworth's establishment very late for lunch. "We've been over to World's End" was our explanation (which no-one believed). Our route, we explained, had taken us up to Caergwrle and over the south end of the Clwyds to Llangollen. From there we began a blind via Overton and Hammer and would have reached Whitewell in time but for the disintregating trike.

After five minutes of explanations, Dave Barker appeared at the door red faced and in a state of collapse. Mutterings revealed that this apparition, now sunk deep in a chair, had been through hail, snow, sleet and rain and had most certainly been to World's End. He recovered all but his sense of direction during lunch, following which he set off to ride to Rudyard Youth Hostel.

The remaining band of non-believers and sufferers now set out to fight their way homewards against the gale, a fight which turned out to be more a game of tag until at Huntington we united to play tag with a thunderstorm. The storm came off best!

In addition to Barker and Thompson, the other sufferers were John Moss and the writer. The non-believers were David Bettaney and John Whelan, with Captain Jeff remaining non-committal and sitting happily on the fence eating away his commission.

D.D.B.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Saturday, 24th April, was a great day for our rambler friends. On a windswept moor near Malham there was a ceremony to mark the completion of the 250 miles long Pennine Way, the first long distance footpath to be completed in this country. Mr.F.T.Willey, Minister of Land & Natural Resources, promised, during the ceremony,

## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

a complete review of our countryside policy including a good look at the National Parks and Access to Countryside Act, 1949. The Minister finally pledged himself to try to encourage more people to walk the Pennine Way which he described as "one of the most glorious high level routes to be found anywhere".

At the annual Easter meet of the Rough-Stuff Fellowship, it was reported that membership had grown from the handful of enthusiasts who formed it ten years ago to a total of 606 at present.

A call for lunch or tea at Bangor's Smithy on Whit Saturday will count as a club-run. This is to make provision for members unable to get to Shrewsbury for the "100", and in particular those who wish to go part way with the tourists. Members who can get to the "100" and have not yet volunteered for a job are urged to contact Frank Marriott right away.

The famous Easter Charlotteville "50" was won this year by Alan Ashworth of the Birkenhead N.E.C.C. in 2.1.36, a good two minutes faster than the second man.

Henry Ashcroft must be one of very few members (if not the only one) who can claim to have attended a Run and the Alternative on the same afternoon. This he managed on 10th April when he attended at Pontblyddyn and Heatley.

A note from John Parr concerning his change of address says "we are right on the sea-front overlooking two sandy beaches separated by a small rocky headland with caves. Beyond is Norway". John has been transferred to North Shields on completion of the Darlington Motorway and he is now engaged on the construction of a new quay for the Bergen and Oslo boats". Anfielders in the vicinity of Cullercoats during the next twelve months or so are assured of a hearty welcome.

Allan Littlemore was the only member at Church Minshull on 27th March, but he had Marian and Alan Rogerson for company.

We hear that Bill Finn is again coming over from Dublin for the Whit week-end and look forward to meeting him again at Shrewsbury.



## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

Wednesday evening meets at Two Mills continue in full swing but there is plenty of room for more. We would particularly like to see some of our veterans out at these mid week gatherings which provide such a good opportunity to keep in touch with Anfield affairs.

A member (who shall remain anonymous) timed the speakers at the Birthday Run with the following result:- Jack Walton, 8 minutes; Oscar Dover, 11 minutes; Len Hill, 13 minutes and Peter Walthall, 21 minutes. These are, of course, scratch times and our correspondent is obviously an R.R.A. type as the times are to whole minutes.

With luck, this issue should arrive just in time for another reminder of the Photograph Run at the Forest Cafe, Hatchmere, on Saturday, 29th May, when we hope for a really splendid turnout representation of all ages in the Club.

Will members with run reports or other matter for the next issue please get it to the Editor in good time as it is hoped to include the "100" report in the June issue.

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- 3 LLANARMON (Raven). HEATLEY (Bollin Cafe)
- 5 Committee Meeting. 6.30 p.m.
- 10 HATCHMERE (Forest Cafe)
- 17 GOOSTREY. Two Mills (Eureka)
- 18 CLUB "50". Course - D2.
- 24 TARPORLEY (Grotto Cafe)
- MERSEY R.C. "24". (NANT HALL)
- 31 CAERWYS (Piccadilly Inn). SOMERFORD TOUR TO  
SPEEDWELL "100".

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Closing date for next issue - MONDAY, 5TH JULY.

COMMITTEE NOTICES

Meetings of the Committee will continue to commence at 6.30 p.m. until further notice and members are reminded of the general invitation to all interested to be present. The meetings are held at the Free Church Centre, Tarleton Street, Liverpool where there is a canteen for refreshments before the meetings.

Change of Address:

D.J.Byron, 20 Oakford Villas, North Molton, Devon.

A new list of members and their addresses will be enclosed with this issue of the Circular. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list but in the event of any error please notify the Hon.Secretary immediately.

RACING NOTES

With another successful promotion of the "100" behind us, a slight lowering of Club record at 25 miles by John Whelan and two riders in the first four of a W.C.T.T.C.A. "50", the past month has been quite eventful!

A full report of the "100" and the Whit Weekend will be included in the next issue so that only the briefest results are given now.

Results since the last issue include:-

8th May, Club "25"

1.	J.Whelan	1. 2.12	Scr.	1.2.12
2.	D.Bettaney	1. 2.47	0.10	1.2.37
3.	P.Whitehead	1. 4.20	2.20	1.2. 0
4.	J.Thompson(Tri)	1. 9.35	7.15	1.2.20
5.	J.P.Jones	1.11.32	8.30	1.3. 2
6.	J.W.Moss	1.12.27	8.30	1.3.57

16th May, St.Christopher's "25"

J.Whelan 1.0.55      P.Whitehead 1.3.58

22nd May, Club "25"

1.	J.Whelan	1. 1.33	Scr.	1.1.33
2.	D.Bettaney	1. 3. 5	0.15	1.2.50
3.	P.Whitehead	1. 4.59	2.10	1.2.49
4.	J.P.Jones	1.10.32	8.45	1.1.47
	J.W.Moss	1.16.44	P.T.	-

## RACING NOTES - Contd.

30th May. W.C.T.T.C.A. "50"

D. Bettaney	2.7.51	3rd fastest & 1st handicap
J. Whelan	2.7.52	4th fastest & 2nd handicap

6th June. Stretford Whlrs. "25"

J. Whelan	59.27	3rd fastest. Club record.
P. Whitehead	1.4.2	

Anfield "100" - 7th June

1. R.Spencer, Warrington R.C.	Scr.	4.16.18
2. A.Ashworth, Birkenhead N.E.C.C.	4	4.21.40
3. E.W.Matthew, Altrincham R.C.	1	4.22.29

Handicap

R.C.Powis, Mid.Shrops. Wh. (32)	4-38-8	4.6.8
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<u>Teams</u>	(1) Birkenhead N.E.C.C.	13.24.36
	(2) Warrington R.C.	13.26.0

C L U B R U N SBangor-on-Dee - 1st May 1965

Perhaps the fact that Liverpool were busy collecting the F.A. Cup at Wembley kept the attendance down, for only Blotto, Len Hill and Jon Vickers made the journey to the Smithy; Jon was equipped with a small transistor and kept himself informed on the fortunes of the Anfield F.C.

Jeff at least had a good excuse for non-attendance as he was week-ending at Castle View, Edgebolton and busily engaged on a final check of the "100" course measurements.

Somerford - 1st May 1965

A phone call to the President ensured that at least he and the writer would be at Somerford for tea. As Percy Williamson was away I took the liberty of parking the bike on his drive, unshipped the bike and was soon away into well loved Cheshire lanes.

After 'fourses' at Wilmslow I discovered the charms of the old village of Gawsorth, then more lanes led me to Somerford to await Rex and Mrs.Austin for tea at the Sunnyside Cafe.

We were shortly joined by Allan Littlemore so that I was

assured of company for part of the way back to Manchester. Destination was attained with the help of liquid sustenance at the "Ship" at Styal where only the company of Percy and Harry Duck was lacking.

J.R.B.

#### Huntington (Club "25") - 8th May 1965

A pleasant enough day with only a mildly troublesome wind made conditions fair for the racing men and excellent for quite a good turnout of helpers.

The results will be found under Racing Notes and in addition to the riders listed there we had out:- Rex Austin, Len Hill, del Banco, Alf Howarth, David Jones, David Birchall, John Gornall, Jon Vickers, Geoff Sharp, Les Bennett, Brian Redmond, John Leece, Ken Barker and Jeff Mills. The Captain was out again bright and early next morning to time a N.W.T.A. "50" organised by Allan Littlemore and these two worthies were the only attenders at the lunch fixture arranged at Church Minshull.

#### Llanarmon - 15th May 1965

John Gornall, Brian Redmond and John Farrington met at the Mills to share a pleasant afternoon's ride in fine weather.

The route to Mold was rather uninteresting as it was main road work all the way and a halt on Ewloe hill to await the Red Rose Cycle race was fruitless.

We gave the "Rainbow" climb the miss by turning into lanes for Pant-glas and the bridged ford near Maes-y-Groes and so back on to the main road which made for faster if not more pleasant progress towards the Raven.

At the venue were Les and Mrs. Bennett, David Birchall, John Whelan and Philip Whitehead. Ken Barker dropped in for a quick chat and then the party was completed by the arrival of David Jones and Jon Vickers.

The homeward run was made pleasant by the company, the evening sunshine and, above all, by the tailwind.

E.J.F.

#### Goostrey - 15th May 1965

Although no written report has been received, news has filtered through the grape vine that Percy Williamson, Rigby Band,



Harry Duck, Alf Howarth, Stan Bradley and son attended this alternative at the old Bates' establishment.

### Huntington - 22nd May (Club "25")

Once again we were blessed with a fine day without too much wind and again there was a fair turnout of 21 members and two prospective Cadets.

Frank Marriott brought his family out and timed the Junior "10"; we had Derek Byron at Two Mills for tea and to say au revoir before departing for his new home and job near Barnstaple, John Seed joined us at "Eureka" after the event and then in no particular order there were out on the course (in addition to riders listed under Racing Notes):- Frank Perkins, Len Hill, Ken Barker, John Farrington, Geoff Sharp, John Gornall, Les Bennett, John Thompson, Allan Littlemore and Jeff Mills.

### Hatchmere - 29th May - Photograph Run

Plans for a quiet cuppa at Two Mills before diving into lanes were upset by the appearance at the gateway to the "Eureka" of John Gornall, Phil Whitehead and David Jones who peremptorily instructed the Editor to "tuck in behind" and set off up the Chester highroad at a merry gallop.

On hearing that the three youngsters were intending to buy some bicycle bits from Percy Carter in Chester the scribe had just about enough breath left to announce his intention of turning left at Mollington and making his own way by narrower paths and at a more sedate pace. And so it was that the bottom road was crossed near Backford and after the Zoo had been skirted, more lanes led towards the old Warrington Road at Bridge Trafford.

Near here a chance meeting with Eric Reeves, who was making his way home for tea, provided an excuse for a brief halt and the news that Frank Perkins was ahead on his way to the Forest Cafe.

There was ample time for a quiet stroll up Manley Bank and soon came the switchback road through the Forest with many motor-ing parties parked on the wide verges, stoves roaring preparatory to the afternoon brew-up.

Our customary Photo Run luck held out and we were treated to a pleasant afternoon with a welcome burst of brilliant sunshine

for the period when we spruced ourselves up and smiled obediently at the Presidential camera or roared appreciation of Rex's bursts of speed as he covered the few yards between camera and the place of honour (CENTRE - FRONT ROW - SITTING) reserved for the Presidential backside.

Flanking Rex on the garden seats so thoughtfully left around by the management were Vice-Presidents Len Hill and Ken Barker, Life Members Eddie Morris (same age as the Anfield), John Leece (nearly) and Frank Marriott. David Jones and a prospective Cadet John Welsby parked themselves on the grass in front of the veterans, then ranged behind and tapering off from the 6'4" John Farrington, were Alf Howarth, John Gornall, Frank Perkins, Phil Whitehead, John France, Allan Littlemore and Les Bennett.

