

*The following is a compilation of the various Histories written about the Finsbury Park Cycling Club since 1883*



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## In The Beginning

8.00pm on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1883, in Warlow's Cyclists Cafe, under the railway bridge in Seven Sisters Road the Finsbury Park Cycling Club was founded. The original name was Ferme Park Bicycle Club, but very early in 1884, upon a suggestion by A. C. Crane, a founder member, the name was changed.

In a hand written letter to Steve Pontin, in December 1954, founder member Ernest Allen wrote:-

*'Seventy-one years ago a group of youths, with an average age of 17, met on Friday nights in Warlow's Cyclist's Cafe in Seven Sisters Road. It was then decided to form a bicycle club called the Finsbury Park Cycling Club. Amongst the group was: Charlie Crane, Percy Breysig, Percy Spencer, George Cone and Ernest Allen.'*

The opening run of the club was to the Old Salisbury Hotel, High Barnet, on Penny-Farthings.

### CURATORS NOTES

The above letter from Ernest Allen states that both Percy Breysig and Percy Spencer were among the group who started the Finsbury Park C. C. However, neither are listed as club members until 1884 or later.

Ernest Allen died on 13 January 1958 and was cremated at Kensal Green Crematorium on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1958. He was the last surviving founder member.



#### Acknowledgements:

As the title informs, this is an extensive compilation of files, documents, posters etc gathered over many years and is intended to describe the formation and growth of the club.

The great bulk of the work has been done by Vice President and Archivist of many years, Brian Edrupt, with later additional content provided by Mrs Pat Lovatt, Vice President and past President.

## Early posters, flyers and photographs.



PERCY DRIVER



PERCY SPENCER



HAROLD JOHNSON

**FINSBURY PARK CYCLING CLUB**

INTERNATIONAL SPORT!! ENGLAND v AMERICA!!

THE  
**American Champion Bicyclists**  
WILL COMPETE AT THE  
**Third Annual Race Meeting**  
Of this Club, to be held (under N.C.U. Rules,) at  
**ALEXANDRA PARK,**  
On **SATURDAY, 21st MAY, 1887,**  
AT 3 P.M. FOR 3.30 PROMPT.

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**EVENTS:—**

One Mile Open Professional Bicycle Race (Handicap) for Cash Prizes, 1st prize, £10 sterling.—Messrs. WOODSIDE, MORGAN & TEMPLE, (of the American Team) are racing against all comers in this event.

One Mile Open Amateur Bicycle Race (Handicap), open to all Amateurs. Prizes, value £5, £2 & £1.

Five Miles Bicycle Race, (Scratch).—For the Championship of the Finsbury Park Cycling Club.

One Mile Bicycle Race (Handicap).—Open only to members of the Finsbury Park Cycling Club.

Two Club Races.—Open only to members of the Fairmead Cycling Club

Entries to Open Amateur Mile (fee 2/6), close 11th May.  
Hamcapper FEM COLEMAN, N.C.U. Entries to Professional Handicap invited

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**Trick Bicycle Riding by RALPH TEMPLE,**  
(Champion Trick Rider of the American Team).

By permission of the Commanding Officer, the  
**BAND OF THE 1st LONDON ENGINEERS** will play.

G. C. T. BARTLEY, Esq., M.P. has kindly consented to be present and the Prizes will be distributed by Mrs BARTLEY.

Admission, One-shilling. Reserved Enclosure, 6d extra. Tickets (if purchased before the day) may be obtained at 9d and 1s from any member of the Finsbury Park Cycling Club, from Cycle Manufacturers and Agents, or of  
P. SPENCER, Hon. Sec., 14, Kingcroft Street, Highbury, N.  
**BOOK TO WOOD GREEN, G.N.R.**

❖ **P R O G R A M M E** ❖

(The Course is Three Laps to the Mile.)

REGULATIONS.

- 1.—The Races will be held under N.C.U. Rules and Regulations.
- 2.—No one will be allowed within the Course, except Officials.
- 3.—The bell will be rung before each heat, and also at the commencement of the last lap of each race.
- 4.—Each Competitor will wear a number corresponding to his number on the Programme.
- 5.—The start will be effected by report of pistol.
- 6.—Each competitor to have one "pusher off" only, who must leave the course immediately after the start
- 7.—The Management reserve the right of amalgamation, or otherwise altering, the arrangement of the Programme.

ONE MILE BICYCLE RACE

*Open to members of the F.P.C.C. only. First Second & Third in each heat to compete in final Four Prizes*

**HEAT 1—3.30 p.m.**

1 H.J. Ebsworth. Scratch	4 A. C. Crane 140 yds.
2 W. Gibbons. 40 yds.	5 A. E. Jacob 160 ,,
3 F. W. Harrow, 130 yds.	6 H. Johnson 170 ,,
1st.	7 D. Croser, 190 yards.
	2nd. 3rd. Time

**HEAT 2—3.40 p.m.**

8 P. L. Breysig 75 yds	12 W. L. Poole 160 yds.
9 E. Allen Tooth 85 ,,	13 W. E. Clay 180 ,,
10 W. S. Simon 130 ,,	14 L. J. Bayley 190 ,,
11 P. E. Driver 150 ,,	15 S. E. Spencer 200 ,,
1st	2nd 3rd Time.

**H. SIMS, Finsbury Park Cycle Works,**  
8, WELLS TERRACE, STROUD GREEN ROAD, LONDON, N.



THE  
**'MUSWELL' BICYCLE**

Holds the Bicycle Record for Muswell Hill.

Price from £12.

The **'MUSWELL' SAFETY**

Holds the Safety Record for Muswell Hill.

Price from £12.

Best possible Material and Workmanship.  
Cheapness with quality.  
Lightness with Strength.

PAGES TAKEN FROM 1887 PROGRAMME FOR TRACK MEETING AT ALEXANDRA PALACE

**Resume of Finsbury Park C.C. Events, 1887.**

The Season has passed by successfully. The Club membership having increased, the list now amounts to 50 members, and in taking a retrospect of our Club Events we have only satisfaction in seeing the continued energy of the individual members, which alone can keep a Club in an active state of progression.

We have held three Road Races (over the usual pleasant Country course) during the season, of which P. E. DRIVER has won two, and H. JOHNSON one.

Our Annual Race Meeting was held at the Alexandra Park on May 21st, the American Cyclists Messrs. WOODSIDE, MORGAN and TEMPLE, competing. The Clerk of the weather somewhat spoilt matters by granting us a wet day, otherwise the Event passed off satisfactorily.

The result of our races was as follows:—

Open One Mile Professional Handicap.		Open One Mile Amateur Handicap.	
W. M. WOODSIDE, (Philadelphia), scratch... 1		F. J. OSMOND, (Norwood Safety B.C.), scratch ... .. 1	
R. TEMPLE, (Chicago), 40yds. ... .. 2		D ALBONE (Biggleswade and D. B.C.), 55 yds. ... .. 2	
R. T. PATRICK, (Wolverhampton), 105yds.... 3		W. G JAMES, (Tottenham H.C.C.) 140yds. 3	
Time, 3m. 5½s.		Time 3m. 7½s.	
Club One Mile Bicycle Handicap.		Club Championship Five Miles.	
P. E. DRIVER, 150yds. ... .. 1		P. L. BREYSIG, ... .. 1	
W. S. SIMON, 130yds. ... .. 2		P. E. DRIVER, ... .. 2	
H. JOHNSON, 170yds. ... .. 3		E. ALLEN-TOOTH, ... .. 3	
A. C. CRANE, 140yds. ... .. 4		Time 20m. 30¾s.	
Time 3m. 19s.			

The Alexander Palace Hill-Riding Competition on Sept. 17th, was also held in wet weather, but notwithstanding passed off very well. The Result being—T. SIMMONDS, (F.P.C.C.) 1. C. W. BROWN, (N.R.C.C.) 2. G. H. CONE, (F.P.C.C.) 3. E. B. HARTSHORNE (Sun C.C.) 3.

Winners Time 2m. 24s.

# Alexandra Palace Hill.

LENGTH ABOUT 600 YARDS.

Gradient varying from 1 in 9, to 1 in 12.

Statistics kindly furnished by  
H. PEGLAR, Esq. *Clerk of the Works.*

## Order of Proceedings.

- P.M.
- 4 o'clock, ... Competitors Assemble.
  - 4.30 o'clock, ... First Heat Starts.
  - 6 o'clock, ... Cold Collation in the  
First Class Grill Room, Two Shillings, after  
which at
  - 7 o'clock, ... Distribution of Medals.

K. C. CROSS, PRINTER, 87, PAUL STREET, FINSBURY, E.C.

# Finsbury Park Cycling Club.

Inaugurated 1883.

President,

G. C. T. Bartley, Esq., M.P.

Vice-Presidents, G. Gibbons, Esq. H. Grimer, Esq.

## PROGRAMME

OF THE

## Hill-Climbing Competition,

In the Grounds of the

ALEXANDRA PALACE.

On SATURDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER, 1887.

Commencing at 4.30 p.m.

JUDGE.

E. DRIVER, ESQ.

STARTERS & TIME-TAKERS.

THOS. J. H. ELGER, Esq., & E. A. POWELL, Esq.

UMPIRES.

P. J. BREYSIG,

A. C. CRANE.

P. ALLAN BIGGAR, (N.R.C.C.)

H. TROUNCE.

HON. SECRETARY.

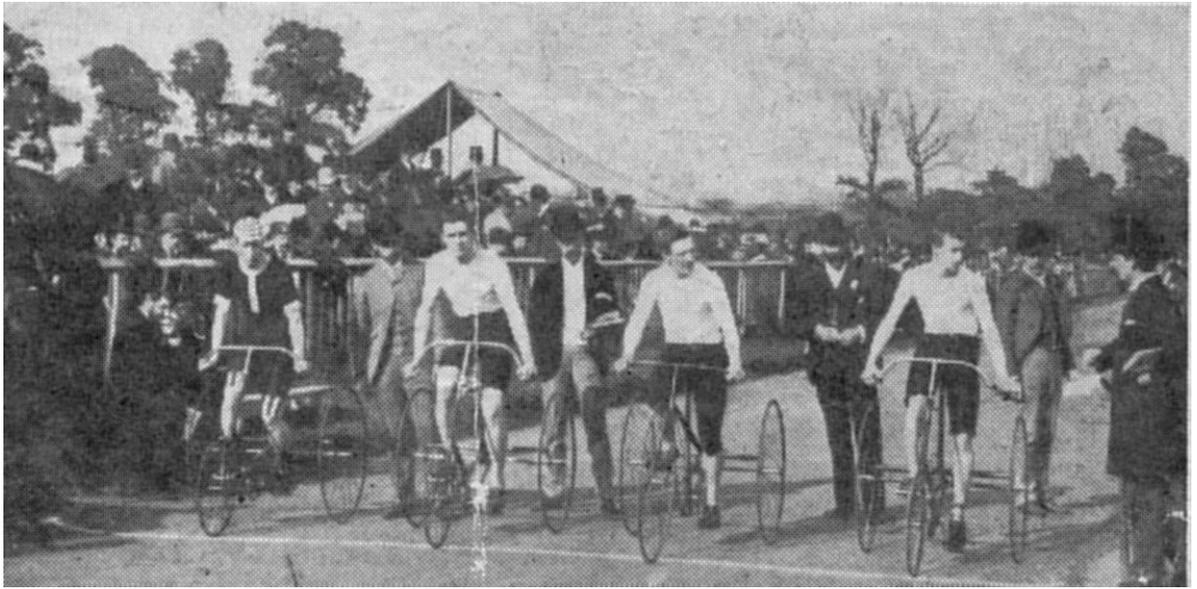
P. SPENCER, 14, Ringcroft Street, Highbury, N.

PRICE, TWO-PENCE.

## REGULATIONS.

- 1.—The competition will be held under N.C.U. Rules and the following Regulations.
- 2.—The Competitors will be started in heats of 2 as named on the other side, both men's time will be taken, and the prizes awarded to those making the best four times, irrespective of whether they win their heat. The first Competitors will be dispatched at 4.30 p.m., the others following at intervals of three minutes.
- 3.—Entrants being absent when their numbers are called will not be allowed to start till after the last heat on the Programme.
- 4.—All Competitors will run under numbers corresponding with the names on Programme, which must be fixed on front and back of machine.
- 5.—Competitors must ride Roadster Machines only. The Committee retain the right to reject any machine which does not in their opinion come under this heading.
- 6.—Belts connecting the body to machine must not be used.
- 7.—Road-riding costume must be worn.
- 8.—Any Competitor falling or dismounting from his machine will not be allowed to remount.
- 9.—In the case of any Competitor being run down or blocked in by contact with any spectator, he may, subject to the approval of the nearest umpire, return to starting place and start again, but not until end of Programme.
- 10.—The starting point will be at the Wood Green Entrance, and finish at a tape at top of Hill.
- 11.—In the event of any complaints or disputes arising during the contest, the same shall be reported by the Umpire to the Judge, whose decision shall be final.
- 12.—Any objection to any machine must be made to the Judge before starting as afterwards no complaint can be entertained.

Heat. No.	Club.	Description of Machine, size or gear.
1.	1.—H. M. Cornal, Catford C.C.	Moorgate 54in. or Safety
	2.—P. E. Driver, Finsbury Park C.C.	Muswell 52in.
2.	3.—J. Frost, C.T.C. No. 21257.	Ordinary 52in.
	4.—B. Gil, .....	Muswell 52in.
3.	5.—F. C. Horrisey, Barnet C.C.	Premier 52in.
	6.—H. Johnson, Finsbury Park C.C.	National 52in.
4.	7.—E. B. Hartshorne, Sun C.C.	Ordinary 50in.
	8.—W. L. Poole, Finsbury Park C.C.	Muswell 52in.
5.	9.—E. Allen Tooth, Finsbury Park C.C.	New Rapid 52in.
	10.—A. Waite, Alwyne C.C.	James 54in.
6.	11.—C. E. Doyle, } Pickwick B.C.	Cripper Tandem 53½
	11.—H. A. Coombs, }	Eureka Cripper
7.	12.—S. D. Holden, .....	Tricycle, 53½in.
	13.—J. H. Dearlove, Canonbury C.C.	Dearlove Cripper Tricycle 54in.
8.	14.—W. Barker, Lennox C.C.	Muswell Safety 53in.
	15.—E. H. Bayston, .....	Facile 44in.
9.	16.—F. A. Brasnett, .....	Rover Type Safety
	17.—G. H. Cone, Finsbury Park C.C.	Roseberry Safety 60
10.	18.—Don. Croser, Finsbury Park C.C.	Facile 46in.
	19.—J. Farrent, .....	Safety 60in.
11.	20.—C. Jurd, .....	Premier Safety 54in.
	21.—H. B. Saunders, Harringay C.C.	Facile 44in.
12.	22.—T. Simmonds, Finsbury Park C.C.	Muswell Safety 53in.
	23.—P. Louis Renouf, South Road C.C.	Geared Facile 60 or 63in.
13.	24.—H. B. Thornton, .....	Premier Safety 54in.
	25.—A. J. Stannah, Anerley B.C.	Facile 44in.
14.	26.—C. W. Brown, North Road C.C.	Rational 54in.



CYCLING IN ALEXANDRA PARK IN 1887



F.P.C.C. 1885



F.P.C.C. AT RED LION, BARNET, MARCH 1897

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# The Finsbury Park Cycling Club

## MONTHLY GAZETTE.

No. 4. ]

1st NOVEMBER, 1890.

{ POST FREE TO  
MEMBERS.

### SECRETARY'S NOTICES.

*An important General Meeting will be held on Friday next the 7th inst., at 8.30, at Duncombe Hall.*

ALBERT C. CRANE.  
46, Regina Road, N.  
*Hon. Sec.*

### AGENDA :

1. To arrange as to winter runs or otherwise.
2. To elect a new member (Mr. J. O. H. Hirst).
3. To appoint a Secretary *pro. tem.* to act until Annual Meeting.
4. To consider proposal as to Club Dinner.

### NOTES ON THE AGENDA.

As to item 1, it is suggested that the Queen's Arms Inn at Barnet shall be fixed as our "winter quarters," where members can meet for a social evening every Saturday, some riding down awheel, others by train.

As to item 2, Mr. Hirst of Florence Road, N, seems a thoroughly decent fellow, is a fair rider, and if elected will be a "first-claim" man.

As to item 3, it will be remembered that when Crane was elected to act as Secretary, he promised to do so "for a time." That time has now come to an end, and once again is he "up to his neck" in work of other kinds; last month he was absolutely unable to compile the Gazette; and the secretarial quill must pass into other hands on Friday.

Item 4 speaks for itself. Are we to have a Club Dinner? If so, when, where, how &c.

### OUR VICE-PRESIDENTS.

It is rather late to talk about the September Road Race now, but as no *Gazette* was issued last month, we must here draw attention to the fact, that the marble clock and other prizes ridden for in September, were specially subscribed for by certain of our V. P's., namely, Messrs, E. J. Brett, Wilson Bennison, Walter Hill and Charles Smith.

We trust that an opportunity will, ere long, be afforded (our club dinner might well be such) of making our V. P's. acquainted with the club members. As far as we are aware, Mr. Edward Marks is our only V. P. who has ever attended a club festivity; but we must bear in mind that the gentlemen referred to are busy men. Let us think of what they did for the club in September, and devoutly wish that "their shadows may never grow less."

### OUR CLOSING RUN.

October 25th was the date of our closing run to St. Albans. On that day the earth was continuously and plentifully watered, from about 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and as a result, not one Finsbury Parker wheeled to the White Hart. Nevertheless, four members (STANLEY and ARTHUR SPENCER, POOLE and GAWDRON) went down by train. Twenty miles each way by train on a wretched day for a Club Run! F. P. *esprit de corps* is not yet dead.

JOHNSON (absent in the Midlands) wired, on the day in question, to the Club at St. Albans a loyal sixpennyworth.

### CYCLING IN THE ARDENNES.

We have received a highly interesting M.S. from JOHNSON, relating to his tour with DRIVER in the Ardennes. It is to be much regretted that space cannot be found for it in our *Gazette*, but the Secretary will be pleased to lend it to members for perusal.

### BREYSIG "HUFFED."

We received a very warm letter from BREYSIG complaining of the last Handicap, some weeks ago. It is unnecessary to insert it now, as P. L. B. has since "made peace" with the Handicappers.

### PERSONAL.

STANLEY SPENCER has returned from Brazil, looking well. He will no doubt be present on Friday.

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TOOTH was in town this week end and paid his sub. for the year.

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ALF JACOBS is "on" photography just now. His office window may be known by the printing frames outside.

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"Long" WILLIAMS has quite a big batch of press notices of his Ventriloquism.

\* \* \*

WEILL has had a rough time for a week or two with an attack of blood poisoning. He has left the house now, but is not strong yet.

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IMPEY is telling tales of "deeds of derring do" in Ireland, which make us hanker after a visit to the Sister Isle.

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The Club Night Signature Book reveals the fact that while some members religiously turn up at H.Q. on Friday nights, others are regular absentees. Why this thushness, Messrs. BECKETT, CREAK & Co. ?

\* \* \*

BREYSIG has set up in the Cycle trade. He makes the fifth trade member, the others being Messrs. SIMS, MARKS, (TILBY & MARKS), CLAY, and BARMORE,

\* \* \*

We have also one or two members "slightly connected" with manufacturers. We don't mean as maker's amateurs. Neither do we refer to you, P. E. D., nor you, H. A. C. M., nor you, H. J

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We have a good stock of talent in the Club for winter "Smokers." EBSWORTH still sings as of yore, although he races not, and we have several other singists.

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MARTIN writes us that he read a paper on Cycling before a Sheffield Church Society audience of 200 the other night, the fair sex being well represented. He adds, "I must work this show."

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Looking at our Cash Book during a moment's breathing time, we find that one or two members have not paid their '90 subs. Weigh in, Gentlemen!

# Finsbury Park

## CYCLING CLUB Gazette.

No. 5.

MARCH, 1891.

[POST FREE TO MEMBERS.]

### Editorial.

Owing to press of business and other circs. which have overtaken our late hon. Sec. (A. C. Crane), the Editorial mantle has been shifted on to other shoulders. If any member doesn't like the present No. or has any grievance, suggestions, &c., to offer, the new Editor will be pleased to hear from him.

With this issue we enter upon a new series of "quarterly" gazettes on account of the glorious uncertainty which has enshrouded the publishing of the F. P. C. C. "monthly" gazette in the past. With a quarterly number, we hope to come out punctually in the future, so members can expect their next Gazette on June 1st.

### Secretary's Notices.

To those whom it may concern. The Sec. begs to remind Members that their Subs. are now due and hopes they will shell out.

### New Members.

W. T. COPP.

S. LAVENDER.

E. JOHNSON.

J. C. LAVENDER.

The above named have been dully enrolled as "Finsbury Parkers" and are all "first claim" men and jolly good fellows. E. Johnson is no relation of our only H. J.

You will notice by the above list that the F.P.C.C. has Copp-ed two sprigs of Lavender with which to adorn its bunch of new members for '91 season. [DO YOU notice it?]

### Head Quarters.

At our Annual General Meeting, the question of H. Q's was brought forward and there was a general consensus of opinion, that although the accomodation and attention we had received deserved our best thanks to Mr. G. C. T. Bartley, yet the position was not at all central. It was therefore decided to return to our Old Quarters "The Globe," where we shall meet in future, on the 1st and 3rd Fridays in each month.

This ought to encourage the Highbury contingent to turn up on Club runs a little more frequently. What do you say Messrs. Arthur and Stanley Spencer, Gaudron, Poole and Beckett?

### Road Handicaps.

The Committee has arranged to hold a road handicap open to members only, to take place on April 25th, and May 30th. The particulars will be announced shortly and will be posted-up on the Club Notice board at H. Q's. There will be 2 prizes at least for each hcp. and a small entrance fee will be charged.

Sec. Hurst reminds me that no member is allowed to start unless he holds a receipt for his '91 Sub. Does this apply to you, dear reader?

### Attendance Prizes.

There will be a special prize given to the member who attends the greatest number of Club runs and Club Meetings during the season. Hurst will carry a book for signature on these occasions.

### Club Cards and Badges.

The Hon. Sec., J. O. H. Hurst, 29, Florence Road, Stroud Green, N, has a good supply of these if any member hasn't received one.

### Woodford Meet.

Sat., June 6th, is the date fixed for this event. Do you think you would like to go? If so, drop a line to our Hon. Sec., he will be glad to hear from you.

### Club Men and Matters.

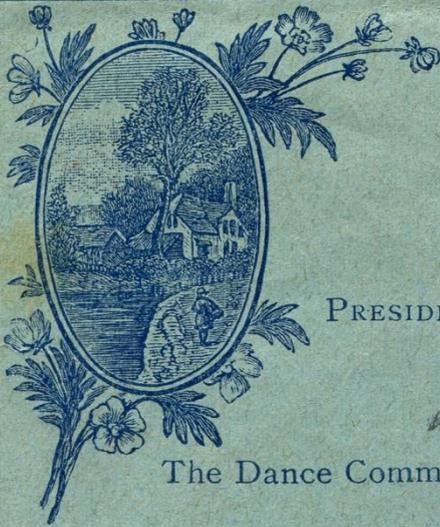
Good morning.

Have you paid your Sub.?

If not, send along the needful to Treas. Hurst.

He has got the receipt waiting for you and is "beaming."

Crane is not to be the only clock-owning member as we notice that Johnson was presented with a neat carriage clock as the first prize in the 26th M.x. (Cyclist) R.V. road race, open to members of the B troop.



**Finsbury Park  
Cycling Club,**

FORMED 1883.

PRESIDENT - G. C. T. BARTLEY, Esq., M.P.



The Dance Committee have much pleasure in announcing a

*Cinderella Dance*

WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT

REGINA COLLEGE,

71, REGINA ROAD, TOLLINGTON PARK

*On Thursday, March 24th, 1892.*

Dancing to Commence at Eight p.m.

Single Ticket, 2/-; Double Ticket, 3/6

*To admit Lady and Gentleman or Two Ladies.*

*Tickets may be obtained from the following members of the Dance Committee :*

J. ANDREAS, 64, Chatterton Road; V. BOSWELL, 40, Canonbury Square; P. E. DRIVER, 66, Tufnell Park Road; E. F. JOHNSON, 8, Japan Crescent, Crouch Hill; W. WILLIAMS, 27, Isledon Road; or from the Hon. Sec. of the Finsbury Park Cycling Club, H. NEWBOLD, 5, Tollington Place, Tollington Park, N. and H. JOHNSON, 201, Isledon Road, *Hon. Sec. Dance Committee.*

2½c. 292.

Finsbury Park

FORMED



Cycling Club.

1883.

The Committee request the pleasure of your Company

AT THEIR

# ANNUAL SMOKING CONCERT

(INVITATION) TO BE HELD AT

"THE COCK TAVERN," HIGHBURY, N.

On Friday Evening, February 17th, 1893.

GEORGE C. T. BARTLEY, Esq., M.P.

IN THE CHAIR, SUPPORTED BY

PERCY LOW, ESQ. (*Wheeling*), E. J. O'REILLY, ESQ., (*Wheeling*)

TO COMMENCE AT 7.45, SHARP.

Finsbury Park

WINTER SEASON.



Cycling Club.

1892-93.

THE THIRD

# CINDERELLA ♦ DANCE,

AT

REGINA COLLEGE, 71, REGINA ROAD, TOLLINGTON PARK, N.

On TUESDAY, MARCH 21st, 1893.

Admit M.....

DOUBLE TICKET, 3/6

Dancing 7.30 to 12.

H. JOHNSON, }  
E. F. JOHNSON, } Hon. Secs. Dance Committee  
201, Isledon Road, N.

Finnsbury Park

FORMED



Cycling Club.

1888.

*Affiliated to the National Cyclists' Union, and the Essex Cycling Union.*

THE THIRD

# CINDERELLA DANCE

TWELFTH SERIES.

Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, N.

ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1895.

Admit M.....

and M.....

DANCING 7.30 TO 11.30    DOUBLE TICKET, 3/6    H. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

APOLLO, NORTH MIDDLESEX,  
AND FINSBURY PARK CYCLING CLUBS.

JOINT RACE MEETING,

WOOD GREEN CYCLE TRACK,

SATURDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>., 1895,

COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

Reserved Enclosure,    Two Shillings.

(Tickets Half-Price if purchased before the day).

No.

A. ROTHSCHILD, } HON.  
D. OPPENHEIM, } SECS.

**Finsbury Park Cycling Club,**  
FORMED 1883.  
 PRESIDENT - **GEO. C. T. BARTLEY, ESQ., M.P.**

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Admit  
 (SINGLE TICKET)  
 TO THE  
**CINDERELLA DANCE,**  
 On **THURSDAY, MARCH 24th, 1892,**  
 AT  
**Regina College, 71, Regina Road, Tollington Park.**  
 Dancing to Commence at 8 p.m.

H. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec., Dance Committee,  
 201, Isledon Road, N.

No. **209**  
 (1c. 2 92)

**Finsbury Park** Harriers  
Cycling Club

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**SUPPER**

AT THE  
**Hornsey Wood Tavern,**  
 ON  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 26th.**  
1894.

CHAIRMAN:  
**G. C. T. BARTLEY, Esq., M.P.**

Hon. Secretaries:

F.P.H.: <b>R. T. HILL.</b>	F.P.C.C.: <b>H. JOHNSON.</b>
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**FINSBURY PARK CYCLING CLUB.**

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**CINDERELLA**  **DANCE,**

TWELFTH SERIES.  
*Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Highbury,*  
**ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 1894,**  
COMMENCE AT 7 P.M.

TWO + SHILLINGS.

No. **113**

CARRIAGES AT 11.30 P.M.

**PROGRAMME**

OF  
**SMOKING + CONCERT.**

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*OVERTURE ... Mr. ALFRED NEWTON.*

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**SENTIMENTAL.**

**Mr. HARRY BECKETT will sing**  
 "Mona," "Queen of the Earth."

**Mr. W. JOHNSON will sing**  
 "The Arab's Farewell."

**Mr. GEO. LAKEMAN will sing**  
 "Tommy Atkins," "Taradiddle."

**Mr. R. W. SCARLETT will sing**  
 "Father Ambrose."  
 "The Admiral's Broom."

**ELOCUTIONAL.**

**Mr. P. CAULDWELL will recite**  
 "Love in a Balloon."

**Mr. H. RODMAN will give a**  
 Humorous Sketch.

**Mr. H. DIXON-WARD will give a**  
 Recitation.

**MYSTICAL.**

**Professor LENTON, M. L. B. B., will give his**  
 Renowned Drawing Room Entertainment,  
 entitled "Vingt Minutes avec le Prestidigitateur."  
*During the "Vingt, &c.," Professor Lenton will*  
*"Show how it is done."*

**Finsbury Park** . .  
 . . **Cycling Club.**  
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**Cinderella Dance,**

. . **DECEMBER 2ND, 1899**

M.C.'s:  
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OPENING RUN.  
 16th SUMMER SEASON.  
 Saturday, March 19th, 1898.



MEMBERS' HANDBOOK,  
 With 1898 Summer Fixtures,  
 NOW READY.

Opening Run. ❁ ❁ ❁

16th Summer Season.

Saturday, March 19th, 1898.

**Finsbury Park Cycling Club.**

**Members and Friends . . .** Of this Club will kindly note that the Opening Run of the 16th Summer Season will take place on Saturday, March 19th, 1898, to BARNET-UNDER-HILL.

*CYCLING & NON-CYCLING FRIENDS ARE SPECIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THIS FIXTURE.*

TEA will be served punctually at 6 p.m. in the large Club Room at the "Queen's Arms," foot of Barnet Hill.

The Cycling Contingent will start from Headquarters as usual, at 4 o'clock, and will ride *via* Wood Green and Oakleigh Park, under the Captaincy of Mr. S. MAURICE BOUTS.

The Train Party will leave Finsbury Park Station by the 4.36 train (due at High Barnet at 5.11 p.m.) and will be under the direction of Mr. PERCIVAL SPENCER (V.P.).

**A Musical Social . . .** Will be held after tea, and you are particularly requested to invite your friends, and bring your music, etc. The Chair will be taken at 7.15 p.m. by A. GOODUN, Esq., faced by A. N. OTHER, Esq.

**Reduced Railway Fares. . .** Special arrangements have been made with G.N.R. Company for the members of the F.P.C.C. party to travel at a reduced rate for the return journey. Therefore kindly inform us at your earliest convenience the number of tickets required by your party, so that we can obtain them before Saturday, March 19th, 1898.

**Return Journey . . .** The cycling contingent will light lamps at 9.50 p.m., and will ride *via* WHETSTONE, NEW SOUTHGATE (back road), and WOOD GREEN. The train party will leave High Barnet Station by the 10.10 p.m. train, due at Finsbury Park at 10.42 p.m. Hoping to see you on March 19th with a large party of friends,

We remain, yours Finsbury Parker-ly,  
 H. JOHNSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
 G. H. SAVOURNIN, *Assistant Hon. Sec.*  
 S. MAURICE BOUTS, *Captain.*

March 4th, 1898.

**Re Dinner, March 12th.**

If you have not already booked your seat for this event, please let us know by return whether you are supporting this fixture, and how many tickets you require. It is imperative that we should know at once.

Special Notice to Artistes.



It is imperative that each lady and gentleman furnish their own "make up" materials to ensure the success of the show. The following list is a guide to the necessary items, the first eight of which should be obtained from Messrs Thomas & Co., "St. Martin's Lane, W.C. (near Aldridge's Horse Repository). The others, 9, 10 and 11, are domestic items.

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|-----|--|-------|-----|
| (1) | For foundation on face. Stick of No. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | about | 3d. |
|     | (sufficient for four "make-ups")                     |       |     |
| (2) | " Lips. Rouge Pencil.                                | "     | 3d. |
| (3) | " Eyebrows. Black Pencil.                            | "     | 3d. |
| (4) | " Eyelashes. Bottle Liquid Black.                    | "     | 6d. |
| (5) | " Face. (deep color) Stick of No. 5                  | "     | 3d. |
| (6) | " Lining on Face. Claret Pencil                      | "     | 3d. |
| (7) | " Bag Puff for Face after making up                  | "     | 3d. |
| (8) | " Bottle of Spirit Gum (for fixing moustache etc.)"  |       | 6d. |

—○—○— Domestic Items. —○—○—

- (9) Two Towels each.
- (10) Vaseline (plenty)
- (11) Packet of Baking Powder (1d.)

February 1900.

By Order.

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Finsbury Park Cycling Club

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Bohemian Concert AND  
Dramatic Entertainment

⌘ Wednesday, Jan. 16th, 1901.

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WELLINGTON HALL, ISLINGTON,

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

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In addition to the amusing sketch, entitled:—  
“CHISELLING,” by members of the Club, the  
following artistes will appear:

MADAME BRYCE-BROWN (*Soprano*),

MISS MAY LAWSON (*Contralto*).

MR. ERNEST CHERRY

in his celebrated presentments of Characters from Dickens' Works.

MR. GEORGE DEAN (*Impersonator*).

MR. ERNEST GROUCOTT (*Humorous*).

MR. HARRY HALL (*Humorous*).

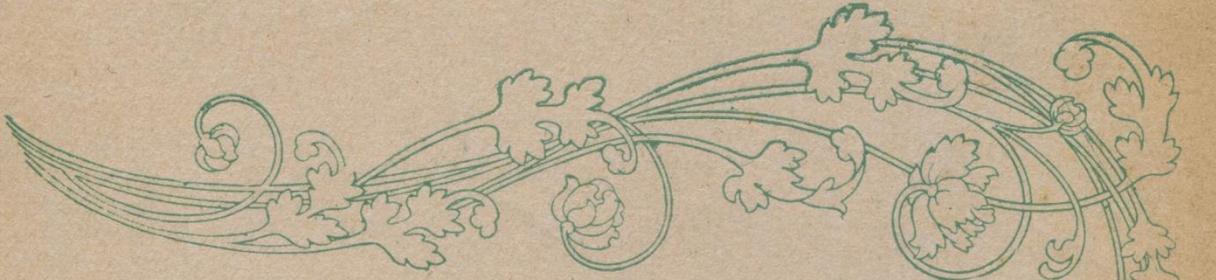
MR. ALF. THOMAS (*Humorous*).

MR. DOLPH WHEELER

(*Coon Songs & Dances*).

AND OTHERS.

Accompanist - - MR. GEORGE LLOYDS, T.C.L.



Finsbury Park Cycling Club.

AN \_\_\_\_\_

# Evening Concert..

- - And EXHIBITION of - -

# ..Living Pictures

... WILL BE HELD ...



... AT ...

On Wednesday,  
Jan. 29th, 1902.

MYDDLETON HALL,  
Upper Street,  
ISLINGTON, N.

Doors open 7.15 p.m. Commencing at 7.30 p.m. Carriages at 10.30 p.m.

TICKETS, 3/- (Numbered & Reserved), 2/- (Reserved), & 1/- each.

May be obtained from any Member of the Club, or from ...



- Miss E. NUTTER, The "Pollard Elms," Upper Clapton, N.E.
- C. C. G. ALFORD, 142, Stapleton Hall Road. Stroud Green, N.
- P. E. DRIVER, 407, Holloway Road (Opposite "Nag's Head"), N.
- GEO. H. SAVOURNIN, 105, Florence Road, Stroud Green, N.
- H. JOHNSON, 61, St. Kilda's Road, Stoke Newington, N.



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.. PROGRAM ..

OF

# EVENING . CONCERT

.. And Exhibition of ..



# LIVING .. PICTURES

AT

MYDDLETON HALL,

UPPER STREET,  
ISLINGTON, N.

ON

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29, 1902.

Commencing 7.45 p.m.



CARRIAGES 10.30 P.M.

# ✻ LIVING PICTURES. ✻

TITLE OF PICTURE.	ARTISTES.
1 The Maypole ... ..	THE MISSES M. AND D. SPENCER, M. AND K. HAMMOND, N. IMBREY, I. HOLMES, E. STUTTER, D. LOVE.
2 Carmen ... ..	MRS. P. E. DRIVER.
3 In Sweet Accord ... ..	THE MISSES ELLSMOOR, H. RECKNELL, C. BURGESS AND I. HOLMES.
4 When the Cat's away ... ..	MISS A. ABEL AND MR. W. COLLINGS.
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5 Afternoon Tea ... ..	MRS. HARDING, THE MISSES MOSELEY, M. RECKNELL, AND M. HAIG.
6 Lost in London ... ..	MISS K. HAMMOND AND MESSRS. STILL AND LAWSON.
7 The Fortune Teller ... ..	MRS. STRAALEN, MISS ELLSMOOR, MESSRS. H. AND E. RICHARDS, AND J. S. RECKNELL.
8 The Miser. ... ..	} MR. ERNEST HOBBS.
(a) Counting his Gold ... ..	
(b) Panic seizes him ... ..	
(c) The approach of Death ... ..	
(d) The way of all Flesh ... ..	
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9 Turkish Delight ... ..	MRS. P. E. DRIVER, MRS. H. JOHNSON, AND MR. H. BROWN.
10 Between two Fires ... ..	MISS E. ALFORD, MRS. STRAALEN AND MR. S. PACY.
11 Are you Santa Claus? ... ..	MISS IRENE HOLMES AND MR. E. HOBBS.
12 A Good Joke... ..	MESSRS. H. AND E. RICHARDS.
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13 Un Chant d'amour ... ..	MRS. BRYCE BROWN AND THE MISSES ELLSMOOR, BURGESS AND K. HAMMOND.
14 Defendant and Counsel ... ..	MISS M. RECKNELL, MESSRS. S. PACY, W. COLLINGS AND RICHARDS.
15 Lost Chord ... ..	MISS MABEL NUTTER.
16 Hush-a-bye ... ..	THE MISSES DICKENSON AND E. STUTTER.
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17 The Eastern Flower Seller ... ..	MRS. P. E. DRIVER.
18 When all the world was gay ... ..	MRS. BRYCE BROWN, THE MISSES BOTTING, N. IMBREY, AND K. HAMMOND.
19 Wanted ... ..	MESSRS. RICHARDS AND D. J. C. LAWSON, MRS. STRAALEN, AND MISSES M. HAMMOND AND M. SPENCER.
20 Ping Pong in the Kitchen ... ..	MISS J. SPENCER, MESSRS. W. COLLINGS AND C. RECKNELL.
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21 Flowers that bloom in the Spring	MRS. BRYCE BROWN, THE MISSES DICKENSON, J. SPENCER, M. NUTTER, E. BOTTING, E. ALFORD AND A. MONKS.
22 Night ... ..	} MISS R. RUSSELL,
Morning... ..	
23 Consulting the Witch ... ..	MISS H. RECKNELL, M. NUTTER AND MR. J. S. RECKNELL.
24 "Good Night" ... ..	MESDAMES P. E. DRIVER, BRYCE BROWN, O. STRAALEN, H. JOHNSON AND THE MISSES ELLSMOOR AND SPENCER.

H.O.

❁ MUSICAL ITEMS. ❁

- 25 OVERTURE "Bohemian Girl" ... .. Balfe
- 26 Miss LIZZIE DAVIES will sing—
  - "Come, Sweet Morning" ... .. A.L.
  - "Ma Curly Headed Babby" ... .. Clutsam
- 27 Mr. ERNEST HOBBS will recite—
  - "Shamus O'Brien" (a tale of '98) ... —
  - "The Mouse Hunt" ... .. Jenkins
- 28 Mr. HORACE ROYLE will sing—
  - "The Scent of the Lilies" ... .. G. F. Cobb
  - "A Soldier's Song" ... .. Mascheroni
- 29 Miss QUEENIE PEACOCK will sing—
  - "Good Bye" ... .. Tosti
  - "When the Heart is Young" ... .. Dudley Buck
- 30 Mr. ALF. THOMAS will give a sketch—
  - "Singers and Songs" ... .. Harris Humphreys
- 31 Mr. E. H. MITCHELL will sing—
  - "The Sailor's Grave" ... .. Sir A. Sullivan
  - "My Queen" ... .. J. Blumenthal
- 32 Mr. WILL CORNISH (Silver Bells)—
  - "My Dream of you" ... .. Rodney
  - "The Shade of the Palm" ... .. Stuart

Stage Manager : H. JOHNSON. Musical Director : C. C. G. ALFORD.

The Living Pictures by Members and Friends of the FINSBURY PARK CYCLING CLUB,  
 under the direction of Mesdames P. E. Driver, H. Johnson and O. Straalen.

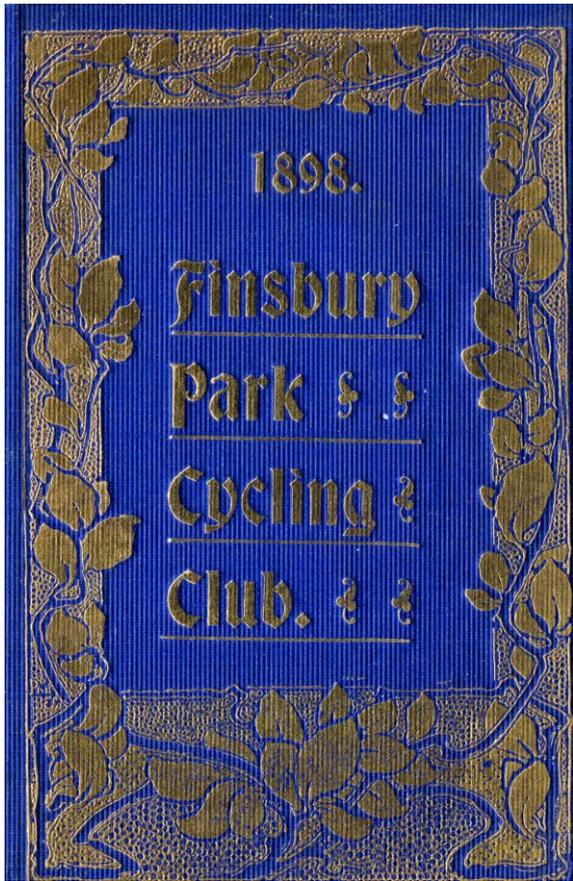
The Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Newton, will play selections during the evening.

Scenery, Limelight and Effects by LEOLYN HART, Latona Road, Old Kent Road, S.E.

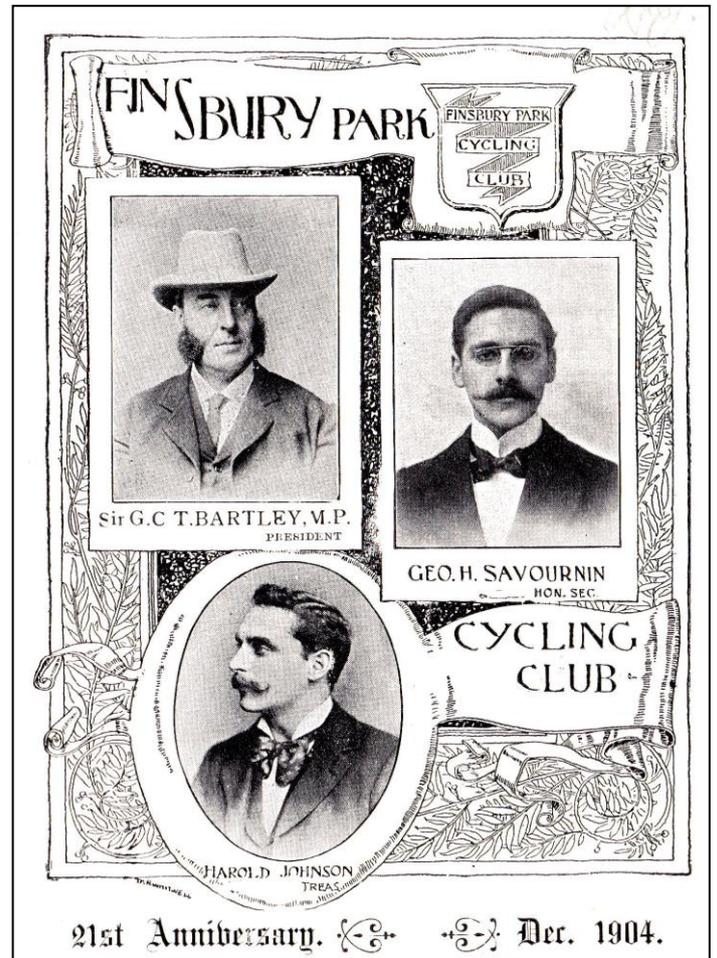
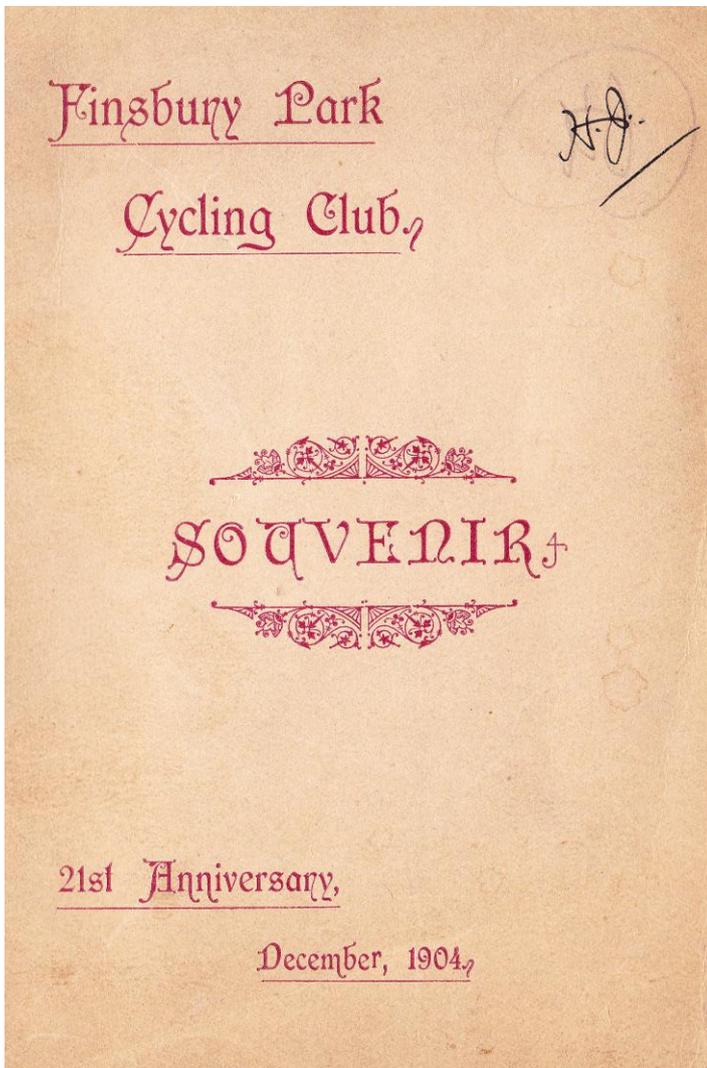
Stage Furniture by Messrs. W. JELKS & SONS, Holloway Road, N.

NOTE.—Each Artiste and Picture will be announced by a number corresponding to that on the program.

For particulars of membership of Finsbury Park Cycling Club, apply to General Hon Sec., Geo. H. Savourin, 105, Florence Road, Stroud Green, N.



HANDBOOK 1898



## Retrospect and Prospect at 21 years

### *A Finsbury Park Retrospect and Finsbury Park Prospects.*

As we sit around the festive board once again, with the good knight presiding over us to whose friendship the Club owes so much we are about 48 hours beyond the precise completion of twenty one years of existence as a recognised cycling club. The resolution to form a club to be called the "FERME PARK B.C." was passed by nine striplings met in conclave for the purpose at a cyclist's cafe - long since defunct as a cafe, now believed to be a butcher's- in Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, at about 8 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 1883. It was not long before a further resolution was passed that the name of the club be changed to "THE FINSBURY PARK CYCLING CLUB", to all which matters of fact there is abundant evidence extant, should doubters arise, in the shape of the official record or first minute book of the club, the files of contemporary papers in the British Museum, and the existence in the flesh and present attachment to the Club of two of those youngsters – now men of mature years – to wit, ALLEN-TOOTH and CRANE. As this is a Club Souvenir for Club Members, we intend to adhere to the Club custom of dispensing with the conventional prefix, as far as the masculine members of the Club are concerned, in the narration of Club doings. The others of the nine are distributed widely over the surface of the earth. JACOBS is doing well in South Africa The same may be said of AUGOOD, whilst GILBERT is believed to be farming near Mexico.

It was our laudable intent to start with that 'One December, Eighty—three', and travel onwards, chronicling all the prominent events of the club, and giving a short sketch, and in some cases the facial appearance, of every member of note who has passed through the club in its twenty-one years of alternate progress, retrogression and existence. To this end we have had access to the archives of the Club, and have collected from all known custodians specimens of literature and photographs bearing upon our club-lore, only to discover that such a narration would require so ponderous a tome that the project has perforce been abandoned : all we can do is to dive, almost at random, into tire large pile in front of us, and present some few leading features of our club life, taking our chance of condemnation for leaving great doings unheeded and great club friends and workers mentioned.

The early years of the Club were years of devotion to cycling as a sport and pastime. Cycling — all cycling, and nothing but cycling. The memories of the oft frequented hostelrys which were dignified by the name of our 'country headquarters', of weekends, Easters and Whitsuntides, are with us as if they were things of yesterday; and 'The Old Anchor', at Dunstable, 'The Plough' at Elstree, 'The Golden Lion' at London Colney, and other way-side inns towards the north, bring up not only visions of great 'spreads' set before hungry riders in the past, but remind us of men of the present—many of them long out of membership as far as the Club is concerned, but who are never met by any of the old E.P.C.C. brigade without that warm grip and sincere greeting which speaks of friendship and a common tie beyond the ordinary kind.

In its earliest years the Club was marked by the enterprising spirit which has always characterised it, which constrained the committee to organize events of a more or less public character, thus using up the surplus energies and enthusiasm of the members and also keeping the name of the club well to the fore in the cycling world. In later times, and especially since 1897 when lady members graced our membership roll such organized fixtures have included winter dances, 'living picture' shows, and other events the strict connection between which and cycling is not easily traceable ; but for the first few years all special events were confined to the pastime aild sport which was the *raison d'etre* of the club. In 1885 and 1886 Race Meetings were held at the old Alexandra Park track with an open event which passed off with eclat, and at the end of the latter year the club was recognised as a vigorous youngster of more than usual 'go'. At this time what may be called inter-club life was a power which can scarcely be understood under present day conditions. The personnel of all metropolitan clubs of repute was fairly well known to other recognized clubs, and many and frequent where the friendly interminglings of clubmen and clubmen. Joint runs, combined feeds and smokers and other events took place in a spirit which is, alas now practically defunct killed by the enormous growth of wheelmen numerically, and the disfavour gradually arising towards the sentimental in cycling circles and its displacement by the utilitarian.

It must be confessed that there was a charm in some of the old practices of cycle club life which would, in this present year of grace, be regarded as ridiculous. For instance, here is an extract from the club minute book, under date 7th May, 1886 (a general meeting of members) Mr. Johnson called attention to the fact that the "rule enjoining members to ride behind the Captain" and not to pass him without special permission, was not observed as it ought to be. It would appear from the minutes of the following meeting (June 4th, 1886) that decorum needed occasionally to be enforced at business meetings, as well as on club runs, as we read (omitting the name) 'Mr.' This gentleman having several times interrupted the proceedings, the secretary moved 'that he be requested to leave the room'. A motion was ultimately carried calling upon 'M' 'to resign from membership'.

As the club minutes show the gentleman named to be in membership and in attendance at meetings after that date, it is to be presumed that, by some means, the matter in dispute was settled, and like the famous office boy, the members of the Club could declare "all to be peas". In the palmy days of cycling club life the Finsbury Park found fast friends in such clubs as the Diamonds, the Adelaide, the Unity, and the Kingsdale. The Carlton Rovers and the Kestrels may also be mentioned, the latter being known to fame as the organizers of an Annual Pigeon-Pie Tea at 'The Roebuck', at Buckhurst Hill, following the Woodford Meet of cyclists in June at which the Finsbury Parkers were always well represented.

Men have come and men have gone, but the good ship 'FPCC' has never been without a crew sufficient to man and guide her. At times there has been an influx of a set of new members, such as the 'Islington Crowd', who came in at the end of the second year, and for some years were the backbone of the Club. The names of some of this little crowd, as PARKINSON, MARKS, HARWOOD, VINER and JOHNS (poor JOHNS, now beneath the turf! RIP) will be recalled by many of us, and it is hoped that at least one of them may be with us to-night. Another well-known group of great strength to the Club was the "Spencer" or 'Highbury' crowd, consisting of the BROTHERS SPENCER, BECKETT, COOK, and GAWDRON, who came in together and for several years were a power in the Club. The greatest Club venture in Race Meetings was that of 1887. This was a time when public interest ran high anent the relative prowess in cycling matters of England and America, and the FPCC took the somewhat daring step of inviting two of the foremost of America's riders, who were contemplating a visit to England, to make their first appearance; the secretarial quill, was now wielded by SPENCER (who since his election in 1885 has always been one the best and foremost workers and friends of the Club), under whose management the event was, despite the pouring rain, a success in many ways. Large as the crowd was, however, the elements caused what would have been a perfect 'boom' for Club finances, to turn out a loss of £25, which somewhat crippled the Club's exchequer, and for a season the F.P.C.C. 'lay rather low'.

An open race meeting was never afterwards attempted by the Club on its own account, though it has held one or two meetings confined to Club events, and it has joined hands on several occasions with other clubs to hold meetings (sometimes with an open event), notably in 1902, when with the Kingsdale C.C. , we held a highly successful race meeting at Clarence Park Track, St. Albans, with motor events, in recognition of the new form of road locomotion, which for some years has been gradually supplanting that of foot-peddalling among many votaries of the wheel, and lovers of the country roads and lanes.

In 1890, and, we think, for some part of 1891, a monthly- periodical appeared, entitled. *The Finsbury Park Cycling Club Monthly Gazette*, the last number of which assumed the dignity of an illustrated magazine. The number for November 1890, is under our hand as we write, and from it we should judge that the slow times of 1888 had passed away. Reference is made in editorial paragraphs to doings and misdoings of numerous members, and the subject of the fairness, or otherwise, of a recent handicap is dealt with. In this number we also notice the name of J.O.H. HIRST as a candidate for membership. HIRST will be remembered by many of us as being for some years one of the most prominent of our clubmen, and a right good man of grit. Eventually the *Gazette* was killed by the expense entailed in its production, coupled with the stupidity of advertisers who refused to see what a good investment "half and quarters pages" in our organ would be.

For several years in the nineties, ten-mile road handicaps were a leading feature of our Club life, the Barnet to St. Albans course being regarded as the 'F.P.C.C. Course' by cycling habitues of that highway. The course was varied later to Hatfield to St. Albans and back, and various watch-chain medals, and such trifles as electro jam-dishes, now adorn the persons and houses of such members as PERCY DRIVER, HAROLD JOHNSON, E.P. JOHNSON, and others, who in these strenuously contested events proved their pedalling powers to be superior to those of their fellows. The F P C C. may be said to have been the Pioneers of the short distance road handicaps, which so increased among cycling clubs generally, as to cause official interference and prohibition. A letter is still among the club archives from the secretary of the Canonbury C.C. (then a much larger and older club than ours) asking for a copy of the rules governing our club handicaps to enable the C.C.C. to consider the advisability of instituting such events.

Claim has more than once been made by F.P.C.C. enthusiasts that our club was the first to organize hill - climbing contests. Examination of available evidence, however, does not quite bear this out, although the Club can certainly claim to be *among* the pioneers of such events, being the second club to hold such

contests, and holding one considerably before the Catford C.C., who afterwards took the field as the leading club for such contests. It will also be recollected that for years our Club possessed the premier hill-climber of the cycling world, P.A. BREYSIG, as a member, and through him carried off first laurels in the first open contest of the kind ever held (the Canonbury Muswell Hill climb of 1886).

Time and space fail us to tell of the Bank Holiday silver 'pots' brought home from quiet provincial corners by Finsbury Parkers, of the long distance rides and even records undertaken and scored by our members. Is not DRIVER still the holder (jointly with S.BEGBIE) of the 100 mile 'solid tandem' record? And was not the Finsbury Park the badge under which EBSWORTH, one of the best known of prize winners in open events, rode for years?

Two kinds of events must be mentioned of which the club can undisputably claim to be the originators, viz — 'Despatch Rides' and Balloon Chases. In the years 1898—1900 events of the former kind were observed as annuals, and on a night of July of each of those years the figure of our president might be seen at midnight in Old Palace Yard, Westminster, handing a sealed despatch to one of the bolder members of the Club, who snatching it as a man to whom seconds were of importance, rode off in company with several others towards some distant town, to deliver the despatch to the Mayor thereof. Sir (then Mr.) GEORGE BARTLEY proceeded home to bed, whilst the riders

*'Behind they left London, it's lights disappear. As into the midnight they ride, without fear'.*

It was Stamford one year, Peterborough another, where the Finsbury Park riders were breakfasted and genially entertained in a style befitting such heroes of darkness and mud. The third town honoured with a despatch did not quite rise to a sense of the favour conferred upon that municipality, so it shall be nameless as far as this record is concerned.

The 'Balloon Chase' of Easter 1903 was not only an original fixture of our club, but it stands unique among cycling club events, A rider (BERNAARDT) with his machine was taken up by balloon from the Crystal Palace and put upon earth again near Tunbridge Wells, whence he made all speed back to the Crystal Palace, the roads and lanes between being actively explored by many Finsbury Parkers endeavouring to intercept him, which endeavours were unsuccessful.

The year 1897 must be fixed as marking an epoch in the history of our club. We have already referred to the change that the growth of cycling as a popular pastime and practice wrought in cycling clubdom generally, and the end of 1896 found the F.P.C.C. in company with many other cycling clubs in water somewhat low. The position was faced by the few who at that time took active part and interest in the club, who had the sagacity to discern that changed methods were needed for the changed times, and it was resolved thenceforth to make the club more 'social' in its character, according to the popular meaning of the word, to make the admission of lady members, and the organization of events to which the ladies could contribute valuable assistance a distinguishing feature of future seasons' programmes. The successful dances, concerts, living picture shows, social invitation evenings and other events which have crowded the winter fixture list every year for the last seven years tell how wise was the decision of the club conclave of February 1897. And be it well observed, that the successful running of winter social events with the assistance (and sometimes it may be said almost under the leadership) of the ladies, has in no way abated, but rather increased, the enthusiasm for the purely cycling fixtures of the summer months. It is worthy of note that the attendance prize this year is carried off by a lady. Miss HUTCHESON.

The Club is served most excellently at the present time by G. H. SAVOURNIN as Secretary who -last year succeeded HAROLD JOHNSON, who held the office for practically a decade, who was in 1901 presented with a time-piece in recognition of the general esteem in which he was justly held. It may be mentioned, by-the-by, that the first Secretary, CRANE, had the luck to receive a club presentation after one-fifth of JOHNSON'S length of office; that presentation-ceremony was performed for the Club by that best of friends of cycling, Mr. ROBERT TODD, the present president of the N.C.U. who in olden time rendered many services to the Club

No summary of Finsbury Park doings could properly leave out .of mention the 'GAMAGE CUP' that club trophy which goes to the winner of two contests' in succession, or three times in all. The first having been won outright by BOUTS, was replaced by a similar valuable cup by the donor (our V.P.—GAMAGE—good health to him) and HORACE BROWN having permanently annexed cup No. 2, the third (the present club trophy) was presented in replacement, and although no promise of the sort is upon record, there exists a latent belief among those who are skilled in the art of estimating club probabilities, that the permanent replacement of the trophy is not outside the pale of things to be hoped for.

We thus find ourselves speaking of the future — and of it, what shall we say? With the member we have actively associated with us officered as they are by such men as Captain BERNAARDT, Sub-Captain SCALES, Secretary SAVOURNIN, to say nothing of Assistant Secretary PACY, or Committeemen ALFOHRD, LAWSON, STILL and Brothers RICHARDS, it is not too much to affirm that we have sufficient power amongst us to do far greater things than make the old Club "boom" for years to come. We are persuaded that Finsbury Park *esprit de corps* is still a living force, which will yet accomplish much. May we hint that the time has come to consider the question of a club house or exclusive club rooms as a preliminary step, either alone or jointly with a sister club?

An undoubted element in the future career of the Club will be a motor contingent. Already one or two of our members drive motor cars, and others will probably do so, whilst motor members present a wide recruiting ground for membership. Past and slow contingents (motor and ordinary cycling) starting and re-starting at different times, must assuredly, ere long, be recognised features of club runs.

But we forbear to prophecy further. We conclude with a list of the present members of the club, with the dates of their election, that, whatever rebukes we may receive for leaving unmentioned. many members of note who have passed through the club ranks, it may not be said that any present member has not received some mention, however small in this little gossip of the past and present. As we look down the list, we feel that there is not a single name which does not deserve a paragraph, anecdote, or full page in recognition of service or services rendered to the club. Let our setting down of the list speak of the future. To every man and every lady, whose name is here set down, we call in the name of the good old club for continued enthusiasm and effort for its progress and welfare, and a renewal and recognition of that spirit which has always made fellow Finsbury Parkers more than mere club associates one to the other.

### *LIST OF MEMBERS 1904*

Abel Miss M.E.		1897		James J.F.		1900
Abel Miss Annie		1897		Johnson H.	Financial Hon Sec	1884
Alford C.C.G.	Committeeman	1900		Johnson Mrs. H.		1897
Atkinson Miss		1902		Johnson E.F.	Vice President	1891
Atkins J.C.		1902		Lawson D.J.C.	Committeeman	1900
Bartley Sir Geo. C.T.	President	1885		MacDonald J.		1903
Bernaardt A.H.	Captain	1899		Newbold H.		1889
Benner Miss G.		1901		Pacy S.A.	Assistant Hon. Sec.	1897
Bone H.H.		1903		Pye Miss C.		1904
Bradley S.J.		1901		Richards H.	Committeeman	1899
Carthew G.L.		1903		Richards E.		1899
Cooke C.W.		1902		Reid Miss A.		1899
Collings W.		1898		Rugman Miss E.		1899
Crane A.C.	Vice President	1883		Saward W.	Vice President	1904
Driver P.E.	Vice President	1884		Savournin Geo. H.	General Hon.Sec.	1897
Driver Mrs. P.E.		1897		Scales W.C.	Vice Captain	1898
Dinger Miss H.		1902		Spencer P.	Vice President	1885
Gamage A.W.	Vice President	1902		Spencer Mrs. P.		1897
Hammond Miss H.		1902		Still F.	Committeeman	1901
Hayton Miss E. McN.		1903		Stephen Miss N.		1903
Hayton Miss M.		1903		Tooth E. Allen		1883
Horseman Miss A.		1903		Vincent W.A.		1904
Hume W.A.		1904		White Miss M.		1900
Hutcheson Miss M.C.		1904				

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Notice.</b></p> <p>Members who are absent with the Colours would greatly appreciate an occasional letter from club friends at home.</p> <p>W. J. Parker, who has been a prisoner in Germany for the past twelve months, would especially welcome a reminder that members have not entirely forgotten him. Postcards (which need not be stamped), are preferred by the authorities, and his address is:—</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Siglmn.</i> W. J. PARKER, Royal Naval Division, London, Gefangenen—Lager, Doberitz, Germany. <i>British Prisoner of War.</i></p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">(Formed 1883.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Headquarters: The Winchester Hotel, Archway Road, N. President - - <b>Geo. A. Touche, Esq., M.P.</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIXTURE LIST</b> OF THE THIRTY-THIRD <b>1915 WINTER SEASON 1916</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon. Sec: J. BRIDGES, 42, Elmore Street, Islington, N.</p>
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**FINSBURY PARK CYCLING & MOTORCYCLING CLUB.**

(Formed  1883)

**This is to Certify that**

*H. A. Elsdon,*  
*(C.T.C.)*

*rode in a 24 hours Bicycle Ride from*  
*London to King's Lynn and back*  
*promoted by the above Club, on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1918,*  
*and that he completed the distance of 200 miles*  
*in the Schedule time.*

*J. Evans,*

Hon. Sec.

*Geo. A. Touche*

President

*C. W. Cooke,*

Captain

THIS CERTIFICATE WAS AWARDED TO THE FATHER OF JOHN ELSDEN (CENTURY ROAD CLUB)  
IT IS A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL



Percy Spencer died at 6pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1913.

He is buried in Finchley Cemetery.

( Now part of St Pancras & Islington).

He contracted a cold at Brooklands on Easter Monday and this developed into bronchial pneumonia.

He was a famous aeronaut (balloonist). He made balloon ascents in Egypt, India, Straits Settlements, China, Japan and before the Tsar of Russia. He was forced down in India and spent 3 days in the jungle before finding his way out.

# Finsbury Park Cycling Club



Formed 1883.

## Jubilee Dinner and Prize Distribution

AT

Pagani's, Great Portland St. W.

ON

Saturday, 9th December, 1933.

Chairman:

**A. C. CRANE, Esq. (President).**

Hon. Sec.—G. H. HAMPTON, 31, Beechwood Gardens,  
South Harrow, Middlesex.



*Hors d'Oeuvres Parisienne*

*Fausse Tortue Claire  
Creme de Tomato*

*Filets de Sole Arlequin*

*Tournedos Lucullus  
Haricots Verts  
Pommes Fondantes*

*Chapon de Surrey a la Pagani  
Salade de Saison*

*Peche Melba*

*Café*

## Toast List.

**H.M. The King.**

*Proposed by* .. .. . THE CHAIRMAN

**The Finsbury Park Cycling Club.**

*Proposed by* .. .. . C. D. AXHAM, Esq. (V.P.)

*Response by* .. .. . G. H. HAMPTON, Esq. (Hon. Sec.)

## Presentation of Prizes.

**Our Chairman.**

*Proposed by* .. .. . H. JOHNSON, Esq. (V.P.)

*Response by* .. .. . A. C. CRANE, Esq. (President  
and Founder Member).

**The Ladies and Guests.**

*Proposed by* .. .. . C. W. COOKE, Esq (V.P.)

*Response by* H. H. ENGLAND, Esq (Editor of "Cycling,"  
and Mrs. C. D. AXHAM

**The Vice-Presidents.**

*Proposed by* .. .. . J. EVANS, Esq.

*Response by* ERNEST ALLEN, Esq. (V.P. and Founder  
Member).



## CHAS. RICHARD'S "CURIOSITIES."



ENID HYLTON .. .. . Soprano  
WINIFRED DORAN .. .. . Comedy Entertainer  
FRANK HAGLEY .. .. . At the Piano  
BILLY WHITE .. .. . Entertainer  
WALTER KEMP .. .. . Conjuror and Compère  
CHAS. RICHARD .. .. . Baritone  
THE CRITERION TRIO .. .. . In Modern Melody



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**The Finsbury Park Cycling Club.**

**Hon. Secretaries.**

1883	A. C. CRANE	1909	C.W. COOKE
1884	A. C. CRANE	1910	C.W. COOKE
1885	A. C. CRANE AND P. SPENCER	1911	C.W. COOKE
1886	A. C. CRANE	1912	C.W. COOKE
1887	P. SPENCER	1913	C.W. COOKE
1888	P. SPENCER	1914	H. C. GREY SUCCEEDED BY J.
1889	P. E. DRIVER	1915	J. BRIDGES
1890	A. C. CRANE	1916	J. BRIDGES SUCCEEDED BY C.D. AXHAM
1891	J. O. H. HURST	1917	C.D. AXHAM
1892	H. NEWBOLD	1918	J. EVANS
1893	J. KIRKHAM	1919	J. EVANS
1894	H. JOHNSON	1920	H. MONTAGUE
1895	H. JOHNSON	1921	C.H. JENKINS
1896	H. JOHNSON	1922	C. H. JENKINS SUCCEEDED BY J.H.
1897	H. JOHNSON	1923	J.H. BERRY
1898	H. JOHNSON	1924	L.A. WEBB
1899	H. JOHNSON	1925	G.H. HAMPTON
1900	H. JOHNSON	1926	G.H. HAMPTON
1901	GEO. H. SAVOURNIN	1927	G.H. HAMPTON
1902	GEO. H. SAVOURNIN	1928	G.H. HAMPTON
1903	GEO. H. SAVOURNIN	1929	G..H. HAMPTON
1904	GEO. H. SAVOURNIN	1930	G.H. HAMPTON
1905	GEO. H. SAVOURNIN	1931	G.H. HAMPTON
1906	GEO. H. SAVOURNIN	1932	G.H. HAMPTON
1907	GEO. H. SAVOURNIN	1933	G.H. HAMPTON
1908	GEO. H. SAVOURNIN		

**Club Champions**

1885	R. W. MARKS	1913	C.D. AXHAM
1886	H. EBSWORTH	1914	J.C. ETHERTON
1887	H. EBSWORTH	1915-18	NO COMPETITION
1894	J. C. TOLMIE	1919	A.E. ADAMS
1895	H. JOHNSON	1920	A.E. ADAMS
1897	S. M. BOUTS	1921	J.C. ETHERTON
1899	S. M. BOUTS	1922	B.W. SHEEN
1900	H. BROWN	1923	A.E. BEVIS
1901	H. BROWN	1924	R.C. ARNOLD
1902	H. BROWN	1925	J.LAUTERWASSER
1905	A. B. SMITH	1926	J.LAUTERWASSER
1906	L. F. DIXON	1927	J.LAUTERWASSER
1907	L. F. DIXON	1928	J. LAUTERWASSER
1908	C. D. AXHAM	1929	E. W. HUSSEY
1909	J. FOSTER	1930	J. LAUTERWASSER
1910	C. D. AXHAM	1931	E.W. HUSSEY
1911	C. D. AXHAM	1932	E. W. HUSSEY

**Club Records.**

## Twenty Five Miles

Bicycle	1928	J. Lauterwasser	1hr 4min 33sec
Tricycle	1931	A.J. Wright	1hr 12min 32sec

## Fifty miles

Bicycle	1928	J. Lauterwasser	2hr 10min 15sec
Tandem	1932	W. Jennings and H. Pullinger	2hr 00 min 12sec
Tricycle	1925	B.W. Sheen	2hr 32min 20sec

## One Hundred Miles

Bicycle	1928	J. Lauterwasser	4hr 44min 27sec
Tandem	1932	J. Lauterwasser and C. Lauterwasser	4hr 20 min 40sec
Tricycle	1925	R.C. Arnold	5hr 4min 13sec

## Twelve Hours

Bicycle	1928	J. Lauterwasser	237 $\frac{7}{8}$ miles
Tandem	1932	J. Lauterwasser and C. Lauterwasser	240 $\frac{7}{8}$ miles
Tricycle	1925	R.C. Arnold	201 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles

## Twenty Four Hours

Bicycle	1928	J. G. Fisher	371 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles
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## R.R.A Records

1890	P. E. Driver	100miles Tandem Tricycle with S.D. Begbie (N.R.C.C.)	6hr 15min 16sec
1928	J. Lauterwasser	100 miles Bicycle	4hr 13min 35sec
1928	J. Lauterwasser	50 miles Bicycle	1hr 54min 47sec

**INTRODUCTION.**

In the following pages of this Souvenir number of the FINSBURY PARK CYCLING CLUB GAZETTE, we have endeavoured to convey, in a form which will not prove to be too tedious, a faithful and historically accurate survey of the fifty eventful years which the Club completes this week.

The reader will realise that a complete History would occupy more space than we can possibly devote to the subject in one single issue. It is a great tribute to those faithful and painstaking members who have, at one time or another, filled the Secretarial Office, to say that the Minute Books during practically the whole period have been preserved intact and handed down as a connected and accurate record of the Club's activities.

The Editor is indebted particularly to our President, Harold Johnson and C. D. Axham for the invaluable assistance he has received from these three stalwarts in the compilation of this brief account.

Harold Johnson possesses a collection of literature which must be almost unique, and is, in addition, a perfect mine of facts and figures. All these have been freely placed at our disposal and it is safe to say that, without him, it would have been impossible to prepare this souvenir.

We have before us the souvenir prepared by our President on the occasion of the 'Coming of Age' Celebration, and have taken the liberty of 'lifting' therefrom several interesting extracts. We feel that, if we cannot hope to achieve his literary style, we may, at least, copy it in one respect, and adhere to the Club custom of dispensing with the conventional prefix, as far as the male members are concerned.

With these few introductory remarks, we will commence the main business of this issue, and proceed to relate, as briefly as may be, the History of Fifty Years.

THE EDITOR.

There are preserved in the records, and we trust will ever be preserved in the hearts of all loyal Finsbury Parkers, the names of five of the nine youths who met in a cafe in the Seven Sisters Road on that eventful first of December, 1883.

Crane, Allen, Augood, Jacobs and Gilbert, with four other unknown heroes, passed, at eight o'clock in the evening of that day, the resolution which brought the Club into existence. Of this little band, two only remain in membership, and we extend to Ernest Allen and Charlie Crane our heartiest congratulations and warmest thanks for half a century of undiminished interest.

Crane was elected as first Secretary, and the newly formed Club got quickly into it's stride. Silver Gray and Crimson were adopted as the Club colours, and with these proudly displayed around the straw hats, which, with grey costumes and black stockings, comprised the Club uniform, the members sallied forth to join that ever increasing army of cyclists which was bringing about the renaissance of travel on the roads.

Among the influx of new members during the following year, one observes the names of Harold Johnson, Percy Driver and Bob Marks. The last named signalled his arrival by becoming the first Champion of the Club, in the race held in conjunction with the first Club Evening Race Meeting at Alexandra Palace in 1885. This meeting was organised by the energetic Secretary, A. C. Crane, and one observes among the names of the Officials, those of 'Boss' Whorlow (N.L.T.O.) and A. J. (Faed) Wilson of the same club.

During this year the Club gave early indication that, although primarily interested in Racing, the Social side was not to be forgotten. A Smoking Concert, the first of a long series, was organised in 1885, and the Chair was taken by R. Todd, then Secretary (and later President) of the N.C.U.

By 1886 the Club mustered fifty members and gave early evidence of that originality which later, came to be regarded as one of it's outstanding characteristics. Breysig won himself a place in Cycling History by securing premier honours in the first Open Hill Climb ever held, promoted by the Canonbury B.C. and also in the open Climb organised by the Finsbury Park, on Muswell Hill, later in the year. Not only did these performances attract considerable attention at the time, but were the cause of considerable discussion in the Cycling Press, it being alleged that his 'hill-climbing instrument' was unrideable on the flat. At the Smoking Concert a Home Trainer Competition was promoted, so that we see that these events are by no means the novelty we had imagined them to be.

The 'Anchor Inn' at Dunstable was 'discovered' about this time and, for many years, remained a popular rendezvous.

The success of the second evening race meeting emboldened the Committee to launch into a bigger venture still. The Alexandra Palace Track was booked for a Saturday afternoon in May 1887, and thirty of the leading professional cyclists of England and America were engaged to appear. In addition to a strong contingent of Finsbury Parkers, many of the leading Amateurs of the day had entered and the stage seemed set for a phenomenal success. As sometimes happens, however, things did not turn out quite as they should have done, and rain fell in torrents for the whole week preceding the Meeting. Despite the large crowd, a heavy loss resulted, and the consequent financial crash hampered, but did not daunt the hardy spirits of those days, for the Open Hill Climb was again held, this time at the Alexandra Palace. Simmonds of the Finsbury Park was fastest, but the Hill Climbing wizard, Breysig, was content to act as an Official. There were 26 entries for this event, an increase of three over the preceding year. Although no more Open climbs were promoted by the Club a fashion was set thereby which has endured to the present day.

Despite the financial stringency caused by the disaster of the preceding year, the youthful enthusiasm of the Club, though hampered, was by no means killed, and we see the formation of the Dunstable Road Cyclists League accomplished, mainly at the instigation of the Finsbury Park, with Harold Johnson as Honorary Secretary. A mammoth sports meeting was organised on August Bank Holiday, at Luton, in conjunction with the Local Athletic Club, ninety cyclists competing.

Money continued to be scarce, with the result that no more separate Race Meetings were held, although members continued to compete at Open Meetings, in witness of their prowess whereat many of our older members have still their Prizes to show. Winter riding was not, as now, carried on, the active Season commencing in April. From then, till September, however, regular Club runs were well attended, although these were carried out on Saturday afternoons only. The fast pace at which these functions are now-a-days conducted seems to be no new thing, for we find Harold Johnson reporting to a General Meeting that the rule calling on members to ride behind the Captain and not to pass him without permission, was not being observed. Warning seems to have had no effect, and the brilliant idea, evolved only in recent years, of electing only racing men of proved ability to the Office of Captain does not seem to have been thought of. The complaint recurs time after time, and the position was somewhat eased some years later, by the formation of fast and slow brigades. Out of this lust for speed on the road were born the short distance paced road handicaps, for which the Club became noted. Fierce and unholy as these Races would seem today, they achieved a considerable measure of popularity among London Clubs, and we find that prime exponent of the art — A.C. Crane, explaining the *modus operandi* to a meeting of Clubs, convened by the Catford C.C., in 1892. These were the halcyon days, before mechanically propelled vehicles had accustomed the authorities to regard speeds at sixty miles an hour with equanimity, and these paced Races were eventually killed by Official intervention.

Percy Driver placed his name on the books of the Road Record Association, with a solid tyred 100 mile Tandem Tricycle Ride, in company with S.D. Begbie, in 1890, and was the only Finsbury Parker to do so for thirty eight years.

About this time the first issue of the Club Gazette appeared, the Editor being A.C. Crane, who was again Secretary. The earlier editions were mimeographed, but the paper later blossomed forth as a four page, printed magazine, complete with illustrations. Harold Johnson succeeded to the Editorial quill in 1891, but the venture was killed by the cost of production.

By 1891 the Club seems definitely to have acquired the road racing fever. The Dunstable Road (the Finsbury Parkers' first love) was now supplanted by the North Road, where our events have ever since been run. Club finances seem to have improved, for the first Standard Medals for 12 hours road riders were introduced. Although four attempts were made, none was won. It is worthy of note that the Regulations governing these rides stood, practically unaltered, for nearly forty years.

It is on record that, at this time, a decision was reached to transfer Headquarters to the Y.M.C.A., an arrangement which lasted but a few months, after which licensed premises were again patronised. A graphic account of the 'move' is given in the contemporary Minutes, whence we learn that "each member put a Club photograph under his arm and walked out, leaving the Secretary to explain matters to the Y.M.C.A. authorities.

1892 proved to be a year of continued progress, six road handicaps being promoted, and the first Annual Dinner held. In addition to the ordinary and well established Photographic Socials and Smoking Concerts, it was decided to promote a Club Dance. This step was taken with great trepidation, but, under the capable management of Harold Johnson, the affair was an unqualified success. The resulting profit emboldened the Committee to arrange for three Dances in the following year. Dances became, thereafter, a regular feature of the Club Winter Programme and a source of much very welcome revenue.

To mark the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the two remaining Founder Members, Allen and Crane, were elected Vice-Presidents. Another famous V.P., the late A.W. Gamage, presented this year, the first of the 'Gamage Cups', which were allocated to the Club Championship, which then consisted of a road race at twenty five miles. To J.O. Tolmie fell the honour of first placing his name on the Cup, with his brother and Harold Johnson (then making his debut as Secretary) second and third, each fifty yards apart. The differentiation, which had hitherto existed, in the standard medal times for differing types of tyres, was abolished, and one standard only fixed. Gold medals were offered for 160 miles. Silver for 140 and Bronze for 120, to be covered in 12 hours. It was however, a condition that no attempt be made on a Sunday.

The official Club uniform was abandoned in 1894, in favour of the more conventional attire, members being required, however, to wear the Club Badge in the cap.

The claims of gallantry then, as now, received prime consideration, and the first of the very successful series of 'Ladies' Days' was organised, the fair visitors travelling to the selected Hotel at Elstree by train and brake, while the gentlemen hosts journeyed, as true Finsbury Parkers should, by road.

In the second year of H.J.'s tenure of the Secretarial Office, we find the Club again engaging in Race Meeting promotion, in company with the Apollo and North Middlesex Clubs, at the old Wood Green Track. Despite the cares of his office, Johnson proved that his speed was undiminished, for he won both the ½ and 3 mile Handicaps from Scratch. Current racing men may be interested to learn that he accomplished the ½ mile in 1m 10 4/5 secs. Among the names of the competitors one notices those of W.A. Vincent, Will Day and J. Cecil Paget.

The end of 1896 found the F.P.C.C., in company with many other Cycling Clubs, in somewhat low water. Road Racing was disowned by the governing body (the N.C.U.) and cycling which had been tried out by Society and abandoned by that somewhat fickle body, was regarded with disfavour and was in the trough of a minor depression. The position was faced by the few who, at that time took active part and interest in the Club, who had the sagacity to discern that changed methods were needed for the changing times; and it was resolved, to make the Club thenceforth more social in its character, to make the admission of lady members, and the organisation of events to which the ladies could contribute valuable assistance, a distinguishing feature of future seasons' programmes. The success of the customary social functions, to which were added Living Picture Shows and Dramatic Entertainments, in the years that followed, proved this to have been a wise step, while the ladies proved themselves to be as enthusiastic in their support of the Club runs as were the male members of the Club. There is another aspect of the matter of which we must not lose sight, and that is rather the inevitable consequence of propinquity on men and maidens of every age and in every clime The Wedding Bells of fellow Finsbury Parkers have rung out many times in the succeeding thirty years, and numerous members have found in the ranks of the Club, not only that hearty good fellowship which is the true Freemasonry of the road, but also a tandem partner who will be with them to the journey's end.

The Club strength in 1898 (the year following the momentous decision to which reference has just been made) had risen from 12 to 50, and Club life was once more in full swing. With the kind assistance of the first President, Mr. Geo. Bartley, M.P., a Despatch ride to Peterborough was organised, the Club being entertained in right Royal style by the Mayor of that ancient Town. It is also on record that a serious shortage of strawberries that year caused the Annual Strawberry Tea to be abandoned.

At this time there entered into the possession of the Club the famous Games box, presented by a sportsman who desired to remain anonymous. This box, it may be said 'en passant' has been for many years a sort of legend, and a trial and tribulation to all Club auditors for, whereas there was no doubt that such a thing existed, as witness the Balance Sheets from year to year, no man knew where it was to be found. Application being finally made to the Club Custodian, Curator and Historian in Chief, Harold Johnson, elicited the information that he had been guarding the Treasure for sixteen years. It now reposes, after many wanderings, in the registered Offices of the F.P.C.C.

The closing year of the nineteenth Century saw Club finances, at long last, in a most flourishing condition, and was also remarkable for the fact that A. Bernaardt won the first Standard Medal ever secured. The ban on Sunday attempts made help difficult to get, so that the rider had to despatch postcards, at frequent intervals, to the Secretary to mark his progress along the road. The writer has had the pleasure of hearing these peripatetic heart throbs read, and one marks the progress of that lethargic feeling so well known to all racing men, in the change in the tenor of these greeting cards as the ride proceeds. The last bulletin announced the rider's intention of 'packing' after 10 hours of rain and mud.

S.M. Bouts won outright the first of the Gamage Cups, and the donor presented another to the Club.

The Despatch Ride this year was to Stamford, but the reception was not cordial, and the visit was never repeated, while that to Peterborough, in the following year was an unqualified success.

The complaint of speed on Club runs seems now to have disappeared, and things appear to be making in the reverse direction, for it was decided to erect a notice board at the top of Stag Hill, on which could be left directions for members who were coming on behind.

The year 1900 saw Harold Johnson resigning from the post of Secretary after seven years' strenuous and valuable work, and the election of the late Geo. H. Savournin to that Office, which he was destined to fill with such distinction, for the next eight years. No history of the club would be complete were it not to include the tribute, which we now offer, to the memory of 'Savvy', as he was affectionately known to all. He was active as Secretary, Treasurer, Handicapper and Timekeeper for over thirteen years, and the passing of this genial Vice- President in 1926, left a gap which was never filled.

The second of the Gamage Gups was quickly won by H. Brown, and the third, which was at once presented, was destined to become the property of one of the greatest riders that the Club had ever produced. The Club was again in the field of Race Meeting promotion, and the first of the joint meetings with the Kingsdale C.C. was staged at St. Alban's Track, A.C. Crane officiating as Judge. The Championship, in winning which, Brown secured the Gamage Cup, was at 10 miles, and was decided at this Meeting. This Race was again held, in similar circumstances in the following year (1902), While the Kingsdale were opposed to the Club, during the Social Season, in the gentler pastime of Ping Pong.

The 'Balloon Chase' of Easter, 1903, was not only an original fixture of our Club, but it stands unique among Cycling; Club events. Bernaardt, of 12 hour fame, was taken up by balloon from the Crystal Palace, together with his bicycle, and was put to earth again near Tunbridge Wells. Thence he made all speed back again to the Crystal Palace, the roads and lanes between being actively explored by many Finsbury Parkers endeavouring to intercept him, which endeavours were unsuccessful.

Two notable members elected during 1904 were Mrs. Savournin and Cecil W. Cooke. The latter quickly displayed a turn of speed, being second to Collings in the race for the Gamage Cup, which had been re-transferred to the road.

The Despatch Ride was converted to an all-night ride to Peterborough, and Club runs showed decided signs of a return to their old time ferocity. The matter was considered officially by the Committee, who took the firm step of deciding that any member arriving at the venue before the Captain should be deprived of his attendance point.

The newly formed Motor Cycle Club sought and obtained the assistance of members in marshalling part of the course for their London-Edinburgh run, in this and the following year.

Inspired possibly by his experiences in his medal attempt, Bernaardt commenced, during this year, his famous agitation in favour of Sunday Racing. This 'bone of contention' was to be the piece de resistance of many a General Meeting in the years to follow, but many more were to pass before the dream of this long distance pioneer became an accomplished fact. We do not wish to give this matter publicity which it may not seem, at first glance, to merit, but the subject raised was one which was destined to be the cause of protracted, and often bitter discussions, in the legislative assemblies of cyclists throughout the country. The fight was a long and, as we say, often a bitter one, but the victory has been won and the dreaded consequences have not followed.

Henri-Auguste Bernaardt, doughty hard rider, Professor of French, Officer of the Academy, soldier of France, Interpreter to the British Armies in the Field and holder of the Military Medal, passed away in his 62<sup>nd</sup> year, on the 30<sup>th</sup> October, 1933.

More interest was being shown in road events, both Club and Open, and the Coming of Age Dinner, held under the Chairmanship of the Founder President, Sir George Bartley, M.P., found the Club in a strong and flourishing condition.

Despite the growing popularity of motoring, which was thought, in some quarters, likely to be the death knell of cycling, we see that the club was still able to find many who desired to progress 'under their own steam' and the first year of the Club's majority was one of steady progress, the Club colours being carried in the North London '50', North Road '100' and the Beaumont '100'. The ice was broken on Sunday Racing, when the Club accepted the challenge of the Wood Green C.C. to race from Wood Green Town Hall to Barton, a distance of 33 miles. The Wood Green were successful in the Team Race, but Collings, of the F.P. made fastest time. For the benefit of members who were now sampling the somewhat novel form of locomotion, a motor paper chase was held, on the well known Barnet-St. Albans-Hatfield-Barnet course. An innovation was the Easter tour to Paris, in which 12 members took part, under the direction of Bernaardt, and in conjunction with the Audax Club Parisien. Four standard medals were won for 12 hour rides, and a fifty mile Club event was promoted.

A highly successful season terminated with a Club party of 82 at 'Cycling's' first Concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

The A.G.M. of 1906 stiffened the 12 hour medal standards, and it was decided to present any lady member covering 120 miles in 12 hours with a medal. There is, however, no record of any claim being made.

A new member, in the person of L.F. Dixon showed his quality early in his first year, and placed his name on the Gamage Cup (which he was destined to win outright) with a new Club Record time of 1h.14m.43s. He won the other '25' promoted that year, as well as the '50' and was third in the Handicap of the North London '50' The road programme was extended to include an event at 100 miles, which was won by Collings. The Club was successful in beating the Wood Green C.C. in the second annual Team Race, the start being now moved to the Cemctary on the St. Albans Road,

In conjunction with the Unity C.C., the Club entertained the Audax Club Parisien, during a return Easter Tour to this Country, and their President was elected an Honorary Member.

The Time Trial Begulations were re-drafted to permit medal attempts to be made on a Sunday, but the fight for Sunday Racing was unsuccessfully continued, both this year and the next.

1907 saw Dixon still in fine form, although he suffered defeat, at the hands of Mestdagh, in two of the three twenty-five's. He secured the (Championship, raising the record by over a minute. Fastest time in the Club '100' prepared him for the feat which was his most noteworthy achievement, for in the Bath Road '100', he established a Club Record of 5h. 27m. 12s., which was not displaced until the corresponding event thirteen years later.

The two Inter team Races, versus the Allendale and Wood Green Clubs were lost, although Dixon was fastest in the latter event.

The passing of the third Gamage Cup into the hands of Dixon was the occasion for the presentation of a fourth, destined ultimately to find a winner who should be Club Champion for a longer time than any Finsbury Parker had ever been.

More interest was now being taken in standard medal attempts, and Foster made the first real advance in distance riding with a new Club record of 175 miles for twelve hours. All this activity proved to be a heavier drain on Club funds than had ever been experienced, and the Committee expressed their alarm.

Despite a certain amount of pessimism, however, it was decided, in the following year, to increase further the range of standard medals, these being offered for 50 and 100 mile rides in Open events, whereas there had been no 50 standard previously, and the 100 (and the 12) could only be won in solitary attempts against the watch.

Up to this time, club runs had been held on Saturdays only, but, during the 1908 Season, Sunday runs became an established feature of the programme.

A new recruit joined the ranks at this time, one whose star was to shine brightly for many years. Starting, as had all Finsbury Park Racing men, as a complete novice, such was his reputation, that Charlie Axham figured on scratch in his first race, which event, he justified the confidence of the handicappers, by winning This was followed by victory in the Championship for the Gamage Cup, which he subsequently made his own. Marshall won the '100' and Cecil Cooke the '50'.

The all-night ride to Peterborough was repeated, and Winter Walks were introduced, as a feature which was to retain its popularity for a number of years.

W.O. Scales was made an Honorary Member, on the occasion of his proceeding to Egypt.

G.H. Savournin resigned his Secretarial Office the following year, after holding the post longer than any of his predecessors. A presentation was made him to mark the occasion, and he was elected a Vice President.

With the resignation of Bernaardt, the agitation in favour of Sunday Racing collapsed.

The Wood Green C.C. were again challenged, but, as in the previous year, were unable to raise a team to meet us.

Axham had a lean season, chiefly owing to his unlucky habit of puncturing. He was deprived of the Gamage this year for this reason, and secured, as consolation, the Savournin Award of Merit. This award,

which was so generously given for many years, and has been recently revived by Mrs. Savournin, was intended to mark some more than meritorious performance by any Finsbury Parker, and the donor sought the advice of the Committee in making the presentation. Axham's performance was a really noteworthy one, for, in the Championship, which he lost by 69 seconds, he delayed for six minutes by a puncture.

Six standard medals were won this year, and the heavy expenditure on Racing, converted what had been but a few years before, a handsome surplus, into a deficit. This state of affairs was faced with some courage by the Club, and the unusual course of raising subscriptions 100% was taken. It is to the credit of the Membership that this was taken in a sporting spirit, and there is only one dissentient voice recorded. Free entry to all Social events and Races was open to all members 'in benefit', so that sufficient support was guaranteed to all Fixtures, and the possibility of loss on Dances, etc., reduced to a minimum.

Axham was elected to the dual office of sub-Captain and Racing Secretary—ensuring that, when he is in charge of club runs, no member should be in danger of forfeiting his attendance point by getting ahead on the road. Despite the cares of his duties, Axham made sure of the Championship, in which he created a new Club record of 1h. 13m. 35s. He was, however, second to Perkins in two other Club events, but was doubtless handicapped by the fact that, in order to avoid puncturing, he had reinforced his tyres with an inside band.

The Club's association with the newly formed E.C.C.A. commenced soon after the inception of that body, but was not of long duration.

A great loss was sustained in the death, towards the end of 1910, of the first President—Sir George Bartley, M.P., who had taken an active interest in the Club from its earliest days. It was decided to invite the new Member for the Constituency—Mr. George Touche, to fill the vacancy now created, and this gentleman consented.

During this year (1911) a most important decision was arrived at. It was the opinion of many members of the Club that there was, or would be at some future date, some affinity between cycling and motor-cycling, and that, in the natural course of events, the faster method of travel, would, to some extent, supersede the simple bicycle. The decision which was taken was quite in accordance with the customary enterprise of the Club, and the fact that it was not justified by results, does not, in any way, detract from its merits. A meeting of motor-cyclists was called, and eleven attended. Five recruits for the newly formed Section, for which a sub-Captain was appointed, were obtained. Mark, however, the irony of fate. No cyclist was weaned from his first love, and, however curious it may seem to the lay journalist, there were then, as now, stalwarts who cycled because they liked it. Of the members of the motor cycling section, only one now remains, and he, by reason of his association with the Club, became an enthusiastic cyclist, and eventually took over the office of Secretary of the Club. The President presented, in 1912, a Cup for Motor Cycle Competition, so that, out of the new venture we secured two valuable additions—the Touche Cup, and J. Evans. It should here be mentioned that both are 'perpetual'.

The year 1912 was an important one, not only for the Club, but for all North London Cyclists. On the initiative of the Finsbury Park Committee, a meeting of North London Clubs was called, at which the North Middlesex and Herts. Cycling Asssocation was formed. Cecil Cooke became the first Secretary and the Club has been forward, at all times, in support of this thriving body, which celebrated its 'Coming of Age' this year.

Axham won the Championship, and reduced his record figures to the even minute, and was also first in the Club '100', held in conjunction with the Kingsdale C.C., the Finsbury Park Team being victorious.

France again claimed the attention of members, the Easter Tour being to Normand, while a paper chase, and a schedule ride to York were included in the Programme.

A new Racing man was added to our strength in the person of Jack Etherton, and had not the War intervened, this promising youngster would have carried the Club colours even higher than he did.

The Vice-Presidents added another to their long list of services to the Club, in presenting the Attendance Shield for the best all-round support of Club Fixtures.

Axham continued as Racing Secretary in 1913, and raised the 25 mile record figures to 1h. 11m, 10s, where they were to stand for many years.

The newly formed N.M. & H C.A. organised their first 'fifty', and the Finsbury Park Team—(Axham 2h. 29m. 35s., Genower 2h. 32m. 10s. and Etherton 2h. 37m. 13s.) was second in the Team Race. It is worthy of note here, that, although we have since been successful in winning the Association Team Races as much as most clubs, and have won them at 25 and 100 miles, as well as 12 hours, we have never again been placed so high in this Event as at our first attempt. Axham's ride created a new Club record, and so fierce was his pace, that he had succeeded in catching, and dropping the scratch man before the turn, where he was fastest. Help up the road was not so easy to obtain as is now the case, and Axham, treading his 88in. gear (how's that ye current speedmen ?)—missed a much needed refresher, and had the mortification of seeing the ultimate winner pass him and get away.

The Club Team was again in the field in the N.C.U. Utility ride, held for the first and only time this year, and performed with great credit.

Two staunch supporters, in the persons of the brothers Richards, proceeded to Vancouver, and were presented with illuminated addresses at a farewell supper held in their honour.

The year 1914, with the shadow of tragedy gathering on the horizon, was marked by the generous action of our worthy President, who, this year, first placed at the disposal of the Club, his Bungalow at Canvey Island. Crane's generosity has extended down to the present day, and the week-ends spent at the Island, as his guests, are considered by all members, to be the most enjoyable feature of the year.

Cooke led the Club to Normandy and Brittany for the Easter Tour, and a Paper Chase was held in conjunction with the Alexandra Palace C.C., then a thriving Club, but now defunct. Etherton made his presence felt in his first season, winning the Gamage Cup from Axham, in 1h. 12m. 19s., while Genower was first and fastest in the other '25' promoted that season.

Etherton followed by securing the second handicap prize in the second North Midds. 'fifty', in which event the Club Team was down to fourth place.

In the height of the Club's active season, there came the War, and the necessities of military service made such inroads on the active membership that the programme had to be seriously curtailed. So serious was the position that the Annual Dinner and the first Dance were abandoned. Of all the members who joined the Forces, two—F. M. Slater and G. E. Lowe—rest in the soil of France.

The horror of the four succeeding years lay like a shadow over the land, and many a brilliant racing career was interrupted, never to be resumed, and many a rising star went forth never to return. In these grim year, all was subjugated to the one purpose, and Clubs were discontinued all over the Country. It was in this difficult period that the wisdom of the action taken in 1897 became manifest. The lady members, who had, at all times, nobly done their part in carrying on the Club, were now faced with the task of saving it from extinction, a fate which so many similar organisations were to suffer. Mrs. Axham was elected in 1916, and at once entered actively into Club life. Difficulty arose over Headquarters, and the Axhams generously placed their house at the disposal of the Club for Meetings. Associate Membership was opened to Cyclists whose Clubs were dormant, and in this way, a fairly active programme was carried on.

A noteworthy recruit during this period was A. E. Adams, whose speed was to overshadow that of any of his predecessors, and to whom was eventually to fall the last of the five 'Gamage' Cups.

Evans succeeded Axham, the War time Secretary, at the beginning of 1918, and, as the War clouds lifted the hive began again to hum. Easter and August tours were held, and, at the end of the season, a large number of new Members was secured.

An important step was taken by the North Midds, who at this time, produced their own Gazette for the first time. The Editorial duties were at once undertaken by C. W. Cooke, and a copy was distributed free to all members. The career of this bright production, now familiarly known as 'The Green Un', has been continuous from that day to this. The first (and, as it proved, the last) of the Open 24 Hour Schedule rides was organised and was well supported.

The Club were obliged to leave Headquarters, which were at the well known 'Winchester Hotel', and it was at this time that the Games Box ceased to be an ever present reminder of that sportsman who desired to remain anonymous, and disappeared into the limbo of forgotten things.

The War was over, and active Club life became again the order of the day. The shifting sands of the political arena had placed the representation of the people of North Islington in the hands Sir Newton Moore, who on the resignation of Sir George Touche, accepted the Presidency of the Club.

By kind invitation of Ernest Allen, a Garden Party was held at his residence, and a well attended function was thoroughly enjoyed.

A Whitsun Tour to St. Neots was organised, and that good friend of the Finsbury Park, Mr .G.H. Stancer, then Editor of 'Cycling', spent the Sunday in the company of the Club.

The 24 hour ride had to be abandoned, owing to lack of support.

Things were, however, moving towards an active resumption of pre-War Club life, and the Championship was revived. A newcomer to the road game, A.E. Adams, who had previously won fourth prize in the Novices' '25', promoted by the Unity C.C., won the 'Gamage Cup' in 1h. 15m. 58s., Etherton being second and Cooke third.

The revival of the Club Dinner was rewarded with a record attendance.

At the A.G.M. of 1920, it was decided to delete the words 'Motor Cycling' from the Club title.

Sunday Racing again loomed large on the horizon, and Club delegates were only elected to the North Midds. on the distinct understanding that the Association did not indulge in the practice.

This condition was broken by the Association, and the Club severed its connection in consequence.

The question of the purchase of a Finsbury Park Club House, which had been mentioned in the 1904 Souvenir, was taking more definite shape, and a Committee was appointed to investigate the matter. The proposition does not seem to have appealed to the membership at large, with the result that the idea, which, had it fructified, would have made this Club unique, was dropped.

The Club Gazette, which had lapsed since 1891 was revived, and the last Editor, Harold Johnson, again took over the Editorial duties.

It will be appreciated that, at this time, road racing did not enjoy the widespread popularity of to-day, and that, so far from desiring to limit events, the main idea was to stimulate interest in them. With the customary go-ahead spirit which had always marked the Club, the Finsbury Park again came into the field of race promotion and a Novices' '25' was staged for a Saturday afternoon, the 10th April. A very wide definition (N.C.U.) of a Novice was adopted, and the medal standards set were, even in those days, on the generous side. A good entry was received, and the event served the purpose of introducing to the sport, many riders who were to make their mark in the Cycling world. Notable among these, the writer recalls J.W. Rossiter, E. W. Dixon and D.F. Nash.

A varied programme was carried out, in addition to the usual Club runs, such features as the Garden Party (again by kind invitation of Ernest Allen), Speed Judging competition, Easter and Whitsun Tours and a Christmas Party were well supported.

With the demise of the Motor Cycling Section, the Touche Cup became available for Cycling Competition. It was not, however, allotted to any particular event during this year, as the conditions of award were not finally settled.

Two Road Events only were held this year, in both of which Adams proved himself victorious. There was a close fight for the 'Gamage Cup', Adams, with lh. 11m. 23s. Beating Etherton by only four seconds. Etherton's performance in the Bath Eoad '100', overshadowed all Club performances of the year. This event, it will be recalled, was remarkable for the fact that all previous conceptions of what constituted a good ride at 100 miles went by the board. The late Leon Meredith won the event with a ride 12 minutes inside 'evens', and Etherton took full advantage of the conditions to create a new record for the Club of 5h. 7m. 49s., which performance secured for him second Handicap prize.

The year 1921 saw the end of the long fight on Sunday Racing, the motion which brought this innovation into force being passed.

The Committee, after consultation with Mr. G. H. Stancer recommended that the Touche Cup be awarded for the Cycling Championship of the Club, on a point scoring basis, and this suggestion was adopted with the consent of the Donor and C. W. Cooke, the holder.

