

Talking to Dereck, our retired treasurer, he mentioned that he was sorry to have to give the job up because he will no longer be on the committee and, consequently, will not know what is going on in the club! This gave me seriously to think. Whilst the committee is responsible only to the General Meetings there is no reason why it should be superior, secretive or snooty; also, it would appear that this news-letter is not doing its job.

I propose, therefore, in future, to give a brief report of what has happened at each committee meeting, I will, of course, leave out the bits about "the minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed," and "the chairman then rose (with or without difficulty) and observed etc., etc."

The last committee meeting was held on Thursday, 8th May, at Wal Massey's. We meet at different member's houses, more or less in turn, in the hope of getting a free feed.

We accepted applications for membership from 8 new members.

We arranged the programme, and approved the action of those committee members who had been up seen, then arranged for us to use, the new clubroom.

We accepted D. Anyon's resignation from Treasurer and elected A. Ashworth to the post. For Alan's convenience we decided to transfer the club's banking account to Lloyd's Bank in King Street. We discussed a letter received from the R.A.C. in which they say they will sponsor a National Youth Training Scheme, to be run locally by clubs, and we decided to support the scheme and write for more details. The June 8th Trial was discussed and final details arranged. Several members promised to go out and look for a suitable grass track and it was left to the next committee meeting for us to decide whether we should again postpone our July meeting, or whether we should run a scramble at Rushton or Combs. The next committee meeting was fixed for 12th June at 8 Titterington Avenue.

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A STAR IN THE MAKING.

Uncle Tom (The Shack) took his Vintage Velocette and Len Harris to the Wirral 100 M.C. Sand Races at Wallasey on Saturday, May 31st, and after a little private handicapping with the Jowett on the way down they arrived in time for the unlimited Handicap Event. Len, with the aid of the Velocette then proceeded 'o show all and sundry how to take full advantage of such concessions, showing such old timers as Bob Berry and Billington, astride their record breakers, the way home.

Result—A Silver Cup for Tom and Len, of such dimensions the remainder of their dope had to be used on the Jowett to get it home.
L.S.

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EDITORIAL.

Well, here I am again (some may ask why) sat at the old editorial desk surrounded by a miscellaneous collection of sporting notes, comments, and rude remarks on smutty bits of paper, many of them finger-printed with Castrol R and others just smutty. It seems that my pleading for some literary efforts for our News Letter has somewhat rebounded upon my own head. I will quote from one scribe.

"Our Editor so sublime
Would write the News Letter
all in rhyme,
Though his efforts are 'Star(r)'
'Twould be better by far
If he got the darned thing out
in time."

(Signed) TADPOLE.

Tadpole! Now between ourselves anyone who could sink to such depths as to describe himself as "Tadpole" would stop at nothing, and I now open all the presents sent to me by post from admiring Club members with the greatest caution in case Tadpole decides to pay me a visit after he's grown up.

June is one of the most exciting months for the majority of motor cyclists; events galore taking place, in fact one gets spoilt for choice and to decide where one is to go for the week-ends must take no amount of cogitation. The T.T. of course will be the predominating topic of conversation, even for those who are unfortunate enough not to be able to witness the most breath-

taking of all spectacles. In the Clubmans' T.T. we have one member riding, John Simister, and I feel sure that all the members of the Manchester 17 will join me in wishing him the very best of luck. I have heard it whispered that his standard 350 Inter-Norton is much faster than a (standard) Manx Norton.

Our new clubroom certainly seems to be a very satisfactory choice, adequate parking facilities, a dance floor if required, and music (while you work) for those who attend the club for the purpose of tuning their motor cycles. A nice cup of tea for 2d. with sugar, and served by a bevy of pretty wenchens—sorry, wenchens.

And so, until the next time,
Cheerio,
LEO STARR, Editor.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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PROGRAMME.

June 1st.—Group Hill Climb at Pott Shrigley.

June 8th.—Fisher Memorial Trial, (open to Centre) and Challenge Trial with the Derby Pathfinders M.C.C. and Sheffield and Hallamshire M.C., starting from Brierlow Bar Garage on the Buxton-Ashbourne Road at 1 p.m. Observers please report at the start at 12 noon.

June 15th.—Run to Trough of Bowland. Meet at the Salford end of the East Lanes. Road, 10-15 a.m.

★ **June 22nd.**—Field Day, at Heathcoles Farm, near Monk's Heath. Meet there 11-30 a.m. (See footnote).

June 29th.—Run to Church Stretton. Meet at the Princess Hotel at 10-15 a.m.

July 6th.—Run to Blackpool. Meet at the Salford end of the East Lanes. Road 10-15 a.m.

Clubnight every Tuesday at the Wellington House Club, Wellington Road North, Heaton Moor.

SPORTING EVENTS.

(A reminder for those of you who have lost your Centre Handbook.)

June 1st.—Group Hill Climb M/c. Eagle M.C.

June 1st.—Grass Track South Liverpool M.C.

June 7th.—Grass Track Warrington M.C.

June 8th.—Trial M/c. "17" M.C.C.

June 14th.—Grass Track Winsford M.C.

June 15th.—Grass Track Stockport M.C.R.C.

June 15th.—Trial South Liverpool M.C.

June 21st.—Grass Track Wrexham M.C.

June 22nd.—Scramble Wirral 100 M.C.

June 22nd.—Trial Nantwich M.C.

June 25th.—Grass Track Stretford M.C.

June 29th.—Grass Track Cheshire Centre.