A turnout of seventeen was disappointing and the resulting photograph, though excellent pictorially, can hardly be regarded as representative of the Club today. Another year we must pay more regard to racing commitments and the proximity of examinations when fixing the date.

The ride home was uneventful but a real delight for the writer who had as companions Jeff Mills and John France.

Our route took us to Ashton and across the lowlands to the lane for Picton, Stoak and Whitby. Here Jeff left us to hurry home and get a few hours shuteye before a timing assignment at the crack of dawn while the remaining two made their leisurely way to Little Sutton, Hooton, Thornton Hough and the parting of the ways at Brimstage.

K.W.B.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

A letter from Hubert Buckley in his capacity as Secretary of the Northern Road Records Association notifies us of a Dinner at the New Piccadilly Hotel, Manchester, on Saturday, 16th October in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the formation of the N.R.R.A. Among the guest speakers will be Eileen Sheridan. Tickets, price 35/- each, will shortly be available from Hubert who hopes that a number of Anfielders will be present to represent one of the few remaining founder-Clubs.

In view of the above Dinner, our own A.G.M. will not be on

## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

16th October and the date and venue will be announced as soon as possible.

Two of our veterans have been sporting themselves in the Lake District. Frank Perkins had a few days up there just before the "100" in celebration of his recent retirement. Arthur Birkby also celebrated his impending retirement with a holiday at Elterwater. A card said "snow, sun and everything in between" and tells us how he is looking forward to retirement in October and his removal to a cottage near Dolwyddelan.

John Seed went much further north on his May tour, a glorious 18 days' jaunt in Scotland. Like Frank and Arthur, John made for the Lakes but continued to the Solway Firth, Ayrshire Coast, Gourock and the ferry to Dunoon. He then made across country to Otter Ferry and Loch Fyne and on to Loch Awe and Glencoe. During a meeting with a team of Ordnance Survey map makers he discovered that one of the group was Jock Shaw, well known Scottish cyclist and Secretary of the Scottish B.A.R. competition. John turned south and returned via Killen, Aberfeldy and the Walter Scott country before looking up Ed Green at Anvil Cottage, Sawrey, only to find him away on a short holiday.

The news of the death, on 23rd May, of Dick Corris came as a great shock. He was 56 years of age and was riding in a Merseyside V.T.T.A. "50", which he had organised, when he collapsed and died on the coast road near Flint. A former member of the Liverpool Century R.C. and Mersey Roads Club, Dick was a founder member of the Merseyside branch of the V.T.T.A. and one of their keenest riders.

Members wishing to make holiday plans may care to have advance notice of fixtures for August which are as follows:-

31 July/2nd Aug.	Tour to Speedwell "100".
August 7	Goostrey, Two Mills.
8	W.C.T.T.C.A./L.T.T.C.A. "12".
14	Llanarmon - Heatley - N.R.C.C. "24"
21	Huntington. Club "30".
28	Hatchmere. Tour to B.R.C. "100".

## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

The run to Two Mills on August 7th has been arranged on the assumption that we will have members riding and helping in the "12" next day. A similar arrangement is made on 17th July when there is a Club "50" next morning.

John France is leading another touring party of boys from Pensby (including, as usual, some of our Cadets) to Scotland during the school holidays.

The Mersey Roads Club "24", the only northern promotion at the distance, will be run on the 24th/25th July 1965 and this year will incorporate the National Championship.

As usual we will be assisting with this event and appeal to members to assist wherever possible.

In addition to numerous points covered by individual members the Club job, as usual, will be at Nant Hall, near Prestatyn, and Len Hill will be glad to hear from those willing to help.

Dick Poole, Middlesex Road Club's crack long distance rider, has broken Reg Randall's Lands End to John O'Groats record with the first ever ride inside two days and went on to complete another 130 miles to knock over two hours off the 1000 miles record.

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COMMITTEE NOTICES

Change of Address: David Brown, 28 Brean Road, Hillcroft Park,  
Stafford.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Forest Cafe,  
Hatchmere, after tea on Saturday, 30th October 1965.

Subject to confirmation, the Autumn Tints Tour will be held on  
9/10 October at the Sun Hotel, Llansantffraid.

RACING NOTES

Recent results include:-

13 June: East Liverpool Wheelers' '50'.	David Bettaney 2.12.42
Southport R.C. '25'.	John Whelan 1.1.18
	Philip Whitehead 1.3.52
Molyneux R.C. '25'	John Thompson (Trike)
	1.7.46 (Club record)
27 June: Phoenix (Aintree) C.C. '25'	David Bettaney 1.0.56
	John Whelan 1.1.18
4 July: St.Christophers C.C.C. '50'	J.Whelan 2.4.40 - 8th
	fastest & 3rd Handicap
11 July: East Liverpool Wheelers' '50'	D.Bettaney 2.12.42
Salford Phoenix '25'	J.Whelan 59.59 (2nd fastest)
	D.Bettaney (punctured on line) 1.13.20 including
	12 minutes late start penalty.

WHIT WEEK-END AND THE HUNDRED

Whitsuntide has been the highlight of the Anfield year for most of the period since our foundation in 1879 and the 1965 week-end most certainly started with a bang.

On the Saturday which ushered in our annual trip to Salopia the Kirkby C.C. promoted the Merseyside Schoolboys' Championship at Wavertree Playground and the Anfield B.C. supplied a great winner in Philip Whitehead.

Philip romped home first in Heat 1 and later, in the Final, he shewed the field a clean pair of heals, winning the event and going through to the National Final at the Crystal Palace on 25th July.

For his labours Philip collected a Champions Jersey, B.C.F. Silver Gilt Medal, a Sash and Badge and £5 towards his expenses to the National Final.

Next morning in the Stretford Wheelers '25' Philip clocked 1.4.2 while John Whelan knocked a few seconds off his own Club

record time to collect 3rd fastest prize in 59 mins. 27 seconds.

With three excellent rides to set the tone of the week-end we can look around and see what was happening elsewhere. One of the first away would be Bill Finn who left Dublin on the Thursday night boat and spent Friday exploring some of our lovely Cheshire lanes before resting his head at Whitewell with Percy Williamson.

Next day these two veterans rode to Bangor to join the Editor, Len Hill, Reg and Olive Wilson and Frank Perkins over lunch at the Smithy. In the afternoon (the fixture list said Bangor - Lunch or Tea) Les. Bennett with three prospective Cadets, Robert Careless, Donald Huntriss and John Welsby (all from Pensby) journeyed by way of Queensferry, Sandycroft, Wodleston and Holt to Bangor and were about to leave after tea when Henry Ashcroft arrived. Apart from a shower during tea the weather was excellent and the boys thoroughly enjoyed their longest ride so far.

By this time all roads were leading to Shrewsbury, headquarters for the week-end and for the "100" on Whit Monday and many members and friends were in residence at the Lion or various other resting places in that fine old town.

#### Whit Sunday - Chirbury

It is customary to arrange a fixture for the Sunday and this year we paid a return visit to the Herbert Arms, Chirbury, where eighteen members and friends gathered for lunch.

President Rex Austin had Edna in close support and our visitors, Jack Beauchamp (President of the Bath Road Club) with Mrs. B. and two friends, Bath Roaders Jack Westaway and Len Baker and Cheshire Roder Frank Mundell a great rider in his day and winner of the handicap in the B.R. "100" of 1920, the last time before it became a scratch event.

In addition to Rex, Anfielders present were Stan Wild, Len Hill, Jeff Mills, Bill Finn, Frank Perkins, Reg & Olive Wilson, Mark Haslam and Percy Williamson.

Earlier that morning the Tricycle Association "100" had been run off. Our own Allan Littlemore was the organiser and John Pardoe returned fastest time of 4.44.56. Howard Bayley (Solihull) was second in 4.45.12 and T.K. Kelly (Yorks. Century R.C.) third. John Parr (ours) decided to save himself for our event and was marked D.N.S.

#### Whit Monday and the Anfield "100"

Just about 8-0 a.m. a lone figure was observed sitting on a roadside heap of chippings near Hodnet. It was Jack Duckers, North Shropshire Wheelers veteran, bright and early at his post at the 89

miles point on our amended "100" course. To most people 8.0 a.m. is bright and early on a Bank Holiday but Jack had already done an earlier stint necessitating cycling from his Whitchurch home to Hodnet for 6.0 a.m.

Why pick on Jack Duckers to ring up the curtain on our report of the 1965 Anfield "100"? Arthur Smith of the North Road C.C., Frank Mundell of the "Chesh", Joe Davies or Johnny Williams of the Mersey Roads Club and a host of others would have served just as well. But that lone (though not lonely) figure sitting happily near a bicycle watching his beloved Shropshire landscape slowly emerge from the early morning mist struck us as absolutely typical of the service rendered so cheerfully to promoters and riders in thousands of time trials held in these islands each year.

When this report is ended and whenever conversation turns again to the event it covers, the name that will spring to mind will be that of Ron Spencer, Warrington Road Club's worthy winner whose great ride confirmed his reputation as a giant among hundred milers. This is natural and right, but we do well from time to time to call to mind the Jack Duckers of our great game also, some with brilliant racing careers behind them, some with great things still to come and many more just long-markers, club lads (and lassies) or potterers with this in common, that they are prepared in sunshine or shower, often at most unearthly hours to put something into the game and make possible the continuation of time trialling as we know it.

To underline all that has been said above we now go back in time (to 4.0 a.m.) to the Lion in Shrewsbury to find Timekeeper Stan Wild, Captain Mills, Rex Austin and others of "Ours" together with Jack Beauchamp, Jack Westaway, Len Baker and others of kindred clubs preparing to get out for the 5.0 a.m. start or the early checking jobs. It was calm and dull with increasing mist which made the conditions colder than any we remember for many years. Between them, Mark Haslam and Allan Littlemore pushed off 71 starters and first to go on the long trek was our own David Bettaney who kept his nose in front of all except No.10 to finish with a splendid 4.43.1 and receive a well deserved ovation from the large gallery at the finish.

From the outset, Spencer was in command of the situation and successive checks showed him in the lead or poised for the kill. All hoped that he would avoid the cruel luck which cost him the 1964 race (and a hat-trick of wins) by a mere eight seconds.

First man home was No.10, J.Metcalf of the Spen Valley Wheelers at 9.35.32, nearly five minutes earlier than usual with a fine 4.25.32. Four minutes later Geoff Hughes (B.N.E.C.C.) flashed

past the timekeeper to record 4.26.7 including a 30 seconds late starting penalty.

Another three minutes went by and then Alan Ashworth (also B.N.E.) came in with a splendid 4.21.40, as it later transpired the second best time of the day and a good start for the winning team.

We now awaited Eric Matthews, Altrincham R.C.'s crack distance rider and a real threat to Spencer and the other fancied men but when he arrived he had taken 4.22.29 and lay second at the time to Ashworth. It was less than four minutes later that Ron Spencer stormed up to the finish 4 hours, 16 minutes and 18 seconds after being pushed off towards Cressage and it was as good as all over. None of those still to come could match this superb ride and thus Spencer notched up another Anfield win and led the Warrington Road Club team to a good second place in that section.

John Parr on two wheels instead of his more usual three, beat "evens" with 4.57.19 and at 11.16.52 No.74 came in to clock 5.2.52 and complete the finishing list.

Attached is a full results sheet and it now remains for us to acknowledge the generous and willing help received in the promotion of this, the sixty-sixth Anfield "100". Anfielders we expect to turn-out and lend a hand and a list of those who did will be found later. None, we think, will grudge a special word for Jeff Mills who carried the main brunt of the organisation, did much dreary clerical work before and after the race and backed up the President in riding over and checking the course and its measurements.