Feeling was growing in the Club with regard to our continued disaffiliation from the North Midds., especially in view of the fact that, having decided to organise our own events on Sunday mornings, our previous attitude to the Association was no longer a logical one. A General Meeting convened for the purpose, reversed the previous decision, and we returned to the fold. The Club Gazette, of which Harold Johnson was still the Editor, was continued for a further six months, and was then finally abandoned. From that time, all members were supplied with a free copy of the North Midds. Gazette.

Headquarters for Meetings were changed from the Hornsey Wood Tavern to the Ilanley Hall, where meetings have ever since been held.

Easter and Whitsun Holiday Tours were well supported, and an increasing number of new racing men were coming into the Club. Although only two events were again promoted, entries were larger than they had been. Etherton won the first '25' in lh. 12m. 4s., Adams' chance being spoiled by a puncture. The 'Savournin' medal for the fastest novice was won by S. Richardson. It was however in the race for the 'Gamage Cup' that the first real advance in speed manifested itself. Adams secured outright the last of the famous series of Cups with a ride of lh. 9m. 20s., while both Etherton (lh. 10m. 9s.) and a novice (H. C. MacHattie), with lh. 11m. 4s., were inside the previous club record figures.

With the disappearance of the Gamage Cup, the Club Championship was now expressed in the Touche Cup, which as previously stated, was this year, awarded on the basis of points scored in both Open and Club events. Etherton proved himself Club Champion, with Hampton as 'runner-up'.

The following year, C. H. Jenkins took over the Editorial duties in connection with the North Midds. Gazette, being the second Finsbury Parker to hold this office.

It was decided to affiliate to Cyclists' Touring Club and to the Road Records Association.

The conditions of the award of the Touche Cup were amended, and the Championship was to be decided on the basis of the fastest aggregate time at 25, 50 and 100 miles.

Four Club events were promoted, the first a Club Novices' '25' being remarkable for the fact that twelve members, who had never previously raced, competed. A.E. Bevis, (Jr.) made fastest time, in lh. 12m. 54s., E. C. Arnold being second and our French member, Collombat, third.

In the first '25', H. C. MacHattie created a surprise by making a new Club Record of lh. 8m. 50s., despite the strong opposition of Adams, Bevis and Sheen. There were sixteen entries for this event, which was the largest which had been received for many years. Adams had his revenge in the second '25', forcing Bevis into second place, while Sheen exceeded all expectations by winning the fifty in the record time of 2h. 23m. 46s. He and Bevis took second handicap prizes in the North Midds. '25' and '50' respectively, while Sheen's ride of 191½ miles in the first '12' held by the Association, created a new Club Record.

The celebrated series of Canvey Island week ends, were, during this year, kindly revived by our present President, and fourteen Members were present at the first of the post War series.

On the representation of the Committee, the President, Sir Newton Moore, agreed to oppose rear lights for cyclists in the House of Commons.

The Christmas Party, which had proved so popular the preceding year, was again held, and wound up a season of great activity.

In the beginning of 1923, Sir Newton Moore resigned the Presidency, and it was decided to break from the political tradition. The Presidency was offered to, and accepted by our first Secretary, A. C. Crane.

The Motor Cycling Section, being definitely defunct, the reference to 'Motor Cycling' was deleted from the Objects of the Club.

Jenkins was again entrusted with the duties of Editor of the Association's Gazette, while G. H. Hampton was first elected to the Executive Committee, on which body he has served ever since.

One of the last strongholds was carried this year, when the motion (supported by the Club Delegates) was passed, permitting record attempts under the auspices of the Road Records Association, to be made on a Sunday.

As an instance of the interest being taken in the Club Programme, it may be mentioned here, that fourteen were present on the Easter Tour to Petworth and Arundel, and thirty-five on the Whitsun Tour to St. Neots.

The Novices '25' was again held—A. W. Clarke creating a surprise by making fastest time of 1h. 8m. 36s., beating MacHattie's record by 14 seconds. He was closely followed by T.C. Pickett—1h. 9m. 58s., while A. E. Bevis, Senr., the father of the rising star of the Club, celebrated his 49<sup>th</sup> year by clocking 1h. 13m. 52s. for third place.

Bevis Jun. demonstrated his superiority over all comers a fortnight later, when he won the second road event in the new record time of 1h. 8m. 33s., when the conditions were so much harder that all competitors who had taken part in the recent Novices' event were three minutes slower than on that occasion. R.C. Arnold was making a determined attempt to forge to the front, but was 1m. 35s. behind the winner.

This year saw the commencement of a series of popular Inter Club Team Races versus the Southgate C.C., a young, but already thriving organisation. Bevis continued in winning form, and finished in the astonishing time of 2h. 20m. 8s., for the fifty miles. Sheen beat his previous best by 36 seconds, and Adams completed our winning team with 2h. 27m. 42s., these three securing the team victory by 18m. 35s.

The first attempt to revive the pre War Club '100' was somewhat of a fiasco, it being discovered, after the event, that the course was 2¼ miles short. A new course was certified by the late F.T. Bidlake, and Bevis and Arnold fought out the deciding ride for the Club Championship thereon. Although Arnold proved himself the faster in this duel, he could not beat the best '100' put up by Bevis during the year, with the result that the name of Arnold was not to be placed on the Cup until another year has passed, when he was to have to fight a fiercer battle for the honour than any member of the Club had ever had.

During this year, the blood of Finsbury Parkers burned with a fierce racing fever. As a matter of interest, it may be mentioned that 10 members rode in the North Midds. '12', in which Arnold set a new Club Record of 197¼ miles. L. Van Thuyne was third fastest in the Longmarkers' '25' of that Association, while the Club Teams were third in both the two '25's and the fifty, Bevis being third fastest in this event. Sheen missed fastest time in the North London '50' by 49 seconds, a puncture putting Bevis out of the race and depriving the Club of an excellent chance of Team honours. Bevis was fourth in the Forest '25', and, in company with Sheen, established a Club Tandem '50' Record of 2h. 6m. 5s.

Twenty-seven members raced this Season and collected between them, 24 Gold and six Silver Medals.

The Club was again entertained at Canvey Island, and a well attended Christmas Party concluded an exceedingly exciting year.

In view of the experience of the previous year. Medal Standards were considerably tightened up. C.H. Darling presented a Silver Cup for 12 hour competition—little dreaming, doubtless, how closely the Club was to be identified with this type of event in the not too distant future.

Arnold was elected to the post of Racing Secretary of the Eastern Counties Cycling Association, which position he filled with such distinction that his name is held in respect and admiration throughout that Association (of which he was elected a Vice-President) to the present day.

The late Leslie Webb revived the Club Gazette, under the name of 'Finsbury Sparks', and undertook the task of editing it.

The usual Novices '25' opened the Racing Season, and was won by a complete newcomer to the Club, one Jack Lauterwasser, whose time of 1h. 13m. 58s. was just under two minutes faster than that of the younger Arnold.

R. C. Arnold, travelling round the course of the next '25' with his eye on Sheen, failed to notice the speed at which Lauterwasser was moving, and was considerably surprised to find that his 1h. 11m. 41s. was only 11 seconds to the good—Sheen filling third place.

The Club '50' was held on an extremely windy morning, such as will be familiar to all who use the Great North Road for speed, and Lauterwasser came into his own with the fastest time of 2h. 27m. 4s., with

Adams, still trying, 3m. 41s. behind, and Arnold third. The Southgate again lost, by the reduced margin of 3m. 56s.

The '100' was, by comparison, somewhat disappointing, Ingham winning in 5h. 29m. 28s. in drenching rain. Sheen established a Club Tricycle Record of 5h. 48m. 40s.

Interspersed with these Club events, open events were well supported, and havoc made among Club records. Arnold raised the '100' to 5h. 3m. 2s., taking second Handicap prize in the Highgate '100', while Lauterwasser displaced this again, being only 39 sees, outside 'evens' in the North Midds. event, at his first attempt at the distance. He led the Club Team (himself, Adams and Arnold) to victory in this event, and repeated the performance in that Association's '12' with the greatest distance of 210¼ miles, supported by Arnold and Sheen. The last named member was making a name for himself on the three wheeler, having established Club records at 25 miles (1h. 15m. 20s.) and 12 hours (187¼ miles), in addition to the '100' already mentioned.

Arnold was fighting a gallant battle for the Club Championship, which he finally secured from the phenomenal new first year man, by the narrow margin of 43 seconds for the 175 miles.

Twenty-four members took part in Racing and Club Funds took on a complexion often worn in the good old days, the situation being somewhat similar to the great 1887 crisis. Our worthy President came again to the rescue, and offered to make up to double whatever the members could collect among themselves. A £12 deficit was wiped out at a single stroke, and it is worth recording that we have never since been put to the expedient of 'passing round the hat'.

1925 again saw A C. Crane in the Presidential seat, and H. Pickett installed as Editor of 'Finsbury Sparks'.

Sheen was taking tricycling seriously this year, and had ambitions in connection with the R.R.A. London to York Record for the broad gauge machine. After preliminary arrangements were in hand, however, the attempt came to nothing, but he was in sufficiently good form to set up new Club Record figures of 1h. 14m. 34s. for the '25' and 2h. 32m. 20s. for the '50'. Arnold was not to be outdone, and his appearance on a three wheeler led to some considerable excitement as he and Sheen fought it out on Club runs. Arnold reduced Sheen's 100 mile Tricycle figures by nearly eight minutes, and gave excellent proof of his quality by getting within 11 seconds of record at 25 miles. He raised Sheen's 12 hour record by 4½ miles, and here the figures for three wheeler records remained unaltered for six years.

J. Lauterwasser, although clocking 2h. 22m. 55s. for fastest time in the Club '50' had not yet developed that turn for pure speed which was later to make him famous, but was already establishing a name for himself as a strong 12 hour rider. He reached third place in the 'Gayler' Memorial event, and put up new figures of 211¼ miles in the North Midds. event, losing, however, to Matton, of the Highgate C.C. by a mere 200 yards. He emerged as Club Champion for the first time, with D. Read, a strong rider of promise (which was not fulfilled) as 'runner up'.

The Southgate C.C. were successful in the inter-Club Team Race by the narrow margin of 2m. 27s., and in this, their most tragic year, lost, by accidental death on the road, their strongest rider—W. A. Rudston.

The first post War Dance was organised this year, and a welcome profit of over £10 was realised. These Dances have now, once more, become a recognised feature of the Club Programme, and it is interesting to note that, since their revival, a profit of over £120 has been realised.

It was decided to pass the Office of President in rotation, to Vice Presidents of the Club, and Harold Johnson was at the head of affairs for 1926.

An old Finsbury Park custom was revived by the appointment of a lady. Miss A. Gudgeon, as Assistant Secretary.

The death, early in the year, of Vice-President Geo. H. Savournin, was a severe blow which robbed the Club of a member who had created a record, not only for the Offices he had held, but for the number of years active service he had so unselfishly devoted to the cause. Although never a racing man, he showed, at all times, a deep interest in the competitive side of the pastime, endeavouring always to encourage novices, for whom he had a particular affection.

Lauterwasser leapt into his stride early in the Season, and made fastest time in the three Club events, raising the '25' record to 1h. 6m. 57s. and the '50' which he broke on two occasions, to 2h. 15m. 39s. Riding with the handicap of a badly injured thumb, he secured second prize in the Highgate '100' in which he broke yet another Club Record in 4h. 53. 47s. He confirmed his earlier promise as a half day rider, with 216 miles in the North Midds. event, which he won. He led the Club Team to victory for the second time in this event, his brother Charles, and the improving Tillman comprising the winning trio.

The 'Gayler' Trophy Event gave him his first chance of showing his superiority in an 'open' and in beating the redoubtable Charles Marshall, after an all-day struggle, he emerged with the new Open Competition Record of 222¾ miles. Needless to say, he won the Club Championship, with brother Charles as 'runner-up'.

In the Inter-Club Team Race, the Southgate C C. were beaten by 4m. 9s.

Two interesting Novices, in the persons of Frank Stapley and E.W. Hussey, showed considerable

speed in the last Club '25' and these, together with J.G. Fisher (who beat all comers in the Club Hill Climb) gave promise of the foundations of a very useful team in the Season to come.

The following year saw Ernest Allen as President, in the position he had been unable to accept the previous year. W.C. Scales had returned from Egypt in 1926, and had commemorated his return by presenting a handsome Silver Cup for the fastest '25' of the year. He was offered, and accepted. Vice-Presidency of the Club.

The Club was toying with the idea of again promoting an open event, but the motion to do so was not carried. We became however adherent to the Road Racing Council for the first time as a preliminary step to taking a more active interest in the conduct of these events.

'Finsbury Sparks' had gone the way of other Club journalistic ventures, and was not revived.

An addition to the growing array of Club Trophies was the 'Gordon Stewart' Bowl, which was allotted to the Handicap Championship.

A.C Crane was elected Vice-President of the North Midds. while G.H. Hampton became Vice-Chairman of that body, under the Chairmanship of E.C. Rush.

J. Lauterwasser continued his victorious career in Club events, and raised the the 50 mile record to 2h. 14m. 34s. His fastest time in the North Midds. '100' laid the foundation for the second Club Team victory in this event, a new member (A.N. Daymond) and J. G. Fisher, being the other two members of the Club who so ably assisted him. This feat was repeated in the Association '12' (our third team win in this event) but here Lauterwasser was again robbed of victory, this time by J.W. Dougal of the Marlboro' A.C., Daymond and Fisher again completing the team.

As compensation for his non-success in the Association '12', Jack had the satisfaction of winning the 'Gayler' Memorial event, with 216¼ miles. He was honoured by selection for the North Road Memorial Scratch '50' but could get no higher than eighth.

In company with his brother, he raised the Club Tandem '50' record figures to 2h. 5m. 50s. and the '100' to 4h. 20m. 40s, for third place in the Oak C.C.'s Tandem '100'. Fisher and F. Stapley were not content to allow the former figures to stand, and in the Warren C.C. event, displaced them with a ride of 2h. 2m. 35s.

Hussey was showing a turn of speed, being second to Lauterwasser in the first Club event, and winning the Hill Climb. A fifty mile Time Trial held late in the season furnished F. Stapley with 2h. 21m. 49s., with a one second victory over this strong and improving rider.

A welcome revival of interest in 'riding round the clock', was a feature of this Season, and for the first time since Ernest Allen was placed in an event of this description nearly 50 years before, the Club had two finishers in the North Road '24'. A.N. Daymond created a Club record with 365 miles, while Fisher, with his eye on the record the next year, completed 347.

This year also saw the Club return to it's old love, the track. The Club team reached the semi-final of the Association Team Pursuit Championship, to suffer defeat at the hands of the Highgate C C.

Jack Lauterwasser wound up the Racing Season with two determined attacks on the Road Records Association 100 mile record. In the first attempt he retired at 72 miles. The second attempt found the record in the strong hands of Charles Marshall, but, nothing daunted, Lauterwasser again ventured. He was unlucky enough to puncture twice, but persevered to a fighting finish, to find the coveted figures missed by the narrow margin of 1m. 22s,

A welcome invitation to Canvey Island, as the guests of A.C. Crane, finished up a Season of hitherto unparalleled activity on the road, and a victory over the Southgate C.C. in an Inter-Club paper-chase furnished some consolation for the Inter-Club '50' which lapsed this year.

W. Saward took over the Presidency for the most eventful year that was to follow. He signalled his election by the presentation of a valuable Silver Cup for the best '12' of the year, and in replacement of the 'Darling' Cup which Lauterwasser had won outright.

In intelligent anticipation, it was decided to offer a special Gold Record Badge for members beating any record standing on the books of the Road Records Association, while an important step was taken when the Club attained the dignity of an account in a Joint Stock Bank.

Hampton had taken over the duties of Chairman of the North Midds. in the active programme of which Association the Club was destined to shine, this year, with no common lustre.

The history of the year is the history of the rise of the greatest rider the Club has ever produced, or is ever likely to have in membership. It is, above all the history of the triumph of Jack Lauterwasser. His successes are too numerous to be fully recapitulated here, but it may be briefly said that, in accomplishing the following remarkable performances, he proved himself the best all-round rider in England. He won the Highbury '50', North London '50', North Midds. '25', North Road Scratch '50', North Midds. '100' and the North Midds. Championship. He was second in the North Midds. '50', Kingsdale '50' and Highgate '100' and was third in the E.C.C A. '25'. Such a record made him a certain choice for the team to represent England in the Olympic Games, and he justified his selection by finishing fourth among the picked cyclists of the world in the Olympic Road Race at Amsterdam.

His versatility was amazing, and at all distances, long or short, he was equally at home. He renewed his attentions to R.R.A. Records, and secured the coveted 100 mile figures with a sparkling ride of 4h. 13m. 34s., only to lose the record to the even more brilliant attack of Charles Marshall. The fifty, considered the stiffest on the books, he captured after it had been beaten only three days before by L. Cave, Marshall's clubmate. His time of 1h. 54m. 47s. (including 3½ minutes lost over a puncture) stands, to day, as the best on record. The ride on which his fame chiefly rests, is, perhaps that done in the 'Gayler' Memorial 12 hour event, his favourite hunting ground. His 237½ miles, accomplished on a course acknowledged to be over a mile long, marked the first definite advance towards the coveted 'evens' for the distance, and followed a North Midds. record for twelve hours, which he made only six days before. Whoever beats this astounding competition record, will have to travel all day at over twenty miles an hour.

Skippering a Tandem-with brother Charles as an able assistant, he deprived the Fisher-Stapley combination of their record, and the new figures were only 20 seconds outside 2 hours.

Needless to say, he was again Club Champion, last year's 'runner-up' Fisher, being displaced by the rapidly advancing Hussey

With the advantage of such a Champion, it is no wonder that the Club Team's successes this year included the North Midds. Shortmarkers' '25', '100' and '12' as well as the coveted 'Gayler' Memorial event, and first place in the North Midds. Team Championship. By an unfortunate misunderstanding as to the number of laps covered, victory in the Association Track Team Pursuit Championship was snatched by the Polytechnic C.C. by a mere 1/5 of a second, this being the closest fought final of the whole series.

The Club's second class riders were placed second in the Team Race for the Longmarkers' '25' of the North Midds.

Hussey sprung into prominence as a Hill Climber, in which class of competition he was destined to emerge a Champion. His notable achievement this year was a second to the first of the redoubtable Frank Southall in the Catford Event. This followed a win in the Club event, and victory in the last Club '25'.

Fisher deprived Daymond of the 24 hr record, with a ride of 371¼ miles, and these figures stand to-day.

A valuable new Cup was presented by Mr .E.L. Miller and was allocated to the 'runner-up' in the Club Championship.

The following year, under the Presidency of Will Day, saw the rules, particularly those relating to Time Trials, brought finally up to date, and the re-introduction, in the form of a Monthly Bulletin, of what was virtually the Club Magazine.

Another Vice-President, who had been a Member since the early days, and at one time Captain of the Club, the late W.A. Vincent passed away early in the year. It was due to the efforts of this old Member that his Principal, the late A.W. Gamage, whose death we had to mourn the following year, first came into active association with the Finsbury Park. We have before us, as we write, Vincent's form of application for Membership of the Club, in which it is stated that he is first claim to the Polytechnic C.C., and in which the date of election is given as the 12th of January, 1894.

Having come into possession, the year before, of a chronometer, the Olub very wisely decided that a dependable and reliable timekeeper should be elected to operate it. The choice fell, very naturally, on Charlie Axham, and he was elected to the position which he has filled to the complete satisfaction of all concerned, ever since.

By comparison with his scintillating form of the year before, Lauterwasser had a somewhat disappointing Season. He won the first two important open events of the year (the Forest C.C '25' and the Highbury '50') and was second in the E.C.C.A. '50', third in the North Midds. '25' and fourth in the North London '50'.

Hussey was riding strongly, winning four out of the five Olub Road events. He suffered defeat in the second '50' at the hands of the determined F. L. Stapley, by the narrow margin of 4secs., the winner's time of 2h. 22m. 56s., placing him in three of these events. In addition to covering 214½ miles in the North Midds. '12' Hussey won the Hill Climb, promoted by that Association. He was again second to Southall in the Catford Climb, being five seconds behind that rider's new competition record. His sterling performances were rewarded with Club Championship honours for the first time, while the 'runner-up' Frank Tillman, was demonstrating that he was no easy nut to crack. His 5h. 3m. 34s. in the Bath Road '100' and his 217 miles in the E.C.C.A '12' are ample evidence of his determination, while his 363½ miles in the Catford '24' lent considerable interest to his entry for the North Road day and night event. High hopes of a Finsbury Park place were dashed by his retirement in the concluding stages, but we were afforded ample compensation by the plucky performance of Ernie Stapley, who persevered smilingly on a terrifically hard day, to a very creditable total of 342½ miles.

Two interesting Inter-Club Team Races were held, the club being successful in defeating the Upper Holloway C.C. at 25 miles, and our old rivals the Southgate, at 50 miles. In conjunction with the latter Club, a run to the residence of H.W. (Sammy) Bartleet, was organised, for the purpose of inspecting the unique collection of historical bicycles possessed by that gentleman, while the customary enjoyable run to Canvey Island wound up the Season.

1930 commenced with W.C. Scales as President, and was marked by the election of C.D. Axham as a Vice-President.

An historical connection was broken by the death at A.W. Gamage, who became, by reason of his gigantic business success, the best known Finsbury Parker of all time. The celebrated series of Gamage Cups contributed enormously to the Racing success of the Club for many years, often at times when racing needed encouragement, and the competition which they engendered, no less than their considerable intrinsic value, placed the Club under a considerable debt of gratitude to this highly valued Vice-President. Mr. Gamage's interest in the Club was not merely that of a spectator, it was a real and helpful thing, and his attendance, often in the Chair, at Club Social Functions, was a welcome feature for many years.

Hussey was making a determined attempt to retain the Club Championship, despite the opposition of Lauterwasser. He was second in the two '25's to his rival, but had the satisfaction of winning the two '50's and the '100'. He opened the Racing Season by winning the Roughriders' '25' organised by the Upton Manor C.C., and at the close, realised the ambition he had been cherishing for years. Winning the Club Hill Climb, he swept on to victory in the North Midds. event, following this by beating all comers in the Catford Climb, establishing, in addition to the North Midds. record, a record in the latter event. He laid, thereby, the foundation of a series of victories which were, in the years to follow, to establish him in the impregnable position of Hill Climbing Champion of England. Thus, after a lapse of forty-three years, we see a Finsbury Parker again claiming this distinction.

Lauterwasser secured first place in both the Peterborough '50' and the North Midds. '100', the latter event falling to him in the second fastest time ever engraved on the Paget Bowl, of 4h. 53m. 20s. This ride won for him the Bowl outright, and it is worthy of note that the only time that his last performance inscribed thereon had ever been beaten was when he himself set up the Association Record (which still stands) in 4h. 44m. 27s. He overwhelmed all opposition in the competition for the Saward 12 hour Cup, with a characteristic ride of 228½ miles in the Anerley event.

The Team Race versus the Southgate was suspended and the Finsbury Park suffered defeat at the hands of the Upper Holloway C.C. at 25 miles by the rather large margin of 7m. 37s. In Association Team Races, second place was secured in the Longmarker's '25' and the '12'.

The Club Dance this year yielded the record profit of £22. This figure speaks well for the enthusiasm of the membership and more particularly for the energy of the hard working Social Secretary, Henry Webb, who was occupying the post for the second year.

Mrs. Savournin very generously revived the 'Savournin Award of Merit' and A.W. Ames was the first recipient—his sportsmanship in continuing to the bitter end in the Polytechnic '12' in which he covered 197 miles in the worst day for racing within living memory, on the Great North Road, commending itself to the Donor and to the Committee.

The popular Canvey Island week end brought to a close a Season which saw Lauterwasser again Champion, with Hussey as 'runner-up'.

Axham was President for 1931, a year remarkable in Finsbury Park History for many things.

It opened with an attendance of 50 Members at the revived 'Cycling' Concert at the Queen's Hall, where Lauterwasser was among the best twelve all-round cyclists in the Country to receive awards in connection with the competition introduced, by that paper, the year before.

The Finsbury Park Gazette was revived, as an eight page affair, with a specially printed cover. This cover was, later, replaced by a more artistic one, designed by T. R. Curtis. G.H. Hampton was appointed Editor, a position which he still occupies.

There had long been a feeling that the time was ripe for a further venture into the field of open race promotion, and this feeling crystallised, early in the year, into a decision to take over the open second class fifty which the Southgate C.C. had decided to abandon. The event was organised under the capable management of the Club Racing Secretary, Ernie Stapley, an encouraging entry of eighty-six was received, and the Olub Team was placed third.

Memories of the Sheen-Arnold duel were revived by the appearance of two more tri-cyclists in the field. Arthur

Wright took 2 minutes 2 seconds from Sheen's six year old 25 mile record, while Ames covered 191¾ miles in the 12 hour race for the Tricycle Trophy.

Hussey was making a determined effort for the Club Championship, which he eventually secured, and succeeded in winning all five Club events. In the Club '10' he realised a personal ambition by finishing in 4h. 55m. 45s. He carried the Club colours on the Track and won four N.C.U. Grass Championships, in addition to Handicap events. As Captain of the Club Team in the North Midds. Team Pursuit Championship, he led them to the semi-final, which was, however, lost to the Polytechnic C.C. As a Hill Climber he was again supreme, winning not only the Club event, but the North Midds. and Catford Climbs into the bargain,

Lauterwasser, despite a quiet season, was not to be beaten at his favourite distance, and again placed his name on the Saward Cup, with a ride of 216¼ miles in the Polytechnic event. Bruce and E.E. Stapley

established new record figures for twelve hours, on the double machine, in the North Midds. Event, the new figures being 225<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> miles. Good as these figures were, the holders were not satisfied, and had their eyes on a more ambitious schedule for the coming year.

The two Team Races, versus the Upper Holloway C.C. and the University C.C., were, unfortunately lost, although the Club Team was again second in the North Midds. Longmarkers '25' in which event E. Mathews was third fastest.

William Flood, a consistent trier, was 'runner-up' in the Club Championship, while Jennings, a newcomer to the Club at the beginning of the year, won the special Gold Medal, presented by Mr. W.J. Bailey, as the fastest Novice of the year.

Harold Johnson, in commemoration of his recovery from a serious operation, presented a charming Silver Cup to be won outright after three wins, for competition in the Olub '100' and this was offered for competition in the following year.

And so, with a Season wound up with the popular Canvey week-end, we pass on to the last stage in the long journey we undertook so many years ago.

The penultimate year in this half century of full and active Club Life, saw the first Secretary A.C. Crane again installed as President, and the Club Gazette still going strongly.

The open second class 'fifty' was again held, Jennings, the discovery of the previous year, being fourth fastest, after leading at the half distance. He was compensated with fastest time in the North Midds' Longmarkers' '25' in which he also gained first handicap award. In company with the speedy Harry Pullinger, he created a sensation by clipping eight seconds from the Club record for the Tandem 'fifty' thought to be impregnable in the possession of the brothers Lauterwasser. It is a high tribute to the sportsmanship of Jack Lauterwasser to record the fact that he loaned the tandem on which the successful attempt was made. Jennings rounded off a busy and prosperous Season by finishing as 'runner - up' to the redoubtable Hussey in the Club Championship competition.

Frank Stapley became Secretary of the North Midds. for the second year in succession, while Hampton still continued to act as Chairman of Committee.

A sad loss was the death of one of the most likeable of the recruits of the post War period, Leslie Webb an enthusiastic tourist, and, in turn. Secretary, Captain and Chairman of Committee.

Hussey was unlucky enough to puncture in two of the four Club events, losing thereby, the fifty to the improving Pullinger. Curtis placed his name first on the new Johnson Cup, winning the '100' in the very creditable time of 5h. 3m. 31s. Although the University C.C. defeated our Team in the '100' we took some consolation in securing revenge on the Upper Holloway C.C. in the inter-Club '25' in which our quartette were victorious by the margin of 3m. 31s.

The North Midds. '12' furnished Finsbury Parkers with their fifth team victory, Curtis exceeding all expectations by leading the team, with the third largest individual mileage of 220, Jennings covering 214<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> at his first attempt and Pullinger 207<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Bruce and Stapley (the younger) were again in the field, filled with a fierce determination to exceed Lauterwasser's single bicycle figures. In this desire they were successful, and their 240<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> miles created Club and Association Records. If any ride in this event be singled out for special mention, it should without doubt, be that of Ames, who, on the three wheeler, covered 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles above the double century.

Another open Hill Climb, promoted for the first time by the North Herts. Road Club, furnished Hussey with yet another victory, to add to the Club, North Midds. and Catford events, which he won again.

Two Dances were again held, as in the previous year, still under the management of the genial Henry Webb.

The 'Savournin' Award of Merit, went, this year, to Jack Lauterwasser, in recognition of his very sporting action in riding to assist the Club Team in the Inter-Club '100' In this, his last '100' he finished three minutes inside five hours, but declined any Club award.

A welcome addition to the Club Racing strength was A.G. Ward, who had had some experience of shorter distance events north of the Border. He was fourth member of the Club Team which defeated the Upper Holloway C.C. and showed a glimpse of his form in a private Trial at the end of the Season. In the concluding year of our great pilgrimage, he was destined to furnish still another surprise to add to the many created by new racing members, and was to prove that gigantic stature was by no means essential to the performance of giant deeds.

The last stage is reached, and this lame story of fifty years is done. We leave the Prize List, which follows, to speak of the active competitive programme of the fiftieth year.

## PRIZE LIST. SEASON 1933.

**A. W. AMES**

GOLD MEDAL

50 Miles (Tandem)

2<sup>nd</sup> July

4h. 4m. 4s.

GOLD MEDAL	100 Miles (Tandem)	16 <sup>th</sup> July	4h. 23m. 52s.
BRONZE MEDAL	25 Miles	26 <sup>th</sup> March	1h. 12m. 27s.

#### S. L. BELTON

'GORDAN STEWART' HANDICAP BOWL AND REPLICA  
FASTEST HANDICAP TIME AT 25, 50 and 100 Miles

		22.075 mph	
GOLD MEDAL	50 Miles	21 <sup>st</sup> May	2h. 25m. 56s.
SILVER MEDAL	100 Miles	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	5h. 23m. 15s.
BRONZE MEDAL	25 Miles	1 <sup>st</sup> October	1h. 9m. 52s.
1 <sup>st</sup> HANDICAP CLUB 25		26 <sup>th</sup> March	1h. 11m. 34s.
2 <sup>nd</sup> HANDICAP CLUB 25		1 <sup>st</sup> October	1h. 9m. 52s.

#### T. R. CURTIS

GOLD MEDAL	50 Miles	21 <sup>st</sup> May	2h. 21m. 15s.
SILVER MEDAL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fastest Club Hill Climb		1m. 104/5 s.
BRONZE MEDAL	25 Miles	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	1h. 10m. 25s.
CERTIFICATE	12 HOURS	13 <sup>th</sup> August	208 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> miles

#### A. EDRUPT

GOLD MEDAL	50 Miles	21 <sup>st</sup> May	2h. 24m. 53s.
GOLD MEDAL	100 Miles	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	5h. 13m. 19s.
BRONZE MEDAL	25 Miles	1 <sup>st</sup> October	1h. 9m. 57s.
2 <sup>nd</sup> HANDICAP	Club '50'	21 <sup>st</sup> May	2h. 24m. 53s.
1 <sup>st</sup> HANDICAP	Club '100'	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	5h. 13m. 19s.
1 <sup>st</sup> HANDICAP	Club '25'	1 <sup>st</sup> October	1h. 9m. 57s.

#### E. W. HUSSEY

'MILLER CUP' as 'runner-up' in Club Championship.

Aggregate of 25, 50 and 100 miles at speed of

		21.529 mph	
GOLD MEDAL	50 Miles (Tandem)	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	2h. 4m. 4s.
GOLD MEDAL	100 Miles (Tandem)	16 <sup>th</sup> July	4h. 23m. 52s.
GOLD MEDAL	100 Miles	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	5h. 00m. 40s.
GOLD CENTRE MEDAL	Fastest Time Club '25'	26 <sup>th</sup> March	1h. 7m. 35s.
GOLD CENTRE MEDAL	Fastest Time Club '25'	1 <sup>st</sup> October	1h. 8m. 4s.
GOLD CENTRE MEDAL	Fastest Time Club Hill Climb		591/5 s.
SILVER MEDAL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fastest Time Club '50'	21 <sup>st</sup> May	2h. 15m. 01s.
BRONZE MEDAL	25 Miles	9 <sup>th</sup> April	1h. 6m. 55s.
1 <sup>st</sup> HANDICAP	Club '12'	27 <sup>th</sup> August	204 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> miles

#### W. HUSSEY

GOLD MEDAL	50 Miles	21 <sup>st</sup> May	2h. 26m. 20s.
SILVER MEDAL	100 Miles	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	5h. 17m. 47s.
BRONZE MEDAL	25 Miles	1 <sup>st</sup> October	1h. 12m. 35s.
CERTIFICATE	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fastest Time Club Hill Climb		1m. 11s.
2 <sup>nd</sup> HANDICAP	Club '25'	26 <sup>th</sup> March	1h. 13m. 54s.
3 <sup>rd</sup> HANDICAP	Club '50'	21 <sup>st</sup> May	2h. 26m. 20s.
2 <sup>nd</sup> HANDICAP	Club '100'	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	5h. 17m. 47s.

#### W. JENNINGS

'JOHNSON CUP' and GOLD CENTRE MEDAL	Fastest Time Club '100'	4h. 58m. 52s.	
GOLD MEDAL	50 Miles	30 <sup>th</sup> April	2h. 18m. 20s.
GOLD MEDAL	100 Miles	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	4h. 56m. 52s.
SILVER MEDAL	Third in Club Championship		21.322 mph
SILVER MEDAL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fastest Time Club '25'	1 <sup>st</sup> October	1h. 8m. 15s.
BRONZE MEDAL	25 Miles	26 <sup>th</sup> May	1h. 7m. 33s.
3 <sup>rd</sup> HANDICAP	Club '25'	1 <sup>st</sup> October	1h. 8m. 15s.

#### E. A. MATHEWS

GOLD MEDAL	50 Miles	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	2h. 24m. 07s.
GOLD MEDAL	100 Miles	5 <sup>th</sup> June	5h. 19m. 26s.
BRONZE MEDAL	25 Miles	28 <sup>th</sup> May	1h. 8m. 28s.
CERTIFICATE	Club Hill Climb		1m. 14s.

#### J. LAUTERWASSER

'SAWARD CUP' Greatest 12 Hour distance of year			211 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> miles
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## H. PULLINGER

VICE PRESIDENTS SHIELD for best attendance on Club Runs and fixtures

GOLD MEDAL	50 Miles	21 <sup>st</sup> May	2h. 28m. 44s.
BRONZE MEDAL	25 Miles	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	1h. 10m. 58s.

## E. E. STAPLEY

'SAVOURNIN' AWARD OF MERIT

## A. G. WARD

'TOUCH CUP' and GOLD MEDAL CLUB CHAMPION			21.707 MPH
'SCALES CUP' Fastest '25' of the year			1h. 6m. 11s.
GOLD MEDAL	50 Miles	21 <sup>st</sup> May	2h. 11m. 28s.
GOLD MEDAL	12 Hours	16 <sup>th</sup> September	196 miles
GOLD CENTRE MEDAL	Fastest Time club '50'		2h. 11m. 28s.
SILVER MEDAL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fastest Time, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Club '25'		1h. 8m. 45s.
BRONZE MEDAL	25 Miles	28 <sup>th</sup> May	1h. 6m. 11s.
1 <sup>st</sup> HANDICAP	Club '50'	21 <sup>st</sup> May	2h. 11m. 26s.
3 <sup>rd</sup> HANDICAP	Club '25'	26 <sup>th</sup> March	1h. 8m. 45s.

## INTER-CLUB TEAM RACES

25 Miles 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Weatsheaf C.C.	50 Miles 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Southgate C.C
W. Barrett	1h. 7m. 00s.	W. J. Carter	2h. 10m. 37s.
S. Bevis	1h. 7m. 53s.	W. Kapherr	2h. 16m. 59s.
A.E.S. Peakall	1h. 8m. 48s.	G. Smith	2h. 17m. 37s.
W. Bevis	1h. 9m. 15s.	M. F. Powell	2h.19m. 23s.

## OPEN SECOND CLASS FIFTY

Fastest Time	GOLD MEDAL	A. W. Backhurst (Oxonian C.C.)	2h. 21m. 06s.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fastest	SILVER MEDAL	R. C. Waters (Upton Manor C.C.)	2h. 21m. 15s.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fastest	BRONZE MEDAL	C. Newman(Wellingborough C.C.)	2h. 23m. 04s.
1 <sup>st</sup> Handicap		R. C. Waters (Upton Manor C.C.) (5m. 40s.)	2h. 21m. 15s.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Handicap		R. A. Hobbs (North Eastern R.C.) (10m.)	2h. 28m. 07s.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Handicap		H. Hebblethwaite (North Eastern R.C.) 5m. 50s.)	2h. 24m. 50s.

## TEAM RACE

Bedfordshire Roads Club	
F. W. Armour	2h. 27m. 01s.
E. J. Smith	2h. 27m.01s.
F. W. Redman	2h. 27m. 20s.

We have, in the preceding pages, sketched only the briefest outlines of a lengthy story. We have assumed the reader to be in possession of a fairly accurate knowledge of general Cycling history, and have foreborne from making play with the improvement of roads, increase of traffic, and the transition from the high bicycle to the 'safety'. In all these matters, the Finsbury Park Cycling Club's experience has been that of all of its contemporaries which have 'completed the course'.

We have taken Club runs for granted, and have referred only as briefly as possible, to the important events of the last fifty years. -

We can look back in our ripe and mature middle age, on half a century of crowded, and, we hope, useful life. We have made our contribution to the growth of the finest sport and pastime in the world, have suffered, as all Clubs must, many ups and downs, but throughout all triumphs and defeats, the spirit of those early days has been preserved, and the Club is to-day, what even then it was, not so much a mere intangible organisation, as a large, happy family.

With us, in the Chair, as we sit around the festive board to celebrate our Jubilee, is our first Secretary and honoured President, and supporting him, as we hope and trust they will be, are his co-founder Ernest Allen and those other Vice-Presidents, whose names deserve to find a worthier chronicler and to be inscribed in letters of gold. Not only have their minds conceived, but their hands have wrought, and this structure of their making, this Finsbury Park Cycling Club, of which we are so proud, has been presented intact, throughout the years, by their efforts and their good will, and handed down to us as a heritage of no common sort, to be passed on by us, when we attain the dignity which is so justly theirs, with lustre added to its honoured name.

**IMAGES 1934 to 1943**



**ERNIE HUSSEY CATFORD HILLCLIMB 1935 BRASTED HILL**



**ERNIE HUSSEY CATFORD HILLCLIMB, YORKS HILL 1938 Photo DICK CURTIS**

# Finsbury Park Cycling Club



*Formed 1883.*



## Dinner

## and Prize Distribution

of the 52nd Season

AT

Pagani's, Great Portland St., W.

ON

Saturday, 14th December, 1935.



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*(President and Founder Member).*



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CLUB DINNER 1935. PAGANI'S  
GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON



A.C. CRANE TEA PARTY. About 1942/3. at Bedwell Lodge, Essenden

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 1939 a deed of Covenant was signed between the National Cyclists Union and the Road Time Trials Council.  
Prior to this date the N.C.U. had, for many years, been the governing body of cycling in the UK.

Time Trials had been around for many years but there was a need for a separate body for time trials. The N.C.U. now only controlled track racing and closed circuit racing.

Ernie E. Stapley (F.P.C.C.) was the first secretary of the R.T.T.C.



Standing

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Seated

Possibly R. Taylor and H. N. Crowe (both N.C.U.)

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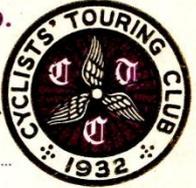
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# *The Finsbury Park Cycling Club*

## DIAMOND JUBILEE SOUVENIR - 1943

A Chronicle of the Decade between Golden and Diamond Jubilees, 1934-1943.

### HON. GENERAL SECRETARIES.

1925 - 1939	E.W. HUSSEY	1940 - 1942	F.L. STAPLEY
			1942 - 1943
			W.R. NUTT

### CLUB CHAMPIONS

1934	E. W. HUSSEY	1939	M. S. EDMONDS
1935	E. W. HUSSEY	1940	M. S. EDMONDS
1936	M. S. EDMONDS	1941	L. J. MURPHY
1937	E. W. HUSSEY	1942	W. H. D. REES
1938	M. S. EDMONDS	1943	F. H. KEATS

### CLUB RECORDS

#### TWENTY FIVE MILES

BICYCLE	1928	J. LAUTERWASSER	1hr 4min 33sec
TRICYCLE	1931	A. J. WRIGHT	1hr 12min 32sec

#### THIRTY MILES

TANDEM	1938	E.W. HUSSEY and T.R. CURTIS	1hr 8min 45sec
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#### FIFTY MILES

BICYCLE	1939	M.S. EDMONDS	2hr 9min 39sec
TANDEM	1936	M.S. EDMONDS	1hr 55min 20sec
TRICYCLE	1925	B.W. SHEEN	2hr 32min 20sec

#### ONE HUNDRED MILES

BICYCLE	1939	M.S. EDMONDS	4hr 42min 38sec
TANDEM	1938	M.S. EDMONDS and T.R. CURTIS	4hr 11min 43sec
TRICYCLE	1925	R.C. ARNOLD	5hr 40min 13sec

#### TWO HUNDRED MILES

BICYCLE	1939	M.S. EDMONDS	10hr 37min 1sec
TANDEM	1938	M.S. EDMONDS and T.R. CURTIS	9hr 20min 4sec

#### TWELVE HOURS

BICYCLE	1928	J. LAUTERWASSER	240 miles
TANDEM	1932	C.D. BRUCE and E.E. STAPLEY	240 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles
TRICYCLE	1932	A.W. AMES	201 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles

#### TWENTY FOUR HOURS

BICYCLE	1938	T. R. CURTIS	392 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles
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#### R.R.A. RECORDS

1890	P.E. DRIVER and S.D. BEGBIE (NRCC)	100 miles Tandem Tricycle	6hr 15min 16sec
1928	J. LAUTERWASSER	100 miles Bicycle	4hr 13min 35sec
1928	J. LAUTERWASSER	50 miles Bicycle	1hr 54min 47sec

#### TEAM RECORDS

25 Miles	W.H.D.Rees	1h. 5m. 29s.	100 Miles	A. Edrupt	4h. 47m. 03s.
1941	L. J. Murphy	1h. 6m. 25s.	1940	C.J. Holly	4h. 49m. 32s.
	M.S. Edmonds	1h. 6m. 33s.		M.S. Edmonds	4h. 57m. 12s.
		3h. 18m. 27s.			14h. 33m. 47s.

50 Miles  
1938

M.S. Edmonds  
E. J. Franklin  
T. R. Curtis

2h. 12m. 54s.  
2h. 14m. 56s.  
2h. 16m. 46s.  
6h. 44m. 36s.

12 Hours  
1928

J. Lauterwasser  
A.W. Ames  
F.L. Stapley

240 miles  
207 $\frac{5}{8}$  miles  
203 $\frac{5}{8}$  miles  
651 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles

## INTRODUCTION to Souvenir edition 1933.

We follow in good footsteps, for twice previously have Souvenir numbers of the GAZETTE been produced to celebrate milestones in the Club's history, the first to mark the Club's 'Coming of Age' in 1904 and the second on the occasion of the Club's Jubilee in 1933.

The last occasion is still fresh in the memories of most of us, and there should not be a member without a copy of the 1933 SOUVENIR GAZETTE. Forth at reason, we do not propose to cover the whole 60 years of our history, but rather, by covering the past ten years, to bring it up-to-date in convenient form.

We shall follow precedent also by omitting the courtesy prefix in referring to our male members.

THE EDITOR.

### 1883 - 1933

No record of the Club's history would be complete that did not refer to the inaugural meeting on the 1st December, 1883, in a cafe in Seven Sisters Road when the foundation stone was well and truly laid. Of the first nine, we know the names of five. Crane, Allen, Augood, Jacobs and Gilbert, of whom we are ever proud that we still have in our ranks Albert Charles Crane, the first Secretary, and Ernest Allen. Harold Johnson, Percy Driver and Bob Marks, all still with us, followed early in the New Year.

Thus began this story. In its fullest form, innumerable Minute Books and other documents, which are still available, would have to be read to gain a complete picture of the activities and vicissitudes of the Finsbury Park C.C., but for a shorter and more convenient account of the first half-century we cannot do better than refer our readers to the Jubilee Souvenir Gazette issued in 1933.

Through thin times and flourishing times, the Club's colours have been kept flying by a longlist of unselfish and devoted officials, and we feel confident that the future will continue to produce its man, or woman, of the moment. Meanwhile we proceed with the chronicle of the ten years between 1934—1943.

### 1934

A.C. Crane was elected President for the ensuing year, but by death we lost Vice-President Newbold, Club Secretary in 1892.

The GAZETTE Cover introduced for the 1933 Souvenir Number, and designed by T. R. Curtis, was brought in to service for the monthly issue and has been in use ever since. In its pages, the shape of cycling history of the future was being moulded, for G. H. Hampton (its Editor) and E. E. Stapley were even then pointing out the effects upon road sport of 'Cycling's' 'Best All Rounder' competition, although only a few years before it had been acclaimed by the cycling world as providing a much needed fillip to the game, and Hampton was calling for control of road sport, a control which took another four years to develop. Coming events were casting their shadows in yet another direction, for it was decided that the Club's rule that ordinary road-riding costume was to be worn in races did not preclude the use of shorts and stockings. Nearly ten years later, the sport was to see this clothing permitted, although for different reasons, it is true.

G. H. Hampton was re-elected Chair man of the Committee of the North Middlesex and Herts C.A. (hereafter, for the sake of brevity, referred to as the N.M. & H.C.A.) and the commencement of the year was also marked by the introduction of reflectors and white patches.

E. W. Hussey was then in his prime and won both Club 25's, although he had to give way to brother W.J. in the Club 100 and to S. L. Belton in the Club 50. Nevertheless, he succeeded in winning the Club Championship again, as well as the Scales 25 miles Cup and the Saward 12 hours Cup. As a hill-climber, he was head and shoulders above all others, winning the Club, N.M. & H.C.A., North Herts Road Club and Catford C.C. Hillclimbs, and to show his versatility, the 5 miles open scratch track race at Gravesend. For the first time, we won the team race in the N.M. & H.C.A. Hill-climb and the same team (E. W. Hussey, T. R. Curtis and W. J. Hussey) pulled off both first prize in the North Herts event and the second team award in the Catford Hill-climb.

Although we beat the Wheatsheaf in the Inter-Club '25', we had to give best to the Southgate C.C. at 50 miles earlier in the season. The Open second-class '50' was becoming a regular feature, and continued to receive good support. E. A. Mathews was runner-up in the Club Championship, taking the Miller Cup, and S. L. Belton won the Gordon Stewart Bowl for the Handicap Championship.

At this period, those most maligned of men, the handicappers, came in for a great deal of abuse, but it could have done no harm for all of them are still very much with us and may even have gained something from the criticism.

The social side was not neglected, with holiday visits to Folkestone, tours to Austria and Switzerland by some, with seventeen taking advantage of A.C. Crane's invitation to spend a week-end at Canvey Island and an attendance of 66) at Pagani's for the Annual Dinner.

## 1935

The early season was marked by the lighter side in the shape of a Club Paper-chase, a football match against the Kingsdale C.C., which we won by 7—0, and by 15 of the Club's members being at the Best All-Rounder celebration at the Albert Hall. During the winter season of this year, one of the Club's most popular features ever was inaugurated, namely, an evening Club-room at 'Delhi', headquarters of the Ancient Order of Foresters, in Holloway Road. Table-tennis, cards, darts and chess were the main features except for the refreshments provided by Mrs. Hampton, which were always voted the most popular recreation.

In the early part of the road season, trouble was experienced at Hitchin with the police refusing to allow events to start lower than the Bedfordshire Boundary at the 37th milestone, and at the same period the Club committee refused permission for members to participate in an event which would traverse Hatfield. J. Lauterwasser was staging a come-back by winning the Club '25' by a good time in the Forest '25' and also by winning the Club '50', in which we were successful in beating the Southgate C.C. by some 6 mins. The controversy regarding Lauterwasser's 12-hour distance in the 'Gaylor' 12 of 1928 was again raging, with G.H. Hampton up holding our interests, and later in the same year the Polytechnic C.C. upon re-measurement, recognised Lauterwasser's distance as 240 miles 76 yards, and the Club's Records were suitably revised.

Another victory over the Kingsdale C.C. at soccer by 3—1 was recorded, and Easter and Whitsun visits to Hastings, and August to Ryde, were well enjoyed by all accounts. Weekends at Brighton, interspersed with visits to Holiday Camps, seem to have become the vogue at this time. With the Canvey weekend advanced to June the middle part of the season was well filled on the social side, but racings till held its place. The Open Second - Class '50' was again held successfully and E.W. Hussey won the 1 and 5 miles Grass Championships of Middlesex and Hertfordshire at Hertford as well as the ½ and 1 mile N.C.U. Middlesex Championships at Enfield, not to mention the ½ mile Scratch race at Gravesend.

News of the death of Sir Geo. A. Touche, one-time President, and donor of the Championship Cup bearing his name, was received by the Club with regret.

W. Jennings and H. Pullinger smashed the Lauterwassers 100 miles Tandem Record by reducing the time to 4h 15m 17s, while E. W. Hussey won the Club '10' in 4 h 54m, in which we beat the Highgate and Bruce Castle Clubs by over 49 minutes. The Hussey family were also keeping in the picture by W. J. Piling up over 218 miles in the Eastern Counties C.A. 12 hours event, thus putting his name on the Saward Cup with a distance  $\frac{3}{8}$  mile better than E. W. in the previous year.

About this time, C. W. Barnes stepped in to a breach by taking over the Secretaryship of the N.M.& H.C.A., of which A. C. Crane was President and G. H. Hampton was again Chairman of the Committee.

Leslie Hore Belisha, the new Minister of Transport, on the scent of accidents, introduced beacons and speed limits, etc., and, at the same time the agitation in the cycling world against cycle paths was increasing with a protest meeting at Friends House, where we were represented, and followed by a 'Safety First' meeting at Southgate, when the Club was even more strongly represented by C.D. Axham, G.H. Hampton, E. E. Stapley, S. Richardson and S. Pontin, and the cyclist's point of view, particularly on cycle paths, was put forcibly.

The Club was also officially represented at the opening of the Lightweight Cycle Show promoted by J. Holdsworth. Very entertaining these Shows were, with their greater 'club able' atmosphere, and it is a pity that it was not found possible to continue them.

E.W. Hussey finished the season by pulling off the Club '25' (in which we beat the Wheatsheaf C.C. again by 6m. 23s.). the Club, Farnham C.C., N.M.& H.C.A. and Catford Hill - climbs, and the pity was that there were not more hill - climbs for him to win! Our team was successful in the team race both of the Catford and Farnham events, and Hussey sealed his season's successes by again winning the Club Championship and the Scales Cup, followed by brother W. J. as runner-up, with A. Edrupt winning the Gordon Stewart Handicap Bowl, not to mention the Vice - Presidents' Attendance Shield.

The year finished with more soccer successes against the Gospel Oak and Kingsdale Clubs and with a Rabbit - pie Supper at Tilling's Farm, a most popular Club - run at the at time, particularly as it was conducted by the parents of our own member, A. J. Tilling. and the Club were always welcome.

With the Club - room opening again at 'Delhi' for the winter season (Mrs. Hampton being awarded the Savourn in Award of Merit for her admirable services in the refreshment section of that venture), the successful running of dances and the holding of yet another Dinner at Pagani's, another year was brought to a happy close.

## 1936

The GAZETTE was now well in its stride, and to improve contributions a prize of one guinea was offered to the member adjudged the best contributor, and although for some years the donor preferred to remain anonymous, it is now common knowledge that Vice - President F.C. Creek has by this means been largely responsible for the high standard of contributions.

With racing costs rising, a fall in dance profits, and the expenses of the Club - room, the previous year showed a loss, but this did not curtail activities , and with there - election of A.C. Crane as President, we moved forward.

The Club was now having an important say in the world of cycling politics, with G.H. Hampton as Chairman of the Road Racing Council and also of the N.M.& H.C.A. Executive, C.W. Barnes as Secretary again of the latter Association, and E. E. Stapley under taking the Assistant Secretarial duties of both bodies. C. D. and Mrs. Axham moved to Bristol at this time , and there by the Club lost, temporarily it is hoped, C. D. Axham's services both as Chairman of Committee and also as Timekeeper, both of which had been given unselfishly for many years.

A rough - riding contest from Tilling's Farm started the sporting season, but not before a Special General Meeting had revised the Club Standards, for the first time since 1928. At this same meeting, it should be recorded, the Club struck its first blow against fascism when it passed a resolution calling for Great Britain to withdraw from the Olympic Games which were that year being held in Germany. This resolution was passed to the N.M.& H.C.A. but proceeded no further.

A. J. Tilling started the season well by winning the Club Paper-chase, following it by first place in the Hitchin Nomads Roughriders' Open event in appalling conditions which necessitated as much running as riding, Tilling's cross-country running experience standing him in good stead. E. W. Hussey, however, pulled off the Club Rough-riders' event from Little Berkhamsted, an event in which the speedman had a better chance.

As a light relief from the sterner business in view, the Club made a mass attack on Brambles Chine Holiday Camp at Easter and highly successful it appears to have been. The F.P.C.C. held the rest of the Camp to a draw at Soccer, H. Pullinger won the Table - tennis competition, T. R. Curtis took first place at Darts, A. Edrupt was Pin-table King, E. W. Hussey and Mrs. Hampton won the Whist Drive, while it is also recorded that Alfred Plummer won the hearts of the ladies.

The promotion of the Second-class '50' was continued, and our first successes were A. Plummer's 3rd place in the N.M. & H.C.A. Longmarkers' '25' and the Club's 2nd place in the scratch team race and 1st place in the handicap team race in that Association's Shortmarkers' '25' in which Lauterwasser, Curtis and Tilling were all well placed. T. R. Curtis won the first Club '25' and then, with M. S. Edmonds, broke the tandem '50' Record in lh. 55m. 6s., taking 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Marlboro event by means of this performance. Later, they reduced the record still further to lh. 55m. 20s., where it now stands. Then followed Curtis's 2nd handicap placing in the North London C.C. '50', followed by Edmonds winning the same award in the N.M. & H.C.A. '50' in which we were also winners of the handicap team race. E. W. Hussey came back into the picture by winning the 1 and 5 miles Grass Track Championships of Middlesex & Hertfordshire again and also the N.C.U. 1 mile Grass Track Championship of Middlesex. Edmonds, however, was hitting the headlines with 1st handicap in the Polytechnic '100', winning the Club '50' and following it up with a time of 4h. 48m. in the Highgate '100'. In the Club '50' which was also the inter-club race with the Southgate C.C., we were again successful although by the narrow margin of 30 secs.

One of the Club's best-known figures, Past-President W. Day, a well-known figure and pioneer in the cinematograph industry, passed over at this time.

J. Lauterwasser demonstrated that he still had speed in his legs by being placed 2nd in the N.M. & H.C.A. '100' in which the Club was 2nd in the team race, but Edmonds again took first place in the second Club '50' with E. W. Hussey holding his own in the Club '100' in which we lost the team race to the Highgate C.C., however.

With the longer distances, J. Lauterwasser was coming into his own and only by the greatest misfortune was he robbed of 1<sup>st</sup> place in the N.M. & H.C.A. '12'. After being well in the lead and the virtual winner, he was stopped by a runner-out earlier than he should have been, and in consequence was pushed down to third place. In some quarters, it was felt that this occurrence would spell the doom of the half-day event and, indeed, the 200 miles distance was substituted for a year or two, but the 12-hour event has never lost its attraction and flourishes to-day. Nevertheless this experience was not without its lesson, as shown by the efforts which have been made in recent times to improve the technique and accuracy of timing in 12 hour events. Lauterwasser was placed 3rd again in the Polytechnic '12' in which we also filled the 2nd team place. In this same event, Edmonds and Curtis attacked the 12 hour Tandem Record but failed by the narrow margin of a few yards.

Although Curtis won the Club '25' in which we beat the Wheatsheaf C.C. by 2m. 49s., E. W. Hussey finished the season by winning the N.M. & H.C.A. and Catford Hill-climbs much as usual; we also won the Association Hill-climb team race. Not surprisingly, Edmonds finished as Club Champion, with Curtis as runner-up and Lauterwasser third. Curtis was also the winner of the Gordon Stewart Bowl for the Handicap Championship.

During the close-season, cycling politics were to the fore with meetings of the London Cycling Associations Joint Conference due to the problem of heavy entries in Association events, of which an entry of 236 in the N.M. & H.C.A. '25' was an example. Again anti-Best All-Rounder correspondence was featured in the pages of the Club Gazette.

The last dance to be held at the Islington Town Hall, although it had the attraction of an exhibition by dancing instructors who were introduced to the Club at Brambles Chine, resulted in a substantial financial loss, and thereafter our dances have been more modest, but perhaps even more successful as club social fixtures.

Apart from the Christmas Dinner and a Rabbit-pie Supper at Tillings, the year finished as usual with the Annual Celebration at Pagani's, but for the first time a dance took the place of the more conventional concert following the Dinner.

## 1937

Early January was enlivened by such social occasions as a visit to the London Palladium, a habit which might well be revived, and by the usual number representing the Club at the now famous "B.A.R." concert at the Albert Hall.

At the Annual General Meeting, A. C. Crane was firm in his desire that the Club Presidency should circulate among the Vice-Presidents, and C. W. Cooke occupied that office for the first time. Following another loss on the previous year's working, it was decided to cease the luxury of the Open Second-class '50' and, on the other hand, to open a membership drive with a lower subscription for juniors. Standards were set for the comparatively new distance of 200 miles, and also 30 miles tandem, and G. H. Hampton, after nurturing the Gazette from its rebirth in 1930 handed over the editorship to S. Pontin. At the same meeting, it was decided to support the Road Time Trials Council (nee Road Racing Council) as the controlling body of road sport and to help in the formation of a District Council in North London, thus bringing to fruition a policy expressed in the pages of the Club Gazette some two or three years earlier.

Before the racing (now time trial) season got well under way a return visit to Brambles Chine Holiday Camp at Easter, and a visit to Heston airport where some of the more intrepid spirits had trial flights, kept the Club in good fettle, and we were also much in evidence at the National Cycling Festival organised by the *Sunday Pictorial* at the Alexandra Palace. E. W. Hussey was a competitor in the massed-start race through the grounds and although a crash eventually pushed him back to 5<sup>th</sup> place he showed to excellent advantage on this hilly course.

H. Pullinger started the season off by winning the Rough riders' contest which was now a regular feature of the early season, but T. R. Curtis pulled off both the 25 and 50 miles Club races; in the '50' we suffered defeat in the team race at the hands of the Southgate C.C. Curtis followed up these successes by putting up the first 200 miles record in 10h. 53m. 39s., while E. W. and W. J. Hussey started off the tandem '30' record by completing the distance in 1h. 10m. 20s.

Meanwhile, E. W. Hussey was winning the Club '100' (although we lost to the Highgate C.C. in the team race) and the Club '25' thus making sure of his sixth win in the Club Championship. The Scales '25' Cup as well as the Harold Johnson '100' Cup also fell to his onslaught, the latter outright, as this was his third consecutive win. Curtis finished as runner-up, also winning the Seward Cup, while W. J. Hussey took the Gordon Stewart Handicap Bowl. E. W. Hussey completed a most successful season by taking his usual position in the N.M. & H.C.A. and Catford Hill-climbs.

Club attendance to the extent of some 30 or so at Canvey, and a novelty event in the shape of a Follow-the-Arrow contest in the autumn provided acceptable diversions, and about this time the Wednesday evening runs to Marshmoor were attaining the highest peak of fierceness.

The seeds of 'control' were bearing fruit. The final step in making this an accomplished fact was taken when the Road Time Trials Council decided to assume control of the road game. That the Club paid a large part is judged by the fact that G. H. Hampton was Chairman and E. E. Stapley was Secretary of the new body; later, when the North London District Council was formed, G.H. Hampton was elected District Council Chairman, S. Pontin took over the Secretaryship and E. E. Stapley was elected to the District Committee.

The membership campaign, set in motion by the A.G.M., had brought 20 new members into the Club, and in recognition of services in that connection S. Pontin received the Savournin Award of Merit, while A. Todd received a special prize donated by A. C. Crane for his publicity services on behalf of the same

cause. The Attendance Shield again graced the Edrupt menage.

Another old Club member, Quartermain, passed over during the year.

Although the Club-room had been moved to Newman's Social Club in order to obtain better facilities, the closing down of that establishment necessitated a return to 'Delhi' for the remainder of the winter season. To cater for all tastes, a concert followed the customary Dinner at Pagani's, and speed-judging contests, inter-club week-ends with the Southgate C.C., a rabbit-pie supper at High Wych, Club dances and the 'B.A.R.' Concert all showed much activity both in and out of season.

## 1938

The year commenced with a paper-chase from Tilling's Farm, which was won by F. J. Duck, a member who has since died as the result of an accident at work, and later H. Pullinger again proved the fastest of our Roughriders in a Club event.

The Club moved to the National Cyclists' Union's Offices for its Committee meetings, and at the A.G.M. Vice-President W. C. Scales was elected President while J. Lauterwasser was elevated to the Vice-Presidency. At the same meeting, Lauterwasser donated the 'John Blunt' Cup, which he had been awarded in connection with his R.R.A. '50' record, and it was decided to put it up for competition as a perpetual trophy, for the fastest '100' of the season. A. C. Crane remained President and G. H. Hampton Chairman of Committee of the N.M. & H.C.A.

The Club's growing strength was reflected in the Easter fixtures, with a party going to Brambles Chine Holiday Camp, and as alternatives a Club tour, or fixtures for those at home. It was further demonstrated by an entry of 21 in the Club's medium-gear '25' in the early part of the season, which brought to the fore a newcomer in E. J. Franklin as the winner. He confirmed his speed by winning the Club '25' (unrestricted gear), in which there were 22 riders, from M. S. Edmonds, and the season that ensued provided an exciting see-saw struggle for supremacy between the two.

Whitsun also saw a party going to Dovercourt Holiday Camp and another touring the south-eastern counties, while the Wembley 6-day spectacle provided another angle for the enthusiasts, of which we had plenty; a *prime* put up in the name of the club was hotly contested. A Watch Fund was inaugurated with the avowed intention of obtaining for the Club a high-class chronometer, and although this project has been placed in cold storage for the time being, the ambition is still latent.

Edmonds, and Curtis continued their victorious way by reducing the Club Tandem '30' Record to lh. 10m., while Edmonds won the Club '50' in which we took the team race from the Southgate C.C..

The Transport Advisory Council Report was published at this time and its reference to the rules of the controlling body seemed already to justify the new element in the game, the R.T.T.C.

A breakfast run to Bourton-on-the-Water and the Southgate 24 hour ride were well supported by the club-folk who liked night-riding. The final Canvey week-end (for by the following year A. C. Crane had moved away) saw an attendance of 30 and the usual reports of a rollicking time enjoyed by all.

The Club '100' was also claimed by Edmonds, and again the F.P.C.C. were the best team, beating the Highgate and Bruce Castle Clubs by 45m. 15s. Edmonds and Curtis carried on their attacks against Club Records by reducing the '100' Tandem Record to 4h. 11m. 43s.

Curtis also successfully attacked the 24-hour record which had stood in the name of J. G. Fisher for 10 years and piled up a total of 392¾ miles. A highlight of the season was the winning by C. J. Champ and L. E. Johnson of the two sections of the Catford C.C. Second-class '25' both in lh. 6m. and in both instances we were second in the team race.

Edmonds and Curtis put up the first 200 miles Record on a tandem, finishing in 9h. 20m. 14s., while E. W. Hussey and E. J. Franklin, not to be outdone, further reduced the Tandem '30' Record to lh. 8m. 45s., where it now stands.

As will be recognised, Edmonds had been making a strong bid to regain the Club Championship, and the season finished with him in that coveted position, followed by E.J. Franklin as runner-up. The Gordon Stewart (Handicap) Bowl was won by L.E. Johnson, while the Novice Cup, which had been donated specially for the best placing by a novice in the Club Championship, was secured by C.J. Champ, who was fourth in the table amongst the more seasoned veterans. E.J. Franklin put the seal upon his 25 mile superiority by winning the final Club '25' and also making sure of the Scales Cup, Curtis secured the Saward 12-hour Cup and Edmonds the John Blunt (Lauterwasser) 100-mile Trophy. Collectively, it was probably the most successful of the Club's years, and E. W. Hussey crowned it by securing his tenth win in the N.M. & H.C.A. Hill-climb and his 9th. in the Catford C.C. event, not to mention the Club and Eastern Counties C.A. Hill-climbs.

The Club-room opened in the autumn in new and better surroundings at the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows Hall, Highbury Crescent, and its popularity was soon proved by attendances ranging up to as

many as 37. To continue the interest of the season just finished and also to cater for our new strength, such activities as treasure-hunts, speed-judging contests, a rabbit-pie supper, etc., provided interest during the winter season, and the year finished with over 100 to Dinner at Beale's Restaurant, it having been decided to leave Central London in favour of a local venue. An increase of 17 in membership during the year was recorded, attendances were up by 50 per cent., with as many as 30 on several club runs. A. Edrupt put his name on the Vice-Presidents' Attendance Shield again and the Savournin Award of Merit was well earned by F. J. Keen in view of the strenuous year which he had borne as Time Trial Secretary. The Gazette Prize was awarded to E. A. Mason for his consistent support to that journal.

## 1939

For the first time for several years, the previous twelve months had shown a surplus on the year's working, justifying the steps which had been taken to increase the Club membership and its general strength. At the A.G.M., Vice-President Harold Johnson was elected President, and a presentation was made to E. W. Hussey to commemorate his extraordinary run of successes in the world of Hill-climbs, and it took the form of a shield upon which were mounted his nine Catford C.C. medals. Nine Club events were proposed for the year, but before it opened, we were presented with a feast of treasure-hunts (in one of which, an interclub affair, we won against the Southgate C.C.), paper-chases, dances, and, it being an early Easter, a visit to Brambles Chine, with an alternative tour to the Wye Valley. We also succeeded in reaching the final of the Table-Tennis Competition run by the N.M. & H.C.A., but there we had to give way to the Catford C.C.; nevertheless it demonstrated that we were capable of something more than cycling only.

C. A. J. Knife at this stage took over the Editorship of the Gazette from S. Pontin, who had to relinquish that post because of increasing work on behalf of the R.T.T.C.

The racing membership was so large that an unofficial 'shadow championship' was inaugurated to meet the needs of those not in the first flight of the Club's racing strength, and the season started with Edmonds winning the Club medium-gear '25' following that by second place in the N.M. & H.C.A. '25' and completing the trinity by a win in the Club '25' proper of 2h. 9m. 39s., and it was not long before the 100 mile Record was also in his hands, for in the De Laune C.C. '100' he finished in 4h. 42m. 38s. In between, he had secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the N.M. & H.C.A. '50' while C.J. Holly was winning the 3rd Handicap in the Bedfordshire Road '25'.

Although, so far, no mention has been made of our attempts in the world of team pursuit on the track, we had usually managed to scrape up a team for the N.M. & H.C.A. competition, but the first or second round usually saw its demise for another year. In 1939, however, by virtue of victories over the Priory Wheelers and the Westerley R.C., we reached the semi-final, only to give the Marlboro a walk-over through inability to field a team when required.

August saw a Club tour in Suffolk, and earlier there had been a night-ride to the Vale of the White Horse, as well as participation in the Southgate 24-hour ride, not to mention a party or two touring on the Continent, a growing practice in the Club during time past year or two.

We were again successful in the Inter-Club '100' against the Highgate and Bruce Castle Clubs, Edmonds being first in the Club event in 4h. 45m. 10s., following it with a similar position in the Club "50." Edmonds put up a good 226½ miles in the Rotherham 12 hours in the course of which he broke Curtis's 200 miles record, reducing it to 10h. 37m. 1s.

With the season at its height, came the outbreak of war. Looking back, one may be inclined to smile tolerantly at the steps that were taken in those early days, but we were in good company, and in view of world history since, who would say that they were panic measures or were unjustified? Rather may cycling congratulate itself upon being one of the few sports that managed to keep its head, and its feet. At all events, within a fortnight of the declaration of war, a Special General Meeting was called and emergency measures were taken giving full power to the Executive Committee if the need arose. Revised runs lists were issued to deal with the then new terrors of the black-out and the unknown vicissitudes of war, and the Club-room was moved to the Labour Party rooms at Highbury Corner, consequent upon the commandeering of the Oddfellows Hall. As the Gazette Editor put it at that time, "The F.P.C.C. was in existence long before Adolf Hitler and will continue long after him," and appropriate measures had to be taken. The meeting endorsed the general view of the club world that road sport should cease, and the full prize list was awarded, based on the position as it stood when war came. In this respect, the sporting action of several members in offering their Club medals to save expense to the Club should receive special mention. Owing to growing calls upon his time for official duties, G. H. Hampton handed over the Secretarial duties to F. L. Stapley, as Acting Secretary.

The compulsory close of the season saw M. S. Edmonds installed as Club Champion once more, with the fastest time ever put up in the Club Championship. C. J. Champ was runner-up, while R. S. Stapley

was the first of that family to put his name on the Gordon Stewart Handicap Bowl. Edmonds, of course, annexed the Scales 25-miles Cup, not to mention the John Blunt (Lauterwasser) Cup for the fastest '100' and the Saward 12-hour Cup—virtually a clean sweep of all the trophies.

Although the Attendance Competition was at first suspended, it was subsequently reinstated, with A. Edrupt as the best scorer again, for the 3rd successive year and the 4<sup>th</sup> time in all. The Gazette Prize was won by A. J. Stevens. The Dinner was another function which was cancelled at first, but in the light of later experience it was found possible to reinstate it and finally a total of 114 members and friends sat down to dinner at Beale's Restaurant.

Clubs runs were never dropped, even for one week-end, and in fact a treasure-hunt in which we were victors was organised in conjunction with the Southgate C.O. in the early days of hostilities.

Membership at the end of the year was 99, and a good surplus on the year's working was made.

## 1940

At the A.G.M. in January, Harold Johnson was re-elected President, but G. H. Hampton, after 15 years' devoted service to the Club, found it impossible to continue as Secretary, and F. L. Stapley stepped into the breach. Hampton was elected a Vice-President as a mark of the Club's esteem. A full time trial programme was arranged for the year, and members in the Forces were automatically transferred to Honorary Membership.

In February, the Southgate C.C. had their revenge by beating us in a return treasure-hunt, and all Club trophies, which had at first been recalled, were re-offered to holders.

Easter and Whitsun saw tours to Ross-on-Wye and to Stanford-in-the-Vale, although the official holiday was cancelled at Whitsun and limited many people's activities.

The first war-time dance in February produced a small loss, but we were not discouraged, and the Club-room was still running at its temporary home. A Guarantor Fund in connection with the despatch of Comforts parcels to the serving members was inaugurated.

At the commencement of the road season, it was decided that Trophies should be put up for competition on the condition that the comparable Gold Centre Medal Standard times were beaten, and this has remained the basis of award of trophies during the war.

The season opened in fair style with Edmonds being placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the N. Midds. '25' and with W.R. Nutt as the 3rd handicap winner. Edmonds was also the winner of the Club '25' in 1h. 5m. 13s. on our new-found love, the Aylesbury-Bicester road.

With 26 at the tea-run on the first Sunday in May, and three participants in the Southgate C.C. 24-hours trial a week or two later, war seemed far away. W. R. Nutt continued his successes in the handicap division by being placed second in the N.M. & H.C.A. '50' in which we were also second in the team race. We won the first team award, however, in the Hounslow '25' and C.J. Holly took 4<sup>th</sup> place.

With the advent of June, the war took a more serious turn, and at home on the road its more immediate effects were felt in the removal of all milestones and signposts, by the cancellation of several classic events and by a further move for the abandonment of the sport. In our own area, the Century, Southgate and Unity Clubs felt that the times were not suitable for the continuation of the game, but, for better or worse, the great majority decided to continue, and although a decision to abandon the sport might well have been justified by the events that were feared, in the event the storm was weathered and neither the sport nor the country at large appeared to suffer by its continuance.

More unpleasant news in the shape of our first casualty was received, however, when it was known that L.A. Batt was missing after the fall of France, but happily it was later reported that he was a prisoner-of-war in enemy hands, where he still is at the time we write. Our active ranks were thinning, and more and more of those still at home were being called upon to work longer hours, with the result that some were unable to take part in the racing side of the game, Edmonds being our most prominent rider so affected. Nevertheless, we managed to get the best of our friends of the Southgate Club in the Inter-Club '50' although narrowly. This was also our Club '50' and C. J. Holly was our fastest rider. The Club '100' won by A. Edrupt in 4h. 53m. 46s., was also an Inter-Club event, against the North Road C.C., and again we were the victors, providing the first four.

Club week-ends were a strong feature, and a visit to Whipsnade Zoo provided an opportunity for much wit at the expense of fellow clubmen.

In pursuance of its policy regarding the cessation of road sport, the Southgate C.C. decided to cancel their Open '25' and the Club elected to take over its promotion, with the full agreement of those friends it may be said. A full field was secured, and Edmonds was 6<sup>th</sup>, with the F.P.C.C. as the team race winners. In the Ealing '100' which was another substitute event, in place of the Bath Road classic, we were placed 2nd in the team race, with A. Edrupt as 9th fastest.

Edmonds was able to return to the game and was placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Westerley R.C. '100' and first in the

Club '50' that followed. In the North Road '12' W. R. Nutt was our only rider and finished with a distance of 213½ miles, while Edmonds was 5<sup>th</sup> in the N. Midds. '25' and later won the Club '25' in lh. 5m. 24s. In the N.M. & H.C.A. '25' F. L. Stapley, enjoying a return to the game, took 3rd handicap award.

With the approach of autumn, hostilities came very near home, of course, and resulted in the cancellation of our October Dance, consequent upon the requisitioning of the Hall and, for similar reasons, the Club-room was not re-opened, as in fact it has not been since, while Committee meetings were held on Sundays at Essendon. Nevertheless, a full year of racing had been successfully carried through and found Edmonds Club Champion again, for the third year running, and C. J. Holly runner-up. The Scales Cup fell to Edmonds' attack in the Forest '25' when he put up his fastest performance ever in lh. 4m. 49s., but still it was outside J. Lauterwasser's Club Record of 1928. The John Blunt (Lauterwasser) 100 miles Cup was another trophy added to his collection, and W. R. Nutt put his name to two Cups, the Saward 12-hour trophy and the Gordon Stewart Handicap Bowl. C. A. J. Knife just completed the attendance year in time to win the Vice- Presidents' Shield before he was called to the Forces, and S. Pontin again assumed the Editorship. A presentation was made to G. H. Hampton to mark the completion of 15 years' secretarial services to the Club, although not, we are sure, his final service.

The disturbing times made it necessary to hold a mid-day luncheon at the Wood Green Assembly Rooms in place of the usual Dinner, but again an excellent attendance of 114 resulted, and dancing was continued for the best part of the evening despite a severe raid outside.

To mark the war-time reduction in values, it was decided that Club medals should have red-enamelled centres in place of the familiar blue. The Gazette Award for the year was made to T. R. Curtis and the year finished with an unaltered membership of 99.

## 1941

A New Year Luncheon party at the Merrythought Cafe was followed a week or two later by the A.G.M. at the same place when Vice-President F. C. Creak was elected President, and F. H. Tillman took over the Treasurership from Mrs. Hampton, who had been evacuated to Blackpool with G. H. H., and who thus severed her connection with the Club's coffers after holding office nearly as long as G.H. Hampton in the Secretarial chair.

In view of the enemy's nocturnal wanderings, a Sunday tea and social at the Salisbury Hotel, High Barnet, in March replaced the usual dance, and with an attendance of 120 or more it was acclaimed a highly successful and enjoyable occasion. This was followed by a mid-summer dance in June, when Karel Kaers' 6-day bicycle frame, donated by J. Lauterwasser, was raffled to the considerable benefit of the Club Comforts Fund.

A.C. Crane had remained the President of the N.M. & H.C.A. during this period, as he does to-day, and the same may be said of G. H. Hampton and C. W. Cooke as Vice-Presidents of the Association. Contact was re-established with H. Richards of Vancouver, he and his late brother being old friends and members of the Club, and we are pleased to say that that contact is still maintained. With Club members spread far and wide, it was decided to inaugurate a photographic collection of Club occasions and personalities.

Meanwhile, our activities were proceeding, with L. J. Murphy as 1st handicap winner in the N.M. & H.C.A. medium-gear '25' and Edmonds placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the scratch race. In the Willesden C.C. '25' Murphy took the second handicap award, with Edmonds 5<sup>th</sup> in the scratch division, and our team was placed third. Edmonds crept further up the list with 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Calleva '25' and another 3rd in the Charlotteville '50' following it up with first place in the Club '25' but W. Rees managed to beat Edmonds in the N.M. & H.C.A. '25' in which we were second in the team race and J. Cakebread took 1<sup>st</sup> handicap prize. Meanwhile, Murphy was winning the Camden Wh. Second-class '25'.

The Whitsun holiday was spent at Burford, and we reached the century mark in membership with the election of R.L.C. Lasham.

Resuming his speed career, Edmonds was second to the Competition Record holder, L. Thorpe (Barnet C.C.) in the N.M. & H.C.A. '50' and also took the second handicap award, completing the trio with a share in the second team race which the F.P.C.C. won. W. Rees, however, won the Club '50' and also took 1<sup>st</sup> handicap, shortly afterwards taking 4<sup>th</sup> place in the N. Midds. '100' his first attempt at the distance, in 4h. 44m. 20s., 7 secs, faster than Lauterwasser's old record, although, of course, it had previously been beaten by Edmonds. It was a true sign of the faster generation, however.

We were well represented in the North Road '12' and our team, which was placed third, comprised W. R. Nutt (218 miles), C. J. Holly (217¾ miles) and A. Todd (206 miles), the latter staging a splendid comeback after several years' absence from the competitive side of the game. C.J. Holly also beat Lauterwasser's old record, although by the narrowest of margins, in the Bath Road '100' by finishing in 4h. 44m. 26s., while in the Inter-Club '100' with the North Road C.C. Murphy was first in 4h. 52m. 7s. F.L. Stapley won the first handicap and we won the team race by 46m. 28s.

M.S. Edmonds was then in the Forces, as also was F. J. Keen, late Time Trial Secretary, but our younger school still kept us well alive, L.J. Murphy finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the Dragon R.C. '50' in 2h. 12m. 7s., taking 1<sup>st</sup> handicap and leading us into the third team position. In the Westerley R.C. '100' he was placed 8<sup>th</sup> with 4h. 43m. 8s., earning him 3<sup>rd</sup> handicap, and in the Club '50' that followed he was first, while in the Southgate '25' he was only 16 secs, outside J. Lauterwasser's one remaining Club Record with a ride of 1h. 4m. 49s.

It was no surprise, therefore, that Murphy finished up as Club Champion, with W. H. D. Rees as runner-up. Fourteen years after his initiation into the speed game, with a lengthy break in between, F.L. Stapley won the Gordon Stewart Handicap Bowl with some sterling rides, and at the close of the season he had reduced his 25 miles time from 1h. 8m. 58s. to 1h. 6m. 51s. Besides winning the final Club '25' Murphy was placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the N.M. & H.C.A. '25' F.H. Tillman, also after a long rest from competitive riding, finished in the South Western R.C. '1' with a creditable 201 miles and to close the season finally, W.H.D. Rees rode in the Comet '25' to finish in 1h. 5m. 12s. Nevertheless, this still left L.J. Murphy with the Scales 25 miles Cup with his ride of 1h. 4m. 49s., in addition to which he took the John Blunt (Lauterwasser) Cup for 100 miles, as well as the Attendance Shield, but W.R. Nutt was the holder of the Saward Cup for his ride in the North Road '12' With F. H. Tillman now called to the Forces, W.R. Nutt took over the Treasurership.

By common consent, the Gazette Prize for the year was won by S. Richardson.

Functions in Central London after nightfall had practically ceased, but the Executive decided to book the Royal Hotel, Russell Square, for the Annual Dinner, and that the experiment was justified was witnessed by an attendance of 140, evidence of the general desire for a break from the grimmer business on hand and the trying times which had been experienced in the past months. An airgraph, signed by all present, was sent from the Dinner to all of our Forces members serving overseas, an idea which has since been copied in several other quarters.

## 1942

The past year had again resulted in a surplus, by means of sundry economies, and in the membership figure being raised to 102, which is believed to be the highest total ever recorded. Twenty nine were in the Forces, and there was an N.C.U. affiliation of 30. At the A.G.M., G. H. Hampton received the honour which had been his due for many years of unselfish work, when he was elected President of the Club for the ensuing year. The opportunity was also taken to tighten the Club Medal Standards yet again.

In 1941, a total of £22 had been collected for the Comforts Fund, with Mrs. Amy Lauterwasser and Mrs. Kitty Hussey in charge, and monthly reunion runs had become a feature; on these occasions, many members not as active as formerly have made a special point of being on the run, knowing that others would be making a similar effort and some excellent attendances have resulted.

Our events for the coming year were to be Inter-Club affairs with the North Road and St. Neots Clubs, and at a Social which the North Road C.C. organised at the Salisbury Hotel, High Barnet, we were placed third in a Roller-racing Competition. Tours at Easter and Whitsun were still found possible and two dances before the summer opened out were well supported.

The season started promisingly with W. Rees taking 5<sup>th</sup> place and 3<sup>rd</sup> handicap in the N.M. & H.C.A. '25' J.A. Nicolls winning 1<sup>st</sup> handicap and the F.P.C.C. being placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the team race. Rees followed this by 6<sup>th</sup> place (being also a section winner) in the University '25' and 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Chariotville '50'. The first Club '25' fell to his attack, with a newcomer, F.H. Keats, winning 1<sup>st</sup> handicap. At this time, the first rumble of discontent arose and has since blossomed forth into what is known as the massed-start controversy, in which the Club gave its support to the Road Time Trials Council and the National Cyclists' Union.

An enjoyable August tour was held to the Cotswolds, and a successful mid-summer dance was held at Wood Green. As usual, the F.P.C.C. was well represented at the Fellowship of Old Time Cyclists meet, with H. Johnson, A. C. Crane, E. Allen and E. Traxton, but the Club was shocked at the sad news that Jack Keen was missing from a raid over enemy territory and the subsequent confirmation that he had been killed. It was no empty phrase to speak of his popularity, or of his Work for the Club, which he had served in several capacities, notably as Time Trial Secretary for some years. Perhaps his tragic death resulted in a better appreciation of the world struggle and of Club fellowship. Within a very short while, news was received that N. Rogers was missing in the Far East after the Japanese successes, but happily in this instance, although we had to wait for more than twelve months, we eventually received news that he was safe, although a prisoner-of-war in enemy hands.

To return to racing, in the Inter-Club '50' versus the Southgate C.C. we were successful by some 15 minutes, with W.R. Nutt as our fastest rider and F.H. Keats again winning the handicap. Insufficient support was forthcoming for the Inter-Club '100' which was accordingly scratched, but W. Rees completed a good trio by being placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Velma '50' N. Midds. '100' and Ealing '50'. F.H. Keats was now finding his feet and took third place in the London Clarion Second-class '25' while in the North

Road '12' J.A. Nicolls returned a good distance of 211½ miles, just too little, unfortunately, to win the Saward Cup in view of the condition that Gold Centre Medal Standard must be beaten. W.Rees meanwhile was taking 9<sup>th</sup> place in the Bath Road '100' with 4h. 43m. 39s., only 61 secs, outside existing record, following it up with first place in the Club '50' in which we beat the North Road C.C. in the team race. There was still plenty of life in the season, however. F.H. Keats was proving himself a good short-distance rider and won third place and 1<sup>st</sup> handicap in the Southgate '25' then being placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the North Midds. '25' with Rees 8<sup>th</sup> and D. A. Westley winning 2nd handicap. In the Coronation C.C. Red Cross '25' Rees was second in lh. 4m. 54s., with Westley winning 3<sup>rd</sup> handicap again. Rees was then called into the Navy, but Keats continued his career by a ride of lh. 4m. 50s. in the Comet '25' (only 17 secs, outside Club Record) and by winning the Club '25' in lh. 5m. 13s. Although he made further attempts to rid himself of those 17 secs, he was unsuccessful and so remains this, the only one of J. Lauterwasser's Records still to stand. Nevertheless, it was sufficient to give Keats the Scales Cup, in addition to the Miller Cup, which he took as runner-up in the Club Championship, and the Gordon Stewart Bowl for the Handicap Championship. Rees, despite his call to the Forces, finished as Club Champion, thus taking the Touche Cup ; in addition, the John Blunt (Lauterwasser) Cup saw his name inscribed for the best '100' of the year. The Saward Cup was not awarded, since none beat the minimum standard set for the award of trophies.

The close-season was marked by an interesting controversy in the pages of the Club Gazette under the title, 'Is Road Sport Justified in Wartime ?' but although the debate was keen and was carried into the pages of the public cycling press, no decisive conclusion was reached. Nicolls took over the Club Captaincy from Murphy when the latter joined the Forces, and Miss Ivy Holly was co-opted to the Comforts Fund administration, thus expanding the all-female control of this department.

The Vice-Presidents' Attendance Shield was won by J.A. Nicolls, and the Gazette Prize by C.A.J. Knife.

The Club suffered two blows at this time, with the sudden death of Mrs. Daisy Richardson, a firm supporter of the Club for several years, and then of Major P L. Breysig. Although the latter had not retained his membership of the Club, contact had been maintained with him via 'Aitch-Jay' and he took a special niche in the memories of Finsbury Parkers, firstly as an early member of the F.P.C.C. (as well as a founder member of the North Road C.C.) and secondly because he was the Club's hill-climbing champion of those early days, in fact a fore-runner of our own E.W. Hussey.

The year finished with the customary annual celebration, this time a Dinner held again at Beale's Restaurant, with an attendance of 75, kept down to a minimum by war-time restrictions, and in that total we had 6 members from the Services.

Despite his Navy training, which was in London for a period however, W. Rees finished second in the Forces section of the roller-racing competition organised by the Highgate C.C. at Collins Music Hall.

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And so we arrive at the 60<sup>th</sup> year of our existence, with a membership at the beginning of the year of 102, including 37 in the Forces, since increased to 39, and with 33 affiliations to the N.C.U. The previous year showed a satisfactory surplus, the best for several years and was evidence of the grand support from all members, both in the Forces and at home.

Both to mark the occasion of our Diamond Jubilee, and also to show the Club's warm affection towards our Founder Members, A.C. Crane and E.Allen were elected as Joint Presidents. Joint events between the Finsbury Park, North Road, Century, Southgate and Polytechnic Clubs were agreed upon at the A.G.M., and all have been carried through successfully. This spirit of co-operation between kindred clubs in times of adversity is a most welcome sign of the friendship that exists in the game.

The Club suffered a further loss early in the year with the death of Vice-President W.C. Scales, who joined the Club in 1898 and despite a long sojourn in Egypt still retained the F.P.C.C. affectionately in his memory, and to mark his return to this country donated the Scales Cup for the fastest 25 miles of the season.

In spite of the times, the Club is still well to the fore in its work on behalf of kindred associations. For several years now, A.C. Crane has been President of the N.M. & H.C.A., with C.W. Cooke and G.H. Hampton Vice-Presidents, and for the sixth year S. Pontin was elected Hon. District Secretary of the R.T.T.C. North London District Council, as well as serving on the National Committee of that body.

A successful social season, including two dances, led to the commencement of the racing season in which we have had, perhaps not surprisingly, the least successful season for many years. The massed-start controversy has raged throughout the year, but the Club itself has not been directly affected, managing to keep itself busy enough in the more orthodox spheres. F.H. Keats won both the first Club '25' and the first '50' In the former event, A.W. Ames took first handicap while J. A. Nicolls was in that position in the '50' and we beat the Southgate C.C. narrowly in the Inter-Club '50'.

Club-run attendances have been maintained at a fairly high level, as many as 17 for example,, sitting

down to tea at High Wych on one occasion. Another loss was suffered by the Club with the death in hospital in Cairo of T.A. Wright while on active service. Keats took 8<sup>th</sup> place in the North Midds. '50' and Nicolls was 4<sup>th</sup> in the Luton Wheelers Second-class '25' following upon which he was called into the Forces. More and more of our members in the Services were being sent abroad, and there are few theatres of war in which we are not represented. Despite the difficulties of accommodation which have increased rather than decreased, small numbers were able to carry out holiday tours to the West Country.

A high light of the London racing season was the massed-start race in Finsbury Park, and we had a representative in M.S. Edmonds, who managed to attain some degree of fitness and the time to participate, despite his R.A.F. duties. He retired before the finish but it was a gallant effort which deserved better success.

The September tea-party at Essendon, at the invitation of A.C. Crane, is too recent in our memories for much detail to be needed, but an attendance of 26 and a truly Club atmosphere brought back nostalgic recollections of week-ends spent at Canvey as Mr. Crane's guests in happier days.

The Diamond Jubilee Open '50' was held on September 19<sup>th</sup> when 75 riders' names appeared on the start card, and it was considered something of a bold venture to run the event on the upper North Road course from Girtford in view of the accommodation difficulties, but they were surmounted successfully. A feature of the event worthy of note was that all entry fees were donated to the Red Cross and St. John Prisoner-of-War Fund and, thanks to the great generosity of many of our members who made donations towards the prizes and expenses, we more than covered all of our outgoings and were able to add something to the receipts from entry fees. The story of the event itself has been told in the pages of the Club Gazette, including the award to Vice-President C.W. Cooke of the book *Wheels of Fortune* (author, Sir Arthur du Cros), donated by another Vice-President in F.C. Creak.

The second Club '50' was won by J.A. Nicolls with A.W. Ames as handicap winner, a position which he also occupied in the Southgate C.C. Open '25' as well as in the final Club '25' in which F.H. Keats was the fastest, with M. S. Edmonds second.

This saw the close of the season with Keats as Club Champion and Nicolls as runner-up. The Gordon Stewart Handicap Bowl was won by A.W. Ames, an old stalwart of earlier days. The war-time conditions with regard to the award of trophies were not satisfied in the case of either the Saward or Miller Cups, so that neither have been awarded, but of the remainder, all awarded for the fastest rides of the year at their respective' distances, Keats was the sole winner, taking the Scales 25 miles Cup, the Bowen 50 miles Cup (newly donated by W.H. Bowen, a good friend of the Club) and the John Blunt (Lauterwasser) 100 miles Cup. The Vice-Presidents' Attendance Shield also bears his name for the best support of Club fixtures, while A.E. Mason, in the Forces, won the Gazette Prize.

Through the social season, in full swing as we write, and in which we are still able to play our part with dances, etc., we reach the climax of sixty years of cycling, sixty years of sport, sixty years of Club fellowship, shared by some hundreds of members who have passed through the Club, some of whom have stayed, and two of them, A. C. Crane and ft. Allen, have seen and shared the whole of that period from within the Club ranks.

At the Diamond Jubilee Luncheon, being held at the Royal Hotel, Russell Square, London, on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 1943, our two Founder Members and Joint Presidents will preside over a gathering of Club members with many years of pleasant memory behind them, and only the presence of those now serving in the Armed Forces is needed to cause our cup of happiness to brim over, but that cannot be and we must look forward to the time when all are safely home once again, ready to carry the Club's history forward—forward to the Club's Centenary

## SERVING MEMBERS - 1943

Killed in Action.

Sgt.-Pilot F. J. Keen      R.A.F

Died on Active Service.

Wright T. A.              R.A

Prisoners of War.

L. A. Batt (Sgt.)      Army

N. Rogers              R.A.F.

### On Active Service.

Bilcliffe, H. G. (S/Sgt.)	R.A.M.C	Mason, A. E.	R.A.P.C
Brice, F. W.	R.A.	Mays, C. W.	R.A.F.
Bumpstead., Y.	R.A.O.C.	Merlini, R. F. (Corpl.)	R.AF.
Buttle, H. C. (Sgt)	R.A.F.	Moxey, A. W.	R.A O C.
Cakebread, J. A. (Sgt.)	R.A.F.	Murphy, L J.	R.A.
Champ, C. J. (Capt.)	R.A.M.C.	Nicolls, J. A.	R.A.F.
Curtis, T. R.	R.A.	Potter, C. F.	Q.R.R.
Dilley, H. B	R.A.S.C.	Rees, W. H. D.(L.R.M.)	R.N.
Earnshaw, W	R.A.O.C.	Smith, S. M. (Sgt.)	R.A.F.
Edmonds, M.S. (Fl. Off.)	R.A.F.	Stapley, E. E. (Sgt.)	R.A.F.
Franklin, E. J.	R.A.M.C	Stapley, F. L.	R.A.F.
Holly, C. J.	R.A.F.	Stevens, A. J.	R.A.F.
Hussey, W. J. (Corpl.)	P.O.	Stevens, J.	K.R.R.C.
James, O. W. (E.R.A.)	R.N.	Stone, A. G.	R.T.R.
Jennings, W. (Corpl.)	R.A.F.	Tilling, A. J. (E.R.A.)	R.N.
Johnson, L. E. (Sgt.)	R.A.S.C.	Tillman, F. H. (Flt. Sgt.)	R.A.F.
Knife, O. A. J. (Corpl.)	R.A F.	Walker, S. (R.S.M.)	R.A.M.C.
Lasham, R. L. C. (Flt.Sgt.)	R.A.F.	Westley, D. A	R.E.
Lyford, D. A. (L/Sgt.)	R.A.F.		

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### THE CENTENARY STORY OF THE FINSBURY PARK CYCLING CLUB

#### FOREWORD

As Frank Stapley freely acknowledged in his Ninety Years' Story, the first twentyone years were chronicled in the Souvenir Programme of 1904, compiled by Founder Member and first Secretary A. C. Crane. George Hampton's faithful records, published in the Club's monthly Gazette carried the story forward in fact to 1936, but Frank joined the Club in 1926 and his Ninety Years<sup>1</sup> History called upon his own Club experience over the period 1926 - 1973.

Now, Bill Jennings brings the Club story up to its Centenary in the present publication, which includes a reprint of Frank's chronicles published in our ninetieth year.

#### NINETY YEARS OF THE FINSBURY PARK CYCLING CLUB THE FIRST 21 YEARS

For a starting point I can't do better than quote word for word from the 21st Anniversary programme for 1904.

"The resolution to form a Club to be called 'The Ferme Park B.C.' was passed by nine striplings met in conclave for the purpose at a Cyclists' Cafe - long since defunct as a Cafe - in Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, at about 8 p.m. on 1st December, 1883. It was not long before a further resolution was passed that the name of the Club be changed to the Finsbury Park Cycling Club, to all which matters of fact there is abundant evidence extant, should doubts arise, in the shape of the official record or first minute book of the club, and the existence in the flesh and present attachment to the club of two of these youngsters - now men of mature years - to wit, Ernest Allen and A. C. Crane".

I have tried to visualize what Seven Sisters Road looked like in 1883, but my imagination will not stretch that far.

The Crouch Hill Bicycle Club was already in being, and maybe, from their lofty heights, rather looked down on the new intruders. There is nothing to indicate in the early records that we had any contact with them, but in 1892 when our fortunes were at a low ebb, we approached them with a view to amalgamation, but again they seemed to ignore us.

I understand that in 1883 the high 'ordinary' bicycle was on its way out. (For the uninitiated, the Penny-farthing, but the old-timers would never accept this.) The Safety was taking over, but they were still on solid tyres. It was not until the nineties that pneumatics appeared, and then solid tyres and pneumatics were in the same event, penalties by way of time allowances were made.

According to our historian of 1904, the early years of the Club were years of devotion to cycling as a sport and pastime. Cycling, all cycling, and nothing but cycling, but as time went on the social side gained more attention, and in 1897 lady members were admitted.

In 1885 and 1886 race meetings were held on the old Alexandra Park Track, and in 1887 the Club invited two of the foremost of America's riders, who were contemplating a visit to England, to make their first appearance. It rained, and although the meeting was described as a success, a loss of £25 was made, following which we apparently spent the next season licking our wounds, and from then on our ventures were mostly joint affairs with other clubs.

A. C. Crane was our first Secretary and occupied that position for four years and again in 1890, and there is little doubt that he was the 'back room Boy\*' (had the term been known at that time) behind the Club, and in addition had an active and successful racing career. Up to the time of his death in February 1947, his interest in the Club, over a period of 64 years, never waned, and the hospitality he extended to us in enjoyable week-ends at Canvey Island left many happy memories to so many members in the 'twenties' and 'thirties'.

Harold Johnson was the other member who was to have an enormous impact on the Club, a really dynamic character, to whom the Club meant everything. He was Secretary from 1894 to 1900, and like his friend 'Charlie' Crane his enthusiasm remained undiminished for 68 years. He died in 1952. He too, was a keen racing man, being Club Champion in 1895.

His interest in all things cycling was limitless and the fact that he kept intact every press cutting concerning the Club and its members over so many years is something for which we should be eternally grateful.

The Club would never have possessed the Gordon Stewart Bowl, Saward and Scales Cups had it not been for 'H.J.' and his willing help in transport to road events when this was at a premium, not to mention financial assistance, which was always at hand.

In those very early days Club Runs were held mainly on Saturday afternoons and places visited such as Watford, Potters Bar, Cheshunt and Barnet, must at that time have been well out in the country. But they went further afield than this and the Runs List for 1887 (March to October being the full season) shows an Easter Tour to Bournemouth, a Whitsun tour to Hastings and an eight day tour in August.

It was imperative to wear the club uniform of grey with black stockings and a black silk cap, with a large peak, in the Winter, with the Club Badge proudly displayed. On summer days all disported straw 'boaters' carrying the club colours of silver grey and crimson. There is still some of this ribbon in the Club's possession.

By 1886 the membership had increased to 50 and Percy Breysig won the first open hill climb ever held. This was promoted by the long defunct Canonbury B.C. He also won the first open hill climb promoted by the Club later in that season on Muswell Hill.

At that time there was no active cycling during the winter months. This is easily understood as the roads must have been, to say the least, somewhat difficult in bad weather, particularly when capes and mudguards were unknown.

A hectic round of smoking concerts, lantern lectures, cycle shows, whist drives and dances enlivened the winter months and at one of the smoking concerts the Club held a home trainer competition, believe it or not. The Finsbury Park were always with it.

It was proposed to hold a consolation road race on Boxing Day, 1886, and the press comment was "That men taking part in a road race on the day at Christmas will want some consoling". Somehow or other this did not come off until around April the following year.

The first Annual Dinner was held in 1892, in which year a dance was promoted for the first time. And so in 1893, the Club became 10 years of age. There were only two remaining founder members, Ernest Allen and A. C. Crane and they were elected Vice Presidents.

W. Gamage was another famous Vice President at that time and the first of the Gamage Cups was awarded for the Club Championship, then decided in a road race of 25 miles. This was to become the property of the holder after two wins in succession, or three wins in all. With the cessation of road racing in 1896, the championship was transferred to the track and decided over a distance of 10 miles.

There is little doubt that road racing was getting somewhat out of hand, at least from the viewpoint of the police, and cycle racing on the roads was banned by the National Cyclists Union (fore-runner of the B.C.F.). This was the reason for the introduction of the Time Trial system which remains today. Over the years, a certain amount of ridicule has been cast at many of the rules made at that time that outgrew their usefulness, but those responsible for inaugurating the Time Trial system did their work well when they were in a difficult situation in keeping the sport alive.

Prior to this, in 1894, a crisis point had arisen in the Club's history and a meeting was called to discuss the Club's future. Apparently they were without a Secretary and Harold Johnson acted Protem also taking over the Club's cash balance of ½d, the Club books and a dozen club badges. Fortunately it was agreed to carry on, but these were difficult years for the sport in general. Cycling had been a craze with society, but was now fading. A. C. Crane 'chaired' this meeting, and we owe it to men like him and Harold Johnson who were largely instrumental in seeing the Club through these difficult times. The rules and regulations were revised, and many of these remain today. Club uniform was abolished but the rule regarding wearing of the club badge still stands.

It was also decided to offer Standard Medals for 12 hour rides as follows: Gold - 160 miles, Silver - 140 miles, Bronze - 120 miles. No attempts being allowed on a Sunday. Riders had to provide their own proofs of the ride, the regulations reading that they must consist of:- Signature of competitor, witnesses, times of arrival and names of place. Post Cards, telegrams etc. may be sent to the Hon. Secretary at the discretion of the competitor. Thanks to 'H.J.' some of these documents are still in our possession.

A social amalgamation was arranged between the Finsbury Park Harriers and ourselves, and many combined social fixtures were held.

Reading through the minutes of this period it is obvious that the Club was making a big effort to retain the good name it had made for itself in the preceding years. The minutes at that time were impeccably kept and are, fortunately, in perfect condition, but in 1895 and 1896 things seemed to have lapsed somewhat and the membership was down to 12, and this seems to have been happening right through the cycling world.

In 1897 it was agreed to admit lady members, active and honorary, although it rather seems as though this was to boost the falling membership, and by 1897 it had increased to 50. Not all the new members were ladies, I hasten to add, the count being around 12 as far as I can see.

