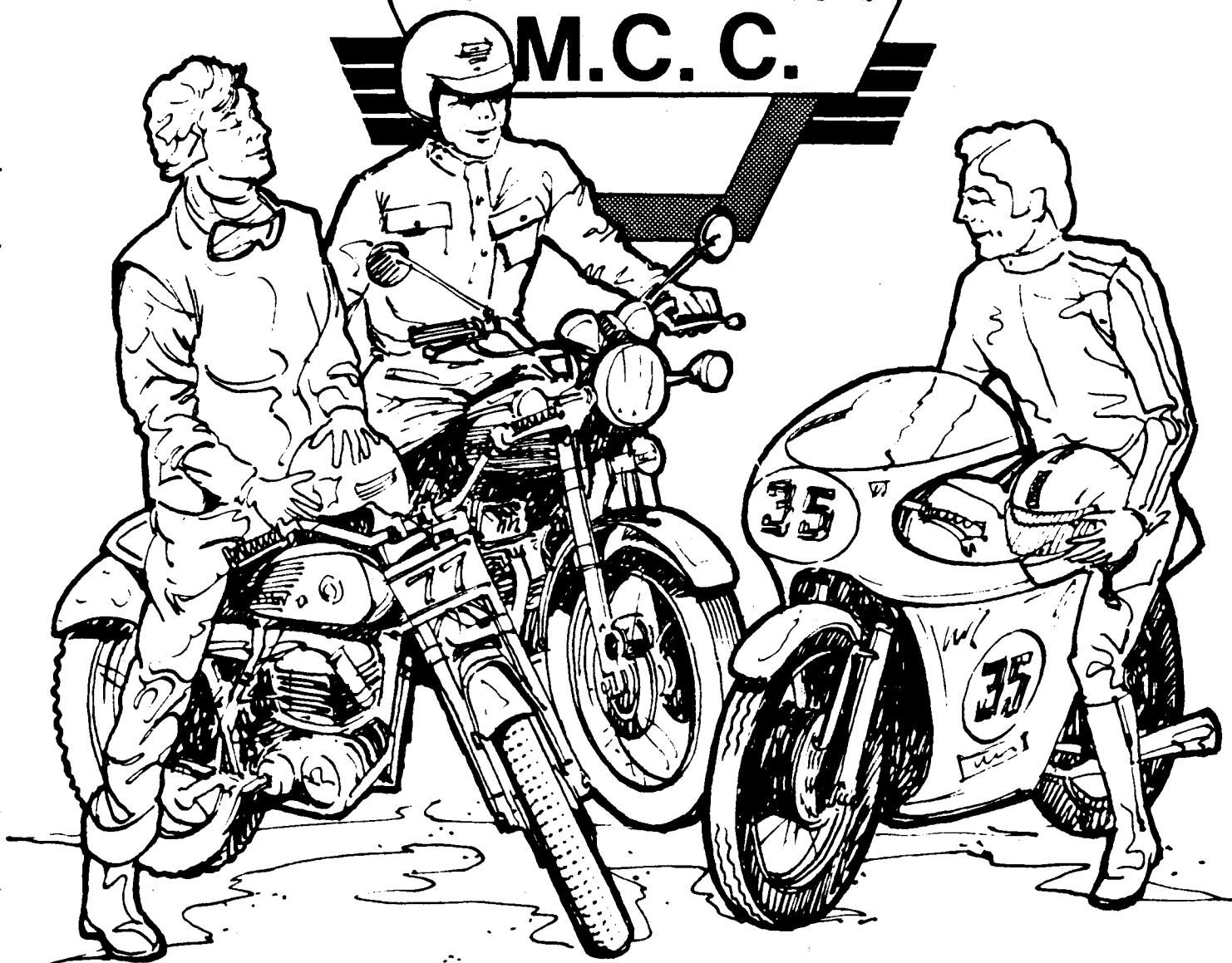


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CLUB ROOM & NIGHT - See cover.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

Feb. 2. Film Show in Clubroom. 8-45 pm.

Feb. 5. Annual Buffet Dance. The Belgrade Hotel, Dialstone Lane,
8-00pm till 1-00 am. Tickets £4.00 from
Graham Watson or Roger Richards. Last
date for booking 3/2/82.

Feb. 9. Dartboard Quiz. in the Clubroom. 8-45pm.