To friends outside the Club we offer our grateful thanks, apologising in advance for any omissions and listing those known to us as:- Frank Slemen who handicapped the riders, Jim Macken of Wellington, Members of the Wrekin Sport C.C., North Shropshire Wheelers (including Jack Duckers), Mid Shropshire Wheelers, Frank Mundell (Cheshire R.C.) Arthur Smith (N.R.C.C.), Jack Beauchamp (50 times) Westaway and Baker of the Bath Road Club, Johnny Williams, Joe Davies and others of the Mersey Roads Club, Peter and Tommy Barlow and, last but by no means least, Mr. Mitchell of Shrewsbury who again fixed up the telephone from timekeeper's car to results board.

Anfielders out included:- Rex Austin, Len Hill, Ken Barker, Jeff Mills, Frank Perkins, Percy Williamson, Stan Wild, Mark Haslam, Bill Finn, Dave Brown, Reg. Wilson, David Bettaney, John Parr, David Birchall, John Whelan, Phil Whitehead, David Jones, Peter Jones, John Gornall, John Farrington, John Thompson, Jon Vickers, Henry Ashcroft, Allan Littlemore, Jack Pitchford, Ira Thomas, Les Bennett, Guy Pullan, Harry Beech, Hubert Buckley, Russ Barker and Alf Howarth.



The gallery seemed bigger than ever this year and certainly the number of cars at the finish suggested that we must regard this as a major problem for solution before Whit 1966.

Among those who came to see us during the week-end, in addition to those already mentioned were:- Tommy Nolan and Arthur Wood (Cheshire R.C.), Jim Forbes and Charlie Haines (Withington Whlrs.), Lewis Morris (T.A.), Eric Robinson (Palatine C.C.), Ed Green (T.A. President) and Reuben Firth, winner of the event in 1937, 38 and 1947.

#### BANGOR-ON-DEE - 12th June 1965

On a pleasant sunny afternoon the Editor, after a brief halt at the Mills, teamed up with David Jones for a leisurely ride to the Smithy.

On the approach to Chester we swung into Abbot's Park, crossed the Birkenhead road and followed the back ways to Boughton and the Whitchurch road.

Traffic was very heavy and we were glad to turn at the Black Dog for the peace of Saighton, Bruera and Aldford before halting for an amicable discussion on the merits of alternative routes from Churton.

We settled on Holt and the narrow back lane which gave us five lovely miles without meeting a vehicle of any sort then, near Bowling Bank, Geoff Sharp and John Farrington joined us for the remaining mile or two to tea.

A sharp shower brought Allan Littlemore scuttling in, then the small party was completed with the arrival of Len Hill, petrol assisted and bringing Flo and Vivienne out for an airing.

Marian had given Allan a late pass and he set off for Bala Hostel for the night; Len and the ladies remained to finish a leisurely meal while the four cyclists set off in good heart, quite unaware that a couple of miles up the road they were to run into one of the heaviest storms encountered for a long time.

We were through Chester before it was possible to think of coming from under capes and even then the respite was short and we dived into and out of our oilskins at intervals of two to three miles until four bedraggled but singularly cheerful cyclists parted company near Brimstage.

Six is not a particularly good turnout for a Bangor run in June but in addition to a number of the younger members being heavily engaged with exams we had riders in a "50" and a "25" next morning and the Captain was also on duty early next day timing the



Prescot R.C. "25". Les Bennett, having successfully misread the fixture list pedalled up to Caerwys and had tea with the landlord a week before the official run was due in those parts.

K.W.B.

### CAERWYS - 19th June 1965

With Lillian for company and petrol assisted this time, I set off for the Piccadilly Inn at Caerwys for the second successive Saturday.

We were nearly at the end of our meal when David Bettaney arrived, having come via Prestatyn, Rhuddlan and St. Asaph and he completed the party.

It is a pity that this venue is not better supported as mine host, Mr. Candlish, had prepared a menu to satisfy the appetite of the most ravenous cyclist at prices to suit the pocket of the Club's most junior Cadet.

J.L.B.

### CHURCH MINSHULL - 26th June 1965

For me the day started at 6.30 at Laxey Y.H., Isle of Man. The previous day had seen the end of the racing and I had enjoyed a pleasant trip from Port Erin to Laxey via the Calf of Man. By 7.15 on the Saturday I was away on the gruelling 7 mile trip to Douglas to catch the 8 o'clock boat. I needn't have bothered because they didn't cut the painter, or whatever they do, for over an hour. In addition to my own and several thousand others, I espied the Captain's machine (I mean of the Anfield not of the Manx Maid) but no sign of the man himself. He says he was on the top deck all the time, but I wonder....

We docked at the pool an hour late, but still in time for me to get home for lunch and out again on the club run. The gale which had been carving up the Irish Sea was still pretty potent in Cheshire and blew me to the venue first; second was Alf Haworth and third Allan Littlemore with the rest nowhere, at least not at Church Minshull. We discussed 20" wheels (Alf's present crush) and trikes and their manipulators (his pet hate). The other two were still amicably(!) chatting about the latter when I took my leave to get back in time for the Western on the box and with that wind it was real, good training.

D.W.B.

### WHITEWELL - 27th June 1965

Rex Austin, David Bettaney, John Whelan, David Jones, Phil Whitehead, John Gornall, John Thompson and Jeff Mills made their

several ways to Holly Cottage, Jeff just home from the Isle of Man had spent the night at Whitewell after crossing from Douglas on the morning boat.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

The Committee recently recorded their congratulations to:- David Bennett on gaining a very good Honours degree in Zoology. He is to remain at Aberystwyth for research and a higher degree; to:- Colin Gordon on the award of an Exhibition as a result of his first two years' work at Corpus Christi College, Oxford; to:- Philip Whitehead on winning the Merseyside B.C.F. Schoolboy's Championship, with best wishes for a successful visit to the Crystal Palace for the National Final; to:- John Whelan and John Thompson for excellent rides resulting in new Club 25 miles records on bicycle and tricycle respectively.

Congratulations also to Bob Austin and his wife on the safe arrival of a "prospective" and of course to Rex and Edna on this confirmation of their joint appointment as grandparents.

After the Hundred, Stan Wild rode to Rhayader for the night, then he followed the Wye to Hay and traversed the Golden Valley. From Pontrilas he found a quiet but toughish route to Mowmouth and so for a night near Tintern before crossing the Beachley-Aust ferry and so to Chipping Sodbury the lovely village of Castle Combe and so to Chippenham and a train back to Bexhill.

At the time of writing Stan and the President with a bunch of C.T.C. tourists are somewhere in the Dolomites.

The Ladies' Night has been arranged for 13th November at Halewood and we hope the date will be booked right away.

Blotto and Syd Jonas lost their N.R.R.A. 12 hours trike record (which has stood at 229½ miles for 33 years) on Sunday, 11th July when Pardoe and Shuttleworth added 17 miles to take the N.R.R.A. record but miss the R.R.A. by eleven miles. Sid del Banco was on the course and the first to congratulate the new holders as they finished.

The sympathy of all members will be with the President whose brother died suddenly in June. Because of this bereavement Rex was unable to go to the Isle of Man for cycling week. Jeff Mills, Frank Perkins, David Barker and Harry Beech were the Anfielders present.

The Editor and David hope to stay at Shrewsbury Hostel on Saturday, 21st August. Any others interested should book direct with the Warden.

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## FIXTURES

September 1965

- 4 HUNTINGTON. Club "25" & "10".  
6 Committee Meeting, Free Church Centre, L'pool.  
11 TARPORLEY (Grotto Café)  
ALL-NIGHT RIDE (See John Thompson)  
18 PONTBLYDDYN - SOMERFORD.  
25 TWO MILLS - GOOSTREY.  
26 W.C.T.T.C.A. "25".  
WHITEWELL (Lunch - Bookings to David Bettaney)

Wednesday Evenings - Eureka Café, Two Mills.

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Closing date for next issue - MONDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER 1965

COMMITTEE NOTICESChanges of Address:

J. Rigby Band, "Hope Mansel", Netherend, Lydney, Glos.  
 Keith Selkirk, "Ambleside", 47 Parklands, Goytre, Pontypool,  
 Monmouthshire.

As noted last month the Ladies' Night has been arranged for 13th November at Halewood and we are to have another visit from Cliff Baxter who so delighted us with his cine show of Continental touring a few years ago. Tickets will shortly be available and in the meantime please book the date.

RACING NOTES

The big event of the month was the Mersey Roads Club "24" with which was incorporated the National Championship. Our Mersey Roads friends put on another faultless promotion and a star-studded field responded with a real dog fight from which Nim Carline emerged triumphant with a superb ride of 485.9, second was Cliff Smith, East Midlands C.C. with 480.9, then came gallant Middlesex Road Club rider Dick Poole 480.6 miles (so soon after his record breaking dash from Land's End to John O'Groats). Fourth was Eric Matthews (who topped 490 miles in this event last year) with 476.6 miles.

Arch Harding and Fred Burrell gave excellent support to Poole and gave the Middlesex Road Club the team prizes.

Don Spraggett (B.N.E. C.C.) amassed 441.6 miles and the ever-green Stan Lea, Warrington R.C. covered 442.9 miles.

In addition to some excellent rides by our local fast pack, John Parr has been busy in the North-East, and some of his results are as follows:-

- 25 April - Otley Mountain Trial "40" 2.31.35. Special award for first trike ever to complete course.
- 9 May - Tyneside Clarion "25" 1.17.10 in a gale.
- 16 May - Northumbrian "50" 2.38.10.
- 23 May - Border City Whlrs. "50" 2.32.54.
- 13 June - Northumbrian R.C. "100" 5.21.34.
- 20 June - Northumberland C.A. "50" 2.42.37.
- 27 June - Tyne R.C. "100" 5.26.22.
- 11 July - T.A., N.E. Region "50" 2.35.16.

Local rides since our last issue include:-

- 25th July - Schoolboys' National Championships at Crystal Palace.  
 Phil Whitehead 7th  
 B'head Victoria C.C."25" J.Whelan 59.4.  
 D.Bettaney 1.0.15.
- 1st Aug. - Port Sunlight Wheelers "25"  
 J.J.Whelan 59.18. D.Bettaney 1.0.35. D.W.Barker 1.1.5.
- 8th Aug. - W.C.T.T.C.A. "12"  
 D.Bettaney 236.834 miles  
 Bury Clarion "25"  
 D.W.Barker 1.1.31.

The highlight of the above results is, of course, David Bettaney's great ride of 236.834 miles in the West Cheshire 12 hours event.

### C L U B     R U N S

#### Llanarmon - 3rd July 1965

It was a bright warm afternoon but only eight members and three prospective Cadets scaled the heights to reach the Raven for the usual warm welcome associated with this hostelry in the mountains.

In addition, three of our fast pack hoped to ride in the Liverpool St.Christopher's C.C. "50" next morning while John Thompson was piloting his barrow round the Molyneux R.C. "25" course.

John Whelan and David Bettaney were on the card for the "50" but David Barker was the victim of a mix-up due to a change of address by the St.Chris. Racing Secretary and his entry form went astray.

It was unfortunate that the three "prospectives" chose Llanarmon for one of their first outings for they have not been out again and we must presume that the Anfield alps were not to their liking.

Jeff Mills and David Jones took charge of these youngsters at Two Mills and took them to the Raven via Pontblyddyn and Treuddyn; the return journey was made through Erryrys.

Others out were Allan Littlemore, the Editor - David, Jon Vickers, Geoff Sharp and John Farrington.



Hatchmere - 10th July 1965

Once again racing activity interfered with attendance at this run. John Whelan and David Bettaney journeyed in the Manchester direction to ride in the Salford Phoenix "25" while Philip Whitehead and John Gornall were at Tarporley early next day to help with the Club job in the W.C.T.T.C.A. "100".

Although moderately heavy rain fell throughout the afternoon it was far from unpleasant for riding and the rain gave a new freshness to the foliage particularly on the switchback road through the forest.

David Jones, Jon Vickers, Len Hill, Blotto, Alf Howarth, Allan Littlemore, Jeff Mills and Ken Barker made up the company at the Forest Cafe.