A Dispatch ride to Stamford was held in 1899, but the reception by the Town Clerk was, according to the minutes, far from cordial or even friendly, and that the club in future would avoid that town. The

schedule shows a distance of 156½ miles (Westminster- Stamford-Welwyn) in 18 hours, a fair ride for 1899.

The closing of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century saw the Club progressing favourably and a French member, H. A. Bernaardt, had the distinction of winning the first standard medal for a 12 hour ride of 133 miles, and his name was to re-appear many times over the years. S. M. Bouts won outright the first 'Gamage' cup and the donor forthwith presented the Club with a replacement.

24 members were present at the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd January, 1900, at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, when it was reported that the Club had a cash balance of £7.0.5d. plus additional assets of £25.1.8d. Harold Johnson retired from the position of Secretary and was succeeded by G. H. Savournin, who was to be active for many years in various capacities.

The second 'Gamage' cup was won outright by H. Brown in 1902, and again generously replaced by Mr. Gamage. This year also produced a notable new recruit in the person of Cecil W. Cooke, who was to become one of the Club's keenest cyclists over a period of 50 years, but more anon.

A unique venture in 1903 was the balloon chase, instigated by Percival Spencer (Sec. 1885/6), who had achieved international fame as a balloonist. The aforementioned H. A. Bernaardt was taken up (at Crystal Palace), complete with cycle and put to earth again, near Tunbridge Wells. From there he had to ride back to Crystal Palace and avoid being intercepted by fellow Club members, by using by-roads and lanes, which he succeeded in doing.

The Club came of age in 1904, and the printed booklet, written by A. C. Crane with photographs of the leading officials, is a first class souvenir. The dinner was held at the Trocadero Restaurant, with the President, Sir George Bartley, KCB, MP, in the Chair. A seven course meal was served at a cost of 5/6d. An interesting entry in the Minute Book of that year reads, "The Hon. Gen. Sec. reported that seven members carried out the all night run to Peterborough which was very enjoyable". The Club was certainly very much alive. On two occasions during the year, H. A. Bernaardt asked the Committee to allow Sunday racing, but the Committee shied away from this request. This agitation was to go on for many years throughout the cycling movement and 16 years were to elapse before the Club would concede the point. H. A. Bernaardt served with the French Army in the 1914/18 War and was awarded the Medaille Militaire. It was when inviting him to attend our Jubilee Dinner in 1933 that we learned that he had passed away on 30th October, 1933 in his 62<sup>nd</sup> year.

## **1905 – 1914**

At the commencement of this pre-war period, motoring was growing in popularity and some members were already experimenting in motor transport, but even so, there was no lack of those still travelling 'under their own steam'.

Open road events against the watch were being held but were by invitation and in 1905 the Club's colours were carried in the North London '50', North Road '100' and interclub events were also held.

H. A. Bernaardt organised an Easter Trip to Paris which attracted an attendance of 12 members. They were the guests of L'Audax Club Parisien, which I believe is still in existence.

Four 12 hour standard medals were won during 1905 and the Club promoted a Time Trial at 50 miles. The course - 46th to 71st milestone on the Great North Road. How many of us have suffered over that course since? I would'nt like to guess.

1905 seems to have been a successful season. It terminated with the attendance of a club party of 82 at the first concert organised by 'Cycling' at the Royal Albert Hall.

At the Annual General Meeting of 1906 the 12 hour standards were tightened and it was decided to offer a medal to any lady member covering 120 miles, but as far as is known there were no takers.

A new member in the person of Laurie F. Dixon appeared on the scene. Yes, the same Laurie who, I am pleased to say, is still very much alive and at 86 years of age, enjoying a retirement at Herne Bay. The years to come were to witness many verbal duels with certain Finsbury Park members, (and others of course) but we are still good friends. Laurie soon made his presence felt in typical fashion and set up a new Club Record for 25 miles of 1.14.43. He also won the second Club '25' and the '50'.

We entertained the Audax Club in a return Easter Tour and a celebration dinner was held at Anderton's Hotel.

It was agreed that 12 hour standard medal attempts could be made on a Sunday, but not road races. A new 12 hour record of 175 miles was set up by J. B. Foster.

In 1907 Laurie Dixon continued his winning ways and lowered the 25 mile Club Record to 1.13.49, among other successes. He also established a Club Record of 5.27.12 for 100 miles, in the Bath Road '100\*' which stood for 13 years.

Laurie disappeared from the Finsbury Park scene in 1908 and joined the Oak C.C. but the Club's good relations with Laurie have stood the test of time, a fact I know he would confirm.

Up to this time, standard medals were awarded only for 12 hour rides, but in 1908 the range was extended to 50 and 100 miles.

From this distance in time, probably the most important event of this year was the election of C. D. Axham who quickly established himself as a racing man and was to be a devoted clubman and official for the next thirty years.

G. H. Savournin resigned from the Secretaryship in 1909, having held this position for longer than any of his predecessors. A presentation was made to him and he was elected Vice-President.

The resignation of H. A. Bernhardt at this time was accepted with regret. Apparently he was getting married, although the minute book does not say so. Later on he thanked the Club for a wedding present.

The Annual General Meeting which opened the year 1910, although reasonably attended by 21 members, rather shows the club to be financially embarrassed, owing the Secretary/Treasurer C. W. Cooke over £12, this being the loss on the previous year. Having known Cecil Cooke, I can imagine him 'dressing-down' the assembled company in no uncertain manner, although the crisis seems to have been tackled in a businesslike way. A very hearty vote of thanks was Cecil's reward, not to mention being elected for another year. Attendance points had to be earned around this time when it was agreed to award one point if riding a 12 hour time trial.

A. H. Perkins broke Club record for 50 miles in 2.42.31 and C. D. Axham the '25' in 1.13.35 although the Minute Book merely records these rides as the fastest times in Club events.

We joined the Eastern Counties Cycling Association in June 1910, apparently for Sports and Social Events, Time Trials not being mentioned.

Sir George Bartley, the President, died in September and it was agreed to defer the election of a new President until the 1911 A.G.M.

The Annual Dinner was fixed at Frascati's Restaurant. Two menus were submitted at 4/- and 4/6d., the former being selected. I have the Menu in front of me as I write, but I won't bore you with the details as it runs to seven courses.

H. Starke and C.D. Axham beat the 12 hour Tandem Gold Standard with a ride of 190 miles. Again it does not mention that it was a Club record, in fact it was not until many more years had elapsed that we began to recognise and list Club Records. Even so, I understand that they got their Attendance Points.

At the 1911 Annual General Meeting, the Club finances were shown to have improved considerably. C. W. Cooke was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer, and the new President was Mr. (later Sir) G. A. Touche, M.P. It was agreed to form a Motor Cycle section, limited to 20 members, although in fact it never got within reach of this figure. J. Evans one of the first members, later turned cyclist and was a valuable member right up to his death in 1968. No attendance points were awarded for motor cycle runs and in response to a query, it was stated that points could not be scored if travelling by train, but these decisions were later modified.

Our membership of the E.C.C.A. was short lived and we resigned, for the first time in 1912. At the same time, C. W. Cooke was busy endeavouring to form what was to become the North Midds' and Herts. Cycling Association. He succeeded and was the first Secretary, this being one of the many cycling organisations which he initiated during his lifetime.

G. A. Touche, the new President, presented a Trophy which the Club surprisingly awarded to the Motor Cycle Section. When this section was abandoned in later years, it became the Championship Trophy, and remains so today.

C.D. Axham won a gold standard medal for a 50 mile ride of 2.38.0, a Club record, but again this was not acknowledged. He also did 1.13.0. in a Club '25', this too being a Club record and in addition he won the Club '100'.

At the Annual General Meeting in January 1913, C. W. Cooke reported that 1912 had been a successful year, with an Easter Tour to Normandy, but that only two, he and J. Bridges had completed the scheduled run to York. He was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer and for the first time the post of Racing Secretary was added, C. D. Axham being elected. This did not prevent him from improving his own racing performances, and at the end of the season he established new Club records for 25 miles (1.11.10) and 50 miles (2.29.35).

The Club continued actively into 1914 with C. W. Cooke leading the Easter Tour to Normandy and Brittany, supported by six other members. C. D. Axham was beaten in the 25 mile Club Championship by a new up and coming rider, J. C. Etherton who clocked 1.12.19. He still remains on the Club books as a Honorary Member, but in all my 45 years membership, I have only met him once or twice. The outbreak of war in August was a great shock and the Club's activities were to be seriously curtailed.

## **1914 -1918**

Those of us old enough to have survived the 1939-1945 war are able to understand this well enough. Many good racing careers were curtailed and many never to be resumed. The Club lost two members, G. R. Lowe and F. M. Slater.

Fortunately there were sufficient keen active members able to hold things together for the next four years, when other Clubs were disintegrating. J. C. Atherton, C. D. Axham, C. W. Cooke and J. Evans

were prominent amongst them, and in fact the last three named were still giving good service to the Club right up to the time they died.

### 1919

By the time of the Annual General Meeting in January 1919, the war was over and plans for greater activity were being made. J. Evans was re-elected General Secretary and C. W. Cooke, Captain.

Sir George Touche resigned from the Presidency and the new M.P. for North Islington, Sir Newton Moore was elected.

An ambitious scheme for the Club to purchase a country club house was put forward. It had offers of financial support from influential members such as A. C. Crane and C. W. Cooke, but rather surprisingly it did not take on.

### 1920

At the Annual General Meeting in January 1920, 'Motor Cycling' was deleted from the Club title. The argument about Sunday racing was still on and we withdrew from the N.M. & H.C.A, when they decided to allow it. This deprived us of the use of the Association Gazette which was distributed free to Club members and contained Club news. So not for the first time the Club Gazette was revived, with Harold Johnson as Editor. It was in reprinted form and even at that time considered a heavy expense at 16/6d. per 100 copies.

Amongst three new members elected on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1920 appears the name of G. H. Hampton. This proved to be one of the most important dates in the Club's history.

We re-appeared in the Open Promotion field by organising a Novices '25' on a Saturday afternoon and were instrumental in introducing a number of new names into the sport, the most notable being J. W. Rossiter. As the prizes were generous, the cost was heavy.

At last the sport was getting back onto its feet and new members were being elected in good numbers. Club runs were now being held on Saturday afternoons and all day Sundays. Social events included a Speed Judging Contest, a Garden Party and a Whitsun weekend at St. Neots attended by 15 members, with aquatic sports thrown in, not to mention the Club '25' won by A. E. Adams in 1.13.10.

But the big event of 1920 was the breaking of the 100 mile Club Record by J. Etherton with a ride of 5.7.49 in the Bath Road '100'. The great Leon Meredith caused a sensation by clocking 4.48 after losing 3 minutes with a puncture. In the meantime, A. E. Adams had won the 25 mile Club Championship with a time of 1.11.23.

### 1921

At last in 1921, the Club agreed to allow Sunday racing so there was no obstacle to rejoining the N.M. & H.C.A. Thus the Club gazette was dropped in favour of the Association Gazette. It seems odd that what we have considered one of the Club's greatest assets over the last 40 years, the Club Gazette, only appeared for very short spells during the rest of our history.

With the abandonment of the Motor Cycle Section it was agreed that the Touche Cup be awarded for the Club Championship as stated earlier.

Although motor traffic was growing, it was negligible by comparison with today, and these must have been wonderful years for the cycling clubman. Clubs were growing in numbers and ours was on the up and up. Long distance riding and racing was all important and the social side was relegated to winter months.

The 1921 Whitsun '25' was won by J. Etherton in 1.12.4. G. H. Hampton won the first handicap and S. Richardson was the fastest novice. In the 25 mile Club Championship held two months later, A. E. Adams broke Club Record in 1.9.20. The 1913 Club Record of 1.11.10 was also beaten by both J. Etherton and a novice, H. C. MacHattie. Things were speeding up and J. Etherton broke the 50 mile Club Record with a ride of 2.26.12 and won the Touche Cup for the Club Championship.

### 1922

C. H. Jenkins who had been elected General Secretary in 1921 (despite a membership of only 10 months) was re-elected in 1922. In addition he became Editor of the N.M. & H.C.A. Gazette. Quite an enthusiast and it is significant to note that he is still a member today. A Club Novices '25' which attracted no fewer than 12 entries gives an indication of the Club's strength in 1922. This was won by A. E. Bevis in 1.12.54 and there were 8 other finishers.

There were 16 entries in the Club '25' held on the Whitsun Weekend, when a new Club record was set up by C. MacHattie in 1.8.50. B. W Sheen broke two Club Records, the '50' in 2.23.46 and the 12 hour with a ride of 191½ miles in the first '12' promoted by the N.M. & H.C.A.

C. H. Darling caused something of a sensation by appearing on a tricycle on a club run and later established the first club record for the type with a 25 mile time of 1.25.34. The interest this evoked was to be shown in the following years.

1922 appears to have been a busy and most exciting season and was terminated in the resumption of the Canvey Island weekend, revived by the kind invitation of Vice President A. C. Crane. 14 members enjoyed his hospitality on that occasion.

### 1923

Sir Newton Moore resigned from the Presidency in 1923 and from then on we were free to break the tradition whereby the local Member of Parliament occupied this post. The natural recipient of this honour was founder member, A. C. Crane, who in his 40 years membership had steered the Club through its many difficulties, which is well illustrated by the past Minute books.

C. H. Jenkins was again Editor of the North Midds' Gazette and G. H. Hampton was elected to the Committee. The racing side was continuing to flourish and again Club Record was broken in the Novices '25' by A. W. Clarke with a ride of 1.8.36. Another novice, a mere 48 years of age, A. E. Bevis, Snr. third fastest in 1.13.52 shook the remaining 3 slower finishers.

This must also have had some effect on A. E. Bevis, Jnr, who, in the Whitsun '25' managed to knock 3 seconds off Club Record with 1.8.33. Incidentally, there were 19 riders in this event, all of whom started and finished, and 35 in all on the St. Neots Weekend, which gives some idea of the enthusiasm at that time.

1923 saw the commencement of the long series of Inter- Club '50's with the Southgate C.C. and in this event, A. E. Bevis, Jnr. was fastest and broke Club Record with 2.20.8. We also beat the Southgate by over 18 minutes. Ten members rode the North Midds '12' in which R. C. Arnold set up a new Club Record with 197¼ miles. A new tandem combination of A. E. Bevis, Jnr. and B. W. Sheen broke Club Record with a ride of 2.6.5. for 50 miles.

Yes, it was quite a season with 27 members racing and collecting between them, 24 Gold and 6 Silver medals. Thus the prize bill for the year was £42 and the Club was £12 in the red.

Typical of the new President, he offered to pay half of this provided the members collected the balance amongst themselves, which they did forthwith.

### 1924

In view of the above, no time was lost tightening the standard times at the 1924 Annual General Meeting, where C. H. Darling presented a Silver Cup for 12 hour competition. Jack Lauterwasser must have been listening at the door, because exactly 3 months later he was elected a member of the Club and won the cup in 1924, 1925 and 1926. He re-presented it to the Club in 1945 for the fastest '50' of the year. Appropriately enough, his son Alan won it in 1955/56/57/58. The cup of course, is still in circulation, so maybe the story isn't ended yet.

Jack Lauterwasser didn't waste much time in giving an indication of this worth and won the Novices '25' in 1.13.58 following this up with 1.11.55 in the Clubb '25', only 14 seconds down on the winner, R. C. Arnold. Jack then won the Inter-club '50' with the Southgate in a time of 2.27.4. on a very hard morning and we again won the team race.

B. W. Sheen then appeared on a tricycle (having had a long hard look at the new novice). He soon broke the mile record with a time of 1.15.20 and set up figures for the first time in the Club's history at 50 miles (2.38.7.) 100 miles (5.48.40) and 12 hours (187⅜ miles). In the meantime, R. C. Arnold broke the 100 mile single record in 5.3.2.

Jack Lauterwasser was now getting into his stride and in the North Midds '100' his first attempt at the distance, he was only 39 seconds outside the then coveted 5 hours, this breaking Club Record and we scored our first ever open team victory. Jack was third fastest and third handicap winner. In the North Midds<sup>1</sup> 12 hour event, his first '12', he covered the greatest distance, 210¼ miles which was Club Record, and with the help of Arnold & Sheen, earned the Club another team race win. In a private time trial attempt on the 25 mile Club Record on an extremely hard morning, Jack dead heated the existing figures of 1.8.33. About the only thing he did not win was, surprisingly enough, the Club Championship, decided over aggregate times at 25, 50 and 100 miles, which he lost to R. C. Arnold by 43 seconds, but I guess he was satisfied with his first season's work which did not start until May.

During the year a further attempt was made to revive the Club Gazette under the title <sup>1</sup> Finsbury Sparks<sup>1</sup>, but it did not last long.

24 members raced in 1924 and there was again a financial crisis settled on the same basis as the previous year, a whip round raising £12.

### 1925

A. C. Crane was again elected President for 1925 and George Hampton, General Secretary, a post he was to hold for the next 14 years and in my opinion the best service ever given to the Club. Incidentally, George had already done a 3 year stint as Racing Secretary.

R. C. Arnold following the footsteps (or wheelmarks) of Bert Sheen, got himself a tricycle. He also had an even harder look at Jack Lauterwasser, and who could blame him. We now had three tricyclists and there must have been fun and games on club runs, particularly as there were one or two tandems also active.

B. W. Sheen opened the score with second place in the Tricycle Trophy '50' with 2,38.20. Jack Lauterwasser did 2.29.27 in the same event on a single. Bert had ambitions on the London-York and 12 hour R.R.A. Records that year, but when all arrangements were far advanced, abandoned the idea. He did, however, break the Club 25 mile record in 1.14.34.

Bob Arnold was now breathing down his neck and took two of Sheen's records, the '100' in 5.40.13 and the 12 hour with 191½ miles.

Jack Lauterwasser was busy improving his 50 mile figures and was fastest in the Inter-club '50' with the Southgate in 2.22.35. followed by his brother Charles in 2.26.15, but on this occasion the Southgate took the Team Award. Jack and Charles both rode in the Polytechnic '12' and on an appalling day, Jack was third with 208 miles and in the North Midds' 12 he was beaten into second place by only 200 yards with a new Club Record of 211¼ miles. Jack went on to win the Club Championship, a feat which he repeated in 1926, 1927 and 1928.

Also in the North Midds' '12' R. Newman and H. Pickett broke the 12 hour tandem record with 203½ miles and R. C. Arnold broke the Tricycle record as mentioned above, so this was quite a large day out for the Club. D. Read won the last club '25 in 1.10.5 with Jack and Charles Lauterwasser being 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1,10.40 and 1.11.0. The fact that all three rode up to the start in Hitchin that morning (from Highbury and Walthamstow) must have shamed the other 9 slower finishers more than somewhat.

The Club Hill Climb was won by C. Lauterwasser for the second year running. The year closed with a Dance held in December which showed a profit of £7 and for many years following, such social functions provided a good revenue for the Club.

## 1926

It was A. C. Crane's opinion that the Presidency of the Club should rotate annually amongst the Vice Presidents and Harold Johnson was accordingly elected for 1926.

Early in the year, the Club lost V. P. George Savournin who had been an active supporter and Official in the early days, being General Secretary from 1901 to 1908.

Jack Lauterwasser continued to forge ahead in the racing sphere and by mid season had reduced the 50 mile Club Record to 2.15.39 in the Inter-club event with the Southgate. He was 5<sup>th</sup> fastest in the Highgate '100' with 4.53.42 in a good field on a hard day. This was Club Record and he gained 2nd handicap. He went on to win the North Midds '12' with another Club Record of 216 miles; backed up by brother Charlie and a new member, F. Tillman, they won the Team Race. Only 6 days later he won the Polytechnic '12' (then held on a Saturday) after an all day struggle with the Vegetarian, E. Marshall, with a new Club Record of 222¾ miles.

Although it has no relation to the above other than the timing, I can almost say that this is where I came in. As I explained earlier, I have used material mainly assembled by George Hampton up to this point and from now on I will be writing from my own personal experiences, for better or worse.

I would, however, like to sum up these first 43 years as this is almost the halfway point of the story and most of the characters, but by no means all, have passed away or otherwise disappeared.

To me, the two names that stand out are A. C. Crane and Harold Johnson. Those of you who had the honour to meet them will, I am sure, agree with me as to their fine character and devotion to the Club. The steadying influence of A. C. Crane must have been invaluable during those difficult times when things were not going well and the exuberance of Harold Johnson, a tonic at all times. 'H.J.' always regretted that he was not a founder member, but as he joined within the first year, we forgave him for that oversight.

A. C. Crane was General Secretary for 5 of the first eight years and 'H.J.' from 1894 to 1900, but in addition their work for the Club in one way and another continued right down through the years.

For the next 8 years, G. H. Savournin was General Secretary and as already mentioned was a tower of strength over that period. C. W. Cooke who took over in 1909 and held the position for 5 years was surely the keenest cyclist the Club ever produced. He joined us in 1902 and for 50 years was the complete cyclist and administrator, although from the early twenties when he was made a Vice President, most of his activities were outside the Club. Even so, he still found time to act as Timekeeper and support special functions throughout his lifetime. Although he was not the easiest of people to get along with, his service to the cycling world and his enthusiasm for riding a bicycle were exceptional. He was a prominent worker for the Cyclists<sup>1</sup> Touring Club, instrumental in forming the N.M. & H.C.A., a member of the Polytechnic C.

C., founded the Barnet C.C. and finally the Forty Plus C.C. An unfortunate accident with the last named Club resulted in his death within 3 months of celebrating his jubilee as a cyclist.

Yes, these are the people we should thank for seeing us through the first half. There were many others, of course and those who were still active at this point will appear in the second half.

### **1925-1939 I WAS THERE**

Those around my age have had their lives divided up by two world wars, so it is natural for us to talk about 'before the war'. This is probably irritating to younger people, but inevitable, because the last war, at least, did affect our lives to an enormous extent and certainly had a lasting effect on Clubs such as ours.

This is my reason, or excuse, if you prefer to call it that, for treating my first 13 years of the Club in one span. It was well into 1926 before I decided to replace my heavy roadster bicycle with a modern Lightweight, so called, but for the life of me I cannot recall why I did this because at that time my cycling consisted only of very short rides at slow speeds.

The Finsbury Park Cycling Club was furthest from my thoughts, but I knew of it through the Hampton family who lived in the next road in Highbury and I had been at school with Charles. When I next met Charles he didn't go much on my new acquisition, the Hamptons having thoroughbred racing bicycles, not Company built jobs like mine. He did, however, accompany me on several rides and began to tell me of the exploits of Jack Lauterwasser and others. As I had already decided that the rate at which we travelled was just about my limit anyway and he impressed on me how much better the 'Park' was, I had little desire to meet them, other than socially. But inevitably, we did meet at certain tea stops but I was careful not to become involved.

Having enjoyed, if that's the word, their hospitality on quite a few occasions, I told Charles that I thought I should apply for membership, with the tacit understanding that I had no intention of becoming a regular participator in their activities. It was not until some time later that I realised that Charles was not a very keen clubman himself and was lukewarm about my membership.

So in late September, I ventured out on my first full day club run, without Charles, whilst my entry form was still in the pipeline. It was to St. Neots and we met at Wood Green Obelisk at 6 a.m., the Sub Captain and I (The 'PARK' never could get up in the mornings), and, together, had, to my surprise a slow ride to Biggleswade, where we looked in at the finish of the Southgate Open '25' and by the time we reached St. Neots had added to our numbers. I cannot remember much else until the ride back and this is indelibly printed in my mind.

There were quite a lot of us to start with, but in the 20 odd mile back to Ickleford for Tea we were shedding them, right, left and centre. In my ignorance, I did not know that this was a scrap, but finally there were only three of us left and I did not know how much longer I was to suffer. The only one enjoying this was Ernie Hussey. Frank Tillman and I were just hanging on and in the final burst down the Ickleford lane, it was Ernie first, Frank Tillman second and me a bad third.

It took Frank Tillman quite a time to recover, but I rather suspect that he was putting on a bit of an act. Anyway the result was that he persuaded me that I must ride in the Novices '25' on the following weekend and assured me that my membership would be through by then. Charles was quite shaken when I told him and obviously did not think much of my chances, although he granted that I might get round in about 1.19, which I think is what he achieved on his first and last attempt.

As we rode towards Biggleswade on the following Saturday afternoon, I wondered what I had let myself in for. I had acquired some tights, but not an alpaca jacket, for which a dark blue blazer would have to suffice. I had tried out the 78" gear during the week and recollected how hard it had been on the cobbles up Manor House Hill, but as to how fast I would be able to turn it up Chicken Hill, I hadn't a clue.

In order to complete my demoralisation I had been put last on the card and at 2 minute intervals, I felt like an orphan in the storm. Having no watch, it was impossible to judge how I was going but I did not really care, and when I caught A. E. Bevis, Snr, who I knew to be around 50 years of age, I was not impressed.

My 1.11.14 for fastest novice surprised everybody and staggered me. Jim Fisher was second in 1.11.46 and Ernie Hussey third in 1.11.47. From then on I was dedicated to cycling, realising that I could hold my own with these men who hitherto had rather overawed me, and the Gold Centre medal I won with that ride is one of my most valued possessions.

I hope that you will excuse me for dwelling at some length on my introduction to the Club which was a most important period of my life.

Apart from the novices on that October morning, Jack Lauterwasser reduced the Club Record to 1.6.57, his brother Charlie being second in 1.9.3. followed by the three mentioned above. Four other novices rode that morning, of which one, Martin Johnson, is still a member.

Jack was completing a very successful season during which he had broken Club Records at 25, 50, 100 miles and 12 hours. He was getting excellent write-ups in the Press and I felt proud to be one of his Club-mates.

The Club acquired two new trophies during the year, the Gordon Stewart Bowl and the Scales Cup which was presented by W. C. Scales, an old member on his return from abroad. These trophies are still in circulation. Jack's name was the first to grace the Scales Cup which was given for the fastest '25' of the year, with repeat performances in 1927/8/9/30.

Winter Club runs of 1926/7 were enlivened by the addition of the many new members, in fact, my recollection is that we now represented the bulk of the active riding membership. Every Saturday afternoon and Sunday, saw us scrapping around all over the Home Counties, with Ernie Hussey taking all the primes.

## 1927

Early in 1927, Ernie introduced Jim Ames and Dick Curtis to the Club and with the addition of 5 recruits from the Northern Section of the C.T.C. (W. Flood and H. Webb still being members) we started the racing season with great enthusiasm, having 9 riders in the N. Midds 'Longmarkers 25' but the results were somewhat disappointing. However, these were early days.

Ernest Allen, founder member, had been elected President and C. W. Barnes who had joined only at the end of 1926, was soon found a job, being made Racing Secretary. He was to be kept full employed for the next three years. Jack Lauterwasser was forging ahead and he set up new figures for the '25' and '50' in 1.6.39 and 2.14.34 respectively. He was second fastest in the Highgate '100' clocking 5.9.42 after puncturing and with brother Charlie broke Tandem records for 50 and 100 miles, in 2.5.50 and 4.20.40, the latter ride securing them third place in the Oak Tandem '100'. Jack won the North Midds' '100' in 4.56.21 but was beaten into second place in the 12 hour with a ride of 208¼ miles. I can confirm that this was a hard day and also Jack was in a sorry state in the last hour. I imagine this was just a training spin for the Polytechnic '12' six days later, which he won on an equally bad day with 216¼ miles.

Incidentally, the Club had 12 riders in the North Midds '12', of which 10 finished. Eight of us were making our first attempt in our first season. I can still feel the pains. Jack was not the only one that suffered. The big consolation was that we won the Team Race.

It was a wonderful season for the new lads, even though we were not very fast. Ernie Hussey and I had several battles, he usually beating me at 25 miles and I having the edge at '50' miles. In an extra '50' put on for the boys in September, I beat him by just one second in 2.21.49, much to his chagrin.

In the meantime, Jim Fisher produced a tandem and gave me the option of occupying the back seat. We rode the Oak Tandem '100', crashed at Eaton Socon corner, carried on and finished with a shocking hiding in 4.37.5. Neither of us had ridden a '100' at this time and I shall never know how Jim managed to hold the Tandem up over those last 10 miles, because I am sure I could not have done.

However, it must have done us good (ha! ha!) because we later broke the 50 mile Club record in 2.2.35.

Jack Lauterwasser was selected to ride in the North Road Memorial '50', confined to the 12 fastest 50 milers in the country. He disappointed us a little in only managing 8<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 2.17.52. He also made two attempts on the R.R.A. 100 mile record, but owing to punctures was unsuccessful.

By this time, I had had enough for one season, but not everybody's appetite had been satiated and for the first time ever, I believe, we had two riders in the North Road '24', both novices; Jim Fisher and Arthur Daymond. Jim did 347 miles and Daymond set up a Club Record of 365 miles.

To round off the season, Ernie Hussey won the Club Hill Climb rather easily, but at that time we had no idea of his tremendous talent in this direction.

Following a lapse of many years there was again some track activity and we reached a semi-final of the North Midds Team Pursuit Championship.

In addition to all this activity, Club Runs were well supported and I find that I won the Attendance Shield for the only time with 111 points, out of a possible 142. Again thanks to Mr. Crane, we had another enjoyable weekend at Canvey Island with an attendance of 26.

A perusal of the Dinner Menu for 1927 reveals 17 members shared 17 Gold medals and 7 Record Badges, amongst other things. 21 new members had been elected during the year, one of whom was my brother Ern. The total membership was now 80. Quite a year, but 1928 Olympic Year was to top it.

## 1928

The year opened with W. Saward as President, and I was elected Captain (no doubt a reward for winning the Attendance Shield). Jack Lauterwasser had a heavy programme ahead and contracted out of Club Events to give the boys a chance.

Jack shot to the top in 1928. Briefly, he won the Highbury '50' North London '50', North Midds '25', North Road Scratch '50', North Midds '100' and North Midds Championship. He was second in the North Midds<sup>1</sup> '50', Kingsdale '50' and Highgate '100' and third in the ECCA '25'. He was selected to represent

England in the Olympic Games at Amsterdam and finished fourth. He secured the R.R.A. 100 mile record with a ride of 4.13.4 and the 50 mile with 1.54.47 including losing 3½ minutes with a puncture.

Even so, his best ride was his 12 hour competition record in the Polytechnic Event. Nobody else at that time had topped 230 miles and Jack did 237⅞ miles, which was proved many years later to be just over 240 miles. Previous to this, he had won the North Midds' '12' with 230 miles, and in both events we won the Team Race.

Whilst all this was going on the rest of us had not been idle, even if somewhat overshadowed. My own efforts were interrupted early in the season through a short spell in St. Albans Hospital as the result of a road accident. Jim Fisher had won the first '25' in 1.11.17 and the '100' in 5.29.2., but in the June '50' we had the worst conditions I can remember with a howling south-westerly gale. Several of us got to the turn well under the hour, almost unknown at that time, and many literally fell by the wayside on the way back, including yours truly. The real men, as ever, survived and Dick Luck's winning ride of 2.37.56 was a stout effort.

In the '50' with the Southgate, it was a comparatively calm day for the North Road and we had a good win. I was fastest of the field of 25 riders with 2.23.17. and on a points basis of 6 riders we won by 60 to 28.

Unfortunately, in view of the conditions, Jack went for the R.R.A. '50' on similar roads and was heading north whilst we were complaining of the slight breeze opposed to us on the way south. Jack failed on this occasion but was successful later in October.

In the last Club '25', Ernie Hussey was fastest in 1.7.8. well ahead of what any of us new boys were able to achieve. Jim Fisher, never daunted, had a bash at the 24 hour record, and in the North Road event put up new figures of 371¼ miles.

The result of Jack's efforts was that he had beaten his own personal bests and Club Records by substantial margins as follows:-

25 miles	1.06.39	1.4.33
50 miles	2.14.34	2.10.15
100 miles	4.53.42	4.44.27
12 hours	222¾ m	237⅞ m

His 2.10.15 was fastest time in the North Road Scratch '50', when he beat F. W. Southall at his best distance. Had there been a Best All Rounder Competition in 1928, on these times Jack would have been top man, although it must be conceded that Frank Southall might have pulled something 'out of the bag', if this had been necessary as he was to prove in later years.

Thanks to Jack's superb ride in the Polytechnic '12' we won the team race, Jim Ames doing 207 5/8 miles and myself 203⅝. Other successes during the season were Bill Flood's third place in the North Midds' 'Longmarkers 25' in 1.9.49 and our winning of the North Midds' Road Team Championship, not to mention 2<sup>nd</sup> place to the Polytechnic in the North Midds' Team Pursuit Championship.

Incidentally, Jack and Charlie Lauterwasser regained their 50 miles Tandem Club Record in 2.0.20. Jack won the Club Championship for the fourth consecutive year, Ernie Hussey being Runner Up and the first holder of the Miller Cup.

My active cycling came to a temporary stop when I went into hospital in late October to have my appendix removed. Whilst there I had news of Ernie Hussey's second place to Frank Southall in the Catford CC Hill Climb, which was, at that time virtually the Championship of England. I then began to realise why I, not to mention the rest of his clubmates, had for the past two years been unsuccessful in holding our own with him on hills (nor in fact on the flat). Little did we realise that for the next ten years this situation was to continue/ only more so.

Jack's 100 mile record earned for him the 'John Blunt' Cup, given by a periodical of that name. This, Jack subsequently presented to the Club as a perpetual trophy for the fastest '100' of the year. W. Saward, the 1928 President, also presented a Cup for 12 hour competition and naturally Jack's name was the first to adorn it.

The Club Gazette, 'Finsbury Sparks' passed into oblivion and the Club once again supplied each member with a copy of the North Midds' Gazette, which carried Club news and Runs Lists.

Despite all the racing activity, the social side was not neglected. Club Runs were well supported and I was pleased to handover the Attendance Shield to brother Ern. That had been a wonderful year for the Club, but it was Jack's year and he was acclaimed on all sides. The following years must have been very disappointing to Jack, because as we did not then know, this was the absolute peak of his career. Strangely, this coincided with the start of Ernie Hussey's fantastic run of Hill Climb successes.

## 1929

The new President for 1929 was Will Day. Brother Ern became Assistant Secretary and Harry Webb, Social Secretary, otherwise most of us retained our jobs. It was agreed to issue an information bulletin monthly, which was the fore-runner of the now familiar Club Gazette.

Inevitably, the Standard Medal times were tightened, as the gold rush had been the major expense that the Club had had to bear.

Jack Lauterwasser started the season well enough with fastest time in the Forest '25', a classic event, with a ride of 1.6.29. His other wins and placings during the season were, Highbury '50' - Fastest, North Midds' '25' third and E.C.C.A. '25' - 2<sup>nd</sup>. But this was not the Lauterwasser of 1928. Luck had been against him due to an accident at work, followed by dental extractions and it would probably have been advisable to take a complete rest for the remainder of the season.

Ernie Hussey was going ahead in fine style, winning four out of the five Club Events. I just managed to beat him by 4 seconds with a 2.22.56 ride in the second Club '50'. Apart from this I had decided that he was way ahead of me. He won the Club Championship and probably his best ride up to this time was his 214½ miles for 4th place in the North Midds' '12'.

Frank Tillman, who had not been very active in the racing line since 1926, came back with some good rides which earned him the Runner Up Cup. In addition he took the Seward Cup for the best 12 hour ride with 217 miles and in the Catford 24 hour event, he did a good ride of 363⅝ miles. Deciding to have another attempt at the Club Record he rode in the North Road 24, struck a hard day and did not finish. Brother Ern also rode in this event and persevered in his first attempt to finish with 342½ miles. Ern had previously ridden 209 miles in the E.C.C.A. '12', thus taking family record. Harry Webb did his best ride to date in this event with 201⅜ miles.

I had been trying hard during the season to do a decent '100' with not much success, whilst my chief opponents, Frank Tillman, Ernie Hussey and Jim Fisher were clocking 5.3.34, 5.4.58 and 5.12.42 respectively.

Ernie Hussey wound up a good season by winning the North Midds' Hill Climb and was again 2<sup>nd</sup> to Frank Southall in the Catford Event.

Canvey Island again welcomed us (we hope), where we relaxed after our season's efforts. Harry Webb organised a bumper Dance with a record attendance of around 250 and a profit of £13. Amongst new members signed during the year were S. Pontin, H. Pullinger and E. A. Matthews.

Vice President W. A. Vincent, who joined the Club in 1894, passed away at the end of the year. He was the General Manager of Gamage's of Holborn.

Before moving into the 'thirties' let us take a look back at the last decade. In trying to do justice to all those who are part of this history it is not always possible to give credit to everybody involved. All members who have played an active part have contributed something to our lengthy history and are deserving of mention, not forgetting people like Jim Ames, Dick Curtis, Jim Fisher, Bill Flood and Martin Johnson, who were all racing during this period, and who, forty years later, are still members, and in more than one case still riding bicycles.

The ladies got little mention and many people did not know that we had lady members during this period. Actually, they were almost all wives of members and there was little encouragement given to single ladies who might apply for membership. We were somewhat hypocritical about this. Mrs. Hampton was the only one holding an official position and was Treasurer for many years. As the wife of the Secretary, this was a good arrangement from the Club's point of view.

George Hampton had been General Secretary since 1925 and must surely be credited with much of the Club's success during those years and also C. W. Barnes who was for many years a first class administrator, and I'm pleased to state, still with us. Success does not start and finish on the road and the 'back room' boys are essential to that success.

Even so, we must acknowledge that riders like Jack Lauterwasser keep the Club's name to the fore to an enormous extent and during the 'twenties' we were certainly on the crest of a wave. Club life was very enjoyable, with the emphasis on Club Runs. Difficult sometimes to keep going during the summer months, but well supported during the winter. Inevitably, there there was plenty of scrapping, particularly on evening runs on the North Road and Cambridge Arterial Road. There was no Club Room and we usually met 'up the road' on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These were mainly training runs, but nobody admitted to the fact. Many of us toured for our summer holidays and Jim Ames and I joined forces for our annual break. When not racing, we would often week-end somewhere in the vicinity of an event, not always as helpers, sometimes being idle lookers-on. At this time, very few events were near London and invariably entailed a weekend.

The Boxing Day Dinner run to the Hand & Crown, High Wycombe had become a regular feature, where the fare provided at 3/6d. a head was out of this world.

During the winter of 1929, the brothers Dunlop, two prospective new members, apparently had the avowed intention of stirring us up and shook us out of our now, usual winter go slow period. They rode in

shorts in a period when we hadn't even plucked up courage to wear them in summer, and were indeed a tough pair of characters, usually working together.

For some months we had been torn about something horrible and we did not seem good enough to contain them, until on a day that was to be named by the press 'Hurricane Sunday', due to gale force winds sweeping the country, our run was out in the wilds of Essex, Catmere End to be exact. The afternoon ride back to Sawbridgeworth was obviously going to sort us out and on the run up to the Kia Ora Cafe on the A.11 (which I believe is still dreaded by racing men), I realised that I had Charlie (without Bill this time), where I wanted him and proceeded to demonstrate the fact. Somewhat vindictive maybe, but welcomed by my fellow sufferers. After all I was the Captain and merely demonstrating that I was in charge of the run. When the racing season opened we were eager to see whether the Dunlops were as good as they appeared, but they rather disappointed us, although good keen members for a number of years.

## 1930

And now on into a new decade. W. C. Scales was the new President and C. D. Axham was elected a Vice President in recognition of his 21 years service to the Club.

The main change amongst the officials was that Brother Ern took over from Cecil Barnes as Racing Secretary.

Early in the year, Vice President A. W. Gamage died. He had been a member since the nineties and a great benefactor to the Club. In all, 5 cups were presented by him and bore his name.

Ernie Hussey opened the season by winning the Upton Manor C.C. Rough Riders '25'. This was a new event, the course suiting Ernie admirably. Until that time, I never knew such hills existed in Essex. (I punctured and packed).

Ernie and Jack shared the Club Events between them, but Jack was nowhere near his 1928 form. Ernie's times were now 2.17.42 and 5.3.6 for '50' and '100' respectively. Jack did, however, win the Peterborough '50' in 2.17.44 and the North Midds' '100' in 4.53.20 with a puncture. In the Anerley '12' he was 5<sup>th</sup> with 228½ miles. Jack was a non starter in the North Midds' '12' but Ernie did 209⅞ miles for fourth place. The rest of us were plodding on, Jim Ames, always a finisher, doing 207⅞ miles in the same event and Dick Luck 205¼ miles. My own efforts are hardly worth mentioning. I had been unlucky with punctures and seemed to pick up all the most foul days. I think that this was a particularly bad summer, bad for everybody no doubt, but some are tougher than others.

A new name in 1930 was Harry Pullinger who led our team (according to the record) to second place in the Western Roads Longmarkers '25' with a ride of 1.8.31, supported by W. Dunlop (1.9.25) and Ted Chamberlain (1.10.46).

An exceptionally noteworthy performance was Jim Ames' ride of 195½ miles in the Polytechnic '12' It may not sound much, but it was a really ghastly day. The only time I ever had my picture in 'Cycling' was amongst a crowd of 'packers', many top riders, with also rans like myself. I was not particularly proud of this picture by the way and never bothered about obtaining a copy. Ironically, Jack, Jim and I had been the team in 1928, as now, and it was unknown for Jack to 'pack' in a '12'. I somehow think that the real Lauterwasser of 1928 would have won through. It is interesting to note that the event was won by Frank Southall, who had to finish to clinch the Best All Rounder Competition, this being its first year, when it was organised by 'Cycling'. Jack already had a qualifying ride and was 12<sup>th</sup> in the B.A.R. (shades of 1928). Going back to Jim, he finished despite the fact that he had no chance of a medal, or anything else, except a shocking good hiding. He did, however, take the Savournin Award of Merit and never was it more deserved.

Jack Lauterwasser was Club Champion, with Ernie Hussey Runner Up. Twelve members completed the three distances qualifying for the Championship. Jack won the North Midds' Championship and the Club won the Team Championship.

Many members over the years have been curious in regard to Steve Pontin's racing performance and he has done little to enlighten them. At some personal risk may I whisper that 1930 was his first and last season and he rode in 4-25's, 6-50's, a '100' and a '12'. As a result he took some awards but I do not propose to enlarge on these details. I will, however, own up to the fact that he once caught me.

Naturally, Ernie Hussey won the Club Hill Climb, on White Hill, Berkhamsted and the following week put up a new course record of 1.8 2.5 on the same hill in the North Midds Event. In the Catford Hill Climb he beat Frank Southall to win in a new Course Record, this being the first of a series of nine wins. He had arrived.

Charlie Dunlop won the Handicap Bowl, in which 7 members finished in all 5 qualifying events.

Again we rounded off the Season at Canvey Island and again Harry Webb promoted a bigger and better dance. Attendance 342, profit £22. Lovely money. Amongst the 15 new members in 1930, the name of Jack Keen is noted.

## 1931

C. D. Axham was elected President and Timekeeper in 1931. I gave up the captainship and Ted Chamberlain took over. I had already decided to retire from racing, having lost my enthusiasm, although still devoted to cycling in general and the Finsbury Park in particular. It was not long before I found myself saddled with a new job, the Secretaryship of the North Midds<sup>1</sup>, joining George Hampton who was again Chairman of Committee.

Two of our old tricyclists resigned at this time, B. W. Sheen and C. H. Darling. Strangely we had two more in the pipeline, Arthur Wright and Jim Ames, of whom more anon.

Three of the new season 'signings' are still around today, Arthur Edrupt, Bill Jennings and Alfie Stevens.

An important decision of the Annual General Meeting was to produce a Club Gazette. This commenced in February 1931 and has had an unbroken run ever since. George Hampton was the first Editor and along with his duties as General Secretary and other jobs outside the Club, he was a very busy man. Alice Hampton was still Treasurer and ably supported him in these extra duties.

Another decision was to take over the Southgate Second-class '50'. They had decided that they were not getting sufficient support for it and so we were gratified to receive an entry of 86. The limits at that time were 1.10 for 25 miles and 2.25 for 50 miles. It was a horrible day, the winner clocking 2.35.45.

Ernie Hussey won all 5 Club Events and did the season's fastest '25' in 1.5.56. He also won the Club Championship, the Gordon Stewart Bowl and 4 - N.C.U. Grass Track Championships. Between time, he beat 5 hours for 100 miles for the first time in 4.55.45.

Arthur Wright broke the Club 25 mile Tricycle Record with a ride of 1.12.32 and Jim Ames just failed to get the 12 hour with 190¾ miles. Jack Lauterwasser had a quiet season but he again took the Saward Cup with a ride of 216¼ miles in the Polytechnic event.

Cecil Bruce and brother Ern broke the Club Tandem 12 hour record with a ride of 225⅝ miles. They were not very satisfied and in the following year substantially beat this figure.

Our old friend Bill Flood was the Runner Up in the Club Championship, a popular win after 5 years of trying, and Bill Jennings was fastest novice with a ride of 1.12.10 for 25 miles.

Harold Johnson presented a Silver cup to be won outright after 3 wins for competition in the Club '100', starting from 1932.

Ernie Hussey finished the season with what was becoming his usual run of Hill climbing successes, the Club Event, the North Midds' with course record and the Catford.

Club prizes were well distributed this year amongst 19 riders. Prominent amongst these were Jim Ames,

Cecil Bruce, Dick Curtis, Bill Flood, Jack Keen, Ernie Matthews, Harry Pullinger, Bert Solley, Arthur Wright and of course Ernie Hussey. Significantly, six of the abovenamed are still members.

I apparently came out of retirement and rode in the last Club '25' (when we were beaten by the Upper Holloway C.C.) and the Club Hill Climb, but I have no recollection of this, even so, I got a certificate.

And so again to Canvey Island, all 21 of us. Very enjoyable but those trips put me off the Southend Road for good and all.

## 1932

A. C. Crane was elected President for 1932 and the remaining Officials were re-elected, except that Dick Curtis took over the captaincy from Ted Chamberlain.

Amongst his other duties, brother Ern was busy pursuing the discrepancies in the measurements used for North Road courses, with a view to getting Jack's 1928 12 hour mileage corrected.

Leslie Webb, a member for over 10 years died early in the year. He had given valuable service to the Club in many capacities and was mourned by those who knew him.

Racing activity was again heavy and in the North Midds' '12' we had quite a day. Jack was not riding out but Dick Curtis put up his best performance to date with 220 miles for third place, and with Bill Jennings (214½) and Harry Pullinger (207½ we won the Team Race Brother Ern and Cecil Bruce substantially beat their own Tandem Record with 240⅞ miles and Jim Ames broke the Tricycle record with 201¾ miles. Few tricyclists were topping 200 miles for 12 hours at that time and this must be considered Jim's best ever ride. Dick Curtis was also first winner of the Johnson Cup with fastest time in the Club '100' of 5.3.31. This was an Inter Club Event with the University C.C. and I regret to say that we were well beaten for the second year running. I am afraid that these Eastern Counties types were too good for us, despite the fact that Jack Lauterwasser, who rode solely to help the team did 4.57.48.

Another Club Record to be beaten was the Tandem '50', Bill Jennings and Harry Pullinger doing 2.0.12, a narrow beating of the Lauterwassers 1928 figures, on a Tandem sportingly loaned them, by whom other than Jack.

Whilst all this was going on Ernie Hussey was getting away with the Club Championship and again did the fastest '25' of the year with 1.5.15. Bill Jennings, following his win in the North Midds' Longmarkers '25' had a very good season, being Runner Up. Ernie also made a successful visit to Herne Hill Track at Easter and shook the 'heads' more than somewhat by winning an Olympic Games 1000 metre Selection Time Trial in 1.19 4/5 in very hard conditions.

Harry Pullinger won the Handicap Championship and also put his name on the Attendance Shield for the first time.

Ernie Hussey finished the season in his usual style. Fastest in the Club Hill Climb, North Midds' and Catford. He was able to add a new one, promoted by the North Herts C.C. for the first time, which he won in 1.3 3/5. We seemed to be missing the boat by not having teams in these events, in fact, E. E. (Stanley) Baldwin was generally Ernie's sole supporter, but this was to be rectified in coming years.

The usual party of around 20 made their annual pilgrimage to Canvey Island, with a detour to Southend to see the lights. I'm sure we all had a good time, but I cannot remember much about it. Strange! Harry Webb was continuing as a successful Dance promoter and again we were over £20 to the good from two dances.

### 1933

As so on into our Jubilee Year. I should at this stage, acknowledge that for the period up to 1943, I have used the information already published in the Diamond Jubilee Gazette, for which I have to thank Steve Pontin.

A. C. Crane was elected President for this important year in our history. Harry Webb retired from a successful run of 5 years as Social Secretary and I took over with some doubts as to whether I could emulate his successes. Following 2 years as North Midds' Secretary, I decided I had had enough. I was rather talked into this job in the first place and never became terribly enthusiastic about it. Brother Ern became Racing Secretary of the Association and with George Hampton as Chairman, we were still contributing in good measure to this organisation. George also became Chairman of the Road Racing Council (fore-runner of the R.T.T.C) and in the coming years the Club was to play an important part in the re-organisation of Time Trial Sport.

The Club Gazette, which for the first two years had appeared in rather a drab green cover, was considerably improved by the new cover designed by Dick Curtis, which remains today. For my money, this is still a first class design, even though the silhouette of the flowing alpaca jacket is now out of date.

Notable among the new members were Charlie Cooper, Wilf Hussey (brother of Ernie), and A. G. (Jock) Ward, the last named destined to steal the headlines in his first (and last) season with us.

Low gear events (under 60") were popular at that time, and in the Willesden '25' early in March, 'Jock' Ward did 1.11.7 for fourth place. This may not sound much, but even by today's standards an average speed of 21 mph on a 59" gear is not hanging about. Later in the season in the revived Inter Club '50' with the Southgate, he clocked 2.11.28. At this time only Jack Lauterwasser had bettered this and then only once. Even so, the Southgate beat us, the late Bill Carter clocking 2.10.37.

All the season, Ernie Hussey and 'Jock' Ward were scrapping it out for the Club Championship, which eventually went to Ward with Ernie Runner-Up. Ward also did the fastest '25' of the season with 1.6.11. In the Club '100' Bill Jennings beat the then coveted 5 hour barrier with a ride of 4.58.52, thus taking the Johnson Cup. He also broke 2.20 for 50 miles by recording 2.18.20. Jack Lauterwasser took the Saward Cup, with a ride of 211¾ miles, which was something of an anticlimax after the strong competition of the previous year.

There was plenty of other racing activity and two persistent triers, Stan Belton and Arthur Edrupt were habitually winning handicap prizes. Jim Ames, Dick Curtis, Ernie Matthews and Harry Pullinger were still amongst the prize winners, the last named again winning the Attendance Shield. Wilf Hussey, in his first season, was showing up well, he also taking 3 handicap prizes.

And so to Hill Climbs when Ernie Hussey again excelled with a nap hand of wins, namely the Club, North Midds', Catford, North Herts' and Farnborough. For the first time we had a team, his brother Wilf and Dick Curtis being in support. They were 3<sup>rd</sup> in the North Midds', 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Catford and Farnborough Events, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the North Herts. Percy Breysig, winner of the very first Hill Climb, wrote offering his congratulations.

The Annual Dinner which followed, being the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, was a very special occasion. A. C. Crane, founder member was in the Chair accompanied by Ernest Allen, the only other survivor of the nine who set the whole thing going. Nine Club Champions were present, R. W. Marks (1885), H. Johnson (1895), Laurie Dixon (1906/7), Charlie Axham (1908, 1910 and 1913), Bert Adams (1919/20), Jack Etherton (1921), Jack Lauterwasser (1925/8 and 30), Ernie Hussey (1929, 1931/2) and the 1933 winner, Jock Ward. H. H. England (Editor of 'Cycling') was our Guest of honour and an excellent photograph was

reproduced in 'Cycling'. It had been hoped that H. A. Bernaardt, who had quite a place in the early history of the Club would have been present, but his death was announced just a few weeks prior to the event.

A specially printed Jubilee number of the Gazette was issued in honour of the occasion, in which George Hampton gave a history of the Club. As I write, I realise the amount of time he must have devoted to this in delving through all the records in order to see that everybody and everything was adequately covered in that meticulous way that set the standard of competent Club management, that I later tried, not very hopefully to emulate.

This 50<sup>th</sup> milestone was a proud stage in our history and then, as now, we honoured our predecessors for laying the foundation so firmly. Apart from Jack Lauterwasser's efforts, when in his prime, we rarely hit the headlines nationally, with the exception of Ernie Hussey's Hill Climb successes, and it has been much the same right up to today. but we have always had an influx of riders able to give a good account of themselves at slightly lower levels, and although there is a big turnover of riders in any club from year to year, I believe that generally, Finsbury Parkers have been more loyal to the Club than one finds elsewhere, and that is why we have survived.

Although it gets little mention here, the social side in 1933 was very strong. Club runs were an important part of the programme and very enjoyable. Several unofficial touring parties went off during the summer and apart from racing weekends, non racing weekends were enjoyed, these often involving helping in long distance events. Yes, they were happy days.

### 1934

A. C. Crane was again elected President and Jack Keen took over the captaincy from Dick Curtis. Jock Ward, our 1933 discovery, left us and joined the Allondon R.C. He never gave the impression that he would settle down to be a good clubman but it was a pity to lose such a promising rider. Notable amongst the new members were Maurice Edmonds, Alf Tilling and Joe Peake.

The Club decided that shorts could be worn in Club Events. We were way ahead of our contemporaries here and there were many raised eyebrows 'up the road' but we were 'within the law'. Although there was a fair amount of racing activity, all-round performances were not outstanding, Ernie Hussey being again Club Champion, (with Ernie Matthews, Runner Up). Ernie did a good '12' of 218½ miles and took the Seward Cup. He also did the best '25' with 1.6.43, but brother Wilf won the '100' with 5.8.17. and took the Johnson Cup.

Ernie Matthews beat 2.20 for 50 miles, with a good ride of 2.19.16. Stan Belton won the Handicap Bowl, and not for the first time criticism was levelled at the Handicap Committee, who shall be nameless, and a little ditty which went 'Edrupt and Belton, Handicap wipers' was being sung by some other (jealous) members. Sour grapes I could afford to call it as I was neither a racer nor handicapper.

We lost to the Southgate in the Inter Club '50' but we beat the Wheatsheaf C.C. in an Inter Club '25'. The Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Class '50' was again run off successfully on a good day when the fastest time of the series was done by J. G. Fuller, Ingleside C.C. in 2.15.13.

Once again, Harry Pullinger won the Attendance Shield, thus achieving a hat trick. Ernie Hussey again demonstrated his supremacy at Hill Climbing with his round of wins. This was his 5th win in the Catford, nobody previously having won it that number of times. We won the team races in both the North Midds' and North Herts' Events and were second in the Catford.

Although our profit on Dances had dropped during my first year as Social Secretary, we made over £22 on 3 dances held in 1934 and so I felt reasonably satisfied. Up to this time we never had a Club Room and it was proposed to take steps to remedy this situation.

The usual Canvey Island weekend and the Club Dinner completed the year.

### 1935

A. C. Crane was re-elected President, although he again intimated that the Presidency should rotate amongst the Vice Presidents. Cecil Bruce took over the duties of social Secretary from me, Jack Keen became Racing Secretary and Arthur Edrupt, Captain. Many of my contemporaries considered the 'thirties' the best years in the Club's life but we were not really setting the racing world alight. It was gratifying therefore that new names were coming forward and Alf Tilling, Alf Plummer, Maurice Edmonds and Joe Peake were all amongst the Prize Winners at the end of the season. The best ride was, I think, Alf Plummer's 213 miles, 1000 yards in his first '12' and Alf Tilling's 207 miles, 600 yards, and 'Eddy's' 210 miles, 1000 yards, were also good performances.

Ernie Hussey again took the Championship for the fifth time, the Scales Cup for the fastest '25' (1.7.13) and the Johnson Cup for a '100' of 4.54.4. His brother Wilf took the Seward Cup for his 12 hour ride of 218 miles, 1600 yards. Bill Jennings took the Miller Cup as Runner Up and Arthur Edrupt the Handicap Bowl and Attendance Shield. Bill Jennings and Harry Pullinger broke the 100 mile Tandem Record in 4.15.27. This had stood for eight years in the name of the Lauterwassers.

Ernie Hussey had a good day out at the Hertford Sports on Whit Monday, when he won the one mile and half mile handicaps, and the one mile and five mile championships of Herts and Middlesex. He also won the half mile and one mile N.C.U. Middx and Herts. Championships at the Enfield Sports.

We managed to secure premises for a Club Room in Holloway Road and with Alice Hampton taking charge of refreshments, its popularity was assured. Over the years, we have had, for various reasons, to shift around and the Club Room became a regular feature, but a winter fixture only. In the summer the mid week run would take place, which entailed riding bicycles.

At last the Polytechnic C.C. amended Jack's 1929 12 hour mileage to 240 miles, 75 yards. A great satisfaction to Jack, not to mention George Hampton and brother Ern who had persisted in pursuing the matter through the 'corridors of power'. I believe I am right in stating that this was still competition record.

Sir George Touche, one time President, died during the year, He was, of course, donor of the Touche Championship Cup.

The Hill Climbing season found Ernie Hussey in the usual unbeatable form. Following the Club Event, there were the North Midds', Catford and Farnham Climbs. The mixture much as before, except that we won the Team Race in the Catford with Wilf and Dick Curtis again in the supporting roles.

Then on to the social round, Canvey, dances, Rabbit Pie Supper, football matches, never a dull moment. Financially we were not doing so well on dances, but socially there were few complaints. Many weekends and Bank Holidays were spent at the seaside by those able to drag themselves away from the racing scene.

## 1936

We seemed to be worrying about the low state of our finances at this time, but it was really a sign of greater activity and if really put to it, extra money could have been found. In fact, over the years several members have declined to take awards to which they were entitled to save Club funds, and Jack Lauterwasser rode in many events to help the team, without gain to himself.

Although still protesting that the office of President should rotate, A. C. Crane was re-elected for 1936, which gives some idea of his undiminishing popularity. Harry Webb again became Social Secretary, Mr. and Mrs Axham moved to Bristol and the Club lost a very valuable official. As a result, C. W. Barnes took over as Timekeeper.

Alf Tilling started the season well by winning the Hitchin Nomads Rough Riders in appalling conditions. This was, apparently more like a modern Cyclo Cross race, and as Alf was also a cross-country runner and, in fact an extremely tough all round performer, he could hardly lose. The Prize List for 1936 shows a long string of successes for Maurice Edmonds, both on single and tandem, culminating in him winning the Club Championship. He was way ahead of Dick Curtis, his tandem partner who was runner up. 'Eddy' had times of 1.6.20, 2.15.11 and 4.48.24 for 25, 50 and 100 miles respectively. He and Dick broke the 50 mile Tandem Record twice with 1.56.6 and 1.55.20.

Our tandem strength at that time was such that we had four pairs riding in the Marlborough Tandem '50' (when the 1.56.6 was done). They were Jennings-Pullinger, the two Alfies (Tilling and Plummer), and the Hussey brothers, in addition to the record breakers. Knowing something of 'Eddie's' handling of a tandem and having heard his graphic description of this ride, I would think that Dick considers himself lucky to still

be with us. I am sorry I missed seeing that epic. Thanks largely to 'Eddy's' superiority, we won the Inter Club '50' with the Southgate for the first time in the new series which started in 1933. Jack Lauterwasser was again active, being second in the North Midds' '100' with 4.55.20, third in the Polytechnic '12' with 215 miles and missed winning the North Midds' '12' due to a runner out stopping him too early when it 'was in the bag'. He dropped to third place with 226 $\frac{7}{8}$  miles. This did, however, earn him the Saward Cup. He also took the Scales Cup for the fastest '25' in 1.6.17 just three seconds faster than 'Eddy' and won the North Midds' Championship. Dick Curtis had probably his best season, taking the Runner-Up Cup and the Gordon Stewart Bowl, and apart from his record badge (Tandem '50'), eight other medals.

The Hussey Brothers were not idle, albeit somewhat overshadowed by the riders mentioned above, until the Hill Climb season. Ernie won the Club '100' with 4.56.6 and took the Johnson Bowl. Harry Pullinger came back and won the Attendance Shield, after losing it the previous year to Arthur Edrupt, whose riding and racing were interrupted by a road accident.

Ernie's successes on 'grass' were almost as regular as Hill Climb wins and he again won at Hertford and Enfield. The North Midds' and Catford Hill Climbs were added to the list and our usual team won the team race in the North Midds'.

Will Day, past President passed away during the year, as also did S. M. Bouts, Club Champion in 1897/8.

The year closed with the usual social round and for the first time the Club Dinner was followed by a dance, far more popular amongst the younger members.

## 1937

Cecil Cooke took over the Presidency from A. C. Crane in 1937 and George Hampton, who had been Gazette Editor for the previous six years, handed over to Steve Pontin. It was agreed to support the Road Time Trials Council (nee R.R.C.) as the controlling body of road sport, and from then on we were to take a greater part in the new organisation, George Hampton being elected Chairman and brother Ern, Secretary. When the North London District Council was formed later, George was elected District Council Chairman and Steve Pontin, Secretary.

Previously in this narrative, I have referred to what were, in effect, Time Trials, as Races, the controlling (or more correctly, Advisory Body) being known as the Road Racing Council. With the formation of the R.T.T.C. such events became, overnight, Time Trials.

Although A. C. Crane had defrayed the loss on the 1936 Dinner, we were still financially embarrassed and decided to drop the Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Class '50' and embark on a membership campaign. This was successful, bringing in 20 new members, amongst whom were two very familiar names, Laurie Johnson and Eric Mason. In recognition of services in that direction, Steve Pontin received the Savournin Award of Merit and Aubrey Todd a special prize, donated by A. C. Crane.

Standards were set for 200 miles and 30 miles (Tandem) these being comparatively new distances, and at the season's end, Dick Curtis held the 200 mile with 10.53.39 and the Hussey's, the 30 mile Tandem in

Dick also did the best '12' becoming the second member to top 220 miles with 223¾ miles, and was Runner Up in the Club Championship.

Unfortunately, Maurice Edmonds had an accident whilst training in February and was in hospital for four months. Despite this he was riding in Open Events by the end of July but was never a challenger for the Club Championship which Ernie Hussey secured for the sixth time and he also won the Johnson Cup outright for his third consecutive win in the Club '100', with a personal best of 4.52.49. In this event, Joe Peake who at this point had had meagre success, did a good ride of 5.1.20 and took 1<sup>st</sup> handicap. Ernie Hussey did the fastest '25' of the year in 1.6.13 taking the Scales Cup, his brother Wilf the Handicap Bowl and Arthur Edrupt regained the Attendance Shield. Laurie Johnson soon made his presence felt by winning the Novices Medal with 1.12.49 for 25 miles.

Ernie Hussey rode in one of the rare Massed Start races at Alexandra Palace organised by the Sunday Pictorial. The hilly course suited him well but unfortunately a crash pushed him back to 5<sup>th</sup> place. Ernie scored his 9<sup>th</sup> win in the North Midds Hill Climb and his eighth Catford win. Not a challenger in sight.

Then onto the Social Season, much as before.

## 1938

W. C. Scales was elected President for 1938. A popular addition to the list of Vice Presidents Was Jack Lauterwasser. He presented the 'John Blunt<sup>1</sup> Cup, his R.R.A. '50\* Record award to the Club for competition as a perpetual trophy and it was agreed that it should be awarded for the fastest '100' of the season.

Growing activity in Time Trialling was apparent when there were 21 entries for the Medium Gear '25', this being won by a new member, E. J. Franklin. He later won both '25's with 1.8.59 and 1.5.36, the latter being the fastest '25' of the year. Maurice Edmonds was not letting a newcomer get away with this and he had his best season to date. The Prize List shows him taking 12 awards including the Club Championship, Fastest '100' in 4.49.32, 100 mile and 200 mile Tandem Records, both with his trusting partner Dick Curtis, in 4.11.43 and 9.20.14 respectively, and he won the Club '100' an Inter Club affair with the Highgate CC and Bruce Castle C.C. which we won by over 43 minutes. Franklin took the Miller Cup for Runner Up and teamed with Ernie Hussey, broke the 30 mile Tandem Record with 1.8.45.

We beat the Southgate by nearly 8 minutes in the Inter Club '50' based on 4 riders, a revenge for the sound thrashing we took in 1937.

The Catford C.C. had no less than 300 entries for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Class '25' which they ran in three events, two of them being on the North Road Courses. With our up and coming youngsters, Laurie Johnson and Charlie Champ (what a name to live up to) we provided the two winners with times of 1.6.13 and 1.6.52 respectively, and second team race awards. They both went on to complete a very successful season, Laurie winning the Handicap Bowl and 4 handicap prizes, amongst other awards, and was only 18 seconds slower than Franklin's 1.5.36 which took the Scales Cup. Champ won the anonymously presented Novices Cup for fastest at 25, 50 and 100 miles, with an average speed of 21.266 mph.

Dick Curtis had another heavy season, taking the Seward Cup with 221 miles and breaking the ten year old 24 hour record with 392¾ miles. Arthur Edrupt was still amongst the awards with medals for a 1.7.34 '25' and 5.1.40 '100', in addition to getting his name on the Attendance Shield for the third time.

A new member, R. S. Stapley, my younger brother, took first handicap award in the last Club '25' with 1.8.22, which was faster than either Ern or I had done at that time.

Ernie Hussey scored his tenth success in the North Midds' Hill Climb and ninth in the Catford, followed by a win in a new event run by the E.C.C.A. Ernie had not ridden in any time trial until September but his announcement that he was retiring took us somewhat by surprise. His record number of wins will surely stand for all time. George Herbert Stancer, writing his weekly piece in 'Cycling' carried the heading 'The Greatest Hill Climber - We have never had such a hill climber as Hussey' and went on to say 'But of all our great specialist hill climbers of the past 50 years, E. W. Hussey is incomparably the greatest', and a lot more. In nine years, Ernie had not once been beaten. Thanks to Harold Johnson, all press cuttings that have any relation to the Club or its members from the eighteen eighties to the nineteen forties have been preserved, and as I write, these are in front of me.

It had undoubtedly been a very good season for us, and with membership rising we could, in different circumstances, have been hopeful about the future, but war was imminent, it was just a question of when.

Eric Mason took his first award, the Gazette prize and Jack Keen the Savournin Award of Merit for his services as Time Trial Secretary. He had certainly been a busy man during his four years of office.

The final Canvey Island weekend (A. C. Crane was due to move from there) was attended by 30 of us, and was the usual riotous affair, not that I can remember this one particularly, but this was normal, or perhaps abnormal is the correct word. For the winter Club Room, we moved to new premises at Highbury Crescent. These were an improvement and had the additional merit of being almost on my doorstep.

Then there was the usual social activity, treasure hunts, speed judging contests, Rabbit Pie supper and for the first time it was decided to move the Dinner from Central London to a local venue, and have it followed by a dance. Being the proposer of this at the previous A.G.M. I got the job of Dinner Secretary. I was a bit apprehensive about the outcome but we had our biggest attendance to date, 109, and there was a small balance on the right side. It was at Beales, Holloway Road, which has recently been demolished.

As I write this I have a copy of 'The Bicycle' dated February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1938 in front of me. For those who were not around at that time, this was a rival publication to 'Cycling' and was in newspaper format. On the front page was the headline in thick type 'R.T.T.C. THROWS OUT STAPLEY', with a picture of brother Ern. I hesitated about referring to this but came to the conclusion that it should get into this record. Ern had up to this time been Secretary to the newly formed R.T.T.C. and had been instrumental in organising the District Councils throughout the country. He was very engrossed in this important job, which was revolutionary in the Time Trial sport, and desirous of carrying on and expected, quite naturally, to be re-elected at the coming Annual General Meeting.

Certain people, not unconnected with the cycling press, apparently had other ideas and owing to a technicality, Ern's nomination was ruled out of order as he was not a delegate from his District Council. George Hampton was in the Chair and this was obviously a difficult situation. Anyway, to cut a long story short, A. A. Josey, Asst. Editor of 'Cycling' was elected, and it certainly gave the impression of being pre-arranged. Ern was terribly disappointed and relations between him and George Hampton were strained. The 'Bicycle' seized on the opportunity to slam 'Cycling' and libel actions were threatened.

This could have caused a rift in the Club, but thanks to the good sense of those involved, it blew over, not without leaving scars. It should be added that the Press in the form of 'Cycling' did have too much influence on the sport at that time and it suited them to be in on the new set-up. Many people objected to the Best All Rounder Competition being run by the Press, but it was the brainchild of 'Cycling' and hailed at its inception as a big thing for the sport, which it was indeed.

The following year, war broke out and many things were put into cold storage and the B.A.R. was eventually taken over by the R.T.T.C.

## **1939**

The vital year opened with Harold Johnson being elected President. A presentation was made to Ernie Hussey consisting of a shield on which were mounted his nine Catford medals. Jack Knife took over the Gazette from Steve, whose valuable work for the R.T.T.C. was increasing fast.

For Maurice Edmonds this was to be his best season. He broke Club Records at 50, 100 and 200 miles, with 2.9.39, 4.42.38 and 10.37.1 respectively. The first two had stood for eleven years in the name of Jack Lauterwasser. He was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the North Midds' '25' and third in the '50', fastest in 5 of the 6 club

events, did the best '12' with 226½ miles, the fastest '25' in 1.5.47 and thus took the Touche Championship Cup, Saward Cup, John Blunt Cup and Scales Cup. It might appear that there was not much left for others, but there were 17 names on the Prize List of which 12 were to go into the 'Forces' within the next year or so. Amongst these, Charlie Champ had an excellent season, doing a 217½ mile 12 hour ride, a 5.0.22 '100' and was Runner Up in the Club Championship. Arthur Edrupt too, with a 100 mile time of 4.54.13, a 2.18.50 for '50' and 210 miles for 12 hours was 'knocking at the door' and for the fourth time he took the Attendance Shield. Laurie Johnson improved his '50' to 2.18.55 and had a short season. If my memory serves me right, as a volunteer he was called up immediately at the outbreak of war, if not before.

Other prize winners were mostly newcomers and due to the war many did not return to competitive cycling, amongst these being D. A. Lyford, R. Merlini, N. Rogers, S. Smith, S. Weston and T A Wright. Then there were O. W. James an improving rider who did ride again after the war and C. Holly, who although he later joined the R.A.F. was to appear in the wartime prize lists. My brother Ron rode well and finished with faster times than either of his brothers had managed to achieve. For 25, 50 and 100 miles he clocked 1.7.23, 2.21.5 and 5.0.38 respectively. (I was due for a comeback much later).

And so to Sunday September 3rd. Steve Pontin and I both lived at Highbury and he came to our flat just prior to the announcement that war had been declared was made. Although it was expected, we were stunned, but in the background there was a feeling of relief that, at last the tension was lifted. The prophecy that London would be immediately bombed heavily did not materialize and for the first few months at least, the only hardship we had to contend with was the black-out.

We already had several members in the Services, including Alf Tilling, who had volunteered a few months previously, signing on for no less than 12 years in the Navy. As a munition worker in the Ordnance Factory at Waltham Cross he would have been reserved. Alf was such a happy-go-lucky carefree character that we never realised that he took the war so seriously. Alas, he did not survive and the Club was very much poorer by the loss of a very fine, tough cyclist.

What had to be settled now was the Club's attitude to the war. Would it be possible to carry on? Opinion in the cycling world was divided, but as the weeks rolled on and as far as this country was concerned,

nothing much was happening, it was at least sensible to carry on as normally as possible. At the outbreak

of war we cancelled the Club Dinner, but it was decided to hold it after all and a total of 114 sat down. The Dinner was again at Beales, Holloway Road

A special General Meeting was called and emergency measures were taken, giving full powers to the Committee if the need arose. The general view of the cycling world that road sport should cease was accepted and the full Prize List (as at the outbreak of War) was awarded.

George Hampton, who worked in the Air Ministry had been evacuated to Harrogate and I became General Secretary temporarily.

This was the end of an era as George had had an unbroken run of 14 years as General Secretary, not to mention 3 years prior to this as Racing Secretary. He edited the Gazette for the first 6 years in its new form and chaired both the R.R.C. (R.T.T.C.) and N.M.& H.C.A. for many years. He was an administrator par excellence and to my mind the greatest Finsbury Parker ever. This is not to say that we always agreed with George, but the years that we was in charge were the best in our history.

On the competitive side, Jack Lauterwasser's rides in 1928 were the most outstanding during these years., followed closely by Ernie Hussey's tremendous Hill Climb successes. All these kept the Club's name in the news, and to these two riders we should be very grateful. It is a measure of the Club's strength that Jack and Ernie are still as loyal to the Club as they ever were.

### **1940 – 1942 The Early War Years**

Harold Johnson was elected President for 1940. As the war situation made it impossible for George Hampton to continue as General Secretary I took over. George was deservedly elected Vice President, and it was agreed to make a presentation to him in recognition of his services to the Club.

Despite the war, it was decided to promote a full Time Trial programme. Members in the Forces were to be made Honorary Members for their period of Service, and a 'Comforts' Fund was inaugurated for the purpose of sending parcels to those members. For the first few months there were not many, the Army machine moving very slowly and long periods sometimes elapsed between the expected and actual date of call up. Those concerned 'made hay whilst the sun shone' even in the black out.

I had moved to Barnet late in 1939 and was riding to Town each day, thus doing mileage far in excess of what I had done hitherto. The journey home in the black-out in the winter months was not very pleasant, but the resultant fitness was putting ideas into my head.

By the time the season opened the call-up was beginning to affect us and there were only 9 finishers in the Club '25' which Maurice Edmonds won with 1.5.13. A week later he did his fastest ever '25', 1.4.49, only 16 seconds outside Club Record. Surprisingly this record, put up in 1928 by Jack

Lauterwasser was to stand for another 8 years. Naturally, Edmonds took the Scales Cup for this ride and he won the Club Championship. He took the John Blunt Cup with a '100' of 4.43.51. Cyril Holly, who had been coming along nicely in 1939 was Runner Up with 1.5.26, 2.18.16 and 4.49.32 for 25, 50 and 100 miles respectively. W. R. (Dick) Nutt, who had ridden well at long distances in 1939 was Handicap Champion and took the Saward Cup. Arthur Edrupt was still riding strongly, particularly at 100 miles, and had figures of 4.47.03 and 4.53.46 to prove it. The latter ride was fastest in an Inter Club event with the North Road C.C. which we won by a substantial margin.

It was gratifying to still be getting new members, and the names of L. J. Murphy, W. Rees, J. Nicholls and Frank Keats were soon to make their impact.

By the middle of the year the war was on with a vengeance. France had been over-run and England was threatened with invasion.

Many of us thought that the sport would have to be abandoned and quite a few Clubs opted out, although the majority decided to carry on as long as possible. I had my doubts, but subsequent events showed it to be the right decision.

Leslie Batt, a member not hitherto mentioned in these pages, was the Club's first casualty. He was reported missing after the fall of France, taken prisoner and was to spend the next 5 years in a prison camp.

With this sort of thing hanging over our heads, were we right to continue to enjoy our cycling? It seemed rather callous, but the answer was yes. Many who were participating were due to be called up eventually, and it was better to keep the sport going so that when it was all over we could return and start again where we had left off.

The above mentioned L. J. Murphy, although only 17, was a tough, seasoned rider and with no Time Trial experience elected to ride in the Club '50' when he did a creditable time of 2.24.10, thus giving a fair indication of what might be ahead.

In order to boost falling entries, I decided to come out of retirement and was quite pleased with my 2.25.5, this being my first '50' for 10 years, although I had ridden an occasional '25' in the late thirties. Riding in the North Midds' '25' I see that I got third handicap with a 1.10.1 on a course 400 yards long. I wonder what happened to that fountain pen?

Charlie Potter had a last fling before going into the Services, and showed improved figures with 1.8.51, 2.19.27 and 5.3.35, for 25, 50 and 100 miles respectively

The Southgate C.C. decided to drop their Open '25' and we elected to take it over with their full agreement. It attracted a full field, Maurice Edmonds was sixth and we won the Team Race.

By this time, the Battle of Britain was on, and on that particular weekend before leaving for Biggleswade on Saturday afternoon, the aerial activity over London was at its height, soon to be followed by the 'Blitz' on London. We were certainly living in stirring times. We had a dance booked for October which was cancelled and the Annual Dinner was replaced by a Sunday Mid-day luncheon at the Assembly Rooms, Wood Green.

I recollect riding down to Wood Green to make the necessary arrangements one evening during the 'Blitz' in my steel helmet, whilst a heavy air raid was in progress over London. We at Barnet were only on the fringe of most raids, but as one got close to town, it got more uncomfortable.

The luncheon turned out a great success, with an attendance of 114, and being followed by a dance went on well into the evening, so that we still got caught in the usual night's activity on the way home, but by this time we were beginning to get immune to what was being thrown at us.

We now had 25 members in the Services, plus Charlie Cooper and brother Ern in the Fire Service in Central London, a very hot spot indeed. One of Charlie's pre-war quips was "How's your firm, busy?" He must have repeated this to himself numerous times during the 'Blitz'.

Club Runs and weekend trips were enjoyed by the few still able to take part. With quiet roads, conditions were ideal, although with the removal of signposts and milestones (anti-invasion measures), one had to be a map reader.

Before the year ended, Jack Keen was called up by the R.A.F., he had volunteered for flying duties.

## **1941**

F. C. Creak became President in 1941 and Frank Tillman, who had not been active for several years took over the Treasurership from Alice Hampton, who was with George in Harrogate for the duration of the war. She had held this post since 1928, and had, of course been a valuable assistant to George for even longer.

Despite the war the social side was not being neglected and we held a social at the Salisbury, Barnet in March with an attendance of 120. It was most successful and was followed by a mid-summer dance in June.

Nightly air raids on London were easing off and on 10<sup>th</sup> May they ceased with what was probably the biggest of the lot. I remember the date particularly as this was a Saturday. I had a sleepless night and

when riding in the North Midds' '25' the following morning on the Barnet By Pass, the pall of smoke was still hanging over London.

Although we had so many members in the Services, we were still able to maintain a reasonable Time Trial Programme, the successes of the year being Len Murphy, Wally Rees and Cyril Holly. For a first season rider, Len's times were exceptional and he won the Club Championship with times of 1.4.49, 2.12.7 and 4.43.48 for 25, 50 and 100 miles. Runner Up, Wally Rees was not far behind with 1.5.12, 2.14.29 and 4.44.20, the last named being his first '100'. Cyril Holly had a 4.44.26 '100' and a good 12 hour ride of 217¾ miles to his credit. All three were teenagers, very good prospects indeed, but destined to go into the Services during the following year.

Maurice Edmonds went into the R.A.F. during the season, but he managed to win the first Club \*25', take 2nd fastest award and 2nd handicap in the North Midds' '50' and 3rd fastest in the Calleva '25' and Charlotteville '50'

Len Murphy's total bag for the season contained five trophies, namely Touche Cup, John Blunt Cup, Scales Cup, Novices' Cup and Vice President's Attendance Shield. He was fastest in the Camden Wheelers' 2<sup>nd</sup> Class '25' and won four handicap prizes in Open and Association Events.

At the other end of the scale, three 'back numbers' were having a go in order to boost entries. Strangely two of them elected to ride 'twelves', Aubrey Todd doing 206 miles and Frank Tillman 201¾ miles. I was not quite so foolish, deciding that 100 miles was my limit, but I did succeed in winning the Handicap Bowl, largely due to the sparse number of competitors, and eventually got my 25 mile time down to 1.6.51, where, alas, it stayed.

Dick Nutt confirmed his preference for long distances by taking the Seward Cup for a 12 hour ride of 218 miles. Other riders coming along were Jim Nicholls and Frank Keats. In all, 11 names on the Prize List, a very good show, but 7 of them were due for call-up in 1942.

With the ending of the 'Blitz' on London, we held our Annual Dinner and Dance at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, with a record attendance of 140. There was plenty of outside support for any Club, like ours, prepared to carry on as near to normality as possible as an antidote to the unpleasantness of war conditions.

## 1942

By the commencement of 1942, Club Membership had topped the 100 mark, and of these, 29 were in the Forces. George Hampton was elected President and Dick Nutt became Treasurer, replacing Frank Tillman who had been called up late in 1941. £22 had been contributed to the 'Comforts' fund in the previous year, and lady members and friends were largely involved in the work of assembling and despatching the parcels. Activity on the road was dropping as more riders were being called up, but a few older riders, not often seen, ventured out and in some cases were even induced to ride in Club events.

In June we were shocked to learn that Jack Keen was missing, following a raid on Germany and later his death was confirmed. This was hard to take as Jack was just about the most popular member you could ever hope to meet, with a wonderful personality, handsome features and equally popular with both men and women. He had been a very efficient Time Trial Secretary with an effective no-nonsense manner.

Being one of the first crews in the 1000 Bomber Raids which commenced in the Spring of 1942, he was hardly in with a chance. Every aeroplane possible was put into the air and casualties were heavy. Operating from Bourne, Nr. Cambridge, he met us on one occasion at Buckden for the Club '25' and he was not the usual 'Keeny'. Not surprising as he had just lost a close friend (whom I believe also happened to be a Clubman) and had been with him whilst training and on 'ops'.

When I was called up in June, the Club '50' was due to be held the previous day and I elected to have a last fling. We week-ended at Girtford and Jack was to meet us there. He didn't turn up. We didn't know why until a few days later. By that time I was in the R.A.F. and he was never far from my thoughts in those first few weeks. Those of us who were privileged to know him still think of him with affection.

Dick Nutt took over the Secretaryship on my departure, in addition to the Treasurer's duty which he already had.

At about the same time, news was received that 'Nobby' Rogers was missing in the Far East. 'Nobby' hitherto unmentioned, a popular member since 1937, had ridden in a few events in 1939 and was one of the first to be called up by the R.A.F. at the outbreak of war. Over a year elapsed before news came through that 'Nobby' was a Prisoner of War in Japanese hands. His eventual return in late 1945 was quite an occasion.

Time Trial entries in 1942 were on a reduced scale, but the performances of Wally Rees and Frank Keats were on a high plane. Wally was able to clinch the Championship before call up by the Navy, his fastest times being 1.4.54, 2.14.10 and 4.43.39 for 25, 50 and 100 miles, the 25 and 100 being only slightly outside Club Records. Frank Keats was Runner Up with big improvements, particularly his 25

mile trial of 1.4.50. Jim Nicholls was still having a go, his best ride being 211½ miles for 12 hours. The only other rider in the Prize List was D. A. Westley and he was in the Army before the Annual Dinner. Len Murphy had been called up in October and although he had ridden in a few events early season, did not appear in the list of awards.

In addition to the Championship, Wally Rees took the John Blunt Cup for the fastest '100' and Frank Keats the Scales Cup for the fastest '25' and the Gordon Stewart Bowl. There were now 38 members serving in the Forces.

The Dinner reverted to Beales, Holloway Road, with an attendance of 75, including 6 serving members of which I was one, my last until 1946. At this time, we learned of the death of Major P. L. Breysig. Although he was no longer a member, contact had been maintained with him through Harold Johnson. In the very early days he was a Hill Climbing Champion of the Club and a founder member of the North Road C.C.

During the winter months I was having a comfortable war, living in a boarding house at Sandown, Isle of Wight.

I had my bicycle with me and had the Island roads to myself. In my spare time I did some Radar Operating. It was good to last, but I also had time to meditate on the 16 years which had elapsed since I first joined the Club. This was certainly the end of an era for me and I was pleased to know that the Club was in good hands, knowing that as long as Steve Pontin was not called up, activity of one sort or another would not be allowed to lapse.

Despite war time difficulties, the Club was very much alive and for this I was extremely grateful. Until my posting overseas in May 1943, I was able to keep in contact when on leave, but for the next three years I was not there.

### **1943/4/5 The Decisive War Years**

1943, was of course, our Diamond Jubilee Year and it was a happy idea to elect A. C. Crane and Ernest Allen as Joint Presidents. Early in the year W. C. Scales (Vice President), Donor of the Scales Cup and a member since 1898, passed away.

Steve Pontin started his sixth year as Secretary of the North London District Council of the R.T.T.C. as well as serving on the National Committee of that Body. He was again Gazette Editor, for the third consecutive year.

As the War went on the Gazette became even more important, containing as it did, news from Forces members and their constant changes of address, and as a sort of clearing house, this was invaluable to those involved. Many of us made big efforts to keep in touch with one another with fair success whilst in England, but rather more difficult overseas. The censorship didn't allow one's whereabouts to be stated, but we were able to make some inspired guesses.

With so few active members left at home, it was a quiet season. Frank Keats was Club Champion and also took the John Blunt Cup and Scales Cup. Jim Nicholls was Runner Up and that old stager, Jim Ames, making a comeback and taking the Handicap Bowl. Somehow or other, despite his R.A.F. duties which were considerable, Maurice Edmonds rode in the September Club '25' and did a 1.8.50 for 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest to Frank Keats' 1.6.26.

We held a Diamond Jubilee Open '50' in aid of the Red Cross and St. John P.O.W. Fund, and thanks to the generosity of many members, a sum of over £13 was raised. Vice President Cecil Cooke was awarded the special prize for the most meritorious ride, which was donated by Vice President F. C. Creak.

Another Forces member was lost during the year, T. A. Wright who died in Egypt whilst on active service. He had been a member since 1938.

Late in the year Jim Nicholls was called up, and news came to me that brother Ern had volunteered for the R.A.F. as a Rear Gunner. This item of news came right out of the blue. Ern was doing a good job in the National Fire Service and had served right through the London 'Blitz'. He had two children, now 3 years of age, and it seemed to me that flying duties, without any qualms of conscience could have been left to younger single men.

Two interesting additions to the Club membership during the year were a very Junior member (around 7, I would think), Alan Lauterwasser, and a much more senior member, Arthur Ingle, returning to the Club after a lapse of many years.

Thanks to Arthur Edrupt, who had been Social Secretary since 1941, the social side was still going strong.

Four dances were held during 1943 and in September, A. C. Crane invited the Club to a Tea Party at his house near Essendon, which was greatly appreciated by the 26 members able to be present.

For the second year, the Gazette Prize was won by a Forces Member, Eric Mason (the previous year it had been won by Jack Knife). I won't be unkind and say that members serving overseas had more spare time on their hands to write articles, but I did. Even so I didn't win any prizes.

Frank Tillman, now a Pilot Officer in the R.A.F. an Observer on night fighting operations with a Polish Pilot, was awarded the Polish Cross and Bar, the first member to receive a decoration.

The Diamond Jubilee Celebration took the form of a luncheon at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, followed by a dance. Over 100 were present and founder member A. C. Crane was in the Chair. Unfortunately, his co-founder, Ernest Allen was unable to be present. There were many guests from outside the Club. A few Forces members were able to get leave and attend, but by this stage of the War, many were overseas and we had been advised that the Toast to 'Absent Friends' would be made at 2.30 p.m.

I had then 'settled down' in Italy, following a tour of North Africa and Sicily, and was ensconced in a summer villa at the extreme South East point of the Country. There was no heating, so it was quite cold but bearable, and being off duty at the appointed time, was able to join in the Toast with a bottle of Vermouth for company.

Plenty of time to pause and reflect on the Club's 60 years of history. We had come a long way and were weathering these difficult years in good style. Those at home were doing well by us and I for one, was confident that there would still be an active Club to go back to, but how far ahead?

## 1944

Jack Lauterwasser was elected President for 1944 and most of the Officials carried on as before.

The Club was shocked to learn that on 13<sup>th</sup> January, Frank Tillman had been killed in a flying accident. This was indeed a sad loss. Frank had been a very popular member since 1926 and had a liking for long distance riding. In 1929 he rode in two 24 hour events and when he left a legacy to the Club, it was decided that the money be used to purchase a Trophy to be awarded annually for the best 24 hour ride of the year under R.T.T.C. regulations.

Maurice Edmonds had been active in operations over Germany early in the year and by August had safely completed 35 operations and need do no more. Bob Lasham who has hardly been mentioned in these pages, also completed 35 operations at this time. Bob joined us only in 1941 and had little opportunity to take part in Club life. Both were deservedly awarded the D.F.C. for their efforts.

In May, Vice President C. D. Axham died in Bristol. He had been a prominent member since 1908 until his business took him to Bristol in 1936. He was Club Champion in 1908 and 1910 up to 1914. In my first years in the Club he served as Timekeeper and Chairman of Committee and assisted the Club in numerous capacities. A well liked and charming man.

Not unexpectedly, activity was at a low ebb at this stage of the War. It was certainly not all 'beer and skittles' for those at home and in addition to long hours of work, there were wartime duties such as Home Guard activities and A.R.P. Posts to man.

Time Trial performances were very few, only 4 names appearing on the Prize List. Frank Keats again won the Club Championship, John Blunt Cup and Scales Cup. Jack Lauterwasser made a re-appearance in the Club '50' and took the first handicap prize.

As it was not possible to book a date for the Club Dinner, it was held in January 1945.

1944 was a year of tragedy for the Club, and in June, following the opening of the Second Front, John Cakebread and brother Ern were missing on Operations. John, a wartime member was later reported to be a P.O.W., but the remains of Ern's aircraft were found near Paris with no survivors, this news not reaching us until well into 1945.

This was a great shock to everybody, and I, at this distance of time, find it difficult to pen an appropriate obituary. He had given 17 years of service to the Club and the sport, always in a highly efficient manner. Whilst I perhaps spent more time riding a bicycle, Ern was usually in the thick of cycling administration, and as already recorded, the events of 1938, whilst dealing him a severe blow, did not prevent him from continuing to serve the sport.

Although he and I were very different people, in some respects we were close to one another. We certainly did not always agree, but never quarrelled. During his period of service with the R.A.F. we were never able to meet as I was overseas. In my comfortable hide-out in Italy, the war often seemed far away and in fact it was, and the news brought me back to earth in no uncertain manner.

In December, Vice President W. Saward (Donor of the 12 hour Cup) died. He had been a member since 1904.

Fortunately, 1944 was not all bad news, as there were two weddings. Arthur Edrupt married Ivy Holly (sister of Cyril) and that confirmed bachelor (at least until then) Harry Pullinger went and got tied up. Yes, it happens to all of us, nearly.

On 18<sup>th</sup> May, a different sort of blow fell, Steve Pontin was called up and thus we were to lose the King Pin for some unknown period of time. A Gazette Committee was formed, consisting of my wife as

Editress, Roy Stevens as Forces Editor and with Mrs. Pontin looking after distribution etc. Although Lily had doubts as to whether she could cope, I reckon she made a very good job of it.

The War was well into its fifth year and during that time Steve had done a wonderful job, both for the Club and the R.T.T.C. We were all very appreciative of his efforts which were to be resumed later in the 'forties'. In addition to his duties as Social Secretary, Arthur Edrupt, together with his wife Ivy, were still looking after the 'Comforts' Fund and managed to send 65 parcels during the year. With the departure of Steve, Arthur would be even busier than hitherto.

The Gazette Prize was deservedly awarded to Maurice Edmonds for his vivid accounts of operations over Germany, in addition to his verses which were dedicated to Frank Tillman. This was the third year in succession that a Forces member had won this prize.

There were now 45 members in the Forces, including those lost to us, the peak having been reached, and this is an appropriate time to detail them:-

## **SERVING MEMBERS.**

### Killed in Action.

Sgt.-Pilot F. J. Keen                      R.A.F

Sgt. Gunner, E. E. Stapley              R.A.F.

### Killed on Active Service

P. Officer F. H. Tillman                  R.A.F.

Polish Cross of Valour

### Prisoners of War.

Sgt. L. A. Batt                              Army

Sgt. J. A. Cakebread                      R.A.F.

N. J. Rogers, L.A.C.                      R.A.F.

### Died on Active Service.

Wright T. A.                                R.A

### **On Active Service.**

Bilcliffe, H. G. (S/Sgt.)	R.A.M.C	Mason, A. E.	R.A.P.C
Brice, F. W.	R.A.	Mays, C. W.	R.A.F.
Bumpstead., V.	R.A.O.C.	Merlini, R. F. (Corpl.)	R.AF.
Buttle, H. G. (Sgt)	R.A.F.	Moxey, A. W.	R.A O C.
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Dilley, H. B	R.A.S.C.	Potter, C. F.	Q.R.R.
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Holly, C. J.(P. Officer)	R.A.F.	Stapley, R..	F.A.U..
Hussey, W. J. (Corpl.)	P.O.	Stevens, A. J.	R.A.F.
James, O. W. (E.R.A.)	R.N.	Stevens, J.	K.R.R.C.
Jennings, W. (Corpl.)	R.A.F.	Stone, A. G.	R.T.R.
Johnson, L. E. (Sgt.)	R.A.S.C.	Sullivan D.	R.A.F.
Knife, C. A. J. (Corpl.)	R.A F.	Tilling, A. J. (E.R.A.)	R.N.

Lasham, R. (Flt.Sgt.) D.F.C.	R.A.F.	Walker, S. (R.S.M.)	R.A.M.C.
Lyford, D. A. (L/Sgt.)	R.A.F.	Westley, D. A	R.E.

Towards the end of 1944, brother Ron was, by an amazing coincidence posted to the hospital in our village in Italy. I was on duty at the site when he phoned from our Orderly Room in the village and his voice shook me quite a bit. Some weeks later I went North, but Ron was there until the end of the war.

### 1945

Ernest Allen and A. C. Crane were elected Joint Presidents in 1945. Jack Lauterwasser presented the Darling Cup which he had won outright in 1928, to be awarded for the fastest '50' of the year.

Bob Lasham, still on operation, was awarded a bar to his D.F.C. By Spring the war in Europe was drawing to its close and in April, John Cakebread was liberated from a German P.O.W. Camp by the Russians. The war finished in May and whilst I was mistakenly expecting to get home, Steve Pontin's war was just beginning and he was bound for Burma, now with a commission.

Les Batt, another P.O.W. was home about this time. He had had fair treatment and had taken up running with some success. He didn't come back to cycling and when last heard of, a few years back, was still running, racing as a veteran.

In July we were shocked to learn that Alf Tilling was reported missing, presumed killed in the Pacific, just about a month before the cessation of the Far East War, As mentioned earlier, we lost one of our most popular members and this was a great tragedy for all of us.

At about this time, my hopes of getting home were shattered when I found myself en route to Iraq, and with the Far East War still on, felt that this was just a staging post on the way. I was quite happy to be delayed in Egypt for a hernia operation, during which time Japan capitulated and although still being sent to Iraq (I'm convinced in error) I got home for Christmas. Not many were fortunate enough to do this and less still to attend the dinner which was on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Nobby Rogers, liberated by the Americans in September, was one of the few to make it.

There was an attendance of 94 at the Dinner, with Ernest Allen in the Chair. A. C. Crane was unable to be present.

Frank Keats with little opposition made a clean sweep of the Club Trophies. Maurice Edmonds won the Gazette Prize again. His contributions seemed to cover all parts of the World where he happened to be flying and his movements were hard to follow. But then I never could keep up with him.

George and Alice Hampton were back in their home in Harrow and slowly news of members returning from overseas was filtering through. This was to be a slow process continuing well into 1946.

With the War in Europe over in May, the North Road C.C. decided to run their 24 hour event and who should be amongst the finishers but our own Cecil Cooke, now 60 years of age. It was a shocking day, the winner only managing 390 miles, with our man doing 324<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> miles, a very good effort which earned him a special prize, a cup awarded by the V.T.T.A. for the most meritorious performance of the year.

Although the Comforts Fund was still very much in operation, as members returned so the work tended to lessen. It is appropriate at this point to acknowledge the enormous amount of work put into the sending of parcels which was mainly done by lady members and friends.

### 1946-1953 The Post War Years

The return to 'Civvy Street' was to be a long, long trail for many, and it was to be some time before Club Runs showed renewed signs of life. In addition, members had been scattered far and wide, and some were not seen on bicycles again.

As members were returning from the Forces, others were being called up and Frank Keats departed early in the year. At the end of 1946 we still had 15 serving members, some of whom were only just beginning.

Maurice Edmonds was married in January to an American girl whom he had met on his world travels with the R.A.F. and she was elected a member of the Club in March. They were soon seen out on the famous Tandem.

A Special General Meeting was held to revoke Emergency Powers which were vested in the Committee for the war period. Those left at home who had kept the Club going during those years certainly deserved the vote of thanks accorded them at this meeting.

Ernest Allen and A. C. Crane were elected joint Presidents and I became General Secretary. The wives of brother Ern, Frank Tillman and Alf Tilling were elected Honorary Members.

A reunion Social was held in the West End in May, at which 52 attended. It was agreed to hold a 24 hour Tourist Trial to commemorate those who gave their lives in the War, but this caused a fair amount of criticism, the critics preferring that it should take the form of an Open Event. The Run was held in late

August, covering the Oxford-Buckingham area, with ten riders, the distance being around 200 miles. There were repeat performances in 1947 and 8, but it was later abandoned.

In June, another member of my family joined, my nephew Roy Horsley, but I'm afraid that he was not to stay with us for very long.

The Racing (or Time Trial) season was not very spectacular, and there were only 5 names on the Prize List. 'Eddy\*' was well ahead and took the Championship. With the exception of the '100' where he broke Club Record in 4.38.34, he had not quite got back to his pre-war speed. Even so, he took all the trophies, except the Attendance Shield which went to Bill James.

By the end of the year we were worried about the lack of sufficient active members. A Sub Committee was formed to discuss the matter before the coming Annual General Meeting.

The Club Dinner was held at the Pavours Arms, Westminster, with an attendance of 87. Major Steve Pontin hurried home from Burma to be there, the Club Gazette stating that he looked aggressively fit.

We had not made a very big impact on the sport in this first post-war year, but better times were to come.

## 1947

Ernest Allen and A. C. Crane were again elected Joint Presidents for 1947. It was felt that as long as they were available this was the correct thing to do. Alas within a month, A. C. Crane passed away. And so, after a lifetime of 64 years service to the Club, we lost one of our two remaining founder members.

Vice President F. C. Creak, one of his contemporaries wrote of him as follows:-

"Mr. Crane had been an inspiration and shining example of lasting keenness to all Clubmen. He never made any of the ever available multitudinous excuses so common when asked to do something to benefit the welfare of his own creation, the Finsbury Park C.C. Mr. Crane was active in many walks of life and in them all he made friends. This is something only possible to an outstanding character of sterling merit"; and much else which all who knew him would endorse. I can honestly say that he was one of the nicest people I ever had the good fortune to meet.

So Ernest Allen became President and he was to survive to his nineties.

At the A.G.M. in January, I did not stand for re-election and George Hampton took over as General Secretary. Cecil Barnes was made a Vice President.

During the winter months we had found a Club Room at the Brownswood Park Tavern, Green Lanes, and for the summer months, Wednesday evening runs were arranged to Marshmoor Cafe on the Great North Road, Near Hatfield.

Two new trophies were added to our array, the Keen Memorial Bowl and the Tillman Memorial Bowl. Mrs Keen (Jack's mother) provided the first as a tribute to his memory and the Committee decided that this should be awarded annually to the best Novice. The conditions of award of the Tillman Bowl had already been laid down for the best performance in 24 hour competition.

A notable acquisition in May was Stan Bates from the Bynea C.C. in Wales, who was working in London. He soon made his presence felt and in addition to Time Trials, rode in Massed Start Events at Stapleford Tawney Aerodrome with some success.

It was Wally Rees' year though, and although his times were slightly slower than those done in the war years, he was obviously due to go further ahead in 1948. He won the Club Championship, the John Blunt Cup, the Darling-Lauterwasser '50' mile cup and the Seward Cup for a 12 hour ride of 224 miles 706 yards, his first attempt at the distance.

Maurice Edmonds was in the unaccustomed position of Runner Up, but he took the Scales Cup for the fastest '25' of 1.5.5. Maurice had moved to Gidea Park, Essex and resigned from 1st claim membership in order to ride for an Eastern Road Club, but he retained second-claim membership with us. Although starting late in the season Stan Bates managed to win the Handicap Bowl. Bill James a pre-war rider, was continuing to improve and George Sharp, a Junior member was the first winner of the Keen Memorial Trophy.

There were still only 6 names on the Prize List and we lost the Inter-Club '50' with the Southgate by over 18 minutes, so we still were not exactly 'setting the town alight.

The 24 hour Memorial Tourist Trial was in the Suffolk Area in July and 12 members were awarded the special certificate designed by Dick Curtis for participating. It may be of some interest to note that as I write,

(24 years later) seven of them are still members.

In November we held what should have been a really big dance at Hornsey Town Hall and were rewarded with one of the worst fogs I can remember. A few of us groped our way to Hornsey when all transport was at a standstill and the dance was abandoned. We suffered a loss of over £27 and had to put out a special appeal to Club Members to get us out of trouble. This realised £40 - a quite remarkable response.

The Dinner was held at the 'Chatelain', Gerrard Street, with Ernest Allen in the Chair and an attendance of 90.

## 1948

Our two eldest members, Ernest Allen and Harold Johnson were elected Joint Presidents for 1948, and George Hampton continued as General Secretary.

With several new members appearing, this promised to be a more successful year, and so it transpired. Bill Cottenham and John Wentworth-Jessop soon showed that they were going to be noticed, but the sensation was Tom ('Mark') Withers, who was introduced by Bill.

'Mark' as he was known, was not elected until May, a Junior and a novice, but by the end of the season he had broken the 20-year old Club Record for 25 miles no less than 5 times, the final figure being 1.1.7.

In Between time, Stan Bates (1.4.12) and Wally Rees (1.3.32) held it for brief periods, but Mark never stopped improving. He also set up a new 30 mile Record with a ride of 1.16.1.