Feb. 16. Film Show in Clubroom. 8-45pm. (One for the Enduro Boys)

Feb. 18. Quiz night at the Alvanley Village Hall, End of M56. Helsby.
Marshalls versus Riders on topics including questions on M/cs
Racing, and General Knowledge. Anyone interested should contact
Roger Richards or Ian Bottomley.

DIARY OF EVENTS Cont...

- Feb. 21. John Hartle Memorial Trophy Trial. Harrat Grange,
Peak Forest. Starts 11 am.
- Feb. 28. Visit the Chatterley Whitfield Colliery Museum. See detail
information on page 14.
- Mar. 2. Film Show in Clubroom. 8-45pm.
- Mar. 14. Run to the Mouldsworth Motor Museum near Chester. details
next month.
- Mar. 3. Committee Meeting. 8-30pm. Robin Hood.

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EDITORIAL.

I try to leave the final date for accepting material for the Newsletter as late as possible bearing in mind that it takes me a complete weekend to print, sort and staple enough copies to satisfy the demand on Tuesday night. It follows therefore that if the material comes in progressively through the month I can type the stencils in the same way. At the beginning of January I had the prospect of a report on a committee meeting and an account of the Youth Trials Section Awards Night and the results of the Crossword Quiz to publish. In the last few days, an avalanche of reports, stories, and letters have poured into my office. I might take up journalism later on, and having been trying to read the very badly printed copy of the Stockport Express/Advertiser this morning I'm sure I could improve their quality control. The recent spell of bad weather has played havoc with all our fixtures, but you will see from the diary of events that the visit to the Colliery is now scheduled for February 28th. This trip is only 29 miles and I think that it is ideal for those members of the Trials Fraternity who have'nt got a road bike but who would like to take the family to the museum by car. I also intend to ask the BMW Club if they are interested in meeting us at the colliery this is bound to guarantee us enough members to qualify for the 10% discount. I propose that the bikes from the 17 could go in convoy while the car owners like the BMW club make their own way there. I have described in some detail the arrangements and it will be up to individuals to decide what to do after their shift has finished. The same can apply to the trip that Geoff Winstanley has arranged to Mouldsworth Motor Museum, in each case the purpose of the visit is the museum and something to eat so time and distance are not important.

Our circulation figures for the January issue were 350 copies of which 269 were posted to members who had paid their 1981 subscriptions, this was of course the last Newsletter they will receive unless they have renewed their membership before the 29th. January.

COMMITTEE MEETING 20th. JAN. 1982.

Members attending were as follows:- Ron Weale, President; Vernon Leigh, Chairman; Barbara Charnock, Secretary; Ken Roberts, Treasurer; Roger Richards, Membership Sec; Graham Watson, Social Sec; Geoff Winstanley, Club Captain; Dennis Tayler, Rights of Way Officer; Jim Capper, Trials Sec; Ken Howard, RAC/ACU Training Sec; Anne Wood, and Keith Haining, Editor.

Having opened the meeting which quickly dealt with Matters arising from the previous meeting's minutes the Chairman proposed that as he anticipated a rather lengthy discussion to take place on the Treasurers report that the agenda be rearranged to take shorter reports first. This was agreed and Denis Taylor opened with a request for a donation from the club to the TRF and in particular the Byeways and Bridleways Group who were making a valuable contribution to the preservation of these rights of way. The Chairman, Vernon Leigh supported this request stating that whilst appreciating the fact that we already made contributions to the BMF and the TRF, small groups such as the B & B incurred expenses whilst acting on our behalf and would appreciate a donation. How much is always a difficult decision to make, Dennis suggested £50 but on the advice of the Chairman it was decided to send £25. The committee agreed.

The Membership Secretary, Roger Richards reported that 115 members had renewed or joined the club so far.

The Newsletter Editor reported that he had not received a reply or acknowledgement to the letter sent to the Chairman of the Greater Manchester Road Safety Committee regarding the proposed Trail Parks. The meeting felt that this was typical.

The Editor requested that all dates for the 'Diary of Events' be handed to him in writing so that they can be published in a two monthly period overlapping each issue. There have been no renewal instructions for the Mutual Aid Section !!

Only two members of the club attempted the Crossword Puzzle both were correct and £1 has been sent to both competitors. Some committee members thought it too hard, thank goodness it was lifted straight out of the 1969 Newsletter.

The report was accepted, but Roger Richards said that it had been brought to his notice that there was no mention of Road Racing events and in particular the exploits of Dave Ashton who raced successfully at Darley Moor, who was a club member, but never got a mention in the Newsletter. The Editor reaffirmed the policy of publishing any reports that are handed to him. Nicholas Haining volunteered to report on the 1982 Darley Moor Series for the Newsletter.