Two Mills - 17th July 1965

With a Club "50" starting at 6.15 a.m. next morning, an easy run had been decreed for this sunny Saturday. There is, however, nothing in the rules about going direct, so with the words of the late Bert Green in mind ("There are fifty-two ways of going to Highwayside") the Editor decided to make a day of it.

The obvious start was elevenes (at ten a.m.) at Eureka just to make sure the place was still there, then along the highroad to Chester for a bit of shopping, out on the Whitchurch road to the Black Dog and into quieter ways for Saughton and Aldford.

The plan was to lunch at Bangor and the usual route was varied by a left turn at Churton for Coddington and Kings Marsh before rejoining the Shocklach road, and so to Worthenbury and the Smithy.

An excellent meal was made more enjoyable by the company of three Manchester Clarion riders making for Cynwyd and also of Doug Hall, Liverpool Century R.C. veteran who had a bed booked at Shrewsbury hostel and planned to do the Long Mynd and Stiperstones crossings next day. Together we made for Overton where the writer turned to make a long promised return visit to Erbistock before diving into lanes which eventually led to Holly Bush and the realisation that it was high time to be making for Chester and the Mills.

John Leece and Eric Reeves were busy at table and we were shortly joined by David Barker (straight out from work) and Dave Bettaney. Another David (Birchall) had left earlier with Jeff. John Seed came in to complete the party and make us envious as he

wondered (aloud) where to go for a long week-end and rubbed it in by recounting his adventures on a recent four days trip to Lakeland.

Next morning at six a.m. Blotto wandered, watch in hand, round Powy Lane (with Ken Barker as assistant and Jeff Mills as supervisor) ready to send off three of the four entrants to the first Sunday "50" promoted by the Club.

With a miscellaneous bag of Birkenhead Vics and other riders out of the way, Syd despatched John Thompson (trike), David Barker and John Whelan to Grindley Brook where they were turned by Alf Howarth.

For the next couple of hours we were dizzy watching scarlet clad B'head North Enders going east in a "25", Mersey Roaders and East Liverpool Wheelers going West in an Inter-Club "100" and some thirty-five vets including the evergreen Larry Ross going South in a "50" which was to take them eventually to the turn at Nant Hall.

With a silent prayer that the capable Johnny Williams and his assistants at the Top Road Island would sort them all out and get each man back to his appointed timekeeper we slid along to Mollington.

John Whelan came home first in 2.7.20 followed four minutes later by David Barker with 2.12.16 (a good effort for his first event of the season after sitting Finals), then John Thompson crossed the line to clock 2.23.9 only 9 seconds outside his own Club record for a trike "50".

Out on the course in addition to those already mentioned were David Birchall, John Gornall and John Moss.

#### Goostrey - 17th July 1965

The only attenders at this alternative fixture were Percy Williamson and Alf Howarth who apparently have nothing startling to report. Alf was out again next morning to turn our riders in the Club "50".

#### Tarporley & the Mersey Roads Club "24" - 24th/25th July 1965

Under Racing Notes will be found a very brief note on the Mersey Roads (National Championship) "24" held this week-end.

Numerous Anfielders were out giving a hand on the course, the list included Ira Thomas (Battlefield Corner), Rex and Jeff (time-keeping on the Circuit), Allan Littlemore and a large contingent doing the official Club job of checking and providing drinks at Nant Hall. Jeff took the check at this Welsh outpost, others

present and under command of Len Hill were:- Syd del Banco, Frank Perkins, Peter Budd, David Birchall, John Moss, John Farrington, Geoff Sharp, Les and David Bennett. Also out on the course were Keith Orum, Don Birchall, Guy Pullan, David Jones, Frank Marriott, David Barker, Sid Carver, Bob Poole and Don Stewart.

John Whelan and David Bettaney rode in the Birkenhead Victoria C.C. "25" next morning when David Barker was marked D.N.S. owing to a chill. Phil Whitehead was keeping the Anfield flag flying at the Crystal Palace where he finished seventh in the National Schoolboys' Championship.

### Caerwys & Tour to Speedwell "100" - 31st July & 1st August 1965

So far no report has come to hand regarding the run to the Piccadilly Inn, Caerwys. Rex and Jeff duly arrived at Warwick for the Speedwell "100". They were joined by Fred Haynes and by all accounts had a most pleasant week-end, although there was less social activity this year with the event on a Sunday and not as hitherto, on the August Bank Holiday.

There was a full card for the race which was timed by Rex who stayed over and returned home on the Monday. After the event, Jeff rode to Stafford before investing on Home Rails.

On the Sunday also we had three riders giving good accounts of themselves in the Port Sunlight Wheelers "25", (results will be found under Racing Notes).

### NEWS IN BRIEF

A card from the President posted on 12th July says "Our Dolomites tour with Stan as leader and myself as "lanterne rouge" is proving very enjoyable; generally fine weather and a good party. We have already tackled Rollé, Pordoi, Falzarego, Gardena and Mendola passes with four more similar (or worse) to come. We are very happy and eating well. Regards to all, Rex".

Stan's comment is "Rex is plugging up the passes in great style and is the admiration of the party. Cheerio, Stan".

## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

Keith Selkirk notifies his change of address to a lovely spot in the centre of a triangle formed by Abergavenny, Pontypool and Usk town. We congratulate Keith on landing in such a lovely touring area and also on his new appointment as Head of the Mathematics Department at Croesceiliog Grammar School, Cwmbran New Town.

Another change of address to be found under Committee Notices is that of Rigby Band. Anyone who moves from Ramsbottom to Netherend must take notice that we may refuse to publish his next address.

Rigby is getting settled in near Lydney and both he and Keith Selkirk hope that any Anfielders touring in their area will look them up.

Allan Littlemore and the President rode in the 1965 C.T.C. Veterans' "100", but so far we have had no report from them on this triennial tourist ride for those in the 40+ age group.

David Barker came down from Oxford with a good Honours degree in Classics and hopes to spend the next couple of years at Manchester reading Social Administration.

At the time of writing, John Whelan and David Birchall should be nearing the end of an Irish tour.

When he arrived home at 6.0 a.m. after the Nant Hall job in the Mersey Roads "24" Len Hill found his garage broken open and his famous bicycle (with square back wheel) stolen. Len is now superbly mounted on Geoff Sharp's No.2 iron and even started a scrap with Barker Junior one recent Wednesday evening.

Len is looking for £800 to restore the ancient stone wind mill near the Glegg, a fine example of early 17th century work. The Wirral Society are also trying to ensure the repair and maintenance of the 17th century old Red Lion at Willaston, the old Peg Mill at Burton and also Stanhope House (Bromborough) the only seventeenth century house of its type in Wirral.

## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

John Parr writes to say that although racing courses are tough in Northumberland he can thoroughly recommend for touring the area which has an excellent coast line, the Roman Wall, Kielder Forest and the Cheviots. He and Beryl go to Norway in August.

Just as we go to press comes the news that Eddie Morris has been admitted to Wallasey Victoria Central Hospital. We have no further details at the moment but we know that his very many friends in the Club will join in sending him greetings and very best wishes for a quick recovery.

Our Hull exile, Sid Carver, who made a hurried dash over to Merseyside for the "24" still gets out on a bicycle one evening a week and most Sundays until mid afternoon. In a letter to Len Hill, Sid says he fits in this riding with large doses of work, dashes to London and some play-writing.

It was with the greatest regret that we heard of the death on 21st July of Teddy Webb at the age of 81 years. He joined the Club in 1910 and was elected to Life Membership a few years ago but it is many years since he was out with us and only one or two of our older members would know him. The President represented the Club at the funeral.

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## FIXTURES

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- 2 LLANARMON (Raven). HEATLEY (Bollin Café).  
4 Committee Meeting. Free Church Centre, L'pool.  
9/10 AUTUMN TINTS TOUR. LLANSANTFFRAID (Sun)  
9 HATCHMERE (Forest Café)  
16 TARPORLEY (Grotto Café). N.R.R.A. DINNER  
23 BANGOR (Smithy). CHURCH MINSHULL.  
30 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FOREST CAFÉ, HATCHMERE.  
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Closing date for next issue - MONDAY, 4th OCTOBER 1965

COMMITTEE NOTICES

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Forest Cafe, Hatchmere on Saturday, 30th October. Please book the date now and assist by arriving early and ordering your requirements not later than 5.0 p.m.

Members will, of course, be admitted later than this for the meeting but refreshments cannot be served after about 5.0 p.m. if the room is to be cleared and made ready for an early start to the A.G.M.

The Autumn Tints Tour will be on the 9th/10th October, with headquarters at the Sun Hotel, Llansantffraid. Names as soon as possible to the Captain please.

Change of address: G.A.Taylor, 36 Roe Cross Green, Mottram, Near Hyde, Cheshire.

RACING NOTES

What may be lacking in quantity is certainly made up in quality of the racing activity during the past month with club records topping in both bicycle and tricycle categories.

Results since the last issue include:-

- 25 July - Bolton Clarion "25"  
John Thompson (Trike) 1.7.4. Club record.
- 1 August - Stretford Whlrs. "25"  
J.Thompson (Tri.) 1.9.11
- 15 August - Merseyside Wheelers "50"  
J.Whelan 2.2.29. Club record and Gold Standard.  
D.W.Barker 2.6.50. P.B.  
J.Thompson 2.20.27 (Trike) Club record.
- B.N.E. C.C. "25"  
P.Whitehead (P.T.) 1.4.3.
- 21 August - Club "30". D.Bettaney 1.15.49
- 22 August - B.N.E. C.C. "25". J.Moss (P.T.) 1.11.25

C.T.C. TRIENNIAL VETERANS' 100 Miles Ride - 20th June 1965

I had decided to have a go in the Midlands Vets' 100, so Saturday afternoon saw me dashing to Crewe station where I caught a train to Birmingham. Here I made my way to the residence of that great cycling enthusiast, Stan Bray, where I was made very welcome. Also staying overnight were Fred and Marjorie Baker, well known cycling veterans from Bristol, who were also taking part in this ride on the morrow.

Sunday dawned glorious and sunny and Mrs. Bray rode with us to the start at Solihill (Stan was riding in a "fifty"). It was a wonderful experience to be started by Syd Capener of the Speedwell B.C. Our little group kept together under an expert leader and to name the villages and hamlets we went through during the ride would be a sheer impossibility.

We had "elevenses" at Bishops Tachbrook, lunch at Fenny Compton, tea at Great Alne, and in between we were in lanes all day.

Everyone arrived back at Catherine de Barnes before the expiration of the 12 hours time limit, to partake of refreshments, and enjoy the sort of chatter which only cyclists understand.

Certificates were presented to all finishers by dear old Syd Capener who asked me if I had enjoyed the Midlands beer and had I been sunbathing! We all wished him well and hoped he would have many years of good health in the years beyond 90!

This was a great experience and very cheering to see so many older riders enjoying our great game and helping to prove that cycling is far from finished.

How did I get home? A train took me from Brum to Crewe and then a seventeen miles dash in the darkness made my total well over the century - quite a lot for me these days.

A.L.L.

THE GOLDEN VALLEY

Over the years many of the roads and tracks through the Black Mountains have carried my wheels but somehow the Golden Valley had escaped attention notwithstanding its most attractive name.

On a lovely morning in late August I woke early after an enjoyable night at Staunton-on-Wye hostel and stood by an open window gazing over the valley of the Wye to the Black Mountains beyond.

Behind the nearest ridge I knew lay the Golden Valley and it was my plan to climb over from Bredwardine rather than take the rather easier route from Hay.

From the many arched bridge at Bredwardine the calm waters of the Wye mirrored the trees and cattle on the bank but this peaceful scene was soon left behind as the climb over to Dorstone started. It is a stiff climb, the road rising some 600 feet in a little over half a mile but many pauses to look back provided a lovely series of views of the lush Herefordshire countryside and the more distant Radnorshire hills.

With brakes hard on it was slow and steady down the steep drop to Dorstone and into the Golden Valley at last. With bright sunshine glinting on the ripening corn, this lovely valley certainly lived up to its name and now some easy miles led to Peterchurch and Vowchurch and then to Abbey Dore in its glorious setting on the bank of the river of the same name.