Wally Rees had a fine season and improved all round. He was Club Champion again, his best times being 1.3.32, 2.9.8. and 4.41.5. for 25, 50 and 100 miles. The '50' was Club Record and he also took the Saward Cup for the best '12' of 226 miles, 1610 yards. In addition, there was the John Blunt Cup, the Darling-Lauterwasser Cup and for good measure, he took the Handicap Bowl.

Stan Bates was still riding well and was Runner Up. He was, at this time, our sole Massed Start rider, mainly on the Aerodrome Circuits then in use and he also rode in the Isle of Man.

Cyril Holly, back in 'Civvy Street' returned to competition, his best ride being 1.4.6. for 25 miles, inside the record, before Mark tore it to pieces.

'Mark' Withers naturally took the Keen Memorial Bowl (Best Novice) and Scales Cup. He had 5 placings and 3 Handicap prizes in Open and Semi-Open Events, and led the team to first place in the North Midds '25'. We had certainly acquired a first-class rider, with a great future.

Late in the season, another member of the Hussey family joined us, Gerry, younger brother of Ernie and Wilf. He was in time to ride a Private Time Trial in the last Club '25' and returned a creditable 1.8.48, and was to do well later. Following a year or two of riding daily from Barnet to London, I decided I was fit enough to try again (a complete change of mind from my earlier decision that at 43 I was past it). I was more than pleased to be only a minute slower than Gerry with 1.9.47, and began to think ahead to 1949.

Eric Mason suddenly left us in August to go to America, stating that he did not expect to return and even disposing of his bicycle. He was back within a few months, somewhat disillusioned, I believe .

After some searching, we found a new Club Room at Christ Church Hall, West Green, Tottenham. This was an improvement but the problem haunted us for many years.

The dinner was at Paviour's Arms, with Harold Johnson in the Chair, who despite his great age, was apparently his usual sprightly self.

This had been a good year and the further outlook seemed more settled than for some time.

## 1949

Little mention has been made of social activity since the war, but in fact the social side was not being neglected. Club Runs were reasonably well supported and by this time, we were again a strong active Club. Officials changed more frequently than in pre-war years and in four years we had a different Captain and a different editor each year.

Even so, reading through the Gazettes now, the standard was very high with plenty of articles written by Club Members, and monthly reports of Club Runs by the Captain.

Ernest Allen and Harold Johnson were re-elected Joint Presidents. George Hampton relinquished the General Secretaryship and Steve Pontin took over. I had been surprised when George came back to the job after the War and I believe he only did so to fill the gap when I pulled out. Arthur Edrupt was again Social Secretary for the third year.

It was decided to promote a Second-Class '50' as in prewar days. Later this was to become the Memorial '50'. A Junior Championship was also instigated on the basis of the fastest 10, 25 and 30 miles.

Standard Medal times were modernised quite ruthlessly. I believe this was done to put them out of my reach. If so, it worked.

'Mark' Withers was called up by the R.A.F. for National Service in February. This set him back a bit, but cycling was being encouraged in the Services and many riders were able to carry on much as before, particularly if stationed in England, weekends generally being free.

A notable new member joined in May, one Ray Gosman, soon to make an impact. Together with another new member, Bill Camp, they were riding together in Massed Start Events at Matching Green, another Aerodrome Circuit.

'Mark' Withers knocked 6 seconds off his '25' record when he won the Chippenham C.C. event in 1.1.1. He was stationed in that area, although he also rode in some Club events and Opens in the Home Counties. His performances were not so consistent as in the previous year but he was not

getting the required amount of training. He won the Junior Club Championship and thus was the first name on the 'Aleko' Cup.

Wally Rees was the Club Champion for the third year and unfortunately this was to be his last season. His best times were 1,3,33, 2.9.33 and 4.39.45 for 25, 50 and 100 miles, these rides earning him the Darling- Lauterwasser Cup, the John Blunt Cup and the Touche Cup. He also took the Sward Cup for the best '12' of 234 miles, and won the North Midds' '100' with 4.40.36. A very fine finish to his career. Wally was a great trier and in these early post war years had kept the Club's name to the fore in no uncertain manner.

Newcomer Gerry Hussey was Runner Up with excellent first year times of 1.4.53, 2.11.25 and 5.1.51 for 25, 50 and 100 miles. In typical Hussey manner he also won the Club Hill Climb on White Hill, Berkhamsted, which was as it should be.

Ray Gosman was the best Novice, and he had times of 1.5.50, 2.16.52 and 4.47.55 which put him third in the Championship, and made him our 'white hope' for 1950.

Even by pre-war standards the Prize List was enormous. Bill Cottenham was the winner of the Handicap Bowl and amongst the also-rans were Stan Bates, Bill James, 'Chalky' White and many others. I rode in quite a few 25's and 50's and was quite happy to get close to previous bests and keen enough to look forward to 1950.

Entries for Time Trials were up all round. We had 12 riders in the Club '100' and five in a 12 hour event, plus an entry of 27 in the last Club '25'.

The 24 hour Memorial Tourist Ride was held in September and there were 8 riders. This was to be the last time.

In September, a new name appeared, Peter Koniotes, a Junior member. See next year's results.

The Club Dinner was again held at Paviour's Arms, and Harold Johnson was again in the Chair. There was an attendance of 83.

In December, the Club Gazette carried an article mainly in favour of Massed Start Racing on the Open Road, contributed by, of all people, George Hampton. This was a very hot subject at that time and due to remain so for several years. The replies helped fill the Gazette during the long winter months

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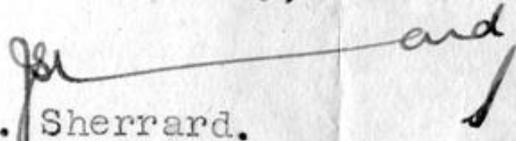
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#### Buying Permits for Retailers

1. For the 8-week period beginning 23rd April, 1950, fresh buying permits will be issued for COOKING FAT, BUTTER, MARGARINE, CHEESE, BACON and SUGAR, and these will continue in force for a further 8-week period. Fresh buying permits for EGGS will also be issued *valid from 26th March, 1950*, and continuing for a period of 20 weeks.

2. Permits will be issued calculated on the ration scales set out below :

Eggs (Priority) .....	3 per week	Margarine .....	4 ozs.
Eggs (Non-Priority) .....	1 per allocation	Cheese (Special) .....	12 ozs.
*Eggs (Dried) .....	1 packet per R.B.2 registration	Cheese (Ordinary) .....	2 ozs.
Cooking Fat .....	2 ozs.	Bacon .....	4 ozs.
Butter .....	4 ozs.	Sugar .....	8 ozs.

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3. In addition buying permits for cooking fat, butter, margarine, cheese and sugar will, as a general rule, include an additional quantity, based on previous performance, to cover sales against temporary ration documents. The quantity so included will be taken into account in the consideration of any application for a supplementary permit which will continue to be available whenever justified.

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#### Shell Eggs for Establishments

5. As from 26th March, 1950, until further notice establishments will be authorised to obtain shell eggs in addition to those already allocated in respect of residents.

6. Establishments buying by retail will obtain the additional eggs against an authorisation on form EA2/SA2 valid from 26th March, 1950, and endorsed "ADDITIONAL." Such authorisations will be issued about the 10th March, 1950, and will be additional to any at present in force.

7. Establishments buying by wholesale will obtain their shell eggs by means of a new buying permit on form CP2 valid from 26th March, 1950. The "Eggs" non-priority panel on the permit will be divided into two parts, "O" and "A." In section "O" will be shown the number of eggs authorised in respect of residents and in section "A" the number of eggs authorised in respect of meals. Buying permits will issue about the 10th March, 1950.

## 1950

It was decided to abandon the 24 hour Memorial Ride and to make the Open '50' a Memorial Event. Thus a trophy was required and it was agreed to open a subscription list to purchase one.

Ernest Allen and Harold Johnson were re-elected Joint Presidents and Steve Pontin carried on as General Secretary.

Eric Mason was back in circulation and, for his sins, was elected Captain, but by August was recalled by the Army (the Korean War was now on) and found himself en route to the Far East. To quote his own words from the Gazette – "The international situation has got to such a sorry state that my services are called for". He finished up in Japan and I believe, had a rip roaring time, so all was well.

There was a fair amount of interest in Massed Start Racing, the races mainly being at Matching Green and Finsbury Park. Bill Camp being the main enthusiast, supported by Stan Bates and John Wentworth-Jessop. Unlike Time Trials, it is rather difficult to assess their measure of success.

Stan's best rides of the year were Time Trials, and I believe the best of his career. His Club Record '100' of 4.34.25 and his 12 hour ride of 236 miles 80 yards were way ahead of anything he had done at that time.

He only lost the Club Championship by .001 of a mile to Ray Gosman, taking the John Blunt Cup, the Seward Cup and the Miller Cup. In addition he and 'Chalky' White broke the 50 mile Tandem Record with a ride of 1.54.36.

It was again a lengthy Prize List, adorned by 13 names. Twelve of these were post-war riders, I being the odd man out, a '50' of 2.21.22 earning me a 3<sup>rd</sup> class standard medal, and thus beating a 23 year old previous best.

Ray's times for the Championship were 1.4.6, 2.11.4 and 4.39.11, for 25, 50 and 100 miles, improvements all round, his '50' being the fastest of the year.

Peter Koniotes was fastest of 6 Juniors and best Novice and he also took the Attendance Shield, completing a fine first year. His best times were 25.18, 1.5.3 and 1.19.41 for 10, 25 and 30 miles.

Bill Cottenham was still improving and did an excellent '12' of 231 miles 282 yards. 'Chalky' White too, had a good season and was Handicap Champion. But the really big ride did not come until 8<sup>th</sup> October in the Becontree Wheelers '25'. 'Mark' Withers was demobbed late in the season and in the last few weeks was really 'bombing'. He beat the hour for the first time with 59.50 and was second to George Fell, then Competition Record holder (with I believe 58 minutes exactly), who did 59.35. 'Mark' also took first handicap.

A new member late in the year was E. A. Hill, of whom more anon.

For the Annual Dinner at the New Norfolk Hotel, Paddington, an experiment was tried, the Dinner not being followed by a Dance. I will not say that this was by popular demand, but a body of opinion in the Club thought that too much emphasis was on dancing rather than on the main purpose of the occasion which was the presentation of prizes. There was certainly something to be said for this viewpoint, but such functions can fall very flat. Harold Johnson was again in the Chair and there was a smaller attendance than usual, only 69 being present.

## 1951

In January, 'Mark' Withers resigned and joined the North Road C.C. His reason was rather a poor one as he claimed that he wanted better team support. Being an essentially short distance rider, his choice of Club was rather odd, but then he was rather an odd character. As a Clubman he was no great loss, but it was a pity because for the first time in many years we had a champion in the making, but if the Club had had to rely on that sort of member we would never have survived for 68 years.

Once again we were able to re-elect Ernest Allen and Harold Johnson as Joint Presidents. I took over the position as General Secretary from Steve Pontin. 'Chalky' White was Gazette Editor for the third consecutive year and he also ran the 'Utility 100' which was held for the first time in January. There were 272 entries, but it was an icy morning, not unusual for January and there were lots of non-starters. 88 qualified for medals and it was also a financial success.

The turnover in active membership seemed to quicken all the time. New names coming up and others fading away from season to season. Both Stan Bates and Gerry Hussey were out of the running (they were now married), although still around, but there were no less than 13 eligible for the Novices Competition.

The 'Call Up' was still in being which meant that we lost young members, at least temporarily, just as they were making an impact.

Massed start racing was increasing in popularity and although Ray Gosman won the Club Championship, he spent much of the season on the various closed circuits that were springing up everywhere. Bill Camp was our greatest enthusiast and he was now getting support from Ray, 'Chalky' and others. Ray and Bill finished the season with 7 placings between them and a team win at Lee-on-Solent, assisted by 'Chalky'.

The Championship this year included the 12 hour for the first time and there were only 4 finishers, but the standard was high. Ray had a terrific year, taking the Touche, Scales, John Blunt, Saward and Darling- Lauterwasser Cups and breaking two Club Records on the way, 2.8.2. for 50 miles and 4.32.0 for 100 miles. His 1.2.33 for 25 miles was a personal best and he did 228 miles 338 yards in his first '12'.

Bill Cottenham, continuing to improve was a good Runner Up with 1.4.58, 2.14.50, 4.42.59 and 228 miles 306 yards for 25, 50, 100 and 12 hour. Surprisingly, for one who professed not to like lone riding against the watch, Bill Camp rode in the '12' and did over 220 miles.

Ted Hill had a remarkable first season, his times for 25, 30, 50 and 100 miles being 1.3.0, 1.14.22, 2.8.38 and 4.34.58, the '30' being Club Record. He won 4 Club events and the Handicap Bowl, took a special award for a fastest first '50' of 2.11.22 and did 4.39.3 for his first 100. We weren't really missing Withers.

Peter Koniotes was again Junior Champion with 24.16, 1.3.5 and 1.16.57 for 10, 25, and 30 miles, but by the end of the year had been called up for National Service. J. G. Andrews was the best novice, his fastest ride being 1.6.57 for a '25'.

Other names on the Prize List were 'Chalky' White, Johnny Winter and yours truly, who at last managed to finish a 100' in 5.12.27, which I'm ashamed to admit was a personal best at that time.

The first winner of the Memorial Trophy in the Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Class '50' was T. J. Slinn, Ridgeway R.C. with a ride of 2.16.6.

A new Club Room was found for the winter season at the Co-op Hall, Archway Road, with refreshments by the indefatigable Arthur Edrupt. The dance held at the Cambridge Hotel on a Thursday was a flop, owing to poor club support and it was decided that in future, Saturday was the only alternative.

Maurice Edmonds left England for the U.S.A. late in the year. We had seen little of him for several years but he is still interested in us and I correspond with him. We met him when he was on holiday here 3 or 4 years ago and I believe he hopes to retire early and come back to England.

The Annual Dinner, again without a Dance, was badly supported, but the highlight was that both Ernest Allen and Harold Johnson were in attendance.

Bill Camp was the most surprised of all those present when a special award was made to him in recognition of his massed start performances. This was in the form of a cup which had been subscribed to quite unofficially by a number of members. For once Bill was speechless, but very gratified.

## 1952

In 1952, we continued the policy of electing Harold Johnson and Ernest Allen as Joint Presidents, realising that it could not be possible for many years ahead, but even so, the death of Harold Johnson at 85 years of age, in February still came as a great shock. What an innings, 1884 to 1952, 68 years of undiminished enthusiasm for the Club. Apparently, during that time he only missed two Annual Dinners.

He and A.C. Crane were the dominant figures up to and beyond the first World War, and as stated earlier our debt to them is enormous.

Soon after, another shock was to follow, Vice President Cecil Cooke, a member since 1902, just short of 50 years died following a cycle accident. He had been a friend of H.J.'s for all that period and had written an obituary to him which appeared in the Club Gazette just at the time of his own death. In earlier pages I have given some indication of Cecil's great work for the Club. During the latter years of his life his work for cycling was mainly outside the Club, but he never stopped riding a bicycle and would occasionally join us, particularly if it were a special event of some distance, such as a 24 hour ride. This was the measure of his enthusiasm.

As I write this, the 40-Plus C.C. which he founded is just coming up to 21 years of age. I am now a member and have written a brief resume of his career from the Finsbury Park C.C. angle, which I have been able to glean whilst writing this story. He was the most complete cyclist you could hope to meet and but for a most unfortunate accident whilst riding with his new Club, might still have been active with them.

We were now only a year short of our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and were making plans ahead, not to mention collecting money for the purpose, but much was to happen in the next 12 months.

Bill Camp was the new Gazette Editor, but most of us carried on as before. It was agreed to hold a Massed Start Championship, without much idea how it was to be decided, a Sub Committee being formed for that purpose.

The Utility '100' attracted an entry of 347. It was a good day which did not exactly suit our book, there being 204 qualifiers for medals. Well, you cannot have everything.

The National Cyclists' Union had finally met the challenge of the British League of Racing Cyclists and decided to hold a restricted programme of Massed Start Races on the Open Road. Although as a Club we were divided on this subject, a decision had to be made by the Committee whether to support it, there being insufficient time to call a Special General Meeting. There was a narrow margin in favour and so we were committed.

Bill Camp rode in some of the first races later in the season but by this time was riding for the Barnet C.C. although retaining Second-claim membership with us. Stan Bates returned to his native Wales during the year and so we lost another good all-round rider.

In June, a new local organisation was formed, the Fellowship of North London Cyclists and we were one of the founder clubs. Its object was to bring together older members, or past members, of Clubs in the North London area. It has continued to flourish, with our support, ever since.

The Lynmouth Flood Disaster shook the whole country in August and because so many of us had spend holidays there in past years and had a special affection for the place, we decided to contribute to the National Fund that was raised. There was a magnificent response from the members, the collection totalling £42.

Time Trialling and racing activity continued in intensity during the year with Ray Gosman winning the Club Championship for the third successive time and breaking three Club Records on the way. His times of 2.2.51 and 4.21.22 for 50 and 100 miles were outstanding improvements on his own personal bests and his 243 miles plus for 12 hours beat Jack Lauterwasser's 24 year old record.

A 25 mile time of 1.0.2. enabled him to pretty well clear the board trophy-wise, particularly as he was adjudged Massed Start Champion. I think I am right in believing that he was 17th in the B.A.R. Competition.

We were still including the 12 hour in the Club Championship and there seemed to have been a reluctance, at least that year, to go a long way, 'Chalky' White being the Runner Up and the only other finisher at the four distances.

Stan Rowley in his first full year won the Handicap Championship and a new name, John Brittle, won the Junior Championship, with rides of 25.10, 1.4.22, and 1.17.53 for 10, 25 and 30 miles. He was also adjudged the best novice.

At this distance of time its hard to say why Ted Hill and Bill Cottenham did not continue to shine, following the promise of the previous year, but Ted got down to 1.1.40 for 25 miles. I see that I managed personal bests at 50 and 100 miles and got within half a minute of my best \*25' with a ride of 1.7.22.

The 2nd class Memorial \*50' turned out to be a hard day. I was first off and finished first with a time of 2.28.8 thinking I would be well down (the limit at that time being 2.17.0), expecting the winner to do around

2.20 To my amazement, the winning time was a mere 2.27.57 and I was second. It was certainly a hard finish and something of a freakish day, but it must have been a lousy field. It would have been nice to have found that extra 12 seconds and got a Club name on the Trophy, which still eludes us.

The Dinner reverted to Beales, Holloway Road and was followed by a dance. Ernest Allen was still able to take the Chair and now out on his own and nearly blind, but still the same loyal member and full of humour.



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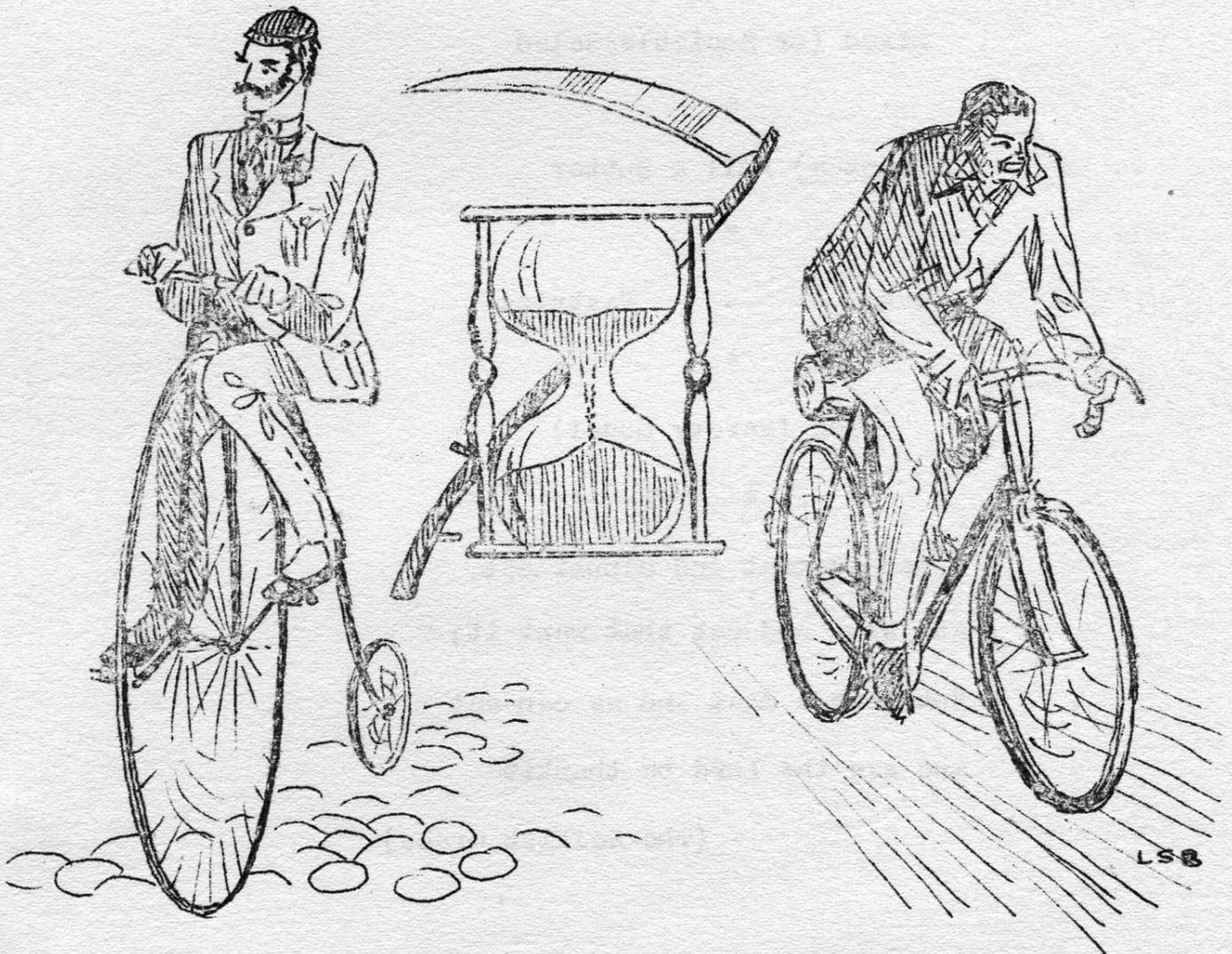
THE FINSBURY PARK CYCLING CLUB

President - Ernest Allen, Esq.

Seventieth Anniversary Celebrations

CAVALCADE OF CYCLING \* SUNDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1953

Ancient Bicycle Run from Hatfield to Barnet



Tea at Salisbury Hotel,  
High Barnet, 4.30 p.m.

Chairman:  
G.H. Hampton, Esq.

## Participants in the Cavalcade of Cycling

<u>Machine</u>	<u>Rider</u>
Coventry Lever Tricycle(1876)	A. Edrupt
Lady's Tricycle (About 1885)	Mrs. E.W.Hussey
Ordinary (High) Bicycle(1880's) *	W.J.Cottenham
ditto	J.V.Winter
ditto	A.J.Hares
ditto	S.H.Pontin
Singer Tricycle(Humber pattern)1885	A.W.Ames
Cross Frame Safety(Solid tyred)Abt 1887	T.R.Curtis
Whippet (About 1888)	E.W.Hussey
Olympia Tandem Tricycle(1888)	Mr & Mrs F.Staploy
Crypto Bantam (1894/8)	N.D.White
Rudge Sociable Tandem(1897)	Mr & Mrs E. G. Hussey
Dursley Pedersen(1894/1914)	J.Lauterwasser
ditto	V. Stilts
Kirkpatrick Macmillan replica(1839) )	Reserves:
Michaux Boneshaker (1868) )	E.A.Ingle
	S. Rowley
<u>Modern Machines</u>	
Massed Start	R.W.Gosman
Road	A.Lauterwasser
Track	E.A.Hill
Touring	A.Blackman

\* The Singer "Ordinary" was the property of the immortal "Aitch Jay"

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Most of the vintage machines have been kindly loaned by Mr. "Jock" Miller of Romford.

One "Ordinary" has been loaned by Mr Greenham (George Cycle Works, Colliers Wood) and one Dursley Pedersen by Messrs. Laffeaty's of King's Road, S.W.3.





ARTHUR EDRUPT 'AT SPEED'



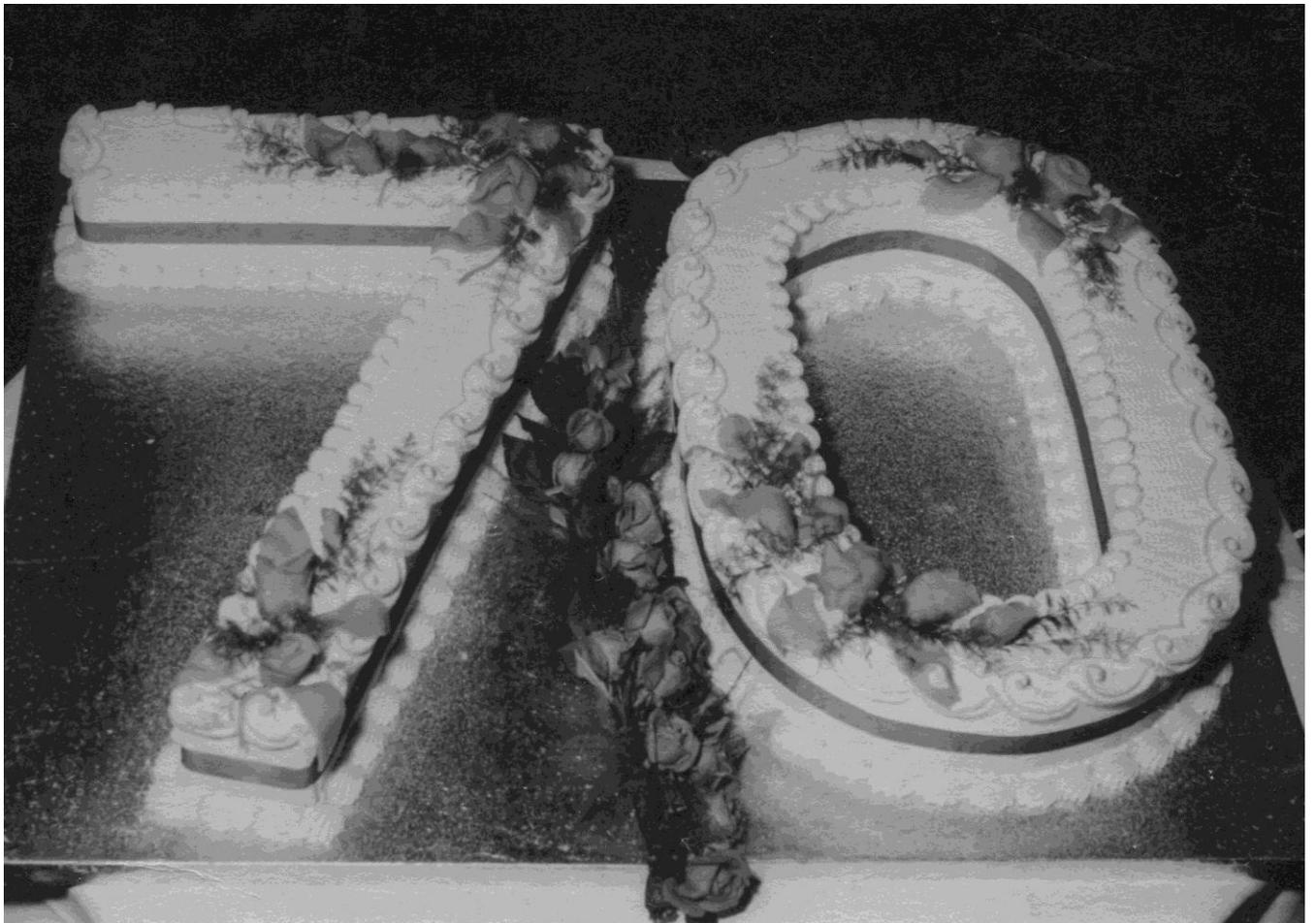
DICK CURTIS WINNING THE SPRINT UP LITTLE HEATH



ERNEST ALLEN. FOUNDER MEMBER



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FOR THE 1953 CELEBRATION DINNER

## 1953

Here we were coming up to our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and had made plans to see that this was to be something special. I think we succeeded and that it was our finest hour.

In addition to the usual programme, there was the Invitation \*50\* open to North London Clubs formed prior to 1900, the Ancient Bicycle Run and a Massed Start Race in Finsbury Park.

Our 86 year old Founder Member was again President and in attendance both at the Ancient Bicycle Run and the Annual Dinner.

A new Novice, but hardly a new name, Alan Lauterwasser was sprung on us and with no delay proceeded to demolish most of his father's best times, overshadowing novice Ted Ingle, who otherwise would have been hailed as the year's 'find'. This was the first time, to my knowledge, that offspring of Club members had set out on the same Time Trial road as their fathers before them, and I can imagine them turning round to Dad and saying 'How was it that you didn't go faster'. For what is worth, the only advice I can give to Dads is, don't let the boy take up racing (sort of 'Don't put your daughter on the stage'.) Come to think of it, I'm glad I had a daughter.

Alan's opening ride of 1.6.43 to win the Century R.C. Novices '25' was a foretaste of things to come. We did not do very well in the Invitation '50', Ray Gosman puncturing, and the event was won by D. Gambles, Polytechnic C.C. with a ride of 2.4.56. The Interclub '50' with the Southgate C.C. was included in this event, which we also lost. Apparently at that stage our margin of successes over the Southgate was four. I have not reported these events year by year, but they had been taking place regularly.

Alan was our fastest rider, with a time of 2.10.21. We also had an Interclub with the Aylesbury C.C. both on the road and at the Hazell, Watson & Viney Sports on August Bank Holiday, and this year we swept the board on the Track. Johnny Winter was our star rider and in addition had a long string of track successes over the whole season. We won the '25' by a big margin, and although Alan Lauterwasser was only fourth, his 1.4.33 equalled Dad's best time. It rather looked as though it was our second team riding in the '50' which the Aylesbury won.

Ted Hill finally won the Club Track Championship, but his Time Trial programme probably suffered as a result. Even so, he was second to Ray Gosman up to 100 miles, ahead of Alan, but the 12 hour events were still to come.

The Club '100' was a great day for the new boys. Alan was fastest (his first '100') with 4.26.50 and this still looks good today for a lad of 17, and Ted Ingle's 4.51.15 was a fine first effort.

Up to this year it looked as though nobody would aspire to getting their name on the Tillman Bowl, and however good intentioned he might be, it was difficult to suppose that Bill Cottenham would earn that honour, not that he had not the ability to do so. To get him to the start on time would be an achievement, but to see that he got round the course would also require a very good team of helpers. This, we fortunately had with adequate transport, and although Bill had a bad time at half way, he did an excellent ride of 419 miles, 268 yards, which was, of course, Club Record.

In preparation for the Ancient Bicycle Run, those of us who were expected to master these strange velocipedes made a couple of visits to Romford, where Jock Miller's famous collection was housed. The 'Penny-Farthings' were the most difficult to handle, but by the time we were on the starting line at Hatfield we felt confident, or perhaps hopeful is the correct word, that all would be well. Unfortunately, the Tandem Tricycle with which I was to cope was only produced at the last moment, but I was assured (by somebody who had never ridden it) that it was easy to handle and strangely enough it was.

We left Hatfield in good order, with Pathe Gazette filming our every movement, but by the time we reached Little Heath somebody decided that the neutralised period was over. I will quote from the Club Gazette Report 'Johnny Winter stipulated that the last Ordinary ('Penny-Farthing' to you) over the top would pay for the orangeade at the Old Sal, (what extravagance!) thereby causing a little acceleration among the members. Even Frank Stapley was seen to push his deer-stalker (yes, we were in costume) back to a more rakish angle and prepare for the fray. Yours truly (unknown) was doing his best to avoid any unnecessary expense when, like a little sunbeam, Dick Curtis shot past and danced merrily away over the brow, leaving the rest of us floundering in his wake. Yes, I can confirm all of that, Little Heath had never seen anything like it, neither had I heard Dick Curtis referred to as a little sunbeam before.

This was followed by Tea at the Salisbury Hotel (Old Sal), when around 70 sat down and was a marvellous day out, one of the happiest I ever remember. Ernest Allen was in the Chair and I am sure enjoyed it as much as the rest of us. There are many good photographs and the film of the occasion which lots of you will have seen.

The penultimate special fixture was the Massed Start Race at Finsbury Park. We were again lucky with the weather as we had been all along. There was a first class field and we had hoped of success. Ray Gosman was jigsaw with one lap to go, but was finally absorbed by the field, there being a sprint finish with A. T. Bladon of the Thornhill C.C. the winner.

Alan Lauterwasser's winning times in the Club Championship were quite superb for a novice, 1.4.33, 2.9.26, 4.26.50 and 238 miles 1634 yards for 25, 50, 100 and 12 hours. (This didn't leave Dad with much

in the way of family records). He won the Junior Championship and was best Novice and took the John Blunt Cup (Best '100') and Saward Cup (Best '12'). Ted Ingle won the Handicap Bowl, and in addition had best times of 1.5.55, 2.16.18 & 4.51.15 for 25, 50 and 100 miles. He also put Dad firmly in his place.

Stan Rowley won the Miller Cup, with much improved times of 1.4.9, 2.11.42, 4.36.37 and 233 miles plus, for 25, 50, 100 miles and 12 hours. Bill Cottenham, in addition to his '2" had a good '100' of 4.33.56. He was the only other finisher in the Club Championship, which still included the '12' although 9 riders completed the 3 distances (25, 50 and 100). Ray Gosman did the fastest 25 and 50 with 1.1.32 and 2.4.21.

Other names on the Prize List were Alan Hares and Joe Walkom.

I achieved an ambition by beating 5 hours for 100 miles and this was my Grand Finale, or Finale at least, as owing to change of job which was to take me out of Town, my cycling was temporarily reduced to almost nil and I had to resign from the General Secretary's job. At 48 I felt that I had had a good innings, but I would have liked to go on.

We had a successful dance at the Archway Tavern on 31<sup>st</sup> October and were again making money. Then followed the Annual Dinner at the Shaftesbury Hotel, which was a great occasion, with Ernest Allen in the Chair, 'in (as the Club Gazette has it) as reminiscent, as witty and as virile a vein as he has ever been'. There was an attendance of about 130 with many distinguished guests.

This had been a marvellous year and great thanks were due to Steve Pontin who had been the main organiser. Much thought had been given to the whole programme which cost a lot of money, but this had been raised over a period of two or three years and we finished the year solvent.

Looking back over the Post War years we were entitled to feel satisfied with our progress. As ever we had our ups and downs but we were now in a reasonably strong position and making a show in all branches of the sport. On the social side we were again running successful dances, thanks largely to the efforts of Arthur Edrupt.

Club Runs were still reasonably attended and a new Captain in 1953, Alf Blackman, had set about his task with great enthusiasm. The touring side had not been neglected, although as the years went on the competitive side was becoming all important. Even so, the 1953 Easter Tour to Derbyshire was well supported, some riding the whole way home on the last day. (Motor cars, what are they

At the close of the year, Bill Camp resigned, in order to devote his full attention to Road Racing proper with Barnet C.C.

Membership figures at this time were just 100, but this gives little indication of the number of active riders, although I believe the percentage to be larger than today.

## **1954-1961**

My only reason, or excuse for the next period ending at 1961, is because in December of that year, I relinquished my Club duties, following which, for the last 10 years I have viewed events from the sidelines.

In 1954 we again elected Ernest Allen President, and Gerry Hussey carried on as General Secretary. Ray Gosman took over the position of Social Secretary giving Arthur Edrupt a well earned break.

The Utility '100' run by 'Chalky' White had a fantastic entry of 605, and 380 qualified for medals. I seem to remember this as a busy day for the helpers, particularly as at that time there was an official compulsory lunch stop, when all had to be checked in and out.

We were again looking for new members and one of these, Dave Price (now C.C. Islington) did 1.5.26 for his first attempt at 25 miles, thus confounding his critics, who shall be nameless. He was also adjudged Best Novice of the year and also won a prize in the Membership campaign. Unfortunately he was the one who 'got away'.

We were still losing young members, at least temporarily, due to National Service and Alan Lauterwasser was called up in March and for the first few months was only able to ride occasionally.

In June, we moved to a new Club Room at the Priory Centre. Hitherto, the Club Room had been a winter fixture only but this was an opportunity not to be missed and once in we were able to stay put, winter and summer, for many years.

The Annual Dinner went back to the Pavours Arms, George Hampton taking the Chair, in the absence of Ernest Allen who was unwell. It was a smaller Prize List by comparison to 1953, but the prizes were well distributed. Alan Hares was the new Club Champion with 1.3.13, 2.12.1, 4.39.4 and 224 miles for 25, 50, 100 miles and 12 hours, and he also took the Handicap Championship. Bill Cottenham was Runner Up and had the best '12' of just over 230 miles. Ray Gosman was fastest at 25 and 50 miles with 59.47 and 2.2.8, both Club Records. A new name John Bailey was Junior Champion with 25.0, 1.5.25 and 1.17.31 for 10, 25 and 30 miles and Peter Koniotes had a good '50' of 2.7.8 to his credit.

Ted Hill and 'Chalky' White broke the Club 30 mile Tandem Record with a ride of 1.7.9. Other newish names on the Prize List were Laurie Bloss and Joe Walkom.

I should have mentioned that we were now recognising Club Team Records and during the season the following were established at

25 miles:

Ray Gosman	59.52
Ted Hill	1. 1.45
Peter Koniotes	1. 1.48
	<b>3. 3.25</b>

This stood for eleven years.

In 1953, the following were established:

50 miles

Ray Gosman	2.04.21
Ted Hill	2.07.13
Alan Lauterwasser	2.09.26
	<b>6.21.00</b>

This stood for sixteen years.

100 miles

Alan Lauterwasser	4.26.50
Bill Cottenham	4.36.28
Stan Rowley	4.37.41
	<b>13.40.59</b>

12 Hours

Alan Lauterwasser	235 miles 900yds
Stan Rowley	233 miles 95yds
Bill Cottenham	228 miles
	<b>696 miles 995 yds</b>

These two still stand today.

## 1955

Although Ernest Allen was in poor health, it was agreed that he should retain the Presidency and George Hampton was elected Senior Vice President to deputize for him if necessary. A new Vice President was added to the list, no other than Steve Pontin, a happy thought indeed.

There were quite a few resignations at this time, but fortunately we acquired several new Junior members, amongst whom were John Stapley, John Bompas, Pete Towers and Colin Ames, the first three still members.

Ray Gosman joined the Barnet C.C. but retained 2<sup>nd</sup> claim membership and Johnny Winter joined the Polytechnic C.C. He also retained 2<sup>nd</sup> claim membership. The Barnet were a fast Club at this time and Ray felt that his racing career would be furthered as a result. Johnny Winter's interest was mainly in the Track and he undoubtedly expected to benefit by the transfer.

During the year we lost Jack Knife and 'Chalky' White, both first class officials. I found myself gradually getting back into harness and as a result, I now added the Treasurership and Reporting Secretary to my job as Gazette Publisher.

We had affiliated to the British League of Racing Cyclists (something which would have been unheard of a year or two previously), but the interest in Road Racing proper was not very apparent just at that time, and I wonder how this came about.

The Utility '100' with an entry of 539 of which only 180 started suggests that it must have been a bad morning and an even worse day as only 27 finished. Of these, only eleven qualified, but in one of our more generous moments, we decided that they all deserved medals, and to hell with the expense.

Three dances were held during the year, but the small profit gained hardly justified the effort. August Bank Holiday Weekend was spent at Aylesbury, the venue being the Hazell, Watson & Viney Sports. It was a good social occasion and quite a family affair. Johnny Winter had a good day out, but as a team we were soundly beaten by the Aylesbury C.C.

There was a distinct drop in Time Trial activity and eventually there were only six prize winners. Alan Lauterwasser was back, and following some fast 25's in Army Events, won the Club Championship with rides of 1.1.31, 2.7.25, 4.31.40 and 237 miles 832 yards for 25, 50, 100 miles and 12 hours

respectively, taking the Scales, Darling-Lauterwasser, John Blunt and Saward Trophies on the way. Peter Koniotes won the Handicap Bowl and had a good win in the Club \*100' with a ride of 4.34.54. Vernon Smith was the best novice and also took the Junior Championship. The remaining prize winners being Alan Hares, Ted Hill and Dave Taylor.

Alan Lauterwasser finished the season by being the first holder of a North & West Home Counties R.R.A. by 13 minutes 4 seconds with a time of 5 hours 1 min 56 secs.

The Annual Dinner at Paviour's Arms only attracted an attendance of 74. This was certainly not one of our good years.

## 1956

Ernest Allen, now aged 89 was again elected President, otherwise there was little change amongst the Officials following the shake-up in the middle of 1955. The outlook was not too bright but we did have several promising Juniors. The line up for the Junior and Novice Competitions including John Bompas, Pete Towers, John Stapley and Colin Ames, plus Aubrey Trower elected early in the year.

Before the season opened, Peter Koniotes resigned and we were sorry to lose another good rider.

Two Vice Presidents died during the year, Percy Driver and F. C. Creak both aged 87. These old timers were certainly made to last. A new event, the Vice Presidents' Invitation Tea Run was held in July at the Mayflower Hotel, North Hertford The attendance of 56 included Ernest Allen.

Alan Lauterwasser's Time Trial activities livened up a quiet season. He broke the Club 100 mile Record with a ride of 4.21.8 in the Bath Road '100' (the event in which Ray Booty broke 4 hours for the first time).

He went on to win the Polytechnic 12 hour with just over 253 miles, also a Club Record. A great day for Alan and his father which took us all back to 1928 when Jack made history in this event. Not surprisingly Alan was Club Champion as he also had the fastest '50' with 2.9.23. The up and coming Joe Walkom was Runner Up and also Handicap Champion. Ted Hill had the fastest '25' with 1.2.7 and John Bompas was Best Novice and Junior Champion.

A new Dinner venue, the Refectory, Golders Green attracted an attendance of only 71, George Hampton again deputising for Ernest Allen as Chairman. It was a reasonably good evening but the low attendance figures continued to emphasize the lack of enthusiasm.

Although 6 new members had been elected during the year, eleven had been struck off through non payment of subscriptions. I rather feel that we were tidying up the books at the time. National Service had cut into our junior membership considerably, and those called up frequently failed to return to cycling.

## 1957

The late fifties were proving to be difficult years for the Club, Gerry Hussey declined to stand again as General Secretary and I found myself back in the job, in addition to being Treasurer, I was also elected as Vice President. The days of Vice Presidents merely being lookers-on were long since past.

A new Gazette partnership of Eric Mason and Harry Pullinger replaced the Blackman-Stapley duo. The drop in membership and general activity was causing concern and a prize of two guineas was offered for the member introducing the greatest number of new members during the year. There is no report of the prize being won and only four new members were recruited, one of them being Bob Rodens.

The Dinner venue was again changed to the Oakwood Hall at Southgate with George Hampton in the chair.

Alan Lauterwasser was Club Champion for the fourth time taking six major trophies, in fact sweeping the board with 1.1.50, 2.7.48, 4.26.39 and 234 miles 700 yards for 25, 50, 100 miles and 12 hours. A new name, Bob Stebbings appeared as Runner Up and John Stapley was best novice, his fastest ride being a '25' of 1.6.16. Other prize winners included Ted Hill, Pete Towers and Aubrey Trower.

This had not been a very satisfactory year, although the junior riders seemed to be shaping well.

## 1958

This was the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Ernest Allen passed away at the age of 90. He was the sole survivor of the nine young men who set the whole thing going on 1st December, 1883. and so the last link with the distant past was broken. In his early years he worked in the Liverpool area and was one of the earliest members of the Anfield B.C. but he remained loyal to the 'Park\*' throughout his lifetime. His last years were not very happy due to bad health and blindness and naturally his appearances at Club functions were liYnited. Even so he managed to take the Chair at the 70th Anniversary Dinner in 1953 and was in excellent form.

Special events to mark our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary were on a limited scale. We repeated the Invitation 50 mile Time Trial for North London Clubs founded not later than 1900. G. E. Wingfield, North Road C.C. had a clear win in 2.3.48 with Alan Lauterwasser second in 2.7.55, and the team award going to the Unity C.C.

The Vice Presidents' Invitation Tea Run was extended somewhat as a family affair with lunch at St. Albans, following a cultural feast at Verulamium, and adjournment to tea at Mayflower Place, Hertingfordbury. which was a successful day out.

Alan Lauterwasser was continuing to keep us in the Time Trial news and his Whitsun win in the Hounslow '100' in 4.13.6 broke his own Club Record by 8 minutes, and was the fastest 100 of the year throughout the country at that time. He rode in two 12 hour events, being second in the Polytechnic '12' with 245¼ miles, with mechanical trouble which probably cost him the race, and in the Championship '12' did just over 248 miles. These rides were a little disappointing following his fine ride in 1956, but perhaps we were expecting too much. Alan was still a young rider, in his early twenties, but his appetite for miles was prodigious. A chip off the (not so) old block. He later beat the North & West Home Counties London-Bedford-London Record standard by over 10 minutes, with a time of 3.19.40 for the 77 miles.

Thanks to John Stapley, helped by his family, a successful Social was held at Priory Social Centre. There was a good Club gathering of 50 and socially it was an improvement on many of our attempts, at that period, of running Dances.

Ray Gosman reverted to first claim membership during the year but we lost the two Daves (Price and Taylor) to C.C. Islington. They were now mainly interested in Road Racing and expected to get better facilities for this branch of the sport with their new Club. Both stayed with us as second claim members, but not for long.

The Annual Dinner, with George Hampton in the Chair, was a rather special occasion, held at the Shaftesbury Hotel, with H. H. England, President, North Road C.C. and C. King (Hon. Sec. N.C.U.) as main guests. Alan Lauterwasser took his fifth Club Championship and in addition to the rides mentioned above, did the fastest '50' in 2.3.22 and to prove that he was not just a long distance man, had two third fastest places in

Open 50's to his credit, the events being the Bon Amis and the Addisccombe. Joe Walkom was Runner Up and also Handicap Champion. John Stapley was Junior Champion and had a good '25' of 1.2.33. Ted Hill did the fastest '25' in 1.1. 9. The best Novice was P. A. Hammond, just beating Bob Rodens.

Not a momentous year and I see that my Annual Report was somewhat pessimistic, but my offer to stand down was not accepted. However, 1959 turned out to be a much better year.

## 1959

With the passing of Ernest Allen it was agreed that the Presidency should rotate amongst the Vice Presidents, and accordingly Joe Evans was elected President for 1959.

Amongst the ten new members elected during the year were Dave Plummer, Frank Rodens, Ian Yule, Frank Weatherley and John Walsh. There was increased activity all round and a new Club Champion emerged in the shape of John Bompas in his first serious season. The only shadow on the horizon was the partial eclipse of Alan Lauterwasser who did several good rides up to and including 100 miles, but without a 12 hour ride did not qualify for the Championship. Alan was still a force to be reckoned with, but after his 'Open' successes we felt that he was within striking distance of the top.

If this was not to be then we had a worthy aspirant in John Bompas. His rides which won him the Touche Cup were 1.0.53, 2.8.17, 4.42.27 for 25, 50 and 100 miles and a 12 hour ride of only 85 yards short of 240 miles. His '25' was fastest of the year and he also took the Handicap Championship. Ted Hill was still riding well and did both the fastest '50' and '100' with 2.4.32 and 4.31.23. He also reached the Quarter Finals of the London Centre Pursuit Championship, when he was beaten by A. Engers.

There were 13 names in all on the prize list, including Bob Rodens, John Stapley, Aubrey Trower, Ian Yule and Pete Towers, the last named being Junior Champion. His best ride was a '25' in 1.2.55. Bill Saberton was adjudged Best Novice.

Our lack of success in Team Events with both the Aylesbury and Southgate C.C.'s continued as it had for many years, but better days were ahead.

The Memorial '50' was still a Middle-markers event and only attracted 66 riders in 1959. Some years were to elapse before we made this a first-class event.

The Club Dinner was held at a new venue, The Red Lion, Barnet, with reasonable success, Joe Evans, the new President taking the Chair. My Annual Report was, with reason, far more optimistic than hitherto.

## 1960

Joe Evans was re-elected President for 1960 and two new Vice Presidents were elected. Arthur Edrupt and Ernie Hussey, both of whom, had rendered yeoman service to the Club.

With the increasing interest in both Track and Massed Start racing, it was agreed to award Silver medals to the best performers in both spheres.

Vice President E. F. Johnson who joined the Club in 1891 and was not related to Harold Johnson, died during the year at the age of 87.

An Easter Tour to the Welsh border country, with Headquarters at Clun was greatly enjoyed by eleven young and old members. Well organised by Steve Pontin, mainly for the older members, these tours have been a great attraction ever since, cars being used to enable a quick getaway on Thursday evening before Good Friday.

Prior to the season's opening, the medal standards were tightened and remain the same today. John Bompas started the season in fine style, winning both the Norlond and North Midds' Medium Gear '25's with times of 1.4.19 and 1.3.0. He went on to win the Interclub '25' with the Aylesbury C.C. in a time of 59.36 all these rides being Club Records. We scored our first win against the Aylesbury for many years, and later went on to beat the Southgate C.C. in the Interclub '50' for the first time in 10 years. Then in July, after John already had the fastest '50' of the year in 2.7.29, he contracted yellow jaundice and was unable to ride again during that season, but he was due to get faster in 1961.

The Interclub '50' with the Aylesbury C.C. was lost by nearly two minutes, but had John Bompas been riding he would almost certainly have won it. Amongst the new members during 1960 were Brian Ranger, Con Antonio, Brian Young, Ray Clifford, Mick and Chris Hooker and Brian Fagg. Of these, Brian Ranger soon made an impact, finishing the season with two Trophies

Arthur Ingle's death in July was a sad loss to the Club. He was only 57 but had not been a fit man for several years. He first joined the Club in 1924, left us in the thirties and rejoined in 1943, subsequently riding Tandem with his son Ted. An excellent cyclist and a keen tourist, one of the old school, if I might say so.

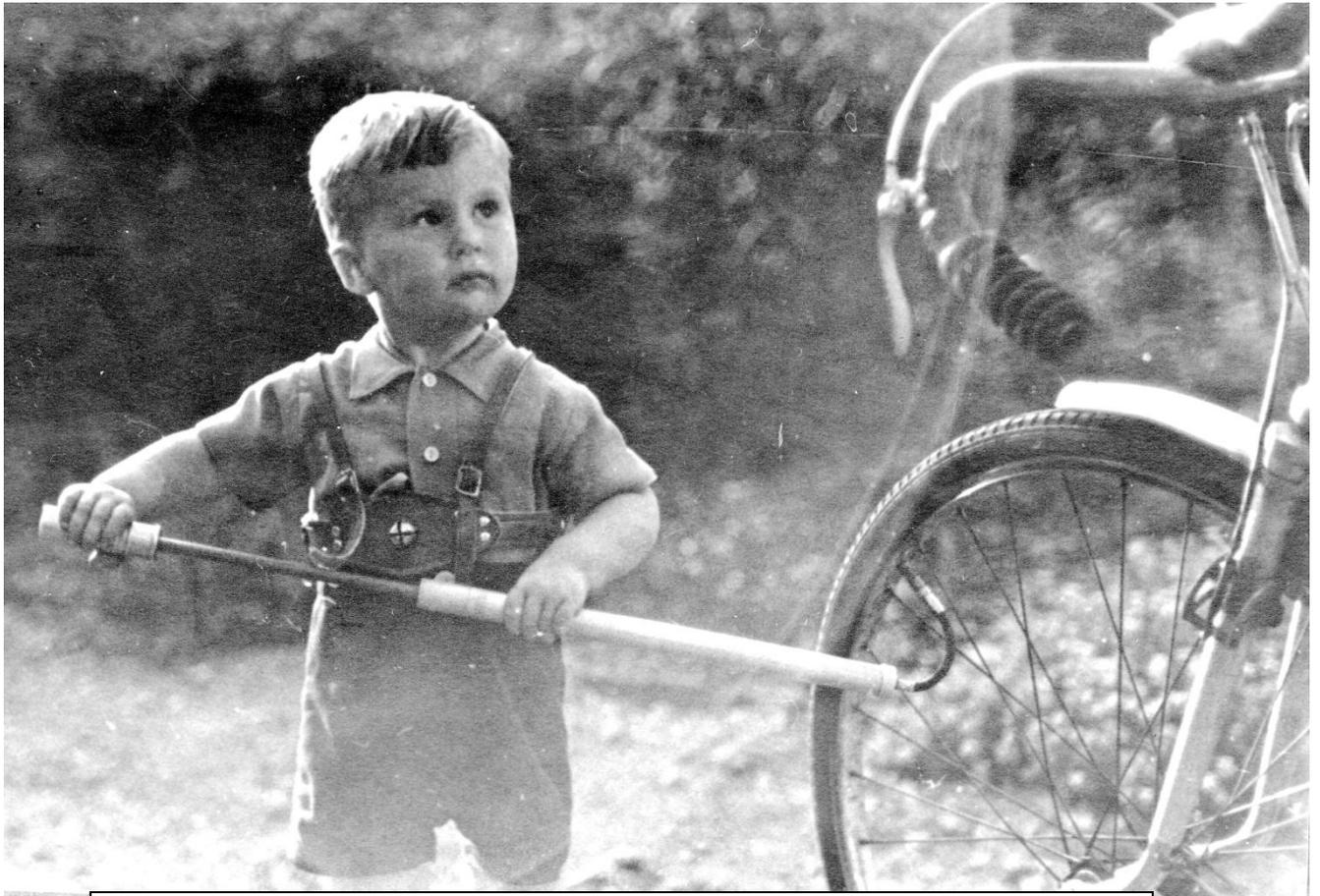
With the unfortunate elimination of John Bompas, the Club Championship was wide open, particularly as for the first time for many years, the 12 hour was not included. John Stapley finally made it, with Ted Hill very close as Runner Up. John's times for 25, 50 and 100 miles were 1.1.52, 2.11.46 and 4.44.38. He also had performed well at both Road and Track Racing and took the special awards mentioned above. In addition, he did 214 miles, 1148 yards in his first '12'.

Brian Ranger had the fastest '100' and best '12' with 4.37.47 and 221 miles 1148 yards. John Walsh was Junior Champion and Alan King Best Novice and Handicap Champion. Alan Lauterwasser had ridden in several 25's and 50's during the season, but did not finish a complete programme.

The Annual Dinner, again at the Red Lion, Barnet, with President Joe Evans in the Chair, completed a very good season.



BABY SHOES GIVEN TO BRIAN EDRUPT BY FOUNDER MEMBER ERNEST ALLEN IN 1946  
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BRIAN EDRUPT AND THE 'START' OF A LIFETIME IN CYCLING

### 1961

Jack Lauterwasser became President in 1961 which was a popular choice. With the naming of 10 members eligible for the Novices' Competition, of which 8 were Juniors, it had every promise of being a busy season, and so it was.

Amongst new members elected during the year were Martyn Odam, Norman Gardner and Brian Edrupt. Alan Lauterwasser was married in March and did not appear on the starting line. Pete Towers was married later in the year.

We were pleased to welcome Stan Rowley on a visit home from America. He was to be married that year.

John Bompas started the season by winning the North Road Hardriders '25' and the Viking Medium Gear '25' in 1.1.43. Again he won the Interclub '25' with the Aylesbury C.C. with a ride under the hour, and in which we won the Team Race, and later he did 59.37 in the Marsh R.C. '25'. Incidentally, for the first time for many years, we won all three Team Races, two with the Aylesbury and one with the Southgate.

John went on to break Club Record in the Cambridgeshire R.C. '50' in 2.0.53 and 30 mile Record in 1.10.12. The 30 mile Team Record was later broken by Bompas, Ranger and Stapley with a total time of 3.44.40. He had also been active both in Massed Start and Track Racing, but on 20<sup>th</sup> August it all came to a halt whilst making his third attempt at a 100 mile time for the Club Champion-ship. Riding in the Watford Road Club event (which also included our Club '100') he collided with a lorry in Aylesbury when leading the field and was taken to hospital.

Although there had been considerable activity at both Road and Track racing, he had at that time done enough to earn him both Club Awards, John Stapley ran him close but he too gave up in August for an entirely different reason as he went to work in Scotland.

Up to that time he had been riding particularly well, improving his '50' to 2.10.12 and breaking the 12 hour Tandem Record, partnered by John Walsh, with a fine ride of 258½ miles, thus adding nearly 18 miles to the record previously in the name of his father (with Cecil Bruce as partner).

A measure of time trial activity during the year is the fact there were 12 qualifiers for the Touche Cup, the Championship finally going to a greatly improved Brian Ranger, with 1.0.29., 2.5.9., and 4.29.1 for 25,

50 and 100 miles. Not far behind was Ted Hill once again as Runner Up.

Despite John Bompas's terrific short distance rides it was Ted Hill who eventually broke the 25 mile Club Record with 59.31, after 10 years of racing. Anybody who has ever seen Ted race will know what a great hearted trier he was, and is.

With so much talent amongst the newcomers, it was difficult to decide on the Best Novice and in fact it was declared a tie between Chris Hooker and Brian Young. Chris was the Junior Champion and Brian took the Handicap Championship. Both riders rode all distances up to and including 100 miles.

Brian Ranger took the John Blunt Cup for the fastest '100' of 4.29.1. and John Walsh (in addition to his Tandem '12') took the Saward Cup with a ride of just over 223 miles. Pretty good for a lad of 19, a big lad, mind you.

The increased activity during the year was reflected in an attendance of 112 at the Dinner, again held at the Red Lion, Barnet.

As I had already intimated that I would not be standing again as General Secretary, I was honoured and greatly moved to receive a presentation at the Dinner, and a certificate, signed by many members and friends, in appreciation of 35 years service to the Club.

At the Annual General Meeting which followed soon after, I pulled out on a more optimistic note than I had sounded three years earlier, and in confirmation I quote from my Annual Report, 'I would say that the Club is stronger now than at any time since the war. This has been reflected in the large increase in racing activity and entries for Club Events have been as high as I can remember.'

'I stated last year that I was only waiting for the emergence of a likely candidate to take over to enable me to retire. That time has arrived and I am more than pleased to hand over'.

### **1962-1971 The last 10 years - From the Sidelines, looking on.**

For several years I had been appealing to the younger members to take over the running of the Club and 1962 certainly had a new look about it.

Brian Ranger became General Secretary, Aubrey Trower, Treasurer and John Walsh took over the Gazette from Eric Mason, on completion of his 5 year stint. Ian Yule combined the Captaincy with his post of Track and Massed Start Secretary. Steve Pontin was commencing his eleventh consecutive year as chairman of Committee and Timekeeper, with Arthur Edrupt in support as Open Events Secretary. Jack Lauterwasser was re-elected President. On the whole a good combination of the young and not so young.

Eleven members were nominated for the Junior Championship, six of these being novices. With the increasing popularity of Road Racing it was agreed to run an Open Event for all categories.

Amongst the new members elected during the year were Phil Gardner, Dave Gilbey, Jon King and Les Humphreys.

In March, John Bompas went off on tour to France and Spain, thus missing the opening of the season.

We again won all three of the Interclub events, our most improved riders being Aubrey Trower and Chris Hooker. Aubrey finally won the Championship from 8 contestants and John Stapley was Runner Up. He seemed to be commuting between England and Scotland, his qualifying times being done in both countries.

Aubrey Trower's times for 25, 50 and 100 miles were 58.15, 2.6.49 and 4.32.8 and in addition to the Touche Cup, earned him also the Scales, Darling-Lauterwasser, and John Blunt Cups and Gordon Stewart Bowl. His '25' was, of course, Club Record - by a margin of 1 min.16 secs.

Chris Hooker was the Junior Champion and he had good times for 25 and 50 miles of 1.1.36 and 2.9.10. John Walsh again took the Saward Cup with a 12 hour ride of 228 3/4 miles. He also did a good '100' in 4.39.33. M. Robinson was adjudged Best Novice. Ted Hill got inside the hour again in 59.55 but John Bompas's best was a 1.0.37. On his return from abroad John had ridden in a number of events, without really getting seriously down to it.

There had been plenty of Road Racing during the year but with no startling successes and Martyn Odam took the special award.

The Annual Dinner was held at a new venue, The Fox, Palmers Green with Jack Lauterwasser in the Chair. This was in the hands of John Bompas and was a successful evening.

## 80th Anniversary Year

### 1963

I became President in 1963 and two new Vice Presidents were elected, Dick Curtis and Harry Pullinger. Most of the officials carried on as before, although early in the year Martyn Odam took over from Pete Towers as Time Trial Secretary.

Amongst the new members were Malcolm Boswell, Pam King, and Colin Ames who rejoined us. Those nominated as Juniors and/or Novices included the Gardner brothers and Dave Gilbey.

John Bompas went abroad, returning later in the year, but his name does not appear in the Prize List.

Our main celebration in this 80<sup>th</sup> year was to be a rather special Dinner, with Central London as the venue, with a more elaborate Menu than usual containing a brief history of the Club.

It was agreed that the Open '50' should be an unrestricted event but there was a poor entry of only 40.

We again beat the Aylesbury C.C. in both Interclub events but we lost to the Southgate C.C.

In July, George Hampton died at the age of 65. He had been ill on and off for many years but his death was

still a great shock. Earlier in these pages I have given some idea of Hampy<sup>1</sup>'s contribution towards the success of the Club. He joined in 1920 and during an unbroken run as General Secretary from 1925 to 1939 he was its dominant figure. When he returned to London after the war he had another two years as General Secretary in 1947/8, and Chairman of Committee in 1949/50/1, but after that he had several spells in hospital. Despite this he never lost his interest in the Club which meant everything to him.

Our Open Road Race was won by a certain S. Lovatt of the Century R.C. now our own Sid Lovatt.

Without quite hitting the high spots of the last season or two, the Prize List indicates an excellent standard of performance in both Time Trialling and Road Racing. Aubrey Trower retained the Championship with times for 25, 50 and 100 miles of 1.0.34, 2.3.4. and 4.40.54, the 25 and 50 being fastest of the year. A very worthy Runner Up was the much improved Les Humphreys who did the fastest 100 in 4.35.17 and best '12' with just over 226½ miles. Brian Young was the Handicap Champion and Brian Edrupt, Junior Champion. He also had a good '25' in 1.4.47.

Dave Gilbey was the Best Novice and also had five handicap wins in Open events and second fastest time in the Century Novices '25' in 1.8.27. He also had two second and one fifth place in Road Races, an excellent first season. Other Prize Winners included Jon King, Martyn Odam (3<sup>rd</sup> in Championship), Frank Weatherly and Ian Yule.

Malcolm Boswell, Martyn Odam, Ian Yule and John Walsh were all amongst the placings in Road Races, John Walsh taking the award for the best Road Race performance .

The Annual Dinner was held at the Tavistock Banqueting Rooms in Charing Cross Road and was quite an historic occasion. Although held on a Friday, the attendance was around 120, with Vice Admiral J. Hughes-Hallett (Ministry of Transport) as Chief Guest. By the way, he is, or was, a keen cyclist. A good evening indeed, thanks to the organiser, Arthur Edrupt.

How were we doing after 80 years? In my opinion, very well. With the increased interest in Road Racing (as opposed to 'testing') the Club was in a period of change, but so was the whole sport.

Whilst we had sufficient riders to compete in both branches, as we seemed to have at this time, we could remain a strong Club. But the days of the pure Time Trial Club were finished and in order to survive, it was necessary to move with the times.

### 1964

This was my second and last year as President, in line with the procedure that had been adopted during the last fifteen years. Alice Hampton was elected Vice President. There were few changes amongst the officials other than Jon King as Gazette Editor.

For the first time ever (possibly) we had a lady competing in Time Trials, none other than Pam King.

It was a busy and exciting season, both as regards 'testing' and Road Racing, with a fair number of successes. Both Malcolm Boswell and Aubrey Trower had firsts in Road Races and other near misses. Aubrey finally took the Club Road Championship award, despite a short season, following a crash.

A certain John Winstanley (Met. Police) won our Open Road Race, the same John who joined us in 1966. Two other Johns-Bompas and Stapley were married during the season. From various quarters of the globe we made the long trek to Tarbert (Argyllshire) where John Bompas as best man was in support of John S. In addition to the Stapley family, John Walsh and Ian Yule, also joined the Club run, none of us on 'bikes'

I hasten to add

Aubrey Trower was still riding well, a little below his 1963 form, although with his Road Race efforts he had a very full season, and took the Miller Cup as Runner Up. He also managed a faster '25' than Chris, with 1.0.18, thus taking the Scales Cup. Aubrey had two other open successes, fastest time in the Bromley R.C. '25' in 1.3.35 and 3rd fastest in the Crabwood '25' in 1.3.36.

The Handicap Championship went to Jon King and Pam was adjudged Best Novice, quite something this. She had times of 29.1 and 1.11.24 for 10 and 25 miles.

Bob Aldridge took the Aleko Cup as Junior Champion and amongst the remaining Prize Winners are the familiar names of Brian Edrupt, Norman Gardner, Les Humphreys (3rd in Championship), Martyn Odam, Joe Walkom (old faithful) and Ian Yule (not so old faithful) .

For the first year (I believe) nobody rode a '12'. A sign of the times, I am afraid.

## 1965

Steve Pontin was elected President in 1965 and Laurie Johnson became General Secretary, following the resignation of Brian Ranger. Once again the main job passed out of the hands of the younger set.

Racingwise this was again to be an active year. In addition to Road Racing, we now had several riders interested in the Track. We joined the Paddington Track League and in addition were active at Welwyn Track.

In January we received the sad news of the death of Charlie Lawter - (Lauterwasser) at the age of 63, following a short illness. Charlie joined the Club in 1924 (with Jack) and raced during the twenties, but was somewhat overshadowed by Jack. Even so, he was a good stylish rider and an excellent Clubman. He rode

a bike throughout his lifetime and always followed the Club's activities with the keenest interest.

New members elected during the year included Terry Devine, Alan Dunn, Howard Boswell, Pat Thompson and Phil Koniotes.

Over the years, Eric Mason had often surprised us in many ways (which can hardly be detailed here) but the news that he was getting married in March caught us completely unawares. However, once we had recovered from the shock, we hastened to offer our congratulations.

Looking at the lengthy Prize List, I find it hard to condense the successes to reasonable proportions. Chris Hooker's Time Trial performances earned him 8 medals and 2 Record Badges, and then there were numerous placings in both Road and Track Racing. He was Club Champion at both Time Trialling and Road Racing, and his times for 25, 50 and 100 miles of 59.35, 1.58.45 and 4.10.41 constituted a record average speed for the Touche Cup, and the 50 and 100 were Club Records. He also took the Scales Cup, Darling-Lauterwasser and John Blunt Cups. There was, in addition, a new Club Team Record at 25 miles which he headed, as follows:

Chris Hooker	59.47
Norman Gardner	1.00.39
Aubrey Trower	1.01.42
	<b>3.02.08</b>

What of the rest? Not to be 'sneezed' at, I assure you. Our Norm. (Gardner) was a worthy Runner Up, with much improved times of 1.0.39, 2.3.22 and 4.34.46 for 25, 50 and 100 miles, relegating Aubrey Trower to third place. The Handicap Bowl was won by newcomer Howard Boswell, and Barry Johnson was adjudged Best Novice. His first year times of 1.4.38 and 2.13.30 for 25 and 50 miles represented an auspicious start to his racing career.

Dave Plummer did the best '12' and took the Seward Cup with a ride of 219.336 miles. Pam King had several placings in Ladies Events and a \*25\* time of 1.11.12.

The long list of placings in Road Races, in addition to Chris Hooker include the names of Terry Devine, Norman Gardner, Bob Rodens and Alan Dunn, who finished in that order in the Club Road Racing Championship. Another long list of placings in Track Events (mainly at Paddington and Welwyn) were all shared by Chris and Ray Clifford, the last named taking the Track Racing Award. He had earlier represented England in the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

The rest of the honours were shared amongst Brian Edrupt, Mick Hooker, Les Humphreys, Jon King, Bob Rodens and (guess who) Joe Walkom, who also took the Attendance Shield.

By the way, we won the usual Interclub events, plus a new one, a '50' with the Whitewebbs C.C. and Tottenham Phoenix, but this almost looks like a non-event.

After all this lot, there was even some Hill Climb activity, mainly inspired by Alan Dunn.

The Dinner was again held at the Cambridge Hotel, with Steve Pontin in the Chair and an attendance of 108. This had been a great season.

## 1966

There was what one might call a turn round of Club personnel in 1966, the result being several losses probably balanced by several gains. Aubrey Trower emigrated to Canada and Dave Gilbey, Martyn Odam and Brian Ranger were married, although I suppose one should not put them amongst the losses. The big gains were John Winstanley, ex Met. Police and Sid Lovatt, ex Century R.C., who were already established as top class riders

Frank Rodens rejoined us, as also did Jim Nicolls. Only the older members would know Jim, a wartime member, now living in Cyprus and still a keen cyclist.

Steve Pontin was again President and during the early months of the year was on a business trip to the Far East.

I suffered a personal tragedy in April when Lily, my wife, died following an illness that had lasted a year. She had been a Club member since 1937 and we rode tandem in the years prior to the war. As already reported, she became Editor of the Club Gazette whilst I was overseas and to repeat what I

have already written, made a very good job of it.

This was another year of great activity and John Winstanley, in addition to taking the Road Racing Championship, found time for a few Time Trials. He broke the Club '25' record with a ride of 57.49 and won the E.C.C.A. Hill Climb. Chris Hooker had another fine year, winning both the Time Trial and Track Championships. In addition to a '25' in 59.40, he had the fastest 50 and 100 of the year in 2.1.7 and 4.13.36.

There were 8 other finishers in the competition for the Touche Cup, of whom Norman Gardner was fastest, thus taking the Miller Cup. Barry Johnson was Handicap Champion and Phil Koniotes, Junior Champion and Best Novice. Alan Dunn was Hill Climb Champion, winning his own Trophy and Jon King took the Sward Cup for the best '12' with a ride of just over 225 miles. Also amongst the Prize Winners were Les Humphreys and Brian Edrupt. Pan King got down to 1.8.45 for 25 miles and we were to introduce Womens' Standard times in the year ahead.

Late in the year we were shocked to hear that Joe Walkom had suffered a bad road accident, and was in the Whittington Hospital at Highgate. To our surprise he managed to be out in time for the Club Dinner, but it

was to be many months before he was fit enough to get back on a bicycle.

The Cambridge Hotel was again the venue for the Club Dinner, with Steve Pontin in the Chair, and I'm sure that a good time was had by all. There was no doubt that it had been another good year.

## 1967

Arthur Edrupt became President in 1967, and to start a new trend (almost), 3 lady members found themselves with official jobs at the Annual General Meeting. They were Pam King (Gazette Editor), Mrs. Clifford (Track Secretary) and Pat Thompson (Social Secretary). Of the new members elected during the year, three were ladies, Margaret Plummer (sister of Dave), Janet Rodens (wife of Frank) and Penelope Scott. We could now really claim to be a mixed Club, particularly as it had been decided to run a Women's Championship at 10, 25 and 50 miles.

Members continued to move around and Les Humphreys was working in Hull early in the year. He married Club member Jill Verdon and emigrated to Canada in October.

In between times he had a not unsuccessful racing season. Two other members were married late in the year, Mick Hooker and John Walsh but they were still around. Con Antonio went to work in Cyprus and was later followed by Penny Scott. We weren't particularly surprised and they were soon to marry.

The sponsorship issue had been raised at the Annual General Meeting and following approval, a Sub Committee had been formed to investigate possibilities.

There were 27 B.C.F. Licence holders, of which eight were first category. This gives some idea of the enthusiasm for Road Racing

Maurice Edmonds and Winnie were visitors to Britain in the Spring and several of us had enjoyable sessions with them during the short time spent in London.

In June, we were delighted to see Joe Walkom back on a bicycle. It was to be a hard road back, but Joe made it.

Ken Ruffell joined us in mid-year and was soon amongst the Prize Winners, and Joe Peake, now fiftyish, was attempting still another comeback and had a '25' of 1.11.44 to show for his efforts.

A certain E. Bousted, who left the Club in the Twenties and was now in his eighties, and no longer riding a bicycle, surprisingly decided to rejoin us.

It was another good all round racing season, particularly for John Winstanley. Amongst his many successes were firsts in both the Luton 2 day and Letchworth 2 day and he was All London Champion. Naturally he was Club Road Champion and had a number of Track successes at Paddington. He started the season with second place in the North Road Hardriders '25' and in September was third in the Viking R.C. '50' with a time of 1.56.11. a Club Record. He also broke the Club Record at 25 miles with a ride of 57.23.

Chris Hooker had many successes both on Road and Track. He was Runner Up to John on the road and Club Track Champion. In addition to all this there were 20 names on the Prize List taking Time Trial awards with our Norm (Gardner) top of the list as Club Champion. This was a popular win as Norman had been trying hard for some years. He had a good '50' of 2.6.47 and his '100' of 4.26.43 took the John Blunt Cup for fastest of the year.

Les Humphreys annexed the Miller Cup as Runner Up before departing for Canada. Phil Koniotes was Junior Champion for the second year and R. Scane was adjudged Best Novice. Brian Edrupt won the Handicap Championship and Jon King the Hill Climb.

Pam King was the first lady Champion, with times of 27.25, 1.8.56 and 2.28.59 for 10, 25 and 50 miles.

This still leaves numerous Prize Winners unmentioned. They were Terry Devine, Alan Dunn, Phil Gardner, Mick Hooker, Barry Johnson, Martyn Odam, A. Papachristou, Dave Plummer, Frank Rodens, B. Rowland, Ken Ruffell, Penny Scott, M. Turner and Ian Yule. There were many Open successes and we again beat both the Aylesbury C.C. & Southgate C.C. in the annual Interclub events. We were doing rather well, don't you think?

## 1968

In 1968 Arthur Edrupt was commencing his second year as President and there were few changes amongst the officials. Vice President Joe Evans was killed in a car accident in January. This was a great shock. Although he was of course, quite elderly, having been a member since 1911, his health was still good. Originally, he was a motor-cyclist and when the Club decided to drop this section, he became a cyclist, giving good service as Secretary and in other capacities over a long period. He continued to support Club social fixtures and during the latter years he, with Mrs. Evans, travelled from Worthing on many occasions. His was a lifetime of service to the Club.

There were many new members during the year, amongst whom were Ian Birch, Martin Walton, Phil Liggett, Pat Tipper, Bob Badger, Jean Riley and Mike Watts, mostly seasoned riders who were soon to make some impact on the Club. On the other hand, riders were still, for one reason or another, disappearing from the racing scene, and early in the year, Chris Hooker and Brian Fagg emigrated to Canada.

John Winstanley started the season in fine style by winning the North Road Hardriders '25' but from then on it was mostly Road Racing at which we had a highly successful season and naturally became Club Road Race Champion.

The Time Trial entries were continuing to drop, there being only 6 riders in the Interclub '25' with the Aylesbury C.C. which we won. Even so, there were 5 finishers in the Time Trial Championship, with Norman Gardner again the winner. His times for 25, 50 and 100 miles were 59.6, 2.7.5 and 4.22.25. These times were all fastest of the season and so he took the Touche, Scales, Darling-Lauterwasser and John Blunt Cups, a fair haul. Phil Liggett was Runner Up and beat the hour for 25 miles.

Following the lapse of a year in 12 hour activity, Martin Walton took the Seward Cup, with a ride of 213 1/4 miles, and was also Handicap Champion. Pam King was Champion Lady with times of 25.2, 1.6.18 and 2.17.13 for 10, 25 and 50 miles, all being the first Womens\* Club Records. She also took the Track Championship award. Second lady, Jean Riley was adjudged Best Novice, with times of 27.26, 1.8.13 and 2.22.40 for 10, 25 and 50 miles, an extremely good show for a first year rider.

At the Dinner, held at a new venue, The Alexandra National Hotel, Finsbury Park, (back home at last), two new trophies were presented, the Joe Evans Memorial Trophy and the George Hampton Trophy, donated by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Hampton. Arthur Edrupt was awarded the first for the most meritorious services to the Club and the second went to Bill Jennings for the best Gazette article of the year.

To close the year there was another spate of weddings, Con Antonio married Penny Scott and Ken Ruffell, Bob Badger and Mike Watts also got tied up

A fair year I would say, but not startling.

## 1969

The new President for 1969 was Laurie Johnson. He was, in addition, still General Secretary, the first time that this job had been combined with the Presidency.

There was some Cyclo-cross activity inspired by Malcolm Boswell, aided by Frank Rodens. All good, but hardly clean, fun.

John Winstanley again got off to a flying start by winning the North Road Hardriders '25', afterwards settling down to a successful Road Racing season, but still managing to fit in a fair number of Time Trials which finally earned him the Touche Cup, in addition to the Road Racing Championship.

Despite some intense Time Trial activity the Club '100' was cancelled owing to lack of entries and thus there was no competition for the Gordon Stewart Bowl and there were no 12 hour rides to qualify for the Saward Cup. There were no Juniors or novices, not a very good outlook for the future. It had been apparent for some time that riders generally did not want to go a long way.

We lost the Interclub '25' with the Aylesbury for only the second time in 9 years, but not because we did not have the riders to beat them as is shown by the fact that the 25 mile Team Record fell four times during the season, resulting as follows:

J. Winstanley	57.07
K. Ruffell	59.17
N. Gardner	59.29
	<b>2.55.53</b>

The same 3 riders also beat the 50 mile Team Record

J. Winstanley	2.00.44
N. Gardner	2.04.46
K. Ruffell	2.06.33
	<b>6.12.03</b>

In addition to John Winstanley, Phil Liggett and Sid Lovatt both had successful seasons on the road and Sid was Club Track Champion. At long last Ernie Hussey's 41 year old 1000 metre standing start Club Record fell to Sid, by two fifths of a second in 1.17 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub>.

Phil Liggett was also riding well in Time Trials and beat the hour three times during the season, but his big unpaced effort was the North & West Home Counties R.R.A. Record, for Winchester-Wantage & back. He clocked 3.48.40 to beat the standard time by 1 min. 20 seconds for the 80 miles.

Another big event in mid season was the marriage of Pat Thompson and Sid Lovatt. A little earlier, Terry Devine was also married.

Pam King was riding very well and achieved many placings in Open Events. Her times which won the Ladies' Championship were 26.15, 1.4.52 and 2.16.45 for 10, 25 and 50 miles, the last two beating her own Club Records. Jean Riley was Runner Up.

John Winstanley's haul of 5 Trophies were the Scales, Darling-Lauterwasser and John Blunt Cups for the best 25, 50 and 100 miles of the year, in 54.54, 2.1.13 and 4.12.28 in addition to those already mentioned. The 25 was Club Record, beating his 1967 time by min. 29 secs. Norman Gardner was Runner Up and Sid Lovatt Hill Climb Champion. Ken Ruffell was a much improved short distance rider and had times for 25 and 50 miles of 58.4 and 2.4.21

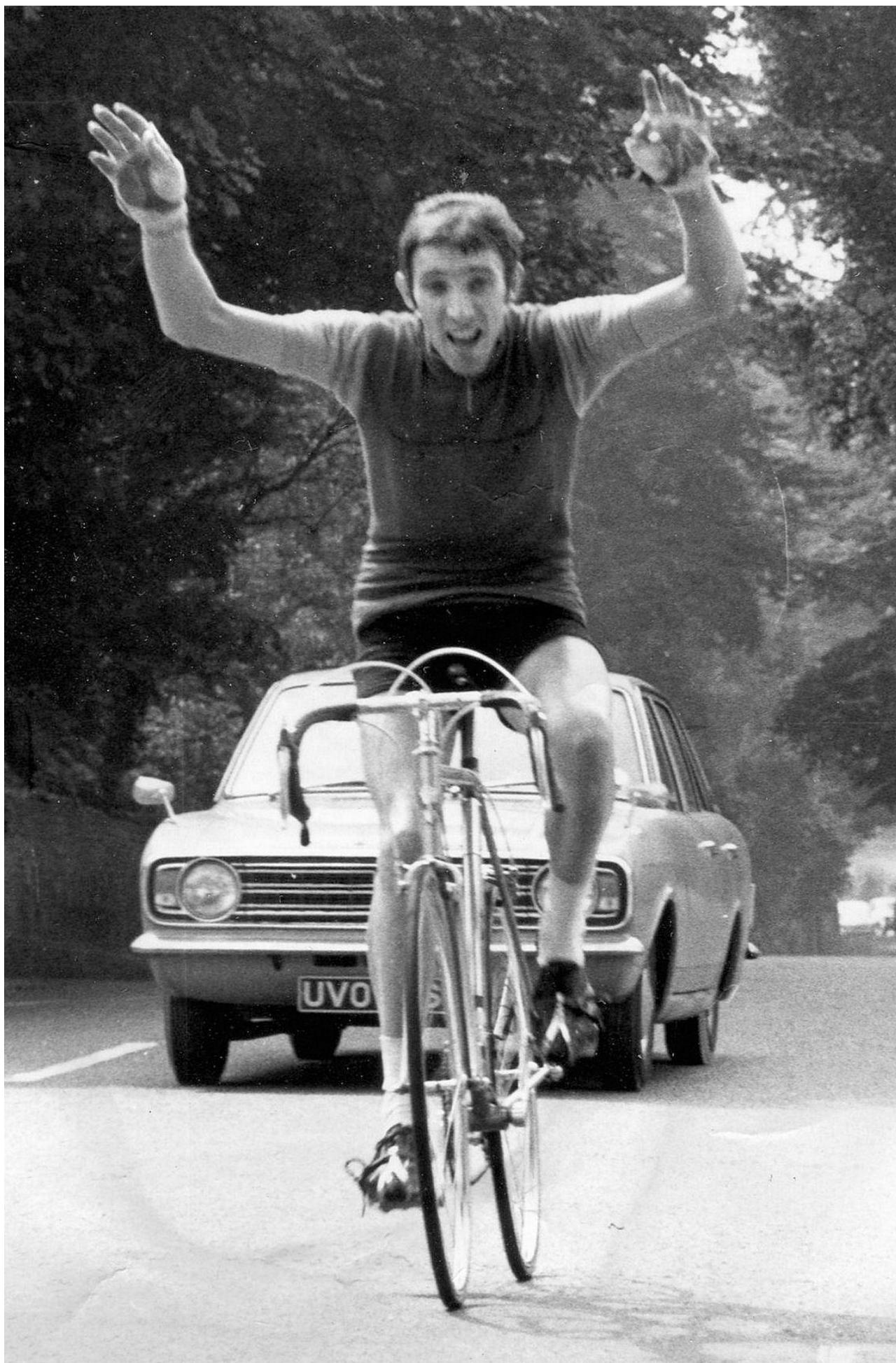
The Joe Evans Memorial Trophy went to Steve Pontin and the George Hampton Trophy to Jon King.

The Memorial Open '50' which had been attracting larger entries of recent years was won in the record time of 1.59.8., but not alas by a Club rider, the winner being P. Wood (Chelmer C.C.)

We received news from Canada that both Les Humphreys and Chris Hooker were racing there, Chris particularly with a fair amount of success.

We would start 1970 with at least one junior and novice, as Niki Koniotes (Phil's younger brother) became a member in October. Jean Badger also joined at this time.

The Dinner was again at the Alexandra National Hotel, with Laurie Johnson in the chair.





ALAN DUNN, CHAUFFEUR TO THE STARS, WITH DUSTY SPRINGFIELD

## 1970

Laurie Johnson was again President in 1970 but he relinquished the post of General Secretary, in fact there was quite a switch round amongst the officials.

Pat Lovatt became General Secretary and Jean Riley, Treasurer, thus the Ladies were largely in charge, although Pam King resigned the Gazette Editorship and Phil Koniotes took over. After a long run at the Priory Social Centre, we were in search of a Club Room, finally settling down at Tottenham Drill Hall.

In the North Road Hardriders '25' Sid Lovatt took third place and a surprise entrant was Ray Gosman, making his first appearance in competition as a Veteran. Amongst the new members during the year were Dave Duke and three juniors, namely G. Hardy, M. Wardroper and M. Peatchey. One rider who had been doing well and we were sorry to lose was Ken Ruffell, who joined the Whitewebbs C.C. Two other riders, not exactly lost, but married, were Joe Walkom and Barry Johnson.

Chris Hooker was in Great Britain during the summer, representing Canada in both the Commonwealth Games and World Championships. Another one that got away.

John Winstanley was second in our Open '50' to P. Wood (Chelmer C.C.) who won it for the second year. We seemed destined not to win our own event.

Road Racing continued to flourish, partially at the expense of Time Trialling, although John Winstanley had the fastest 25 and 50 mile performances at the end of the year with 1.0.34 and 2.1.38. Competition at longer distances was at low ebb and Mike Watts became Club Champion with an average speed for 25, 50 and 100 miles of 21.414 mph. He also took the John Blunt Cup for the fastest '100' with a time of 4.44.54. Niki Koniotes took both the Junior Championship with an aggregate of 2.48.42 over 10, 25 and 30 miles and the Best Novice Award. Sid Lovatt beat John Winstanley for the Road Race Championship and also took both the Track and Hill Climb Awards.

Ray Gosman commenced his comeback at the end of the season, his first effort being a 1.2 for 25 miles on an Eastern Roads course. Quite a ride after a fifteen year lay-off. Several rides followed, the fastest being 1.1.16. And so to 1971.

The Annual Dinner was moved to the Fox Hotel, Palmers Green which proved a popular venue. Laurie Johnson was in the Chair.

## 1971

Jack Lauterwasser was the new President for 1971 and most other officials carried on as before.

In February, we received the sad news that Alice Hampton had died at the age of 76. She joined the Club as far back as 1922, marrying George Hampton in 1927. This was a great partnership and until 1939, when they were evacuated to Harrogate, she gave unstinted service to the Club. She is sadly missed by those who knew her.

There were nine new members during the year, including several juniors who were soon in competition. Lots of things seemed to be happening in 1971, and Frank Weatherly, Dave Plummer, Norman Gardner, Dave Duke and Malcolm Boswell were to be married before the year was out. Earlier, Phil Liggett married Pat Tipper and in addition landed another big job in the shape of the Milk Race Organiser. Congrats, all round. Then there was the visit of the four Dutch riders from the Sparta Club Holland, who raced here with some success, and were entertained by the Club, mainly the Lovatt, Liggett and Tipper families, it would seem.

Late in the season, Les Humphreys paid us a visit from Canada and managed to work in, a few Time Trials whilst here. A new tricyclist, Brian Edrupt appeared on the scene and managed to tidy up the 25 and 50 records with times of 1.8.56 and 2.26.30. The 25 had stood for 40 years and the 50 for 46 years.

A new event, an Open '25' was held on a Saturday afternoon in August and attracted a full entry, but Club events (time trials) were almost non-existent, with little competition above 50 miles. As for the 12 hour Cup, perhaps we will take it down and dust it now and again. No, I must not 'go on'.

It was a very successful season for Sid Lovatt who again won the Road Race, Track and Hill Climb Championships. He was also Time Trial Champion and took the Touche Cup with an average speed of 23.650 mph, and the John Blunt Cup for the fastest '100' of the year with a time of 4.35.25. Jon King was Runner Up, taking the Miller Cup with an average speed of 23.301 mph.

Ray Gosman's return to Time Trialling was a huge success and he was worthy winner of the Scales and Darling-Lauterwasser Cups for the fastest 25 and 50 with rides of 59.15 and 2.5.39, the '25' being a personal best after 17 years. His performances were quite remarkable, particularly as he had an appendix operation during the season. His end of season battle with Sid Lovatt for the fastest '25' was quite a thriller, Ray eventually winning by just two seconds.

There were six competitors in the Junior Championship, a most encouraging sign, which became a great struggle between Niki Koniotes and Mike Wardroper, the honours finally going to Niki, his best times for 10 and 25 miles being 22.56 and 1.0.54. Mike's times were 22.49 and 1.1.11. quite outstanding for a schoolboy. O. Hart was awarded the Keen Memorial bowl for best novice of the year.

Other names on the Prize List include juniors Mike English, Graham Hardy and Ivor Ogborn, in addition to Pam King, again Ladies' Champion.

The awards gained in Open and Association Time Trials were considerable, with veteran Ray Gosman and Junior Mike Wardroper, taking totals of 13 and 11 respectively. Brian Edrupt, Graham Hardy, Niki Koniotes, Pam King and Sid Lovatt sharing the rest, a total of 10 Road Race placings were shared between Sid Lovatt and Phil Liggett and on Paddington Track, Sid had 13 placings and Terry Devine, one.

And so on to the Club Dinner, again at the Fox Hotel, with Jack Lauterwasser in the Chair, where the above riders were duly acclaimed. The Joe Evans Memorial Trophy went to Ivy Edrupt and the George Hampton Trophy to Phil Koniotes, both worthy recipients.

This brings the story right up to date. It is now February and we are in our 89th year, in my opinion a pretty fair innings.

Yes, we have come a long way and in trying to express gratitude to all those who have contributed to this history, my mind goes back to A. C. Crane and Harold Johnson because they really were, as I have already shown, the main source of inspiration in those early years. I had the honour to know them both and still marvel at their enthusiasm.

At the time I joined, in 1926, George Hampton was well installed as General Secretary and was the dominant figure until the outbreak of war in 1939. The amount of work he did for the Club was quite enormous.

There is no question that Steve Pontin has dominated the post-war years and I would like to put on record my appreciation of his prodigious efforts on behalf of the Club during the last 25 years. Naturally, a Club does not achieve success only through its officials and it must attract riders, fast ones if possible, but, more important, good Clubmen.

I think that we have been successful in all directions, otherwise we would not have survived. There is ample evidence to this effect in the number of old clubs that have 'fallen by the wayside'.

I must also pay tribute to Arthur Edrupt for the work he has done for the last 30 years or more. Over this period, Arthur has tried to stand down from time to time, but has usually found himself back with the same jobs due to lack of staying power on the part of usually younger men. At the same time, I must include Ivy Edrupt, and in fact Brian also as the family's contribution is considerable.

Over the years, we have been lucky with family partnerships and more recently there are Jon and Pam King. I can hardly believe that Jon has been a member for nine years and Pam for eight and during that time they have shared numerous jobs between them. Another old timer, by modern standards, Ian Yule, is coming up to 13 years membership and still a keen rider. There is no doubt that active long serving types are the basis of a strong Club.

An even more recent family partnership is that of Pat and Sid Lovatt. Pat is to be congratulated on taking on the General Secretaryship in what is, or was, a predominantly male club. Sid, it is hardly necessary for me to add, is a very fine rider who enhances the name of the Club every time he rides. Long may they continue.

In the foregoing pages I have tried to mention all those who have played a part in the story, but inevitably some will not have been given the credit due to them and I apologise for any omissions.

It does seem to be a continual repetition of names and performances, but it is at least in date order and one need not read the lot. Sort of start from 'This is where I came in.' If this eventually gets in the hands of younger members, I hope they will read enough to realise that they have joined a Club of some standing and that tradition is worth something, even in these materialistic days.

After considering what I have already written, I do not appear to have given sufficient space to social and non-racing fixtures, such as the Utility '100', dances, Club Room, Vice-Presidents runs, Christmas runs and Holiday tours, but all these have continued to be successfully organised and enjoyed. Club Runs are something of an exception and it is probably difficult for a modern rider to understand the addiction of older riders to this branch of activity. The concentration on the competitive side of the sport is mainly the reason and it is 'flogging a dead horse' to try and revive interest. Even so, it is a pity that the horse was allowed to die.

If I had my life over again (God forbid, I can hear the cry) I would be happy if my leisure time was spent in much the same way, although I would start cycling before the age of 21. It is, of course, a different Club today and useless for those as old as me to make comparisons. Nothing is ever the same, but it must be obvious to everyone that cycling in the days of little motor traffic must have been preferable to today's nightmare on main roads, not to mention the disappearance of the old time cycling caterer.

Fortunately, England still has a wonderful net-work of lanes and by-roads and those of us in our declining years who are still loyal to the bicycle can get nearly as much pleasure as in our younger days.

Personally, I hope to carry on for some time yet and even have the temerity to hope to still be around for our centenary. I see that the membership of the Club at the end of 1971 is given as 116, a very satisfactory total, but somewhat misleading.

How many are active or even still possess cycles, I would not know. We probably have a larger proportion than most clubs of members who remain loyal and retain membership long after their active days are finished and at least I consider this to be a good sign.

I have recently been in touch with some of the really old ones who are rarely seen and am able to report that C. H. Jenkins (1920), Jim Fisher (1926), Martin Johnson (1926) and Bill Flood (1927) have all retired and are in good health. Jim Ames (1927) and Ernie Mathews (1929) are still working and seen occasionally.

I call on Cecil Barnes (1926) at not too infrequent intervals and he too is retired. 'Dicky' Richardson (1920) is retired and still at Blackpool. Alf Stevens (1931) is semi-retired and I hope to call at his New Forest hide-out in the not too distant future. Harry Webb (1927) is due home from Australia in 1972.

All the above are my contemporaries, but I regret to say, no longer active. Even so these friendships are invaluable. It is nice to be able to report that there are a few of us who remain active cyclists and I may be excused for naming Dick Curtis (1927), Steve Pontin (1929), Harry Pullinger (1929) Bill Jennings (1931) and our reigning President, Jack Lauterwasser (1924).

Somewhere around the country, or the world for that matter, there may be others.

And what of the Club Champions of the past. Having given credit to the officials it must be emphasised that the successes of riders is what Club cycling is all about. Up to and about ten years ago, the Time Trial Sport was all important, but with the competition from Road Racing proper increasing all the time, the Time Trial Championship cannot rate as high as in earlier days. Even so, I propose to deal with Time Trial Champions only, not forgetting that to many riders, the Road Race Championship is considered a greater achievement.

Jack Lauterwasser (1925/8, 1930) was the ruling champion at the time I joined. Jack is now our longest serving active member and his contribution to the Club is limitless.

Ernie Hussey (1929, 1931/2, 34/5. 37) is still a loyal supporter of Club activities and known by most of our Track aspirants.

A. G. (Jock) Ward (1933) was the odd man out, who came and went in a season.

Maurice Edmonds (1936, 1938, 40, 1946) was a flamboyant character in his early days and had a fine wartime career in the R.A.F. and still somehow managed to fit in some racing. Now in America and still very interested in the Club.

Len Murphy (1941) could have been one of the 'greats' had the army not required his services. Now a prosperous Estate Agent (he must be prosperous, he sold my house).

Wally Rees (1942, 1947/9). A very 'gutsy' rider, keen Club supporter and good official for many years.

Frank (Tiny) Keats. (1943/5). Held the 'fort' during the later war years and was 'called up' after the war.

A gentle giant, all 6' 4" of him.

Ray Gosman (1950/2). His recent comeback leaves his case still open.

Alan Lauterwasser (1953, 1955/8). With a father like Jack, he had to be good and could have been even better.

Alan Hares (1954). A short career after which he hopped of to Australia. Came back and threatened to rejoin us, but changed his mind.

John Bompas (1959). Another fine rider who if I might say so, did not really last the course, but did not have the best of luck. Could also have been one of the 'greats'.

John Stapley (1960). At last a Stapley gets into the story. John was a great trier, but alas once he travelled north his racing inevitably petered out. Now he is even further north, in the Shetlands.

Brian Ranger (1961). A very good short run. Now in the west of England, and, I fear, no longer cycling.

Aubrey Trower (1962/3). An excellent performer and popular member, now in Canada, but not riding, or so I believe.

Chris Hooker (1964/6), Norman Gardner (1967/8), John Winstanley (1969) Mike Watts (1970) and Sid Lovatt (1971). All these are too recent to require any further comments on my part, except to say thanks for your various contributions to our history.

Our other success story, the Club Gazette, deserves a further mention. In its unbroken run of 40 years it has had 14 Editors, many of whom are still active today. Our thanks are due to them in large measure.

This concludes my story and if I have deviated from time to time, please forgive me. You will at least be in no doubt of my enthusiasm for the Finsbury Park Cycling Club.

I still follow the sport with great interest and am old fashioned enough to favour the Time Trial side. My views on the sport as it is today are somewhat controversial and on consideration, I have decided not to give them here.

There is another two years to run to complete the 90 year story, which I hope to add at the appropriate time.

### The Last Two Years - 1972/3

I take up the story again following a lapse of 21 months during which time the Club has continued to progress. The 1973 season is at an end and it can be said to have been successful, but more anon.

At the Annual General Meeting in January 1972, Jack Lauterwasser was re-elected President, Ray Gosman became Gazette Editor, taking over from Phil Koniotes and Arthur Edrupt, Treasurer, taking over from Jean Riley.

On a proposition by myself, eight members who had completed 40 years\*unbroken membership were offered Honorary Membership. They were Jim Ames, Jim Fisher, Bill Flood, C. H. Jenkins, Martin Johnson, Ernie Mathews, Alf Stevens and Harry Webb. All of them were delighted to accept. Harry Webb at that time was due to return to England from Australia, but it was not to be. He died on April 4th, a sad loss to the Club, and more particularly to his contemporaries.

As I have recorded earlier in this story, Harry, who joined in 1927 was for some years, a successful Social Secretary and a keen rider for 10 years or more. He continued to follow the Club activities with great interest, right up to the end of his life.

On a happier note, Dave Duke was married in Denmark, although I find that this was actually in December 1971, and in April 1972 Jean Riley was married.

The Club Reliability Trial was repeated, with only 57 entries for the loss of 19 medals, and was dropped in 1973.

A new departure was the sponsorship of five Open Events by Gestetner, the duplicator manufacturers. Sid Lovatt won two of them, the Premier Road Race and the All London Championship. The other events being a criterium, a cyclo-cross event and a track meeting.

The Vice Presidents Tea Run was again a success and thanks are due to the Edrupt family for the catering.

There were 11 new members during the year, and the total membership at the close was 118.

The 1972 prize list was so lengthy that I hardly know how to classify the many fine performances. Obviously I must commence with Sid Lovatt who took no fewer than seven Club Trophies, as follows:

Scales Cup	Fastest '25'	56.47
Darling-Lauterwasser Cup	Fastest '50'	1.56.30
John Blunt Cup	Fastest '100'	4.12.07
Alan Dunn Trophy	Hill Climb Championship	
Vic Stilts Trophy	Track Championship	
Ian Yule Trophy	Road Race Championship	
Touche Cup	Club Time Trial Championship	

In addition, he was fastest in the new Club 10 mile Competition, with an average speed of 27.212 mph.

Sid, as you know, only rides occasional Time Trials, but the above performance would not suggest this, and he had placings in the Barnet '25' (3rd), Westerley '100' (3<sup>rd</sup>) and E.C.C.A. '25' (3<sup>rd</sup>). He had 7 firsts in road races, together with 4 other placings, numerous successes at Paddington Track, including winning the All London 4000 mtr Individual Pursuit in 5m. 33 secs., was second in the Individual Championship of the Paddington Track League. The Club was also Runner Up in the Team Championship, Paddington Track 'A' League.

Runner Up in the Time Trial Championship was Ray Gosman, who in 1971 had shown that, despite the passing of years he was getting faster, even though the V.T.T.A. calculate that a man should slow at the rate of half a minute a year in a '25' from 40 years of age onwards.

To me this seems a reasonable assumption, but dedicated riders like Ray have torn this theory to pieces, and

his fastest times for 25 and 50 miles in 1972 of 57.58 and 1.59.6. were improvements of 1m. 49s. and 3m. 2s. respectively on his Club Records of 1954, and his '100' of 4.21.34 only 12 seconds adrift of his 1952 figures. His placings in Open and semi open events totalled 18 (25's and 50's).

Next I should mention the very fine tricycle rides of Brian Edrupt. He cleared the board with the following Club Record rides:

25 miles	1.08.10	50 miles	2.24.21
100 miles	4.59.15	12 hour	207.83 miles

For a number of years, Brian has been a great trier and is to be heartily congratulated, but as you know better was to come in 1973.

In addition, I see that he was fastest in the Club '30' in 1.19.13, took 1<sup>st</sup> handicap in the tens competition and won the Handicap Bowl.

Other Trophy winners were R. Bousted (Best Novice) and O. Hart (Junior Champion) with 26.14, 26.18, 1.2.55 and 1.5.41 for 10 and 25 miles. Pam King took the Ladies Championship with 26.13, 26.43 for 10 miles and 1.7.11. and 1.9.47 for 25 miles. Further names in the prize list were Terry Devine, (Runner Up, Road Race Championship), M. English, V. Franklin, Jon King, the brothers Koniotes, I. Ogborn, M. Peatchey,

Ian Yule and last but by no means least, Rod Roud who joined us half way through the season.

Before many of us were able to make the acquaintance of Rod, he was off to sea again, complete with home trainer and bicycle; yes, he is a Purser aboard Blue Star Line's vessels. There was a whisper that he had been a promising junior rider and it transpired that in 1964 he was a member of the Salisbury Road Club and had been placed 3rd in the Junior National Championship, with a 25 mile time of 58.10 on our favourite (?) F.I. Course.

After this he went to sea in 1965 and as he reports next obtained a bicycle in May 1972.

He was home in July and rode in the Cambridge Town '25' clocking 1.0.28 which must have been his first race for about 8 years. Home again in September, he did a 57.53 in a Birmingham event, and on the following day, what I presume was his first ever '50', in 2.3.43 in the Viking R.C. event. The following weekend he won the Kettering Amateur '25' in 57.16 and on the following day he did a jnodelist 59.25.