June 29th.—Pillion Trial Metro-Vickers M.C.

July 6th.—Group Grass Track South Liverpool M.C.

CENTRE HANDBOOKS.

Will any member who has not yet received his or her Centre Handbook and/or Membership Card please inform the new Treasurer? He is now dealing with these.

WANTED.—One pair of Leather Breeches, waist 30/32. Urgent. —Hallam. Tel. Deansgate 5339.

Dereck Anyon has resigned from the position of Treasurer. His excuse is that he has not time to attend to the business properly. (Actually we suspect it is his sporting instinct coming out. He has had two new bikes in the last 18 months whilst he has been treasurer, and he thinks it is time someone else had a chance.) Dereck was elected Treasurer when the club was first formed in 1935, and he took the job on again last year. I am sure we all thank him for the work he has put in.

Alan Ashworth has been elected by the committee to the Honorary (if nothing else) position as Treasurer.

NEW MEMBERS.

We extend a hearty and most cordial welcome to the following new members:—

J. Errock Oldham.
J. W. Chatterton Marple.
D. Chatterton Marple.
F. W. Taylor Stockport.
J. Stafford Stockport.
J. L. Cormack Wilmslow.
D. Long Longsight.

A PROFOUND THOUGHT.

The other day we got round to talking, down at the Shanty, about the clubroom and someone said they wondered why all those people who never turn up are members of the club. From that we got on to wondering why we were members ourselves. We all agreed finally that a club consists of a number of members, and that we liked to be in the club in order to associate with the other members. What finally clinched this argument was the observation that the club programme is very poorly supported by members, and if you take the programme away, surely that only leaves the members.

From an organiser's point of view this conclusion is rather depressing. On the other hand, if you know anyone who is regarded as a "character" or who is a bit queer in any way, bring them down to the club; they are sure to feel at home amongst our mob!

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SPORTS NOTES.

The Invitation Trial.—Owing to a misunderstanding a late entry—Whyman—was not included as a rider competing in his first trial. As he lost only three marks he qualifies for the first timer's award, but F. Warrington who was previously named as the winner of this award will still get his medal.

The Centre Team Trial.—This event had a record entry list and the scene at the start made a picture to delight the eyes of anyone interested in the sport. Incidentally the interior of the ancient hotel was worth inspecting and I can vouch for the fact that the beer was up to standard. The weather was not perfect but not wet enough to matter. We had 24 entries, but one non-starter. Three non-finishers reduced our eight teams to five at the final check of which our "F" team, Tom Ellis, "Bill" Parkes, and Wal. Massey finished second to Chester "A" to a lead by Colin Edge. A fall whilst skating the previous Wednesday damaged Wal's wrist, and judging by the results sheet this showed itself towards the end of the trial. Our team lost 10, 16 and 23 marks respectively, and were only four behind Chester "A" team, although at the half-way stage we were in front by one mark. Our "H" team was fourth (A. C. Lacey, K. B. Norris and T. Leach) losing 62 marks whilst our other teams to finish were 11th, 16th and 20th. Ellis Slack is improving his technique and lost only 21 marks.

The course was a very fair one and provided a good variety of sections, each one being covered without loss of marks by some rider, the exception being Hanke-low Mill which, I was informed by good authority, was quite impossible. The schedule speed was kept up fairly easily as there were good roads between sections, although some riders said "Too much main road."

Congratulations to Tom Ellis for the best performance of the day, leading Colin Edge by one mark, and to the Nantwich Club who with the aid of Crewe and South Cheshire laid on a good event that seemed just right for this style of trial, being neither too easy or too rough.

Just one suggestion: Why not start and finish a trial at the same place? It is not really convenient to leave ones car or rucksack or wife at the start, and then, after the finish of a trial, go some distance to collect one's belongings!

North v. South Scramble.—A

rough, rugged course, continual rain, poor visibility and a very cold mist met the Southern team when they arrived near Blackburn to do battle with the North. The northern side was depleted by the absence of those king-pins, Rist, Nicholson and Lacey and in consequence suffered a defeat by 132 points to 123. The feature of the event was the magnificent riding of Ted Ogden, who, despite several laps with only one gear available, held the lead right to the last lap when a complete seizure in the cog box let H. Stocken in to win. Although Ted finished second there were too many Southerners in the next few places for the North to win. Three club members were in the Northern side but all suffered with bad luck, Roy Hallam was troubled by lack of co-operation between his back wheel and a nice new comp. tyre and was not able to complete one lap. Cyril Cooper was the victim of the most spectacular spill I have seen for some time, but later pluckily remounted and finished to gain several sorely needed points. J. K. Hirst came round very regularly on a Matchless, but seemed to go absent towards the end of the event. At the finish it was not easy to follow the order in which the riders completed the course and spectators were baffled by the fact that most of the riders were not using the numbers allotted to them in the programme. Incidentally, from the spectators' point of view, is twenty laps of a mile and quarter as interesting as a series of shorter races in which we can keep track of each rider's position on the course?

The Scottish Six Day's Trial had five club members entered and we must congratulate Bert Lacey on winning the Chamberlain Cup and Tom Ellis for a special first class award. The other three riders gained a second class and two third class awards, all of them finishing in their first Scottish.

On **June 21st** the Chester Club is running a speed event. I understand that this will be a timed quarter mile on a private road, possibly two riders together. This is something new (at least in recent years) this area and will provide an opportunity to see what the motor will do against the clock instead of basing arguments on speedo readings which may or may not be correct. June 21st is a Saturday.

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