Founded in 1147 for monks from Morimond the Abbey closely resembles other Cistercian foundations at Citeaux in France and Byland in Yorkshire.

What an eye these old monks had for beautiful settings for their homes and we of the twentieth century can only stand amazed at the skill and craftsmanship of those who built such treasures of Ecclesiastical architecture.

Of Abbey Dore John Betjeman has written "No county has a church so wonderful as Abbey Dore, that solemn Cistercian Early English Abbey with its 17th Century woodwork making a rich contrast" while another writer has said "Here surrounded by the small orchards of the Golden Valley are the presbytery with its wonderful square red sandstone ambulatory and chapels, the crossing and transepts of a great church of the Cistercian order, alight with colour from the 17th century glass in the lancet windows. Here is a perfect example of Early English architecture with 17th century fittings".

From the peace of this fine old Abbey, happily in use today as a parish church, it was but a short spin to Pontrilas and the hustle and bustle of the busy road to Abergavenny. The Golden Valley is no longer just a lovely name - now the mere mention of it conjures up pictures of a tranquil vale, lush meadows and contented cattle and in the midst of it a lasting memorial in red stone and glass to those monks who came across the Channel eight hundred years ago to settle in our midst.

How well they, and those who followed, built and with what care they chose their site can only be fully appreciated when standing on the bank of the slow moving River Dore as they stood long centuries ago.

This is an area rich in delights for the unhurried wheeler and the Golden Valley will amply repay those who come quietly to seek out its treasures.

K.W.B.

### CLUB RUNS

Two Mills & Goostrey - 7th August 1965

W.C.T.T.C.A./L.T.T.C.A. "12 Hours" - 8th August 1965

With one rider on the card for the "12" and in anticipation of a number of others wishing to be out on the course, two easy fixtures had been arranged for this lovely Saturday.

Sid del Banco, Len Hill, Frank Perkins, Eric Reeves, John Thompson and David Bettaney were joined at the Eureka Cafe by Ken Barker who was homeward bound after a fortnight's holiday in Cardiganshire.

There is an air of mystery about the attendance at Goostrey. John Farrington and Geoff Sharp travelled from the Wirral to join Rex Austin over tea. Two other members seem to be involved and at the moment the betting is on Alf Howarth and Harry Duck (E.& O.E.)

There was certainly no mistake about David Bettaney's ride of 236.834 miles in the "12" while up Lancashire way David Barker was clocking 1.1.31 in the Bury Clarion "25".

Returning to the "12", the Club job (Marshal and check at Stocks Lane, Chester) was done by Frank Perkins, Blotto and Len Hill. Others with jobs on the course were Rex, Jeff, Allan Littlemore and Don Stewart.

Llanarmon - 14th August 1965

I pushed off wondering if I'd make it in the time but some steady riding took me through Chester, and up the long slog to Pen-y-ffordd. Climbing ever climbing, I kept going by pretending I was in the lead in the "Tour de France" and at Coed Talon, resisted the temptation to eat and drink at the pub cum snack bar.

On a particularly steep patch a car went by with a "cheerio" from two ladies who must have been Flo and Vivienne as the driver was the President of Vice, L.J.Hill Esq. At least I could rely on



them keeping the door open for me.

It was exactly 6.0 o'clock as I slumped into a chair at the Raven with glasses steamed up and in a real lather and through the mist a voice was heard to say "this chap can write the run up".

Anyway tea was good and plentiful, Len and the two ladies let me join them (and eat their cakes) and at the next table I espied Ken Barker, Geoff Sharp, John Farrington and Captain Jeff, all cycling.

It was a glorious evening as I slipped away on the undulating lane leading to the top of the Nant-y-Garth. More lanes, with extensive views over the Vale of Clwyd, eventually brought me to Bryneglwys and a fast main road run to Bala. A few minutes more and I was comfortably esconsed in the Warden's Kitchen at Rhos-y-Gwaliau Youth Hostel where the Warden is still a cyclist who even possesses a trike.

Sunday morning dawned fine and clear and eventually I dragged myself away from this popular and comfortable Hostel and made for the Milltir Cerrig. Approaching the climb I caught up with a tandem couple, accompanied them over the Pass, enjoyed a coffee with them at Llangynog and parted from them reluctantly near Pen-y-Bont fawr as they made for Bridges and I set off to meet Marian at Church Minshull.

When I tell you that the tandem pair were riding a gear of 59" fixed you'd know why I now say I've seen everything!

A.L.L.

#### Heatley - 14th August 1965

Laurie Pendlebury, Harry Duck and John Seed met for a pleasant meal at the Bollin Cafe, after which John made a leisurely ride through Grappenhall where the cobblestones, pub and church awakened his interest.

#### Huntington. Club "30" - 21st August 1965

Torrential rain during the morning was not an encouraging start for a week's tour to the Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons. A latish start and an unusually heavy downpour drove the Editor to take refuge (and lunch) at the Eureka Cafe and then followed a few dry and sunny miles.

A recital of the times and places where the cape was donned

or doffed would make boring reading and in any case it was a pleasant enough ride through Churton, Tilston and Malpas before joining the main road near Tushingham Church for the final mile or so to the turn.

The rain kept off during the wait to turn the riders back for home but only one appeared and if David Bettaney had no-one to chase he was at least certain that he would not be caught!

Rain - and news - reached a puzzled marshal in that order and both had a dampening effect. It transpired that an unfortunate misunderstanding had cut the field to one but the matter has since been cleared up satisfactorily on the understanding that Club policy will be clarified at an early date in the light of R.T.T.C. advice which is soon to reach affiliated clubs.

With David now for company, tea was taken in Whitchurch before we started on the last lap to Shrewsbury. As we approached the attractive little town of Wem the signs were that sunny periods were gaining the upper hand and sure enough the final ten miles were sheer delight with glorious views over the smiling Shropshire countryside to Wenlock Edge, Caer Caradoc and the Long Mynd while over towards Welshpool the Rodney Pillar was just discernable topping the wooded slopes of Breidden Hill.

Shrewsbury was busy and the "Woodlands" buzzed with life as we stabled our bicycles and booked in at one of the most popular of English Youth Hostels. What better place could an Anfielder choose to start a tour than this ancient border town which has been a second home to us throughout the eightysix years of the Club's existence.

Sixteen members were out and we were delighted to see Pat O'Leary making one of his all too rare escapes from a job that keeps him tied up over most week-ends. Others at Huntington or around the course were:- Rex Austin, Jeff Mills, Frank Perkins, John Farrington, Geoff Sharp, Jimmy Long, Dave Bennett, Ken Barker, John Moss, Phil Whitehead, David Bettaney, John Gornall, David Barker, John Whelan and Len Hill.

Hatchmere - 28th August 1965

It was fully six o'clock when I arrived at the Forest Cafe and Jeff had been and gone. I enjoyed my tea in company with Len Hill, Geoff Sharp, John Farrington and Derek Byron in spite of the fact that conversation round the table centred entirely on sewage, where it comes from, where it goes to and what happens to it in between. Eventually I told Derek to shut up and he deftly changed the subject

to ocean water-ski-ing around the shores of his new home county of Devon - lucky blighter!

This was the week-end of the re-arranged August Bank Holiday and, of course, that of the famous Bath Road Club "100" but so far as is known only Jimmy Long of our clan was present.

A.L.L.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

We hear that Keith Orum is having another spell in hospital and hope to have good news of him before long.

Another popular café is closing its doors on Sundays. Harry Jackson and his wife at Church Minshull have reluctantly taken this step as the rewards are too small in comparison with the curtailment of leisure time. We hope that they will continue to cater for us on occasional Saturdays.

Harry Beech, our Hon.Member for Dundee, Alex Beaton, John Parr (straight from a tour of Norway) and Allan Littlemore made up an Anfield contingent at the 1965 York Rally. Allan (who was accompanied by Marian) and Harry Beech took part in the parade of veteran C.T.C. members to mark the 21st anniversary of this popular gathering of wheel folk. John Parr clocked 2-39 in a T.A."50" on the Sunday morning.

John Farrington has taken up a new appointment with the Post Office at Lancaster House, Liverpool, and we look forward to having him fairly permanently centred on Merseyside.

Recent touring activity includes a Presidential trip to Ireland, at the time of writing the Captain is somewhere in Mid or South Wales, the Editor recently returned from the Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons, John Thompson has been in Scotland and Frank Perkins was going to the Isle of Man.

Eddie Morris is home after five weeks in hospital and with a successful operation behind him, we wish him an uneventful convalescence and hope to see him out again soon.

While in the Abergavenny area the Editor took the opportunity of looking up Keith Selkirk and family in their new home at Goytre. It was a flying visit but the scenery and hospitality proved to be first class. Had the visit been an hour later three Anfielders might have claimed a club run for father Cyril arrived just about the time the Blue Penciller would be nearing Crickhowell.

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## FIXTURES

November 1965

- 1 Committee Meeting. Free Church Centre, L'pool.
- 6 PONTBLYDDYN. KNOWLES GREEN (Egertons).
- 13 HALEWOOD (Derby Arms) LADIES' NIGHT.
- 14 WHITEWELL (Holly Cottage) Lunch 1.0 p.m.
- 20 HOLT (Castle Café). BYLEY (Stores & Garage)
- 27 HATCHMERE (Forest Café)

Wednesday evenings - Eureka Café, Two Mills.

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COMMITTEE NOTICES

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 30th October, at approx. 6.15 p.m. following tea, at the Forest Cafe, Hatchmere.

In order to save the heavy expense of postages, the agenda which contains only formal items and no special resolutions, will be available at the meeting and will not be sent separately to all members.

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The Annual Ladies' Night will be held on Saturday, 13th November at the Derby Arms, Halewood. Mr. Gil Tirrell, the well known tourist/photographer will show colour slides including those of an Irish tour. Tickets, price 10/-, should be obtained from the Captain or Secretary as early as possible.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following three prospective Cadets have been proposed by J.L. Bennett and seconded by J. Thompson:-

Robert J. Careless, 29 Kings Drive, Irby, Heswall, Wirral.  
Donald I. Huntriss, 7 Boundary Lane, Heswall, Wirral.  
Thomas R. Scarffe, "Ridgecote", South Drive, Heswall, Wirral.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to record the passing of Urban Taylor who died on October 2nd. He joined the Club in 1926 when already 42 years of age and took up Club life with enthusiasm. Although living at Shaw - and therefore being faced with many miles of riding over setts to attend Club runs - he averaged about 25 runs per annum over the next decade. He also rode in many Club time trials gaining handicap prizes both at 50 miles and 12 hours. Many will recall his last appearance on a Club run which was at the 1957 "100" when he was the life and soul of the party at the "Lion". The President represented the Club at the funeral on October 6th.

CLUB NOTES

The season ended on a fairly quiet note although, as recorded elsewhere, John Whelan succeeded in lowering his own Club record at 25 miles to 58 mins. 35 seconds.



Results in Open events since the last issue include:-

- 29th August - Irwell Valley '25'.  
 J.Whelan 1.0.33     D.Bettaney 1.1.47
- 30th August - Tame Valley '25'  
 D.Bettaney 1.0.50     J.Whelan D.N.F. (puncture)
- 12th September - Long Eaton C.C. '25'  
 D.Bettaney 1.1.38     J.Whelan D.N.F. (puncture)
- 26th September - W.C.T.T.C.A. '25'  
 J.Whelan 1.0.41, D.Bettaney 1.1.7, D.W.Barker 1.2.3,  
 J.Moss 1.8.26 (P.B.)
- 3rd October - Birkenhead N.E. C.C. Hill Climb  
 J.Whelan 10 mins. 31 secs.

HUNTINGTON. CLUB "25" & "10" - 4th September 1965

The Weather Clerk served up some rather shabby weather for this last Club event of the season but he failed to prevent John Whelan from romping home in 58.35 to make a further lowering of Club record. Davids Bettaney and Barker scrapped it out for second place with the verdict going to the former by a mere nine seconds.