Back to sea and home again before Christmas, he travelled north to Manchester and ran second to Dave Lloyd (who was considered one of the top riders in 1971) with a ride of 1.0.22 to Dave's 59.55. Dave Lloyd said he had never heard of the chap, which was hardly surprising.

Bearing in mind that Rod's training is done almost entirely at sea, these are remarkable rides and a tribute to his tremendous enthusiasm and it surprises me that the cycling press has given him little publicity.

Club Team Records broken during the year:

25	S. Lovatt	56.47	miles	100 miles	S. Lovatt	4.12.07
	R. Gosman	58.04			R. Gosman	4.21.34
	J. King	1.00 22			J. King	4.27.00
		<b>2.55.13</b>				<b>13.00.41</b>

Other team awards were fastest in the Norlond 3 Up Team Time Trial (Gosman, Liggett, Lovatt) Fastest Barnet '25' (Lovatt, N. Koniotes & Peatchey) and we beat both the Glendene C.C. and Century R.C. in the two Inter-club '25s'

Individual placings in both Time Trials and Road Races were won by B. Edrupt, O. Hart, Pam King, P. Koniotes, M. Peatchey, T. Devine, P. Liggett, F. Williamson, N. Koniotes, B. Clarke and D. Duke. The foregoing is a somewhat formidable list of performances, but in order not to omit anybody, I have in fact, condensed them as far as possible.

And so on to the final event of the year, the Annual Dinner, which was again held at The Fox, Palmers Green and there was a record attendance.

### 1973

Here we are on the last lap. There were few changes of Officials at the Annual General Meeting. Jack Lauterwasser was re-elected President, very appropriately, for this special year.

Taking events a little out of sequence, I have been studying the lengthy list of racing performances, and find even more difficulty than last year in condensing them.

First place must surely go to Ray Gosman, who wins the Touche Cup, which he last won in 1952, with rides of 55.25, 1.55.17 and 4.18.45 for 25, 50 and 100 miles, all personal bests with the '50' being a Club Record.

But these figures do not tell half of the story. He made fastest time in 12 open and semi open events (including our own Open '50') and was placed in another 12. Inside 2 hours for 50 miles no fewer than 9 times, and in the last two seasons he had beaten the hour on 38 occasions.

A wonderful demonstration of dedication to the Sport for a man of 44, beating in the main, men 20 years or more his junior, and on the way, giving a fine boost to the Club which leaves me overwhelmed with admiration.

Sid Lovatt takes the Miller Cup as Runner Up, but on the few occasions that he entered the Time Trial field, he did not strike the right days, his times being 57.31, 2.3.13 and 4.24.45 for 25, 50 and 100 miles respectively.

I have in front of me, an impressive list of 13 Club Record breaking rides, which speak for themselves, as follows:

14 <sup>th</sup> June	B.R. Edrupt	10 miles Tricycle	25.16
17 <sup>th</sup> June	B.R. Edrupt	50 miles Tricycle	2.19.28
21 <sup>st</sup> June	B.R. Edrupt	10 miles Tricycle	25.10
24 <sup>th</sup> June	R.W. Gosman	50 miles Bicycle	1.55.28
28 <sup>th</sup> June	B.R. Edrupt	10 miles Tricycle	24.56
1 <sup>st</sup> July	B.R. Edrupt	12 hours Tricycle	215.718 miles
14 <sup>th</sup> July	R.W. Gosman	50 miles Bicycle	1.55.17
29 <sup>th</sup> July	B.R. Edrupt	12 hours Tricycle	220.48 miles
16 <sup>th</sup> August	S.O. Lovatt	10 miles Bicycle	21.51
24/25 <sup>th</sup> August	B.R. Edrupt	24 hours Tricycle	387.313 miles
9 <sup>th</sup> September	B.R. Edrupt	25 miles Tricycle	1.07.16
7 <sup>th</sup> October	B.R. Edrupt	25 miles Tricycle	1.07.07
7 <sup>th</sup> October	R. Roud	25 miles Bicycle	54.08

Brian Edrupt being responsible for the 9 tricycle rides, deserves our special praise, particularly for his N & W H.C.R.R.A. 12 hour record of 220.48 miles. Possibly because I never rode a '24' hour myself, I have a special regard for anybody courageous enough to sit on a saddle for those long hours. A wonderful season Brian, and certainly a busy one. There is a further record that should be mentioned. Last year, Brian did a '30' of 1.23.18, which were new figures for a tricycle, but at that time there was no fixed standard. This has since been rectified and this stands as a Club Record.



Brian Edrupt at the finish of his North & West Home Counties Road Records Association  
12hr Record Attempt of 220.48 miles on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1973



Brian Edrupt cornering during the North Road C.C. 24 Hour, 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> August 1973. 387.313 miles.  
George Bettis was fastest with a new course and event record of 491.171 miles.

Ray's two record fifties were surely his best rides of the year and Rod Roud's 54.08 on the Catterick course put a fine finishing touch to the season.

Rod's season commenced on 11<sup>th</sup> March, when he won the E.C.C.A. '25' with 59.28. and two weeks later the Norlond '25' in 58.35. Then on 1<sup>st</sup> April he won the Salisbury R.C. '25' (his old Club) in 57.24. which I believe was at that date the fastest of the year.

Then a long gap until he returned from sea in September, when he won the N.M. & H.C.A. '25' in 58.31, was narrowly beaten in the Leicester C.A. '25' in 59.35, soon followed by a 1.0.28 and a 57.47. Then followed his Club Record as above, with a final 56.24 in the E.C.C.A. '25' on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Only 10 events were ridden in all, including a Road Race in Cape Town in May, when he admits to having lapped the field, and in the process of winning a nice trophy, plus a Zeus Chainset and two tubulars. And so his placings totalled five wins, 3 seconds, one third and a ninth place which produced a 57.47.

How is this high standard of fitness attained? Two hours daily on a home trainer, in the main. I am amazed and entirely lost for words.

Now for the rest of the Club Trophies. The worthy winners are as follows:

Scales Cup	Fastest '25'	R. Roud	54.08
Darling Lauterwasser Cup	Fastest '50'	R. Gosman	1.55.17
John Blunt Cup	Fastest '100'	R. Gosman	4.18.45
Saward Cup	Best '12' hr.	B. Edrupt	220.48 M
Frank Tillman Bowl	Best '24' hr.	B. Edrupt	387.313M

(Both Brian's rides were, of course, on 3 wheels and 20 years have elapsed since the Tillman Bowl was last won)

Aleko Cup, Junior Championship	R. Graham	23.410 mph
Jack Keen Bowl, Best Novice	R. Graham	

(Richard, I believe, is still at school and joined us only this year. His times of 23.50, 24.49, 1.6.43 and 1.8.47 promise well for the future).

Ladies' Champion Pam King 22.694 mph  
(26.11 and 26.13 for 10 miles and 1.5.55 and 1.7.30 for 25 miles)

Handicap Champion Jon King

(Nice to see the Kings still up there among the Prize Winners and congratulations to Jon for beating the hour in 59.18. Also for the award of the G.H. Hampton Gazette Trophy).

Memorial Trophy Open '50' R. Gosman 2.05.15

(Ray is the first Club member to win this trophy. An excellent ride on a hard day).

Once again, Sid Lovatt takes the following three trophies:

Alan Dunn Trophy	Hill Climb Championship
Ian Yule Trophy	Road Race Championship
Vic Stilts Trophy	Track Championship

Although he has not had quite such a good season (his verdict) he had four good road wins in top class events. They were the Surrey Road Club, Camel Filters Grand Prix, North London Divisional Championship and the Verulam Criterium, and he had six other placings. He also won outright the Paddington Track League Individual Championship (the runner up being Steve Heffernan). The series of Club Ten mile events were also won by Sid, which included a Club Record ride of 21.51. Novice Richard Graham won the Handicap Section.

Last but not least, Brian Edrupt again wins the Attendance Shield.

We beat the Glendene C.C. in the Inter-club '25' but were badly beaten by the Century R.C. in a later '25'. With due respect to our riders, it was hardly our best team, which seems a pity.

Amongst other prize winners, Mike Peatchey, who has awards for 25 and 50 miles was unfortunate to find that his first '100' of 4.36.40 turned out to be on a course 700 yards short.

This completes (I think) the main prize winners. In addition, there are Club Event awards to C. Baker, P. Thomson, M. Sandford, all being new members, and Mike English. Perhaps I should add, errors and omissions excepted.

A few months back, the Club lost one of its oldest members, Jim Ames. He was one of my earliest touring companions. This was another sad personal loss. Jim joined the Club in 1927, a few months after me and you will find his name from then on in this story. He was A good Clubman and tough rider for many years, retaining his interest right to the end.

So here we are at the end of the story. Having re-read my summing up at the end of 1971, I feel there is no need to add to, or amend what I then wrote.

The Club's successes in these last two years have, I am sure, exceeded expectations, and thanks are due to all those who have taken part. There are a few Clubs older than us, but I wonder how many have proof of 90 years' continuous activity and I am sure that we can look forward to the future with confidence.

On a personal note, I continue to enjoy my cycling. Most of my riding this year has been near home, except for two weeks in the Dolomites which I found rather strenuous. I estimate that I completed a quarter of a million miles since joining the Club in 1926. Not exceptional for those of my age still riding, but I am afraid that we are a 'dying race'.

And so, on to the Centenary.

Frank L. Stapley

Subsequent to Frank's conclusion of this saga, he was awarded the Joe Evans Memorial Trophy for meritorious service to the Club.

It was presented at the 1973 Celebration Banquet, and no-one can have any doubt as to the worthiness of the award. It marked not only the signally successful completion of a monumental task. It was intended to mark, too, a lifetime of devotion to the Club



1983 CELEBRATION CAKE

At the end of his 'Ninety Year Story of the Finsbury Park Cycling Club' Frank Stapley concluded with the words: "And so on to the Centenary" . Well, the 'Park' has made it but, to our sorrow, we lost our Frank on the way. So, for the final ten years up to our Centenary, we have another chronicler who will endeavour to finish the story so ably started.



FRANK L STAPLEY

The last act of our first 90 years was the Anniversary Dinner in December at the Cranbourne Rooms, Red Lion, Hatfield. Brian Edrupt was the organiser with many other Club members 'doing their own thing\*' to make it a very special occasion. Amongst past Club Champions present was Bob Arnold, the 1924 Champion, who had flown over from Belfast to be with us and Wally Rees and Len Murphy. Representatives from about ten clubs were present, many of them having been formed about the same time as the 'Park'<sup>1</sup>. A record number of 166 attended to enjoy this very special occasion.

Although 1973 had been a busy year on the sporting side other aspects of the Club were causing concern.

At the end of the year the Club had 112 members but only two new members had been elected during that year. Attendances at the Club Room were falling and to quote Pat Lovatt in her annual report as General Secretary: 'Same old faces doing the work as usual'. A pertinent reply to that last observation would be: 'Twas ever thus', but it must be admitted that the 'Park' has been fairly lucky in having a steady supply of 'old faces' to keep it going through the years. The problem of our inability to attract young new members was to be with us for another couple of years.

## 1974

At the beginning of 1974, Frank Stapley took over the Presidency from Jack Lauterwasser. Phil Thomson became Captain, Brian Edrupt took over Gazette publishing and Sid Lovatt became Track Secretary.

Shortly afterwards, at a special General Meeting, the Rule governing the admission of new members was altered. The effect of the change was to allow established cyclists, known to Club members, to join the Club without attending Club runs prior to election. The same thing applied to a prospective lady member being the wife, fiancée or relative of a Club member. prospective members, new to cycling, would have to attend preelection runs as before.

The beginning of March had a disappointment for us with the resignation of first-claim membership by our Club Champion, Ray Gosman. He had felt a desire for team backing in time trials, especially in Vets' events, which the Park was unable to give. He retained second-claim membership.

The Easter Tour this year was scheduled to be held in the Brecon area, but at the time the arrangements had to be made a fuel crisis was looming up. So, it was decided to go to Suffolk with our base near Lavenham.

It was a good tour and the weather was kind to our party of 15. On the Sunday Steve guided the party down to a cottage at White Notley between Braintree and Witham where we had been invited to lunch by the Brothers Swift. I wasn't on the tour but rode out from home to meet the Club at White Notley. About 20 sat down for lunch. The link between the Swift Brothers and the 'Park\*' was forged up in the Lake District over many Christmases at Wasdale Head.

At Easter, Rod Roud came back from the sea to stay for ten weeks until the end of June. During that time he rode in eighteen events and only failed to finish in one of them - the National Championship 25 - due to a couple of punctures. In sixteen 25's he had 3 wins, 5 seconds, 3 fourths, 2 fifths and a sixth and seventh place. He did two 54s, one 55, two 56s, four each 57s and 58s and two 'O's. He won our Open 50 with 1.55.24 which made him the fastest 50 miler of the year at that stage and did 22.51 on a hard night in one of our Club 10s. Just shows what can be done with strength, determination and a set of rollers. He now rides for G.S. Europa and has finished inside the hour in the last three National Championships (1981-3).

John Bompas and Ted Hill both staged a come-back this year. John (variously known as 'Bompy' or 'The Barrel') resurfaced on the 13<sup>th</sup> March in a 26¾ mile Round Poole Harbour T.T., a hardish course. John turned in a 1.17.10, his first race for about twelve years, and steadily improved through the season to get his '25' time down to 1.3.10. During the summer, rumours were coming north that Ted Hill had started racing again and was riding in club events of the San Fairy Ann - his second claim club. These rumours were amply confirmed in July when he appeared on the F4 in a Club '25' and took Fastest and First Handicap with a 1.2.11, screwing down the scratch man by fourteen seconds.

We had two inter-club events during the year. One with the Glendene in April which was a wash-out in all respects. We failed to start a team on a wet and windy morning and the Glendene had a walk-over. Praise for the marshalls turning out in the wet was forthcoming from our T.T. Sec. I seem to remember a morning at Essendonbury when, firstly, I wondered if anybody was going to turn up at all and, secondly, why there was a dearth of familiar faces.

The second inter-club was with the Century also on F4. Ted Hill turned up and again took Fastest and First Handicap as if to emphasize that the previous occasion wasn't a fluke. We finished a team this time but got well beaten.

Our Open '50' was blessed with a good day and a field of 80 riders. In making fastest time Rod Roud improved his personal best by 5 minutes in his third '50' ever, beating ex-Parker Ray Gosman by 1 min 23 secs. Bob Badger recorded 2.42.59 but there were extenuating circumstances. Bob's car broke down causing his late start. His actual time was 2.24.59 and he was still recovering from a bout of influenza.

In the Open '25' Jon King was our fastest with 1.2.07, Ian Yule did 1.5.31 and Brian on his trike did 1.10.59. Pam King was riding but lost 13 minutes helping police with their enquiries into Arthur Wilkins' mysterious crash. Her gross time was 1.26.56. Both Opens were Arthur Edrupt promotions, well organised as usual.

Despite the distractions of moving house, redecorating and rebuilding, Sid Lovatt managed some six or seven placings during the season and took the Club Road Race Championship for the fifth consecutive year.

On the track Frank Williamson won the North London Divisional Track Championship at Welwyn and had been riding in events at Paddington along with Sid Lovatt, Terry Devine and Richard Graham. Frank Williamson was the year's Club Track Champion.

Jon King took the Touche Cup as Club Champion as well as the John Blunt Cup for the best '100' and also the Vice Presidents Shield for best support at Club fixtures. Bob Badger had a good year and went home with the Miller Cup (runner-up Club Championship) and the Gordon Stewart Bowl (Handicap Champion). Rod Roud with his 1.55.24 took both the Memorial Trophy and the Darling-Lauterwasser Cup and took the Scales Cup for the best '25' 54,56). Richard Graham and Pam King were unchallenged in the Junior and Women's sections.

As an experiment the Hillclimb was held on a Thursday evening at the end of August. But the entry was disappointing with only four starting. Despite lack of training Sid Lovatt was fastest up Handpost Hill to win the Dunn Trophy.'

The Club Tens Series were the most popular and best supported events of the season. There were eight of them on various Thursdays between the beginning of May and the middle of August. Sid Lovatt finished top of the scratch table and Frank Williamson won the handicap.

In a wet and windy year twenty-two members completed time trials and ten personal bests were done.

The Annual Dinner this year was held at a new venue, Apollo Suite, Cockfosters.

## 1975

Coming events casting their shadows before is how one could describe a series of middlemarkers' training runs organised by Bob Badger during the first few weeks of 1975. Support was poor for the first couple of weeks but improved as the weather improved and one could only hope that all the pain and suffering was worth while.

Fastest time in a cold and foggy North Road Hardriders '25' was 1.11.58 and Sid Lovatt came fifth with 1.13.26 behind a certain John Sanders of the Highgate, a name which was to appear more and more in the chronicles of the Finsbury Park in the immediate years to come.

In the middle of March - to break the monotony of our well-beaten tracks around the lanes of Hertfordshire and Essex - a motor assisted run was organised down to Ted & Patsy Hill's well known CTC establishment at Biddenden in Kent. The weather was kind, Patsy's lunch was delicious, and a good time was had by the six of us that went. It certainly made a change to explore unfamiliar surroundings.

Also in March the Club ran its open road race on the Wildhill circuit. Mike English, Phil Gardner, Barry Clarke, Terry Devine and Richard Wlodarski started but, alas, all finished up as 'also rans'. Paul Medhurst won the race 25 seconds clear. Ian Yule organised the event and among the many helpers was the old firm of 'Arthur & Ivy's Teas' doing a brisk trade on a cold but dry day.

The annual Easter Tour pilgrimage, organised as usual by Steve Pontin, went exploring the beauty of Brecknockshire. The weather was sunny but cold with an odd snow shower here and there. The party of twelve, based at Talybont on Usk near Brecon, agreed that it was one of the best Easters ever.

The first Club '25' in April was a good day out for Vic Franklin. He took fastest and first handicap, the first time ever he had won a Club event.

Meanwhile down in the New Forest, 'Bompy' was continuing his come-back with 59.53, following this up a fortnight later with 59.34 knocking two seconds off a previous best done in 1960.

The Interclub team race with the Glendene was a rewarding day for our riders, with fast times and three personal bests. John Bompas (58.04) a minute and a half beating of his previous best done a fortnight before, Ted Hill (1.0.25), and Terry Devine (1.0.47) a personal best by nearly three minutes. These three gave us a ten minute win over the Glendene trio. A much better performance than last year in the wind and rain when we failed to finish a team.

The Vice Presidents' Tea Run was held again in June at the Village hall, Newgate Street. Jack Lauterwasser was in the chair deputising for Frank Stapley who was away on a three-week tour of British Columbia. Our stalwart caterers were, of course Grace 'n Ivy.

In two action-packed weekends at the beginning of August the fate of five Club Trophies was virtually settled. Ted Hill had already enhanced his Club Championship chances the previous month with a personal best '25' of 58.24 then, in the Southgate '50', he followed up with 2.1.45, a near three minute beating of a 1959 personal best. The same day down Southend way Sid Lovatt was doing a 2.2.08. The following weekend Sid did 57.48 in the Unity '25' and the following day, 4.27.29 in the Westerly '100'. Sid wasn't satisfied with these times but they brought him the Touche, Scales and Blunt Cups. Ted took the Miller Cup and the 50 mile cup.

Our second interclub '25' of the year, with the Century, held at the end of September resulted in a comfortable win for our team: Ted Hill, Jon King, Terry Devine and Bob Badger.

On the track, Paddington track in this instance, our riders made a late start, seasonally speaking. They really got down to it towards the end of June and picked up a good tally of points, getting wins and places in both open and League events. It had been suggested earlier in the season that, with so little to show for our efforts in the 'B' League, a 'C' League would have to be created for us to drop into. Not so, said Sid Lovatt, Terry Devine, Frank Williamson and Mick Hooker, and their late efforts took us up to second place in the 'B' League and promotion to the 'A' League for the following year. Sid also came third in the North London Divisional Track Championships and added the Club Track Championship Cup to the steadily growing collection he would be taking home after the Club Dinner.

The Club 'Tens' Competition attracted a total of 72 entries, 14 down on the previous year despite an extra event. However, there was a hard core of regular contenders for the prizes and, in particular, the battle for Handicap points was keenly fought between Vic Franklin and Bob Badger with Vic emerging successful. Sid Lovatt took the Scratch award with his best three rides (22.17, 23.01 & 23.05).

The Junior Championship Cup went to Richard Graham for the third consecutive year.

The Yule Trophy also went to Sid Lovatt for winning the Club Road Race Championship. His twelve placings in road races during the year included four firsts. Barry Clarke was second with four placings and Terry Devine third with two placings. Tragically, Barry's Bronze medal was a posthumous award. He died early in the year as the result of a road accident while out training. Barry was 23 and came from Wolverhampton. He joined the Park in 1970 when living in London to study for his BSc.

The last recorded event of the year was the Club Hill-climb on Handpost Hill. Sid Lovatt won it but was lard pressed by Terry Devine who got to within a second of him. The donor of the Dunn Trophy was present at the event, having flown back from Hawaii especially to see it - it was suggested!

The Club ran both open events again this year. The '50' in June and the '25' in August. In the second open, Sid Lovatt, Ted Hill & Jon King won the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest team award.

Weatherwise the year was much better for good times, less wind and rain and more heat. There were 16 Parkers doing races this year against 22 last year. Fourteen personal bests were recorded. Competition was strong and there were several 'needle' matches going on throughout the year.

Three Club members died during the year. Barry Clarke, H. Jenkins and Frank Stapley. Also we were sorry to hear of the deaths of two previous members, Kitty Hussey (Ernie's wife) and Laurie Dixon.

The unexpectedness of Frank's death came as a shock to us all. As usual he had been having an energetic programme of cycling during the year, including a three week tour of British Columbia, and had been riding the day before he had his stroke in the November. We all miss him very much.

The Gordon Stewart Bowl for the Handicap Championship was won by Vic Franklin who just beat Ian Yule to the finishing line by a whisker, or to put it statistically - seven thousandths of a mile per hour. Bob Badger won the year long race for the Club Attendance Shield and Brian Edrupt was awarded the Joe Evans Memorial Trophy for meritorious service to the Club. The G. H. Hampton Trophy for best contribution to the Gazette went to the writer.

In addition to Cups and Trophies already mentioned, Club awards went to Bob Badger, John Bompas, Barry Clarke, Terry Devine, Vic Franklin, Richard Graham, Ted Hill, Mick Hooker, Jon King, Sid Lovatt and Ian Yule.

Awards gained by Club members in Open events went to John Bompas, Ted Hill, Jon King, Vic Franklin, Ian Yule, Bob Badger, Terry Devine and Sid Lovatt.

## 1976

We entered 1976 very conscious of the fact that we hadn't had a youngster join the Club for over two years. In the Club Gazette and in an Annual report there had appeared such phrases as "let us all hope that the Park can pull up its socks and attract a few young cyclists to boost our somewhat diminishing ranks", "otherwise we shall descend into a sort of twilight existence, just another organisation for living in the past".

New youngsters usually came into the club via that institution known as the Club Run. In our case they have to attend two or perhaps three Club cycling fixtures before they can apply for membership. Well, we have Club runs but they are largely supported by members in their sixties and seventies. So, it was decided to have alternative runs which would be led by Club members of tenderer years. It didn't work and the idea was dropped after a couple of months.

On a personal note, at the end of last year my circumstances had undergone a radical change, I had become a pensioned layabout. This meant freedom to attend Club runs with the possibility of winning the attendance Shield for the first time in fortyfive years as a member of the Club.

The Club saw other opportunities arising from my retirement and at the A.G.M. I found myself landed with three jobs: Curator, Gazette Editor and Club President. My lack of enthusiasm for the last job was countered by some arm-twisting.

Early in the year we had a welcome visit from our Californian member, Stan Rowley and his wife Joy. Six of us took advantage of their visit to have an evening together up town. We have about eight members living overseas, all but one of them in the 'New World'. We hope to see one or two of them at our Centenary Dinner.

The Club's only road racing promotion of the year was held in March on the Wildhill circuit. The field contained thirtysix first cat riders including Paul Medhurst, last year's winner, Alf Engers and Eddie Adkins. One onlooker was heard to say: "It must carry full marks for the most boring event of the year!" But the refreshments were a great success thanks to the efforts of the Stilts and Edrupt families.

We had three new members in April which was equal to our intake for the whole of last year. The newcomers were Peter Langsdon, John Sanders and Murray Graham.

Thirteen in Dorset for the Pontin Easter Parade. We had a good hotel, marvellous weather and a very attractive area to ride in with the most fascinating place names: Toller Porcorum, Ryne Intrinsic, Whitchurch Canonicorum and many more besides.

In his first ride for the Park, a new member John Sanders equalled Sid Lovatt's Club Record in the first Club '10' of the season, 21.51 which was also a personal best. Bob Badger, fit from all those big gear miles throughout the winter, clocked up personal bests in his first three events, winning the second and third Club '10's. It was thought that Bob was preparing himself to become a 'Vet' later on in the year.

At Eastway our new member from Australia, John Sanders, scored his first win, in Park colours, in a 25-lap, all-category handicap. A couple of weeks later in the 60-mile Apex Trophy, Sid Lovatt won the event from four others while John won the bunch sprint for 5<sup>th</sup> place.

On the first Sunday in June we were making our way down to Ted and Patsy's place at Biddenden for lunch. Sounds a long way but, as before, we motored down to the Cafe at Mereworth and took to pedals for the rest of the way. It was a sunny not-too-warm day for another enjoyable visit to 'Oak Acre'. This type of run is a highlight to our runs programme and breaks up the monotony of our normal routines. Another such run was our invitation to lunch with the Swift brothers early in July. It was our third invitation and seemed to have become regular annual visit. It was attended on this occasion by some fifteen Club members.

1976 was a most unusual summer in that it gave us a fine dry spell from early spring until autumn. Except for a period of torrential rain which just happened to coincide with our Open '50' in June. It made life very difficult for marshalls and helpers, not least Arthur and Ivy Edrupt who were hard pressed to stop the refreshment tent from being washed away. However, the riders seemed to benefit from the conditions, a third of the 72 finishers did personal bests including Colin Baker who was doing his first '50' for some years. As soon as the event was over the rain stopped and the heatwave returned. Pete Wells was fastest, breaking both course and event records with 1.52.54.

The Interclub '25' with the Glendene saw Mick Hooker and Jon King tie for first place with 1.2.04, Mick's effort being a one and a half minute beating of his previous best done ten years before. Ian Yule made up the team with 1.3.29 and we easily took the team medals by over 13 minutes. The third medal would have gone to Norman Gardner but he had the handicap of a three minute late start.

We elected four new members at the July Committee: Dave Wright, Pete Sullivan, Mike Clapham and Brian Corneloues. Six days after joining all four rode in a Club '10'. Fastest of the four was Mike Clapham with 23.58, his first ever race! Things were looking up but, alas, not for Mike. Five days after the Club '10' he collided with a car at Whetstone traffic lights and went off to spend a few weeks in hospital with a fractured femur.

The time of 21.51 seemed to be becoming very popular in the Club Tens Competition. In 1973 Sid Lovatt did a 21.51 in the Tens Competition, a Club record. This year, in the first leg of the series and the first time in Park colours, John Sanders turned in a 21.51. Not to be out done, Sid came up with another 21.51 and it looked as if a new Club record was imminent, but it was two years before this was to happen.

Our Open '25' at the end of August was endowed with much the same sort of weather as our previous promotion - wind and rain. We were unlucky indeed to get such weather in a summer which has gone down in history as one of the best ever. The event was won by Mark Vowells of the San Fairy Ann to the delight of two of his Clubmates, Ted and Patsy Hill. Mark was also the first Open '25' winner to take the new Stapley Trophy, given to the Club by members of the Stapley family in memory of Frank who died in 1975 at the age of 70 after 49 years in the Club, and Ernie, his younger brother, who was killed whilst on flying operations in the last war. To those of us that know the Stapleys, both different in temperament but both loyal and hardworking for their Club, it gave us pleasure to know that the first name on the Trophy would be that of a speedy young man cast in the same mould.

We had four members riding in the Open '25', Norman Gardner who took the 4<sup>th</sup> handicap, Ted Hill, Jon King and Vic Franklin. The first three did 1.1s and Vic a 1.5.

The following weekend in the Eagle '50' our trio set up a new Club Team record.

## 50 Miles

S. Lovatt	2.02.28
E. Hill	2.03.35
M. Hooker	2.04.49
	<b>6.10.52</b>

Just over a minute better than the 1969 record. Mick Hooker's contribution was a personal best, one of eight that he notched up after moving back north to Cuffley. We would imagine that the one that gave him most pleasure was his 59.11 which won him 1st handicap in the Essex Roads M/M '25' and beat brother Chris's personal best.

We had six starters in the Century '100', (also a nominated Club '100') seeking fame, fortune and the odd Club Trophy. In the Century event Sid Lovatt was third fastest and took 1<sup>st</sup> handicap, while Sid, Ted Hill and Ian Yule took the 1<sup>st</sup> Team award, with 4.20.26, 4.37.33, 4.52.49. In the Club '100' Sid took Fastest & 1<sup>st</sup> Handicap and Ian took 2<sup>nd</sup> Handicap. Also this event decided the fate of four Club Trophies. Touche and Blunt Cups to Sid Lovatt, Miller Cup to Ted Hill and the Gordon Stewart Bowl to Ian Yule.

The second of our Interclub events against the Century resulted in a win for our team: Ted Hill 1.1.38, Mick Hooker 1.2.46, Ian Yule 1.2.50 (personal best) and Jon King 1.2.59.

The Club Hillclimb Championship was won by Sid Lovatt with Dave Wright second and John Sanders third.

Looking at the 1976 list of successes in Open and Semi- Open events one must be impressed with the successes on Road and Track. Our performance on the track, mainly at Paddington, must have been the best ever in the history of the Club. We were riding in the Paddington 'A' League this year thanks to the efforts of last year's team. Our team this year didn't get its act together until late in July when the Park put up the fastest 4 lap Italian pursuit during the year. This came about as a result of good weather, a re-shuffling of the team's starting order and lots of encouragement from the Park cheer squad led by Phil Koniotes. Individually, John Sanders had a very good year. He was Paddington League Individual Champion, All London 20 kilometre Champion at Herne Hill, winner of the Paddington 10 mile Cup and winner of the Westminster 100 Series at Paddington. In addition he had placings in 27 events of which 19 were firsts.

He was a worthy Club Track Champion for the year.

On the road, Sid Lovatt had six wins. They were the Apex Trophy, Harlow Road Race, Southend Summer Road Race, Hillingdon Road Race and a couple of Criteriums at Eastway. The sponsor of the Hillingdon RR was a local butcher and Sid came home with a huge joint of lamb. He also had 17 places in other events, and went home from the Dinner with the Yule Trophy as Club Road Race Champion. John Sanders had 9 places in road races including 6 firsts. He also rode the Tour of Ireland in Australian colours and was prevented from winning a stage by the Chief Commissaire who was in error.

To complete his collection of trophies, Sid Lovatt took the '25' Cup, the '50' Cup and the Hillclimb Trophy. Brian Corneloues was best Novice of the Year and Steve Pontin took the Vice Presidents' Shield. For meritorious service to the club, the Joe Evans Trophy went to Alf Blackman. The Tens Competition scratch winner was John Sanders, while the Handicaps went to Tony Stubbens, Brian Corneloues and John Sanders in that order.

It was a good year for the Park with more to come, and we signed on 10 new members! Paddy Stilts, Patsy Hill and Mike Cross in addition to those already mentioned.

## 1977

We started the new year without our General Secretary and her husband, the Club Champion. In the autumn Sid and Pat Lovatt and Joey had gone out to Australia to stay with the Sanders family near Melbourne. They went with an idea of settling down there but by the end of November Pat was suffering from an acute attack of homesickness and wrote that she wanted to be back in the bosom of the Finsbury Park and help win the Paddington Track League and smash the 'Cobwebs\*' into total oblivion. In her absence Grace Blackman took over as Acting Secretary.

Early in the year we were shocked to hear of the death of Martyn Odam in a road accident. Martyn joined the Club in 1961 and proved to be a great worker for the sport and pastime of cycling. He was a Norlond TTC Official for a number of years and their Time Trial Secretary for two or three. He had also been Assistant Secretary to London North District Council. His memory is perpetuated in the Club by the Martyn Odam Trophy presented by Mrs Pam Odam and his family.

About the same time, we heard of the death of Martin Johnson. Martin was one of a group of four members who, last year, had completed 50 years with the Club.

An old name re-appeared in the year's first batch of time trial results - Dave Gilbey - the well-known Boscombe hotelier and one time 'Best Novice of the Year'. He succumbed to an urge to ride

the 'Circuit of Poole Harbour - 26½ miles' and as preparation had gone off to Majorca for a winter holiday where he went biking in the mountains and riding round the harbour on a pedalo.

The first 'new' member of the year was Chris Hooker who re-joined in March. He was still living in Canada but hoped, eventually, to come back home to roost in England. Bob Plumb was another new member to join about that time.

At the beginning of the racing season, Ernie Hussey re-presented the 'Johnson' Cup to the Club. This was a cup that Harold Johnson, one of our 1884 vintage, presented to the Club for competition in the Club '100', starting from 1932. Ernie won it outright for three consecutive wins 1935-37. The cup was renamed the 'Johnson-Hussey' Cup and became a Club Championship Cup based on Club or nominated road time trials at 10, 25 and 50 miles.

Regretfully we lost another member in May, Alf Stevens, who had been living in the New Forest area. He joined the Club in 1931 and after a brief flirtation with time trialling decided that he preferred club runs and touring.

The first Club '10' of the season saw the re-appearance of Mike Clapham. Last year, readers will remember that in the space of eleven days Mike joined the Club, did 23.58 in a Club '10' and broke a leg in a road accident. Well, he was back again in time to win the first Club '10' of the season, do a personal best in an interclub '25', win a Club '50', do another '10' and then disappear again with his leg in plaster due to a stress fracture. This second cycle of his career as a racing man took slightly longer - about a fortnight !

Another one to surface about this time was Sid Lovatt fit and fresh from doing the rounds of the tracks in Australia. And yet another familiar face to re-enter the time trial scene was John Winstanley who won the second Club '10'. After a few DNSs Sid got down to it by winning the Century Open '25' with 57.40. Then these two got together with Mick Hooker and demolished the Club '30' Team record, Sid's contribution beating John Bompas' sixteen year old 1.10.12. All three riders beat their previous best.

30 Miles

S. Lovatt	1.08.39
M. Hooker	1.12.21
J. Winstanley	1.12.39
	<b>3.33.39</b>

The third of July turned out to be a field day for the 'Park' in the Eastern Counties '100' which was also the nominated event for the Club '100'. Sid Lovatt, Bob Plumb and Mick Hooker all did personal bests to improve the Club '100' team record by over six minutes. Our fourth rider, Jon King, was a member of the team that put up the beaten record in 1972 together with Sid Lovatt and Ray Gosman.

100 Miles

S. Lovatt	4.07.40
R. Plumb	4.20.31
M. Hooker	4.26.03
	<b>12.54.14</b>

In addition, Sid beat Chris Hooker's twelve year old record by three minutes. And to close the 'record breaking' season Sid, Jon and Mick upgraded the '50' team record, just a year old, in the North Road Memorial '50'.

50 Miles

S. Lovatt	1.57.53
J. King	2.05.35
M. Hooker	2.05.42
	<b>6.09.10</b>

The Open '50' brought us our third successive bad day weatherwise. I know! I was there at that well-known North Road beauty spot - Brampton Hut roundabout - enjoying the cold north-east wind and the drizzle that came with it. Alf Blackman our Open events promoter was sure that sunshine was just around the corner.

But then, he would, he was trying to con us up there again for another soaking on Open '25' day. Nearly forgot, the event was won by Glenn Longland in 1.58.9 and our Sid was third in 1.59.50.

Well, the Open '25' didn't bring the promised sunshine and it didn't bring any rain either, so Alf's prayers must have had some effect. The 'Park' fielded a squad of seven of which the first three, Sid Lovatt (57.46), John Bompas (58.51) and Ted Hill (59.31) took the second Team prize. The other three finishers, Jon King (1.0.30), Bob Plumb (1.1.27) and Colin Baker (1.1.38) completed a picture of the 'Park' having a good day out. J. French (Oxford City) was fastest with 52.36.

We lost both our inter-club races this year. In the first, with the North Road, using the fourth man Bidlake system, our fourth man 'Calamity' Clapham (Mike to his friends of which I hope I am still one!) was 44

seconds too slow. In the second, we lost to the Century by 2 mins 20 secs. One of our riders, Ted Hill, had only just recovered from a confrontation with a deep pothole which put him in hospital for four days with a broken cheek bone and a bloodshot eye. Ted was our fastest with 1.3.05.

Norman Gardner also had an accident when he was riding in the North Road Memorial '50'. He was on his way to the Black Cat roundabout when he heard what sounded like a blow-out in the rear tyre. As if in slow motion he saw his rear wheel coming forward between his legs and then found himself going back over the top of a car. His handlebars snapped off and hit him in the chest and he landed on the road in a sitting position and rolled over backwards onto his head. He had severe bruising but nothing was broken.

The Tens Competition was won by Mike Cross who was in his first year with the Club and became the first holder of the new Martyn Odam Trophy. Brian Edrupt was second in the points section with Brian Corneloues and Sid Lovatt sharing third place. Sid also won the scratch prize. Entries for the ten events of the Tens Competition were up on last year as indeed they were for all distances except the 100s. The hillclimb attracted a record entry of 16 and was won by Sid Lovatt with Ian Yule second and John Bompas third.

Ian makes a habit of finishing his racing seasons in top gear and this year was no exception. Bob Badger, who was now a Vet, also finished in a gallop winning two Vets awards, the second one with a personal best of 1.1.32. Mick Hooker had a very good season too.

Next to Sid Lovatt, he was the most prolific prize winner of the year. Mike Cross had a good first 'come-back' season with the Park and I notice one of his awards was for being 95<sup>th</sup> in the North London '50'. Wish they'd had prizes like that in my young days! Bob Plumb was another first-year member who had a good season and it is interesting to note that all five of his awards were due to the very good '100' he did in the Eastern Counties event. In addition to those already mentioned, awards went to Colin Baker, Keith Bingham, Mike Clapham, Vic Franklin, Murray Graham, Ted Hill, Jon King, Peter Langsdon, Chris Whittaker, John Winstanley, Dave Wright, Ian Yule.

It was a quiet year for our road racing squad with John Sanders away in Australia, and Sid concentrating on time trials. Our only 'first' came from Dave Wright who won the Haverhill RR, while Sid Lovatt, Tony Stubbens, John Winstanley, Richard Wlodarski had eleven placings between them, most of them at Eastway. After last year's best ever season on the track it was rather sad to see a note in the Gazette: 'The Committee has decided not to award the "Stilts" Trophy for the Club Track Championship this year'.

Six of the fifteen trophies won or awarded went to Sid Lovatt. Club Champion, fastest '25', fastest '50', fastest '100', Road Race Champion, and Hillclimb Champion. Mick Hooker was runner-up to the Club Champion and Bob Plumb took the Gordon Stewart Bowl as Handicap Champion. Mike Clapham's 'one crowded hour' of glorious time trialling brought him the Keen Memorial Bowl as best novice of the year. Glenn Longland (Antelope RT) took the Memorial Bowl for winning our Open '50' and John French (Oxford City) the Stapley Trophy for the Open '25'. For service to the Club, Paddy and Vic Stilts were awarded the Joe Evans Memorial Trophy, while 'Dick the Click' Curtis won the Hampton Trophy for best contribution to the Gazette Bless him and his friend, S. L. Reflex, long may they live in harmony! Last and very least the Vice Presidents' Shield for best all-round support at Club fixtures went to the writer who fulfilled a life's ambition and at the same time killed it stone dead. I've never had the slightest desire to win it again.

Club runs were fairly small beer in 1977 providing, in the main, a weekly rallying point for a small group of ageing Vice Presidents including the writer. "Pontins's Chain Gang" we were called by the younger and more athletic side of the Club. Irreverent little baskets!! However we do have some highlights during

the year. This year we went down to Patsy & Ted's place at Biddenden for Sunday lunch, the third year running. Also, for the fourth year running we were invited to lunch at Garden House, White Notley, guests of the brothers Swift, Herbert and Wilfred. Very enjoyable and, of course, there's the Vice Presidents' Invitation Tea which can attract 80 or more, held in the village hall at Newgate Street with Ivy and Arthur Edrupt and friends providing a first class spread.

Since the beginning of 1976 our Club room had been at St. Pauls Church Hall, N4, organised for us by Vic and Paddy Stilts. After a couple of years there, it was thought that it would be better if our Club room was in the catchment area for new members. So, at the end of 1977 we moved to Wessex Hall, Exeter Road, Ponders End, into premises obtained through the good offices of Brian Corneloues and his wife.

Earlier in the year the Club had joined the Eastway Thursday Criterium League and on a Saturday in September we held a meeting at Eastway organised by Mike Cross. There were three events, one for schoolboys and schoolgirls, another for juniors, 3<sup>rd</sup> category and ladies, and the third for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> categories.

The year brought us seven new members: Bob Plumb, Pamela Odam, John Watling, Peter Howe, Chris Whittaker, Patrick Griffin and John Shepherd.

The December Club Gazette carried a notice of a special meeting to discuss the proposition: 'That the Club be sponsored in 1978'.

## **1978**

The year started with a very important decision to be made concerning the future of the Club. A Special General Meeting was to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1978 to discuss and vote on the proposition: 'That the Club be sponsored in 1978'.

Sponsorship had been around for some years in the arts as well as in sport, including cycling, and here it was, reaching out to embrace the Finsbury Park Cycling Club. As is often the case, the sponsor was a member of the Club concerned and in our case it was Brian Corneloues and his firm, Beadle Products Ltd.

At the meeting there was no doubt about the wishes of the Club and the proposition was carried by 32 votes to 3. I was one of the three! Interesting to note that by the end of the year we had signed up 23 new members, an all-time record for the Club, I would imagine.

Another break with tradition occurred at the A.G.M. held a fortnight later. It had always been our practice to select our Presidents from the panel of Vice- Presidents but an idea had been floated that we ought to widen the field of presidential candidates. That, perhaps, we ought to elect a younger man who could be a current racing man capable of getting inside the hour, inside two hours and not far off getting inside four hours. A man used to going home after the Club Dinner with half-a-dozen trophies. A man held in esteem by his clubmates and the cycling world in general. Fortunately, in Sid we had such a candidate, and that was how Pat Lovatt became First Lady of the Finsbury Park Cycling Club.

Other changes of office were that Ian Yule became Captain with Mike Clapham as his Sub. Colin Baker took over TT Sec from Jon King and Mike Cross became Road Racing Sec. Otherwise things were much the same as the previous year. Jon King joined the Club in November 1962 and came by his first job, Gazette Editor at the 1964 A.G.M. Until he resigned the TT Sec's job he had never been without a job for almost 15 years as well as doubling and trebling up with other jobs during the later years, and racing and training for racing during that time. A well deserved retirement!

The Club decided to support the formation of the Hertfordshire Cycle Road Racing League. The League consisted of eight local clubs who were prepared to promote one road race during the season.

Before the season had started the old firm of Grace 'n Ivy, more formally known as Ivy Edrupt and Grace Blackman, presented the Club with a Trophy to be awarded annually to the winner of the Ladies '50' which is held on the same day as the men's '50'. The trophy was to be known as the Quaich Trophy because that was what it was - a communal drinking vessel of ancient Scottish origin originally made from wood or stone. Ours was a pewter replica.

In the first batch of time trial results in the April Gazette our resident 'will-'0-the-wisp' Mike Clapham, re-appeared with a personal best of 1.4.57 in a North Midds '25'. Ian Yule was much in evidence with a 1.3.57 and a 1.4.48 to show that he had retained most of last year's fitness.

Eight members of the Club answered Steve Pontin's Easter call to arms at Farnham on the edge of Cranbourne Chase. I'll let Patsy Hill tell the story of our first meeting with mine host at the Museum Hotel:"The

landlord, Owen Way, looked a jovial sort with more than his fair share of brewer's goitre. I asked him if he had ever done any cycling, to be told that he had done a little. Seconds later he produced a 1958 BBAR certificate to show that he had done a 2 hr '50', a 4.17 '100' and 250 miles in a '12!!" The weather wasn't too bad, a little rain but a lot of wind.

The annual Vice-Presidents' Invitation Tea Run was held early in May and attracted a crowd of more than 80. There were two changes from previous years. Our usual venue, the Village Hall at Newgate Street, was not available and Pat Lovatt managed to get the use of the Cuffley Youth Centre and, together with a team of Club ladies, organised the catering. Arthur and Ivy, who had been doing the catering since the early 60s had decided to take a very well earned retirement. The event is only possible through the efforts of Arthur, Ivy and Pat, together with their teams of helpers.

It was good to see John Sanders again at the V.P.'s tea where he worked like a beaver to help keep the wheels running smoothly. In the next two or three weeks he would be winding himself up on the open road and at Eastway to cope with a very busy season ahead. Amongst others who were winding themselves up were Colin Baker, Mick Hooker and Ian Yule who were showing up well in the early seasonfe gallops. In the fourth Club Ten, Colin appears in the first three along with Sid Lovatt and John Sanders and four days later, in the Century '25', he teams up with Sid Lovatt (56.22) and Mick Hooker (1.0.44) to win the team race. Colin did 59.41 a personal best and first ride inside<sup>1</sup>, while Sid took 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest.

In the London Clarion L.M. '25' John Sanders was fastest with 59.30 (previous best 1.7) and, together with Vic Franklin and Murray Graham, won the team race. On the same day Mick and Sid rode in the Redmon Tandem '30' and failed by four seconds to beat the 1954 record held by Ted Hill and 'Chalky' White.

Our Open '50' was blessed with a dry sunny day and cursed with a howling north-easterly. The Met. Station said it was force 5 but I won't dwell on that! I was at the top turn on the elevated roundabout

without gloves or long johns! Our President held the lead position for over 90 minutes with 2.3.31 but was relegated to second spot by Roger Queen (VC Slough) 2.2.56. However, backed up by John Sanders (2.10.6) and Mick Hooker (2.19.27), Sid led the Park to team victory and picked up the 1<sup>st</sup> handicap while John took the 2<sup>nd</sup> handicap. We had nobody to win the Quaich Trophy so it went to Avis Boughton (Lampard) on its first outing.

A fortnight later, on a wet and windy day, Super Sid won the Eastern Counties '100' in 4.13.30. Despite two punctures and a 200 yard run to collect a second tub, he beat the field by six minutes! Mick Hooker did 4.34.34, while Vic Franklin knocked 7 minutes off his previous best to do 4.55.29.

The following weekend Sid, John and Mick went off to ride in the Woolwich '25' on the Q25/3. Notice how these course numbers trip lightly off my typewriter. I haven't the faintest idea where it is except, possibly it might be in Kent. At anyrate Sid was 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest with 55.14 (personal best), John was fourth fastest with 55.54 (also a personal best) and Mick did 59.50. Event winner was Cottington (Charlotteville) 54.27.

The Club '25' Team record was hammered to the tune of 4¼ minutes.

#### 25 Miles

S. Lovatt	55.14
J. Sanders	55.54
M. Hooker	59.50
	<b>2.50.58</b>

All the excitement of the past month was but a build-up for the 15<sup>th</sup> July and the North Road Memorial '50' on the FI, which was also a Club event. During the peak weeks of the 1978 season I would pick up 'Cycling' from the newsagent and by the time I stepped out on to the pavement my eyeballs were already scanning the 'Results' pages at the back. I couldn't believe it! Not only fastest but second fastest as well! Truly a day for every Finsbury Parker to remember. Five members were involved: Vic Franklin 2.10.18, best for a couple of years, and a half share in the Club handicap. A personal best 2.6.13 for Colin Baker and a personal best for Mick Hooker who did 2.0.27, so near so far. John Sanders was second with 1.53.18, a 17 minute improvement on his previous best, and took 2nd handicap and a half share in the Club handicap and for a short while was holder of the Club 50 record until Super Sid swept in and dethroned him. Sid Lovatt was winner of the event with 1.50.34 breaking Club, course and event records and became the third fastest fifty miler in Britain that year. He also became the second Finsbury Parker to hold the North Road Memorial Trophy, won by Lack Lauterwasser in 1928 when the event was a prestige invitation race restricted to the 12 best 50 milers in the country. And to round off a day of days, Sid, John and Mick won the team prize in 5.44.19, broke the Club record and became the season's fastest 50 mile team at that moment in the country. For a short while Colin Baker was part of the record breaking team and this fact is recorded in the Club handbook.

#### 50 Miles

S. Lovatt	1.50.34
J. Sanders	1.53.18
M. Hooker	2.00.27
	<b>5.44.19</b>

The last two records of the year came in the Southgate '10'. John Sanders was 3rd fastest with 21.37 a new Club record, together with Sid Lovatt 22.00 and Mick Hooker 23.12, set up a new Club team record.

#### 10 Miles

J. Sanders	21.37
S. Lovatt	22.00
M. Hooker	23.12
	<b>1.06.49</b>

We won both our interclub team races this year.

Against the North Road our winning team was Ian Yule, Mick Hooker, Colin Baker and Bob Badger. Later on in the year we deployed our big guns against Dan Burgess of the Century and his merry men. Our winning team was Sid Lovatt, Mick Hooker, John Sanders and Colin Baker. What a pity we hadn't got an interclub with 'Cobwebbs' (Whitewebbs) to make one of Pat Lovatt's dearest wishes come true.

Eddie Adkins was fastest in our Open '25' with 52.59 and by a margin of eight seconds prevented Roger Queen from completing the double of winning both our Opens.

Sid Lovatt did 55.22 and gained himself the North London Fellowship Trophy, while Mick Hooker did a personal best with 58.19 and Jon King a 1.0.04.

The start sheet in the Club Hillclimb gets longer every year and there were 22 starters and finishers in this year's event. Dave Wright was the winner by two fifths of a second from Jon King.

Similarly the final list of the Club Tens Championship gets longer with, this year, 20 competitors completing the course with three rides, Sid Lovatt heading the scratch list and Dave Tompkins taking the Martyn Odam Trophy.

We had seven members competing in road races during 1978. Sid Lovatt had seven firsts out of 12 placings, John Sanders four firsts out of five placings (one of his wins was the Finsbury Park Criterium at Eastway), Tony Stubbens three placings. Dave Wright had two firsts out of a total of ten placings. Tony Collett had a first and a second, Steve Woolmer a fourth and Sean Knott three placings in Schoolboys' Criteriums and a fourth in the Hainault Road Race.

On the Track the Club won the Paddington 'B' League Championship and John Sanders was the Individual Track League Champion.

The Club had, and still has, 21 trophies up for grabs every year. This year the three trophies connected with our Opens had already found homes. Three more were not awarded and of the remaining fifteen, six were bound for Chez Lovatt. Who cleans the trophies every year? Would have paid Sid to have had the marriage lines revamped: 'Love, honour, cherish and keep all my trophies clean'. Phew! I very nearly slipped the word 'Obey' into the last line. Sid's six well earned trophies were for the following deeds: Club Champion, Best All Rounder, Road Race Champion, Fastest 25, Fastest 50, Fastest 100. Of the remainder Mick Hooker took the Miller Cup as runner up to the Best All Rounder, the Gordon Stewart Bowl as Handicap Champion and the V.P.'s Shield for Club fixtures attendance. Dave Tompkins took the Keen Memorial Bowl as Best Novice and the Martyn Odam Trophy for winning the Tens Points Competition. John Sanders was Track Champion and Dave Wright the Hillclimb Champion. To Jon King went the G. H. Hampton Trophy for best support to the Gazette and to Phil Koniotes the Evans Memorial Trophy for meritorious service. It is only through reading old Club Gazettes in lumps of a year at a time that I have come to appreciate the volume and variety of Phil's work for the Club. Club dinners, open road races, pre-Xmas booze-ups, film shows, slide shows, football matches and some that I must have forgotten, and for the incumbent Gazette Editor a flow of copy about these activities. In my humble opinion, social secretaries don't come any more meritorious than our Phil!

## 1979

The first Gazette page of the New Year publicised an A.G.M., a 1979 Programme Teach-In presided over by Colin Baker and Mike Cross who were going to present the Finsbury Park C.C. cycle race promotions programme and, at the bottom of the page, news of a forthcoming Phil Koniotes promotion. Last year we had Frank Westell giving a talk about 'Training and its effects'. Bit different to club rooms in my young days, where we went to play darts, table tennis and swill tea and cakes.

The February Gazette was full of useful information too. An article by Mike Cross on procedures to follow when entering Road Races and Circuit Races. Also an article by Alf Blackman headed 'The Time Trial Scene' and intended to assist youngsters in the Club and especially those entering the field of time trialling for the first time. And at the top of the front page announcement of a 'Super Slide Show' by you-know-who. What a blessing for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and the other moguls that Phil didn't emigrate to Hollywood in the twenties. They would have soon felt the rough edge of his elbow in their ribs.

We had more than forty members at the Annual General Meeting, another sign of our increasing prosperity. Super Sid, having brought a new dimension to the office of President, was elected for another term of office. Dave Tompkins became Captain, Brian Corneloues became medals secretary, otherwise, the same as last year.

The first couple of months of this year were noted for the particularly poisonous weather we didn't enjoy and, to me, nothing typified that period more than Phil Koniotes'. 'A Dirty Weekend in Bournemouth', a story of Finsbury Park cycle folk on a training weekend midst rain, snow and slush with water infested bottom brackets and crunchy gritty chains. Suspicious folk may be thinking that the writer is getting a rake-off from Phil. I can assure them that there is not the slightest chance of my palm being crossed, even with a Mars bar.

The Easter Tour this year took place at Newcastle, near Clun in Shropshire. We had some rough weather on our way to Newcastle but as soon as we mounted our bicycles the following morning it dried out and became warm enough to don shorts, and it stayed that way for the rest of the holiday which was voted a great success by all six of us present.

Our road racing season started with the Club's 64 miles Spring Road Race and the riders had problems with flooding caused by melting snow. It was won by Dick Jackson (Magnasport) from a very tired Martin Pyne (VC Norwich). We had Chris Bishop, Tony Collett and Steve Woolmer riding but only Tony Collett made it to the finish where he was 17<sup>th</sup>. Mick Hooker was Race Organiser.

The time trialling season started a bit earlier with Dave Wright (1.14.23) and Chris Bishop (1.17.26) in the North Road Hardriders '25', and in the Norland 2-up '25' the Hooker Brothers were fastest in 1.2.25. Chris was over from Canada for a few weeks. In the Eastern Counties Juveniles '10', Andy Whisker, a speedy schoolboy who joined us last year, was fastest with 25.51.

The North Road turned the tables on us this year in our Interclub '25'. With the team race according to Bidlake, fastest fourth man, it was North Road's J. Lacey (1.6.15) against Ian Yule (1.6.44). Mick Hooker was our fastest with 1.3.39, Colin Baker second with 1.4.01 and Bob Plumb third with 1.6.09. The two Mikes, Cross and Clapham, took 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> handicaps in that order. North Road had 26 riders and we had 12, quite a field!

In the North London G.H.S. Final '10', Andy Whisker, riding in the name of his school, was fastest, winning by more than a minute in 23.42. In fifth place was a third generation Lauterwasser, Ian, who was a member of Verulam. In the Met. Police '25' Sid Lovatt did a personal best of 54.44 while Mick Hooker's 58.35 included a crash and Colin Baker punctured during his warm-up and had to use an old training wheel to do his 1.0.12. A fortnight later the same three were riding in the Championship '25' on the course between Newmarket and Bury St. Edmunds. It was a misty morning and the return leg was hard: Sid 57.57, Mick 1.2.37 and Colin 1.3.52. In the Club 50 (an ECCA event) Dave Wright surprised his team mates with a find 2.3.52 a personal best, Mick Hooker did 2.6.18 and Mike Cross 2.8.59 personal best.

After this disappointment of the Championship '25', our team made up for it in the Southend and County Wheelers '25' the following weekend. All three were inside the hour with Sid doing a cracking 53.18 which was a personal best, a new Club record, and put Sid in second spot next to Sean Yates' 51.56. Mick Hooker did 58.43 and Colin Baker 59.38.

Next weekend it was the Club's Open '50' and, like last year, Sid was race leader on the board for 80 minutes with his 1.54.42 only to be relegated to second spot by John Woodburn (VC Slough) who did 1.53.03 and took the Memorial Trophy. Colin Baker went round in 2.5.11, a personal best and Mike Cross did 2.12.03. Shirley Killingbeck (VC Slough) took the Quaich Trophy with a ride of 2.2.27 and J. Stark (Norwich ABC) won the Trike '50' with 2.9.19 which was quite a ride for somebody doing his first 50 on any type of machine, and only 4¾ minutes outside Competition Record to boot! To Alf Blackman's relief the weather smiled on us for a change which was just as well because the last rider didn't make it back to the timekeeper until two minutes after sunset. Sid Lovatt had tried hard to win our Open '50' over the last three years, third in 1977 and second in 1978 & 1979 and I reckon he must have had thoughts akin to that of the girl in that well-known lament: Why am I always a bridesmaid and never a blushing bride?.

Sid Lovatt won the North Road '50' for the second year running with 1.51.02. Mick Hooker got through the two hour barrier at last to do 1.59.21 and Colin Baker chipped twelve seconds off his personal best to do 2.4.59. This weekend also heralded the start of a four week 'frenzy' of Club events. The first one, a fifty, was won by John Shepherd, who was having a very good season, with 2.11.08, a personal best which also brought him 1<sup>st</sup> Handicap. The second, a '25' on F4, produced thirteen finishers of which Mick Hooker was the fastest followed by Colin Baker 1.3.01 and John Shepherd 1.4.14. Mick did 1.1.08. Handicaps went to Mike Clapham (1st), John Shepherd (2nd) and Dave Whisker (3<sup>rd</sup>). The third Club event, another '50', was won by John Sanders in 2.1.22 with Mick Hooker second, slipping back to 2.6.58. John Sanders won the handicap.

The last one was the big surprise of the season, with John Sanders sweeping all opposition aside to win the Century Road Club '100' (which was the designated event for the Club '100'). He was caught early on by Glenn Longland who had started two minutes behind him. At 75 miles John returned the compliment and finished seven minutes in front of Longland in 4.12.57 - the first hundred he had ever finished! Rumour had it that for training he was disappearing every day after breakfast and returning for tea with 150 miles under his belt. Sid Lovatt did 4.31.42, and Mick Hooker with 4.33.11 completed the team which took the team race shield with 13.17.50. Steve Woolmer and Tony Collett, riding their first hundreds, did 4.36.21 and 4.47.09 respectively. On the same day in a Southend and County '25' Vic Franklin did 1.3.51 and Bob Plumb a 1.3.25, the fastest time being 1.0.31. The previous weekend Bob was a minute faster with 1.2.26.

We had our fourth successive dry day on FI for the Open '25' when the Stapley Trophy was taken by Joe Mummery (Reading CC) with 53.30. Second was R. Postlethwaite (Unity OC) with 54.13 and also took fastest Vet award, and third was S. Hudson (Coventry RC) with 54.27. We had five riders; Mick Hooker 58.28, Steve Woolmer 1.0.28, Colin Baker 1.1.07, Bob Plumb 1.2.15 and Jon King 1.2.25.

The first of September could be headlined 'Dan Burgess's Revenge'. It was the occasion of the annual Inter- Club '25' with the Century Road Club and Dan with 1.1.40 (fastest overall) did his best to see we didn't get away with it again. We were comfortably beaten by six minutes, Mick Hooker being fastest of our team with 1.3.09 and Jon King second with 1.4.24. Handicaps went to Mark Northcote, Brian Polley and Vin Parkes in that order.

The following Saturday, Andy Whisker, the North London Champion representative went up to Leicester to ride in the G.H.S. National 10 mile Championship and to take the third place bronze medal with 22.14 from a field of 120 of Britain's fastest under sixteen year old riders. The winner was Dean

Butler (Northampton) 21.49 and second was A. Sutherland (Surrey Roads) with 22.08. The same day the Park was having a day out on the FI in the North Midds '25' with John Sanders taking 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest with 57.21 and, together with Dave Wright 59.53 and John Shepherd 1.0.03, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Prize. Colin Baker 1.0.49, Bob Plumb 1.1.55, Jon King 1.2.17, Vic Franklin 1.3.27 and Brian Edrupt on his trike 1.8.39 completes the picture. In the Redbridge CC '25' a week later, John Sanders improved to 54.10, Colin Baker improved to 58.29, Mick did 58.36 and Jon King 1.1.31.

Sid Lovatt's first road race of the season was a 70 mile affair at Chesham but rain and strong winds changed his mind at 50 miles and he retired. His second outing in the Surrey Roads 56 mile event was a happier occasion and he finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. At Eastway Tony Stubbens outsprinted a strong field to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Becontree Wheelers 35 mile RR. Steve Woolmer finished in the bunch. At Bengoe in the first of the Herts RR League's events Dave Wright scored a third place after being in the leading break for most of the race. In the 50 mile first stage of the CC Islington 2-Day RR at Watton Sid finished in sixth place. In the second stage run in pouring rain Sid battled it out to win by four lengths and take 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. In the Luton Wheelers 2-Day Tony Collett had a first stage win over 60 miles, lost the lead in the second stage TT, while Dave Wright took 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage, a 70 mile hilly race. Collett and Woolmer finished in the bunch and the Park won 1<sup>st</sup> team place. In the N. London Division Schoolboy Champs, Andy Whisker took third place on the tight cornered Hertford Town Circuit.

May 13<sup>th</sup> and Sid Lovatt was defending his N. London Division Champs title at Shenley, but he punctured at 60 miles, made a quick change to no avail and retired. Woolmer, Wright, Stubbens and Collett battled on but only Dave Wright finished. Tony Stubbens chalked up a win in the Lampard races outsprinting a three man break that had been away for ten laps. In the senior race Sid Lovatt held the lead alone for fifteen laps, punctured, did a quick wheel change, found he was undergeared and lost by inches to Steve Poulter. Early in July, Andy Whisker showed his form and versatility by registering three wins in three days. Two of them were Tens and the third was on the track at Gosling Stadium, Welwyn Garden City where he won the North London Schoolboy individual pursuit title for 1979 on the banked track.

Sid Lovatt was on his own in the John Hiscock Memorial RR in Bucks where he came third after being in a breakaway group that was caught near the finish. The following Thursday Tony Collett took third place from a field of 100 riders in the Eastway League 32 lap Senior Race. John Sanders was back in early July after five months of racing in Australia and soon showed his form by winning the Marlboro AC 45 mile circuit race at Eastway. Andy Whisker reached the quarter final of the Schoolboys 2000 metre pursuit at the National Track Championships at Leicester with a time of 2 mins 45 secs after doing 2 mins 46 secs in a qualifying round.

Early in September we were shocked to hear of the death of John Stapley who had been killed in an accident involving a motor car while cycling home from his club room in Aberdeen. John joined the Club in 1955 at the age of 14 and was a contemporary of John Bompas, Pete Towers and Aubrey Trower. By 1957 he was the year's Best Novice with a '25' of 1.6.16 and next year became Junior Champion with a '25' of 1.2.33. Two years later he was Club Champion with Ted Hill as runner-up. He left a wife, Ann, and two children, Stephen and Kenneth.

The Vice-President's Invitation Tea was well supported by some 80 folk. It was an event that very nearly didn't come off. At the last minute we discovered that Newgate Street Village Hall was gutted by decorators. However, thanks to some nifty foot-work by Pat Lovatt, it was held in Cuffley Village Hall and we have been going there ever since.

So impressed had Ernie Hussey been with the performance of our migrating Club member from Australia, John Sanders, that one evening at the Club Room in October he presented John with one of his own Finsbury Park gold medals won in a Club '50' in 1929.

Sid Lovatt's trophy haul was cut down this year to four; Best All Rounder, Road Race Champion, Fastest 25 and Fastest 50. Mick Hooker separated him from the Club Championship and also won the Handicap Championship, while John Sanders loosened Sid's grip on the John Blunt Cup (Fastest 100), a grip that held tight for the last four years and another two years before that. John also won the Miller Cup as runner up in the B.A.R. Andy Whisker took the Stilts Trophy as Track Champion. Brian Polley was Best Novice as well as Hillclimb Champion. Steve Jacobs won the Tens Points Competition and Dave Whisker the Junior Championship. Dave Tompkins, as befits a Club Captain, won the Vice-Presidents' Shield and Patsy Hill the Hampton Trophy with her Gazette contributions. Last and most definitely not least that Meritorious Twosome, Grace 'n Ivy, won the Joe Evans Memorial Trophy for all their good works.

We had 14 new members during the year. One of them resigned after two months which must be some sort of record I would imagine.

## 1980

The novelty of having a President who could ride a bicycle at 30 miles an hour proved irresistible at the A.G.M. and so we elected Sid Lovatt for a third term of office. Mike Clapham took over Gazette

Editorship from the writer and Alf Blackman took over from Colin Baker as Time Trial Secretary. I think that anybody who takes on our Gazette with little or no experience of typing and stencil cutting can be called courageous. Fortunately in Mike's case he had girl friends who could type and would see him through his apprenticeship days.

For the thirty or so week-enders down for the training at Hotel Gilbey in Boscombe the exercise had become known as 'Snow Camp '80' in anticipation of a similar sodden week-end as last year. Fortunately those fears were not necessary and the first Spring weather of the year was enjoyed by all. It was computed that the Mars bar count for the week-end was 94, 14 of which were consumed by young Trevor Goldberg.

First TT report of the year was of a victory for Sid Lovatt and Steve Woolmer in the Norlond 2-up '25' with 59.43 and thus followed in the tracks of the Hooker brothers who won the same event last year. Also a third place in the Haverhill 2-up '20' for the Whisker brothers with 50.34, 42 sec behind the winners. In the North Midds '25' Dave Whisker 1.2.18, Steve Woolmer 1.4.04 and Mick Hooker 1.4.18 took 2<sup>nd</sup> Team prize.

Easter Tour this year was in Suffolk right in the middle of factory farming country. As I was in training for a tour and the CTC Triannual 100 in 12 I decided to pedal the 95 miles between Theydon Bois and our base at Metfield. The plumbing was a bit primitive but the food was excellent at our digs and our hostess was well-rounded and friendly. Didn't think much of the surrounding countryside if you could call it that. Flat fields, no hedges, a few sickly trees struggling to survive the regular drenchings of chemicals, not a living thing in sight and not a bird song to be heard anywhere. However the weather was kind to us and occasionally we came across an island of green grass with real trees, cows and free-range chickens. Eight of us enjoyed the holiday and one evening we had a visit from the brothers Swift who were holidaying at Aldeburgh.

We had a couple of accidents around the beginning of April. Club Captain Dave Tompkins was struck by a motorist when out training on the Great Cambridge Road, and Brian Polley found himself plummeting through a car windscreen to land in the driver's lap. It was reckoned that 'training' cyclists were at a higher risk from dangerous motoring than crashing in races.

The Editor came up with some sound advice: 'Be fully AWARE and think QUICK EXIT'. My cats always follow this advice and when I walk towards them I can see their eyeballs swivelling in all directions looking for the 'quick exit'.

During April the Whisker brothers were in full flight and had made fastest in half the events reported in the May Gazette. We lost again to the North Road but couldn't blame the fourth man because the whole team was slower than their fourth man. Alan Lauterwasser was fastest in the Club event with 1.6.41 which gave him the 2nd handicap. Mark Northcote was second with 1.6.52 and took 1st handicap, while Steve Jacobs took 3rd handicap. Alan Dunn 'at 16 stone' was the tail ender in 1.29.51.

The June/July Gazette had a temporary editor, Dave Tompkins, because Mike Clapham had met with an accident in a Club Ten. Dave was recovering from an accident, and, from the editorial chair, was wishing Mike a speedy recovery, the very same chair from which Mike was wishing Dave a speedy recovery a few weeks earlier.

At the end of May the 'hour' was beaten for the first time this season by Colin Baker who did 59.40 in the St. Neots '25'. A week later Sid Lovatt did a 57.22 in the Century event and in the fifth Club Ten, Frances Warner was rewarded for her perseverance and patience with an 'inside evens' ride of 29.40. She found the experience so exhilarating that she rode another twelve tens, getting 'inside' in ten of them and finishing with a personal best of 27.23, topping that lot with 1.13.35 in a PTT with Southend and County Wheelers which made her Womens Club Champion for 1980.

After our fine evening last year the Open 50 weather was back to square one. This year it was dry but the returning riders had to face a force-6 wind. The only three riders inside two hours were Ian Cammish 1.57.05, Roger Queen 1.58.54 and Mark Vowells 1.59.15, fine rides by all three. Team race was won by VC Slough, one of whom was John Woodburn who took the fastest Vet award. Ann Illingworth was winner of the Quaich Trophy in 2.15.26. Sid Lovatt, our only finisher, did 2.8.55.

On the same day in the Chelmer '25' Andy Whisker did 1.1.22 a four minute beating of his previous best while in the Norlond '100' Brian Polley recorded 4.58.53 for his first attempt at the distance. He did 2.17.57 in the Norlond '50', also a first attempt, and a week later improved to 2.10.42 in the University '50' which brought him 1<sup>st</sup> handicap.

The eighth Club Ten on the 16<sup>th</sup> July was an exciting affair. Andy Whisker set the ball rolling by recording 21.35, a new Club Record, only to see it beaten a quarter of an hour later by Sid Lovatt in 21.34. The completed result sheet showed that there were eleven combinations of riders who beat the team record but bringing in the time factor reduced it to two for the benefit of posterity. 15 personal bests were recorded.

10 Miles

A. Wisker	21.35	S. Lovatt	21.34
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S. Woolmer	22.19	A. Whisker	21.35
M. Northcote	22.42	S. Woolmer	22.19
	<b>1.06.36</b>		<b>1.05.28</b>

The Club '25' on 20th July was held in pouring rain with Mick Hooker fastest in 1.2.08 and Alan Lauterwasser second with 1.2.55 an excellent ride which gained him the 1<sup>st</sup> handicap. Alf Blackman had some words of admonishment for the non-starters on behalf of the marshals who got a thorough soaking: 'If we can stand in it, you can ride in it!' Well done Alf, I like it !! The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> handicaps went to Vince Parkes and Martin Bathe. In the Goodmayes '100' Steve Woolmer improved by five minutes to do 4.31.09 while Sid Lovatt did 4.13.39 and got his hands on the Blunt Cup again. In the North Road '50' Sid Lovatt was 6th with 1.56.19 and in the Unity '25' he rode his best of the year 55.34 as did Steve Woolmer 56.18 a personal best. Dave Whisker in the Crest '25' did a personal best with 1.0.57 and improved his 50 time to 2.10.30 in the North London '50' in which Vic Franklin recorded 2.12.10, his best of the year. Bob Badger also improved his 25 time, in a PTT on the E31, to 1.0.41. Bob had a very busy season this year and finished in 34 events, with Colin Baker and Vic Franklin 30 apiece and Frances Warner 28.

"On a dry morning and in reasonable conditions, Roger Queen (VC Slough) won our Open 25 in a new event record time of 52.28...", wrote Alf with pride and relief. S. Bunn (Oxford City RC) was second with 53.17 and J. French (CC Orpington) third with 53.37. Colin Baker with 59.04 was our only finisher. We lost both our interclub races this year, the second one with the Century RC by four minutes. On the Club side Vince Parkes was fastest with 1<sup>st</sup> handicap in 1.4.00, Dave Whisker second with 1.4.32 and Stuart Zinn third and 3rd handicap 1.4.55, Sean Knott took 2<sup>nd</sup> handicap.

The Tens Competition was a great success as usual. Each year it grows and the start sheets and the final table get longer and longer. In 1975 there was a total of 72 entries in 9 events. This year the figures had grown to 321 entries in 10 events plus 64 assorted PTTs and 2nd claimers. The Tens Competition seems to be the barometer of our prosperity and the pressure is high. The winner of the Points Competition was Alan Burbeck who had been battling with Ian Douglas all season for the Martyn Odam Trophy. Sid Lovatt headed the Scratch Table. Only once in the history of the Tens Comp, has Sid failed to make it to the top and that was 1976 when John Sanders got in his way. This year he made it as usual but with some speedy young riders breathing down his neck. Mention must be made of a young man, the right side of fourteen, who did 26.20 in his first ever time trial - Maui Millward. Also Jane Burbeck who did 29.18 in her first ever time trial.

The Vice Presidents' Invitation Tea, which was held in Cuffley Hall again, attracted a gathering of 89 amongst whom were Dave and Diane Gilbey along with Dave's Pentax, and Frank and Margaret Williamson. One of my enduring memories of VPs Teas is watching the stately progress of our imperturbable President Sid. very large tea pot in hand, around the hall administering to the needs of the customers. Whether pouring out tea for his clubmates or taking a parcel on the FI. Sid's expression never changes. Our thanks went to Claudette and Dennis Zinn, Jane Burbeck, Steve Woolmer, Ian Douglas and Pat, to say nothing of the three young maidens, who helped to make the occasion a success.

Sid Lovatt, as was his wont, was the major taker home of trophies at the Dinner this year - B.A.R. Club Champion, Road Race Champion and the Fastest at 25, 50 & 100 miles. Steve Woolmer took the Miller Cup as runner-up to Sid Lovatt, B.A.R. Champion. Vic Frankin won the Johnson Hussey Cup as Club Champion and Brian Polley took the Gordon Stewart Bowl for the Handicap Championship. Alan Burbeck won the Martyn Odam Trophy (Tens Competition) and Andy Whisker took the Aleko Cup as Junior Champion. Stuart Zinn was Best Novice, Dave Wright the Hillclimb Champion and Ray Clifford was Track Champion. Steve Pontin took the VPs Shield for best support on Club runs. Mick Hooker, the Joe Evans Memorial Trophy and Alf Blackman, the Hampton Trophy for best support to the Gazette.

We had three successes in Open Road Racing this year. Sid Lovatt scored a win in the North Middlesex and Hertfordshire Road Race for the Apex Trophy. Dave Wright came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Circuit of West Suffolk Road Race and Stuart Zinn came second in the Eastway Schoolboys' Cyclo-Cross.

## 1981

In the January Gazette there appeared an item by Mike Cross announcing that the BCF North London Division would be organising training rides on Sundays based on the Polish Federation methods, designed to give everyone the best chance of benefitting from the rides. The method is that the bunch forms up with the strongest riders at the front who set a pace. As the weaker riders are tailed off, they are picked by a vehicle and carried up the road past the bunch and put on the road again. In this way the devil doesn't get the hindmost and they have a chance to recover and join the bunch again.

This started a battle of poems between Patsy Hill and a certain Sandy Murray which added to the gaiety of our Gazette no end.

At the Annual General Meeting we allowed Sid Lovatt to stand down and elected Jack Lauterwasser in his place. Other changes were: Ray Clifford became Track Secretary and John Winstanley became Auditor.

Mick Hooker had a bit of luck with his 1.1.28 in the West Kent RC '25' Timekeepers had arrived late and the first ten finishers had nothing to show for their efforts. Mick was started off No. 15 and when he returned he was only the second rider to get a time.

The Pontin Easter Parade was at Llys-y-Fran in Pembrokeshire this year and the party of six was two short. Jack Lauterwasser was unable to go and I was shunted into hospital to have some repair work done on my hernia. The weather was dry, sunny and chilly, the last feature being due to a north-east wind. The party wasn't free from misfortune either. Patsy Hill was having foot trouble and Pam King took a header over her handlebars when a mudguard stay came loose. Not the right sort of treatment for somebody recovering from gastric flu.

In the Norlond '25' Vince Parkes did 1.3.51, a personal best, which made him 5<sup>th</sup> fastest and gave him 1<sup>st</sup> handicap. In an Easterley RC '25', Vin Parkes, 1.7.05, Stuart Zinn's 1.7.16 and Sean Knott's 1.8.11 took 3<sup>rd</sup> Team. In the first Club 10, Dave Wright beat Sid Lovatt by one second. Down the Southend road at Basildon, Mick Hooker and Colin Baker produced the fastest 25 miles ride in the Club so far this year.

In the Elite CC '25' Colin Baker did 1.0.12 and Mick Hooker 57.41, his fastest for over two years.

The following day we met the North Road in our annual encounter, having lost to them the past two years. Fortunately our team, and in particular, our fourth man decided that enough was enough and we prevailed. Sid Lovatt did 1.2.30, Steve Woolmer 1.4.27, Vin Parkes 1.5.41 and 1<sup>st</sup> Handicap, Colin Baker 1.7.18, and Steve Jacobs and Rick Bowring took 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Handicaps in that order. The foul weather through March was persisting and there was snow, sleet and torrential rain on the day before the Interclub event, resulting in 10 non starters the following morning.

In the North Midds '50', the weather eased up and Vincent returned a 2.9.54 for a first attempt at the distance. Our first Open team success came in the Beds RC Middle-markers '25' with the Park taking 1<sup>st</sup> Team with Brian Polley, Vincent and Sean, all recording personal bests to aggregate 3.10.28. Brian was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Vincent was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the event and our fourth entry

Steve Jacobs did 1.7.26, also a personal best. Two weeks later, in the Southend and County Middle-markers '25', Brian Polley 57.29 and Vin Parkes 57.30 came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the event, improvements of over 5 minutes for both of them.

The Club's '50' was won by Ian Cammish (GS Strada) with 1.49.25, second was John French (Coventry Olympic) 1.53.23 and third was John French (Oxford City RC) 1.56.09. Sid Lovatt was fifth with 1.58.55 and with Steve Woolmer and Mick Hooker the Park was second in the team race. John Stark (Diss CC) won the trike event in 2.14.10 and Carol Gandy (Southboro<sup>1</sup> & Dist). the women's event in 2.12.40. The weather was dry and sunny with a persistent south wester.

In the North Midds '25' Stuart Zinn was 1<sup>st</sup> Junior with 1.0.56, a personal best, which gave him 3<sup>rd</sup> Handicap. Father Dennis was nearly seven minutes behind him. In the Eastern Counties (Club) '100', Sid, Brian and Steve were all getting in hundreds for the Club BAR. They did 4.15.24, 4.32.58 and 4.34.33 in that order and won 1<sup>st</sup> Team. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the G.P. des Gentlemen over 10½ miles at Harrogate,

Phil Bayton and Keith Bingham did a 27.41. In the 9<sup>th</sup> Club Ten, Sid Lovatt broke the Club record with 21.14 and together with Steve Woolmer and Amzie Viladot broke the Club Team Record.

#### 10 Miles

S. Lovatt	21.14
S. Woolmer	21.35
A. Viladot	22.33
	<b>1.05.22</b>

Personal bests were recorded in the CC Orpington '10' by Stuart Zinn 22.39 and by Stuart Zinn and Brian Polley in the North London '50', 2.4.46 and 2.3.53 respectively; Ray Clifford took 3<sup>rd</sup> Handicap in the Norlond Combine '25'.

Due to a ban being placed on events on certain days and times on the FI due to traffic density we decided to move to the F2, a course that had been used for that year's National '25', for our Open '25'. Noel Lilley was the winner with 53.53 and became holder of the Stapley Trophy for the year. John Herring (Coventry Olympic) was second in 54.59 and C. Parkinson (South Western RC) third in 56.55. We had 3 members riding, Brian Polley 1.0.20, Stuart Zinn 1.1.23 and Vic Franklin 1.6.25. It was a warm dry morning but the general opinion was that the FI was to be preferred.

John Stapley's Scottish Club, Clachnacuddin CC, decided to establish in Scotland a memorial event with a suitable trophy. The appeal for contributions to bring this about was generously responded to by North of Scotland clubs and other organisations, including the Finsbury Park, enabling the Clachnacuddin CC to promote an invitation Memorial '25' on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 1980. We were invited to take part but, understandably, the notice was too short. However, this year we were able to send a team and Brian Polley, Vincent Parkes and Stuart Zinn made the journey up by road with Dave Whisker. The event was run along side the Moray Firth off which was blowing a bitter wind. The winner was Ian Black (Forres CC) in 1.0.31 with Brian Polley second in 1.1.48. Vince Parkes did 1.3.33 and Stuart Zinn 1.4.37 and the Park won the team race. There was a gear restriction of 86.

In the dying days of the 1981 racing season, Brian Polley did a personal best of 57.03 in a Redbridge '25' and got 5<sup>th</sup> place in a Norlond '25' with 1.2.06 on a hard course. Mike Cross had a personal best of 1.2.32 in an Eastern Counties '25'. In another, and later, Eastern Counties '25' Dave Wright and the Zinns, Stuart and Dennis, all had PB's 58.19, 58.30 and 1.5.16. In the Interclub '25' we lost to the Century Road Club by 10 seconds - we could have done with Amzie Viladot's 1.2.41 which was done as a PTT and therefore didn't count. Brian Polley was fastest in 1.1.56, Tony Bravo second with a personal best of 1.4.39 and the 1st Handicap. Steve Jacobs was third in 1.5.02 and Ray Clifford took 2nd Handicap with 1.6.14. Mike Cross 1.6.18 and Vic Franklin 1.7.09. And the Club Hill- climb was again won by Dave Wright with Amzie Viladot second and Brian Polley third.

The Club Tens Competition provided plenty of action for riders, timekeepers and helpers. Dennis Zinn's consistent improvement throughout won him a silver medal and the Martyn Odam Trophy. He picked up points in eight of the events and improved on six occasions. Vince Parkes was second and Rick Bowring third. Sid Lovatt made it to the top of the scratch table yet again but, oh boy, wasn't he living dangerously! Steve Woolmer was just 3/1000ths of an mph behind him.

We had seven riders who got placings in open road races in 1981: Dave Wright had a 1<sup>st</sup> in the Hackney Criteriums, a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Barnet Road Race, a 5<sup>th</sup> in the Finsbury Park RR and four other placings. Terry Devine was 4<sup>th</sup> in a Watford CC Herts League RR. D. Gill had four 3rds in Eastway Juvenile Races. Sid Lovatt was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the North London Senior Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup> in an Eastway Criterium and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Burcol Trophy race. Vince Parkes 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Verulam CC Herts League RR and a 4<sup>th</sup> in Paddington Circuits. Brian Polley 1<sup>st</sup> in the Hertford Town Centre Criteriums, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Hemel Hempstead Criteriums and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Service Builders Criteriums. Stuart Zinn 2<sup>nd</sup> in the North London Junior Championship and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Paddington Circuits.

For the Track scene, I will take the liberty of quoting the Track Secretary: "The early weeks of last year's season were wet and windy affairs. Although we saw the debut of two newcomers, Brian Polley and Tony Bravo, the more hardened 'Trackies' appearances were a little spasmodic. We could do with as many riders as possible this year (1982) to pull us back up the league ladder. Steve Jacobs and I were the only 'Parkers' to be seen at Welwyn Track League" Apart from the previously mentioned, Dave Wright, Mike English, Terry Devine, Sid Lovatt, Steve Woolmer made appearances at Paddington.

Sid Lovatt was now down to three trophies at this year's Dinner. There's always a silver (!! ) lining. Three trophies are easier on the silver polish and the polisher. However Sid was still the Club Champion, the Fastest 50 miler and the Fastest 100 miler. But lurking just behind was that there Steve Woolmer again with the Miller Cup and the Scales Cup for Fastest 25. Brian Polley won the Club Championship and took the Johnson-Hussey Cup, also the Gordon Stewart Bowl as Handicap Champion. D. Gill was Best Novice and Vince Parkes was Junior Champion. Dave Wright was Road Race Champion and Hillclimb Champion and Ray Clifford was Track Champion. And finally the trophies for good works: The Joe Evans Memorial Trophy to Jack Lauterwasser and the George Hampton Trophy to Patsy Hill. Worthy winners both.

## 1982

The penultimate year. At the Annual General Meeting, Jack Lauterwasser was re-elected President for 1982. There were more changes of office this year than usual. Vic Franklin became Captain and Dennis Zinn became Sub Captain; Ray Clifford took on Track Secretary, Steve Woolmer became Road Race Secretary while Steve Jacobs became Social Secretary. Gerry Clifford, who decided 'to attend the AGM out of polite interest', found herself putting in a bid for Gazette Editorship. The bidding was short and sweet. Lastly Brian Polley was elected to the newly created office of Cyclo Cross Secretary.

The season started down in Hampshire with John Bompas recording a 1.13.26 in the Crabwood CC medium gear (72) '25' and, the following, week, doing 1.16.00 in the Circuit of Poole Harbour (26½M) which event was won by Glenn Longland with 1.4.22. Ray Clifford did a couple of 2up TTs, the first with Steve Jacobs in 1.9.14 (winners Addy & Bennett in 1.0.26) and the second with Mick Hooker in 1.8.02 (winners Wilson & McPherson in 1.0.05). In the Icknield RC 27½ mile Hilly TT, young Stuart Zinn showed good form over the Dunstable Downs with a time of 1.17.35 - the Fastest Junior. And March ended full of

North Eastern promise with Mike Cross celebrating his debut as a 'Vet' with a brand new machine and a 1.3.19 down the Southend Road in the ECCA '25'. Close behind was Ted Davis, our new signing from Southend & County, with 1.3.51.

In April we made an incursion into the field of the 4-up TTT. Ray Clifford, Mick Hooker, Steve Jacobs and Vince Parkes went down to ride in the Brighton Mitre 50Km event and clocked 1.22.55 against a winning time of 1.10.17 by the Redbridge CC. A month later in the ECCA 40 mile 4-up TTT we had two teams riding. In the first team Mick Hooker was unable to ride due to stomach trouble and the remaining three, Parkes, Clifford and Jacobs clocked 1.46.02 on a hard day and came tenth out of a field of 36 teams. Our second team, skippered by Vic Franklin, included Rick Bowring, Kevin O'Hanrahan and Verou Keoshgerian and went round in 1.52.53 including a 30 second penalty for a late start.

We lost the Interclub '25' with the North Road, which was decided on the 6<sup>th</sup> man Bidlake system, a variant of the 4<sup>th</sup> man Bidlake system. Sid Lovatt was fastest with 59.16 on the hard F10 course, 5 minutes clear of Stuart Zinn with Steve Jacobs 3<sup>rd</sup> taking 1<sup>st</sup> H'cap with 1.5.13. Rick Bowring took second H'cap and Malcolm Millais 3<sup>rd</sup> H'cap. Steve Jacobs was having a good season and during the second half of May he achieved four personal bests. He came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Beds Roads Middlemarkers '25' with 1.2.41, 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Club '25' with 1.2.32 which brought him the 1<sup>st</sup> H'cap, 4<sup>th</sup> in a Club Ten with 22.43 plus 5 points and 1<sup>st</sup> H'cap in the Norland Combine '50' with 2.8.08, an 11 minute beating of his previous best.

At Buntingford on June 6<sup>th</sup> the Club promoted its Open Road Race covering 68 miles of undulating Hertfordshire. The Park had Sid Lovatt, Terry Devine and Brian Polley riding. Brian Polley got away with an early break which opened up a lead of two minutes over the chasing bunch led by Terry Devine but, unfortunately, Brian had to drop out with mechanical trouble and the leading group began to disintegrate. With fourteen miles to go Sid Lovatt attacked on his own, finishing some 45 seconds ahead of the field. Terry Devine finished in eighth place.

The following Saturday saw our Open '50' held on the FI in thundery, changeable conditions. A lot of rain fell during the event but not a drop at the place I was marshalling - some 300 yards from the start. As usual, it was the helpers and marshalls that took the strain while the riders were revelling in personal bests, course records, event records and near competition records. I was the marshall that got away! Apparently as soon as I was removed from the scene in the back of a car the heavens opened up. Ian Cammish won for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in succession in a new course and event record of 1.45.14. R. Bradley (CC Breckland) was 2<sup>nd</sup> also with a new course and event record of 1.46.17, while S. Hudson (Coventry RC) was third in 1.52.18. Sid Lovatt was in fifth place with 1.53.36. The women's event was won by Mrs G. Bradley (CC Breckland) in 2.6.24 with Miss N. Girvan (Merseyside Wheelers) in 2.7.25, an improvement of 16 mins 21 secs. Don Saunders (CC Breckland) won the trike event with 2.0.41, just 1m 28s outside Trike Competition Record.

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Mick Hooker and Sid Lovatt went down to Colchester to try their luck in a Southend & County Wheelers '25'. Heavy rain, lorry spray and rain-soaked roads made racing distinctly hazardous and Mick, who was number 13 on the card, decided not to fly in the face of providence. After an hour's wait Sid started in heavy rain and battled on until, five miles from the finish, his saddle pin broke. After retrieving the saddle from the fast lane of the A12 where it had been hit by several cars, Sid continued on his way to the finish in the 'honking' posture to record the Club's best time of the year, 55.48. It turned out to be a super-fast day and Mick kicked himself for not starting. Another visit to the same course by Mick Hooker, Dave Wright, Colin Baker and Vince Parkes produced a crop of sub-hour rides with Mick Hooker fastest in 57.16, Dave Wright a personal best of 57.33, Colin Baker 57.41 and Vince Parkes 58.47. The winning time was 51.28 by Noel Lilley (VC Slough).

There was another personal best for Dave Wright (in the North Midds '25') who was fastest of our six riders in 56.27. Alan Lauterwasser also had a personal best of 1.0.47 and Malcolm Millais improved 5 minutes, to 1.1.48. In our Club '50' held in conjunction with the North Road and the Unity an experimental course was used - Baldock to Brampton Hut and return. Mick Hooker was fastest in 2.4.33, Kevin O'Hanrahan, riding his first '50', clocked 2.5.02 and Malcolm Millais and Rick Bowring both did personal bests with 2.11.48 and 2.13.01 respectively.

For our Open '25' on the FI course we had a dry morning but the weather man compensated for this by conjuring up a brisk sou'wester. Or perhaps we aren't dealing with a weather man but some soulless computer in the sky with twisted micro-chips on its shoulders! At any rate to quote Mick Hooker: "All riders were going back six minutes or more and the result board looked like something from pre-war days." Roger Queen won with 56.14, Martin Pyne (CC Breckland) was at 56.15, Noel Lilley (VC Slough) was at 56.34 and Alf Engers (Unity CC) was fourth with 56.53. VC Slough continued to dominate the team award and Vet/std. The whole field of 120 were sub-hour riders, selected from an entry of nearly 250.

At the end of August, Mike Cross went along to the E31 to ride in the Leo RC '30'. He found the journey very worthwhile and improved his previous best by 3½ minutes with a 1.17.40. Back on the old F4 in the North Midds '25', Mick Hooker 59.13, Dave Wright 59.14 and Colin Baker 59.22 took the 1<sup>st</sup> Team Award. Ted Davis did 1.2.44, Vic Franklin 1.7.22 and Terry Devine 1.9.35 with an 8 minute late start. In the Norland Combine '25', M. Bacon took 1<sup>st</sup> H'cap with 1.4.52.

We had lost the last two interclub '25's with the Century which made our riders very keen to reverse the trend this year. Mick Hooker 1.2.34, Colin Baker 1.2.57 and Ted Davis 1.3.50 did that very thing and the Park's team time of 3.9.11 gave us a six minute advantage over the Century's trio. Ted Davis also took 1<sup>st</sup> H'cap and Mike Cross took 2<sup>nd</sup> H'cap with 1.7.32. And as the season drew to its close we had news from Kent of the activities of our man at Biddenden, Ted Hill. He had taken 3rd place in a Kent VTTA '25' with 1.6.50, recorded 1.3.01 in a Redmon CC Vets '25' and 1.1.08 in a South Eastern RC '25'. Finally, in the Ashford Wheelers' GP des Gentlemen, riding with Geoff Hodgson (San Fairy Ann), Ted had made 2<sup>nd</sup> Fastest and 3<sup>rd</sup> on Std. And to close the season, the Club Hill-climb on Handpost Hill was won by Dave Wright with Vince Parkes 2nd and Ray Clifford 3rd.

The Tens Competition was won by Malcolm Millais with 26½ points. R. Bowring was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 24 points, A. Szyskowski 3<sup>rd</sup> with 17½ points and S. Jacobs 4<sup>th</sup> with 15 points. First in the Scratch Table was Sid Lovatt 26.659 mph and second was Dave Wright 26.335, and the Martyn Odam Trophy went to Malcolm Millais as winner of the Competition. Entries were down on last year and support declined sharply towards the end of the season, the last two legs each having 13 to 14 non-starters .

The end of Track season saw the Stilts Trophy go to Ray Clifford as winner of the Club Track Championship. Stuart Zinn was 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vince Parkes 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tony Bravo and Terry Devine joint 4<sup>th</sup> and Steve Jacobs 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sid Lovatt again took the Yule Trophy as 1982 Road Race Champion. Among his placings during the season were two 1<sup>st</sup> and one 2<sup>nd</sup> in the three stage Hainault R.C. event in which he was 1<sup>st</sup> overall. He also got a 1<sup>st</sup> in our own Road Race at Buntingford. Dave Wright took the Runner-up medal, for 7 placings during the season, one of which was a 1<sup>st</sup> in the Lampard R.C. event. Brian Polley and Steve Mann were third and fourth in the Road Race Championship.

In addition to the trophies already mentioned, Sid Lovatt took the Touche Cup for the Club B.A.R. Championship, also the Scales Cup, Darling Lauterwasser Cup and John Blunt Cup for the fastest 25, 50 and 100 in that order. Mike Hooker took the Miller Cup as B.A.R. Runner up, the Johnson-Hussey Cup as Club Champion and the Hampton Trophy for best support to the Gazette. Steve Jacobs was Handicap Champion and took the Gordon Stewart Bowl. Vince Parkes was Junior Champion and took the Aleko Cup while Malcolm Millais took the Jack Keen Memorial Bowl as Best Novice. Dave Wright was Hill Climb Champion and took the Dunn Trophy. Steve Pontin took the V.P. Shield for Club Attendance and Ray and Gerry Clifford were joint winners of the Joe Evans' Memorial Trophy for Meritorious Service.

The Memorial Trophy, the Quaich Trophy and the Stapley Trophy went in that order to the winners of the Open 50, the Women's Open 50 and the Open 25 mentioned earlier in this chapter.

Early in the year, we were saddened to learn of the death of Ted Ingle on February 16<sup>th</sup> after a short illness. He was 47 years of age.

We also lost during the year two good friends of the Club, Wilfred and Herbert Swift. Apart from meeting them at Christmas, the Club was invited every year from 1973 to 1980 to their home at White Notley for lunch. It was a Club Run we all looked forward to.

## 1983

The first Centenary promotion by the Club was a Cyclo Cross held in Hilly Fields Park, Enfield, on a Sunday morning, 2nd January, 1983. The weather was perfect with the sun shining out on a clear blue sky. Colin Cracknell (VC Olympia Sport) was the winner of the event by over two minutes from Ian Jewell (Mills- Pearson professional). The best placed Park rider was Malcolm Millais who finished in 30th position while Alex Szyskowski finished 38<sup>th</sup> and Vince Parkes 39<sup>th</sup>. Ray Clifford, Vic Franklin and Stuart Zinn were DNF. Steven Rowland (VC d 'Or) was the winner of the schoolboys' event which attracted only 8 entries (due to another schoolboys' event at Eastway that morning). However, six of these went home with prizes.

At the Annual General Meeting, Steve Pontin was elected President and Pat Lovatt became a Vice President. Gerry Clifford decided that one year at a time was quite enough in the Editorial chair and she moved on to the Social Secretary's office. Pat Lovatt became Editor and also took on the special duties of Centenary Dinner Secretary; and Grace Blackman became General Secretary. Finally, the new Road Race Secretary was Terry Devine. Otherwise, the same officers as last year.

As a contribution to our Centenary, Ernie Hussey donated a selection of his own medals to the Club for use in 1983. The Committee decided that they would be used as winners' medals in six of the Club's Championships. The medals were silver with gold centres.

News from Hampshire revealed that John Bompas was quick off the mark as usual and had completed three time trials by the end of February plus a couple of 25s in March/April. In the second 25

he did 59.47 which, we hope, made all that early season pain and suffering worthwhile. We had a handsome win over the North Road in the Interclub '25' with our riders filling the first nine places out of ten. However, we only needed four and they were Dave Wright 1.2.54, Steve Mann 1.3.09, Brian Polley 1.4.42 and Colin Baker 1.6.09. First handicap went to Steve Mann, 2<sup>nd</sup> H'cap to A. Saunders and 3<sup>rd</sup> H'cap to Kevin O'Hanrahan. With the team race according to Bidlake, it worked out that we would have won with any combination from fastest fourth to fastest fourteenth.

The 1<sup>st</sup> of May saw the Park having another go in a 4 Up Team Time Trial, with Rick Bowring, Kevin O'Hanrahan, Ray Clifford and Brian Polley 1.44.40 in the Eastern Counties event over 40 miles. Young Peter Smith was well into his stride by this time and in a run of six events during May he notched up three personal bests and had collected points in the first four Club '10's, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> H'cap in the Norlond Combine '50' in which Bob Plumb won the Club H'cap with 2.8.41, a minute short of his personal best.

The first of the Park's local competitors this year was P. Brett who recorded 1.13.19 in the North Road Hardriders '25', which was the best time by a Club member since 1976. Dave Wright was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Becontree Road Race on the 5<sup>th</sup> March and Sid Lovatt came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the St. John Benefit RR the following day, as well as appearing later in the month on a BBC's Pebble Mill programme. This year, inappropriately, was the first for many, many years that our Easter Tour failed to get off the ground. It had been steadily losing support for some years and its demise was mourned by Easter Tour supporters. However, compensation accrued to Steve Pontin, Ted & Patsy Hill and the writer in the form of a May tour in the Lakes and Yorkshire Dales which ended up in little 'ole Cuffley at the Vice Presidents' Invitation Tea Run organised by Pat Lovatt and her team of helpers. To help lubricate an always enjoyable occasion, there was a bar at which Club members could drink, at their own expense, to the health and longevity of the Vice Presidents.

Our Open '50' this year was held on a revised course, due to road works in the top end of the usual course. Probably many of the competitors were using this event as a trial run for the Championship '50' three weeks later. Ian Cammish was the winner for the fourth year in succession with a time of 1.47.41 and Glenn Longland and Brian Phillips were 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with 1.50.48 and 1.54.17. Ann Mann (Hainault) won the women's event and the Quaich Trophy with 2.13.59, and J. Read (Brerton Wh) took the tricycle award with 2.7.15. In the Herts Wheelers '30' Brian Edrupt did 1.21.33, a personal best and a new Club Record. In the same event Colin Baker recorded 1.12.45, which, I think, was also a personal best. Going back to our Open '50', Sid Lovatt did 2.4.26 and Brian Edrupt 2.30.14 on his trike.

Members had a rewarding day in the Harp Middlemarkers '25' on F1 when Ted Davis did his first sub hour ride with 59.00 and David Milner recorded 1.1.44 for his first ever '25'. Bob Plumb did 1.2.33, Vic Franklin 1.3.02 and Mike Cross 1.5.03. David Milner's ride was probably the best ever first-attempt by a Club member.

In addition to churning out personal bests and collecting points in Club '10's, Peter Smith took time off to try his hand and legs at Paddington's eighth League meeting. He also competed in the following meeting and won the Unknown Distance event with some canny riding and a good burst of speed in the final lap. Also he rode a 'Devil', sprinting his way through to 3<sup>rd</sup> place and, with the points gained, took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Club Track Championship behind Ray Clifford.

Our big sporting moment of the year came on July 3<sup>rd</sup> when the Club promoted the National 50 Miles Championships for men and women, at the invitation of the London North District Council of the RTTC. It was held on the F1A course, Little Paxton, Cambridgeshire, a new course designed to avoid major road works north of Alconbury as already described. There were 193 riders (120 men and 73 women) in a star-studded field which contained last year's Champions, Mandy Jones and Ian Cammish. The weather was absolutely perfect from a marshall's point of view and a just reparation for all the unpleasantness that had been heaped on us in the past. Ian Cammish (GS Strada-Eiffel) won the men's event with 1.46.27, a championship record. Dave Lloyd (Manchester Wh. Trumann Steel) was second in 1.47.20 and Darryl Webster (Manchester Wh-Trumanns Steel) third in 1.47.28. Manchester Wheelers won the Team race - Dave Lloyd, Darryl Webster and Brian Phillips 1.54.08. The Women's event was won by Beryl Burton (Morley CC) with 2.1.32, second was Sue Fenwick (Essex Road CC) with 2.4.55 and third was Carole Gandy (San Fairy Ann CC) with 2.6.09. Team race was won by the Charnwood CRC - H. Parritt (2.6.12) M. Blower (2.9.24) and C. Blower (2.14.30). The event was well organised by Mike Cross, the weather made it a good day out for every-body and 'Cycling' complimented us for our marshalling and the amenities.

Peter Smith was still improving and in the Southborough '10' he came joint 2<sup>nd</sup> in 23.24, eleven seconds behind the winner. Not to be outdone, Ted David came up with a 2.3.04 in an Eastern Counties '50' and a 4.21.38 in the Goodmayes Wheelers '100', both personal bests. A week later, in the North Middx & Herts '25', Ted Davis 58.48, Kevin O'Hanrahan 58.56, Steve Mann 59.54 and Peter Smith 1.1.52, all beat their previous bests. Dave Wright was fastest of our team with 57.14. In the Club '50' held on F1A in conjunction with the Unity CC and North Road CC, Ted Davis scored another personal best with 2.3.03, fastest Park time, which won him 2<sup>nd</sup> H'cap. Brian Edrupt on his trike won

the 1<sup>st</sup> H'cap with 2.25.02. In the Century '100', a rewarding field for the Park in recent years, Vic Franklin improved his previous best to 4.45.26 and Peter Smith recorded 5.5.08, also a personal best. In the Southend & Counties '50' Dave Wright produced an inside two-hour ride for his Club B.A.R. bid - 1.59.45, also a personal best.