On the "10" Course, David Jones had a lone ride and was unlucky to miss an "evens" ride by only seven seconds. With someone to chase or slightly better conditions he would have put himself in the 29 minutes class.

The full result was as follows:-

<u>"25" miles</u>	Actual Time	H'cap	H'cap Time
1. J.Whelan	58.35	Scr.	58.35
2. D.Bettaney	1.0.9	1.15	58.54
3. D.W.Barker	1.0.18	1.15	59.3
4. P.R.Whitehead	1.3.11	3.00	1.0.11
5. J.W.Moss	1.9.17	10.00	59.17
6. J.Thompson	1.13.28	P.T.	-

"10" miles

1. D.Jones	30.07	6.0	24.07
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Out on the course or for tea at Two Mills after the event (in

addition to riders named above) were Alf Howarth who did the check at the Turn, Jeff Mills, Peter Jones, David Bennett, Frank Perkins, John Farrington and Ken Barker.

#### TARPORLEY - 11th September 1965

A gremlin or some such creature must have been busy this week-end. At the Grotto Cafe, Tarporley, only John Farrington and Allan Littlemore (with Marian) turned up for tea, unless others were unusually early or late and then failed to inform the Captain.

The proposed All Night Ride did not materialise - this was expected of course so late in the year. Then next morning in the Long Eaton C.C. "25" John Whelan collected a puncture and was marked D.N.F. while David Bettaney clocked 1.1.38 on a far from easy morning.

#### PONTBLYDDYN - 18th September 1965

Woodbank Lane provided a short but welcome relief from the heavy traffic on the Wirral and again on the road to Sealand.

The long drag up to Hawarden was taken quietly, then came the gentle climb through the woods and the drop to Penymyndd cross roads. Time was running short and any idea of a real detour had to be ruled out but a right turn on to the Mold road provided some fine clear views of the Clwydian hills with Moel Famau as a centrepiece.

Just short of Mold the slip lane over the now disused railway brought the Editor on to the Wrexham road and so to Pontblyddyn where four bicycles were noted in the garage.

John Farrington, Geoff Sharp, David Birchall and John Moss were already installed and so five Anfielders enjoyed the hospitality of this Flintshire house before wandering down the road for David to cast a photographer's eye over the bridge and nearby pub.

On the climb from the village, two of the party shot away leaving John and Geoff to escort the writer homewards. At Penyffordd we turned for the back lane to Hawarden and were rewarded by extensive views across Cheshire to Beeston and Pickforton castles and later over the Dee estuary to distant Hilbre and West Kirby.

The negotiating of the flood in the hollow of Willowbrow Lane provided a few minutes fun (and some wet feet) and all that remained

was the familiar lane through Thornton Hough and the parting of the ways near Brimstage.

Next morning we had a team riding in the Chester R.C. "50" but the conditions proved raw and cold so that John Whelan and David Bettaney were marked D.N.F. Under the circumstances David Barker's 2.9.27 was quite a good effort although slower than his best. Out helping on the course were John Thompson and David Jones. At the same time two other members were busy with a T.A. "25"; Allan Littlemore, the organiser, had to see that all the arrangements were in order while Captain Mills timed the event.

K.W.B.

TWO MILLS - 25th September; W.C.T.T.C.A. "25" - 26th September 1965.

With the expectation of having a team in the West Cheshire T.T.C.A. "25" next morning, an easy run was fixed for Saturday and so Eric Reeves, Jeff Mills, David Barker and John Thompson gathered for tea at the Eureka.

Next morning John Whelan, David Barker, David Bettaney and John Moss made a quartette of Anfield names on the "25" card with the results to be found under Racing Notes.

After the event, during which John Farrington and David Jones had fulfilled the Anfield obligations with help on the course, a party made for Holly Cottage, Whitewell, for lunch.

During this same day, Captain Jeff had quite a busy spell timing the Larkhill Wheelers' "25" in the morning and a Hill Climb promoted by the same Club during the afternoon.

AUTUMN TINTS TOUR, LLANSANTFFRAID - 9th/10th October 1965

The week-end really started for Len Hill and Syd. del Banco at Chirk. The two bodies and two bicycles were transported there by means of Len's car. Here they were joined by George Connor.

After lunch, George pushed off in his car to explore the hinterland of the Ceiriog Valley with instructions to meet the intrepid cyclists at Pandy for liquid refreshment at the "Woolpack Inn". Duly refreshed, George embarked on some more "memory lane-ing" while Len and Syd tackled the hills and valleys through Rhiwlas and Llansilin, again meeting George - by prior arrangement - at the "Green Inn" at Llangedwyn.

One last heave over from the Tanat Valley to the Cain Valley and they were safely at Llansantffraid.

No doubt the Tour will be recorded for posterity by another pen than mine; suffice to say that fifteen members were present.

Sunday morning saw the departure of the main body to Whitewell for lunch and George, on his own, bent for goodness knows where. Len and Syd, now joined by Stan Wild, steered westward to Llanfyllin for "eleveneses" which was stretched out to "halfpast twelve-ses" after having put the world at large and, in particular; the world of cycling to rights.

A unanimous decision to lunch at Llanrhaidr - ym - Mochnant resulted in a delightful ride cum walk which brought us to "The Church by the Waterfall in the Valley of Pigs" just in time before the "Wynnstay" closed for lunches. Then came the parting of the ways. Stan still having a few days' holiday pressed on in the general direction of Bala to lay his head that night he knew not where. Len and Syd pushed on over the hills to Llanarmon D.C. tarrying not in the village but drifting down the lovely valley to Chirk for tea, presently to load the bicycles on the car, well content with a perfect week-end in good company albeit with perhaps a few aches in the old bones.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

There is good news of both invalids mentioned in recent issues. Eddie Morris (the same age as the Anfield) is cycling, golfing and playing chess once more and hopes to get to the A.G.M. He has not yet resumed his daily dip in West Kirby lake!

Keith Orum is in circulation again and as cheerful as ever but it may be some time before he is cycling seriously again.

Cliff Baxter was disappointed to find a clash of events prevented him from coming to entertain us at the Ladies' Night but we look forward to another occasion eagerly.

Instead we are to have a show by Gil Tirrell, one of the leading C.T.C. personalities in the Crewe area and this, added to the usual excellent meal and convivial atmosphere, will make for a really memorable evening. But again we urge early booking as numbers are limited by the size of the dining room at the Derby Arms.

Lovers of the South Wales area will be delighted to hear that

## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

the Brecon Beacons and a large tract of adjacent open moorland will shortly be given to the National Trust.

Congratulations to Arthur Birkby on his retirement early in October and best wishes on his impending removal to Dolwyddelan. We shall miss his cheery presence on Merseyside but envy him his new home in the hills near Bettws-y-Coed.

John Gornall's work and studies have taken him to Runcorn but we hope to see him out again when he settles down in this new area which is so handy for all our runs.

Last month's report that Jimmy Long may have been the only Anfielder at the Bath Road "100" proved incorrect. David Jones journeyed south for this event and camped on the course.

Crowded out of the last issue was a note of congratulation to our Birkenhead North End C.C. friends of their winning the first team medals in the B.R. "100" when Alan Ashworth, Geoff Hughes and Bill Morgan romped home to win by a convincing margin. We offer belated but none the less sincere congratulations.

Y.H.A. members will pay more for meals and lodgings in 1966. The new senior subscription is 20/- while the senior overnight charge goes up to 5/-. Supper is increased a shilling to 4/-, but even at these new rates the value is first class.

Mention of the Y.H.A. serves as a reminder that John Thompson is organising a Hostel week-end early in December and those interested should contact him in good time for details.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

We have once again booked the Eureka Cafe for the 18th December when we hope to hold our usual pre-Christmas tea and slide show.

Allan and Marian Littlemore were off for a week's cycling based on the Parr establishment early in October. As mentioned earlier, John and Beryl crossed to Norway for a fortnight's tour. They were lucky to get a stretch of scorching weather and made a crossing (at the third attempt) of the Sognefell road which rises to some 4,600 feet.

The Captain picked such atrocious weather for his recent tour that he spent the first week based on !!!!! (near Whitchurch), moving on later to the Hereford area.

In a recent issue of "Timetrial" the official journal of the R.T.T.C. we found a note which said "According to the B.G.F. Training Course, it is only in mountain time trials that you can get the change of rhythm needed for road racing. If you are to be a complete roadman, ignore timetrialling altogether. It is a different type of racing and much, much harder".

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- 6 Committee Meeting. Free Church Centre, L'pool.
- 11 PONTELYDDYN - GOOSTREY.
- 11-12 Y.H. Week-end (CYNWYD HOSTEL)
- 18 TWO MILLS (Eureka Cafe). SOMERFORD.
- 27 HALEWOOD (Derby Arms). Lunch 1.30 p.m.

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Change of address: E.G. Pullan, 38/3 Wellington Road, New Brighton.

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Committee Meetings will commence at 6.45 p.m. until further notice.

Members wishing to join the week-end at Cynwyd should contact John Thompson as soon as possible.

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NORTHERN ROAD RECORDS ASSOCIATION DINNER, OCTOBER 16th, 1965

The 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Association was celebrated by a Dinner held in the King Arthur Suite at the magnificent new Hotel Piccadilly in Manchester. Over ninety members of affiliated clubs, guests and friends gathered under the chairmanship of the President, Tommy Barlow. The price of the tickets had been criticised but the meal was splendid and its quality adequately disposed of the critics.

Eileen Sheridan, the famous woman record breaker of a decade ago, was the Guest of Honour, and this delightful personality gave a most interesting and amusing discourse on the subject of Record Breaking. She is such a capable speaker (and so nice to look at!) that I could have listened to her all night.

J.A.W. Walker, President Midland R.R.A., toasted the Association, J.K. Pardoe (Seamons C.C.), R. Coukham (Rutland C.C.) and R. Kitching (Yorkshire Road Club) replied on its behalf. There was a lot of fun in these speeches and Coukham came out with a good story (yes, another) about Ed. Green.

Many old friends were present including Johnny Williams, Stan Livingston, Les & Lilian Heald, Bill Kinghorn, Arthur Wood, "Andy" Wilson of the C.R.C., Cliff Baxter, Peter Walthall and Keith Gardner to name but a few.

The Club was represented by Hubert Buckley (Hon. Secretary of the Association) who was with his wife Sadie, and the writer.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGheld at the Forest Cafe, Hatchmere, 30th October, 1965

There were present:- The President, R.J.Austin, in the Chair together with J.Leece, F.E.Marriott, E.O.Morris, R.R.Austin, D.W.Barker, K.W.Barker, J.L.Bennett, D.Bettaney, D.D.Birchall, D.H.Brown, H.G.Buckley, S.del Banco, J.Dodd, J.Farrington, E.Goodall, A.Gorman, L.J.Hill, D.Jones, A.Littlemore, J.H.Mills, J.Moss, K.Orum, G.Sharp, J.Thompson, W.Thorpe, J.Vickers, J.Whelan, P.Whitehead and P.Williamson.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and a Special General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The President referred to the deaths during the year of Teddy Webb, a Life Member, and former joint holder (with the late C.H.Turner) of the W.R.R.A. 24 hours tandem record, Urban Taylor, a member since 1926, and former member Brian Berry. Members stood in silent remembrance.

Reports were submitted as follows:-

Hon.General Secretary reported that there were 6 Life Members, 103 full members (including 3 Cadets) and 21 Honorary Members on the Roll.

Total attendances at Club runs had shown a disquieting drop to 792, compared with 1,002 last year. Attendance at the "100", particularly by members staying in or near Shrewsbury and therefore available for the jobs during early stages of the race, is not sufficient for a satisfactory Anfield promotion and undue calls had to be made on members of other clubs.