The destination of the Martyn Odam Trophy was settled in the 10<sup>th</sup> leg of the Club's Tens Competition when Peter Smith recorded 23.32 and collected 3 more points and became the 1983 winner. The only other serious contender was Brian Edrupt, with his trike, who had a lead of one point after the eighth '10', but saw it slip away as Peter piled on the pressure.

We have a new Club B.A.R. Champion this year in Dave Wright who won the Touche Cup with 57.14, 1.59.45 and 4.16.58 for 25, 50 and 100 miles in that order. Runner up is Fred Davis, to give him his correct title. Unofficially I am told he prefers the handle 'Ted'. He takes the Miller Cup. But no second place for Fred in the Club Championship and he takes the Johnson-Hussey Cup with Vic Franklin as runner-up. Vic must have been clearing a place on his mantelpiece for the Gordon Stewart Bowl, when Brian Edrupt swoops in on his 'barrer' and snatches it away from him with a 5.24 in the North Midds '100'. Roy Corneloues becomes Junior Champion and takes the Aleko Cup. On Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Dave Wright won the Hillclimb on Handpost, and becomes Hillclimb Champion and holder of the Dunn Trophy. Dave Wright also takes the three trophies for fastest times at 25, 50 and 100 miles, Scales Cup, Darling-Lauterwasser Cup and John Blunt Cup in that order, and in addition he takes the Yule Trophy as Club Road Race Champion. The Jack Keen Memorial Bowl goes to Steve Bergson as Best Novice and the Vice Presidents' Shield goes to Steve Pontin as the most consistent attender of Club runs. Ray Clifford is Track Champion and takes the Stilts Trophy. While Patsy Hill wins the G. H. Hampton Trophy for best support to the Gazette and she also fulfils an ambition to win the trophy in Centenary Year. The Joe Evans Memorial Trophy was awarded to the writer. The three trophies for Opens' winners. Memorial Trophy (Open 50), Quaich Trophy (Ladies 50) and Stapley Trophy (Open 25) went to Ian Cammish (GS Strada), Ann Mann (Hainault RC) and Mick Ballard (Unity CC) respectively.

Our Open '25' was won by Mick Ballard of the Unity CC, in a time of 53-45, who thus prevented Roger Queen from winning it two years in succession. Roger Queen (VC Slough) was second in 53-46, and R. Keeble (Wren Wheelers) third in 54.22. The team race went to VC Slough in 2.44.44. The event closed on 59.03 and produced 74 sub-hour rides.

We were sad to learn of the death in January of Mrs. Holly at the ripe old age of 94 years. As most members will know, she was Ivy Edrupt's mother, and Ivy's brother Cyril was also a Club member for a number of years. Mrs Holly acted as hostess to the Club's Committee for several years at her home in Archway Road during and after the last war, and we remember her with much affection.

During the past months, chunks of the Club history have been disappearing in the direction of the printers and the time has come for this last year, 1983 to go in the same direction.

It is inevitable that in a racing club the limelight should be focussed on the sportsmen of the club: the time triallist, the road racer and the track man, and there can be no argument about that. But, of course, a club is as strong as its foundations; that is, as strong as the people who run it, steer it in the right direction and keep it going when times are bad. On a previous page, in between 1971 and 1972 Frank Stapley lists some of the people who have held our Club together and kept it going in the right direction. The list includes George Hampton, Steve Pontin, Arthur Edrupt and family, Jon and Pam King, Pat and Sid Lovatt.

In 1983, Steve is alive and well and still in the chair. The Edrupt family, Arthur, Ivy and Brian are still in the ring but with the imminent 'hanging up of teapots' it looks as though the curtain is coming down on that side of their work. The Kings are now retired. Jon joined the Club in 1962 and had one carefree year

before he found himself with a job and, until he retired in 1977, he was never without a job, or two or three. The Lovatt family is also still in the ring. Since 1967, when Pat Thompson became Social Secretary, she has always had a job, moving this year into the Editorial chair. And, to that hard working group should be added the names of Phil Koniotes and Alf and Grace Blackman. But a more comprehensive idea of who has served the Club can be gained from a perusal of a list of those who have been awarded the Hampton and Joe Evans Trophies.

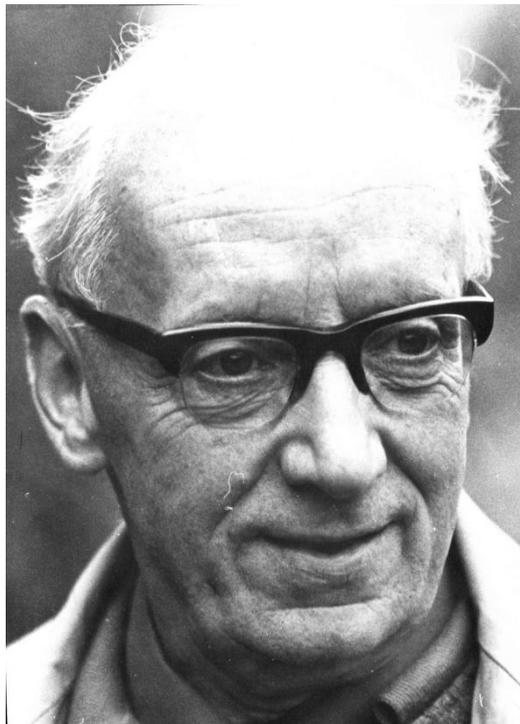
Frank Stapley set the pattern of this Club history when he wrote that it was to be a personal story and my role was to finish something that had been started. However, my memory not being a patch on Frank's, I have had to keep my head well down during the last ten years. So bear with me while I use up a few paragraphs which could reasonably go under Frank's heading of 'The Park and I' .

I suppose it was inevitable that I would join the Finsbury Park Cycling Club. A couple of years after leaving school I found myself a member of a small cycling group whose programme included expeditions to places such as Southend and Brighton. There was no problem with road safety. Just the odd car or two on the main roads and virtually none on the by-roads. However, we were taken in hand

by a club cyclist friend of ours, 'Soapy' Hudson, a member of the Park, who set about teaching us the right way to go about things.

I remember one of his educational jaunts was to see the Eastern Counties '12' in which Freddie Frost and Bill Temme were riding. I had met Ernie Stapley once or twice and one of our group claimed that he had actually seen the famous Jack Lauterwasser up at the Rookery. However, our party dwindled until there were just two of us, and after a trial tour of Norfolk we decided it was time to investigate the unknown country nor'west of Watford. So, we set off up a quiet country road called the A5 and spent the first night at Gailey, the second night at Llangollen and the following morning we reached the top of the hill which drops down into Bettws-y-Coed and saw for the very first time the breath-taking beauty of Snowdonia. The events of that day became one of my most treasured memories. We met up with another tourist named Ben Davis, another member of the Park, and he stayed with us for the rest of the holiday, regaling us from time to time with propaganda about life in a cycling club. I promised him I would ride up to Buckden to meet the Club one morning when there was a race on. I made it in time for breakfast and the Club set off homeward. The pace steadily increased and soon I was in difficulties, and sq were some of the others. At Biggleswade I found myself in a splinter group, in a pub yard and washing in a galvanised bath. This was a new ball game for me, I had been used to steady progression around the countryside with trusted friends. What was I doing with this lot that didn't seem to care who lived or who 'died'? I wasn't amused either and the only other person my memory can recall was Jack Keen, - and he wasn't amused either and said so loudly. So I went home and forgot the Park. That is, until the Captain and Sub-Captain of the Park turned up on my doorstep, Ted Chamberlain and Bert Solley. I was 'hooked' and by the time of the last Club '25' there I was in front of the time-keeper in brand new tights and alpaca and starting off a minute behind Alec Glass. My conversion was complete.

That was 53 years ago and since then I have always remained a member of the Park. There was a period during the 50's when I dropped out of active participation in Club affairs and Frank Stapley would give me a ring every year and I would meet him, have lunch and pay my sub. Also I would get postcards from Steve Pontin who was always visiting some exotic place with parties of Parkers. Early in 1960 my marriage broke up and I made a beeline for the bike and a Pontin Easter Tour in the Welsh Borders of Clun. Thus I returned to my first love!



Bill Jennings

The Centennial Banquet on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, at the Cranborne Rooms Old Hatfield, the highlight and grande finale of our centenary year, will see the Club within a few days of its hundredth year. The Hundred Years' Story will be presented on that occasion, and it is hoped that, from it, readers will gain some impression not only of what the Finsbury Park Cycling Club has been over the years, what it is today, and what part it has played in the cycling world in general, but also of how the cycling world has had to adapt itself in order to encompass an ever-changing scene, occurring with unprecedented rapidity.

## MEMBERSHIP 1983

ELECTION YEAR	YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP
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S. RICHARDSON	VP	1920	63	V. FRANKLIN	1971	12
R. ARNOLD	HM	1922	61	F. WILLIAMSON	1972	11
J. LAUTERWASSER	VP	1924	59	C. BAKER	1973	10
C. BARNES	VP	1926	57	Mrs. G. BLACKMAN	1974	9
J. FISHER	HM	1926	57	Mrs. M. WOODHAM	1974	9
E. HUSSEY	VP	1926	57	L. BLOSS	1975	8
R. CURTIS	VP	1927	56	M. KNIGHT	1975	8
W. FLOOD	HM	1927	56	M. CLAPHAM	1976	7
S. PONTIN	PR	1927	56	B. CORNELOUES	1976	7
E. MATHEWS	HM	1929	54	M. CROSS	1976	7
H. PULLINGER	VP	1929	54	Mrs. P. HILL	1976	7
A. EDRUPT	VP	1931	52	J. SANDERS	1976	7
W. JENNINGS	VP	1931	52	Mrs. P. STILTS	1976	7
W. HUSSEY	HM	1933	50	P. SULLIVAN	1976	7
M. EDMONDS	HM	1934	49	D. WRIGHT	1976	7
L. JOHNSON	VP	1937	46	Mrs. P. FARNELL	1977	6
D. LYFORD	HM	1937	46	P. HOWE	1977	6
E. MASON	HM	1937	46	R. PLUMB	1977	6
A. TODD	HM	1937	46	J. WATLING	1977	6
Mrs. I. EDRUPT	VP	1942	41	C. BARNES	1978	5
V. STILTS	HM	1942	41	C. BISHOP	1978	5
A. LAUTERWASSER	HM	1942	41	H. BOSWELL	1978	5
Mrs. R. McILVEN	HM	1946	37	Mrs. E. FRANKLIN	1978	5
W. COTTENHAM		1947	36	T. GOLDBERG	1978	5
R. GOSMAN		1949	34	Mrs. E. HOOKER	1978	5
E. HILL		1950	33	K. LIVERMORE	1978	5
S. ROWLEY		1951	32	V. PARKES	1978	5
A. BLACKMAN	VP	1952	31	P. STOVOLD	1978	5
J. WALKOM		1952	31	Mrs. F. WARNER	1978	5
V. SMITH		1954	29	D. WHISKER	1978	5
J. BOMPAS		1955	28	S. WOOLMER	1978	5
W. PASLEY		1956	27	M. BATHE	1979	4
R. RODENS		1957	26	Mrs. C. BISHOP	1979	4
A. KING		1959	24	A. BURBECK	1979	4

J. WALSH		1959	24		T. DEVINE	1979	4
F. WEATHERLY		1959	24		S. JACOBS	1979	4
I. YULE		1959	24		S. PIPER	1979	4
C. ANTONIO		1960	23		B. POLLEY	1979	4
R. CLIFFORD	VP	1960	23		S. ZINN	1980	3
B. FAGG		1960	23		L. BELCHER	1980	3
M. HOOKER		1960	23		T. BRAVO	1980	3
C. HOOKER		1960	23		F. BROWN	1980	3
B. RANGER		1960	23		P. COOPER	1980	3
B. YOUNG		1960	23		R. CORNELOUES	1980	3
B. EDRUPT	VP	1961	22		D. GILL	1980	3
Mrs. W. EVANS	HM	1961	22		Mrs. J. JACOBS	1980	3
N. GARDNER		1961	22		A. VILADOT	1980	3
P. GARDNER		1962	21		D. ZINN	1980	3
D. GILBEY		1962	21		R. BOWRING	1981	2
L. HUMPHREYS		1962	21		O. HART	1981	2
J. KING	VP	1962	21		V. KEOSHGARIAN	1981	2
M. BOSWELL		1963	20		A. SZYSKOWSKI	1981	2
Mrs. P. KING		1963	20		D. BROWN	1982	1
B. JOHNSON		1964	19		T. CONNOLLY	1982	1
A. DUNN		1965	18		F. DAVIS	1982	1
P. KONIOTES		1965	18		S. MANN	1982	1
Mrs P LOVATT	VP	1965	18		P. MINCHING	1982	1
S.O. LOVATT	VP	1966	17		K. O'HANRAHAN	1982	1
J. NICHOLS		1966	17		C. RICHARDSON	1982	1
F. RODENS		1966	17		P. ROBERTS	1982	1
J. WINSTANLEY		1966	17		P. SMITH	1982	1
Mrs. P. ANTONIO		1967	16		Mrs. C. ZINN	1982	1
Mrs. R. RODENS		1967	16		P. BRETT	1983	
P. LIGGETT		1968	15		D. MILNER	1983	
M. WATTS		1968	15		A. SAUNDERS	1983	
Mrs. G. CLIFFORD		1969	14		K. SMITH	1983	
Mrs. J. EDRUPT		1969	14		S. BERGSON	1983	
N. KONIOTES		1969	14		E. FLAHERTY	1983	
K. BINGHAM		1971	12		R. BROCK	1983	
M. ENGLISH		1971	12		Mrs. C. BROCK	1983	



The Centennial Banquet on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 1983  
at the Cranborne Rooms Old Hatfield.



## Thirty years 1984 to 2013

### 1984

**JANUARY** The loss of all events on the F4 courses during 1984, due to road works at Hatfield and Ridge Hill meant course measurer's working overtime before the racing season started. Brian Polley was 6th in the V.C. Elan and Redhill C.C. Cyclo Cross. The club's own Cyclo Cross had nearly 70 entries for the three events. The senior event being won by Dave Brooker, V.C.Etoile, by 3 mins.

**FEBRUARY** This month's gazette carried a list of Club Officers etc. and as usual nearly all the posts were filled by the same people as last year. It was agreed to increase club subs as from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1985. The trophy that everyone tried so hard to win but did not want to take home, the V.P.'s Shield was withdrawn. A Veterans Time Trial Shield was awarded, based on fastest aggregate time on 2 x 10, 2 x 25 & 2 x 50 miles events. Two new members were elected.

**MARCH** The sad news was received of the death of Winifred Evans, widow of Joe Evans. Six new members were elected. Sid Lovatt started 'Life' as a vet by winning the first Peter Fryer Trophy series at Eastway on March 11 in front of a 3000 strong crowd.

**APRIL** By now many pairs of legs have been stretched a little and shaved a bit more. Dave Wright has a 1.6.25 to his credit. Ray Clifford and Peter Smith have a 1.3.58 tandem 25 under their belts. V.Franklin and R. Brock and R. Bowering / A. Saunders have all tried a '2 up' on the 'long bike'. A letter from Pam Farnell (Odam) was published, she was sorry to miss the 100<sup>th</sup> dinner but sends her regards to everyone.

**MAY** The '10's competition is underway and super vet Sid owns fastest time to date 22.47. We lost the interclub with the North Road C.C. yet again. Sid was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Club's promotion of the Herts League R.R. around Newgate Street and Terry Devine won the Magnasport Herts League event.

**JUNE** An account for the Centenary Dinner appears in this month's gazette, £2190.15. I wonder how much the next big dinner will cost? The V.P.'s Tea Run was attended by 75 members and friends. It was pleasing to see Jack Lauterwasser and Ernie Hussey among the V.P.'s. Ian Yule and his Mother Norman Gardner, Con & Penny Antonio, Colin Baker, Rick Bowring and John Winstanley all brought their families this year.

The club had 4 runners in the London Marathon. Dave Milner 2hrs 42mins, Brian Young 3hrs 10mins, Frank Weatherly 4hrs 25mins and Alan Dunn 6hrs 30mins. Alan's training consisted of a 1/2 mile run to the local shop, ONCE!. What would he do if he were to 'train proper' like what he did on a bike.

Time trial legs were being stretched even more than in April with around 20 entries for the '10' comp. Fastest times to date 30.5.84; 10 mile Sid 22.10, 25 mile Mick Hooker 1.1.43; 50 mile Fred Davies 2.4.41. Reg Brock leads the 10 competition with 11 points.

Both Jack Lauterwasser and Ernie Hussey celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> Birthdays this month, Jack on the 20<sup>th</sup> and Ernie the 24<sup>th</sup>. Jack has been a member for 60 years Ernie for 58 years.

**JULY** On the time trial scene Fred Davies beat the hour with 59.31, he also did a personal best in our Open 50 of 2.2.30, Mick Hooker did 2.6.19. Ian Cammish won this long standing event for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year with a time of 1.46.13. The Ladies event was won by June Pitchford with a new Event Record of 1.59.31. John Reynolds was fastest in the trike event with 2.6.50.

On the track scene the Park were doing well at Paddington and Welwyn, with Stuart Zinn at long last getting the knack of going off the front of the bunch to get points. A late R.R. report, May 26/27 BLRC Memorial 2 day, Sid Lovatt won by 3m 29s plus King of the Mountains. Dave Wright has been gaining places, a 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> with Ray Clifford a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place.

The end of our Centenary Year saw the end of another 'era' in North London Cycling; 'EDRUPT CATERING', by appointment to time trialists, closed down after more than 20 years. What started as a favour to a few club members at a club event on the F4 one day grew into a very strenuous and time consuming 'favour'. Not just club events but N.M.H.C.A., N.T.T.C. other North London clubs plus the odd Championship here and there, were all catered for, what ever the weather.

**AUGUST** Sid Lovatt rode the N.T.T.C. '100' on the F1 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 4.14.57. We managed first team in the Shaftesbury C.C. '25' on E1, A. Szyszkowski, S Bergson and R. Clifford being responsible. Sid won the 8<sup>th</sup> club '10' in 23.09 there being 17 finishers from 22 entries. Sid also won the interclub '50' with the North Road C.C. in 1.55.27 and must be well on the way to another club BAR.

**SEPTEMBER** Two Cyclo Cross events are to be promoted by the club, one in November the other in January 1985. That great name of cycling Lauterwasser was seen on a start sheet again, Alan rode the N.T.T.C. '25' on 19<sup>th</sup> Aug and recorded 1.9.58 beating Vic Franklin by 1m 30s.

The Open '25' on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Aug saw C.Williamson, of C.C.Gloucester set a new event record of 52.25. Alex Szyszkowski won the Martin Odam '10' competition with 27 points; scratch award went to Dave Wright 26.29 mph.

**OCTOBER** There seems to have been some fast days during July and August. Dave Wright did a 57.11 in the Vegetarian C.& A.C. event on F1 and Rick Bowring's first '100' of 4.44.42 bodes well for the

future. Dave Wright found another good day for the E.C.C.A. '100' on the E38 with a pb of 4.11.35 I wonder if Sid is getting worried? Alex Szyszkowski improved his '25' 3 times and Reg Brock improved to 1.3.54. The interclub with the Century R.C. saw the Park win the team race 3.17.50 to 3.25.38.

I notice on looking through this months gazette that Ernie Hussey is in hospital with a broken bone in his neck and also one just above his left ankle. All the best Ernie and get well soon.

NOVEMBER The club is to hold a Cyclo Cross at Hilly Fields Enfield on Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, first event 11:00. This months gazette lists all trophy winners and years fastest times by members riding time trials. This year the trophies were well shared out with no one member having too much silver to clean throughout the coming year.

DECEMBER The clubs first Cyclo Cross of the season was held on a showery 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. The school boys event was won by Stuart Playford, Gemini B.C. Dave Brooker, V.C. Etoile, won the main event from 50 riders.

Bill Jennings writes several pages recalling his early club life from 1931 onwards and his reading of Jock Wadleys book 'My 19<sup>th</sup> Tour de France' all make very interesting reading.

The last page of the gazette carries a complaint regarding the Disco at Club Dinners and how it is sometimes impossible to have a conversation with a clubmate who you have not seen for 12 months or more. This is true but nobody can find the perfect answer.

#### Club trophy winners for 1984.

TOUCHE CUP	D.A. Wright	25.125 mph	EDRUPT SHIELD	not awarded
MILLER CUP	S.O. Lovatt	24.987 mph	ALECO CUP	not awarded
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	F. Davis	23.917 mph	ODAM TROPHY	A. Szyszkowski
SCALES CUP	D.A. Wright	57:11	YULE TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	S.O. Lovatt	1:55:27	ROAD RACE ASPIRANTS	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D.A. Wright	4:11:35	CRITERIUM CHAMPIONSHIP	
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		STILTS TROPHY	R. Clifford
VETS SHIELD	F. Davis	6:53:09	DUNN TROPHY	D.A. Wright
MEMORIAL TROPHY	I.S. Cammish	1:46:13	CYCLO CROSS CHAMPION	
QUAICH TROPHY	J. Pitchford	1:59:31	PONTIN SHIELD	
STAPLEY TROPHY	C. Williamson	52:25	EVANS TROPHY	M. Cross
GORDAN STEWART	R. Bowring		HAMPTON TROPHY	A. Blackman
KEEN MEMORIAL	R. Brock		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded		ATTENDANCE R/UP	

#### 1985

FEBRUARY The lack of the January gazette this year was due to Bill Jennings taking a 3 week 'holiday' in St. Margrets Hospital after some emergency treatment caused no doubt by his trying to type the gazette and drink Draught Guinness at the same time. The death of Dave Davey at 77 was received and many older members will re-call his help and cups of tea at Claud Butlers shop in Haringay.

MARCH On Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 3 members braved the Cuffley & Northaw lanes & hills to ride the North Road Hardriders. D.Milner 1.15.15, S.Bergson 1.18.12, V.Franklin 1.20.30 for the tough 25 miles. Some attempts at 'poetry' appeared.

APRIL An account of the club's first road race at Hare Street appears, with the first few miles rattled off at 38 mph. Dave Wright was 5<sup>th</sup>. Les Humphreys sends his regards and is enjoying life in Canada. Larry Bloss has left Canada for Australia. Yet more attempts at poetry.

MAY As the season gets into its stride those members with racing legs seem to go faster. Sid Lovatt recorded 57.35 & 22.32 with several others reducing their years best by minutes. However we lost the interclub '25' with the North Road C.C. 1.7.7. to 1.10.21, 4<sup>th</sup> man Bidlake system. Ian Tolladay wrote a very interesting article on his past cycling life and his obsession with the legendary Fausto Coppi. This obsession resulted in Ian becoming the proud owner of a Bianchi frame owned by Coppi and a large photo of Coppi and Bartali.

JUNE There were three pages of time trial results and again riders are getting faster. The 3<sup>rd</sup> club '10' was won by Sid in 22.00 and there were nine personal bests. Dave Wright did 58.45 in the Colchester Rovers C.C. '25' won by Ian Cammish in 51.40, the years fastest.

JULY / AUGUST Four new names are added to the membership list; of these Jo-Anne Lovatt is still a member. Ray Clifford & Pete Smith managed a 57.40 for a '25' on the E72, despite a crash and puncture. Our Open '50' held on 15<sup>th</sup> June saw D.Wright finish in 2.5.34, S.Lovatt DNF. The winner was Ian Butcher in 1.50.53, June Pitchford 2.2.56 and John Read 2.12.01 on his trike. Sid Lovatt forced his legs to ride a '100' in 4.19.55 on July 14<sup>th</sup>. This must have done Sid some good, because on 21<sup>st</sup> July he did 56.25. R.Brock / R.Clifford were second fastest in the Brighton Excelsior Tandem '25' with 57.48.

SEPTEMBER Sid Lovatt wins the Peter Fryer vets road race trophy by two points from Pete Matthews. Amongst all the time trial results one name stands out above the others. The 'Barrel' is back! John Bompas was 4<sup>th</sup> fastest, with 1.0.40 in the C.C. Weymouth '25'. Well done John. Mick Ballard won the Stapley Trophy Open '25' in 53.59 by 5sec from Alan Rochford.

OCTOBER The season may be drawing to an end but fast times are still being done. John Bompas again gets his name in print with a 24.09 5<sup>th</sup> place. The Park wins the interclub '25' with the Century R.C. 3.12.9 to 3.16.32. Best times to date Sid Lovatt 1.54.19, Dave Wright 4.11.55. R.Clifford wins the '10' competition.

NOVEMBER The November gazette starts off on a very sad note with the death of Reg Brock after an accident on a club run. Reg had not been a member for very long but was a 'real' bike rider and his times were nearly always getting faster. On a lighter note D.Wright wins the club Hill Climb in 1m.1.8s with Sid back in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Dave also gained 6<sup>th</sup> place in the Verulam C.C. Hill Climb. Ray Clifford's tandem riding pays off when he does 58.39 for a solo '25'. The 'Barrel', John Bompas rides again a 23.43 personal best '10' was followed by a 57.50 PB '25' then a 2.5.25.'50'. Well done John. Why no '100'?

DECEMBER Three new members this month. After 2 years of tough talking the club has at last got permission to hold a cyclo cross at Alexandra Palace on Jan 19th 1986

#### Trophy winners for 1985:

TOUCHE CUP	S.O. Lovatt	25.305	ALECO CUP	M. Clifford
MILLER CUP	D.A. Wright	24.849	GORDAN STEWART	R. Bowring
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	R. Bowring	22.977	KEEN MEMORIAL	M. Clifford
SCALES CUP	S.O. Lovatt	56:25	ODAM TROPHY	R. Clifford
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	S.O. Lovatt	1:54:19	YULE TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D.A. Wright	4:11:55	STILTS TROPHY	R. Clifford
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		EVANS TROPHY	V. Franklin
VETS SHIELD	S.O. Lovatt	6:31:32	HAMPTON TROPHY	I. Tolladay
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded		DUNN TROPHY	D.A. Wright
MEMORIAL TROPHY	I. Butcher	1:50:53	ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
QUAICH TROPHY	J. Pitchford	2:02:56		
STAPLEY TROPHY	M. Ballard	53:59		

### 1986

JANUARY Alf Blackman was elected President. Two members resigned and eleven were written off, but we gained twelve new members.

Phil Koniotes 'enjoyed' an epic ride to Paris on a 2 ton 21 seater trike. On the way they sustained a broken rear axle, being towed up hill by Keith Mernickle and Bob Porter. And a free trip by Sea Link across the channel. All this was in aid of a Handicap Childrens Centre. Between £16000 & £17000 was raised, and great fun was had by all. Well done Phil and all concerned.

Due to road works around Hertfordshire we are short of some 12 courses to race on. The F4 & F3 being worst hit. Racing wise things were a bit slow, all except the wind that is, and coupled with new often slower courses times were considerably slower for everyone early in the year. However some of the newer members were showing promise. As an example of the conditions some times listed in the May gazette were; '25' on the F1 S.Dodd 1.10.32, V. Franklin 1.11.49.

However we did manage to win the interclub '25' with the Century R.C. 10 mile times were likewise slow, Ray Clifford won the 3<sup>rd</sup> event in 25.35. Dave Wright won the club '25' on F6 in 1.6.51, 3 mins faster than the next rider. Sid Lovatt won the the 4<sup>th</sup> '10' in 24.18. This must be one of Sid's slowest '10's for years, all due to windy conditions and not age!

JUNE Things were getting better, Ray Clifford did 2.8.45 in the N.T.T.C. '50' on F1a and Dave Wright found form to ride the St. Neots C.C. '25' on F1 in 56.56. Sid improved his '10' time to 23.59 and Ray Clifford wins the 6<sup>th</sup> club '10' in 22.01.

John Bompas was pedalling faster than ever and after a few '50's at 2.5.?? he turned to shorter distances and recorded some very fine 57's 56's 55's. His best being a 55.02. He was 3<sup>rd</sup> in one '10', won another and 3<sup>rd</sup> to Glen Longland in a 30k time trial.

#### Trophy winners for 1986:

TOUCHE CUP	D.A. Wright	24.530 mph	ALECO CUP	M. Clifford
MILLER CUP	D.A. Wright	23.722 mph	GORDAN STEWART	R. Clifford
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	R. Bowring	23.977 mph	KEEN MEMORIAL	A. Kirby
SCALES CUP	D.A. Wright	56:58	ODAM TROPHY	A. Kirby

DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D.A.Wright	2:01:53	YULE TROPHY	D.A.Wright
JOHN BLUNT CUP	R. Clifford	4:22:42	STILTS TROPHY	R. Clifford
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		EVANS TROPHY	E.Hussey
VETS SHIELD	R. Clifford	7:06:55	HAMPTON TROPHY	P.Koniotes
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded		DUNN TROPHY	C.Bracewell
MEMORIAL TROPHY	P. Hill	1:54:20	ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
QUAICH TROPHY	H. Edwards	2:15:30		
STAPLEY TROPHY	R. Queen	53:37		

## 1987

Alf Blackman is again elected President and Grace is General sec. I get 'promoted' to V.P., subs are increased to £10 senior men, £5 juniors, £3.50 ladies this is still cheap by some standards.

The club's first promotion of 1987 was a vets cyclo cross at Alexandra Palace, Malcolm Boswell was 25<sup>th</sup> in only his 3<sup>rd</sup> race since dusting the cobwebs off himself and coming out of retirement. Cliff Ransly was 35<sup>th</sup> in his first year of 'mudwrestling', sorry cyclo cross. The first time trial result was Peter Douglas 1.18.20 in the North Road C.C. Hardriders.

A lengthy article by Dickie Richardson recalling his earlier days in cycling makes fascinating reading. At one point Dickie recalls that the Northern slopes of Alconbury Hill were sand and grit. Even with a low profile and Tri bars a 1.45.00. '50' would have been a dream and a free stay in Colney Hatch! In those days courses were measured by milestones which could be upto a quarter of a mile out, which way I don't know.

The club was saddened to learn of the death of Dorothy McIlven (Stapley) early in June. Dorothy was the last of the Stapley connection which began when Frank joined in 1926. Frank's brother Ernie soon followed and was the first R.T.T.C. secretary. Ernie was killed in action in 1944, Frank died in 1983, and Dorothy's son John was killed in a cycling accident in Scotland some years ago.

Dave Wright did 1.6.18 in a N.M.H.C.A. '25' on March 15<sup>th</sup> and went 8secs slower a week later in another Midds event. Dave also won the first club '10' in 23.10. The interclub with the North Road C.C saw Dave fastest in 1.3.29 but we lost the team race again; score so far N/R 7 FPCC 4. R.Clifford managed a 2.7.27. PB in the ECCA '50' in May. Dave Wright wins 4<sup>th</sup> '10' in 22.27 whilst Sid Lovatt and Terry Devine tied in 23.10. I notice on reading through the gazettes to write this history that I managed to drag the trike round in 27.40 . I must train more often.

On Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> the club lost one of its best loved members, Bill Jennings, from coronary breakdown. Bill joined the club in 1930 and was a true clubman; T.T.s, clubruns, clubroom, committee, tours, curator, gazette editor & V.P. It was Bill who compiled the last 10 years of club history for our centenary. Bill, like so many clubmen of his era who were brought up on clubruns first and racing second, loved and lived for cycling. All those who knew Bill have lost a great friend.

Dave Wright again wins the club '10', No's 5 & 6 in the series. Me and my barrow ride again for a 27.07 best this year. Dave also scores fastest '25' so far 1.0.57.

Eddie Adkins won the open '50' in a course record 1.45.50, Elaine Ward 2.2.03 wins the Ladies event and Ian Finch 2.5.47 the trikes.

The club '10' competition is in a 'rut' with Dave Wright winning No's 7 & 8 yet again. I managed 26.41 & 28.41. That 28.41 on 22<sup>nd</sup> July was to be the last time I ever raced; 'thanks' to a motorist coming off the south bound sliproad at Hoddesdon at about 60 mph whilst looking behind him. Strange as it may seem I think I tried harder on 3 wheels than I ever did on 2, I certainly enjoyed it more. I think the best ride I ever did, 2 or 3 wheels, was the N.& W. H.C. R.R.A. 12 Hr trike record attempt of 220.48 miles, which still stands today over 27 years later.

That man Dave Wright returns club fastest time in the interclub '50' with the North Road C.C. and the Unity C.C.. Unity C.C. win the team race, North Road C.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Park 3<sup>rd</sup>. Four PB's were done. Dave also wins rounds 9 & 10 of the '10's' competition. Both Dave and Vic Franklin rode the E.C.C.A. '100', 4.17.22 & 4.50.40. The club managed 2<sup>nd</sup> team in the N.M.H.C.A. '25' on F10 D. Wright 1.1.8. W. Anderson 1.5.57 & V. Franklin 1.6.32.

With the Passing of Bill Jennings I take over as Curator, and with three and a half months off work have a good sort out and list all archive material. A job I really enjoyed.

Dave Wright is still going faster, in the Unity C.C. '25' on the E72 he did 55.07 PB. The event was won by J.Pritchard in a years fastest time of 50.02. Mike Peatchey took time out from making sausages and cutting up meat to ride the Luton Whs 12 hr with a 225.8 mls PB, Eddie Adkins won with 266 mls. Mike wins the Saward cup for best 12 hr, last won in 1973. Dave Wright takes most of the trophies this year with fastest '25', '50', '100' Club BAR, Road Race & Hill Climb. Vic Franklin wins Miller cup BAR runner up and is also Club Champion. Junior Champion is Mark Fleming, Track is Ray Clifford, Joe Evans Trophy goes to Liz Franklin and the Hampton Trophy to M.Bromley.

Trophy winners for 1987:

TOUCHE CUP	D.A.Wright	24.530 mph	ALECO CUP	M. Fleming
MILLER CUP	D.A. Wright	23.722 mph	GORDAN STEWART	R. Clifford
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	R. Bowring	23.977 mph	KEEN MEMORIAL	J. Brown
SCALES CUP	D.A.Wright	56:58	ODAM TROPHY	A. Kirby
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D.A.Wright	2:01:53	YULE TROPHY	D.A.Wright
JOHN BLUNT CUP	R. Clifford	4:22:42	STILTS TROPHY	R. Clifford
SAWARD CUP	M. Peatchey	225.8 mls	EVANS TROPHY	Mrs. E Franklin
VETS SHIELD	V. Franklin	7:33:49	HAMPTON TROPHY	M. Bromley
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded		DUNN TROPHY	D.A. Wright
MEMORIAL TROPHY	E. Adkins	1:45:50	ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
QUAICH TROPHY	E. Ward	2:02:03		
STAPLEY TROPHY	J. Pritchard	52:14		

## 1988

At the A.G.M. Pat Lovatt was elected as President, the Club's first Lady President in its 105 year history. Two new members took on committee work, Penny Collins as Gen Sec. and Rod Collins as Vice Captain. A new V.P. was elected, Grace Blackman.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Vic Stilts, a member since 1942. Vic had been in poor health for some time and confined to a wheel chair, but despite this still attended some club fixtures especially the V.P.'s tea run. Another member and V.P. to pass away was C.W.Barnes a member since 1926; news also reached us via Con Antonio in Cyprus of the death of Jimmy Nichols from pneumonia on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

On a happier note Jack Lauterwasser paid a visit to Buckingham Palace on 26<sup>th</sup> January to be presented with a commemorative pin to mark the centenary of the revival of the Olympic Games. The Princess Royal did the 'Honours' and Jack was accompanied by a host of past Olympic Medalists. Jack took a Bronze Medal in the 1928 Road Race and a Silver Team race Medal. 1928 was Jack's year, two R.R.A. records, at 50 & 100 miles, fastest in the North Road C.C. '50', and competition record at 12hr, the first to reach 240 miles.

On April 29<sup>th</sup> Ernie Hussey, a member for almost 62 years, died. Ernie will be best remembered for his outstanding, record breaking, 9 consecutive wins in the Catford C.C. Hill Climb from 1930-1938, With no R.T.T.C. Championship until 1944 the Catford was regarded as the unofficial championship. Together with brother Wilf Ernie held the club tandem '30' record in 1937 in 1.10.20. Ernie was also a renowned track rider winning a number of N.C.U. Grass Track Championships. He was a candidate for Olympic trials.

Some club members have a permanent memory of Ernie, for in 1983, the Club's Centenary, Ernie donated 6 of his Gold club medals to be given in place of silver to all trophy winners. Although not a trophy winner myself that year I was honoured to receive a small shield bearing one of Ernie's Gold medals in recognition of all my club trike records.

On a happier theme Park riders are stretching their legs in T.T.s. Mike Peatchey managing a 1.4.12 PB on 17<sup>th</sup> April. We loose the interclub with the North Road C.C. again by just 6 sec. Ray Clifford is 4<sup>th</sup> fastest with 1.7.17 in the Hainault R.C.'25'. Mike is 'chopping' away at his '25' time and by May 24<sup>th</sup> is down to 1.2.45. Ray's win in 2 '10's pays off and he does a 2.7.19 PB in the ECCA '50'. Dave Wright wins the club '25' on F10 in 1.2.43., Ray 1.3.32. Ray again improves his '50' to 2.7.15. By the end of June there were 23 improvements.

As for Road Racing, Sid, Terry & Dave were gaining places. Sid was 7<sup>th</sup> in a Peter Fryer vets event with Terry 10<sup>th</sup>. Our Spring Road Race was won by Sean Bannister with ex Parker Ken Ruffell 2<sup>nd</sup> & Terry 6<sup>th</sup>.

Our Open '50' was held in the usual conditions, dull, cold & windy. Garry Deighton won in 1.52.00. Jane Littlefair was fastest lady in 2.12.28 whilst John Read won the three wheel race in 2.10.57, from a record entry of 31. The Open '25' was held in similar conditions and John Pritchard, Poly C.C. won for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in 52.22. Margret Allen won the Ladies event in pouring rain with 58.55. There were 243 entries for Men & 49 for Ladies.

This year of sorrow was not yet over. Dickie Richardson our longest serving member died in November. Dickie joined in 1920 and was an enthusiastic time trialist in the halcyon days of the 1920's. The club was also saddened to here of the death of Amy Lauterwasser in December. Altogether a very sad year for the club with the passing of 6 members and friends, who between them had over 258 years membership.

### Trophy winners for 1988:

TOUCHE CUP	D.A.Wright	24.527 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	G. Ransley
MILLER CUP	R. Clifford	23.722 mph	GORDAN STEWART	R. Clifford

JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	R. Clifford	24.249 mph		KEEN MEMORIAL	I. Logan
SCALES CUP	D.A.Wright	57:07		ODAM TROPHY	A. Kirby
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D.A.Wright	2:03:33		YULE TROPHY	D.A.Wright
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D.A.Wright	4:20:26		STILTS TROPHY	R. Clifford
SAWARD CUP	K. Megan	235.410 mls		EVANS TROPHY	Mrs.G. Blackman
VETS SHIELD	R. Clifford	7:06:33		HAMPTON TROPHY	M. Bromley
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded			DUNN TROPHY	D.A. Wright
MEMORIAL TROPHY	G. Deighton	1:52:00		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
QUAICH TROPHY	E. Littlefair	2:12:28			
STAPLEY TROPHY	J. Pritchard	52:22			

## 1989

A poorly attended A.G.M. left the Club without a General Secretary. Only a few new names came forward for new jobs. Peter Douglas has taken over as gazette editor, Pat Lovatt is President and Alan Dunn made a V.P.

A rather windy North Midds '25' on the F1 resulted in Mick Devine 1.5.32, Kevin Megan 1.6.41, & E. McElhinney 1.6.56 grabbing 2<sup>nd</sup> team race award. Another '25' on the F1, N.T.T.C., and this time the club managed 1<sup>st</sup> team due to M.Peatchey 1.0.49., D.Wright 1.0.51. and K.Megan 1.0.54. Team time trials seem to be getting popular these days with several members entering 2up or even 4up events, there were 3 teams in the E.C.C.A. 4up 38.5 mile event on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our Spring Road Race was a great success, the winner was D. Oakley Harp C.C. and the Club made a profit of £102.20. On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April something strange and unusual happened WE won the interclub '25' against the North Road C.C. The Club had 13 finishers, Mick Divine was Club fastest in 1.5.00 & Mike Peatchey's 1.7.05 clinched the team award (Bidlake System) by nearly 5 mins. Soon after both Kevin & Mike drastically improved their '25' times to 58.32 & 58.38 respectively. Kevin also did a 4.33.10 first '100'.

On the Road Race scene Sid was 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Highgate C.C.vets 2 day, & Dave Wright won the Southend & County Whs criterium at Eastway.

Our Open '50 was won by Glen Longland, Antelope R.T. with a new course & event record of 1.45.03, L.Cunning won the Ladies event in 2.2.07 and N.Crisp was fastest trike in 2.2.10 another course record. Dave Wright did 2.4.04 There were 244 entries, of those accepted 10 beat 1.50.00, 72 beat 2 hrs. and there were 58 personal bests.

On reading through the gazette it is pleasing to see so many personal bests listed. Each member not only trying to improve their previous times but also trying to beat their fellow club mates. On reading through the September gazette something caught my attention; Kevin Megan rode the E.C.C.A. 12hr and did 221.24 miles only to be beaten by Mike Peatchey, riding the Championship 12hr, with 223.88 miles. I cannot recall the last time 2 members rode a 12 hr in the same year. Who knows ? With a bit of luck and 'blackmail' we might get 3 riders in the *same event and club record may tumble*.

At 6 am on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1989 Mike Peatchey started an attempt on the N.& W.H.C.R.R.A. 12Hr. With a standard of 235 miles to beat Mike scheduled for 240 miles. He rode well, being 12mins up at 107 miles, but the sun took its toll. With temperatures well into the 80's Mike found his strength waning and retired at 195 miles. It is perhaps interesting to recall that it was almost exactly 15 years ago to the day (29.7.73) that I gained the 12hr trike record on the same course. It would be a great day for the club if a member could gain the solo record as well. Are you listening Kevin?.

The Club Dinner was held at the Town House, Enfield, for the second year.

### Trophy winners for 1989:

TOUCHE CUP	S.O. Lovatt	24.244 mph		ALECO CUP	M. Fleming
MILLER CUP	D.A. Wright			GORDAN STEWART	K. Megan
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	M.Devine	24.034 mph		KEEN MEMORIAL	J. Brown
SCALES CUP	D.A.Wright	57:56		ODAM TROPHY	K. Megan
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	S.O. Lovatt	2:00:43		YULE TROPHY	D.A.Wright
JOHN BLUNT CUP	S.O. Lovatt	4:09:58		STILTS TROPHY	R. Clifford
SAWARD CUP	M. Peatchey	225.850 mls		EVANS TROPHY	P.Douglas
VETS SHIELD	V. Franklin	7:33:49		HAMPTON TROPHY	P.Douglas
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	L. Middle			DUNN TROPHY	D.A. Wright
MEMORIAL TROPHY	G. Longland	1:45:03		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
QUAICH TROPHY	L. Cumming	2:02:07			
STAPLEY TROPHY	A. Stapleton	52:26			

## 1990

Through generous donations by certain club members the club was able to purchase a photo copier, via Jason Clifford's business contacts. This should help the gazette production in a big way.

The A.G.M. was much the same as in the past, same people same jobs with just a few changes. The usual racing program was agreed upon. A few changes were made to club rules vis '25' & '50' miles. The cash award for best improvement was eliminated and replaced by one Bronze Medal for best improvement. Scratch award winners who so qualify will forfeit the improvement award and no improvement award given.

The evening '10' course has been changed at last, for safety reasons. It always was a problem getting my barrow round that final round-a-bout after the fast down hill approach to it.

NEWS FLASHES from around the World; Harry Pullinger had a heart attack in late autumn, but is recovering well. Les Humphreys writes saying he was in England in June. He spent an evening with Mick Hooker, visited Bournemouth to see Dave & Diane Gilbey and rode from London to Leeds trying out Triathlon bars. Stan & Joy Rowley write to tell of a surprise phone call from Alan Hares who was visiting his brother in San Fransisco. So they got together for a dinner and old times. Bill & Ruth Cottenham are due in San Fransisco in January 1990 via Australia, New Zealand & Los Angeles. ..

END OF NEWS FLASHES.

The Bournemouth weekend was once again a welcome change from 'home sweet home', and I thoroughly enjoyed my first visit. There were 5 club members riding cyclo cross this year, and Malcolm Boswell was again the most consistant rider. He was 13<sup>th</sup> in the National Vets Championship.

Hands up who thought the gazette was dead? Wrong. Just lack of time due to married life etc. So says Peter Douglas the editor. 6 new members were welcomed to the 'Park Family'. Due to the long gap between gazettes the list of T.T. results is extensive. We beat the North Road C.C. in the annual interclub '25'. One 'old' name long missing from time trials, Norman Gardner did 1.8.50 only to be beaten by his 14 year old son, Alex, with 1.7.24. Why do 'all' the new young upstarts always beat us olduns? Personal bests abound in T.T. results so far this year.

Alf Blackman goes into semi retirement as T.T. sec. He is happy to run both open '25' & '50' but somebody else must run club events. The Open '50' was won by D.Redding in 1.46.22 with team race going to the Poly C.C. Margret Allen took the Quaich Trophy in 2.00.02 and Eric Marsh dragged 3 wheels round for a 2.5.25.PB and his own club record. There were 44 PB's and 68 rides under 2 hours.

Terry Devine is virtually unbeatable in the Road Race Championship with 138 points, Dave Wright is second with 42 and Matt Maloney 3<sup>rd</sup> with 35.

We heard with great regret and sadness that Aubrey Todd died on Wednesday 7th August, after more than 50 years membership. Aubrey or Toddy as he was more often known joined the club in 1937 and dabbled in T.T.'s for several years. Soon he turned his talents to photography. He started as a freelance professional supplying many photos to the cycling press, but not National press. This was between 1940 and 1960. In the early days he was a photographer to Collins Music Hall at Islington until it closed. It was Toddy who started me doing my own Black & White developing & printing of pictures of club riders etc. and without his help back in the late 1960's I might not be club photographer now. I'll miss you Toddy.

Mathew Purshouse won the Stapley Trophy Open '25' in 51.24. Of the 97 starters only 4 failed to beat the hour. The slowest was 1.0.31. Notice was given of the A.G.M. on January 21<sup>st</sup> 1991 and the fact that some very important posts must be filled.

Trophy winners for 1990 were :

TOUCHE CUP	S.O. Lovatt	24.185 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	C. York
MILLER CUP	K. Megan		GORDAN STEWART	K. Megan
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	K. Megan	24.934 mph	KEEN MEMORIAL	M. Beisiegel
SCALES CUP	P. Burwell	58:06	ODAM TROPHY	P. Burwell
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	S.O. Lovatt	1:54:34.	YULE TROPHY	T. Devine
JOHN BLUNT CUP	M. Peatchey	4:25:40	STILTS TROPHY	S. O. Lovatt
SAWARD CUP	K. Megan	242.439 mls	EVANS TROPHY	A. Blackman
VETS SHIELD	M. Devine	7:18:02	HAMPTON TROPHY	P.Douglas
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded		DUNN TROPHY	D.A. Wright
MEMORIAL TROPHY	D. Redding	1:46:22	ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
QUAICH TROPHY	M. Allen	2:00:02		
STAPLEY TROPHY	M.Purshouse	51:24		

## 1991

A poorly attended A.G.M. saw little change in job ownership, however Alan Dunn was elected as President for the year. Eric Mason wrote a very interesting article on a tour he had with Les Thomson, St.

Albans C.T.C., through France to Nice and then to Corsica. All to see where Napoleon was born. Alan Dunn's offer, earlier in the year of help and support etc. in the Paris - Roubaix Randonee was accepted by only one member, Phil Koniotes. Perhaps all the club's 'hardmen' have retired now. A warm welcome was extended to 10 new members, may their stay be long and happy.

Time Trial results fill 7 pages of the July gazette. Malcolm Boswell rode the North Road Hardriders in 1.15.00 to Chris Boardmans record 57.20. Paul Burwell 'robbed' Sid of his '10' mile record when he did 21.02 in the Elite C.C. event on the E8r. A total of 19 PB's were recorded between February 24<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Megan was making his presence felt as well, coming second with 1.1.53. to Paul Burwell's winning 1.0.14 in the N.T.T.C. '25' on F1, M.Devine did 1.5.09. and they took the team race. In the N.T.T.C. '30' the Park again took 1<sup>st</sup> team with Paul second in 1.9.56, Kevin 1.13.54, and Mike 1.14.47.

It is with deep sadness and sorrow that we heard of the passing of Wilf Hussey on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, at the age of 79. Wilf was a staunch and faithful clubman, but was possibly overhadowed somewhat by his brother Ernie, 'King' of the hill climbs, before the war. Ernie died in 1988. More sad news reached us of the passing of the club's oldest surviving member, Bob Arnold in Belfast. Bob joined the club in January 1922 and was a member for 69 years. It was a pleasure to meet him at our centenary in 1983.

By way of a change this years hillclimb was held on a Wednesday evening and was won by Paul Burwell in 3m 6.6s.

There is a short report on our two open events. The '50' was run off in cold showery weather; G.Butler, Norwood Paragon won in 1.45.31, Christine Roberts won the Ladie in 2.5.9 and Don Saunders the trikes in 2.6.59. There were 288 entries received and the mens event closed on 1.56.30. The Open '25' also fell foul of the weather, S.Dangerfield won in 51.49.

Kevin Megan looks set for a winter of trophy cleaning with a virtual clean sweep of all major awards, except the 24hr, Jun & Vets. Club B.A.R. Club Champion & Handicap Bowl. Kevin managed 66<sup>th</sup> place in the B.B.A.R. The last club member in the B.B.A.R. was Ray Gosman in 1953.

Les Humphries came over from Canada to see us and even managed to ride the club '25', visit the club room, and attend the V.P.'s Tea Run. Something a lot of other members, who live in this country find hard to do.

#### Trophy winners for 1991 were

TOUCHE CUP	K. Megan.	25.508 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded
MILLER CUP	K. Megan		GORDAN STEWART	K. Megan
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	K. Megan	25.804 mph	KEEN MEMORIAL	C. Macillwaine
SCALES CUP	K. Megan	54:38	ODAM TROPHY	P. Burwell
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	K. Megan	1:52:33.	YULE TROPHY	T. Devine
JOHN BLUNT CUP	K. Megan	4:17:21	STILTS TROPHY	not awarded
SAWARD CUP	K. Megan	250.910 mls	EVANS TROPHY	B. R. Edrupt
VETS SHIELD	M. Devine	6:55:13	HAMPTON TROPHY	M. Beisiegel
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded		DUNN TROPHY	P. Burwell
MEMORIAL TROPHY	G. Butler	1:45:31	ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
QUAICH TROPHY	C. Roberts	2:05:09		
STAPLEY TROPHY	S. Dangerfield	51:49		

#### 1992

Editor Peter Douglas, puts in a plea for a new editor as he is retiring early. (He's not 65 yet) He also reminds members about other jobs within the club that require new owners. Pat Lovatt's report of the 1991 Dinner at the Fox Palmers Green was more of an explanation of why the evening was not 100%. The main culprit being the manager who did a D.N.S. thus leaving everything in chaos. However the cabaret, the first I can remember made up for a lot of the evenings upsets, our thanks to Alan Dunn.

Five members fitted fat tyres to their wheels for some off road competition, but no actual placings are known. Malcolm Boswell gained 11<sup>th</sup> place in the Vets Cyclo Cross Championship, age 45-50. There were 7 pages of T.T. results from 1991.

The A.G.M. report shows virtually the same 'old' names running the club, in some cases only the job description has changed. In other words 'you do my job I'll do yours'. The usual list of T.T.'s & R.R.'s etc were approved. Pat & Ted Hill wrote an interesting ode to Pat Lovatt's 1991 Dinner report. Trevor Lark's initial report on cyclo cross and mountain bikes was both funny and informative. We must wait and see what happens. There seems to be a growing interest in track racing this year, and for first timers there is the offer of the loan of the club's track bike.

John Walsh, now living in Corfe Mullen, not only won the South West Regional Police Dog Handling Trials, but went on to become National Champion of 1991. Have you trained them NOT to chase club members when out training or racing?

Two members were put out of action briefly, Dave Wright with a fractured cheek bone, trying to out sprint a car; and Paul Burwell sustained a cracked knee cap after being knocked down by a 'hit & run pedestrian'. Both, however were soon back training. Frank Weatherly celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with a typical cyclists 'do', plenty of food, drink & loud music.

The club's first road race on April 5<sup>th</sup> had good weather and proved an interesting race. A break of 5 went away with 30 of the 56 miles still to left. Tim Watson, Invicta R.C. took a solo victory, Terry Devine was 4<sup>th</sup> at 20 secs. Marc Beisiegel won the North London Division R.R. Championship, to join John Winstanley & Sid Lovatt, passed winners.

The T.T. season started off with Kevin Megan & Paul Burwell improving by 32secs on last years time in the Lea Valley 2up. There followed a few weeks of poor weather conditions which slowed most riders down. Gethin Butler ( Norwood Paragon ) won the Open '50' in a years fastest time of 1.42.05, S. Dangerfield 1.42.54 was 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> was K.Dawson 1.43.11; all three broke event record. Kevin Megan did 1.56.46. The Ladies event was won by D.Courage ( Vectis R.C. ) in 2.6.16. But the best ride of the day belonged to Glen Longland who shattered the trike competition record by 4m 14s. with 1.53.13. Competition team record also went in 6.5.43, a 21m 43s improvement.

The morning after the open '50' Vince Freeley & Ray Clifford powered their way along the A12 to a new club tandem '30' record of 1.5.06. Rumour says they were helped by being caught in the slipstream of Longland & Stroud as they passed at 40 mph. A few PB's were achieved, mainly by new members. Kevin was second with 54.26 & Guy Andrews 4<sup>th</sup> in 55.05 in a Spoco 22 mile event.

For the first time in a long while the Open '25' did not attract a full field. The evening was dull, cold & windy. Chris Alcock Delta R.T. won in 53.01, 62 beat the hour including Guy Andrews who did 56.37.

There is an article by Arthur Edrupt on old club handbooks vis 1885 club uniform : Grey suit, black stockings, black silk cricket cap for winter, straw hat for summer. Club colours were Silver Grey & Crimson. A 10 mile road race was held once a month.

The September gazette started with an excuse / apology for the lateness. Our struggling editor had overnight visitors who removed all Vince's computer, printer & software equipment thus leaving poor Vince with nothing except his bike. So he went out training until he got together new equipment to re-do the gazette.

#### Trophy winners for 1992 were

TOUCHE CUP	K. Megan	25.434 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded
MILLER CUP	G. Andrews	23.870 mph	GORDAN STEWART	K. Megan
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	K. Megan	25.731 mph	KEEN MEMORIAL	N. Eden
SCALES CUP	G. Andrews	56:37	ODAM TROPHY	C. Mcllwaine
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	K. Megan	1:56:02.	YULE TROPHY	T. Devine
JOHN BLUNT CUP	K. Megan	4:07:53	STILTS TROPHY	not awarded
SAWARD CUP	K. Megan	246.780 mls	EVANS TROPHY	A. Edrupt
VETS SHIELD	M. Devine	7:33:36	HAMPTON TROPHY	Mrs. P. Hill
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded		DUNN TROPHY	D.A. Wright
MEMORIAL TROPHY	G. Butler	1:42:05	ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
QUAICH TROPHY	D. Courage	2:06:16		
STAPLEY TROPHY	C. Allcock	53:01		

### 1993

As usual there was little change at the A.G.M. Alf Blackman took semi retirement from T.T.sec. Those three loyal stalwarts of the watch, Steve , Arthur & Alf decided that they could no longer guarantee to time club events. however they offered to help & teach any volunteers. Between them they have 166 years membership and for most of those years they have held at least one job or another. I retired as club Photographic Librarian after more than 25 years and Sid Lovatt took over. All affiliations & racing programs were approved as last year.

A surprise visitor to the clubroom one night was a certain Lotus Bike complete with Gold Medal and Chris Boardman M.B.E. Chris was in London for T.V. appearances, and over dinner with Alan Dunn, at a place called 'Sticky Fingers' the visit was arranged.

The August gazette contains 10 pages of time trials results, and on reading through these it is pleasing to note that some of our more recent members are recording P.B.'s and some quite fast times.

Alf Blackman has done some research into trophy winners and Sid Lovatt is way out in front with a total of 57, Dave Wright is second with 34, Alan Lauterwasser 3<sup>rd</sup> with 24. In fourth place is Kevin Megan with 20. Out of the twelve names listed Kevin is the only 'newcomer' the rest are 'oldies'.

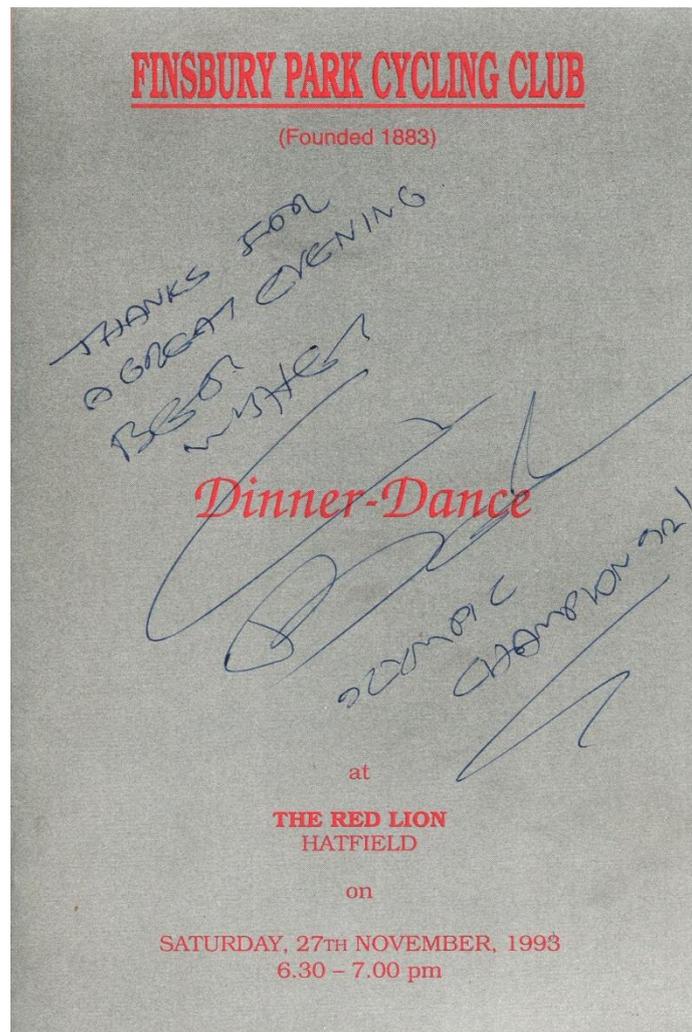
There seems to be only a few members interested in Road Races at the moment; Terry Devine, Dave Wright & Marc Beisiegel being the most prominent. Track racing at Welwyn seems to be in favour with quite a few members especially young Daniel Sargent, who leads both the Welwyn Juvenial Track League and our own track championship with 72 points, 60 pts in front of Vince Parks.

For the first time both the Open '50' & '25' were won by the same person, Stuart Dangerfield Leo R.C. Times were 1.46.08 & 48 59 , his '25' time was a course and event record. There were 9 pages of T.T. results in the October Gazette and one result stands out, the shattering of the club '25' team record by 5m 13s. This was done in our Open '25', Marc Beisiegel 53.35, Guy Andrews 55.58 both Pb's and Mick Devine 56.12. This record dates back to 1978.

The results lists were still being marked with those magic letters PB our new members improving consistantly. It was very pleasant to see onceagain a lady rider in the results. Christine Sealey rode the ladies Championship '10' in July and did 27.45. She has also won the club Ladies Championship, only the second time this has been won since 1981. Surely there must be some more Ladies out there to keep Christine company. All the girls need is encouragment, a bit of pushing (up hill !) and a brand new bike !

The annual Christmas Lunch Run, this year to Hobbs Cross Farm saw around 18 attend, many by bike.

The climax of 1993 , the club's 110<sup>th</sup> year, was the dinner at the Red Lion Hatfield. It was 10 years ago that we last visited Hatfield, then we were 100 years old with around 160 members & guests. this year saw approximately 100 members, friends & guests sit down to dinner. Our chief guest was Olympic 4000 metre Pursuit Champion and Hour Record Holder Chris Boardman. Although Chris had flown in from the U.S.A. the day before and was probably suffering jet lag he readily posed for photo's and signed menus. He presented all the trophies etc. Chris was also 'picked on' not only by Alan Dunn in his speech but also by both cabaret acts, Chris took it all in good heart and seemed to thoroughly enjoy himself.



1993 DINNER MENU SIGNED BY  
CHRIS BOARDMAN MBE

*Toasts*

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THE LOYAL TOAST

*Proposed by* .....*Alan Dunn*  
THE PRESIDENT

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WELCOME TO THE LADIES  
AND VISITORS

*Proposed by* .....*Alan Dunn*  
THE PRESIDENT

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THE FINSBURY PARK  
CYCLING CLUB

*Proposed by* .....*Chris Boardman, MBE*

*Response by* .....*John Kaine*

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PRIZE PRESENTATION

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CABARET

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*Memor Esto Brevis Aevus*  
(c. 1634 Anon)  
(Mindful thou shalt be of short time)

*Menu*

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*Spring Vegetable Soup*

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*Braised Beef in Beer*  
*Roast Potatoes*  
*Lemon Carrots*  
*Whole French Beans*  
*Celery Hearts*

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*Bread and Butter Pudding*

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*Coffee and Chocolate Mints*

Trophy Winners for 1993 are :

TOUCHE CUP	K. Megan	24.880 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	D. Sargent
MILLER CUP	M. Peatchey		GORDAN STEWART	M. Peatchey
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	K. Megan	24.697 mph	KEEN MEMORIAL	D. Lapes
SCALES CUP	M. Beisiegel	53:35	ODAM TROPHY	J. Kaine
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	V. Freeley	2:01:22	CLIFFORD TROPHY	T. Devine
JOHN BLUNT CUP	K. Megan	4:19:11	YULE TROPHY	D. Wright
SAWARD CUP	M. Peatchey	220.310 mls	STILTS TROPHY	R. Clifford
VETS SHIELD	V. Freeley	6:46:44	EVANS TROPHY	A. & G. Blackman
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	C. Sealey		HAMPTON TROPHY	T. Lark
MEMORIAL TROPHY	S. Dangerfield	1:46:08	ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
QUAICH TROPHY	C. Roberts	2:06:42		
STAPLEY TROPHY	S. Dangerfield	48:59		

**1994**

The January gazette starts off by 'complaining' about the very wet weather that everyone has been experiencing. It continues with a reminder for the A.G.M. and how important it is for everyone to attend. Alan Dunn, as outgoing President sends a 'thankyou' letter to everyone who helped make his job easier. Alf Blackman tidies up the T.T. scene with a few late results from Oct 93 followed by a list of trophy winners and years fastest times for 1993.

Phil Koniotes misses the club dinner due to an innocent little tumble that resulted in a complicated break at the top of a femur. However a few titanium plates & screws soon saw Phil vertical and off on holiday before Christmas. News reached us that Mrs. Hooker, Mother of Chris & Mick had died as a result of a heart attack on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Although no longer members Chris & Mick still maintain close contact with many of the club.

The March gazette opens with concern about Alf Blackman who was taken ill at the clubroom, and then taken by ambulance to hospital where it was found he had suffered a stroke. Apparently he is progressing well. A list of officials as elected at the A.G.M. was published. This is a very handy list to have especially for those who do not attend the A.G.M.

New President John Winstanley gave a talk on road racing tactics at the clubroom. I am sure all those who attended came away a lot wiser. Patsey Hill sent a copy of 'The Cyclist' dated March 14th 1900 which contained a report of the club's 17<sup>th</sup> dinner. It is re-printed below:-

*"To celebrate its seventeenth anniversary over fifty members and friends of the Finsbury Park C.C. met at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday evening under the Presidency of Mr. E. Allen Tooth, once well known in London but now settled in Liverpool, and an Anfielder. The Vice Chairmen were Mr. Crane and the famous aeronaut, Mr. Percival Spencer. The dinner was graced by ladies, who attended in goodly numbers. During the speech-making following the dinner, many reminiscent remarks were made of the club's history and record, and of Mr. Harold Johnson's long service as hon. sec. The trade was represented by Mr. G.H. Smart, London representative of the Quadrant Cycle Co. Ltd., Mr. W.G. James of the Crypto Works Co. Ltd., and Messrs. H. Johnson and Sid Pacey of Messrs J. Lucas Ltd's London Branch. Mr. Rowlands, brother of the raider cyclist who helped in Dr. Jameson's ventures, proposed the toast of the press, which was responded to by Mr. R.T. Lang and, by special request Mr. E.J. Linney (The Cyclist). A very enjoyable evening closed with "God save the Queen"*

The stroke that Alf had in March has left him only able to use his left hand at the moment, but Alf insists he can carry on his T.T. job IF you send in your results. If you don't then don't blame Alf.

#### Trophy Winners for 1994

TOUCHE CUP	K. Megan	24.410 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	A.Crighton
MILLER CUP	G. Andrews		GORDAN STEWART	K. Megan
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	K. Megan	25.382 mph	KEEN MEMORIAL	A.Crighton
SCALES CUP	M. Devine	57:31	ODAM TROPHY	A.Crighton
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	K. Megan	1:56:14	CLIFFORD TROPHY	T. Devine
JOHN BLUNT CUP	K. Megan	4:31:38	YULE TROPHY	D. Wright
SAWARD CUP	Not awarded		STILTS TROPHY	D. Sargent
VETS SHIELD	M.Devine	6:44:29	EVANS TROPHY	A.Edrupt
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	C. Sealey		HAMPTON TROPHY	T. Lark
MEMORIAL TROPHY	P. Longbottom	1:42:17	DUNN TROPHY	not awarded
QUAICH TROPHY	C. Roberts	2:00:09	ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
STAPLEY TROPHY	D. Redding	50:28		

#### 1995

Perhaps the biggest surprise at this year's A.G.M. was Steve Pontin standing down as Chairman after 40 years. Steve's dedication to the official side of cycling is well known and the club owe him a big thank you for all his hardwork. Arthur Edrupt was elected Chairman and several other jobs had new owners this year.

Steve Nunn was 9<sup>th</sup> in the North Road C.C. Hardriders with 1.4.30. Sid Lovatt was 1<sup>st</sup>, Dave Wright 3<sup>rd</sup> & Terry Devine 7<sup>th</sup> in the St. Johns 3<sup>rd</sup> s & vets road race at Eastway. In the 1.2.3. Cat event Steve Nunn won the sprint. Dick Curtis tells of his training program for an attack on the club 24hr record in 1938. Long steady miles upto Glasgow and back. He doesn't say how many miles he did but added 22 miles to Jimmy Fisher's 1928 record of 371 miles. During the year there were 12 new members and 19 written off, one resigned.

#### Trophy Winners for 1995 :

TOUCHE CUP	S.O. Lovatt	24.554 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	A.Crighton
MILLER CUP	not awarded		GORDAN STEWART	S.O. Lovatt.
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	not awarded		KEEN MEMORIAL	R. Pope
SCALES CUP	R. Pope	57:18	ODAM TROPHY	A.Kirby
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	S.O. Lovatt	1:57:31	CLIFFORD TROPHY	T. Devine
JOHN BLUNT CUP	S.O. Lovatt	4:27:47	YULE TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt
SAWARD CUP	Not awarded		STILTS TROPHY	G. Douglas
VETS SHIELD	S.O. Lovatt	6:31:59	EVANS TROPHY	V. Freeley
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded		HAMPTON TROPHY	D. Sargent
MEMORIAL TROPHY	Z. Carr	1:44:35	DUNN TROPHY	R. Pope
QUAICH TROPHY	L. Milne	2:04:08	ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
STAPLEY TROPHY	M. Pyne	53:16		

## 1996

That annual pipe opener of the North London racing program, the North Road C.C. Harriders saw Jon Lewis 1.14.12 & R.Pope 1.13.33 brave the wet & cold conditions. Four pages of T.T. results are given for 1995, but they are in alphabetical and fastest order.

The club's first open event of the year, the Spring Road Race, went off well. Some concerns were voiced about the circuit and narrow lanes used and how a full field of 80 riders would cope. Jamie Fisher, C.C.Luton was the winner. The club's promotion of the North London Road Race Championship saw the sun shinning, for a change. Shaun Tamblin ( Letchworth Velo ) was the winner with Sid Lovatt 8th.

The September club '25' is a 'replay' of the Spring '25' . R.Pope 59.31 K.Megan 1.00.54. The Open '50' is won by R.Prebble, Wembly R.C. in 1.43.16, Carol Gandy takes the ladies event in 1.59.17. The Open '25' is won in 53.58 by Andy Naylor Wembly R.C. Kevin Megan & Rob Pope set new tandem records as follows:- 10 miles 20.49 & 20.38, 30 miles 1.3.19, and 50 miles 1.49.13. Rob also lowered the solo '10' to 20.59. Sid Lovatt won the hillclimb in 3m 12.1s with Kevin second in 3m 18.3s.

Many of you will remember Phil Koniotes awesome 21 seater trike a few years ago. Phil has now, with the help of three friends,built a 24 seater trike. Fully loaded it weighs in at 1.75 tonnes. Phil says it is assured of a place in the Guinness Book of Records as the largest , rideable, roadworthy machine in the world. The idea behind the trike is to raise money for charity.

### Trophy Winners for 1996

TOUCHE CUP	R. Pope	25.538 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded
MILLER CUP	not awarded		GORDAN STEWART	not awarded
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	A. Kirby	24.003 mph	KEEN MEMORIAL	D.W. Kendall
SCALES CUP	R. Pope	54:51	ODAM TROPHY	D.W. Kendall
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	R. Pope	1:56:14	CLIFFORD TROPHY	T. Devine
JOHN BLUNT CUP	R. Pope	4:15:47	YULE TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		STILTS TROPHY	G. Douglas
VETS SHIELD	not awarded		EVANS TROPHY	A.Edrupt
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded		HAMPTON TROPHY	Mrs. G. Clifford
MEMORIAL TROPHY	R. Prebble	1:43:16	DUNN TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt
QUAICH TROPHY	C. Gandy	1:59:17	ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
STAPLEY TROPHY	A. Naylor	53:58		

## 1997

The A.G.M. brought little change except that John Winstanley stepped down as President and Arthur Edrupt was elected in his place. News reached us in April that Jack Lauterwasser had fallen and broken his thigh, this was pinned and Jack was making a steady recovery. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> Paddy Stilts passed away, she had been a member since 1976.

The club '25' team record was lowered to 2.45.08, R.Pope, C.Lodge & P.McMahon knocking 37secs off the old record. Rob also set a new '10' record of 20.56. He was backed up by Chris Lodge 21.07 & Paul McMahon 22.31 for a new '10' team record of 1.04.34, a 48sec improvement. A few weeks later the same trio again improved the '10' records :- Rob 20.44, Chris 21.25 & Paul 21.53. Kevin & Paul also lowered the tandem '10' to 20.26. Rob Pope won the N.T.T.C.'50' by 3 mins, we also won the team race. He also lowered the club '25' record twice with 52.29 & 52 25. The club '30' team record also got broken, after 20 years, it now stands at 3. 28.21. Rob also set a new '30' time of 1.5.36. Paul McMahon won the N.M.H.C.A. '100' in 4.27.29, Chris was 2<sup>nd</sup> in 4.28.10. The Open '50' was won by G.Deighton in 1.48.43, Carol Gandy won the ladies in 2.6.09; and the Open '25' was won in 52.17 by C.Alcock.

Sid Lovatt won the LVRC Road Race Championship, one week after winning the criterium Championships 50-55 age group,Terry Devine was 4<sup>th</sup> . John Winstanley was 8<sup>th</sup> in the 55-60 age group. There is a write up in the gazette of an epic Land's End to John O'Groats ride by D.Kendall, C.Lodge & S.Morris, they took 228 hours for the 1073 miles.

Chris Lodge & Sid Lovatt received solid silver medals, once awarded to Frank Stapley, and now re-presented for special recognition for outstanding performance in '10's competition and at National level respectively.

The Christmas lunch run, to the Farmers Boy, Brickenden, was supported by 11 club folk. After the usual 'steady' ride all sat down to a meal fit for kings. The only distraction was the waitress, who according to Chris Lodge was so good looking that all thoughts of racing, training , the latest high tec equipment or even eating were forgotten. Plans to return again in 1998 were being made even before the mince pies were served. Approximately forty members & friends attended the club dinner at the North Middlesex Cricket Club.

## Trophy Winners for 1997

TOUCHE CUP	P.McMahon	25.538 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded
MILLER CUP	C.Lodge	24.729 mph	GORDAN STEWART	P.McMahon
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	P.McMahon	26.672 mph	KEEN MEMORIAL	P.McMahon
SCALES CUP	R. Pope	52:28	ODAM TROPHY	P.McMahon
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	R. Pope	1:54:31	CLIFFORD TROPHY	T. Devine
JOHN BLUNT CUP	P.McMahon	4:27:29	YULE TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		STILTS TROPHY	G. Douglas
VETS SHIELD	C. Lodge	6:37:52	EVANS TROPHY	A.Edrupt
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded		HAMPTON TROPHY	N. Haverson
MEMORIAL TROPHY	G. Deighton	1:48:43	DUNN TROPHY	K.Megan
QUAICH TROPHY	C. Gandy	2:06:09	ATTENDANCE TROPHY	not awarded
STAPLEY TROPHY	C. Allcock	52:17		

## 1998

The February gazette carries an account of a club outing to the Ghent 6 day by Kevin, Chris & Andy, they seem to have enjoyed themselves. I well remember how exciting the SKOL 6 day races of a few decades ago were. It's a shame they can't be brought back.

First T.T.outing of the year, the Hardriders, and the club has three riding; R.Pope 1.6.25, P.McMahon 1.10.42 and Norman Gardner 1.26.09. The first club '25' was on April 26<sup>th</sup> and Rob Pope won in 57.09 Paul McMahon 58.22 & Kevin Megan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1.00.42. The next '25' on 25<sup>th</sup> May was won by Chris Lodge in 58.34, Kevin 1.2.55 and Neil Haverson 1.5.37. A new '10' team record of 1.03.57.was set with Paul McMahon 20.52, Chris Lodge 21.19 & Jon Evans 21.46

The club Attendance Trophy is resurrected and new rules apply:- 1 point for clubroom, clubruns,'10's & '25's, 2pts for open T.T.'s & R.R.'s, Gazette contributions & club trips, 3 pts for attending Tea Run, Club Dinner & A.G.M.

The club lost two of its V.P.' s during the year. Laurie Johnson in June and Harry Pullinger in August. Laurie joined in 1937 and Harry 1929. Harry was the 5<sup>th</sup> longest serving member. The club also lost three ex - members, Brian Fagg, Cyril Holly and Gerry Hussey.

Sid Lovatt gained a bronze medal 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the U.C.I. World Masters Track Championships at Manchester. His time of 2 miin 30.5 secs for the 2 Km pursuit was, for a short time, an age related World Record and a new British record.

For the first time ever the Open '50' was cancelled, this was due to severe weather conditions and done for safety reasons. Chris Lodge 'sneaked off' and did a '100' in 4.27.24 ,a PB.

Kevin & Rob improve the tandem '25' record in the Northampton & District C.A. event on F1a on August 8<sup>th</sup>, they do 51.22. Rob also improves his own '10' record twice 20.32 & 20.07. Dave Wright wins the hillclimb in 3 min 9 sec, and in the interclub '25' with the Century R.C. Rob was fastest in 58.17 and we win the team race in 3.01.44.

The dinner was again held at the North Middlesex Cricket Club,

## Trophy Winners for 1998

TOUCHE CUP	R. Pope	25.538 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded
MILLER CUP	C.Lodge	25.366 mph	GORDAN STEWART	C.Lodge
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	R. Pope	27.161 mph	KEEN MEMORIAL	I. Turner
SCALES CUP	R. Pope	53:32	ODAM TROPHY	T.Boulton
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	R. Pope	1:51:53	CLIFFORD TROPHY	D.A. Wright.
JOHN BLUNT CUP	R. Pope	4:10:33	YULE TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		STILTS TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt.
VETS SHIELD	C.Lodge	6:23:30	EVANS TROPHY	B.R.Edrupt
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded		HAMPTON TROPHY	K. Megan
MEMORIAL TROPHY	cancelled adverse weather		DUNN TROPHY	D. Wright
QUAICH TROPHY	cancelled adverse weather		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	K. Megan
STAPLEY TROPHY	R. Hobson	50:56		

## 1999

The North Road C.C. Hardriders saw three entries from the club tackle the lanes & hills of Hertfordshire. Rob Pope did 1.13.58, Jake Folkard - Hobbs 1.19.10 and Norman Gardner 1.34.20, Gethin Butler won in 1.5.25. The July gazette carries a two page write up on the National '10', '25' & '50'. In the '10' Rob did 21.50 and Chris 23.22. Chris did 59.08 in the '25'. In the '50' Chris, along with several other riders, went off course so DNF. Chris Stevens however read the route card before the start and did 2.8.06. To add to his earlier championship rides Chris Lodge rode the '100', he finished a broken man ( his words ) in 4.24.45 to K.Dawson's 3.42.13.

Eight club members plus Kevin's wife & daughter departed for south west France for a two week training holiday interrupted by regular bouts of eating & drinking. A great time was had by all and plans are already being made for a return visit next year.

The Open '50' was won by N.Peart Leo R.C. in 1.46.36, Sue Gray A.P.I. Resprays won the ladies event in 2.02.50 The Open '25' was won by R.Hobson University of Bath Tri-Club in 51.39. Chris Lodge did 55.37.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> August the club lost one of its hardest working and longest serving members; Steve Pontin passed away, he was 89. Steve joined the club on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 1929, and after a year racing in 1930 served the club & cycling both at local and National level tirelessly until 1994. Steve held many jobs within the club among the longest were, Handicap committee 30 years, Chairman 40 years and Timekeeper 56 years. Club President Arthur Edrupt scattered his ashes at the Bidlake Memorial , Sandy. A special clubrun was made and altogether there were 14 members present to pay their last respects to Steve, on a cold, overcast, miserable and very wet day.

A new '10' course and the Martyn Odam Trophy was a very close fought race, Chris Stevens won on points and the other Chris won the scratch award. Rob Pope managed to find the right course on the right day and be fit as well, to claim the following records : '10' 19.48, '25' 51.16, '50' 1.46.29 . With the '30' record tucked away in 1997 Rob has only got the '100', 12hr & 24hr to get for the grand slam. How about it Rob ?

Of the 35 members riding Time Trials this year 5 are from the 'past': Colin Baker, Mike English, Norman Gardner, Bob Plumb and Dave Wright. But there seems to be no teenagers taking up the sport. 252 individual T.T.'s were ridden during the year add to this the tandem and 2up events makes 265 events. If this is then divided by the number of riders we arrive at an average of 7.6 time trials per rider, or one T.T. a month, for the season. A very low average, given the length of the season, number of events and ease of travelling. The most miles raced was 775 by Chris Lodge.

The club dinner was again held at the North Middlesex Cricket Club with around 65 attending. The guest speaker was Minister for Sport Kate Hoey, who missed the much talked about Tyson fight in favour of our 'Grass Roots' cycling club dinner. After her speech Kate spent some time going round all the tables talking to various people. She went away a suitably impressed and 'changed' person.

#### Trophy Winners for 1999

TOUCHE CUP	C.Lodge	25.538 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded
MILLER CUP	not awarded		GORDAN STEWART	C.Lodge
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	R. Pope	24.003 mph	KEEN MEMORIAL	I. Rameau
SCALES CUP	R. Pope	51:16	ODAM TROPHY	C. Stevens
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	R. Pope	1:46:29	CLIFFORD TROPHY	D. A. Wright
JOHN BLUNT CUP	C.Lodge	4:24:45	YULE TROPHY	P. McMahon
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		STILTS TROPHY	not awarded
VETS SHIELD	C.Lodge	6:39:06	EVANS TROPHY	K. Megan
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	I. Rameau		HAMPTON TROPHY	S. Morris
MEMORIAL TROPHY	N. Peart	1:46:36	DUNN TROPHY	P. McMahon
QUAICH TROPHY	S. Gray	2:02:50	ATTENDANCE TROPHY	K. Megan
STAPLEY TROPHY	R. Hobson	51:39		

#### 2000

The January newsletter carried Notice of both the club dinner on 29<sup>th</sup> of January and the A.G.M. on 7<sup>th</sup> February, plus a reminder to all those members who had not paid their subs yet.

Reminders were also given for the French holiday at the end of July beginning of August and the Bolougne trip 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of May.

In the North Road C.C. Hardriders Rob Pope did 1.11.04, Dave Kendall 1.17.09 and Norman Gardner 1.30.21.

Marjorie Pontin donates a shield in memory of husband Steve.

In the N.M.H.C.A. '25' on the 11<sup>th</sup> March Dave Kendall does 1.00.22 and Tom Boulton 1.10.20.

Paul McMahon wins the first club '10' on 26<sup>th</sup> April in 22.26, there are 12 riders. Paul also wins the second '10' on 10<sup>th</sup> May with 22.01 with Chris Lodge second in 22.31.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> May Ted Hill gains second Vet on standard in the Wigmore C.C. '25' with 1.04.47. The club '25' on 29<sup>th</sup> May is won by Chris Lodge in 58.13 with Kevin Megan second in 1.01.37. There are eleven riders.

In the National Championship '25' on June 3<sup>rd</sup> Rob Pope is 39<sup>th</sup> with 55.41. Rob wins the the club '10' on 7<sup>th</sup> June with 21.11 Paul McMahon second with 21.19. Only eight riders. 11<sup>th</sup> June at the club '25' is held within the N.M.H.C.A. event. Rob Pope 55.04, Paul McMahon 55.10 and Chris Lodge 58.31.

The club was saddened to receive the news that Ivy Edrupt, VP, had passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> September, she had been suffering with Alzheimers for some time. Ivy joined the club in 1942, following her brother Cyril Holly who joined in 1939. Ivy was a trained Red Cross Nurse during the War. Along with several other club members she helped run the Comforts Fund which was set up to send small parcels of 'goodies' to those club members serving in the Forces. She married Arthur on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1944 in a church that had recently been bombed, had no roof and so let all the rain in.

The N.T.C.C. '100' on 10<sup>th</sup> September was won by Chris Lodge in 4.14.53, Louise Schuller did 5.05.52. In the Eagle R.C. '50' a week later Rob Pope was 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1.55.30. Rob also won the interclub '25' with the Century R.C. in 52.58. Ted Hill gains first Vet on standard in the Kent C.A. '25' on 1<sup>st</sup> October with 1.03.18.

The following club records were broken during the year:- Rob Pope '100' in 3.57.47, Louise Schuller '25' in 1.03.29 and Rob Pope and Paul McMahon the tandem '25' in 50.6.

More sad news for the club. On 31<sup>st</sup> October Grace Blackman, VP, passed away. Grace joined the club on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1974 and as well as helping husband Alf with his job as T.T. Secretary she helped Ivy run the Tea Wagon at many club and Open events. I know that many riders were very grateful for the tea/coffee and cakes etc that these two provided at the finish of an event.

#### Trophy Winners for 2000

TOUCHE CUP	R. Pope	26.521 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded
MILLER CUP	C. Lodge	25.557 mph	ALECO CUP	not awarded
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	not awarded		ODAM TROPHY	J. Wood
SCALES CUP	P. McMahon	53.04	CLIFFORD TROPHY	D. Wright
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	R. Pope	1.53.12	YULE TROPHY	J. Folkerd-Hobbs
JOHN BLUNT CUP	R. Pope	3.57.47	STILTS TROPHY	G. Douglas
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		EVANS TROPHY	V. Freeley
VETS SHIELD	not awarded		HAMPTON TROPHY	I. Rameau
MEMORIAL TROPHY	K. Platts	1.49.30	DUNN TROPHY	J. Folkerd-Hobbs
QUAICH TROPHY	L. Milne	2.02.42	ATTENDANCE TROPHY	C. Lodge
STAPLEY TROPHY	S. Barker	51.16	R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	K. Megan
GORDAN STEWART	I. Schuller			
KEEN MEMORIAL	J. Clarke			
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	L. Schuller	22.797 mph		

#### 2001

The Norland Time Trial Combine celebrates 60 years. There are six new members, a trend that continues for several years into the future.

Louise Schuller breaks the long standing women's '10' record, held by Pam King since 1968 with 24.39. Louise also updates the '100' record in the N.T.T.C. event with 4.46.24. Rob Pope sets a new '30' record in the Leo R.C. event in 1.04.03. Louise sets a new '25' record with 1.03.22, then betters it a few weeks later on 18<sup>th</sup> August with 1.02.07.

25 Mile Team Records broken:-

R. Pope	52.59	R. Pope	52.07
C. Lodge	54.00	D. Kendall	54.03
D. Kendall	57.30	C. Lodge	55.56
<b>2.44.29</b>		<b>2.42.06</b>	

## Trophy Winners for 2001

TOUCHE CUP	C. Lodge	25.528 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	D. Kendall	25.508 mph	ALECO CUP	not awarded	
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	D. Kendall	26.537 mph	ODAM TROPHY	I. Udall/C. Baker	
SCALES CUP	R. Pope	52.07	CLIFFORD TROPHY	J. Wood	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D. Kendall	1.56.31	YULE TROPHY	J. Folkerd-Hobbs	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	C. Lodge	4.13.57	CRITERIUM CHAMPION	D.Wright	
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		WOMEN'S CRIT CHAMPION	L. Schuller	
VETS SHIELD	C. Lodge	6.32.24	STILTS TROPHY	G. Douglas	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	Z. Carr	1.43.09	EVANS TROPHY	K. Megan	
QUAICH TROPHY	P. Brayford	2.13.48	HAMPTON TROPHY	not awarded	
STAPLEY TROPHY	J. Gilfillan	52.42	DUNN TROPHY	J. Clarke	
GORDAN STEWART	D. Kendall		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	K. Megan	
KEEN MEMORIAL	I. Udall		R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	C.Lodge/V.Freeley	
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	L. Schuller	24.272 mph	PONTIN SHIELD	L. Gaskin	
WOMEN'S 10 MILE	L. Schuller	24.27			

## 2002

Sixteen new members during the year bodes well for the club, however, six members are written off.

Ten members ride the North Road C.C. Hardriders but no result can be found. In the Maldon Hilly T.T. on March 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Lodge is club fastest with 54.42 and Ian Bibby 57.35. The Hainult Hilly Spoco 50k on 10<sup>th</sup> March and Dave Kendall does 1.17.27, John Wood 1.19.18, Chris Lodge 1.23.08, B. Lewis 1.26.41 and Louise Schuller 1.29.32.

Dave Wright scores 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Eastway LVRC on 17<sup>th</sup> March. He also gets a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Didcot

LVRC 40+ Vets event on 14<sup>th</sup> April, Sid Lovatt is 4<sup>th</sup>. The E.C.C.A. '25' on 14<sup>th</sup> April is reduced to 10 miles due

to road works and Ian Bibby does a PB of 23.50.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> April in the N.T.T.C. '10' on the F1, Ian Bibby gets first handicap and sixth place with a PB of 21.47. Tom Boulton does 23.55 and Mastt Gilbride 25.13. The first club '10' on 24<sup>th</sup> April is won by Rob Pope in 21.31 with Chris Lodge next 22.20 and Ian Bibby third with 22.40. The second club '10' is won by Chris Lodge in 23.33, Ian is second with 23.44, Sid Lovatt third in 24.10, there are 16 entries. The third club '10' on 21<sup>st</sup> May is again won Chris Lodge in 22.59 with Ian bibby next in 23.51. In the N.T.T.C. '30' on the F1 Ian Bibby is second with 1.11.41 PB.

12<sup>th</sup> May and the N.M.H.C.A. '25'. Chris Lodge is 4<sup>th</sup> with 56.14, Ian Bibby 5<sup>th</sup> 57.30 and Colin Baker does 1.06.11. Louise Schuller 1.04.57. In the N.T.T.C. '50' on the 26<sup>th</sup> May Ian Bibby is 4<sup>th</sup> with 2.03.31 PB. The Open '50', on 9<sup>th</sup> June, receives a full field and is won by N. Gardiner in 1.43.40. Dave Kendall is third with 1.46.12, a new club record by 11 seconds. Chris Lodge 1.55.17 and Ian Bibby 1.56.28. The three set a new club team record of 5.37.57. Louise Schuller sets a new women's record of 2.04.40. On the 16<sup>th</sup> June in the Essex Roads C.C. '100' Louise sets another new '100' record with 4.43.57.

The N.T.T.C '100' on the 7<sup>th</sup> July sees another new club record when Dave Kendall does 3.56.38 and gets 1<sup>st</sup> handicap. In the Icknield R.C. '100' Dave does 3.52.11 and Louise 4.38.31. Two more club records.

The Open '25' is won by Sam Barker in 50.50, Louise sets a new club '25' record of 1.00.32. On 1<sup>st</sup> September in the E.C.C.A. '25' on the E72, Dave Kendall 53.53, Chris Lodge 56.47 and Louise 59.35. This latest record by Louise is the first under the hour '25' by a lady member.

The following club records were set during the year.

50 mile Team Record.

L. Schuller		D.W. Kendall		D. W. Kendall	1.46.12
10 miles	23.51	30 miles	1.03.40	C. Lodge	1.55.17
25 miles	59.35	50 miles	1.46.12	I. Bibby	1.56.28
50 miles	2.04.40	100 miles	3.52.11		<b>5.37.57</b>
100 miles	4.38.31				

#### Trophy Winners for 2002

TOUCHE CUP	D. Kendall	27.609 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	C. Lodge	25.279 mph	ALECO CUP		
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	I. Bibby	24.987 mph	ODAM TROPHY	T. Boulton	
SCALES CUP	D. Kendall	52.12	CLIFFORD TROPHY	J. Wood	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D. Kendall	1.46.12	YULE TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D. Kendall	3.52.11	ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	B. Lewis	
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		CRITERIUM CHAMPION	D.Wright	
VETS SHIELD	C. Lodge	6.28.47	STILTS TROPHY	J. Wood	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	N. Gardiner	1.43.40	CYCLO CROSS CHAMPION		
QUAICH TROPHY	R. Freestone-King	2.01.34	EVANS TROPHY	R. Clifford	
STAPLEY TROPHY	S. Barker	50.50	HAMPTON TROPHY	not awarded	
GORDAN STEWART	I. Bibby		DUNN TROPHY	J. Wood	
KEEN MEMORIAL	T. Roe		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	C. Lodge	
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	L. Schuller	24.846 mph	R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	V.Freeley	
EDRUPT SHIELD	L. Schuller	23.51	PONTIN SHIELD	L. Schuller	

### 2003

The whole club was deeply saddened at the passing of Jack Lauterwasser on 1st February, aged 98. Jack had been a member for 79 years. The funeral was attended by Pat and Sid Lovat, Patsy and Ted Hill, John Bompas, and myself, (Brian Edrupt). Patsy Hill, Norman Gardner and Kevin Megan all wrote of their fond memories of Jack. Larry Bloss also passed away early in the year.

27 members attended the A.G.M. with 6 apologies. 50 attend the club dinner at the Middlesex Cricket Club.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of October in the E.C.C.A. '10' Chris Lodge did 23.24 and Louise Schuller 24.20. In the E.C.C.A '10' on 10<sup>th</sup> October a new club '10' Team Record was established by Louise Schuller, 23.19, Kirstie Cousins, 29.14, and Dawn Hunter, 30.39. New Team Record now stands at 1.23.12.

In the N.T.T.C. '25' on October 12<sup>th</sup> Dave Kendall was second with 55.56, Chris Lodge, 58.35 and Tom Boulton, 1.00.04 for fastest team. Louise Schuller did 1.03.48.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> the club received the sad news that Don Lyford had passed away. Don joined the club in December 1937. He was a sports journalist and was instrumental in bringing the great Fausto Coppi to England. He was called up for war service and was in the 145<sup>th</sup> AA Battery. Don lived the last three years at the Roayl Hospital Chelsea. His coffin had Don's Tricorn hat placed on the top. Brian Edrupt represented the club.

John Wood was eighth in the Eastern and South Eastern Cyclo Cross Championship with a time of 1.04.50. Nat Spurling did 1.05.33, James Cocker, 1.06.50 and Tom Underhill 1.09.08.

The club was saddened to hear that Ray Gosman passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Ray joined the club in May 1949 and was soon setting fast times. He was club Champion 1950,51,52. He left the club in 1955 for the Barnet C.C. but re-joined in 1970. In 1973 Ray was again Club Champion winning the Touche Cup with 25.426 mph. Ray won the Open '50' in 1973, the first club member to do so.

#### Trophy Winners for 2003

TOUCHE CUP	D. Kendall	27.165 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	C. Lodge	25.069 mph	ALECO CUP	R. Pope	20.40

JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	D. Kendall	27.030 mph	ODAM TROPHY	S. McDougall
SCALES CUP	D. Kendall	52.28	CLIFFORD TROPHY	N. Spurling
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D. Kendall	1.50.34	YULE TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D. Kendall	3.52.49	ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	S. Blakey
SAWARD CUP	S. McDougall	219.78	CRITERIUM CHAMPION	D.Wright
VETS SHIELD	C. Lodge	6.39.59	STILTS TROPHY	J. Wood
MEMORIAL TROPHY	event cancelled due to bad weather		CYCLO CROSS CHAMPION	J. Wood
QUAICH TROPHY	event cancelled due to bad weather		EVANS TROPHY	R. Clifford
STAPLEY TROPHY	S. Barker	51.55	HAMPTON TROPHY	K. Megan
GORDAN STEWART	D. Kendall		DUNN TROPHY	N. Spurling
KEEN MEMORIAL	S. McDougall		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	C. Lodge
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	L. Schuller		R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	C. Baker
EDRUPT SHIELD	L. Schuller	23.19	PONTIN SHIELD	L. Schuller

### Club Records 10 Miles

L. Schuller 23.19

### Team Record

L. Schuller 23.19

K. Cousins 29.14

D. Hunter 30.39

**1.23.12**

### 2004

The first F.P.C.C. Cyclo Cross for many years was held the day after the Club Dinner. Organised by Konrad Manning it was deemed a great success. John Wood was 10<sup>th</sup>, Nat Spurling broke his seat pin but carried on to finish. James Cocker, Tom Underhill and Sean McDougall also rode.

Several away trips were again organised; May Bank Holiday for the Bolougne trip, 'In the Footsteps of Napoleon' randonee. The Etape du Tour was set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of July.

In the Icknield R.C. Hilly 28k Sean McDougall is timed in at 51.36 with Andy Kirby 56.12. In the first few club evening '10's Chris Lodge and Rob Pope take it in turn to be first and second.

Lee Evans wins the 4<sup>th</sup> cat at Eastway on May 15<sup>th</sup>. On May the 16<sup>th</sup> in the Luton Wheelers '25' Dave Kendall 52.50, Rob Pope 55.17 Tom Boulton 57.55 Malcolm Steer 1.03.16. In the 'A' cat race at Eastway on May 27<sup>th</sup>, James Cocker is first Dave Wright 11<sup>th</sup> and Shawn Blakey 16<sup>th</sup>. In the N.M.H.C.A. '25' on May 30<sup>th</sup> Louise warms up for next weeks Championship with a 1.01.20 for first place in the women's event. Chris Lodge does 58.20, Andy Kirby 58.33 PB, Tom Boulton 1.00.36, Ian Bibby 1.01.43 and Matt Gilbride 1.08.33.

In the National Championship '25' on 5<sup>th</sup> June, Louise is 12<sup>th</sup> with 1.03.10. In the men's Championship on the 6<sup>th</sup> June Dave Kendall does 55.09. Louise is 6<sup>th</sup> in the women's National '50' with 2.12.03.

The open '50' is won by Ian Cammish in 1.47.05. Dave Kendall is third with 1.50.36, the Park win the team race. Louise Schuller is second Lady with 2.07.31. In the Icknield R.C. '25' on June 9<sup>th</sup> Rob Pope, 57.24, Chris Lodge, 58.34, Tom Boulton, 1.00.14, Ian Bibby, 1.01.38, Louise wins the women's event with 1.03.16

The Open '25' on 22<sup>nd</sup> of August Louise gains second place in the women's event with 1.00.35. Dave Kendall does 52.49, Chris Lodge 56.56, Rob Pope 57.47 and Tom Boulton 59.09. T. Gibbs wins in 49.40.

Sean McDougall is 22<sup>nd</sup> in the National 12hr Championship with 232.15 miles, a PB and 3<sup>rd</sup> handicap.

John Wood rides the Three Peaks Cyclo Cross and gets a time of 4.11.16. Rob Jebb of Wheelbase/Ron Hill wins in 3.04.52.

## Trophy Winners for 2004

TOUCHE CUP	D. Kendall	27.796 mph		REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	C. Lodge	24.458 mph		ALECO CUP	R. Pope	20.55
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	A. Kirby	25.194 mph		ODAM TROPHY	A. Kirby	
SCALES CUP	D. Kendall	52.49		CLIFFORD TROPHY	N. Spurling	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D. Kendall	1.50.36		YULE TROPHY	J. Cocker	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D. Kendall	4.01.14		ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	T. Underhill	
SAWARD CUP	S. McDougall	232.15 miles		CRITERIUM CHAMPION	J. Cocker	
VETS SHIELD	C. Lodge	6.49.59		STILTS TROPHY	J. Wood	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	I. Cammish	1.47.05		CYCLO CROSS CHAMPION	J. Wood	
QUAICH TROPHY	G. Gandy	2.01.01		EVANS TROPHY	R. Pope	
STAPLEY TROPHY	T. Gibbs	49.40		HAMPTON TROPHY	K. Megan	
GORDAN STEWART	D. Kendall			DUNN TROPHY	T. Underhill	
KEEN MEMORIAL	T. Underhill			ATTENDANCE TROPHY	V. Freeley	
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	L. Schuller	24.555 mph		R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	C. Baker	
EDRUPT SHIELD	L. Schuller	23.56		PONTIN SHIELD	J. Mitchell	

## 2005

Notice of the Club Dinner, the A.G.M. and a reminder to please pay your subs start the year off. John Winstanley admitted to Adenbrook Hospital the transferred to Papworth with heart problems. John had been having trouble for some time and things got a little worse.

Rob Pope and family leave the UK and the club for Australia. Beth's parents live on the Gold Coast so they moved to be closer to them and a better life. In his short time with the club Rob broke 20 records.

Prior notice is given for the Tour of Flanders Randonee on 1<sup>st</sup> April and the Etape du Tour on 2<sup>nd</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> June.

The following Club Records were broken

Louise Schuller

10 miles 22.49      25 miles 58.36      30 miles 1.15.10      100 miles 4.31.24

Helen Boatman

50 miles 2.05.44

Women's Team Records 10 miles

L. Schuller 22.43

H. Boatman 25.50

D. Hunter 32.16

**1.22.49**

25 miles

L. Schuller 1.00.59

H. Boatman 1.03.59

D. Hunter 1.17.32

**3.22.30**

Men's Team Record 100 miles

D. W. Kendall 3.59.48

S. McDougall 4.14.52

P. Murrell 4.21.11

**12.35.51**

D. W. Kendall 3.59.48

H. Vivian 4.06.57

S. McDougall 4.14.52

**12.21.37**

## Trophy winners for 2005

TOUCHE CUP	D. Kendall	26.703 mph		REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	H Vivian	25.341 mph		ALECO CUP	D. Kendall	20.23
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	N. Marrin	24.534 mph		ODAM TROPHY	H. Boatman	
SCALES CUP	D. Kendall	53.11		CLIFFORD TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D. Kendall	1.50.52		YULE TROPHY	N. Spurling	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D. Kendall	3.59.48		ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	S. McDougall	
SAWARD CUP	P. Murrell	241.81 miles		CRITERIUM CHAMPION	J. Cocker	
VETS SHIELD	C. Lodge	6.33.39		STILTS TROPHY	M. Steer	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	I. Cammish	1.43.20		CYCLO CROSS CHAMPION	T. Underhill	
QUAICH TROPHY	J. Patience	2.11.35		EVANS TROPHY	M. Boswell	
STAPLEY TROPHY	S. Barker	49.43		HAMPTON TROPHY	not awarded	
GORDAN STEWART	H Vivian			DUNN TROPHY	N. Spurling	
KEEN MEMORIAL	H. Boatman			ATTENDANCE TROPHY	V. Freeley/C. Baker	

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	L. Schuller	25.479 mph		R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	C. Lodge	
EDRUPT SHIELD	L. Schuller	22.49		PONTIN SHIELD	D. Hunter	

## 2006

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February Arthur Edrupt, VP, passed away aged 92. Arthur joined the Club on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1931. Within a few years he was involved with running the dances that the Club held several times a year as fund raisers and to keep members in touch. During the war years these dances continued and were open to various London Clubs. After the war, in 1946, he started time keeping and this continued until 1994. He was the event secretary for the Reliability '100' for many years, the Open '50' and Open '25'.

Dave Wright also passed away this year after a long illness. Dave joined in May 1976 and was club BAR Champion five times.