Jeff Mills topped the attendance list with 51 runs, next came Allan Littlemore with 41 and David Bettaney with 40 followed by John Whelan 36, John Farrington 35, John Gornall 33, John Thompson 32, Len Hill 30; The President, Ken Barker, Phil Whitehead and David Jones tied for 9th place with 29 each. Seventy-seven members were out on one or more runs. By the end of the Club year Rex Austin had attended 990 Anfield runs and is expected to reach his thousandth early in January. For the first time in living memory there had been no Easter tour but the Tints Tour to Llansantffraid had been well attended. The Hon.Treasurer said that owing to a very late holiday covering the last month of the Club year, an audited Balance Sheet was not available. The meeting accepted an Income & Expenditure statement pro tem with an assurance that there would be a full statement to the Committee in the near future.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Contd.

Hon. Racing Secretary:

A full programme of Club events has been fully reported in the Circular. Entries to Open events totalled 76 compared with 83 last year.

Two Standard Medals (One Gold and one Bronze) have been won during the year and members gained place awards on three occasions.

Club records for bicycles and tricycles were broken during the year at 25 and 50 miles.

Time trials and Club tours were left in the hands of the Committee to whom was referred a suggestion sent by Bill Finn that the Club might wish to be associated with the recently formed Fellowship of Old Timers.

We then proceeded to the election of officers and Committee and immediately heard that the President wished to be relieved of his responsibilities after six years in office.

Under pressure from members and after making it clear that he would not be able to spare any appreciable amount of time for the usual duties, Rex agreed to continue for a short time (not beyond the Birthday Run in March) until the Committee could consider the matter and make a nomination at a special General Meeting.

Other appointments were made as follows:-

Vice Presidents:	K.W.Barker & L.J.Hill
Captain:	J.H.Mills
Vice Captains:	D.Bettaney & A.L.Littlemore
Racing Secretary:	J.Whelan
Open '100' Secretary:	A.Howarth
General Secretary:	F.E.Marriott
Hon.Treasurer:	L.J.Hill
Youth Hostels Secretary:	J.Thompson
Editor & Monthly Circular:	K.W.Barker
Committee Members:	L.Bennett, D.Birchall, W.G.Connor, J.Farrington, K.Orum, G.Sharp & C.Whitehead.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Contd.

A number of decisions were reached which should improve the ordering of Club affairs. These included instructions to the Committee to provide for not less than two Sunday runs each month in future fixture lists and to consider urgently the question of a more suitable headquarters in or near Shrewsbury at Whitsuntide.

After John Leece had proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the President, Officers and Committee for their conduct of Club affairs during the past year, the meeting closed and members turned out into a fine clear night to make their various ways homeward.

HEATLEY - 2nd October 1965

After an early lunch at Two Mills I set out via Capenhurst and Dunkirk intending to get as far as possible before the rain came.

At the Swing bridge over the Weaver there was a hold up and then the inevitable happened and I caped up.

After following the Northwich road as far as Dutton I next turned into lanes for Norcott Brook and back on a main road for Stretton, then more peaceful lanes led to Lymm and Heatley.

I was first to arrive and the only other attender of this alternative fixture was Harry Duck. We enjoyed a good meal and an hour's chat together and by the time we were ready to leave, the rain had ceased and it promised fair for the ride home.

We set off together towards Warburton, forked left for Hollins Green and crossed the toll bridge over the Mersey after which our ways soon parted.

J.H.M.

No report of the run to LLANARMON on 2nd October has so far reached the Editor.

AUTUMN TINTS TOUR - 9th/10th October 1965Friday

As John Farrington and I had arranged to stay the night at Whitewell I left home in good time to catch the 6.50 p.m. boat which meant that by 7.0 o'clock we were on our way.

Taking the lesser of two evils we kept to the lower road as far as Christleton island, then followed the Whitchurch Road to the Black Dog and thankfully forked right for Saughton.

Now we really started to enjoy the tranquility that Cheshire lanes can provide and with a full moon it was most enjoyable as we trundled our two trikes through Aldford, Shockloch and Threapwood.

Now we followed narrow twisting lanes to Holly Cottage, our abode for the night where we were pleasantly surprised to find Frank Perkins who had decided at the very last minute to join the week-enders. It was, you will agree, a very elite trio.

Saturday

The morning was fine and clear and although the wind was fresh it would be more help than hindrance, so there was no worry on that score.

At Bronington we located a telephone and made a quick call to book Frank in at the Sun, then we continued on the Ellesmere road until the turn for Bettisfield.

Our lunch venue was Llandrinio and we had time to potter along through Loppington and Burlton to Baschurch where we paused to inspect what was left of the station. Now we made for Little and Great Ness and on to Wilcot and another stop to admire the panoramic view before hurrying on to keep ahead of a herd of cows we had passed a little earlier.

Our next call was to seek elevenses at Pentre but without success, so we carried on to Molverley and sampled the local brew at the Tontine Inn.

It was only a very short step now to lunch and we ambled gently to the Cottage at Llandrinio which nestles at the foot of Breidden Hill.

For the afternoon I had visions of going through Guilsfield to Llanfair Caerenion but I was outnumbered and had to revise my plans and settle for a shorter ride through Penrhos and coming out midway between Llansantffraid and Meifod.

On the stretch to Penrhos, John tried some trick cycling and finished up with an offside wheel looking like a figure 8. After emergency repairs we turned off and made for the Sun direct while Frank and I followed. After further repairs we called it a day and settled in to await the main party which gradually assembled so that in all fifteen of us sat down to dinner.

### Sunday

Another fine morning, although a little misty and again we had a fresh breeze, but this time we would have to head into it, so a prompt start was made for Whitewell where lunch was booked.

Five cyclists were in the party and our way lay through well known lanes to Ellesmere where our usual stopping place was closed and we had to make do with very inferior coffee.

Eleven sat down to an excellent meal at Holly Cottage, our number being augmented by David Barker who had ridden out alone from Manchester and five of our younger members on a motoring week-end.

After lunch while David made his lonely way back towards Manchester, Peter Jones, John and I had the pleasure of showing Frank the easy way back to Chester where we parted company after a most enjoyable Tints week-end.

Those out were the President, Rigby Band, Stan Wild, Syd del Banco, Frank Perkins, Len Hill, George Connor, Jeff Mills, Peter Jones, David Jones, David Bettaney, John Whelan, Phil Whitehead, John Farrington and David Birchall at the Sun and David Barker at Sunday lunch.

HATCHMERE - 9th October 1965

It was a lovely Saturday afternoon when I arrived at Two Mills to meet Tommy McArdle and William Evans, both from Pensby School and to find Keith Orum and John Moss taking their ease outside the Eureka.

In a short time, John Thompson turned up, then a few minutes later a friend, George Kerr, arrived by car.

Keith Orum, not yet fully fit, thought it best to return home, and John Thompson and John Moss decided to travel via Chester.

George, late of the Sunderland Clarion and now resident in Connah's Quay, unloaded a bicycle from the boot of his car and four of us made our way through the lanes to Hatchmere.

In spite of the teasing head wind, the ride through the lanes was most enjoyable, the greenery just beginning to turn to russet and gold.

We arrived at Hatchmere to find the Forest Cafe somewhat full, but after only a short wait, food was served and despatched with the usual Anfield urgency.

The ride home was uneventful and quite easy with the help of a following wind.

J.L.B.

At the same time the Editor, having hurriedly misread his Circular, was sitting fuming and cussing in the Grotto Cafe, Tarporley, wondering where all the Anfielders had got to.

TARPORLEY - 16th October 1965

Once again I had the benefit of an early start from the Eureka and decided to make the most of a beautiful afternoon. Heading for Chester and getting round the city by the side roads I took the Farndon road as far as Huntington and forked left for Saighton and Bruera.

After Halton Heath I by-passed Tattenhall and approached Beeston by the Newton Road.

Bunbury, Alproham and Eaton were left behind and so to Tarporley where only David Barker was found in residence. A little later John Farrington, Geoff Sharp and John Moss arrived to complete the party.

David left early for his lone ride to Manchester, the rest of us stayed on for a while before an uneventful ride to Chester where we had to light up.

After pulling up with the heavy traffic on the top road, I turned near the Yacht for Capenhurst and the lower road which though carrying more traffic has the benefit of a lighting system.

In Manchester Hubert Buckley and Stan Wild were representing the Club at the 75th Anniversary Dinner of the N.R.R.A. and a brief report will be found elsewhere in this issue.

J.H.M.

BANGOR-ON-DEE - 23rd October 1965

John Moss and I agreed that our route to and from Bangor would avoid using any stretch of road more than once.

We plodded up to Hawarden and turned into Bilberry Wood where I hoped to slow John down a bit by offering a "go" on my barrow. For a short distance he rode perfectly then suddenly turned through 90° and ploughed into the hedge.

Back on our own machines we made good progress to Trevalyn and, in spite of protests from my fellow "tub" user, we turned up a "No Through Road" sort of road and soon found ourselves in difficulties. Enquiry at a nearby house brought an assurance that "it's hopeless" and "THEY" say its 3 miles to Holt.

Shouldering my trike we took a narrow path to Ithel's Bridge, then tramped across some fields and, according to the O.S., a Roman tile factory. Later we reached a Roman road (which had not been



repaired since the days of Triclaptotle) and its 30° camber made riding most uncomfortable.

We arrived at the Smithy in time to see Syd del Banco and Jeff leave for a night at Whitewell, then after tea in a thickening fog we set out for home and by brilliant navigation I found our front door just on 10.15 p.m.

J.F.T.

### CHURCH MINSHULL - 23rd October 1965

The President and David Barker arrived at this venue at different times only to find the place closed, evidently for good.

Another useful catering house has gone the way of many others.

### N E W S   I N   B R I E F

Rigby Band enjoyed an unofficial Anfield/N.R.C.C. week early in October when he joined up with Arthur Smith and Ida to attend the S.W. Region T.A. week-end at Croscombe Y.H. near Wells. Saturday was spent exploring the western side of Salisbury Plain in glorious sunshine and Sunday in returning home over the Mendips in pouring rain.

After our usual Christmas tea at Two Mills (18th December) we shall have a slide show provided by David Birchall who says he has very few new pictures and hopes as many members as possible will bring a few slides along to make a really varied programme.

According to Professor Blackett (speaking to the Institute of Navigation at the Royal Geographical Society's headquarters) the most likely explanation of Cheshire's arid zone red sandstone and underground rock salt is that about 150 million years ago our county lay much nearer the Equator. We must remember to ask Eddie Morris if he has any recollection of this.

We hear that Henry Ashcroft has been in Clatterbridge Hospital and send him very best wishes for a full and quick recovery.

## NEWS IN BRIEF - Contd.

Stan Wild, writing to the Editor on other matters, mentions that he rode in the C.T.C. Veterans' Triennial "100" on a course based on Enfield (Middlesex) and found congenial companions in Arthur Smith and Eric Foot, North Road C.C. and our old friend Rex Coley ("Ragged Staff").

Those wishing to arrange some riding over the festive season may care to start 1966 by attending the fixture(s) on New Year's Day. Lunch has been arranged at the Forest Cafe, Hatchmere, and tea will be at Two Mills - a call at any time during the afternoon will constitute a run attendance.

On January 8th when our run will be to Pontblyddyn, Rex Austin and Jeff Mills hope to be in Birmingham to represent the Club at the 90th anniversary Dinner of the Speedwell B.C.

Our Clifton C.C. (York) friends are just now celebrating their 70th birthday. We send them greetings and congratulations not only on reaching "three score years and ten" but also on a wonderful season of time trialling. Their team (Pete Smith, Alan Hargreaves and Tony Boswell) won the B.B.A.R. Team competition, the 100 miles National Championships (Team Section) and the Yorkshire B.A.R. Championship. Pete Smith took first place in the C.T.C., B.A.R. Competition over 25, 50 and 100 miles. Well done Clifton!

After lunching with Len Hill and Blotto at Llanrhaiadr in the closing stages of the Tints Tour, Stan Wild crossed the Milltir Cerig pass to Bala and spent the night at Dolgellan. Next day it was Barmouth, along the coast to Harlech and Beddgelert, the Vale of Gwynant and down the Llanberis Pass to Caernarvon, and Bangor, where he tried out the new Youth Hostel. From Bangor to Manchester was a heavy day of 107 miles with all the little detours to visit old favourite spots.

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\* THE PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE \*  
\* WISH ALL READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS \*  
\* AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. \*  
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NORTHUMBERLAND IN OCTOBER

After a week of very mixed weather in the Isle of Man with Laxey Hostel as headquarters, we returned home for a week and then set off again for far-flung Northumberland. A good friend took us all the way in a car, with bicycles on the roof, and after a 6.0 a.m. start we reached "Hospice Parr" by mid-day.

Cullercoats is on the North side of the Tyne Estuary between Tynemouth and Whitley Bay and John's house is right on the sea front.

On the Sunday, to save time, we dashed along A68 in John's van (with Beryl and Marian and John's bike) and it was nice to revive memories of the R.R.A. record attempts by John of two and three seasons ago. Ottercrops Moss and Otterburn are names to roll round your tongue, then after lunch at Rochester in company with a dozen or so cyclists we made for the vast expanse of country known as Carter Bar and of course, the Scottish boundary.

A 'B' road now took us into the rolling hills, the heather covered slopes, the ravines and babbling streams of the upper Kielder Forest and later to the North Tyne valley, a veritable wonderland in the October sunshine. After a 'cuppa' at Bellingham we came, in the gathering gloom, to Cullercoats to make plans for the morrow.

On Monday Marian and I set out for our tourlet, making Rock Hall Youth Hostel for the night. Places like Amble, Warkworth Castle and Alnmouth stand out in our memories as scenic landmarks. This hostel was excellent, a first class Warden, a fire in the common room, plenty of good grub and all this comfort was ours to enjoy alone. Next day we cycled to Bamburgh Castle for a picnic on the sands, then to Seahouses ("little Blackpool") and the Bladnell coast line - all very pleasant.

The following day our objective was Holy Island and a crafty way to travel there was to take a day return, with cycles, between Chathill and Beale. We rode off the tarmac on to the vast expanse of sand with some trepidation, but all was well and we were delighted with the island which is also known as Lindisfarne.

With a priory and a castle it extends to some 1350 acres and



although the population is but 280 there are 13 pubs on the island. As we enjoyed another picnic we could hear the cries of the seals below on the shore.

The journey to Holy Island can only be undertaken during a period of three hours either side of high water. The monks of old used to tramp across and their route is still marked by a line of poles standing upright on the sand, some with baskets on the top perhaps to shelter weary plodders caught out by the incoming tide after a night out on the mainland.

Now we reluctantly bade farewell to Rock Hall Hostel and pottered back by the quietest route we could find looking in at Alnwick, a busy but most attractive little walled town. After a couple of days at Cullercoats we returned to Merseyside satisfied that we had pushed the boundaries of Anfieldland out to include a Northern county of great charm with coast and hill scenery which really is first class.

A.L.L.

PONTBLYDDYN 6th November 1965.

A picture postcard from Warwick notified the Editor that Alex Beaton was making his way from the deep South towards Scotland via Whitewill from whence he hoped to join a Club tea and return to Holly Cottage for another night.

Telephone wires hummed to quite good effect and we were soon assured of a few Anfielders to greet the Hon. Member for Dundee.

The Editor was the first to arrive but Alex followed only a few minutes later. We were seated awaiting tea when the advance guard of the young and energetic brigade arrived, and soon another table was covering the knees of David Birchall, Keith Orum, Geoff Sharp and John Moss.

Captain Mills was the next to show up and then the burly form of Len Hill filled the doorway. He had brought Syd del Banco and the pair of them had the bright idea of digging out Len Walls who seemed remarkably cheerful at having been dragged away from painting his bath-room on the sunny slopes of Hawarden Hill.

To complete the party John Farrington docked at 4.55 p.m. having worked for the Post Master General at Lancaster House, Liverpool until 5.0 p.m. - quite a fast lad is John.

It later transpired that Les Bennett had set out on a bicycle but a recurrence of an old leg trouble had decided him to turn back at Mold and return home.

Over the usual good fare provided at Pontblyddyn we heard something of the way Alex is spending his retirement, happily pushing a bicycle around these islands.

All too soon came the time for the party to break up and we

turned out into a clear crisp night to make our several ways homeward.

K.W.B.

MOBBERLEY 6th November

I pushed off on a nice dry day in the direction of Knutsford and found it very pleasant by lane through Great Budworth and Tabley and entering the town of Mrs. Gaskell by way of the cemetery hill. A call on a friend (who rides an immaculate bicycle) meant a cup of tea and a look at the rugby on the 'telly'.

Eventually I dashed over the remaining three miles to the venue to find the place is no longer a cafe. While cogitating in the darkness Alf Howarth turned up in his car and seconds later Rex arrived. The President went off to ring Mrs. Bates at Goostrey while Alf started to stow my bike in his boot.

Goostrey was involved in a big function and could not help so Rex decided to return home, while Alf took me part way home by car.

Realising that we were close to Byley we tried the cafe there and were successful so that two of us had a meal and a chat and agreed to meet again at the run here a fortnight later.

The ride home with a following wind made a pleasant ending to the day.

A.L.L.

HALEWOOD (LADIES NIGHT) 13th November 1965.

After many years of wandering around in search of a permanent home for this popular annual fixture we settled on the Derby Arms and now wonder why we ever went elsewhere. In a very uncertain world one certainty is the welcome, the warmth and the excellent food at Halewood.

Once again fog threatened but we were lucky and it passed us by. In all over fifty members, their ladies and friends, sat down to a splendid meal under the chairmanship of Rex Austin.

It is now quite common knowledge that Rex has asked to be relieved of the responsibilities of the Presidency and one of the side effects is that we lose Mrs. Austin, at least as the President's wife. This seemed a good opportunity to tell her how much we appreciated the gracious way she has, for six years, filled the post of "first lady of the Anfield". On our behalf David Jones, the youngest Anfielder present, asked her to accept a small token of our thanks and good wishes.

Our guests of honour were Gil and Mrs. Tirrell of Crewe, C.T.C. stalwarts and keen touring cyclists. Mr. Tirrell gave us a most entertaining talk, illustrated with numerous fine slides, mainly of North and Mid Wales, and we are indebted to him for a very enjoyable hour and many pictorial reminders of rough crossings in the Berwyns

and other parts of Anfieldland.

A list of all those present would take up too much valuable space but we would mention a few special visitors whom we were glad to see including Johnny Williams, his wife and daughter, Harry and Mrs. Pearson, Bert and Mrs. Light, George and Mrs. Jones, Jack Hawkins and Bill Boothroyd and Elsie Salt.

K.W.B.

BANGOR-ON-DEE. 14th November

A cold wet day but five riders braved the elements. Owing to the weather conditions a snap decision was made to switch to Bangor rather than Whitewell which was originally listed.

TRICYCLE ASSOCIATION Luncheon November 14th

At the Annual Luncheon of the T.A. held at Goostrey on November 14th, 113 persons attended, under the boisterous chairmanship of Ed. Green. The organiser was our Allan Littlemore, and he had persuaded Nim Carline and Keith Stacey to attend.

During the cross toasting, Ossie Dover, after listening to a lot of suggestive references to the previous night's South Lincs. Club dinner, rose and asked permission to "take wine with all those who had attended a respectable function the night before" (our ladies' night). This brought Jeff, Allan, Marian, Mr. and Mrs. Tirrell and Hilda Dover to their feet. Percy Williamson was also present, and among the guests the Association had invited Mr. and Mrs. Berry (Brian's parents) as a token of their regard and esteem for Brian. A Trophy was handed to the Association by Mrs. Berry, to serve as a memorial to Brian, and this will be competed for at 24 hours.

John and Beryl Parr were also present, arriving the previous night too late to get to Halewood unfortunately.

HOLT 20th November.

Jeff and I left Two Mills together only to part as he made for Chester while I set out to buy some oil for a noisy bottom bracket.

We made contact again at Huntington and continued together through Saughton, Handley and by Crewe Hall to Holt where we found Peter Jones in occupation.

The homeward route was by lanes to Rossett, Pulford and Dodleston until at Mollington we parted company again, Jeff taking to the lanes for Woodside while I returned straight along the high road. J.W.M.

BYLEY 20th November 1965.

This run coincided with the Weaver Valley's annual mud-bath Carnival at Northwich, so at Allan's invitation I set off to see the

fun. Unfortunately a late start from Manchester and an inherent inability to find my way through Northwich meant I missed all but the stragglers on their last lap. I learned that Mick Stallard had romped away pretty convincingly in the later stages and Allan had no difficulty in deciding who to wag his natty chequered flag at. Anyway this brief encounter with the "long-markers" finally convinced me that there's nothing to be lost by not participating. Time-triallists are mad enough, but as for these bods.....

Once Allan had flagged in the tail-end Charlie, he and Marion set off to pilot me through the back-cracks and by-ways and after a break at the local dealers we arrived at Byley to find Alf Howarth in possession. As we gulped down eggs, chips, bacon and toast, we chatted about this and that, notably those two outstanding cycling personalities Tom Simpson and Ossie Dover. The one we vowed to make Sportsview Personality of the year, the other we were delighted to hear had been hailed as the T.A's Jean Shrimpton for 1965. How I wish I'd been at that Closer.

Alf was the lucky one after tea. He had a nice wind-assisted car-ride back to Crewe. Allan and Marion probably had a cross-wind if the slog back to Manchester was anything to go by. It was hard and cold and even wet after Styal. But don't let this put you all off for next time because Byley really is a first-class place .

D.W.B.

HATCHMERE November 27th.

I set off on a cold but sunny afternoon riding into the wind and intending to reach Widnes and spend an hour with my folks. The sun went down, black clouds came over and hailstones pelted down forcing me to shelter against a building. The hail did not last long but the wind did and after another period of sheltering I decided it would be too late to carry on with the original plan.

Making for Frodsham I had the wind behind me and on the road up to Delamere discovered a nice little refreshment house and stopped to sup hot coffee.

Arriving first at the Forest Cafe I was just ordering tea when Marian walked in and said she would cycle up the road to meet the others. Alas there were no others and it is not a nice thought that a joint run could only produce one attender.

It was particularly unfortunate that this should happen at Hatchmere so soon after we had the use of the premises for the A.G.M. We do hope that YOU will make an effort to get out and keep these enjoyable "get togethers" going at Saturday teas.

A.L.L.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Allan Littlemore was the only Anfielder at the T.A. National Dinner at the end of October. The function was held in Loughborough and the Mayor of this borough was a principal guest as was the editor of "Cycling".

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A recent newspaper article concerning efforts by the Victorian Society to save certain obsolete stations which are of historical interest included Waverton station in this list saying that it was built "at enormous expense for the Duke of Westminster".

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The note last month regarding the run for January 1st was written before we heard that the Eureka Cafe would be closed on New Years Day. In order to encourage a cycling start to 1966 a call at Two Mills will still count as a run even if no refreshments are available.

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Congratulations to the Birkenhead North End C.C. on reaching their sixty-fifth birthday, which was celebrated at their Dinner in November.

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Congratulations also to Lieut-Colonel Tommy Sherman on his appointment as Commanding Officer of the Royal Marine Forces V.R. (Merseyside Division). During the War Tommy was a founder-member of No.2 Commando and took part in the Vaagso and St. Nazaire raids.



A note to Len Hill from Walthamstow reveals that Fred Churchill is still very much a Northerner despite his translation to southern parts. Fred toured Corsica early in August and says that the combination tropical sunshine, forest fires and a backside that hadn't touched a saddle for a year will have to be imagined as a description would be quite unprintable.

Nice to hear from you Fred - we hope to see you again one of these days.

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Members are advised to study the fixture list carefully until they get used to the idea of Sunday and occasional Saturday lunch runs. When a lunch venue is included for a Saturday there is also a tea-place listed at a nearby spot, probably Two Mills.

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The Editor would like to offer best wishes to all readers of the Circular for the Festive Season. If, as we hope, you have much good wheeling in 1966 may we hope for a note for the Circular and will those members who agree to write run reports etc., please note that closing date is committee day - the first Monday of each month.