### Individual Club Records

Louise Schuller

Helen Boatman

25 miles 58.32

10 miles 22.24

25 miles 58.00

50 miles 2.04.35

### Women's Team Record 10 miles

H. Boatman 23.32

L. Schuller 24.19

D. Hunter 32.40

**1.20.31**

### Trophy winners for 2006

TOUCHE CUP	D. W. Kendall	26.361 mph		REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	H Vivian	25.758 mph		ALECO CUP	D. Kendall	21.26
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	D. Kendall	26.866 mph		ODAM TROPHY	N. Marrin	
SCALES CUP	D. Kendall	53.07		CLIFFORD TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D. Kendall	1.52.47		YULE TROPHY	N. Spurling	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	H Vivian	4.04.08		ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	H. Vivian	
SAWARD CUP		not awarded		CRITERIUM CHAMPION	JN. Spurling	
VETS SHIELD	H Vivian	6.32.40		STILTS TROPHY	I. Bibby	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	N. Gardiner	1.45.39		CYCLO CROSS CHAMPION	not awarded	
QUAICH TROPHY	H. Boatman	2.04.35		EVANS TROPHY	C. Lodge	
STAPLEY TROPHY	S. Barker	52.20		HAMPTON TROPHY	A. Harrington	
GORDAN STEWART	P. Murrell			DUNN TROPHY	D.W. Kendall	
KEEN MEMORIAL	R. Barnes-Webb			ATTENDANCE TROPHY	V. Freeley	
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	H. Boatman			R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	C. Lodge	
EDRUPT SHIELD	H. Boatman	22.24		PONTIN SHIELD	L. Schuller	

## 2007

There is just one newsletter for 2007 with very little to report.

Victoria C.C. 25<sup>th</sup> August 10.2 miles. Dave Kendall 5<sup>th</sup> with 22.42, Hugh Vivian 23.47, Neal Marrin 25.11.

N.T.T.C. '25' on the F1. Hugh Vivian 55.16 PB, Chris Lodge 57.40, Neal Marrin 58.38 PB.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> September in the LVRC 'E' National Championship, 53 miles at Bishampton, Worcestershire, Sid Lovatt is second to Les West.

Lea Valley C.C. '25' on the E1 30<sup>th</sup> September. Chris Lodge 58.31, for 5<sup>th</sup> place, Neal Marrin 1.03.30.

Phil Murrell breaks the club 12 hour record held by Alan Lauterwasser since 1956, with 254.79.

## Individual Club Records.

Louise Schuller  
30 miles 1.14.02

Helen Boatman  
50 miles 2.01.01      100 miles 4.26.32

Phil Murrell  
12 hour 254.79 miles

### Trophy Winners for 2007

TOUCHE CUP	D. W. Kendall	26.330 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	H Vivian	25.690 mph	ALECO CUP	H. Vivian	21.17
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	D.W. Kendall	26.958 mph	ODAM TROPHY	D. Northover	
SCALES CUP	D.W. Kendall	55.07	CLIFFORD TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D.W. Kendall	1.52.46	YULE TROPHY	N. Spurling	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D. W. Kendall	3.58.22	ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	not awarded	
SAWARD CUP	P. Murrell	254.79	CRITERIUM CHAMPION	N. Spurling	
VETS SHIELD	H Vivian	6.29.17	STILTS TROPHY	C. Lodge	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	A. Profit	1.45.49	CYCLO CROSS CHAMPION	K. Manning	
QUAICH TROPHY	C. Essex	2.07.38	EVANS TROPHY	I. Bibby	
STAPLEY TROPHY	M. Hutchinson	50.43	HAMPTON TROPHY	not awarded	
GORDAN STEWART	H. Vivian		DUNN TROPHY	H Vivian	
KEEN MEMORIAL	D. Northover		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	V. Freeley	
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	H. Boatman	25.624 mph	R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	C. Lodge	
EDRUPT SHIELD	H. Boatman	22.37	PONTIN SHIELD	S.O. Lovatt	

## 2008

In the API '50' on the E2 on March 31<sup>st</sup> it was a super fast day. The first 69 riders are all inside 2 hours with the first 28 under 1.50.00. Louise Schuller does 2.03.34 PB.

In the Icknield R.C. '25' on the F1 on May 4<sup>th</sup> the weather was warm with no wind. Dave Kendall did 54.31 and High Vivian 56.21. On the May 18<sup>th</sup> Louise Schuller was the sole Finsbury Park rider in the E.C.C.A. '50' with 2.12.32. On the F1 in the N.T.T.C. '50' it was a very cold morning. Dave Kendall was our fastest rider with 1.55.13, Hugh Vivian 1.56.42 and Malcolm Steer 2.00.09 this gave them first team award. In the N.M.H.C.A.'50' on the F1 on May 25<sup>th</sup> Dave Kendall 1.56.29, Hugh Vivian 1.58.25 and Malcolm Steer 2.03.14.

In the Open '50' on June 8<sup>th</sup>, Dave Kendall 1.55.34, Hugh Vivian 1.56.11, Chris Lodge 2.00.11, D. Northover 2.00.39 and Malcolm Steer 2.01.54.

In the Herts Wheelers '30' on the F2A, Neil Marrin is 4<sup>th</sup> with 1.11.32, Chris Lodge 1.13.08.

There is talk of a memorial ride to Gannes in France in memory of Ernie Stapley.

The Open '25' on the 10<sup>th</sup> August was a cloudy day with a strong south westerly wind. Only 96 of the 150 entries braved the timekeeper. Dave Kendall was best club rider with 57.40, Hugh Vivian 58.32, Chris Lodge 1.00.18, for first team. Phil Murrell 1.00.44, just missed out.

Dave Kendall set a new club 12 hour record in the National Championship event with 259.09 miles.

In the N.T.T.C. '25' on the F1 there were eleven park riders, Dave Kendall was fastest with 54.34. 21<sup>st</sup> September at another N.T.T.C. '25' again on the F1. Dave Kendall is first with 53.51, High Vivian 5<sup>th</sup> with 55.33 and Neal Marrin does 59.35.

Whilst I was walking around a Coin Fair in London I find some F.P.C.C. medals. On looking at them I see the belonged to W.H.D. Rees. I bought the medals, one of which was a Gold Record badge. I think it reasonable to assume that Wally has passed away.

News reached us that Stan Rowley had passed away. Stan joined the Park on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1951. He was Handicap Champion in 1952, and B.A.R. runner-up in 1953.

The whole club is shocked at the news that as a result of being hit by a car on the A10 just north of Carterhatch Lane Malcolm Boswell dies on 24<sup>th</sup> December. Boz, as he was known, had been a member since 1963. He enjoyed his cycling and rode time trials, road races and cyclo cross. He was a good supporter of the club run and club room. In later years Boz turned his talents to organising the tea run, doing much of the catering himself.

## Individual Club Record.

Dave Kendall

12 hours 259.091

## Team Record 10 miles

D. W. Kendall 20.05

H. Vivian 20.34

C. Lodge 21.23

**1.02.02**

## Trophy winner for 2008

TOUCHE CUP	D. W. Kendall	26.837 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	H. Vivian	26.129 mph	ALECO CUP	D. W. Kendall	20.05
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	D.W. Kendall	27.051 mph	ODAM TROPHY	D. Northover	
SCALES CUP	H. Vivian	53.29	CLIFFORD TROPHY	P. Murrell	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D.W. Kendall	1.48.55	YULE TROPHY	S.O. Lovatt	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D. W. Kendall	3.59.45	ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	not awarded	
SAWARD CUP	D. W. Kendall	259.091	CRITERIUM CHAMPION	N. Spurling	
VETS SHIELD	H Vivian	6.24.54	STILTS TROPHY	I. Bibby	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	I. Cammish	1.45.50	CYCLO CROSS CHAMPION	K. Manning	
QUAICH TROPHY	C. Day	2.07.12	EVANS TROPHY	L. Gaskin	
STAPLEY TROPHY	J. Heaton	55.12	HAMPTON TROPHY	C. Lodge	
GORDAN STEWART	H. Vivian		DUNN TROPHY	H Vivian	
KEEN MEMORIAL	G. Turnock		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	V. Freeley	
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	L. Schuller	24.460 mph	R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	C. Lodge	
EDRUPT SHIELD	L. Schuller	23.13	PONTIN SHIELD	V. Freeley	

**2009**

The year starts off with the usual reminders for the Club Dinner, A.G.M., subs and various reliability rides; Harp R.C., Hemel Hempstead C.C., Edgware R.C.. The club's own reliability ride takes place in February in aid of Road Peace, a fitting tribute to Boz. This event raised £350 for Road Peace. The Stapley Memorial Ride to Gannes is set for 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> July.

In the North Road C.C. Hardriders Hugh Vivian 1.06.17, Phil Murrell 1.08.06, Neil Marrin 1.11.37, Gray Turnock 1.12.44, Graham Freer 1.19.19 and Sam Parker 1.20.46.

1<sup>st</sup> March and the Maldon and District 20k Hilly Spoco. High Vivian is 3<sup>rd</sup> and first Vet with a time of 50.35, Chris Lodge 55.21, Ian Bibby 56.31 and Neil Marrin 56.47. In the Hainult Hilly50km Spoco on March 8<sup>th</sup> and riders were greeted with a rising wind, gusting at times but very cold. Dave Kendall was 4<sup>th</sup> with 1.14.22, Hugh Vivian 5<sup>th</sup> with 1.15.03, Neil Marrin 1.21.54, Chris Lodge 1.22.57 and Gray Turnock 1.32.22.

In the Lea Valley C.C. '25' on 15<sup>th</sup> March Phil Murrell 1.00.03, Chris Lodge 1.01.15, Ian Hunter 1.07.53 and Louise Schuller 1.07.58. In the two up that preceded, Hugh teamed up with API's Paul Smith for a comfortable and expected win in 55.28.

The Tour Flanders Weekend is set for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April.

The Finsbury Park C.C. LVRC Spring Road Races. These three events were all well contested by the various leading riders in each group. There appeared to be no club riders.

Matt Molloy is among several new members welcomed into the club.

In the Beds Roads C.C. '25' on 19<sup>th</sup> April accepted the slowest 90 riders. Times were : Ian Bibby 1.01.17, Tom Boulton 1.02.58, and Malcolm Steer, on fixed in the Medium Gear event suffered for his 1.07.54. Winner was Lee Tuncliffe in 55.14. In the N.T.T.C. '30' F1B/30 on 11<sup>th</sup> May Ian Bibby is the only club rider and does 1.09.30, winner was B. Charlton 1.02.24. Tom Boulton is first and Malcolm Steer third in the Herts Wheelers '30' at the end of May. Times were Tom 1.12.12 and Malcolm 1.15.38. As this was the first time the course had been used Tom is course record holder. In the E.C.C.A. Scratch Championship '25' on 7<sup>th</sup> June Matt Molloy returned an excellent 57.39, Hugh Vivian 56.31 and Tom Boulton 1.00.32. Their combined times were good enough for first team prize. Louise Schuller won the Ladies Competition with 1.06.17 and added her name to the Florence Lang Memorial Trophy. Dave Kendall was the only club rider in the Lea Valley C.C. '50' and did 1.58.30. In the Whitewbbs C.C. '25' on 21<sup>st</sup> June Tom Boulton 57.59, Malcolm Steer 59.56 and Nikki Hunt 1.03.??

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July and the Shaftesbury C.C. Middle Markers '25' with a full field of 150. Ian Bibby was 9<sup>th</sup> with 57.16, Malcolm Steer 58.40 and Neil Marrin 59.39. In the Bedfordshire Road Club '10' on the 11<sup>th</sup> July good conditions Ian Bibby did 21.53 to Tom Boulton's PB of 21.30. Dave Kendall sets a new '100' record in the E.D.C.A. event on the B100/4 with 3.51.31.

In the Hog Hill series of events Gray Turnock, Phil Murrell and Neil Marrin seem to be doing well.

The Welwyn Track League is under way and Tom Boulton seems to be heading the race for points.

The Verulam C.C. '25' on the F1 on 26<sup>th</sup> July saw five riders return to the timekeeper. Chris Lodge 58.44, Ian Bibby 58.58, Malcolm Steer 1.01.55 and Nikki Hunt 1.04.58.

Round one of the Victoria C.C. sporting T.T. series gets under way on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Times for this two-up were: Sam Parker / Kevin Megan 27.18, Vince Freeley/Peter Douglas 27.29 and Chris Lodge/ Louise Schuller 25.10. The Odam series evening '10s' are under way and new member Matt Molloy wins most of them.

The Open '25' on 7<sup>th</sup> August saw a new club team record set and first team in the event. Dave Kendall 51.52 PB, Matt Molloy 54.01, Hugh Vivian 55.15, Chris Lodge 58.24, Malcolm Steer 1.01.33, Sam Parker 1.06.44.

Tom Boulton goes down to the H25/2 on 5<sup>th</sup> October for the V.T.T.A event and does a 55.46, a week later he goes even faster on the same course with 55.30.

The club had 'lost contact' with Maurice Edmonds. His one time tandem partner Arthur Edrupt used to keep in touch each Christmas but when Arthur died this contact ended. I did some searching and found a phone number that matched the name and area that Maurice lived in. I took the chance and phoned. I was lucky, Maurice had a neighbour that used to call in a look after him. By sheer luck the neighbour, Ron, was there and answered my call. I was shocked a taken aback when he found out who I was. Maurice had hearing problems so Ron relayed my call. The result was that Ron and I kept in touch via email right up to the time Maurice passed away.

Hugh Vivian wins the club Hill Climb in 3min 25.8sec. on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

The LVRC Track Championship at Newport was held on October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>. Chris Lodge entered the Points race and was constantly in the action. In the Individual Pursuit he did a PB of 2m 46.95s. In the Scratch Race Chris managed 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Individual Club Record.

#### Team Record 25 miles

Dave Kendall		D. W. Kendall	51.52
10 miles	19.25	M. Molloy	54.01
100 miles	3.51.31 miles	H. Vivian	55.15
			<b>2.41.08</b>

#### Trophy Winners for 2009

TOUCHE CUP	D. W. Kendall	27.642 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	H. Vivian	25.741 mph	ALECO CUP	D. W. Kendall	19.25
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	H. Vivian	26.129 mph	ODAM TROPHY	M. Molloy	27.295 mph
SCALES CUP	H. Vivian	51.52	CLIFFORD TROPHY	G. Tighe	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D.W. Kendall	1.46.48	YULE TROPHY	N. Spurling	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D. W. Kendall	3.51.41	ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	G. Turnock	
SAWARD CUP	Not awarded		CRITERIUM CHAMPION	G. Turnock	
VETS SHIELD	H Vivian	6.21.52	STILTS TROPHY	T. Boulton	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	I. Cammish	1.47.03	CYCLO CROSS CHAMPION	K. Manning	
QUAICH TROPHY	N. Xandora	2.08.46	EVANS TROPHY	H Vivian	
STAPLEY TROPHY	S. Barker	51.09	HAMPTON TROPHY	A. Harrington	
GORDAN STEWART	H. Vivian		DUNN TROPHY	H Vivian	
KEEN MEMORIAL	M. Molloy		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	V. Freeley	
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	L. Schuller	24.531 mph	R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	C. Lodge	
EDRUPT SHIELD	L. Schuller	23.35	PONTIN SHIELD	H Vivian	

## Stapley Memorial Ride 2009

The Stapley Memorial Ride took place in June to honour E.E. 'Ernie' Stapley and his crew mates who all perished when their bomber crashed in flames on the village of Gannes, a few kilometres north of Paris. Among those on the ride were John Walsh and John Bompas; Alan Dunn and Tom Freeley provided transport for bags etc.

Ann Stapley, Ernie's daughter and John's twin, unveiled the new memorial to Ernie and his crew.

Club members at the Memorial Stone, Gannes, France 2009



Alan Dunn, Sam Parker, Con Antonio, John Bompas, John Walsh, Louise Schuller, Vince Freeley  
Chris Lodge, Ann Stapley.





Ann Stapley at the unveiling of the new Memorial to Ernie Stapley and the crew of Lancaster HK559.



## 2010

A list of forthcoming dates and events is given. The Club Dinner, A.G.M., Reliability Rides, away trips such as the Duo Normand, Ghent Six Day, Monts de Flanders, UCI Track Championships. Plus the usual plea for club subs.

The early season pipe opener, the North Road Hardriders saw five Parkers brave the horrendous conditions. The course was in a dreadful state with water running across all the low points and the road surfaces completely broken up in places. Matt Molloy was the best placed club rider with 1.09.07 for 20<sup>th</sup> place, Phil Murrell 1.12.49, Ian Turner 1.15.40, Bob pisolkar 1.18.09 and Graham Freer 1.20.22.

The club was very saddened to learn that Dick Curtis passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> March, a few weeks short of his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Dick was the oldest and longest serving member of the club with 83 years un-broken loyalty. Dick held several club records, individual and on tandem with Maurice Edmonds. He was also a counter in the winning team for the Catford C.C. and other hill climb events with Ernie and Wilf Hussey. In 1998 I took a holiday 'down south' calling in on Jack Lauterwasser first then Dick down in Sennen. I had arranged the visit to Dick via his neice and Dick had no idea of it. When I arrived at Dick's there was no answer so I walked around the back and met Dick, a tray of seeds in his hands. We both stopped and Dick said 'Young Edrupt, what are you doing here?' We had a long talk over tea and I came away with all Dick's club gazettes some photographs and other bits. I was possibly the last club member to see either Dick or Jack alive.

Back to the racing and in the Icknield R.C. Sporting 30km on March 28<sup>th</sup> Tom Boulton and Ian Bibby in a two-up record 48.29, Hugh Vivian 47.45, Chris Lodge 51.28 and Louise Schuller 1.02.41.

Two members of the Finsbury Park were down on the Start Sheet, Hugh Vivian and Ian Bibby for the Bishops Stortford CC Hilly Spoco. Hugh was 4<sup>th</sup> with 1.17.20 and Ian 8<sup>th</sup> with 1.20.27. East London Velo  
E2/10 10<sup>th</sup> July

and Tom Boulton 21.29, Chris Lodge 22.35, Ian Bibby 22.22. The Verulam CC 25m TT Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July. On the very day the Pros were sweeping into Paris to complete the Tour de France, a few club members were present at the only slightly less glamorous Tempsford Village Hall for Verulam CC's F1 promotion. Times were as follows: Ian Bibby 57.50, Chris Lodge 58.55, Hugh Vivian 57.10, Louise Schuller 1.3.02.

Monts Des Flandres. The very popular club weekend is set for September 12<sup>th</sup> (to be confirmed). Meet our friends from URFA Lille. A great ride along the franco-belge border taking in a few famous climbs. Food and drink etc...This is another great weekend and one of our highlights.

Finsbury Park CC F1/25 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Again a well run event by Ian Bibby and many marshals and helpers from the club - one of the riders wrote to thank Ian for the smooth running, which speaks volumes.

For the race itself, a stiff and rising northerly greeted the riders. At least it meant a fast finish. The Finzberry contingent picked up the prize for second team in 2:45:00. Tom didn't disappoint as fastest entrant in the London North event, winning it comfortably despite being first rider of the day. Times were: Dave Kendall 53:14,

Tom Boulton 55:25, Phil Murrell 56:21, Chris Lodge 57:49, Louise Schuller 1:04:28.

The Beds Roads C.C. '25' on the F1b/25 on 15<sup>th</sup> August saw Chris Lodge just get under the hour with 59.53, Matt Molloy was in the top ten riders with 56.48. Winner was Matt Bottrill with 50.52 some 3 minutes clear of the rest of the riders. In the North Mids and Herts '25' on the F10/25 on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Dave Kendall 54.55, Tom Boulton 56.57 and Chris Lodge 58.55. Aylesbury CC Sporting 21, F5/11. A blowy sort of day but that's the least of your problems on this course. Hugh Vivian 49.29, Chris Lodge 51.14 and Louise Schuller was first of the women 55.44.

Cyclo Cross and Beastway. The 2009/10 season is officially complete and our champion is (taaraa!!) Bob Pisolkar with 378 points. Chasing him through the mud were Graham Freer 364 pts, and Ian Turner 285 points. Phil Murrell made a late entry to this competition and scored 270 points from only four events. Meanwhile, in the 2010 Beastway series, Bob was 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Vet, Graham 8<sup>th</sup> Vet and Ian got 24<sup>th</sup> Vet from his only 5 events.

Chris Lodge was quite seriously injured whilst competing in our recent LVRC road race when two riders fell right in front of him without warning and left him no option but to slam over or into them at high speed. Massive thanks go to the St John's, who were quickly on the scene with the necessary expertise. The list of injuries is long and boring and included all the usual road burns, black eyes etc. He was in two hospitals for 11 days or so including a specialist neuro unit. Chris was left with a broken neck in several places and further breaks in other areas of the spine. He is in a spinal and neck brace for the three months.

I receive an update on Maurice Edmonds as follows: 'Maurice is finally starting to fail; he is fine and will remain at home, he can still walk and pretty much take care of himself, but walks with a slow shuffle, and is very forgetful. I signed him up for Hospice four days ago - Hospice is gov't paid for end of life care,

focusing on making patient comfortable, without pain, keeping at home rather than a nursing home or hospital. Nurses and social workers coming as needed'. This from Ron his carer.

North Mids & Herts CA - F1/50 5<sup>th</sup> September. This was the last '50' promoted by the Association and the Park saw it out in style. 1<sup>st</sup> Mattt Molloy 1.50.52, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Boulton 1.52.34, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Kendall 1.53.24, for first team. Port Talbot Wheelers – '25' on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Several members made the long journey to this super fast course. Times are Dave Kendall 52.03, Tom Boulton 53.07, Ian Bibby 54.47. This was a new club team record of 3.29.57. Phil Murrell 55.26.

Norlond '25' F1 19<sup>th</sup> September. A grey and overcast, a stiff SW wind, and just as the riders were arriving at the HQ the rain started falling.... Queue a half hour delay to the start from the organiser which did the trick as the rain stopped and it brightened somewhat. Matt was pleased with his effort, 54.45 only 45 secs down on his PB and a minute off the winner. Malcolm, an earlier starter, was in and out before we got to say hello but recorded 1.02.36. Prize for unluckiest rider of the day went to Dave who was leading by a minute before puncturing at Black Cat with only 1.5 miles left to the finish.

FPCC Hill Climb and Downhill - Essendon Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October. The traditional season-closer on the unforgiving heights of Essendon has enjoyed something of a revival in the last few years. This year saw 13 riders battle to the top and a new name at the head of the field as Matt Southerden showed he can power up the road as well as on the flat. He has taken some notable scalps and it's good to see new names appearing on the trophies. The event was enlivened by the following Downhill event which was put on in memory of our departed club mate Malcolm Boswell. He'd have appreciated seeing his friends plummeting down the hill, no pedalling, in search of extra yards granted only through bravery, lack of brakes, and perhaps a little middle-age spread! Max Horton had the tape measure extended furthest. We might make this a regular fixture. Matt Southerden won the climb up Essendon in 3m 10.22s and max Horton won the downhill by 5 yards from Howard Boswell.

Chris Lodge makes steady progress in his recovery from the crash that laid him up with serious injuries and is now back at work.

The Club hold an Open Evening. Since the demise of our club room at Southgate, it's very rare that we get together as a club socially. The big losers have been new and prospective members who don't get to meet us and find out what it's all about. So....at long last, we are organising our first Open Evening. The venue is Queens Pub in Crouch End, 26 Broadway Parade, London N8 9DE on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 8pm.

A list of Cyclo Cross dates is given, covering mid October 2010 to February 2011.

I receive an email telling me that Maurice Edmonds died on Christmas Day.

Individual Club Records Standing Start T. Boulton 1min.13.04 sec. Kilo.

#### Team Records.

25 Miles		50 Miles		100 Miles	
D.W. Kendall	52.03	D.W. Kendall	1.47.27	D.W. Kendall	3.56.05
T. Boulton	53.07	P. Murrell	1.54.05	M. Molloy	4.00.14
I. Bibby	54.47	I. Bibby	1.54.46	P. Murrell	4.07.27
	<b>2.39.57</b>		<b>5.36.18</b>		<b>12.03.46</b>

#### Trophy Winners for 2010

TOUCHE CUP	D. W. Kendall	27.384 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	M. Molloy	26.604 mph	ALECO CUP	D. W. Kendall	20.06
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	D. W. Kendall	28.024 mph	ODAM TROPHY	M. Southerden	
SCALES CUP	H. Vivian	52.03	CLIFFORD TROPHY	P. Murrell	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D.W. Kendall	1.47.47	YULE TROPHY	G. Turnock	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D. W. Kendall	3.56.05	ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	A. Cohen	
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		CRITERIUM CHAMPION	A. Cohen	
VETS SHIELD	M. Molloy	6.16.32	STILTS TROPHY	L. Schuller	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	B. Walker	1.47.53	CYCLO CROSS CHAMPION	B. Pisolka	

QUAICH TROPHY	S. Fenwick	2.01.43	EVANS TROPHY	C. Baker	
STAPLEY TROPHY	S. Barker	51.42	HAMPTON TROPHY	C. Lodge	
GORDAN STEWART	M. Molloy		DUNN TROPHY	M. Southerden	
KEEN MEMORIAL	M. Southerden		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	C. Lodge	
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	L. Schuller	24.231 mph	R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	H. Vivian	
EDRUPT SHIELD	L. Schuller	24.26	PONTIN SHIELD	not awarded	



Club Track session at Newport Velodrome 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010

## 2011

The traditional season opener, the North Road CC Hardriders took place last Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. This year's course was somewhat emasculated by the omission of some of the really testing hills such as Carbone and Darnacle when roadworks forced a course revision that shortened the proceedings to just 19.1 miles. The weather was also fairly kind in a complete contrast to last year's freezing, wet event. A noticeable wind and crisp cold condition – positively balmy for the Hardriders! Whatever the course and conditions around there, it's never going to be easy and riders had the long slog along the whole of Lower Essendon Road before climbing over the hill itself as well as all the other nasty surprises that make this race what it is. Phil Murrell was club fastest with 51.59, Hugh Vivian 52.14, Ian Bibby 53.16 and Dave Snowden 56.40.

I received an email from Keith Robins informing me that Jack Lauterwasser's Olympic Silver Medal was for sale on ebay. I was dismayed at this news. I had always hoped that it would eventually find its' way to the club as this was Jack's wish when I last saw him. I managed to find Trixie Lauterwasser's address and phone number so called her. She knew nothing about the sale and was very upset about it. We spoke for some time about the 'old days' and members she knew. Trixie promised to contact Alan and also the seller with a view to stopping the sale. A few days later I received an email from her stating that the seller was sympathetic but would not withdraw the sale. The outcome was that the medal eventually went for £5000, far above it's true value as an Olympic medal and way out of the club's and my reach.

My most sincere thanks go to the following members for their support and offers of donations:- Alan Dunn, Norman Gardner, Dave Gilbey, Pat & Ted Hill, Les Humphreys, Phil Liggett, Bob Rodens, Vernon Smith, Aubrey Trower and John Walsh. These donations topped the £1000, and with my own offer would have been almost half way there. It is comforting to know that there are others in the club like me 'desperate' to preserve club history.

An excellent Tour of Flanders for the club this year with the weather gods smiling down on 10 club members and some 20,000 plus other riders from all the parts of the world who converged on that corner of Belgium for the cobbled classic. Louise had a bit of downer when she was brought down by a tricky bit of bike lane before the start. That resulted in some cracked ribs but Louise is tougher than a Belgian turnip farmer chewing a cobble and rode the full 150km over pave and bergs aided only by a couple of neurofen and a great deal of determination. We look forward to next year.

Matt Molloy raised some eyebrows, produced a PB and a very fast 51.59 to take 4<sup>th</sup> place in the recent Lea Valley CC E2/25 in Essex. The race was won by Team Sky professional Alex Dowsett in 46.35 and the field contained all the expected fast men so this was a pretty significant ride from the big fella. What will he do when he gets going this season? Matt was backed by Tom Boulton in 53.41 and Ian Bibby with 55.35.

Chris Edmonds, the son of Maurice, has donated some trophies and medals now in the archives.

Dave Kendall, fresh off of crutches after an operation on his Achilles Heel, showed he had not lost any form when he did a 1.52.29 in the Open '50', won by Ian Cammish in 1.44.56, and then in the Icknield R.C. '25' 51.41.

Matt Molloy continued last years winning ways in the club evening '10s'. Much to the dismay of the others. Dave, Ian and Phil made their way into deepest Wales for the Merthyr CC '25', to have another go at the fastest course in the country. Phil made a weekend of it; Ian pulled the short straw and drove himself and Dave down on the morning. Rain en route and imposing clouds made our trio fear the worst but the wet stuff held off and whilst not a warm morning the wind was gentle. Dave was an early starter and fought hard to break the club '25' record with a new time of 51:03, an improvement of 13 seconds. Ian and Phil started 3 minutes apart and finished almost 3 minutes apart, with new PBs of 53:51 and 53:53 respectively. Together they took 70 seconds off last year's team record with a new combined time of 2:38:47. And they won the team prize to boot! Dave thus became the first rider to hold all solo records from 10 miles to 12 hours simultaneously, for all of an hour, because:-

Matt Molloy made the 4 hour journey up the A1 for the Yorkshire CF '100' on the V275. He set off like he meant it, going through 50 miles in 1:50:19, and finished the last 10 miles seeing red stars, He shot past his father waiting at the finish. But he had kept enough in the tank to take nearly 3 minutes off the old record for a new time of 3:48:40 and second place on the day in a quality field.

Not one to give in lightly, Dave quietly entered the BDCA '100' on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. It's a quick enough course and it was a good enough day but only another club record, considerably quicker than he'd ridden before, was going to be enough against Matt's new record. Dave took the record back, setting a new mark of 3hr 48 06s.

In the Yorkshire R.C '50' on September 24<sup>th</sup> Matt and Dave went head to head, both trying to improve their times for the club BAR. Matt came out on top with 1.46.40 with Dave 1.48.12.

It was anniversary time all round at this year's Duo Normand. It was the 10<sup>th</sup> appearance for Chris and Louise at this prestigious international two- up TT and also the 30<sup>th</sup> running of the event. Times were: Ian and Carl 1.25.07, Chris and Gray 1.31.39, Louise and Cheryl 1.33.37 on a slightly shorter course.

The Club Hill Climb and Downhill Essendon on October 16<sup>th</sup> was a tense affair as the three main contenders eyed each other up at the club Road Race the previous Sunday. Rumours abounded about a slimmer and fitter Hugh, Gray made no secret of his ambitions and Nat is full of surprises. Dave has enough self belief for an entire peloton and could not be discounted in his record breaking year. Nineteen riders signed on and Starter, Colin Baker, counted the first man away with the assistance of Mike English on his annual Hill Climb pilgrimage. Simon Neatham set the early mark of 3:40.4, holding off the next seven riders until Alex Cohen made the summit in 3:18.5; this did for the next four finishers, including Nat and Dave. Then Gray came into sight, accelerating over the final 200 yds to cross in 3:08.9, compared with 3:14.1 in 2010. Could Hugh do better? It was not to be; last year's runner up (to Matt Southerden) was runner up again with 3:17.1, compared with 3:11.6 in 2010. Alex surprised with third.

The downhill was a fun affair. Ian Bibby has obviously been 'feeding up' for the event, added a spare pair of heavy pedals to his pocket (is that fair?) and distanced himself by 8yds from Jeremy Greenwood; Gray was a very close third. Howard Boswell, down from Preston in memory of brother, Malcolm ('Boz'), was a further 2yds back in fourth.

Our annual Road Race, on October 9<sup>th</sup>, went off very smoothly and the club turned out in large numbers to assist. Thanks everyone. I'm sure it made Nat's life, as the organiser, a lot easier. Everyone agreed that the move to the new, and much nearer, circuit was a success so we hope to grab the same roads next year. The winner was Adam Cotterell of Wyndi Milla who broke away strongly from a small group on the last lap. At the other end of the field, our own Gray Turnock punctured early and rode himself ragged to stay in contention.

Ben Lewis also did the club proud in the recent Three Peaks with 65<sup>th</sup> place out of some 600 odd fell running and riding nutters. I don't know what you'd compare it with but his time was 3.48 and that sounds pretty respectable.

#### Individual Club Records

	<u>100 Miles</u>			<u>25 Miles</u>	
M. Molloy	3.48.40	D.W. Kendall	3.48.06	D.W. Kendall	51.03

#### Team Record 25 Miles

D.W. Kendall	51.03
I. Bibby	53.51
P. Murrell	53.53
	<b>2.38.47</b>

#### Trophy winners for 2011

TOUCHE CUP	D. W. Kendall	27.805 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	M. Molloy	27.754 mph	ALECO CUP	D. W. Kendall	20.23
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	T. Boulton	26.918 mph	ODAM TROPHY	G. Turnock	
SCALES CUP	H. Vivian	51.03	CLIFFORD TROPHY	G. Turnock	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D.W. Kendall	1.46.30	YULE TROPHY	N. Spurling	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D. W. Kendall	3.48.06	ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	H. Vivian	
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		CRITERIUM CHAMPION	P. Murrell	
VETS SHIELD	I. Bibby	6.37.05	STILTS TROPHY	not awarded	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	I. Cammish	1.44.56	CYCLO CROSS CHAMPION	B. Pisolka	
QUAICH TROPHY	C. Ella	2.03.13	EVANS TROPHY	L. Gaskin	
STAPLEY TROPHY	I. Cammish	53.48	HAMPTON TROPHY	G. Turnock	
GORDAN STEWART	M. Molloy		DUNN TROPHY	G. Turnock	
KEEN MEMORIAL	M. Southerden		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	G. Turnock	
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	L. Schuller	23.512 mph	R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	C. Lodge	
EDRUPT SHIELD	L. Schuller	25.32	PONTIN SHIELD	D. W. Kendall / M. Molloy	

## 2012

Club Dinner and Prize Presentation Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> don't miss it!

The FPCC Reliability Ride is due to take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. The HQ as always is Potters Bar Cricket Club.

The club track day that took place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January was a success enjoyed by all that attended. There was a very big group of 25 riders, including a few friends from Lea Valley CC. It was a good mix of those new to the track and experienced riders that formed two groups alternating sessions on the boards. There were too many of us for some of the more technical and time consuming exercises so most of the three hours was spent on group drills including some near- race speed stuff. A bit of a shock at this time of year There is another track day scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### FPCC AGM 2012

The A.G.M. on February 12<sup>th</sup> was well attended this year and the run of the mill agenda items were spiced up with some lively topics and AOB. It was good to see some new faces stepping up to run things and we will welcome Neal Marrin to our Committee for 2012. Matt Southerden has also been co-opted to sit in on future Committee Meetings and we have practically a full set of delegates to all our affiliations.

#### FPCC 2012

Sam Parker's first promotion of the club's Reliability Ride on February 11<sup>th</sup> was blessed with fine weather and what seemed like a following wind almost all the way round. There was a huge turnout – I believe someone mentioned almost a hundred riders, so plenty of money will have been raised for Road Peace and the club will have gained a lot of publicity and goodwill. With such a lot of riders they were split into groups of around twenty and each group had a Parker or two in it to look after things.

Club Records are being shattered in May and it hasn't even warmed up yet! Despite unpromising conditions, one solo and three team records were set in the space of just eight days. And showing the depth in time trialing the club has at the moment, five different riders featured in them. First up on the frequently fast E2/10 course near Newmarket, the team '10' record went with Dave Kendall recorded his second fastest ride ever with 19:52 followed by Ian Bibby smashing his PB on his new super quick bike

with 20:54 and Tom Boulton bringing up the rear with a respectable 21:03. A new record at 1:01:49 and a 13 second improvement.

No rest for our protagonists as the next morning all were up with the dawn and off to the F1/50 run by the Norlond. Matt Molloy joined them on a freezing cold morning with a stiff northerly wind. In his final warm up before the Lanzarote Ironman, Matt was expecting to do well and so he did, coming third in the race with 1:49:54. Dave was a place behind with 1:51:14 and Ian shaving a few seconds off his PB with 1:54:37. A new 50 team record at 5:35:45, lowering the old mark by 33 seconds.

The following Saturday Dave, Ian and Paul Buxton headed back to the E2 for the 50 version perfectly run by Chris Lodge on behalf of the ECCA. Somehow it was quick, no, it was super quick. Most of the field set new PBs, the first 8 went under 1:50 and our boys left feeling very pleased with themselves. Ten years after breaking the club's 50 record for the first time, Dave finally did it again with a new figure of 1:45:54, which would have been even quicker had he not blown with 7 miles to go. Ian had a similar experience and slowed at the end, thus missing a sub 1:50 ride. But his 1:50:19 was a four minute improvement and he was happy. I'm not sure if Paul had even ridden a 50 before, and he was suitably pleased with an impressive 1:56:21. That knocked over three minutes off the previous record which now stands at 5:32:34.

That's not the end, more records went in the Herts Wheelers '30' on the F1/30 on 27<sup>th</sup> May. The way they were all going, the '30' records were a foregone conclusion. And that's how it turned out. Two team records in quick succession and the solo record for good measure.

A little breezy but with 4 of our fastest riders there it was a shoe-in for a new team record and likely a new individual too. The first 3 back were Tom, Dave and Ian who took 9 mins off the old team record, then Matt came in to knock Tom out and take another 4 mins off, as he also broke the solo record by 25 secs and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the day. Well done to all. Matt Molloy 1.03.15, Dave Kendall 1.04.42, Ian Bibby 1.06.59, Tom Boulton 1.07.35

In The Hounslow & District Whs '100' Gray Turnock did 4.20.55 and Paul Buxton 4.31.55, both in their first '100'.

Among the new members during the year was Ken Livermore returning back to the club.

It was mixed fortunes across the Channel for our teams, in the Duo Normand, but still a wonderful weekend. Four Park teams entered this year's Duo, run on 30<sup>th</sup> September. Chris and Louise in the mixed, with Vince/ Peter, Tom/Phil, and Ian/Gray all in the vets. Lovely cool/sunny weather made a welcome change from last year's rain. In the vets, Vince/Peter were first off but unfortunately failed to finish owing to a mishap on "crash corner". Ian and Gray were off next and got off to a flying first leg recording an average of 46kph on the first 21km of flat, lightly undulating, twisty roads. They had to give a lot of that up on the next leg as they gradually climbed towards the second turn but were still averaging 41kph by the 33km. Unfortunately on the third, hilly leg Gray also came a slight cropper on "crash corner" making an unscheduled stop in the ditch, but with nothing broken they were quickly back underway having lost no more than 45 seconds. A hard push on the final dogleg saw them touch 68kph on the downhill and record 1.20.48 for the 54.3km. Right behind them Phil and Tom rode a strong race and stopped the clock at 1.19.48. This was good enough for 2<sup>nd</sup> (out of 38) in the vets with Ian and Gray taking 4<sup>th</sup>.

Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation will again be at Brickendon Grange Golf Club on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013 for our annual celebration.

#### Individual Club Records.

25 Miles		30 Miles		50 Miles	
M. Molloy	50.35	M. Molloy	1.03.15	D. W. Kendall	1.45.42

#### Team Records.

10 Miles		10 Miles		30 Miles		30 Miles	
D.W. Kendall	19.52	D.W. Kendall	19.58	D. W. Kendall	1.04.42	M. Molloy	1.03.15
I. Bibby	20.54	T. Boulton	20.15	I. Bibby	1.06.59	D.W. Kendall	1.04.42
T. Boulton	21.03	I. Bibby	20.57	T. Boulton	1.07.35	I. Bibby	1.06.59
	<b>1.01.49</b>		<b>1.01.10</b>		<b>3.19.16</b>		<b>3.14.56</b>

50 Miles							
M. Molloy	1.49.54	D.W. Kendall	1.45.54	D.W. Kendall	1.45.42	D.W. Kendall	1.45.42
D.W. Kendall	1.51.14	I. Bibby	1.50.19	M. Molloy	1.46.41	M. Molloy	1.46.41
I. Bibby	1.54.37	P. Buxton	1.56.21	I. Bibby	1.49.48	T. Boulton	1.48.21

## Trophy winners for 2012

TOUCHE CUP	G. Turnock	23.991 mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	P. Buxton	23.805 mph	ALECO CUP	D. W. Kendall	19.52
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	D.W. Kendall	28.615 mph	ODAM TROPHY	G. Turnock	
SCALES CUP	M. Molloy	50.35	CLIFFORD TROPHY	G. Turnock	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	D.W. Kendall	1.45.42	YULE TROPHY	B. Lewis	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	G. Turnock	4.20.55	ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	M. Southerden	
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		CRITERIUM CHAMPION	P. Murrell	
VETS SHIELD	M. Molloy	6.02.52	STILTS TROPHY	C. Lodge	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	I.S. Berry	1.42.59	CYCLO CROSS CHAMPION	B. Lewis	
QUAICH TROPHY	C. Ella	2.00.53	EVANS TROPHY	V. Freeley	
STAPLEY TROPHY	P Lawrence	52.24	HAMPTON TROPHY	P. Douglas	
GORDAN STEWART	not awarded		DUNN TROPHY	M. Southerden	
KEEN MEMORIAL	T. Baskaya		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	P. Bullen	
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded		R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	J. Greenwood	
EDRUPT SHIELD	L. Schuller	24.52	PONTIN SHIELD	K. Livermore	



Peter Douglas at Alexandra Palace  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2012

### 2013

Notice was given for the Club Dinner on the 26<sup>th</sup> January and A.G.M. on 11<sup>th</sup> February. A list of dates was also given for Reliability Rides, Track Days, Tour of Flanders, Dieppe Raid etc.

In the North Road C.C. Hardriders on February 24<sup>th</sup> the course was reduced to 22 miles because of flooding. Gray Turnock was the Club's best placed rider with 55.09 for 14<sup>th</sup> place. Other times were:

Ben Lewis 58.16, Matt Molloy 58.50, John Pritchard 1.01.33, Keith Haynes 1.03.43, Dan Northover 1.05.01, Dominic Bray 1.07.09, Dave Snowdon DNF.

There were nine new members during the year.

In the LVRC National Track Championships at Newport, Wales, there were only two club riders Vince Freeley and Chris Lodge. Vince came away clutching two silver medals.

The Club's annual trip to Normandy for the two up Time Trial on the rolling roads of Marigny was another fantastic weekend of racing on closed roads in this international event. Four teams from the club, all racing in the Veterans category. We seem to manage a spill every year and after participating for the last 12 years, Chris's turn had to come around. A slight communication malfunction on one of the changes with Neal had him visiting the tarmac. More Comedy than Drama and he was relatively unscathed but struggled to get going again.

Ian and Gray, Tom and Phil were 5th and 6th. Neal and Chris sneaked under 1h 30m. Vince and Peter took on the younger vets and prevailed against plenty of them.

Vince, Chris, Neal and Chris Stevens hit the Channel Tunnel on, Friday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> for the annual Gent Six Dthey; first stop Ypres, Belgium, for some culture a relaxed dinner and a few beers. On Saturday they took in the World Cross meeting at Koksijde before heading for Gent; a quick hotel check in and meal prior to Saturday night at the velodrome. Sunday they took a relaxed stroll around Gent and a good lunch before taking in the final hours of track action. Then a leisurely Monday morning drive to Calais for the train home.

Over a hundred 'friends' from up and down the land joined Sid and Pat Lovatt for the annual Sid and 'friends' get together at Brickendon Grange Golf Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. It is a celebration of the UK road racing scene from the fifties to the present day and numbers many national champions, Tour of Britain and Milk Race stage winners, London-Holyhead riders etc. Several are into their seventh decade of competition and tall tales figure large in the cross toasting. The day kicks off with a group ride to Panshanger for tea and return to the golf club for an excellent lunch. Chris Boardman made the trip from his Wirral home and was warmly greeted in recognition of his World record and Olympic achievements.

Eric Mason passed away on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Eric Mason joined the Finsbury Park Cycling Club on 4th November 1937, he was 18 years old. Eric was the third longest serving club member with 76 years membership. ( Dick Curtis 83 years and Jack Lauterwasser 79 years). He was the last known link with the pre War years.

#### Team Record 25 Miles

M. Molloy	52.11
D.W. Kendall	52.18
I. Bibby	53.36
	<b>2.38.05</b>

#### Trophy winners for 2013

TOUCHE CUP	D.W. Kendall	27.403	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	I. Bibby	26.515	ALECO CUP	T. Boulton	20.00
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	D.W. Kendall	27.782	ODAM TROPHY	N. Marrin	
SCALES CUP	D.W. Kendall	50.37	CLIFFORD TROPHY	G. Turnock	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER	M. Molloy	1.48.02	YULE TROPHY	T. Baskaya	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D.W. Kendall	3.59.07	ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	T. Baskaya	
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		CRITERIUM CHAMPION	G. Turnock	
VETS SHIELD	D.W. Kendall	6.04.37	STILTS TROPHY	C. Lodge	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	S. Berry	1.47.19	CYCLO CROSS	P. Douglas	
QUAICH TROPHY	P. Moseley	2.00.00	EVANS TROPHY	K. Megan	
STAPLEY TROPHY	M. Hutchinson	49.42	HAMPTON TROPHY	P. Douglas	
GORDAN STEWART	I. Bibby		DUNN TROPHY	M.Southerden	
KEEN MEMORIAL	A. Jarrett		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	J. Greenwood	
WOMEN'S	not awarded		R/up ATTENDANCE	S. Neatham	
EDRUPT SHIELD	L. Schuller	27.43	PONTIN SHIELD	S. Neatham / S. Leng	
			WOMEN'S CRIT	T. Hore	



Club run 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Tea stop at Epping



Vince Freeley & Peter Bullen  
Victoria C.C. 2up '10' 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013



Neal Marrin & Chris Lodge  
Victoria C.C. 2up '10' 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013

## OFFICERS FOR 2014

CAPTAIN	C. LODGE	TIME KEEPERS	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
VICE CAPTAIN	H. VIVIAN	WEBSITE PUBLISHER	A. HARRINGTON
GENERAL SECRETARY	V. FREELEY	NEWSLETTER EDITOR	C. LODGE
TIME TRIAL SECRETARY	D. KENDALL	AUDITOR	P. MURRELL
MEDAL SECRETARY	V. FREELEY	HANDICAPPING	V. FREELEY & D. KENDALL
TRACK SECRETARY	I. BIBBY	CURATOR	B.R. EDRUPT
ROAD RACE SECRETARY	N. SPURLING	PHOTO LIBRARIAN	I. TURNER
SOCIAL SECRETARY	D. KENDALL	CYCLO CROSS	I. TURNER
COMMUNICATIONS	C. LODGE	COMMITTEE OF FIVE	C. BAKER, I. TURNER,
TREASURER	P. BULLEN		P. DOUGLAS, S. PARKER
CHAIRMAN	K. MEGAN		N. MARRIN
MEMBERSHIP	G. TURNOCK		

## TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2014

TOUCHE CUP	M. Malloy	27.905		REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	G. Turnock	27.579		ALECO CUP	G. Turnock	20.02
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	G. Turnock	28.079		ODAM TROPHY	G. Turnock	
SCALES CUP	M. Molloy	51.55		CLIFFORD TROPHY	G. Turnock	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER	M. Molloy	1.44.43		YULE TROPHY	A. Cohen	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	D.W. Kendall	3.59.07		ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	A. Jarret	
SAWARD CUP	not awarded			CRITERIUM CHAMPION	G. Turnock	
VETS SHIELD	M. Molloy	5.56.04		STILTS TROPHY	T. Bolton	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	P. Gamlin	1.43.12		CYCLO CROSS	P. Douglas	
QUAICH TROPHY	H. Reynolds	1.57.17		EVANS TROPHY	S. Neatham	
STAPLEY TROPHY	M. Arnold	52.43		HAMPTON TROPHY		
GORDAN STEWART	G. Turnock			DUNN TROPHY	G. Turnock	
KEEN MEMORIAL	S. Pinter			ATTENDANCE TROPHY	P. Bullen	
WOMEN'S	not awarded			R/up ATTENDANCE	J. Greenwood	
EDRUPT SHIELD	R. Miller	30.48		PONTIN SHIELD	S. Neatham	
				WOMEN'S CRIT	not awarded	

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VICE CAPTAIN	J. GREENWOOD	WEBSITE PUBLISHER	V. FREELEY
GENERAL SECRETARY	V. FREELEY	NEWSLETTER EDITOR	C. LODGE
TIME TRIAL SECRETARY	D. KENDALL	AUDITOR	P. MURRELL
MEDAL SECRETARY	V. FREELEY	HANDICAPPING	V. FREELEY & D. KENDALL
TRACK SECRETARY	I. BIBBY	CURATOR	B.R. EDRUPT
ROAD RACE SECRETARY	G. TURNOCK	PHOTO LIBRARIAN	I. TURNER
SOCIAL SECRETARY	D. KENDALL	CYCLO CROSS	P. DOUGLAS
COMMUNICATIONS	C. LODGE	DINNER SECRETARY	C. SMITH
TREASURER	P. BULLEN	COMMITTEE OF FIVE	C. BAKER, SEET TECH, P. DOUGLAS, A. TURNOCK
CHAIRMAN	K. MEGAN		
MEMBERSHIP	S. NEATHAM		

## TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2015

TOUCHE CUP	G. Turnock	? mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	A. Turnock	? mph	ALECO CUP	D.Northover	19.01
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	G. Turnock	? mph	ODAM TROPHY	M. Morris	
SCALES CUP	D.Northover	49.46	CLIFFORD TROPHY	G. Turnock	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	A. Turnock	1.49.05	YULE TROPHY	H. Vivian	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	G. Turnock	3.41.11	ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	H. Vivian	
SAWARD CUP	not awarded		CRITERIUM CHAMPION	G. Turnock	
VETS SHIELD	G. Turnock	6.08.20	STILTS TROPHY	G. Turnock	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	P. Gamlin	1.47.36	CYCLO CROSS CHAMPION	P. Douglas	
QUAICH TROPHY	A. Lacey	2.33.58	EVANS TROPHY	P. Bullen	
STAPLEY TROPHY	M. Sinclair	50.58	HAMPTON TROPHY	S. Neatham	
GORDAN STEWART	G. Turnock		DUNN TROPHY	G. Turnock.	
KEEN MEMORIAL	J. Elliott		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	S. Neatham	
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	not awarded		R/up ATTENDANCE TROPHY	P. Bullen	
EDRUPT SHIELD	C. Smith	24.35	PONTIN SHIELD	D. Andrew	
			WOMEN'S CRIT CHAMPION	not awarded	

## OFFICERS FOR 2016

CAPTAIN	C. LODGE	TIME KEEPERS	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
VICE CAPTAIN	J. GREENWOOD	WEBSITE PUBLISHER	V. FREELEY
GENERAL SECRETARY	V. FREELEY	NEWSLETTER EDITOR	C. LODGE
TIME TRIAL SECRETARY	D. KENDALL	AUDITOR	P. MURRELL
MEDAL SECRETARY	V. FREELEY	HANDICAPPING	V. FREELEY & D.
TRACK SECRETARY	I. BIBBY	CURATOR	B.R. EDRUPT
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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	S. NEATHAM		

## TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2016

TOUCHE CUP	J. Elliot	28.994		REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	G. Turnock	28.675		ALECO CUP	J. Elliot	19.34
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	G. Turnock	27.993		ODAM TROPHY	D. Boxall	
SCALES CUP	J. Elliot	48.35		CLIFFORD TROPHY	G. Turnock	
DARLING LAUTERWASSER CUP	G. Turnock	1.41.57		YULE TROPHY	H. Vivian	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	G. Turnock	3.39.32		ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	G. Smith	
SAWARD CUP	G. Turnock	277.646		CRITERIUM CHAMPION	H. Vivian	
VETS SHIELD	J. Elliot	5.50.10		STILTS TROPHY	V. Freeley	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	J. Shubert	1.46.21		CYCLO CROSS Champion	H. Vivian	
QUAICH TROPHY	L. Cutler	2.20.22		EVANS TROPHY	V. Freeley	
STAPLEY TROPHY	G. Fox	50.15		HAMPTON TROPHY	E. Arthur	
GORDAN STEWART	G. Turnock			DUNN TROPHY	G. Turnock.	3 m 18s
KEEN MEMORIAL	R. Pimlott			ATTENDANCE TROPHY	S. Neatham	
WOMEN'S	C. Smith	23.326		R/up ATTENDANCE	P. Ritchie	
EDRUPT SHIELD	C. Smith	25.16		PONTIN SHIELD	G. Turnock.	
				WOMEN'S CRIT	not awarded	

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

G. TURNOCK	25 MILES MG	56:04
G. TURNOCK	50 MILES	1:41:57
G. TURNOCK	100 MILES	3:39:32
G. TURNOCK	12 HOURS	277.646 MILES
J. ELLIOTT	25 MILES	48:35
J. ELLIOTT	50 MILES	1:42:00

## OFFICERS FOR 2017

CAPTAIN	C. LODGE	TIME KEEPERS	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
VICE CAPTAIN	J. GREENWOOD	WEBSITE PUBLISHER	V. FREELEY
GENERAL SECRETARY	V. FREELEY	NEWSLETTER EDITOR	C. LODGE
TIME TRIAL SECRETARY	D. KENDALL	AUDITOR	P. MURRELL
MEDAL SECRETARY	V. FREELEY	HANDICAPPING COMMITTEE	V. FREELEY & D. KENDALL
TRACK SECRETARY	I. BIBBY	CURATOR	B.R. EDRUPT
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COMMUNICATIONS	C. LODGE	DINNER SECRETARY	C. SMITH
TREASURER	P. BULLEN	COMMITTEE OF FIVE	A. GUDENIAC, SEET TECH,
CHAIRMAN	K. MEGAN		P. DOUGLAS, A. TURNOCK
MEMBERSHIP	S. NEATHAM		N. MARRIN

## TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2017

TOUCHE CUP	J. Elliot	? mph	REG BROCK TROPHY	not awarded	
MILLER CUP	G. Turnock	? mph	ALECO CUP	J. Elliot	19.22
JOHNSON HUSSEY CUP	J. Elliot	? mph	ODAM TROPHY	B. Adams	
SCALES CUP	J. Elliot	48.26	CLIFFORD TROPHY	G. Smith	
DARLING	D. Northover	1.42.31	YULE TROPHY	Not awarded	
JOHN BLUNT CUP	G. Turnock	3.38.07	ROAD RACE ASPIRANT	R. Pizzey	
SAWARD CUP	G. Turnock	276.978	CRITERIUM CHAMPION	G. Smith	
VETS SHIELD	J. Elliot	5.44.05	STILTS TROPHY	C. Lodge	
MEMORIAL TROPHY	L. Clarke	1.47.20	CYCLO CROSS	P. Murrell	
QUAICH TROPHY	K. Stolpe	2.08.02	EVANS TROPHY	S. Neatham	
STAPLEY TROPHY	L. Clarke	52.39	HAMPTON TROPHY	Anna	
GORDAN STEWART	J. Elliot		DUNN TROPHY	D. Northovern	
KEEN MEMORIAL	Honor Elliot		ATTENDANCE TROPHY	S. Neatham	
WOMEN'S	Cheryl Smith	24.222mp	R/up ATTENDANCE	D. Andrew	
EDRUPT SHIELD	Cheryl Smith	24.28	PONTIN SHIELD	S. Neatham, M. Larkins, J. Verby .	
			WOMEN'S CRIT	Honor Elliot	

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS & TEAM RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS			25 MILE TEAM RECORDS	
J. ELLIOTT	25	48:26	J. ELLIOTT	48.26
G. TURNOCK	MG 25	54.08	I. BIBBY	53:45
G. TURNOCK	100	3:38:07	G. TURNOCK	54.08
C. SMITH	15	37:35		2:36:19
50 MILE TEAM RECORD			D. NORTHOVER	50:44
D. NORTHOVER		1:42:31	J. ELLIOTT	52:16
J. ELLIOTT		1:42:37	G. TURNOCK	52:22
P. MURRELL		1:50:11		2:35:22
		5:15:19		
			J. ELLIOTT	50:17
			M. BRIARS	50:35
			P. MURRELL	50:40
				2:31:32

## OFFICERS FOR 2018

CAPTAIN	C. LODGE	TIME KEEPERS	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
VICE CAPTAIN	D.ANDREW	WEBSITE PUBLISHER	V. FREELEY
GENERAL SECRETARY	V. FREELEY	NEWSLETTER EDITOR	C. LODGE
TIME TRIAL SECRETARY	D. KENDALL	AUDITOR	P. MURRELL
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ROAD RACE	A.COHEN	PHOTO LIBRARIAN	I. TURNER
SOCIAL SECRETARY	C.SMITH	CYCLO CROSS	P. DOUGLAS
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## IN MEMORY OF CLUB MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE 1940

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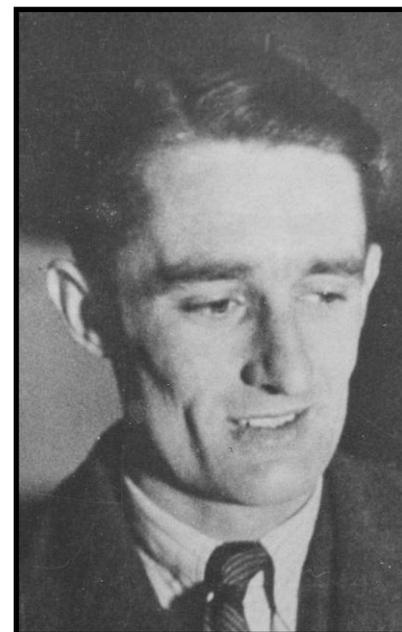
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PERCY DRIVER	1956	TED INGLE	1982
F. C. CREAK	1956	DOROTHY McILVEN (Mrs E. STAPLEY)	1987
CHARLIE LAUTERWASSER	1965	DICKIE RICHARDSON	1988
LILY STAPLEY	1966	C. W. BARNES	1988
HARRY WEBB	1972	LARRY BLOSS	2003
JIM AMES	1973	JOHN QUORN	2005
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JACK KEEN 1942



FRANK TILLMAN 1944



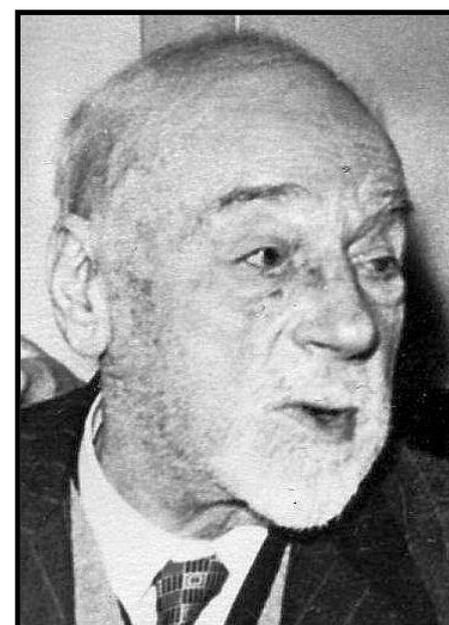
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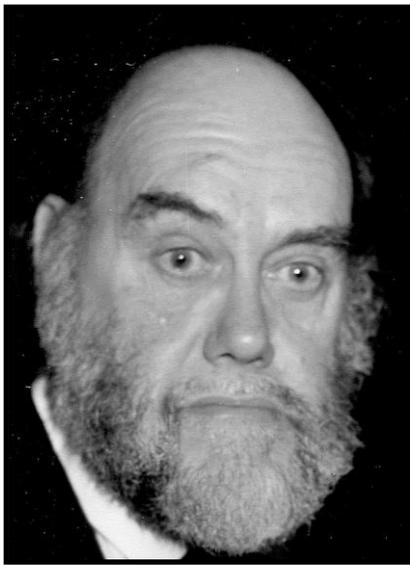
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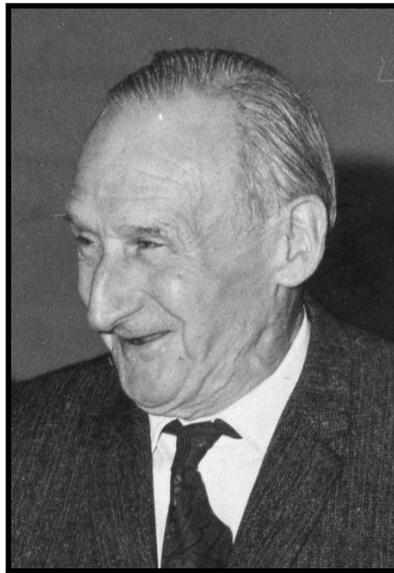
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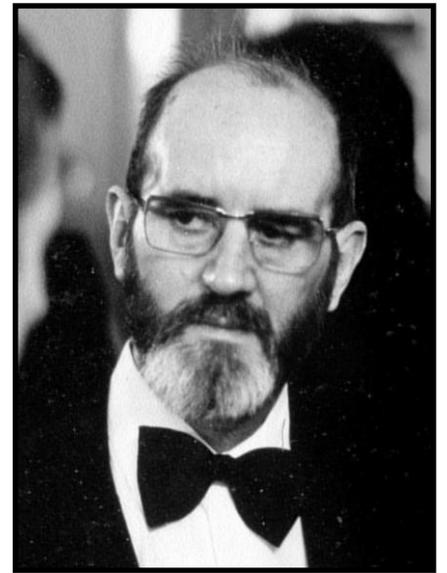
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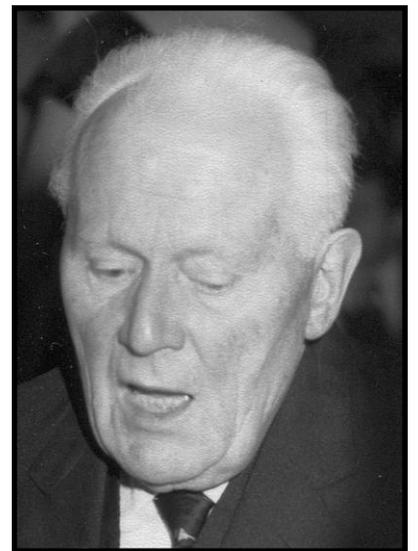
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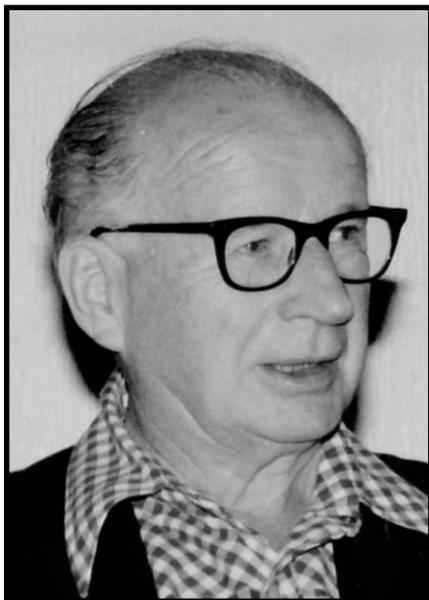
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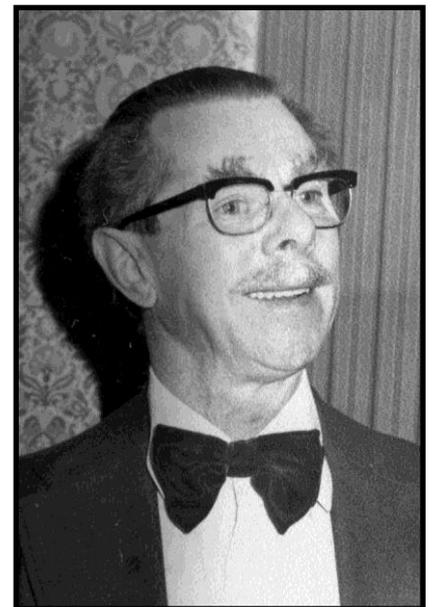
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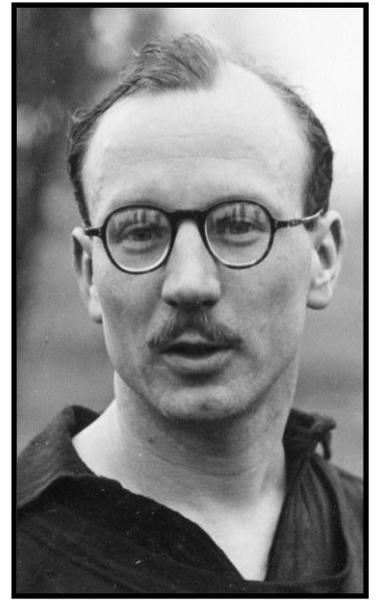
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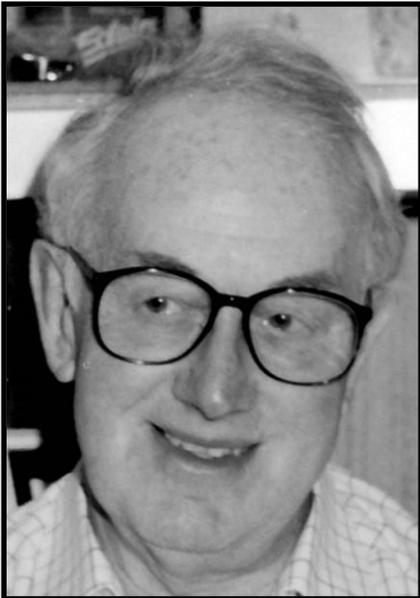
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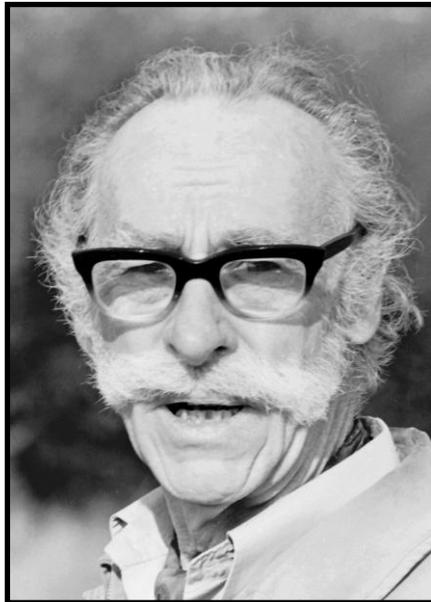
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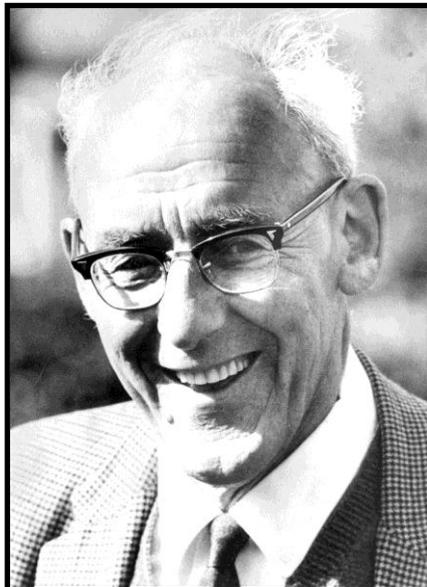
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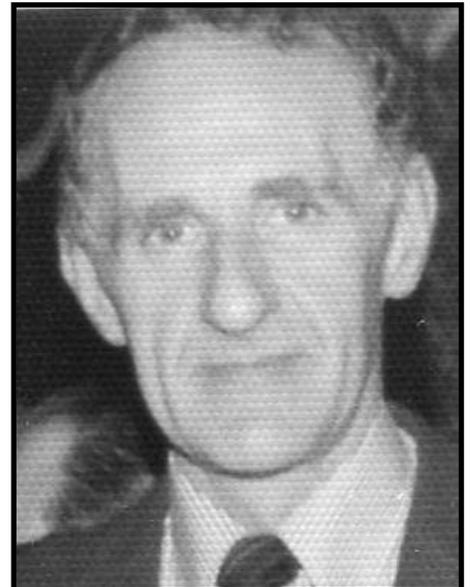
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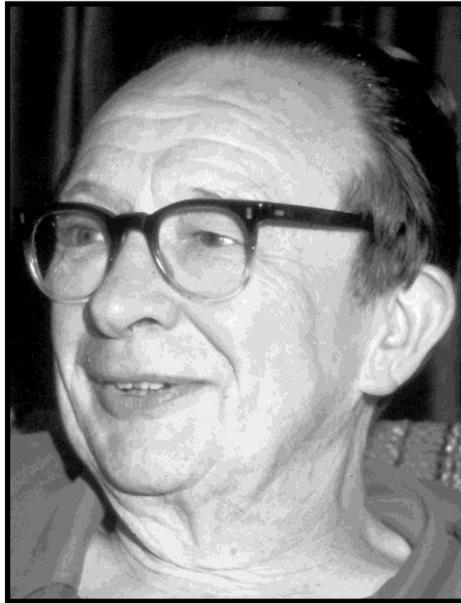
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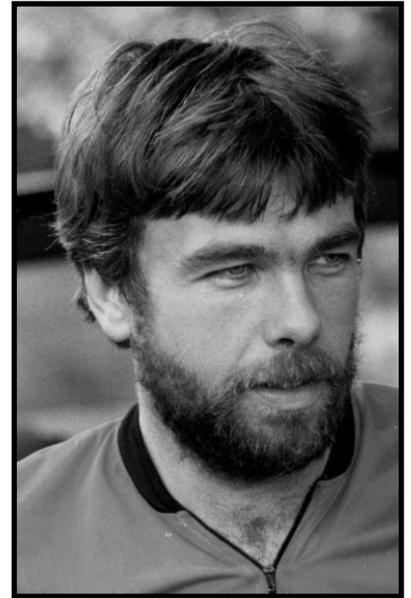
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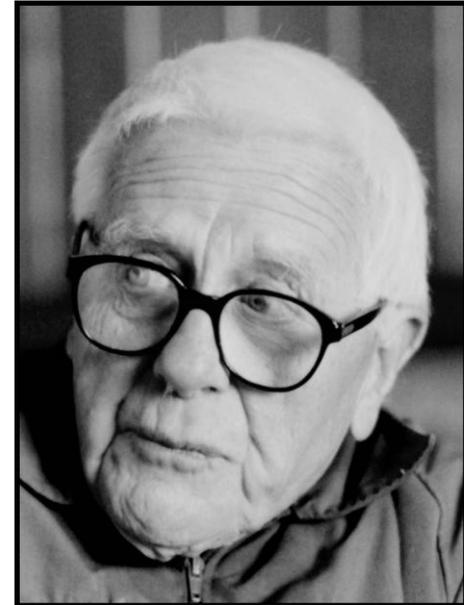
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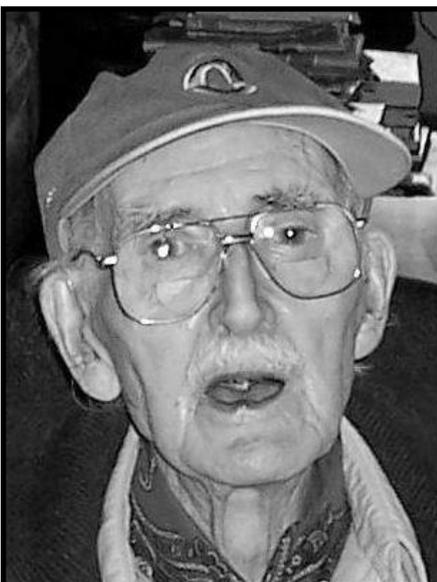
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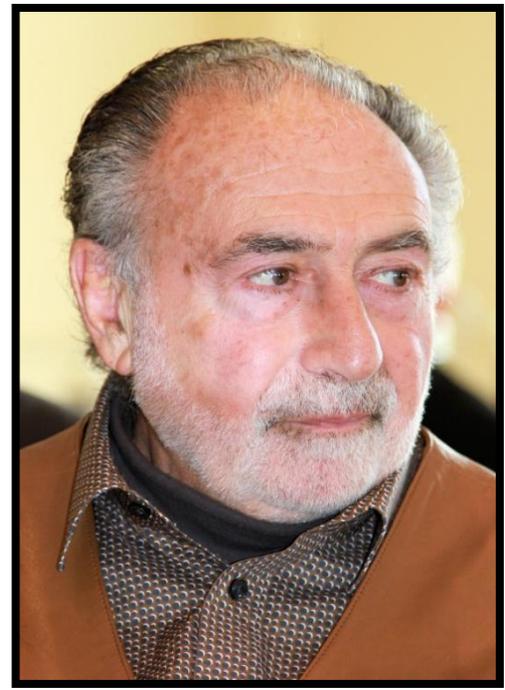
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TED HILL 2015



RAY CLIFFORD 2015



PHIL KONIOTES 2017

# Finsbury Park Cycling Club Archives



*The following is a list of club archives in my possession. Where two or more sets are shown these have been made up from the personal collections of the following people:-*

*Arthur Edrupt, Dick Curtis, Steve Pontin and myself.*

*Some of the Dinner Menus, both F.P.C.C. and other clubs have come from Arthur Edrupt, Ernie Hussey, Steve Pontin and myself.*

*There are approximately 200 'old' photographs; now stored in A4 ring binders. The earliest is dated 1885.*

*All other photographs are kept in photo albums.*

*There are also lists of all club Officials since 1883.*

*The club owes a great debt to Harold Johnson, who in those early years saved and collected almost every piece of paper, photographs, Handbooks, Gazettes, Menus, and anything else related to the Finsbury Park Cycling Club and cycling in the late 1890's early 1900's.*

*Brian Edrupt (Curator, July 2014)*

# CLUB OFFICIALS

## PRESIDENTS

1883		1931	C.D. AXHAM	1979	S.O. LOVATT
1884		1932	A.C. CRANE	1980	S.O. LOVATT
1885	G. GIBBSON	1933	A.C. CRANE	1981	J. LAUTERWASSER
1886	G.C.T. BARTLEY	1934	A.C. CRANE	1982	J. LAUTERWASSER
1887	G.C.T. BARTLEY	1935	A.C. CRANE	1983	S.H. PONTIN
1888	G.C.T. BARTLEY	1936	A.C. CRANE	1984	S.H. PONTIN
1889	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1937	C.W. COOKE	1985	A. BLACKMAN
1890	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1938	W. SCALES	1986	A. BLACKMAN
1891	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1939	H. JOHNSON	1987	A. BLACKMAN
1892	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1940	H. JOHNSON	1988	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1893	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1941	F.C. CREAK	1989	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1894	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1942	G.H. HAMPTON	1990	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1895	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1943	E. ALLEN & A.C. CRANE	1991	A.M.M. DUNN
1896	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1944	J. LAUTERWASSER	1992	A.M.M. DUNN
1897	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1945	E. ALLEN & A.C. CRANE	1993	A.M.M. DUNN
1898	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1946	E. ALLEN & A.C. CRANE	1994	J.H. WINSTANLEY
1899	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1947	E. ALLEN	1995	J.H. WINSTANLEY
1900	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1948	E. ALLEN & H.	1996	J.H. WINSTANLEY
1901	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1949	E. ALLEN & H.	1997	A. EDRUPT
1902	G.C.T. BARTLEY MP.	1950	E. ALLEN & H.	1998	A. EDRUPT
1903	Sir G.C.T. BARTLEY KCB	1951	E. ALLEN & H.	1999	A. EDRUPT
1904	Sir G.C.T. BARTLEY KCB	1952	E. ALLEN & H.	2000	B.R. EDRUPT
1905	Sir G.C.T. BARTLEY KCB	1953	E. ALLEN	2001	B.R. EDRUPT
1906	Sir G.C.T. BARTLEY KCB	1954	E. ALLEN	2002	B.R. EDRUPT
1907	Sir G.C.T. BARTLEY KCB.	1955	E. ALLEN	2003	K. MEGAN
1908	Sir G.C.T. BARTLEY KCB.	1956	E. ALLEN	2004	K. MEGAN
1909	Sir G.C.T. BARTLEY KCB.	1957	E. ALLEN	2005	K. MEGAN
1910	Sir G.C.T. BARTLEY KCB.	1958	E. ALLEN	2006	K. MEGAN
1911	G.A. TOUCHE MP.	1959	J. EVANS	2007	S.O. LOVATT
1912	G.A. TOUCHE MP.	1960	J. EVANS	2008	S.O. LOVATT
1913	G.A. TOUCHE MP.	1961	J. LAUTERWASSER	2009	S.O. LOVATT
1914	G.A. TOUCHE MP.	1962	J. LAUTERWASSER	2010	V. FREELEY
1915	G.A. TOUCHE MP.	1963	F.L. STAPLEY	2011	V. FREELEY
1916	G.A. TOUCHE MP.	1964	F.L. STAPLEY	2012	V. FREELEY
1917	G.A. TOUCHE MP.	1965	S.H. PONTIN	2013	V. FREELEY
1918	Sir G.A. TOUCHE MP.	1966	S.H. PONTIN	2014	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1919	Maj Gen. Hon Sir NEWTON MOORE	1967	A. EDRUPT	2015	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1920	Maj Gen. Hon Sir NEWTON MOORE	1968	A. EDRUPT	2016	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1921	Maj Gen. Hon Sir NEWTON MOORE	1969	L.E. JOHNSON	2017	Mr. N. GARDNER
1922	Maj Gen. Hon Sir NEWTON MOORE	1970	L.E. JOHNSON	2018	Mr. N. GARDNER
1923	A.C. CRANE	1971	J. LAUTERWASSER	2019	
1924	A.C. CRANE	1972	J. LAUTERWASSER	2020	
1925	A.C. CRANE	1973	J. LAUTERWASSER	2021	
1926	H. JOHNSON	1974	F.L. STAPLEY	2022	
1927	E. ALLEN	1975	F.L. STAPLEY	2023	
1928	W. SAWARD	1976	W.G. JENNINGS	2024	
1929	W. DAY FRPS FRSA	1977	W.G. JENNINGS	2025	
1930	W. SCALES	1978	S.O. LOVATT	2026	

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE G.C.T.BARTLEY 25 YEARS

## VICE PRESIDENTS

It is all but impossible to list every Vice President since 1883, however, it is reasonable to believe that with very few exceptions, every President was at one time a VP.

### 2014 list

Mr. R. CLIFFORD
Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
Mr. A. M. M. DUNN
Mr. B. R. EDRUPT
Mr. V. FREELEY
Mr. N. GARDNER
Mr. J. KING
Mr. S. O. LOVATT
Mr. K. MEGAN
Mr. J. H. WINSTANLEY

## CHAIRMAN

1883	P. SPENCER	1930	BALDWIN	1977	S.H. PONTIN
1884		1931	F.L. STAPLEY	1978	S.H. PONTIN
1885		1932	F.L. STAPLEY	1979	S.H. PONTIN
1886	L.J. BAYLEY	1933	C.D. AXHAM	1980	S.H. PONTIN
1887	G.C.T. BARTLEY	1934	C.D. AXHAM	1981	S.H. PONTIN
1888	P. SPENCER	1935	C.D. AXHAM	1982	S.H. PONTIN
1889	A.C. CRANE	1936	F.L. STAPLEY	1983	S.H. PONTIN
1890	P.E. DRIVER	1937	F.L. STAPLEY	1984	S.H. PONTIN
1891	A.C. CRANE	1938	C.W. BARNES	1985	S.H. PONTIN
1892	P. SPENCER	1939	C.W. BARNES	1986	S.H. PONTIN
1893	P. SPENCER	1940	S.H. PONTIN	1987	S.H. PONTIN
1894	A.C. CRANE	1941	S.H. PONTIN	1988	S.H. PONTIN
1895		1942	S.H. PONTIN	1989	S.H. PONTIN
1896		1943	S.H. PONTIN	1990	S.H. PONTIN
1897	P. SPENCER	1944	S.H. PONTIN	1991	S.H. PONTIN
1898	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1945	W.R. NUTT	1992	S.H. PONTIN
1899	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1946	G.H. HAMPTON	1993	S.H. PONTIN
1900	A.C. CRANE	1947	S.H. PONTIN	1994	S.H. PONTIN
1901	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1948	S.H. PONTIN	1995	A. ED RUPT
1902	P.E. DRIVER	1949	G.H. HAMPTON	1996	A. ED RUPT
1903	P.E. DRIVER	1950	G.H. HAMPTON	1997	A. ED RUPT
1904	P. SPENCER	1951	G.H. HAMPTON	1998	A. ED RUPT
1905	A.H. BERNAART	1952	G.H. HAMPTON	1999	A. ED RUPT
1906	A.H. BERNAART	1953	G.H. HAMPTON	2000	V. FREELEY
1907	A.H. BERNAART	1954	G.H. HAMPTON	2001	V. FREELEY
1908	E. RICHARDS	1955	S.H. PONTIN	2002	V. FREELEY
1909	E. RICHARDS	1956	S.H. PONTIN	2003	V. FREELEY
1910	E. RICHARDS	1957	S.H. PONTIN	2004	V. FREELEY
1911	E. RICHARDS	1958	S.H. PONTIN	2005	V. FREELEY
1912	E. RICHARDS	1959	S.H. PONTIN	2006	K. MEGAN
1913	H.E. GREY	1960	S.H. PONTIN	2007	K. MEGAN
1914	C.W. COOKE	1961	S.H. PONTIN	2008	K. MEGAN
1915	C.W. COOKE	1962	S.H. PONTIN	2009	K. MEGAN
1916	C.W. COOKE	1963	S.H. PONTIN	2010	K. MEGAN
1917	C.W. COOKE	1964	S.H. PONTIN	2011	K. MEGAN
1918	C.W. COOKE	1965	S.H. PONTIN	2012	K. MEGAN
1919	H. JOHNSON	1966	S.H. PONTIN	2013	K. MEGAN
1920	H. JOHNSON	1967	S.H. PONTIN	2014	K. MEGAN
1921	C.W. COOKE	1968	S.H. PONTIN	2015	K. MEGAN
1922	C.H. JENKINS	1969	S.H. PONTIN	2016	K. MEGAN
1923	H.C. MACHATIE	1970	S.H. PONTIN	2017	K. MEGAN
1924	H.C. MACHATIE	1971	S.H. PONTIN	2018	K. MEGAN
1925	J.C. PICKET	1972	S.H. PONTIN	2019	
1926	L.A. WEBB	1973	S.H. PONTIN	2020	
1927	L.A. WEBB	1974	S.H. PONTIN	2021	
1928	L.A. WEBB	1975	S.H. PONTIN	2022	
1929	L.A. WEBB	1976	S.H. PONTIN	2023	

DURING THE EARLY YEARS, UPTO 1925, THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN MORE THAN ONE CHAIRMAN FOR A YEAR. I HAVE LISTED ABOVE THE MOST COMMON NAME. OTHER NAMES ARE:- ALDRED, H. JOHNSON, S.M. BOUTS, H. BROWN, QUATERMAN, H. RICHARDS, H. SHUTTLEWORTH & J.C. ETHERTON

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE S.H. PONTIN 40 YEARS.

**HON. GEN. SECRETARY**

1883	A.C. CRANE	1931	G.H. HAMPTON	1979	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1884	A.C. CRANE	1932	G.H. HAMPTON	1980	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1885	A.C. CRANE	1933	G.H. HAMPTON	1981	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1886	A.C. CRANE	1934	G.H. HAMPTON	1982	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1887	P. SPENCER	1935	G.H. HAMPTON	1983	Mrs. G. BLACKMAN
1888	P. SPENCER	1936	G.H. HAMPTON	1984	Mrs. G. BLACKMAN
1889	P.E. DRIVER	1937	G.H. HAMPTON	1985	Mrs. G. BLACKMAN
1890	A.C. CRANE	1938	G.H. HAMPTON	1986	Mrs. G. BLACKMAN
1891	J.O.H. HURST	1939	G.H. HAMPTON	1987	Mrs. G. BLACKMAN
1892	H. NEWBOLD	1940	F.L. STAPLEY	1988	Mrs. P. COLLINS
1893	J. KIRKHAM	1941	F.L. STAPLEY	1989	Mrs. P. COLLINS
1894	H. JOHNSON	1942	F.L. STAPLEY	1990	K. MEGAN
1895	H. JOHNSON	1943	W.R. NUTT	1991	K. MEGAN
1896	H. JOHNSON	1944	W.R. NUTT	1992	K. MEGAN
1897	H. JOHNSON	1945	W.R. NUTT	1993	K. MEGAN
1898	H. JOHNSON	1946	F.L. STAPLEY	1994	K. MEGAN
1899	H. JOHNSON	1947	G.H. HAMPTON	1995	K. MEGAN
1900	H. JOHNSON	1948	G.H. HAMPTON	1996	K. MEGAN
1901	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1949	S.H. PONTIN	1997	K. MEGAN
1902	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1950	S.H. PONTIN	1998	K. MEGAN
1903	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1951	F.L. STAPLEY	1999	K. MEGAN
1904	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1952	F.L. STAPLEY	2000	K. MEGAN
1905	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1953	F.L. STAPLEY	2001	K. MEGAN
1906	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1954	E.G. HUSSEY	2002	K. MEGAN
1907	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1955	E.G. HUSSEY	2003	K. MEGAN
1908	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1956	E.G. HUSSEY	2004	K. MEGAN
1909	C.W. COOKE	1957	F.L. STAPLEY	2005	K. MEGAN
1910	C.W. COOKE	1958	F.L. STAPLEY	2006	V. FREELEY
1911	C.W. COOKE	1959	F.L. STAPLEY	2007	V. FREELEY
1912	C.W. COOKE	1960	F.L. STAPLEY	2008	V. FREELEY
1913	C.W. COOKE	1961	F.L. STAPLEY	2009	V. FREELEY
1914	J. BRIDGES	1962	B.M. RANGER	2010	V. FREELEY
1915	J. BRIDGES	1963	B.M. RANGER	2011	V. FREELEY
1916	J. BRIDGES	1964	B.M. RANGER	2012	V. FREELEY
1917	C.D. AXHAM	1965	L.E. JOHNSON	2013	V. FREELEY
1918	J. EVANS	1966	L.E. JOHNSON	2014	V. FREELEY
1919	J. EVANS	1967	L.E. JOHNSON	2015	V. FREELEY
1920	H.J. MONTAGUE	1968	L.E. JOHNSON	2016	V. FREELEY
1921	C..H. JENKINS	1969	L.E. JOHNSON	2017	V. FREELEY
1922	J.H. BERRY	1970	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT	2018	V. FREELEY
1923	J.H. BERRY	1971	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT	2019	
1924	L.A. WEBB	1972	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT	2020	
1925	G.H. HAMPTON	1973	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT	2021	
1926	G.H. HAMPTON	1974	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT	2022	
1927	G.H. HAMPTON	1975	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT	2023	
1928	G.H. HAMPTON	1976	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT	2024	
1929	G.H. HAMPTON	1977	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT	2025	
1930	G.H. HAMPTON	1978	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT	2026	

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE K. MEGAN 16 YEARS

### ASSISTANT GEN. SEC.

		1921		1962	
		1922		1963	
		1923		1964	
1883		1924		1965	
1884		1925		1966	
1885		1926	Miss GUDGEON	1967	
1886	H. JOHNSON	1927	F.H. TILLMAN	1968	
1887	H. JOHNSON	1928	W. MACKAVE	1969	
1888	P.E. DRIVER	1929	E.E. STAPLEY	1970	
1889		1930		1971	
1890		1931		1972	
1891	H. JOHNSON	1932		1973	
1892		1933		1974	
1893	H.P. BOLBY	1934		1975	
1894		1935		1976	
1895	D.G. TOLMIE	1936		1977	Mrs. G. BLACKMAN
1896		1937		1978	
1897	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1938		1979	
1898	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1939		1980	
1899	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1940		1981	
1900	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1941		1982	
1901	D.J.C. LAWSON	1942		1983	
1902	D.J.C. LAWSON	1943		1984	
1903	D.J.C. LAWSON	1944		1985	
1904	S.A. PACY	1945		1986	
1905	C.W. COOKE	1946		1987	
1906	C.W. COOKE	1947		1988	
1907	C.W. COOKE	1948		1989	
1908	C.W. COOKE	1949		1990	
1909	R.C. BARRETT	1950		1991	
1910	R.C. BARRETT	1951		1992	
1911	R.C. BARRETT	1952		1993	
1912	F.M. SLATER	1953		1994	
1913	F.M. SLATER	1954		1995	
1914	F.M. SLATER	1955		1996	
1915		1956		1997	
1916		1957		1998	
1917		1958		1999	
1918		1959		2000	
1919		1960		2001	
1920		1961		2002	

After 1977 the post of Assistant Gen Sec was never used.

### LADIES GEN. SECRETARY

1908 Miss L. PIPER  
1909 Miss L. PIPER

1910 Miss L. PIPER  
1911 Miss L. PIPER

1912 Miss E. CAPERN  
1913 Miss E. CAPERN History ends

## TREASURER

1883		1931	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	1979	A. ED RUPT
1884		1932	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	1980	A. ED RUPT
1885	A.C. CRANE	1933	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	1981	A. ED RUPT
1886	A.C. CRANE	1934	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	1982	A. ED RUPT
1887	P. SPENCER	1935	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	1983	A. ED RUPT
1888	P.E. SPENCER	1936	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	1984	A. ED RUPT
1889	P.E. DRIVER	1937	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	1985	S. ZINN
1890	A.C. CRANE	1938	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	1986	Mrs. E. FRANKLIN
1891	J.O.H. HURST	1939	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	1987	Mrs. E. FRANKLIN
1892	H. NEWBOLD	1940	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	1988	Mrs. E. FRANKLIN
1893	J. KIRKHAM	1941	W.R. NUTT	1989	Mrs. E. FRANKLIN
1894	H. JOHNSON	1942	W.R. NUTT	1990	M. PEATCHEY
1895	H. JOHNSON	1943	W.R. NUTT	1991	M. PEATCHEY
1896	H. JOHNSON	1944	N. ROGERS	1992	M. PEATCHEY
1897	H. JOHNSON	1945	W.G. JENNINGS	1993	M. PEATCHEY
1898	H. JOHNSON	1946	W.G. JENNINGS	1994	M. PEATCHEY
1899	H. JOHNSON	1947	W.G. JENNINGS	1995	N. NEWELL
1900	H. JOHNSON	1948	W.G. JENNINGS	1996	N. NEWELL
1901	H. JOHNSON	1949	W.G. JENNINGS	1997	N. NEWELL
1902	H. JOHNSON	1950	W.G. JENNINGS	1998	J. LEWIS
1903	H. JOHNSON	1951	W.G. JENNINGS	1999	J. LEWIS/ J. EVANS
1904	H. JOHNSON	1952	W.G. JENNINGS	2000	J. EVANS
1905	H. JOHNSON	1953	N.D. WHITE	2001	J. EVANS
1906	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1954	N.D. WHITE	2002	J. EVANS
1907	F. GARRETT	1955	N.D. WHITE	2003	D.W. KENDALL
1908	F. GARRETT	1956	F.L. STAPLEY	2004	A. KIRBY
1909	C.W. COOKE	1957	F.L. STAPLEY	2005	H. VIVIAN
1910	C.W. COOKE	1958	F.L. STAPLEY	2006	H. VIVIAN
1911	C.W. COOKE	1959	F.L. STAPLEY	2007	H. VIVIAN
1912	C.W. COOKE	1960	F.L. STAPLEY	2008	H. VIVIAN
1913	C.W. COOKE	1961	F.L. STAPLEY	2009	H. VIVIAN
1914	C.W. COOKE	1962	A. TROWER	2010	H. VIVIAN
1915	J. BRIDGES	1963	A. TROWER	2011	P. BULLEN
1916	J. BRIDGES	1964	A. TROWER	2012	P. BULLEN
1917	C.D. AXHAM	1965	L.K. HUMPHREYS	2013	P. BULLEN
1918	J. EVANS	1966	L.K. HUMPHREYS	2014	P. BULLEN
1919	J. EVANS	1967	J. WALSH	2015	P. BULLEN
1920	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1968	J. WALSH	2016	P. BULLEN
1921	J. EVANS	1969	Miss J. RILEY	2017	P. BULLEN
1922	J. EVANS	1970	Miss J. RILEY	2018	P. BULLEN
1923	J. EVANS	1971	A. ED RUPT	2019	
1924	J. EVANS	1972	A. ED RUPT	2020	
1925	J. EVANS	1973	A. ED RUPT	2021	
1926	B.W. SHEEN	1974	A. ED RUPT	2022	
1927	B.W. SHEEN	1975	A. ED RUPT	2023	
1928	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	1976	A. ED RUPT	2024	
1929	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	1977	A. ED RUPT	2025	
1930	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	1978	A. ED RUPT	2026	

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Mrs. A. HAMPTON & A. ED RUPT BOTH 13 YEARS

## CAPTAIN

1883		1931	E.J. CHAMBERLAIN	1979	D. TOMKINS
1884		1932	T.R. CURTIS	1980	D. TOMKINS
1885	J.L. GREENSLADE	1933	T.R. CURTIS	1981	D. TOMKINS
1886	J. ALDRED	1934	F.J. KEEN	1982	V. FRANKLIN
1887	L.J. BAYLEY	1935	A. ED RUPT	1983	V. FRANKLIN
1888	L.J. BAYLEY	1936	A. ED RUPT	1984	V. FRANKLIN
1889	A.C. CRANE	1937	A. ED RUPT	1985	V. FRANKLIN
1890	P.E. DRIVER	1938	W.G. JENNINGS	1986	V. FRANKLIN
1891	P.E. DRIVER	1939	A. ED RUPT	1987	V. FRANKLIN
1892	P.E. DRIVER	1940	A.J. STEVENS	1988	V. FRANKLIN
1893	W. WILLIAMS	1941	W.H.D. REES	1989	M. FLEMING
1894	W.A. VINCENT	1942	L.J. MURPHY	1990	R. CLIFFORD
1895	D.G. TOLMIE	1943	F.H. KEATS	1991	R. CLIFFORD
1896	S.M. BOUTS	1944	F.H. KEATS	1992	R. CLIFFORD
1897	S.M. BOUTS	1945	F.H. KEATS	1993	R. CLIFFORD
1898	S.M. BOUTS	1946	R. STEVENS	1994	R. CLIFFORD
1899	S.M. BOUTS	1947	C.A.J. KNIFE	1995	R. CLIFFORD
1900	S.M. BOUTS	1948	T.R. CURTIS	1996	R. CLIFFORD
1901	H. BROWN	1949	C.A.J. KNIFE	1997	C. LODGE
1902	H. BROWN	1950	A.E. MASON	1998	C. LODGE
1903	A.H. BERNAART	1951	T.R. CURTIS	1999	C. LODGE
1904	A.H. BERNAART	1952	C.A.J. KNIFE	2000	C. LODGE
1905	A.H. BERNAART	1953	A. BLACKMAN	2001	C. LODGE
1906	A.H. BERNAART	1954	A.J. HARES	2002	C. LODGE
1907	A.H. BERNAART	1955	A.J. HARES	2003	C. LODGE
1908	H.C. GREY	1956	J. WALKOM	2004	C. LODGE
1909	H.C. GREY	1957	J. WALKOM	2005	C. LODGE
1910	H.C. GREY	1958	P. TOWERS	2006	C. LODGE
1911	H.C. GREY	1959	J. WALKOM	2007	C. LODGE
1912	H.C. GREY	1960	W. SABERTON	2008	C. LODGE
1913	H.C. GREY	1961	B.M. RANGER	2009	C. LODGE
1914	H.C. GREY	1962	I. YULE	2010	C. LODGE
1915	J.C. ETHERTON	1963	J. WALKOM	2011	C. LODGE
1916	J.C. ETHERTON	1964	J. WALKOM	2012	C. LODGE
1917	J.C. ETHERTON	1965	J. WALKOM	2013	C. LODGE
1918	C.W. COOKE	1966	J. WALKOM	2014	C. LODGE
1919	C.W. COOKE	1967	J. WALKOM	2015	C. LODGE
1920	C.W. COOKE	1968	J. KING	2016	C. LODGE
1921	E.E. BASTIE	1969	J. KING	2017	C. LODGE
1922	G.H. HAMPTON	1970	F. RODENS	2018	S. NEATHAM
1923	H.C. MACHATIE	1971	N. KONIOTES	2019	
1924	T.C. PICKETT	1972	N. KONIOTES	2020	
1925	T.C. PICKETT	1973	N. KONIOTES	2021	
1926	L.A. WEBB	1974	P. THOMPSON	2022	
1927	L.A. WEBB	1975	P. THOMPSON	2023	
1928	F.L. STAPLEY	1976	J. KING	2024	
1929	F.L. STAPLEY	1977	B. YOUNG	2025	
1930	F.L. STAPLEY	1978	I. YULE	2026	

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE C.LODGE 21 YEARS

**SUB CAPTAIN.**

1883		1931	W.R. FLOOD	1979	M. CLAPHAM
1884		1932	W.R. FLOOD	1980	M. CLAPHAM
1885	W. GIBSON & P.L.BREYSIG	1933	A.W. AMES	1981	M. CLAPHAM
1886	P.L. BREYSIG & S.G.	1934	H. PULLINGER	1982	D. ZINN
1887	P.L. BREYSIG & W.S. SIMON	1935	H. PULLINGER	1983	D. ZINN
1888	P.E. DRIVER & H. JOHNSON	1936	W.J. HUSSEY	1984	R. BROCK
1889	H. JOHNSON & H.A. MARTIN	1937	W.J. HUSSEY	1985	R. BROCK
1890	H. JOHNSON & H.A. MARTIN	1938	C.A.J. KNIFE	1986	R. COLLINS
1891	W. WILLIAMS & A.C. CRANE	1939	S. BENNETT	1987	P. DOUGLAS
1892	W. WILLIAMS & J.O.H.	1940	H. PULLINGER	1988	R. COLLINS
1893	J.W SMITH & J.C.	1941	L.J. MURPHY	1989	M. AUDAS
1894	E.F. JOHNSON	1942	J.A. NICHOLLS	1990	W. ANDERSON
1895	A.E. REDMAN	1943	J.A. NICHOLLS	1991	V. FREELEY
1896	H. BROWN	1944	R. STEVENS	1992	V. FREELEY
1897	H. BROWN	1945	K.R. NUTT	1993	V. FREELEY
1898	H. BROWN	1946	R. BUQUE	1994	V. FREELEY
1899	H. BROWN	1947	T.R. CURTIS	1995	S.O. LOVATT
1900	H. BROWN	1948	G.A. SHARP	1996	S.O. LOVATT
1901	C.C.G. ALFORD	1949	N.D. WHITE	1997	S.O. LOVATT
1902		1950	P.J. HOBSON	1998	M. MACMAHON
1903	D. LAWSON	1951	P. HARGREAVES	1999	D.W. KENDALL
1904	W. SCALES	1952	E.A. HILL	2000	D.W. KENDALL
1905	W. COLLINS	1953	E.A. INGLE	2001	R. BRIDGEWATER
1906	A.B. SMITH	1954	E.A. INGLE	2002	R. BRIDGEWATER
1907	A.B. SMITH	1955	C. IBERSON	2003	A. HARRINGTON
1908	W.J. MULFORD	1956	V. SMITH	2004	A. HARRINGTON
1909	C.D. AXHAM	1957	J. WALKOM	2005	H. VIVIAN
1910	C.D. AXHAM	1958	J. WALKOM	2006	H. VIVIAN
1911	C.D. AXHAM	1959	R. RODENS	2007	H. VIVIAN
1912	C.D. AXHAM	1960	J. WALKOM	2008	H. VIVIAN
1913	J.B. GENOWER	1961	I. YULE	2009	H. VIVIAN
1914	J.B. GENOWER	1962	B. YOUNG	2010	H. VIVIAN
1915	J. BRIDGES	1963	W. CHAPMAN	2011	H. VIVIAN
1916	H.E. NURDING	1964	A. TROWER	2012	P. BULLEN
1917	H.E. NURDING	1965	B. YOUNG	2013	P. BULLEN
1918	C.D. AXHAM	1966	B. YOUNG	2014	J. GREENWOOD
1919	E.S. BOUSTED	1967	B.R. EDRUPT	2015	J. GREENWOOD
1920	E.E. BASTIE	1968	B.R. EDRUPT	2016	J. GREENWOOD
1921	J.H. BERRY	1969	B.R. EDRUPT	2017	J. GREENWOOD
1922	C.H. DARLING	1970	P. KONIOTES	2018	D.ANDREW
1923	B.W. SHEEN	1971	B.R. EDRUPT	2019	
1924	B.W. SHEEN	1972	B.R. EDRUPT	2020	
1925	R. NEWMAN	1973	B.R. EDRUPT	2021	
1926	C. LAUTERWASSER	1974	J. KING	2022	
1927	F.H. TILLMAN	1975	J. KING	2023	
1928	A.N. DAYMOND	1976	J. KING	2024	
1929	W.R. FLOOD	1977	J. KING	2025	
1930	W.R. FLOOD	1978	M. CLAPHAM	2026	

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## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY.

### NEW POST CREATED 2011

1883		1933		1983	
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1908		1958		2008	
1909		1959		2009	
1910		1960		2010	
1911		1961		2011	G. TURNOCK
1912		1962		2012	G. TURNOCK
1913		1963		2013	G. TURNOCK
1914		1964		2014	M. SOUTHERDEN
1915		1965		2015	S.Neatham
1916		1966		2016	S.Neatham
1917		1967		2017	S.Neatham
1918		1968		2018	S.Neatham
1919		1969		2019	
1920		1970		2020	
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1927		1977		2027	
1928		1978		2028	
1929		1979		2029	
1930		1980		2030	
1931		1981		2031	
1932		1982		2032	

## TIMEKEEPERS

1883		1933	C.D. AXHAM & S.H. PONTIN	1983	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1884		1934	C.D. AXHAM & S.H. PONTIN	1984	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1885		1935	C.D. AXHAM & S.H. PONTIN	1985	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1886		1936	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1986	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1887		1937	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1987	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1888		1938	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1988	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1889		1939	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1989	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1890		1940	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1990	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1891		1941	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1991	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1892		1942	S.H. PONTIN	1992	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1893		1943	S.H. PONTIN	1993	A. EDRUPT
1894		1944	S.H. PONTIN	1994	A. EDRUPT
1895		1945	C.W. COOKE	1995	A.E / V. FREELEY / J. WINSTANLEY / Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
1896		1946	C.W. COOKE & A. EDRUPT	1996	V. FREELEY / J. WINSTANLEY / Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
1897		1947	C.W. COOKE & S.H. PONTIN	1997	V. FREELEY / & J. WINSTANLEY
1898		1948	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	1998	V. FREELEY & J. WINSTANLEY
1899		1949	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	1999	V. FREELEY / & J. WINSTANLEY
1900		1950	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2000	V. FREELEY & J. WINSTANLEY
1901		1951	S.H. PONTIN & C.A.J	2001	V. FREELEY & J. WINSTANLEY
1902		1952	S.H. PONTIN & C.A.J	2002	V. FREELEY & J. WINSTANLEY
1903		1953	S.H. PONTIN & C.A.J	2003	V. FREELEY & L.GASKIN
1904		1954	S.H. PONTIN & C.A.J	2004	V. FREELEY & L.GASKIN
1905	G.H.SAVOURNIN	1955	S.H. PONTIN & C.A.J	2005	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1906	G.H.SAVOURNIN	1956	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2006	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1907	G.H.SAVOURNIN	1957	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2007	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1908	G.H.SAVOURNIN	1958	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2008	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1909	G.H.SAVOURNIN	1959	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2009	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1910	G.H.SAVOURNIN	1960	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2010	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1911		1961	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2011	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1912		1962	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2012	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1913		1963	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2013	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1914	G.H.SAVOURNIN	1964	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2014	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1915		1965	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2015	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1916		1966	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2016	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1917		1967	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2017	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1918		1968	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2018	V. FREELEY & C. BAKER
1919		1969	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2019	
1920		1970	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2020	
1921	G.H.SAVOURNIN	1971	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2021	
1922	G.H.SAVOURNIN	1972	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2022	
1923	T. CHARLTON	1973	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2023	
1924	T. CHARLTON	1974	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2024	
1925	L.F. DIXON	1975	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2025	
1926	C.D. AXHAM & C. PICKETT	1976	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2026	
1927	C.D. AXHAM & L.A. WEBB	1977	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2027	
1928	C.D. AXHAM	1978	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT	2028	
1929	C.D. AXHAM	1979	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN	2029	
1930	C.D. AXHAM	1980	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN	2030	
1931	C.D. AXHAM & F.L. STAPLEY	1981	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN	2031	
1932	C.D. AXHAM & F.L. STAPLEY	1982	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN	2032	

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## H/CAP COMMITTEE.

1883		1933	F.L. STAPLEY & J. LAUTERWASSER & C.D.
1884		1934	E.E. STAPLEY & F.J. KEEN & S.H. PONTIN
1885		1935	E.E.F. BALDWIN & S. RICHARDSON
1886	P. BREYSIG, P. SPENCER, MORRIS	1936	S. RICHARDSON & F.L. STAPLEY & W.R. FLOOD
1887		1937	S.H. PONTIN & S. RICHARDSON & F.L. STAPLEY
1888		1938	F.L. STAPLEY & S.H. PONTIN & W.R. FLOOD
1889		1939	F.L. STAPLEY & S.H. PONTIN & W.R. FLOOD
1890		1940	E.A. MATHEWS & S.H. PONTIN & F.H. TILLMAN
1891		1941	E.A. MATHEWS & S.H. PONTIN & F.H. TILLMAN
1892		1942	E.W. AMES
1893		1943	
1894		1944	
1895		1945	
1896		1946	J. LAUTERWASSER & E.A. MATHEWS & C.A.J. KNIFE
1897		1947	E.A. MATHEWS & S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT
1898		1948	F.L. STAPLEY & J. LAUTERWASSER & S.H. PONTIN
1899		1949	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & A. INGLE
1900		1950	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & C.J. HOLLY
1901		1951	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & C.A.J. KNIFE
1902		1952	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & E.G. HUSSEY
1903		1953	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & E.G. HUSSEY
1904		1954	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & E.G. HUSSEY
1905		1955	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & E.G. HUSSEY
1906		1956	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & A. EDRUPT
1907		1957	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & A. EDRUPT
1908	H. SHUTTLEWORTH & G.H. SAVOURNIN & S.G. GERARD & R.G. BARRETT	1958	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & A. EDRUPT
		1959	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & A. EDRUPT
1909	R.G. BARRETT & E. RICHARDS & A.B. SMITH	1960	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & A. EDRUPT
1910	C.G. LEVERETT & E. RICHARDS & H. RICHARDS & H. STARKE	1961	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & A. EDRUPT
		1962	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & A. EDRUPT & P.L. TOWERS
1911		1963	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & L.E. JOHNSON
1912		1964	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & L.E. JOHNSON
1913		1965	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1914	C.D. AXHAM & C.W. COOKE & H.C. GREY	1966	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1915		1967	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1916		1968	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1917		1969	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1918		1970	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1919		1971	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1920		1972	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1921		1973	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1922	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1974	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1923	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1975	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1924	G.H. SAVOURNIN	1976	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1925	G.H. HAMPTON	1977	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1926	C.H. JENKINS	1978	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1927		1979	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1928	C.W. BARNES & L.A. WEBB & D. GUIVER	1980	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & A. BLACKMAN
1929	C.W. BARNES & L.A. WEBB & D. GUIVER	1981	S.H. PONTIN & A. EDRUPT & A. BLACKMAN

1930	C.D. AXHAM & C.W. BARNES & T.R.	1982	S.H. PONTIN & A. ED RUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1931	E.F. CHAMBERLAIN & F.L. STAPLEY & C.D. AXHAM	1983	S.H. PONTIN & A. ED RUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1932	E.F. CHAMBERLAIN & F.L. STAPLEY & C.D. AXHAM	1984	S.H. PONTIN & A. ED RUPT & A. BLACKMAN

1985	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1986	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1987	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1988	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1989	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1990	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & H. PULLINGER
1991	S.H. PONTIN & T.R. CURTIS & A. BLACKMAN
1992	A. ED RUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1993	A. ED RUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1994	S.H. PONTIN & A. ED RUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1995	A. ED RUPT & A. BLACKMAN
1996	A. ED RUPT & V. FREELEY
1997	A. ED RUPT & V. FREELEY
1998	A. ED RUPT & V. FREELEY
1999	A. ED RUPT & V. FREELEY
2000	A. ED RUPT & V. FREELEY
2001	A. ED RUPT & V. FREELEY
2002	A. ED RUPT & V. FREELEY
2003	V. FREELEY
2004	V. FREELEY
2005	V. FREELEY
2006	V. FREELEY
2007	V. FREELEY & D.W. KENDALL
2008	V. FREELEY & D.W. KENDALL
2009	V. FREELEY & D.W. KENDALL
2010	V. FREELEY & D.W. KENDALL
2011	V. FREELEY & D.W. KENDALL
2012	V. FREELEY & D.W. KENDALL
2013	V. FREELEY & D.W. KENDALL
2014	V. FREELEY & D.W. KENDALL
2015	V. FREELEY & D.W. KENDALL
2016	V. FREELEY & D.W. KENDALL
2017	V. FREELEY & D.W. KENDALL
2018	V. FREELEY & D.W. KENDALL
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LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE S. H. PONTIN 46 YEARS.

## TIME TRIAL SECRETARY

1883		1931	E.E. STAPLEY	1979	C. BAKER
1884		1932	E.E. STAPLEY	1980	A. BLACKMAN
1885		1933	E.E. STAPLEY	1981	A. BLACKMAN
1886		1934	W.G. JENNINGS	1982	A. BLACKMAN
1887		1935	F.J. KEEN	1983	A. BLACKMAN
1888		1936	F.J. KEEN	1984	A. BLACKMAN
1889		1937	F.J. KEEN	1985	A. BLACKMAN
1890		1938	F.J. KEEN	1986	A. BLACKMAN
1891		1939	F.J. KEEN	1987	A. BLACKMAN
1892		1940	W.R. NUTT	1988	A. BLACKMAN
1893		1941	W.R. NUTT	1989	A. BLACKMAN
1894		1942	C.J. HOLLY	1990	A. BLACKMAN
1895		1943	A.W. AMES	1991	P. DOUGLAS
1896		1944	A.W. AMES	1992	P. DOUGLAS
1897		1945	A.W. AMES	1993	P. DOUGLAS & A. BLACKMAN
1898		1946	C.A.J. KNIFE	1994	P. DOUGLAS & A. BLACKMAN
1899		1947	W.H.D. REES	1995	V. FREELEY
1900		1948	O.W. JAMES	1996	V. FREELEY
1901		1949	E.A. INGLE	1997	V. FREELEY
1902		1950	C.J. HOLLY	1998	R. POPE
1903		1951	C.A.J. KNIFE	1999	R. POPE
1904		1952	N.D. WHITE	2000	R. POPE
1905		1953	C.A.J. KNIFE	2001	D.W. KENDALL
1906		1954	E.A. HILL	2002	D.W. KENDALL
1907		1955	C.A.J. KNIFE	2003	D.W. KENDALL
1908		1956	R. STEBBINGS	2004	D.W. KENDALL
1909		1957	E.A. HILL	2005	D.W. KENDALL
1910	C.D. AXHAM	1958	E.A. HILL	2006	D.W. KENDALL
1911		1959	P. TOWERS	2007	D.W. KENDALL
1912		1960	P. TOWERS	2008	D.W. KENDALL
1913	C.D. AXHAM	1961	P. TOWERS	2009	D.W. KENDALL
1914		1962	P. TOWERS	2010	D.W. KENDALL
1915		1963	P. TOWERS	2011	D.W. KENDALL
1916		1964	M. ODAM	2012	D.W. KENDALL
1917		1965	M. ODAM	2013	D.W. KENDALL
1918		1966	M. ODAM	2014	D.W. KENDALL
1919		1967	J. KING	2015	D.W. KENDALL
1920		1968	B.R. EDRUPT	2016	D.W. KENDALL
1921		1969	B.R. EDRUPT	2017	D.W. KENDALL
1922	G.H. HAMPTON	1970	J. KING	2018	D.W. KENDALL
1923	G.H. HAMPTON	1971	J. KING	2019	
1924	G.H. HAMPTON	1972	J. KING	2020	
1925	S. RICHARDSON	1973	J. KING	2021	
1926	M. PICKETT	1974	J. KING	2022	
1927	C.W. BARNES	1975	J. KING	2023	
1928	C.W. BARNES	1976	J. KING	2024	
1929	C.W. BARNES	1977	J. KING	2025	
1930	E.E. STAPLEY	1978	C. BAKER	2026	

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE D.W. KENDALL 18 YEARS

## ROAD RACE SECRETARY

1883		1931		1979	M. CROSS
1884		1932		1980	M. CROSS
1885		1933		1981	M. CROSS
1886		1934		1982	S. WOOLMER
1887		1935		1983	T. DEVINE
1888		1936		1984	P. SMITH
1889		1937		1985	P. SMITH
1890		1938		1986	M. BATHE
1891		1939		1987	M. BATHE
1892		1940		1988	P. DOUGLAS
1893		1941		1989	P. DOUGLAS
1894		1942		1990	P. DOUGLAS
1895		1943		1991	T. DEVINE
1896		1944		1992	J. BARBOUR
1897		1945		1993	P. DOUGLAS
1898		1946		1994	M. BEISIEGEL & J.
1899		1947		1995	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1900		1948		1996	S.O. LOVATT
1901		1949	S. BATES	1997	S.O. LOVATT
1902		1950		1998	S.O. LOVATT
1903		1951	R. GOSMAN	1999	S.O. LOVATT
1904		1952	R. GOSMAN	2000	S.O. LOVATT
1905		1953	J. WINTER	2001	J. WOOD
1906		1954	R. GOSMAN	2002	J. WOOD
1907		1955	W.H.D. REES	2003	J. WOOD
1908		1956	E.A. HILL	2004	N. SPURLING
1909		1957		2005	N. SPURLING
1910		1958		2006	N. SPURLING
1911		1959		2007	N. SPURLING
1912		1960	I. YULE	2008	N. SPURLING
1913		1961	I. YULE	2009	N. SPURLING
1914		1962	I. YULE	2010	N. SPURLING
1915		1963	I. YULE	2011	N. SPURLING
1916		1964	I. YULE	2012	N. SPURLING
1917		1965	I. YULE	2013	N. SPURLING
1918		1966	I. YULE	2014	G. TURNOCK
1919		1967	I. YULE	2015	G. TURNOCK
1920		1968	I. YULE	2016	G. TURNOCK
1921		1969	M. BOSWELL	2017	G. TURNOCK
1922		1970	D. DUKE	2018	A.COHEN
1923		1971	D. DUKE	2019	
1924		1972	T. DEVINE	2020	
1925		1973	T. DEVINE	2021	
1926		1974	T. DEVINE	2022	
1927		1975	T. DEVINE	2023	
1928		1976	S.O. LOVATT	2024	
1929	C.W. BARNES	1977	S.O. LOVATT	2025	
1930		1978	M. CROSS	2026	

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE N. SPURLING 10 YEARS.

## TRACK SECRETARY

1883		1931		1979	M. HOOKER
1884		1932		1980	M. HOOKER
1885		1933		1981	R. CLIFFORD
1886		1934		1982	R. CLIFFORD
1887		1935		1983	R. CLIFFORD
1888		1936		1984	R. CLIFFORD
1889		1937		1985	R. CLIFFORD
1890		1938		1986	R. CLIFFORD
1891		1939	C.W. BARNES	1987	R. CLIFFORD
1892		1940		1988	R. CLIFFORD
1893		1941		1989	R. CLIFFORD
1894		1942		1990	V. FREELEY
1895		1943		1991	V. FREELEY
1896		1944		1992	P. DOUGLAS
1897		1945		1993	V. PARKES
1898		1946		1994	V. PARKES
1899		1947		1995	D. SARGENT
1900		1948		1996	J. KAINE
1901		1949	S. BATES	1997	P. DOUGLAS
1902		1950	S. BATES	1998	P. DOUGLAS
1903		1951	R. GOSMAN	1999	P. DOUGLAS
1904		1952	R. GOSMAN	2000	P. DOUGLAS
1905		1953	J. WINTER	2001	P. DOUGLAS
1906		1954	R. GOSMAN	2002	P. DOUGLAS
1907		1955	W.H.D. REES	2003	P. DOUGLAS
1908		1956	E.A. HILL	2004	P. DOUGLAS
1909		1957		2005	P. DOUGLAS
1910		1958		2006	P. DOUGLAS
1911		1959		2007	I. BIBBY
1912		1960	I. YULE	2008	I. BIBBY
1913		1961		2009	I. BIBBY
1914		1962	I. YULE	2010	I. BIBBY
1915		1963	I. YULE	2011	I. BIBBY
1916		1964	I. YULE	2012	I. BIBBY
1917		1965	I. YULE	2013	I. BIBBY
1918		1966	Mrs. G. CLIFFORD	2014	I. BIBBY
1919		1967	Mrs. G. CLIFFORD	2015	I. BIBBY
1920		1968	Miss P. THOMPSON	2016	I. BIBBY
1921		1969	N. GARDNER	2017	I. BIBBY
1922		1970	S.O. LOVATT	2018	C.LODGE
1923		1971	S.O. LOVATT	2019	
1924		1972	S.O. LOVATT	2020	
1925		1973	S.O. LOVATT	2021	
1926		1974	S.O. LOVATT	2022	
1927		1975	T. DEVINE	2023	
1928		1976		2024	
1929	C.W. BARNES	1977	M. HOOKER	2025	
1930		1978	M. HOOKER	2026	

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE I.BIBBY 11 YEARS

## CYCLO CROSS / MTB SEC.

1883		1930		1977	
1884		1931		1978	
1885		1932		1979	
1886		1933		1980	
1887		1934		1981	
1888		1935		1982	
1889		1936		1983	
1890		1937		1984	B. POLLEY
1891		1938		1985	V. FRANKLIN
1892		1939		1986	V. FRANKLIN
1893		1940		1987	V. FRANKLIN
1894		1941		1988	V. FRANKLIN
1895		1942		1989	V. FRANKLIN
1896		1943		1990	V. FRANKLIN
1897		1944		1991	M. BOSWELL
1898		1945		1992	T. LARK
1899		1946		1993	T. LARK
1900		1947		1994	T. LARK
1901		1948		1995	M. BOSWELL
1902		1949		1996	K. MEGAN
1903		1950		1997	K. MEGAN
1904		1951		1998	K. MEGAN
1905		1952		1999	K. MEGAN
1906		1953		2000	K. MEGAN
1907		1954		2001	K. MEGAN
1908		1955		2002	K. MANNING
1909		1956		2003	K. MANNING
1910		1957		2004	K. MANNING
1911		1958		2005	K. MANNING
1912		1959		2006	K. MANNING
1913		1960		2007	G. FREER
1914		1961		2008	G. FREER
1915		1962		2009	I. TURNER
1916		1963		2010	I. TURNER
1917		1964		2011	I. TURNER
1918		1965		2012	I. TURNER
1919		1966		2013	P. DOUGLAS
1920		1967		2014	P. DOUGLAS
1921		1968		2015	P. DOUGLAS
1922		1969		2016	P. DOUGLAS
1923		1970		2017	P. DOUGLAS
1924		1971		2018	P. DOUGLAS
1925		1972		2019	
1926		1973		2020	
1927		1974		2021	
1928		1975		2022	
1929		1976		2023	

NOTE: ALTHOUGH THE CLUB AFFIIATED TO THE B.C.C.A.PRIOR TO 1984 I CAN FIND NO RECORDS OF AN OFFICIAL SECRETARY.

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE V.FRANKLIN & K.MANNING 7 YEARS.

## MEDAL SECRETARY

1883		1933		1983	A. BLACKMAN
1884		1934		1984	A. BLACKMAN
1885		1935		1985	A. BLACKMAN
1886		1936		1986	A. BLACKMAN
1887		1937		1987	A. BLACKMAN
1888		1938		1988	Mrs. G. BLACKMAN
1889		1939		1989	Mrs. G. BLACKMAN
1890		1940		1990	Mrs. G. BLACKMAN
1891		1941		1991	Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
1892		1942		1992	Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
1893		1943		1993	Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
1894		1944		1994	Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
1895		1945		1995	Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
1896		1946		1996	Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
1897		1947		1997	Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
1898		1948		1998	S.O. LOVATT
1899		1949		1999	S.O. LOVATT
1900		1950		2000	S.O. LOVATT
1901		1951		2001	S.O. LOVATT
1902		1952		2002	S.O. LOVATT
1903		1953		2003	V. FREELEY
1904		1954		2004	V. FREELEY
1905		1955		2005	V. FREELEY
1906		1956		2006	V. FREELEY
1907		1957		2007	V. FREELEY
1908		1958		2008	V. FREELEY
1909		1959		2009	V. FREELEY
1910		1960		2010	V. FREELEY
1911		1961		2011	V. FREELEY
1912		1962		2012	V. FREELEY
1913		1963		2013	V. FREELEY
1914		1964		2014	V. FREELEY
1915		1965		2015	V. FREELEY
1916		1966		2016	V. FREELEY
1917		1967		2017	V. FREELEY
1918		1968		2018	V. FREELEY
1919		1969		2019	
1920		1970		2020	
1921		1971	J.H. WINSTANLEY	2021	
1922		1972	A. ED RUPT	2022	
1923		1973	A. ED RUPT	2023	
1924		1974	A. ED RUPT	2024	
1925		1975	A. ED RUPT	2025	
1926		1976	A. ED RUPT	2026	
1927		1977	A. ED RUPT	2027	
1928		1978	A. ED RUPT	2028	
1929		1979	B. CORNELOUES	2029	
1930		1980	B. CORNELOUES	2030	
1931		1981	A. BLACKMAN	2031	
1932		1982	A. BLACKMAN	2032	

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE V. FREELEY 16 YEARS.

## GAZETTE EDITOR.

NOTE from 2011 this office was merged with Press Sec and Newsletter Editor

1883		1930		1977	W.G. JENNINGS
1884		1931	N.M.& H.C.A.	1978	W.G. JENNINGS
1885		1932		1979	W.G. JENNINGS
1886		1933		1980	M. CLAPHAM
1887		1934		1981	M. CLAPHAM
1888		1935	G.H. HAMPTON	1982	Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
1889		1936	G.H. HAMPTON	1983	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1890		1937	S.H. PONTIN	1984	W.G. JENNINGS
1891		1938	S.H. PONTIN	1985	S. BERGSON
1892		1939	C.A.J. KNIFE	1986	A. SZYSZKOWSKI
1893		1940	S.H. PONTIN	1987	A. SZYSZKOWSKI
1894		1941	C.A.J. KNIFE	1988	A. SZYSZKOWSKI
1895		1942	S.H. PONTIN	1989	P. DOUGLAS
1896		1943	S.H. PONTIN	1990	P. DOUGLAS
1897		1944	S.H. PONTIN	1991	P. DOUGLAS
1898		1945	Mrs. L. STAPLEY	1992	V. FREELEY
1899		1946	W.G. JENNINGS	1993	V. FREELEY
1900		1947	C.A.J. KNIFE	1994	V. FREELEY
1901		1948	D. LYFORD	1995	D. SARGENT
1902		1949	N.D. WHITE	1996	C. LODGE
1903		1950	N.D. WHITE	1997	C. LODGE
1904		1951	N.D. WHITE	1998	C. LODGE
1905		1952	W.J. CAMP	1999	C. LODGE
1906		1953	C.A.J. KNIFE	2000	C. LODGE
1907		1954	C.A.J. KNIFE	2001	C. LODGE
1908		1955	A. BLACKMAN	2002	C. LODGE
1909		1956	A. BLACKMAN	2003	C. LODGE
1910		1957	A.E. MASON	2004	K. MEGAN
1911		1958	A.E. MASON	2005	K. MEGAN
1912		1959	A.E. MASON	2006	A. HARRINGTON
1913		1960	A.E. MASON	2007	A. HARRINGTON
1914		1961	A.E. MASON	2008	A. HARRINGTON
1915		1962	J. WALSH	2009	A. HARRINGTON
1916		1963	J. WALSH	2010	C. LODGE
1917		1964	J. KING	2011	C. LODGE
1918		1965	J. KING	2012	C. LODGE
1919		1966	J. KING	2013	C. LODGE
1920	H. JOHNSON	1967	Mrs. P. KING	2014	C. LODGE
1921	H. JOHNSON	1968	Mrs. P. KING	2015	C. LODGE
1922	C.H. JENKINS	1969	Mrs. P. KING	2016	C. LODGE
1923		1970	P. KONIOTES	2017	C. LODGE
1924	N.M.& H.C.A.	1971	P. KONIOTES	2018	
1925	W.H. PICKETT	1972	R. GOSMAN	2019	
1926	G.H. HAMPTON	1973	R. GOSMAN	2020	
1927		1974	J. KING	2021	
1928		1975	J. KING	2022	
1929		1976	W.G. JENNINGS	2023	

NOTE: IN THE EARLY YEARS SOME CLUB NEWS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE 'REFEREE'. IN 1890 THERE IS REFERENCE TO A MONTHLY GAZETTE. FOR SEVERAL YEARS AROUND 1920 & 1930 THE CLUB USED THE N.M.H.C.A.GAZETTE. LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE C.LODGE 8 YEARS.

## GAZETTE PUBLISHER

NOTE from 2011 Communications Sec.

1883		1930		1977	B.R. ED RUPT
1884		1931		1978	B.R. ED RUPT
1885		1932		1979	B.R. ED RUPT
1886		1933		1980	B.R. ED RUPT
1887		1934		1981	B.R. ED RUPT
1888		1935		1982	B.R. ED RUPT
1889		1936		1983	A. ED RUPT
1890		1937		1984	A. ED RUPT
1891		1938		1985	A. ED RUPT
1892		1939		1986	Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
1893		1940		1987	Mrs. P. STILTS
1894		1941		1988	Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
1895		1942		1989	Mrs. P. STILTS
1896		1943	NEEDHAMS	1990	Mrs. P. STILTS
1897		1944		1991	Mrs. G. CLIFFORD
1898		1945		1992	V. FREELEY
1899		1946		1993	V. FREELEY
1900		1947		1994	V. FREELEY
1901		1948		1995	V. FREELEY
1902		1949		1996	V. FREELEY
1903		1950		1997	V. FREELEY
1904		1951		1998	V. FREELEY
1905		1952		1999	S. MORRIS
1906		1953		2000	S. MORRIS
1907		1954	A. BLACKMAN	2001	Miss L. SCHULLER
1908		1955	F.L. STAPLEY	2002	V. FREELEY
1909		1956	F.L. STAPLEY	2003	Miss L. SCHULLER
1910		1957	H. PULLINGER	2004	Miss L. SCHULLER
1911		1958	H. PULLINGER	2005	Miss L. SCHULLER
1912		1959	H. PULLINGER	2006	A. HARRINGTON
1913		1960	H. PULLINGER	2007	A. HARRINGTON
1914		1961	H. PULLINGER	2008	A. HARRINGTON
1915		1962	J. WALSH	2009	A. HARRINGTON
1916		1963	F.N. WEATHERLY	2010	A. HARRINGTON
1917		1964	F.N. WEATHERLY	2011	C. LODGE
1918		1965	F.N. WEATHERLY	2012	C. LODGE
1919		1966	Miss P.A. LOVATT	2013	C. LODGE
1920		1967	A.M.M. DUNN	2014	C. LODGE
1921		1968	A. ED RUPT	2015	C. LODGE
1922		1969	A. ED RUPT	2016	C. LODGE
1923		1970	A. ED RUPT	2017	A.GUDENIAC
1924		1971	A. ED RUPT & B.R. ED RUPT	2018	A.GUDENIAC
1925		1972	Mrs. P. LIGGETT	2019	
1926		1973	F. & Mrs. J. RODENS	2020	
1927		1974	B.R. ED RUPT	2021	
1928		1975	B.R. ED RUPT	2022	
1929		1976	B.R. ED RUPT	2023	

NOTE: NO PUBLISHER CAN BE FOUND PRIOR TO 1954  
LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE B.R.EDRUPT 9 YEARS.

## PRESS SECRETARY

1883		1933		1983	M. HOOKER
1884		1934		1984	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1885		1935		1985	V. PARKES
1886		1936		1986	
1887		1937	S.H. PONTIN	1987	M. BROMLEY
1888		1938	S.H. PONTIN	1988	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1889		1939		1989	M. FLEMING
1890		1940	C.A.J. KNIEF	1990	P. DOUGLAS
1891		1941	S.H. PONTIN	1991	P. DOUGLAS
1892		1942	S.H. PONTIN	1992	M. BEISIEGEL
1893		1943		1993	
1894		1944		1994	
1895		1945		1995	
1896		1946	W.G. JENNINGS	1996	
1897		1947	O.W. JAMES	1997	
1898		1948	A.J. STEVENS	1998	C. LODGE
1899		1949	A.J. STEVENS	1999	C. LODGE
1900		1950	A.J. STEVENS	2000	C. LODGE
1901		1951	A.J. STEVENS	2001	C. LODGE
1902		1952	N.D. WHITE	2002	C. LODGE
1903		1953	N.D. WHITE	2003	C. LODGE
1904		1954	S.H. PONTIN	2004	C. LODGE
1905		1955	C.A.J. KNIEF	2005	C. LODGE
1906		1956	L. BLOSS	2006	C. LODGE
1907		1957	S.H. PONTIN	2007	C. LODGE
1908		1958	S.H. PONTIN	2008	C. LODGE
1909		1959	J. STAPLEY	2009	C. LODGE
1910		1960	J. STAPLEY	2010	C. LODGE
1911		1961	J. STAPLEY	2011	C. LODGE
1912		1962	J. WALSH	2012	C. LODGE
1913		1963	J. WALSH	2013	C. LODGE
1914		1964	B.W. YOUNG	2014	C. LODGE
1915		1965	B.W. YOUNG	2015	C. LODGE
1916		1966	Mrs. P. KING	2016	C. LODGE
1917		1967	Mrs. P. KING	2017	A.GUDENIAC
1918		1968	Mrs. P. KING	2018	A.GUDENIAC
1919		1969	Miss P.A. THOMPSON	2019	
1920	E.S. BOUSTED	1970	M. HOOKER	2020	
1921	C.H. JENKINS	1971	M. HOOKER	2021	
1922		1972	M. HOOKER	2022	
1923		1973	M. HOOKER	2023	
1924		1974	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT	2024	
1925		1975	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT	2025	
1926		1976	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT	2026	
1927		1977	M. HOOKER	2027	
1928		1978	M. HOOKER	2028	
1929		1979	M. HOOKER	2029	
1930		1980	M. HOOKER	2030	
1931		1981	M. HOOKER	2031	
1932		1982	M. HOOKER	2032	

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE C.LODGE 19 YEARS.

## SOCIAL SECRETARY

1883		1930	H.C. WEBB	1977	P. KONIOTES
1884		1931	H.C. WEBB	1978	P. KONIOTES
1885		1932	H.C. WEBB	1979	P. KONIOTES
1886		1933	F.L. STAPLEY	1980	P. KONIOTES
1887		1934	F.L. STAPLEY	1981	P. KONIOTES
1888		1935	C.D. BRUCE	1982	S. JACOBS
1889		1936	H.C. WEBB	1983	Mrs.G. CLIFFORD
1890		1937	W.R. FLOOD	1984	S. JACOBS
1891		1938	W.R. FLOOD	1985	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1892		1939	W.R. FLOOD	1986	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1893		1940	W.R. FLOOD	1987	S. JACOBS
1894		1941	A. ED RUPT	1988	S. JACOBS
1895		1942	A. ED RUPT	1989	S. JACOBS
1896		1943	A. ED RUPT	1990	S. JACOBS
1897		1944	A. ED RUPT	1991	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1898		1945	A. ED RUPT	1992	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1899		1946	A.J. STEVENS	1993	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1900		1947	A. ED RUPT	1994	T. DEVINE
1901		1948	A. ED RUPT	1995	T. DEVINE
1902		1949	A. ED RUPT	1996	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1903		1950	A. ED RUPT	1997	Mrs. P.A. LOVATT
1904	C.W. COOKE	1951	A. ED RUPT	1998	Mrs. B. POPE
1905	C.W. COOKE	1952	A. ED RUPT	1999	Mrs. B. POPE
1906		1953	A. ED RUPT	2000	Mrs. B. POPE
1907	H. SHUTTLEWORTH	1954	R.W. GOSMAN	2001	R. BRIDGEWATER
1908		1955	W.J. COTTENHAM	2002	R. BRIDGEWATER
1909	L. BROCKMAN	1956	W.J. COTTENHAM	2003	R. BRIDGEWATER
1910		1957	R. STEBBINGS	2004	R. BRIDGEWATER & M. BOSWELL
1911		1958	J. STAPLEY	2005	M. BOSWELL
1912	F.M. SLATER	1959	J. STAPLEY	2006	M. BOSWELL
1913		1960	J. STAPLEY	2007	M. BOSWELL
1914		1961	J. STAPLEY	2008	M. BOSWELL
1915		1962	W. SABERTON	2009	D.W. KENDALL
1916	J. BRIDGES	1963	M. ODAM	2010	D.W. KENDALL
1917		1964	M. ODAM	2011	D.W. KENDALL
1918		1965	M. ODAM	2012	D.W. KENDALL
1919	C.W. COOKE	1966	A.M.M. DUNN	2013	D.W. KENDALL
1920	C.W. COOKE	1967	Miss P. THOMPSON	2014	D.W. KENDALL
1921		1968	B.W. YOUNG	2015	C.SMITH
1922	G.H. HAMPTON	1969	B.W. YOUNG	2016	C.SMITH
1923	J.H. BERRY	1970	M. ODAM	2017	C.SMITH
1924	L.A. WEBB	1971	M. ODAM	2018	C.SMITH
1925	G.H. HAMPTON	1972	P. KONIOTES	2019	
1926	G.H. HAMPTON	1973	B.R. ED RUPT	2020	
1927	G.H. HAMPTON	1974	N. KONIOTES	2021	
1928	C.F. HAMPTON	1975	N. KONIOTES	2022	
1929	H.C. WEBB	1976	N. KONIOTES	2023	

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE A.EDRUPT 7 YEARS.

## AUDITOR

1883		1933		1983	J.H. WINSTANLEY
1884		1934	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1984	J.H. WINSTANLEY
1885		1935	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1985	J.H. WINSTANLEY
1886	A.C. CRANE & A. QUARTERMAIN	1936	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1986	J.H. WINSTANLEY
1887		1937	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1987	J.H. WINSTANLEY
1888		1938	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1988	W.J. HUSSEY
1889		1939	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1989	W.J. HUSSEY
1890		1940	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1990	E.A. MASON
1891		1941		1991	E.A. MASON
1892		1942	E.E. STAPLEY	1992	M. CROSS
1893		1943		1993	M. CROSS
1894		1944	C.W. BARNES & S.H. PONTIN	1994	M. CROSS
1895		1945		1995	M. CROSS
1896		1946	C.W. BARNES	1996	M. CROSS
1897		1947	C.W. BARNES	1997	M. CROSS
1898		1948	C.W. BARNES	1998	M. CROSS
1899		1949	C.W. BARNES	1999	M. CROSS
1900		1950	C.W. BARNES	2000	J.H. WINSTANLEY
1901		1951	C.W. BARNES	2001	J.H. WINSTANLEY
1902	C.C.G. ALFORD & W. SCALES	1952	C.W. BARNES	2002	J.H. WINSTANLEY
1903	J.C. LAWSON & G.H SAVOURNIN	1953	C.W. BARNES	2003	J.H. WINSTANLEY
1904		1954	C.W. BARNES	2004	R. BRIDGEWATER
1905		1955	C.W. BARNES	2005	R. BRIDGEWATER
1906		1956	C.W. BARNES	2006	R. BRIDGEWATER
1907		1957	C.W. BARNES	2007	R. BRIDGEWATER
1908		1958	C.W. BARNES	2008	R. BRIDGEWATER
1909		1959	C.W. BARNES	2009	J.H. WINSTANLEY & P. MURRELL
1910		1960	C.W. BARNES	2010	J.H. WINSTANLEY & P. MURRELL
1911		1961	C.W. BARNES	2011	P. MURRELL
1912		1962	F.L. STAPLEY	2012	P. MURRELL
1913	F.M. SLATER & F.	1963	F.L. STAPLEY	2013	P. MURRELL
1914	H. JOHNSON & J.C.	1964	F.L. STAPLEY	2014	P. MURRELL
1915	J.C. ETHERTON & C.W. COOKE	1965	F.L. STAPLEY	2015	P. MURRELL
1916		1966	F.L. STAPLEY	2016	P. MURRELL
1917	C.W. COOKE	1967	D. PLUMMER	2017	P. MURRELL
1918		1968	D. PLUMMER	2018	P. MURRELL
1919	E.S. BOUSTED & W.R.	1969	I. BIRCH	2019	
1920		1970	D. PLUMMER	2020	
1921		1971	D. PLUMMER	2021	
1922	L.A. WEBB & J.	1972	P. JARVIS	2022	
1923		1973	P. JARVIS	2023	
1924		1974	P. JARVIS	2024	
1925		1975	P. JARVIS	2025	
1926		1976	P. JARVIS	2026	
1927	Miss DAYMOND & E.E. STAPLEY	1977	P. JARVIS	2027	
1928	Miss DAYMOND & G.W. HUDSON	1978	P. JARVIS	2028	
1929	C.W. BARNES & F.L. STAPLEY	1979	P. JARVIS	2029	
1930	C.W. BARNES & F.L. STAPLEY	1980	P. JARVIS	2030	
1931	C.W. BARNES & F.L. STAPLEY	1981	J.H. WINSTANLEY	2031	
1932	C.W. BARNES & F.L. STAPLEY	1982	J.H. WINSTANLEY	2032	

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE C.W.BARNES 16 YEARS.

## CURATOR

1883		1930		1977	W.G. JENNINGS
1884		1931		1978	W.G. JENNINGS
1885		1932		1979	W.G. JENNINGS
1886		1933		1980	W.G. JENNINGS
1887		1934		1981	W.G. JENNINGS
1888		1935		1982	W.G. JENNINGS
1889		1936		1983	W.G. JENNINGS
1890		1937		1984	W.G. JENNINGS
1891		1938		1985	W.G. JENNINGS
1892		1939		1986	W.G. JENNINGS
1893		1940		1987	W.G. JENNINGS & B.R. EDRUPT
1894		1941		1988	B.R. EDRUPT
1895		1942	C.J. HOLLY	1989	B.R. EDRUPT
1896		1943		1990	B.R. EDRUPT
1897		1944		1991	B.R. EDRUPT
1898		1945		1992	B.R. EDRUPT
1899		1946		1993	B.R. EDRUPT
1900		1947		1994	B.R. EDRUPT
1901		1948		1995	B.R. EDRUPT
1902		1949		1996	B.R. EDRUPT
1903		1950	A.J. STEVENS	1997	B.R. EDRUPT
1904		1951	G.H. HAMPTON	1998	B.R. EDRUPT
1905		1952	G.H. HAMPTON	1999	B.R. EDRUPT
1906		1953	G.H. HAMPTON	2000	B.R. EDRUPT
1907		1954	G.H. HAMPTON	2001	B.R. EDRUPT
1908		1955	G.H. HAMPTON	2002	B.R. EDRUPT
1909		1956	G.H. HAMPTON	2003	B.R. EDRUPT
1910		1957	G.H. HAMPTON	2004	B.R. EDRUPT
1911		1958	G.H. HAMPTON	2005	B.R. EDRUPT
1912		1959	G.H. HAMPTON	2006	B.R. EDRUPT
1913		1960	G.H. HAMPTON	2007	B.R. EDRUPT
1914		1961	G.H. HAMPTON	2008	B.R. EDRUPT
1915		1962	G.H. HAMPTON	2009	B.R. EDRUPT
1916		1963	G.H. HAMPTON	2010	B.R. EDRUPT
1917		1964	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	2011	B.R. EDRUPT
1918		1965	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	2012	B.R. EDRUPT
1919		1966	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	2013	B.R. EDRUPT
1920		1967	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	2014	B.R. EDRUPT
1921		1968	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	2015	B.R. EDRUPT
1922		1969	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	2016	B.R. EDRUPT
1923		1970	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	2017	B.R. EDRUPT
1924		1971	Mrs. A. HAMPTON	2018	B.R. EDRUPT
1925		1972	F.L. STAPLEY	2019	
1926		1973	F.L. STAPLEY	2020	
1927		1974	F.L. STAPLEY	2021	
1928		1975	F.L. STAPLEY	2022	
1929		1976	W.G. JENNINGS	2023	

NOTE: HAROLD JOHNSON KEPT THE ARCHIVES FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS PRIOR TO 1941, BUT THERE IS NO RECORD OF THIS OR THE YEARS WRITTEN DOWN.

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE B.R.EDRUPT 31 YEARS.

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1883		1933		1983	B.R. ED RUPT
1884		1934		1984	B.R. ED RUPT
1885		1935		1985	B.R. ED RUPT
1886		1936		1986	B.R. ED RUPT
1887		1937		1987	B.R. ED RUPT
1888		1938		1988	B.R. ED RUPT
1889		1939		1989	B.R. ED RUPT
1890		1940		1990	B.R. ED RUPT
1891		1941	W.R. NUTT	1991	B.R. ED RUPT
1892		1942		1992	B.R. ED RUPT
1893		1943	W.R. NUTT	1993	S.O. LOVATT
1894		1944	W.R. NUTT	1994	S.O. LOVATT
1895		1945	W.R. NUTT	1995	S.O. LOVATT
1896		1946	W.R. NUTT	1996	S.O. LOVATT
1897		1947	W.R. NUTT	1997	M. PEEVERS
1898		1948	A.J. STEVENS	1998	I. TURNER
1899		1949	C.A.J. KNIFE	1999	I. TURNER
1900		1950	A.J. STEVENS	2000	I. TURNER
1901		1951	C.A.J. KNIFE	2001	I. TURNER
1902		1952	C.A.J. KNIFE	2002	I. TURNER
1903		1953	C.A.J. KNIFE	2003	I. TURNER
1904		1954	C.A.J. KNIFE	2004	I. TURNER
1905		1955	T.R. CURTIS	2005	I. TURNER
1906		1956	T.R. CURTIS	2006	I. TURNER
1907		1957	T.R. CURTIS	2007	I. TURNER
1908		1958	T.R. CURTIS	2008	I. TURNER
1909		1959	T.R. CURTIS	2009	I. TURNER
1910		1960	T.R. CURTIS	2010	I. TURNER
1911		1961	B.M. RANGER	2011	I. TURNER
1912		1962	B.M. RANGER	2012	I. TURNER
1913		1963	B.M. RANGER	2013	I. TURNER
1914		1964		2014	I. TURNER
1915		1965	B.M. RANGER	2015	I. TURNER
1916		1966	D. GILBEY	2016	I. TURNER
1917		1967	B.R. ED RUPT	2017	I. TURNER
1918		1968	B.R. ED RUPT	2018	I. TURNER
1919		1969	B.R. ED RUPT	2019	
1920		1970	B.R. ED RUPT	2020	
1921		1971	B.R. ED RUPT	2021	
1922		1972	B.R. ED RUPT	2022	
1923		1973	B.R. ED RUPT	2023	
1924		1974	B.R. ED RUPT	2024	
1925		1975	B.R. ED RUPT	2025	
1926		1976	B.R. ED RUPT	2026	
1927		1977	B.R. ED RUPT	2027	
1928		1978	B.R. ED RUPT	2028	
1929		1979	B.R. ED RUPT	2029	
1930		1980	B.R. ED RUPT	2030	
1931		1981	B.R. ED RUPT	2031	
1932		1982	B.R. ED RUPT	2032	

LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVICE B.R.EDRUPT 26 YEARS

## CLUB DINNER DATES AND VENUES

1883	NO INFO	
1884	NO INFO	
1885	NO INFO	
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1887	NO INFO	
1888	NO INFO	
1889	NO INFO	
1890	NO INFO	
1891	NO INFO	
1892	NO INFO	
1893	<b>FRIDAY</b> 17 FEBRUARY	ANNUAL SMOKING CONCERT. COCK TAVERN, Highbury
1894	NO INFO	
1895	SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY	12 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER HORNSEY WOOD TAVERN
1896	NO INFO	
1897	NO INFO	
1898	SATURDAY 12 MARCH	HOLBORN RESTAURANT
1899	SATURDAY 11 MARCH	HOLBORN RESTAURANT
1900	SATURDAY 10 MARCH	HOLBORN RESTAURANT
1901	SATURDAY 9 MARCH	TROCADERO RESTAURANT, PICCADILLY CIRCUS
1902	SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER	TROCADERO RESTAURANT, PICCADILLY CIRCUS
1903	SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER	TROCADERO RESTAURANT, PICCADILLY CIRCUS
1904	SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER	TROCADERO RESTAURANT, PICCADILLY CIRCUS
1905	SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER	TROCADERO RESTAURANT, PICCADILLY CIRCUS
1906	SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER	TROCADERO RESTAURANT, PICCADILLY CIRCUS
1907	SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER	TROCADERO RESTAURANT, PICCADILLY CIRCUS
1908	SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER	TROCADERO RESTAURANT, PICCADILLY CIRCUS
1909	SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER	TROCADERO RESTAURANT, PICCADILLY CIRCUS
1910	SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER	RESTAURANT FRASCATI, OXFORD STREET
1911	<b>THURSDAY</b> 30 NOVEMBER	RESTAURANT FRASCATI, OXFORD STREET
1912	<b>THURSDAY</b> 5 DECEMBER	RESTAURANT FRASCATI, OXFORD STREET
1913	<b>THURSDAY</b> 20 NOVEMBER	RESTAURANT FRASCATI, OXFORD STREET
1914	NOT HELD WW1	
1915	NOT HELD WW1	
1916	NOT HELD WW1	
1917	NOT HELD WW1	
1918	NOT HELD WW1	
1919	SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER	HOLBORN RESTAURANT, KINGSWAY
1920	SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER	HOLBORN RESTAURANT, KINGSWAY
1921	SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER	HOLBORN RESTAURANT, KINGSWAY
1922	SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER	OLD BELL RESTAURANT. HOLBORN
1923	SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER	CROWN & CUSHION RESTAURANT, 73 LONDON WALL
1924	SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER	TALBOT RESTAURANT, LONDON WALL
1925	SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER	TALBOT RESTAURANT, LONDON WALL
1926	SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER	TALBOT RESTAURANT, LONDON WALL
1927	SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER	YE OLDE COCK TAVERN, FLEET STREET
1928	SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER	PAGANI'S. GREAT PORTLAND STREET
1929	SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER	PAGANI'S. GREAT PORTLAND STREET
1930	SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER	PAGANI'S. GREAT PORTLAND STREET
1931	SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER	PAGANI'S. GREAT PORTLAND STREET
1932	SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER	PAGANI'S. GREAT PORTLAND STREET
1933	SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER	PAGANI'S. GREAT PORTLAND STREET

1934	SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER	PAGANI'S. GREAT PORTLAND STREET
1935	SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER	PAGANI'S. GREAT PORTLAND STREET
1936	SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER	PAGANI'S. GREAT PORTLAND STREET
1937	SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER	PAGANI'S. GREAT PORTLAND STREET
1938	SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER	BEALE'S RESTAURANT, HOLLOWAY ROAD
1939	SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER	BEALE'S RESTAURANT, HOLLOWAY ROAD
1940	<b>SUNDAY</b> 8 DECEMBER	ASSEMBLY ROOMS, HIGH ROAD WOOD GREEN
1941	SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER	ROYAL HOTEL, WOBURN PLACE
1942	SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER	BEALE'S RESTAURANT, HOLLOWAY ROAD
1943	SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER	ROYAL HOTEL, RUSSELL SQUARE
1944	SATURDAY 14 JANUARY <b>1945</b>	PAVOIUR'S ARMS, PAGE STREET
1945	SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER	PAVOIUR'S ARMS, PAGE STREET
1946	SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER	PAVOIUR'S ARMS, PAGE STREET
1947	<b>FRIDAY</b> 5 DECEMBER	CHATELAIN, GERRARD STREET
1948	SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER	PAVOIUR'S ARMS, PAGE STREET
1949	SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER	PAVOIUR'S ARMS, PAGE STREET
1950	SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER	NEW NORFOLK HOTEL, LONDON STREET W2
1951	SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER	PAVOIUR'S ARMS, PAGE STREET
1952	SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER	BEALE'S RESTAURANT, HOLLOWAY ROAD
1953	SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER	SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, CAMBRIDGE CIRCUS W1
1954	SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER	PAVOIUR'S ARMS, WESTMINSTER SW1
1955	SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER	PAVOIUR'S ARMS, WESTMINSTER SW1
1956	SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER	THE REFECTORY RESTAURANT, GOLDERS GREEN
1957	SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER	THE OAKWOOD HALL, SOUTHGATE N14
1958	SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER	SHAFTESBURY HOTEL
1959	SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER	RED LION HOTEL, BARNET
1960	SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER	RED LION HOTEL, BARNET
1961	SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER	RED LION HOTEL, BARNET
1962	SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER	FOX HOTEL, PALMERS GREEN
1963	<b>FRIDAY</b> 15 NOVEMBER	TAVISTOCK BANQUETING ROOMS, CHARING CROSS ROAD
1964	SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER	CAMBRIDGE HOTEL, PALMERS GREEN
1965	SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER	CAMBRIDGE HOTEL, PALMERS GREEN
1966	<b>FRIDAY</b> 16 DECEMBER	CAMBRIDGE HOTEL, PALMERS GREEN
1967	SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER	PAVOIUR'S ARMS, PAGE STREET
1968	SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER	ALEXANDRA NATIONAL HOTEL, FINSBURY PARK
1969	SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER	ALEXANDRA NATIONAL HOTEL, FINSBURY PARK
1970	SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER	FOX HOTEL, PALMERS GREEN
1971	SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER	FOX HOTEL, PALMERS GREEN
1972	SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER	FOX HOTEL, PALMERS GREEN
1973	SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER	CRANBORNE ROOM, RED LION, HATFIELD
1974	SATURDAY ? DECEMBER	APOLLO SUITE, COCKFOSTERS
1975	SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER	APOLLO SUITE, COCKFOSTERS
1976	SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER	APOLLO SUITE, COCKFOSTERS
1977	SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER	APOLLO SUITE, COCKFOSTERS
1978	SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER	APOLLO SUITE, COCKFOSTERS
1979	SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER	APOLLO SUITE, COCKFOSTERS
1980	SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER	APOLLO SUITE, COCKFOSTERS
1981	SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER	APOLLO SUITE, COCKFOSTERS
1982	SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER	APOLLO SUITE, COCKFOSTERS
1983	SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER	CRANBORNE ROOMS, RED LION, HATFIELD
1984	SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER	APOLLO SUITE, COCKFOSTERS
1985	SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER	SELBOURNE HALL, SOUTHGATE N14
1986	SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER	APOLLO SUITE, COCKFOSTERS



# MEDAL CABINETS







THE FIRST MEDAL CABINET  
 THE TWO ENGRAVED SHIELDS AND BAR FOR THE HANDLES, TWO LARGE SHIELDS AND TWO SMALL SHIELDS  
 ARE ALL MADE FROM THE OAK OF THE OLD VP'S SHIELD.

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 SECOND MEDAL CABINET  
 HOUSING MAURICE EDMONDS CUPS & MEDALS. GAMAGE CUP.  
 W. DUNLOP, W.H.D. REES, A. EDRUPT, C.J. HOLLY & F.L. STAPLEY MEDALS





N.M.H.C.A. MANOR HOUSE CHALLENGE CUP, HILL CLIMB CONTEST  
THE FIRST FIVE NAMES ENGRAVED ARE ERNIE HUSSEY 1933-1938  
( This cup was purchased for the Archives by Brian Edrupt & Vince Freeley from the N.M.H.C.A.  
at their Centenary Lunch in 2012, when the Midds finally closed down)



BOB ARNOLD MEDALS

# LISTS OF ARCHIVES

## MAIN MEDAL CABINET

The following is a list of medals etc. and who donated them.

NAME	MEDAL	CLUB	DISTANCE	TIME	DATE
R. ARNOLD	GOLD	F.P.C.C.	12 hour (PTT)	175.5 miles	07-08-1922
	GOLD	F.P.C.C.	100	5.31.18	14-10-1923
	GOLD	F.P.C.C.	25	1.11.41	09-06-1924
	GOLD	F.P.C.C.	50 (KINGSDALE C.C)	2.22.04	16-06-1924
	GOLD	F.P.C.C.	100 (HIGHGATE C.C.)	5.03.02	22-06-1924
	GOLD	F.P.C.C.	12 hour (NMFCA)	199.5 miles	24-08-1924
	GOLD	F.P.C.C.	CLUB CHAMPION		1924
	GOLD RECORD	F.P.C.C.	12 hour	197.25 miles	09-09-1923
	SILVER	F.P.C.C. (WITH	NOVICES 25	1.17.22	02-04-1922
	SILVER	F.P.C.C.	RUNNER -UP CLUB		1923
	SILVER	SOUTHGATE C.C.	50 INTERCLUB		28-06-1924
	SILVER	N.M.H.C.A.	100 TEAM RACE	5.12.41	24-07-1924
	BRONZE	N.M.H.C.A.	12 hour TEAM RACE	199.75 miles	24-08-1924

T. R. CURTIS	SILVER	WHEATSHEAF C.C.	25	1.7.42	1936
	SILVER	SOUTHGATE C.C.	50	2.24.47	1939
	SILVER	N. HERTS R.C.C. team	HILL CLIMB	3M 32.8SEC	1933
	SILVER	N.M.H.C.A.	50 team		1936
	BRONZE	POLYTECHNIC C.C.	12 hr team	625 M 312yds	
	BRONZE	ECCA	200	10.53.39	1937
	BRONZE	N.M.H.C.A. 2 <sup>nd</sup> team	25		1936
	BADGE	40 PLUS C.C.			

A. EDRUPT	GOLD	F.P.C.C.			
	SILVER/BLUE/GOLD	F.P.C.C.	50 tandem	2.02.22	1939
	SILVER/RED	F.P.C.C.	25 1 <sup>st</sup> team	1.09.14	1940
	SILVER	HIGHGATE C.C.	100	4.57.57	1939
	SILVER	SOUTHGATE C.C.	50 team	2.19.30	1939
	SILVER	WHEATSHEAF C.C.	25	1.08.44	1935
	BRONZE	NORTH ROAD C.C.	100	4.53.46	1940
		KINGSDALE C.C.	TIME KEEPER		1984
	BADGE	FELLOWSHIP NORTH LONDON CYCLISTS (OLD)			
	BADGE	FELLOWSHIP NORTH LONDON CYCLISTS (NEW)			

B.R.	RECORD BADGE	F.P.C.C.			1973
	BRONZE	F.P.C.C. Standard	25	1.06.38	1962
	BRONZE	CENTURY R.C.	25	1.04.25	1972
	BRONZE	TRIKE ASSOCIATION	50 3 <sup>rd</sup> H'CAP		1972
	BRONZE	N.T.T.C. (Trike)	30 3 <sup>rd</sup> H'CAP	1.11.52	1972
	GILT	N.T.T.C. (Trike)	100 1 <sup>st</sup> H'CAP	4.09.15	1972
	GILT	TRIKE ASSOCIATION	30 1 <sup>st</sup> H'CAP		1972
	BADGE	R.T.T.C.			
	BADGE	T.A.			

J.G. FISHER	GOLD	F.P.C.C. Standard	50	2.40.05	1928
	SILVER	SOUTHGATE C.C.	50	2.24.57	1927

C. J. HOLLY	SILVER/BLUE/GOLD	F.P.C.C.	12hr	217.375 mls	27.7.1941
	SILVER/RED/GOLD	F.P.C.C.	100	4.49.32	4.8.1940
	SILVER/RED	F.P.C.C. 2 <sup>nd</sup> CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP		21.781 mph	1940
	SILVER/ BLUE	F.P.C.C. Tandem	30	1.13.31	16.07.1939
	BRONZE ENAMEL/ RED	F.P.C.C.	25	1.06.01	16.09.1940
	BRONZE	NORTH ROAD C.C.	100	4.59.10	07.07.1940
	BRONZE	NORTH ROAD C.C.	100	5.00.18	10.08.1941
	SILVER	KENWOOD C.C.	25	1.12.39	1938
	SILVER	HOUNSLOW & DIST WHS 1 <sup>st</sup> Team	25		1940
	BRONZE	E.C.C.A. 2 <sup>ND</sup> Team	25		1949
	BRONZE	N.M.H.C.A. 1 <sup>st</sup> Team (Team Time )Trial)	25		1948
	N.C.U.	JUBILEE RIDE	100	8 hrs	1938
	BADGE	ROOKERY C.C.			
	BADGE	KENWOOD R.C.			

J. LAUTERWASSER	GOLD	NORTH ROAD C.C.	50	2.10.15	1928
	GOLD	NORTH LONDON C.C.	50	2.17.52	1928
	GOLD	HIGHGATE C.C.	100	5.09.42	1927
	GOLD	HIGHBURY C.C.	50	2.17.26	1929
	GOLD	N.M.H.C.A.	100	4.44.27	1928

S.H. PONTIN	GOLD	F.P.C.C. Standard	12 hr	201.5 miles	1930
	BADGE	C.T.C.			

W.H.D. REES	GOLD RECORD	F.P.C.C.	200 m	10hrs 32	1948
	SILVER GILT	F.P.C.C. CLUB CHAMPION			1947

F.L. STAPLEY	GOLD	FPCC (EARLY)	50	2.23.55	1927
	SILVER	FPCC (EARLY)	25	1.11.44	1926
	SILVER	FPCC (EARLY)	12 hr	186 miles	1927
	SILVER	FPCC TANDEM REC.	50	2.2.35	1927
	SILVER	POLY CC GAYLOR	12 hr	203.4 miles	1928
	SILVER	UPPER HOLLOWAY CC	25	1.09.21	1929
	SILVER	SOUTHGATE CC	50	2.23.17	1928
	BR/ENAM	FPCC	25	1.11.45	1937
	BRONZE	SOUTHGATE CC		PAPER CHASE	1927
	BRONZE	VTTA 3 <sup>RD</sup> STANDARD	25	1.08.50	1953
	'SILVER'	VTTA 2 <sup>ND</sup> STANDARD	50	2.24.42	1950
	'GOLD'	VTTA 1 <sup>ST</sup> STANDARD	50	2.22.22	1951

M.WARDROPER	S/GILT	ECCA	2 <sup>nd</sup> JUNIOR	10	23.38	1974
T.K. MORLEY	GILT	NTTC	2 <sup>nd</sup>	50	2.10.17	1973
DONATED by NRCC	SILVER	NORTH ROAD CC		24hr	347.75 m	1925
R. COLBEY	'SILVER'	LONDON EAST TA		30		1972
	BRONZE	BELLE VUE CC				
	BRONZE	POLY CC				
	BRONZE	NMHCA				
	SILVER	MIDLANDS C&AC				
	SILVER	BCF				

MINIATURES				VARIOUS SILVER WARE	
SCALES CUP	J. LAUTERWASSER	1.06.20	1929	V.P.'s SHIELD CENTRE SILVER WARE	
GORDON STEWART	A. EDRUPT	HANDICAP	1935	8 SILVER SHIELDS FROM SCALES CUP PLINTH	
GORDON STEWART	F.L. STAPLEY	HANDICAP	1941	1 FPCC / MOTOR CYCLING BADGE	
				2 FPCC BADGES	
				ORIGINAL CLUB RIBBON FROM 1887	
				VARIOUS MINIATURE CUPS FROM M. EDMONDS	
				N.M.H.C.A. MANOR HOUSE HILL CLIMB CUP	

## SECOND MEDAL CABINET

GAMAGE CUP			
1912, 1913	1914	1915-1918	1919, 1920, 1921
C.D. AXHAM	J.C. ETHERTON	NO RACE	A.E. ADAMS

W. DUNLOP	SILVER	F.P.C.C.	25	1.09.25	1930
	SILVER	F.P.C.C.	50	2.24.05	19-07-1930
	SILVER	F.P.C.C.	100	5.24.10	29-06-1930

W.H.D. REES	SILVER	F.P.C.C.	25	1.05.49	29-04-1942
	SILVER	F.P.C.C.	100	4.52.16	20-07-1947
	SILVER	F.P.C.C.	12hr	225.375m	24-08-1947

A. EDRUPT	SILVER	SOUTHGATE	25	1.09.57	1-10-1933
	SILVER	SOUTHGATE	25	1.11.31	27-05-1934
	BRZ/ENAMEL	F.P.C.C.	25	1.08.44	29-09-1935
	BRZ/ENAMEL	F.P.C.C.	25	1.07.34	25-09-1938
	BRZ/ENAMEL	F.P.C.C.	50 TEAM	2.22.30	1938
	BRZ/ENAMEL	F.P.C.C.	25 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.08.44	21.05.1939
	BRZ/ENAMEL		50 TEAM	2.23.49	1940
	BRONZE		50 TTT 2 <sup>nd</sup>		1940

C.J. HOLLY	BRONZE	N.M.H.C.A.	50 TTT 2 <sup>nd</sup> TEAM		1940
	SILVER	F.P.C.C.	50	2.18.55	17-08-1941
	BRZ/ENAMEL	F.P.C.C.	100	4.44.26	03-08-1941
	BRZ/ENAMEL	F.P.C.C.	50	2.26.54	22-06-1941
	SILVER	F.P.C.C.	OPEN 25 1 <sup>st</sup> TEAM	1.05.25	08-09-1940
	SILVER	SOUTHGATE C.C.	50 TEAM RACE	2.18.16	1940

F.L. STAPLEY	BRONZE	N.M.H.C.A.	50 TTT 2 <sup>nd</sup> TEAM		1941
	BRONZE	V.T.T.A.	25 1 <sup>st</sup> STANDARD	1.08.49	1953

M.S.	SILVER	WHEATSHEAF	25 I/CLUB	1.07.57	1946
	SILVER	SOUTHGATE C.C.	25 2 <sup>nd</sup> FASTEST	1.08.50	201943
	SILVER	SOUTHGATE C.C.	25	1.08.47	19-09-1937
	SILVER	SOUTHGATE C.C.	50 TEAM RACE	2.12.09	1939
	BRZ/ENAMEL	F.P.C.C.	50 TEAM RACE	2.17.03	1938
	BRZ/ENAMEL	F.P.C.C.	1 <sup>st</sup> TEAM		21-06-1936
	BRONZE	POLY C.C.	12 hr TEAM	625m 342y	1936
	'SILVER'	POLY C.C.	BLANK		

MAURICE EDMONDS CUPS			
FASTEST	25	1.05.47	1946
SAWARD CUP	12 hr	222.375 miles	20-08-1939
NORTH LONDON C.C.	50	2.19.18	1938
SCALES CUP	25	1.04.49	28-04-1940
HANDICAP CHAMPION			1946
SCALES CUP	25	1.05.47	23-04-1939
SAWARD CUP	12hr	221.25 miles	1946

### **GAZETTES & NEWSLETTERS 1<sup>st</sup> SET**

JULY & NOVEMBER 1890, MARCH 1891, N.MIDDS & HERTS C.A. JUNE 1912.  
JOURNAL 1920, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER,  
DECEMBER.  
JOURNAL 1921, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST,  
SEPTEMBER.  
'SPARKS' 1924, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER.  
'SPARKS' 1925, JANUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER,  
OCTOBER.  
'SPARKS' 1926, FEBRUARY.  
F.P.C.C. GAZETTE IN PRESENT FORM, 1931 FEBRUARY TO 1998 FEB. MAY. JULY. OCT. DEC. 1999  
2000, 2004, 05  
NEWSLETTERS 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, NONE FOR 2014

### **GAZETTES & NEWSLETTERS 2<sup>nd</sup> SET**

MARCH 1891  
JOURNAL 1920, APRIL, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER.  
JOURNAL 1921, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, APRIL, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER.  
'SPARKS' 1924, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER.  
'SPARKS' 1925, JANUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY, OCTOBER.  
F.P.C.C. GAZETTE IN PRESENT FORM, 1931 FEBRUARY TO 1998 FEB. MAY. JULY. OCT.  
DEC. 1999  
NEWSLETTERS 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, NONE FOR 2014

### **F.P.C.C. HANDBOOKS 1<sup>st</sup> SET A4 RING BINDER**

1885 to 1948 (BUT NO 1896, 1916,) THEN  
1950, 1957, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1979, 1984, 1991, 2000, 03, 04, 05, 07, 2009

### **F.P.C.C. HANDBOOKS 2<sup>nd</sup> SET A4 RING BINDER**

1885, 1886, 1887, 1889, 1890, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1897 to 1906, 1917 to 1942, 1944, 1946, 1947, 1948,  
1950, 1957, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1979, 1984, 1991, 2000, 03, 04, 05, 07,

### **F.P.C.C. HANDBOOKS 3<sup>rd</sup> SET**

1885, 1889, 1894, 1895, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1903, 1919 to 1948 (BUT NO 1925) 1926, 1943,  
1944, 1950, 1957, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1979, 1984, 1991,

### **F.P.C.C. DINNER MENUS 1<sup>st</sup> SET A5 RING BINDERS**

1895, 1898 to 1913, 1919 to 2014

\* NOTE AS FROM 1998 ALL MENUS ARE FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR DINNER, THE DINNER WAS  
MOVED FROM DECEMBER, TO THE BEGINING OF THE NEXT YEAR .

### **F.P.C.C. DINNER MENUS 2<sup>nd</sup> SET A4 RING BINDER**

1898, 1902, 1903, 1907, 1911, 1913, 1919, 1925 to 1942, 1944 to 1974, 1976, 1979 to 2014

### **F.P.C.C. DINNER MENUS 3<sup>rd</sup> SET A4 RING BINDER**

1926, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1936 to 1942, 1944 to 1948, 1950 to 1956, 1958, 1962 to  
1966, 1968, 1970, 1971,  
1973, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1992, 1994, 1998, 2000, -14

### **F.P.C.C. DINNER TICKETS**

1900, 1902, 1924, 1930, 1932, 1958, 1961, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 197  
7, 1978, 1980, 1982 to 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2003,

### **F.P.C.C. PRIZE WINNER LISTS**

1914, 1919, 1952, 1955, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962 to 1999. (These are separate from the menu)

### **F.P.C.C. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

1-12-1883 to 1-12-1888, 1-3-1889 to 22-3-1893, 12-1-1894 to 7-1-1903, 6-1-1904 to 14-2-1908,

4-3-1908 to 22-7-1914, 1914 to 1921, 21-6-1921 to 14-2-1923, 14-3-1923 to 21-12-1925, 11-1-1926 to 28-1-1928, 9-2-1928 to 13-8-1931, 13-8-1931 to 12-4-1934, 10-5-1934 to 4-11-1939, 2-12-1939 to 17-12-1946. ALL ARE IN BOOKS AND MOST ARE HAND WRITTEN.  
JAN. 1950 to DEC.1960, JAN. 1961 to DEC. 1979, JAN 1980 to DEC. 1993, JAN. 1994 to DEC. 1997.  
OCTOBER 1990 SPECIAL MEETING & NOVEMBER 1991 ARE MISSING  
2003 to 2013

### **F.P.C.C. A.G.M. MINUTES**

1950 to 1956, 1963,1965 to 1997 BUT NO 1966,1986, REPORTS ONLY FOR 1963.

### **F.P.C.C. AGENDAS**

(most with Annual Reports)

1920,1934,1935,1941,1942,1947 to 2014

### **F.P.C.C. ACCOUNTS**

1906 to 1918, 1919 to 1929, 1930 to 1957, 1957 to 1960, 1957 to 1971, 1972/1973, 1976/1977, 1978/1979, 1980/1981, 1982/1983, 1996,97,98,99, 2000-14

### **F.P.C.C. BALANCE SHEETS**

1929,1930,1932,1933,1934,1940,1942 to 1950, 1953 to 2014

### **F.P.C.C. ATTENDANCE BOOKS**

1892 - 93, 1966 - 1975, (Clubroom) 29-12-1915 to 14-6-1922, 21-9-1920 to 13-1-1926 (Committee)

### **F.P.C.C. TIME TRIAL BOOKS**

1922 to 1924, 1955 to 1963, 1964 to 1969, 1970 to 1975, 1976 to 1983, 1984 to 1989, 1990 to 1994,

### **F.P.C.C. HISTORY**

21st ANNIVESARY SOUVENIR 1883 to 1904, JUBILEE SOUVENIR 1883 to 1933  
DIAMOND JUBILEE SOUVENIR 1883 to 1943, 90th YEAR HISTORY 1883 to 1973  
100 YEAR HISTORY 1883 to 1983, 1984 to JAN. 2000 (UPDATE) AT LEAST TWO OF EACH.  
\*ONE COPY OF THE DIAMOND JUBILEE SIGNED BY MEMBERS FOR FRANK STAPLEY IN ITALY  
COMPLETE HISTORY WITH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ARCHIVES ON CD

### **OTHER HISTORIES ETC.**

R.R.A. 100 YEARS 1888 to 1988, LAST 25 YEARS HISTORY 1988 to 2013  
PEDAL CLUB 21 YEARS, PEDAL CLUB GOLDEN BOOK.  
MANCHESTER WHS. 1883 to 1983, R.T.T.C. ALPACA TO SKINSUIT 50 YEARS OF T.T.s  
ALONG THE GREAT NORTH AND OTHER ROADS, NORTH ROAD C.C. 1885 to 1980.  
EILEEN SHERIDAN BOOK, END TO END HISTORY, 24 HOUR HISTORY (BOTH BY JOHN TAYLOR)

### **PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS ETC**

1887, 1925, 1940 to 1955, 1967 to 1982, 1983, 1984 to 1987, 1988 to 1992.  
5 A4 SIZE RINGBINDERS CONTAINING OLD PHOTOS, DINNER TICKETS, CONCERT TICKETS ETC.  
5 A5 SIZE RINGBINDERS CONTAINING DINNER MENUS.

### **VARIOUS CYCLING CLUB DINNER TICKETS**

BELLE VUE CC	1976
CENTURY RC	1944,1976,2012
NORTH ROAD CC	1974,1983,1985
PEDAL CLUB	1962,1991
PICKWICK BC	1977,1978
RRA	1951,54, 72, 80,84, 88,94, 2000,03,06,09
RTTC	1993
SOUTHGATE CC	1965,1977, 1982
WESSEX RC	1968
WOMEN'S RRA	1956

## F.P.C.C. ODDS & ENDS

FPCC RULES (UNIFORM)	1885
B & W PHOTO OF 2 <sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL EVENING RACE POSTER	22-7-1886
POSTER 2 <sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL FPCC EVENING RACE	22-7-1886
FPCC ENGLAND vs USA 3 <sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL RACE MEETING (6x progs,ticket,flyer)	21- 5-1887
FPCC HILLCLIMB PALACE HILL	17- 9-1887
WEST ROADS CC OPEN 25 ROAD H'CAP	30- 9-1887
EXTRACT FROM REFEREE	1-10-1887
RESUME' OF FPCC EVENTS	1887
FPCC SMOKING CONCERT & PHOTO SOCIAL	30-11-1887
DUNSTABLE ROADS CYCLING LEAGUE & LUTON AC PROGRAMME	6- 8-1888
DUNSTABLE ROADS CYCLING LEAGUE RULES	1890
FPCC GAZETTE JULY & AUGUST	1890
FRONT PAGE CYCLING	24- 1-1891
FPCC GAZETTE MARCH	1891
PERCY SPENCER BALOON FLIGHT	1892
H.JOHNSON HISTORY OF SOUTHGATE CC (CYCLING YEAR BOOK)	1892
CINDERELLA DANCE TICKET & FLYER REGINA COLLEGE	24-3-1892
CINDERELLA DANCE TICKET & PROG REGINA COLLEGE	19-1-1893
ANNUAL SMOKING CONCERT COCK TAVERN PROG	17-2-1893
CINDERELLA DANCE TICKET REGINA COLLEGE	28-2-1893
CINDERELLA DANCE REGINA COLLEGE	21-3-1893
SUPPER & SMOKER HORNSEY WOOD TAVERN TICKET	26-4-1894
SMOKER HORNSEY WOOD TAVERN TICKET	26-4-1894
FPCC V FP HARRIERS HORNSEY WOOD TAVERN MENU x 2, PROG x 2	26-4-1894
FPCC LADIES DAY	24-5-1894
PAGE FROM CYCLING ECHOES	10-1894
CINDERELLA DANCE NORTHAMPTON HOUSE TICKET	21-11-1894
ROAD & PATH RULES	1895
2 <sup>nd</sup> CINDERELLA DANCE NOTHAMPTON HOUSE TICKET & PROG	16- 1-1895
12 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DINNER 2x TICKETS	9- 2-1895
DINNER & SMOKING CONCERT HORNSEY WOOD TAVERN	9- 2-1895
CINDERELLA DANCE NORTHAMPTON HOUSE	20-2-1895
SUBS DUE NOTE	1-3-1895
APOLLO, N.MIDDS & FPCC RACE MEET FLYER, TICKET	13-7-1895
ROAD & PATH AGM, LETTER re SUBS for 1898, MEMBERSHIP FORM	1897
ROAD & PATH WHITSUN TOUR	4-6-1897
BOHEMIAN CONCERT HORNSEY WOOD TAVERN TICKET & PROG	12- 1-1898
ENTRY FORM FOR HANDICAP	NO DATE
MEMBERSHIP FORM	NO DATE
LETTER re CINDERELLA DANCE	NO DATE
LETTER re OPENING DANCE	NO DATE
COMMITTEE POSTCARD	1897/1900
OPENING RUN 16 <sup>th</sup> SEASON card	19-3-1898
NORTH LONDON ATHLETIC GROUNDS REPORT & VOTING FORM	31-3-1898
ENTERTAINMENT PROG, LITTLE BERKS	26-10-1898
2 <sup>nd</sup> MUSICAL SOCIAL HORNSEY WOOD TAVERN	6-12-1898
CINDERELLA DANCE BEALES FLYER	20- 1-1899
CINDERELLA DANCE BEALES FLYER, SINGLE TICKET	28- 1-1899
CINDERELLA DANCE BEALES FLYER, SINGLE ,DOUBLE TICKET	18-2-1899
4 <sup>th</sup> MUSICAL & SOCIAL HORNSEY WOOD TAVERN	7-3-1899
OPENING RUN 17 <sup>th</sup> SEASON	19-3-1899
CINDERELLA DANCE BEALES flyer,ticket	2-12-1899
TELEGRAPH TO 'HJ' FROM A.H.BERNAART re 12hr RIDE	18-9-1899 22-9-
PERCY SPENCER BALOON FLIGHT	1899
CINDERELLA DANCE BEALES TICKET	17-2-1900
FPCC LIVING PICTURES PROGRAMME	21-2-1900
FPCC LIVING PICTURES POSTER & B&W PHOTO OF SAME	21-2-1900

FPCC LIVING PICTURES SPECIALNOTICE TO ARTISTES	21-2-1900
CLOSING RUN 18 <sup>th</sup> SEASON	27-10-1900
BOHEMIAN CONCERT & DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT FLYER , PROGRAMME	16-1-1901
AGM NOTE	21-1-1901
LANTERN SOCIAL x 8	13-2-1901
KINGSDALE vs FPCC JOINT RACE MEETING (SOCIAL & RACE PROGRAMME)	13-7-1901
FPCC EVENING CONCERT & LIVING PICTURES FLYER & PROG (10)	29-1-1902
SMOKING CONCERT 'FLYER'	19-2-1902
KINGSDALE & FPCC JOINT RACE MEETING (SOCIAL & RACE PROGRAMME)	23-8-1902
LETTER TO MEMBERS re 20th DINNER	
FPCC RULES	NO DATE
CARD re 21 <sup>st</sup> ANNUAL DINNER	5-12-1903
WINTER LIST 22 <sup>nd</sup> YEAR EVENTS LIST	1904/5
DISPATCH RIDE LONDON-PETERBOROUGH	1904
IMPROMTO CONCERT WOOLPACK HIGH BARNET	23-10-1905
ATTENDANCE RESULT	1905
PRIZE LIST ON FPCC NOTEPAPER	5-11-1905
CLOSING RUN & CONCERT	28-10-1905
'CYCLING'S' BOHEMIAN CONCERT	23-11-1905
CARD re 23 <sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL DINNER	9-12-1905
FPCC POSTCARD A.H.BERNAART	NO DATE
AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN CARD & MENU EASTER	1906
FPCC vs WOOD GREEN CC RESULT	1907
FPCC WHITSUN TOUR & 100 MILE T.T.	6/8-6-1908
FUNERAL SERVICE SIR GEORGE C.T.BARTLEY	17-9-1910
SPECIAL GEN MEETING	19-7-1911
FPCC 'NEWSLETTER'	1911
N.M.H.C.A. RULES	1912
FPCC PRIZE WINNERS	20-11- 1913
NEWSPAPER CUTTING re DEATH PERCY SPENCER	1913
FPC & MOTOR CYCLING CLUB FIXTURE LIST	1915
FPCC 24 hr RIDE CHECKER LIST	22-6-1918
LETTER from C.W.COOKE to MEMBERS re FPCC COUNTRY CLUB HOUSE	25-3-1919
FPC & MOTOR CYCLING CLUB 25 m NOVICES TT ROUTE CARD	12-4-1919
OPENING RUN & EASTER TOUR	1920
WHIST DRIVE	27-2-1920
FPCC JOURNAL APRIL	1920
FPCC 24hr RIDE TO KINGS LYNN & BACK	3-7-1920
LETTER re FPCC DINNER at 'OLD BELL' HOLBORN	9-12-1922
N.M.H.C.A. HALF YEAR A.G.M.	14-7-1924
N.M.H.C.A. DANCE & PRIZE PRESENTATION FAIRFAX HALL	12 -19??
FPCC GRAND DANCE FAIRFAX HALL	9-12-1926
LETTER FROM G.H.HAMPTON	17-9-1927
J.LAUTERWASSER RRA 100 SCHEDULE	9-10-1927 30-10-1927
FARNBOROUGH CC CERTIFICATE OF MERIT 25 mls F.L.STAPLEY	1-6-1930
NCU TEAM PURSUIT ENTRY FORM	1930?
10 CTC MEMBERSHIP CARDS S.H.PONTIN	1931-40
BICYCLE CLUB CARD	1930 ?
GET WELL LIST TO 'HJ' SIGNED BY MEMBERS AT DINNER PAGANIS	13-12-1930
ENVELOPE FPCC JOURNAL	12-4-1931
LETTER FROM G.H.HAMPTON TO E.E.STAPLEY	17-4-1931
PERCY SPENCER BALLOON FLIGHT	10-12-1936
YHA CARD	1937
LETTER FROM 'HJ' TO ERNIE HUSSEY re CATFORD H/C	27-10-1937
RTTC 'MAP' OF DISTRICT COUNCILS	30-11-1937
NCU CARD S.H.PONTIN	1938
SOUTHGATE CC 17 <sup>th</sup> 24 hr ROAD RIDE	25/6-6-1938
NMHCA RECORD ANNUAL DINNER	??-12-1939
NMHCA HISTORY	NO DATE
RTTC DISTRICT COUNCIL LETTER G.H.HAMPTON CHAIRMAN	1939
RTTC HANDBOOK	1940
'CYCLING' JUBLIEE	1941

NMHCA AGM	16-2-1941
LETTER FROM 'HJ' TO ENIE HUSSEY	21-11-1941
FPCC NOTEPAPER SIGNED BY MEMBERS AT CLUB DINNER	6-12-1941
CUTTING RE SOUTHGATE CC JUBILEE FROM 'BICYCLE'	4-2-1942
HISTORY OF SOUTHGATE NONDESCRIPT BC	9-4-1942
LETTER re DEATH OF F.J.KEEN	27-8-1942
A.C.CRANE GOLDEN WEDDING	9-10-1942
LETTER FROM 'HJ' TO S.H. PONTIN	9-8-1943
FELLOWSHIP OLD TIME CYCLIST APPLICATION FORM	1944/45
NCU CARD MISS IVY HOLLY	1944
'HISTORY' OF C.W.COOKE by 'HAROLD JOHNSON'	4-12-1945
BABY SHOES GIVEN TO B.R.EDRUPT BY E. ALLEN	1946
LIST OF EARLY VP's FROM 'HJ'	28-1-1947
FUNERAL A.C.CRANE	
LETTER FROM HAROLD JOHNSON TO G.H.HAMPTON	6-3-1947
LETTER FROM HAROLD JOHNSON TO S.H.PONTIN re MEMBERSHIP	1897-1910 28-11-
RTTC/NRCC 1 <sup>st</sup> 24 hr CHAMPIONSHIP	21/22-8-1948
FPCC JUNIOR 30 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT	18-7-1949
2 LETTERS FROM 'HJ' TO SHP	19/27-11-1949
'CYCLING'DIAMOND JUBILEE	17-1-1951
NMHCA RULES	1952
POSTER 100K MASSED START CHAMPIONSHIP FINS.PARK x 3	1952
RRA OFFICIAL OBSERVER CARD S.H.PONTIN	1948 1953
NCU AGM	21-3-1953
FPCC 100K MASSED START in FINSBURY PARK 70th ANNIVERSARY x 5	12-9-1953
FPCC 70 <sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSERY CAVALCADE OF CYCLING	1953
FPCC POSTER MASSED START 70 <sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSERY (FINSBURY PARRK	1953
FPCC 'PRIORY' CARD N.D.WHITE	1954
9 LETTERS FROM E. ALLEN TO S.H.PONTIN	1954-5
NCU CARD S.H.PONTIN	1957
F.L.STAPLEY RETIREMENT SIGNED BY FPCC MEMBERS	12-1961
BCF CARD SH PONTIN	1963,1968
PADDINGTON TRACK LEAGUE FPCC 5 MILE CHAMPS	8-6-1969
POSTER GESTETNER TRACK MEETING PADDINGTON	26-5-1972
LETTER TO IVY EDRUPT re DONATION of QUAICH TROPHY	8-3-1978
RTTC 'GEN' BOOKS	1980, 81, 82
RTTC TRAINING BOOK	
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GREAT BRITAIN	1982
ABSTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF MARLBORO AC&C	1906-1985
'OPPYGRAM' LETTER FROM SIR HUBERT OPPERMAN TO S.H.PONTIN	26-6-1987
E.A. TOOTH CITY OF LONDON MEAT MARKET SUPERINTENTANT	
H.JOHNSON & A.C.CRANE LIFE STORIES	
H.JOHNSON & C.W.COOK SCRAP BOOKS	
EARLY SCRAP BOOK & PHOTOS, DUNLOP BOOK, 'THE HUB'	
WOODGREEN CC & HOSPITAL CARNIVAL PROGRAMME	NO DATE
FNLC COASTER RRA COASTER	
POLY C.C. CENTENARY PLACE MAT	1878-1978
NMHCA 75th PLACE MAT	31-1-1988
NWHCRRA 50 YEARS PLACE MATS	1955-2005
RRA PLACE MATS	1980, 1988, 2003,
RTTC/NRCC CENTENARY 50	1-10-1995
FPCC MATS	1973
A.EDRUPT RTTC HANDBOOK	1997
POSTER RTTC CENTENARY 50 & CYCLING REPORT RTTC CENTENARY 50	1-10-1995
FUNERAL S.H.PONTIN	8-9-1999
OBITUARY J.LAUTERWASSER & PROBATE & WILL	2-2-2003
OBITUARY D.LYFORD	5-11-2004
OBITUARY A.EDRUPT	12-2-2006
OBITUARY S.ROWLEY	2008
OBITUARY M. BOSWELL	25-12-2008

**POSTCARDS ETC.**

FPCC, N.R.C.C, N.L.C.C., EASTERN COUNTIES RRA, POLY CC, CTC, 6 OTHERS,

**THE FOLLOWING ARE ALL SCHEDULES A4 RING BINDER**

N.W.H.C.R.R.A. LONDON to OXFORD & BACK	A.J. LAUTERWASSER	18-9-1955
N.W.H.C.R.R.A. BARNET to BEDFORD & BACK	A.J. LAUTERWASSER	25-9-1955
N.W.H.C.R.R.A. BARNET to BEDFORD & BACK	A.J. LAUTERWASSER	1-6-1958
N.W.H.C.R.R.A. WANTAGE to WINCHESTER & BACK	P.LIGGETT	16-8-1969
N.W.H.C.R.R.A. 12 hr TRIKE	B.R.EDRUPT	29-7-1973
N.W.H.C.R.R.A. '50' R.ROUD		17-11-1973
N.W.H.C.R.R.A. '25' R.ROUD		1-12-1973
N.W.H.C.R.R.A. 12 hr BIKE	M.PEATCHEY	23-7-1989
RRA END TO END	M.COUPPE	JUNE 1982
	J.WOODBURN	JULY 1982

**ROAD RACES & CYCLO CROSS A4 RING BINDER**

N.M.H.C.A. 1951, N.M.H.C.A. 1952 ( BY FPCC)  
 1953,1962,1964,1965,1971,1976,1978,  
 TEKTRONIC PREMIER RR 1987  
 2 WITH NO DATES 14/21 JUNE & 16/23 JUNE NATIONAL VETS CYCLO CROSS 1972  
 EASTWAY CRITS:- 25/9/77,16/7/78, 15/7/79, 13/7/80, 12/7/81,  
 R.R.s 20/8/78,10/6/79,,15/3/80, 8/6/80, 14/3/81, 10/6/81, 10/3/82, 6/6/82, 19/3/83,  
 N/L DIV CHAMPS 11/5/80, GALA W/END 4-5/10/80

**GESTETNER SPONSORED EVENTS A4 RING BINDER**

FINSBURY PARK	20-5-1972,	PADDINGTON TRACK	26-5-1972,
WILD HILL	11-6-1972,	ALL LONDON CHAMPS.	13-8-1972

**CERTIFICATES**

FPCC: F.L.STAPLEY 15, W. JENNINGS 2; A. EDRUPT 3; OAK CC: W. JENNINGS & H. PULLINGER  
SOUTHGATE CC: F.L. STAPLEY 1; W. JENNINGS 1; A. EDRUPT 2; POLYTECHNIC CC F.L.  
 STAPLEY

**UTILITY 100 A4 RING BINDER**

1951,1955,1957,1958,1959,1960,1961,1962,1963,1964,1965,1967,1968,1970.

**F.P.C.C. FIXTURE LIST**

1898, 1899, 1899-1900, 1901-02, 1902-03, 1908-09, 1977, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984,1985, 1987, 1988,  
 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998,

**F.P.C.C. OPEN '25' A4 RING BINDER and CD**

1972,1973,1976r,1977,1979,1980,1983s,1984,1985,1986r,1987,1988,1989,1990,1991,1992,1993,1994  
 1995r,1996r,1997 to 2013

**F.P.C.C. OPEN '50' A4 RING BINDER and CD**

1931,1934r,1935r,1940,1949,1950,to19671969r,1970,1972,1973,1974,1976,1977,1979,1982r,1983,1984,  
 1986r,1987to1995,1996r,1997,1998s,1999 to 2013

**R.T.T.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS A4 RING BINDER**

LADIES 50 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT	15-7-1973
RTTC LADIES 10 CHAMPIONSHIP	17-5-1980
RTTC MENS 25 CHAMPIONSHIP	7-7-1981
RTTC /FPCC MEN & WOMEN 50 CHAMPIONSHIP	START & RESULTS 3-7-1983
RTTC/NRCC 24hr CHAMPIONSHIP START CARD	25/26-8-1984
RTTC/NRCC MEN & WOMEN 50 START CARD	29/30-6-1985

**R.T.T.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS A4 RING BINDER**

LADIES 50 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT	15-7-1973
RTTC LADIES 10 CHAMPIONSHIP	17-5-1980
RTTC MENS 25 CHAMPIONSHIP	7-7-1981
RTTC /FPCC MEN & WOMEN 50 CHAMPIONSHIP	START & RESULTS 3-7-1983
RTTC/NRCC 24hr CHAMPIONSHIP START CARD	25/26-8-1984
RTTC/NRCC MEN & WOMEN 50 START CARD	29/30-6-1985

## OTHER HANDBOOKS A4 RING BINDER

NORTH LONDON AUTOMOBILE CLUB	1906
B.L.R.C. RULES & EVENTS	1952
N.C.U. 1935,1938 ROUTE BOOK No 4	1948, 1951
F.N.L.C.	1953/4, 1956,1958,1961,1964,1966, 2000, 2004, 2008
R.R.A.	1949,1952,1958,1961,1965,1971,1977,1982,1985,1990,1994/5, 1997/8, 2000,
2003/4/5/6/7/9	
W.R.R.A.	1954/5, 1980, 1984
N.W.H.C.R.R.A.	1957, 1964, 1971, 1975, 1979, 1988, 1991, 1998, 2004, 2008
N.M.H.C.A.	1919, 1923, 1924, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932 1933, 1934,1936, 1938, 1939,
1940, 1942,	1943, 1944.
TRICYCLE ASSOCIATION	1973
E.C.C.A. & E.C.R.R.A	1955
E.S.C.A.	1970
MIDLAND R.R.A.	1953,1955
NORTHERN R.R.A.	1960,1984
SOURTHERN R.R.A.	1952,1955,1978
WELSH R.R.A.	1958
WESTERN COUNTIES R.R.A.	1954
OXFORD CITY RC	1955
POLYTECHNIC CC	1936
WESTERLY RC	1965
WESSEX RC	1949
PEDAL CLUB	1965,1967,1969,1972,1975,1978,1984,1990,1993

## OTHER CLUB DINNER MENUS A4 RING BINDER

FPCC/ UNITY CC/ AUDAX CLUB PARIESEN EASTER	1906
ARCHER RC 50 <sup>th</sup> & CHEQUERS RC 25 <sup>th</sup>	1975
AYLESBURY CC	1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957
BELLE VUE CC	1976, 1978, 1979
CAMBDEN WHS	1941
CATFORD CC	1936, 1955
CENTURY RC	1941,1942,1943,1944,1952,1954,1956,1957,1972,1976,1977,1978,1979, 2012.
'CYCLING' CONCERT	1931, 1938, 1949, 1951
DRAGON RC	1979
ECCA 21st	1931
FNLC	1979, 2002
GOSPEL OAK CC	1932
HIGHGATE CC	2000
MARLBORO AC	1960,1976
MYRIAD RC	1957
NORTH LONDON CC	1982
NORTH ROAD CC	1949, 1954, 1956, 1973, 1975, 1983, 1985
N.M.H.C.A.	1939
N.W.H.C.R.R.A.	1965, 1980, 2001
PEDAL CLUB	1962, 1970,1991
PEDAL CLUB LADIES DAY	1978, 1980,1981,1983,1988
PICKWICK BC	1978, 2002
POLYTECHNIC CC	1965, 1969,1976,1977,1978
R.R.A.	1951,1954,1957,1963,1966,1969,1972,1984,1988,1994,2000,2003,2006,2009,2012
R.R.A. WOMENS	1955/6
R.T.T.C.	1949,1951,1973,1974,1975,1976,1977,1992
SOUTHERN COUNTIES CU	1958
SOUTHERN R.R.A.	1956
SOUTHGATE CC	1937,1951,1953,1954,1955,1956,1957,1958,1960,
1961,1962,1963,1964,1965,1967,1968,1971,	
1972, 1973,1974,1977,1980,1982,1983,1984,1986,1993	
STANLEY CC	1909
UNITY CC	1930, 1962, 1987,
UNIVERSITY CC	1930
WEMBLY PHOENIX CC	1979
WESSEX RC	1951,1952,1954,1955,1957,1968

## VARIOUS OPEN EVENTS START & RESULT SHEETS A4 RING BINDER

### HILLCLIMBS

CATFORD C.C.	25-10-1931, 29-10-1933, 28-10-1934, 27-10-1935, 25-10-1936
FARNHAM RC	26-11-1933
N.M.H.C.A.	07-10-1928, 18-10-1931, 15-10-1933, 14-10-1934, 13-10-1935, 11-10-1936, 3-10-1937, 16-10-1939,
NORTH HERTS	21-10-1934

### 25 MILES

CAMBERWELL C.C.	31-05-1931
CENTURY R.C.	17-06-2000
COLCHESTER C.C.	04-09-1931
COLCHESTER ROVERS C.C.	04-09-1932
DRAGON ROADS CLUB	16-4-1939, 27-4-1941
E.C.C.A	15-04-1928, 03-05-1931, 01-05-1932, 10-05-1936, 04-04-1937
LETCHWORTH VELO	04-07-1937
LUTON WHS.	08-05-1938, 07-05-1939, 05-05-1940
NORTHANTS & DISTRICT CA	08-08-1998
N.M.H.C.A.	21-4-1929, 12-4-1931, 3-4-1932, 2-4-1933, 5-5-1935, 3-5-1936, 30-5-1937, 24-04-1938, 02-04-1939, 01-09-1940, 11-05-1941, 22-03-1942, 10-05-1942,
	12-07-1997,
READING C.C.	09-09--1995
SOUTHGATE C.C.	23-09-1928, 20-09-1931, 20-09-1936, 18-09-1938
WESTERN ROADS C.C	13-05-1928

### 50 MILE

BATH ROAD C.C. Jubilee	5-1940
CATFORD C.C.	28-05-1933
EALING C.C.	18-07-1937, 14-07-1940,
E.C.C.A.	19-06-1932, 9-05-1937,
FOREST C.C.	06-09-1931, 11-09-1932, 13-09-1936, 19-09-1937
GOODMAYES WHS.	07-06-1931, 17-06-1934,
HOUNSLOW & DIST WHS	02-10-1938
KINGSDALE C.C.	14-06-1931, 20-06-1937, 19-06-1938, 18-06-1939
MARLBORO C.C.	07-06-1936
NORTH LONDON C.C.	30-04-1933, 29-04-1934, 17-05-1936, 14-05-1939
N.M.H.C.A.	10-05-1931, 07-05-1933, 06-05-1934, 26-05-1935, 24-05-1936, 11-07-1937,
	12-06-1938, 11-06-1939, 02-06-1940, 08-06-1941,
N.T.T.C.	28-07-1996
NORWOOD PARAGON C.C.	28-07-1940
OXFORD CITY R.C.	03-06-1940
SHAFTESBURY C.C.	01-07-1934
VEG. C.& A.C.	25-09-1932, 09-08-1936
WESTERN ROADS C.C.Trike	13-09-1931

### 100 MILES

COMET C.C.	11-07-1937
EALING C.C.	04-08-1940
E.C.C.A.	03-07-1932
HIGHGATE C.C.	28-06-1936, 25-06-1939,
ICKNIELD R.C.	30-07-2000
LEAMINGTON C.C.	05-09-1937
N.M.H.C.A.	26-07-1931, 23-07-1933, 19-07-1936, 24-07-1938, 12-07-1942
NORTH ROAD CC	27-09-1931
OAK C.C. Route Card, tandem	16-07-1933, 12-07-1936
UNIVERSITY C.C	05-06-1933
WESTERLY R.C.	21-08-1938, 18-08-1940

### 200 MILES

E.C.C.A.	15-08-1937
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### 12 HOURS

ANERLEY B.C. Scratch	16-08-1924
CENTURY R.C. Trike	12-09-1931
E.C.C.A.	10-08-1924, 13-08-1933,
ESSEX R.C.C.	12-09-1937

N.M.H.C.A.  
POLYTECHNIC C.C

16-08-1931, 14-08-1932, 27-08-1933, 16-09-1934, 06-09-1936  
15-09-1928, 12-09-1931, 29-08-1936, 19-08-1956 (AJL)

**24 HOURS**  
NORTH ROAD C.C.

10-09-1938

### F.P.C.C. CLUB EVENTS A4 RING BINDER

F.P.C.C. vs SOUTHGATE C.C.	TEAM RACE	27-06-1926
F.P.C.C.	25	08-05-1927
F.P.C.C.	50	26-06-1927
F.P.C.C.	50	04-09-1927
F.P.C.C. vs UNIVERSITY C.C.	100	12-07-1931
F.P.C.C. vs UPPER HOLLOWAY C.C.	25	05-10-1930
F.P.C.C. vs BRUCE CASTLE C.C vs HIGHGATE C.C.	100	
F.P.C.C. vs WHEATSHEAF C.C.	25	30-09-1934
F.P.C.C. vs SOUTHGATE C.C. RESULT	50	04-06-1938
F.P.C.C. RESULT	25	01-10-1950
F.P.C.C. INVITATION (CLUBS BEFORE 1900)	50	31-05-1953
F.P.C.C. vs AYLESBURY C.C.	25	07-06-1953
F.P.C.C. vs AYLESBURY C.C.	50	02-08-1953
F.P.C.C.	25	14-03-1954
F.P.C.C. vs SOUTHGATE C.C. vs AYLESBURY C.C.	50	23-05-1954
F.P.C.C. vs AYLESBURY C.C.	25	30-05-1954
F.P.C.C. vs SOUTHGATE C.C.	100	18-07-1954
F.P.C.C.	30	15-07-1962
F.P.C.C. vs AYLESBURY C.C.	50	12-08-1962

### S.H.PONTIN START & RESULT SHEETS 1930 A4 RING BINDER

GOODMAYES WHS.C.C NOVICES	25	13-03-1930
SOUTHGATE C.C. 2 <sup>nd</sup> CLASS	50	27-04-1930
EALING C.C	25	11-05-1930
F.P.C.C.	50	18-05-1930
E.C.C.A.	50	25-05-1930
KENT C.A.	25	22-06-1930
HIGHGATE C.C.	100	29-06-1930
F.P.C.C.	50	17-08-1930
SOUTHGATE C.C.	25	21-09-1930

### B.R.EDRUPT RESULT SHEETS FOR CLUB TRIKE RECORDS & FASTEST TIMES

E.C.C.A	12 hour	20-08-1972
VEG C. & A.C.	50	17-06-1973
N.T.T.C.	100	10-06-1973
LUTON WHEELERS	12 hour	01-07-1973
N.D.C.A.	100	08-07-1973
NORTH ROAD C.C.	50	14-07-1973
R.T.T.C. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	100	12-08-1973
NORTH ROAD C.C.	24hour	24/25-08-1973
TRICYCLE ASSOCIATION	25	07-10-1973
HERTS WHEELERS	30	04-06-1983
CENTURY ROAD C.C	100	23-09-1983
N.M.H.C.A.	25 (BIKE)	26-09-1971

## HEADED R.T.T.C ENTRY FORMS

### A2 RING BINDER

With start & result sheets or letter.

KINGSDALE C.C.	HARD RIDERS	19-02-1939
WILLESDEN C.C.	25	13-03-1939
N.M.H.C.A. CLUBS a-c	25	16-03-1939
SANDON C.C.	25	19-03-1939
N.M.H.C.A. CLUBS c-l	25	02-04-1939
N.M.H.C.A. CLUBS l-s	25	16-04-1939
LEICESTER FOREST C.C.	25	23-04-1939
N.M.H.C.A. CLUBS s-z	25	30-04-1939
NOMADS (HITCHIN) C.C.	25	05-05-1939
CAMDEN WHEELERS C.C.	25	07-05-1939
EAST MIDLANDS CLARION C.C.	25	07-05-1939
NORTH LONDON C.C.	50	14-05-1939
LUTON WHEELERS C.C.	25	07-05-1939
POLY C.C.	100	19-05-1939
CENTURY ROAD C.C.	50	21-05-1939
N.M.H.C.A.	50	21-05-1939
RUSHDEN CENTURY R. C.C.	25	04-06-1939
N.M.H.C.A. CLUBS a-m	50	11-06-1939
SHAFTESBURY C.C.	50	11-06-1939
TRICYCLE ASSOCIATION	50	11-06-1939
KINGSDALE C.C.	50	18-06-1939
HIGHGATE C.C.	100	25-06-1939
LUTON WHEELERS C.C.	12 hour	02-07-1939
OAK C.C. TANDEM	100	16-07-1939
WELLINGBOROUGH C.C.	25	23-07-1939
NOR O LONDON	25	23-07-1939
NORTH WESTERN R.C.	25	23-07-1939
POLY C.C.	12 hour	07-08-1939
UPPER HOLLOWAY C.C.	30	13-08-1939
BEDS ROAD C.C.	25	17-08-1939
CROUCH HILL C.C.	50	27-08-1939
NORTH ROAD C.C.	24 hour	01/02-08-1939
N.M.H.C.A.	12 hour	03-09-1939
SOUTHGATE C.C.	25	17-09-1939
N.M.H.C.A.	HILL CLIMB	15-10-1939
LUTON WHEELERS C.C.	HILL CLIMB	26-10-1939
F.P.C.C.	50	19-09-1943
F.P.C.C.	50	11-05-1952
F.P.C.C.	50	08-05-1955
F.P.C.C.	50	12-05-1957
MYRIAD C.C.	25	04-05-1958
NORWICH AMATEUR B.C.	25	11-10-1959
F.P.C.C.	50	08-05-1960
NOMADS (HITCHIN) C.C.	25	17-04-1962
AYLESBURY C.C.	25	27-08-1962
FINCHLEY C.C.	25	15-04-1962
SANS SOUCI C.C.	25	25-05-1963
F.P.C.C.	50	12-05-1963
F.P.C.C.	50	10-05-1964
POLY C.C.	12 hour	20-09-1964
F.P.C.C.	50	09-05-1965
F.P.C.C.	25	28-08-1971
F.P.C.C.	50	07-05-1972
POLY C.C.	25	08-06-1974
F.P.C.C.	50	19-06-1976

**HEADED CLUB NOTEPAPER & HEADED LETTERS  
A4 RING BINDER**

ADDISCOMBE C.C.	KINGSDALE C.C.
ALLONDON R.C.	KETTERING FRIENDLY C.C.
ARMY C.C.	LUTON WHEELERS
ASSOCIATED BRITISH PATHE	MACLEANS LWEIGHTS
AYLESBURY C.C.	MARSH R.C.
BEDFORDSHIRE R.C.C.	MAYFLOWER CATERING
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CAMDEN WHEELERS	NORTH LONDON C.C.
CAMBERWELL WHEELERS	NORTH ROAD C.C.
CATFORD C.C.	N.W.H.C.R.R.A.
CENTURY R.C.	OAK C.C.
CHARLOTVILLE C.C.	OXFORD CITY R.C.
CHELTENHAM & COUNTY C.C.	PEDAL CLUB
CHILTERN R.C.	PETERBORO C.C.
CLAUD BUTLER	POLYTECHNIC C.C.
CLYDE C.C.	PRIORY WHEELERS
C.T.C.	RALEIGH INDUSTRIES
CYCLING	R. R. A.
CYCLIST	R.T.T.C.
DUKINFIELD C.C.	St.NEOTS & DISTRICT C.C.
EAGLE R.C.	SHAFTESBURY C.C.
D.E.S.KIRBY	SANS SOUCI C.C.
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FELLOWSHIP WEST LONDON CYCLISTS	UNIVERSITY C.C.
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