The Club Captain, Geoff Winstanley was asked about the possibility of running the Peak Road Trial again by Graham Watson, and Geoff replied that whilst he was only too keen to hold this event again the problem was the slow progress experienced by someone organising it for the first time inevitably meant that it would be 1983 before arrangements could be satisfactorily completed.

Ken Howard reported on the Training Schemes that would commence on the 24th. February and the 28th. April. Each course would last 6 weeks.

In his last report on the Youth Trials Section, Jim Capper, the Trials Secretary told the meeting that the Youth Awards evening had been a tremendous success with over 120 present. On the Senior side the last two trials have had to be cancelled due to the snow, these were the Northern Experts and the John Hartle. The latter has been rescheduled for the 21st. February.

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COMMITTEE MEETING Cont...

The Treasurer, Ken Roberts was again at great pains to point out the impossible position that he found himself in, trying to keep a set of accounts that related to the club bank account that he controlled, while other members of the club held details of separate bank accounts also opened in the name of the Manchester 17. He reminded members that at the AGM the Treasurer Ron Weale had stated that the figures given of our financial position did not include monies being held in separate accounts even though they were in the name of the Manchester 17.

Ken said that the decision made at the January committee meeting that instructed all monies held in these accounts to be transferred to the general account leaving a nominal sum of £10 in them, had done nothing to eliminate the the overriding problem which was that he had no control over them. It would therefore be impossible to produce a complete set of accounts at the next AGM.

The Treasurer said that he appreciated the need for funds to be available for members organising events that required quite a large outlay before entry fees etc. started to come in, and to cover this requirement he would make a float available to the organiser. This could then be placed in an account in the name of the organiser, but not the Manchester 17. The Manchester 17 account would then show a payment of say £500 that would be accounted for in the statement of account rendered by the organiser at the end of the event.

The committee appreciated the need to accomodate the Treasurer in what is a very difficult job, and reversed the previous decision replacing it with a proposal to restrict the number of bank accounts to one which would cover the Deposit account and the Current account. The proposition was carried and the Treasurers report accepted.

The position of the club in regard to banking practice has now reverted to the position it originally held. The introduction of the separate accounts was made at a time when the Treasurer of the day Frank Turner found it impossible to attend meetings due to pressure of work. It meant that transactions could be carried out in the absence of the treasurer.

Any other business was concerned with the letter that the committee had asked the Editor and Ken Howard to compose stating the feelings of the club towards the Minister of Transports legislation on training, testing etc. The committee approved of the letter and instructed the Editor to send it to Mr. David Howell the Minister concerned. The letter was as follows:-

Dear Minister,

The members of the Manchester 17 Motor Cycle Club draw your attention to the dissatisfaction they feel at the way in which their democratic rights are being eroded. The continual stream of repressive legislation is turning us into second class citizens compared with other road users. No other road user has to take a two part driving test within a two year period, with the loss of their licence for a year if they fail.

By bringing in these new regulations before adequate arrangements have been made to advise our training scheme instructors of the part they will play in relation to part 1 of the test, you are alienating the very people upon whom your training programme depends. In 1967 one of our members wrote to the Minister of Transport of the day stating that in his opinion the only way to reduce motor accidents was to train the riders on a special course, incorporating all aspects of motorcycling, and finishing with a test that would be greatly improved on the present M.O.T. test. For a long time now the Manchester 17 has been doing just that.

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Letter to Minister.

Please direct your road safety propaganda at all road users, exhorting them to take pride in their driving. Then and only then will we see a reduction in all types of accident.

Yours sincerely,

Vernon Leigh. Chairman.
For Manchester 17 M.C.C.

THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING IS ON MARCH 3rd. AT 8-30 pm.

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BMF. MAGAZINE - MOTORCYCLE RIDER.

Members will recall that in the January Newsletter reference was made to the excellent article on 'Clothing'. We also referred to the Individual Membership of the BMF that an increasing number of riders are taking out. This means that they get the 'Motorcycle Rider' direct and makes it more difficult to sell the forty copies received by the club. If any member who gets his newsletter by post would like to receive the BMF bi-monthly magazine we will send in the post upon receipt of 40p.

Ed.

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READERS LETTERS.

The following letter was received by the Trials Secretary, Jim Capper.

Little Humby,
Grantham,
Lincs.

Dear Jim,

19.1.82.

Super thanks for a most enjoyable evening on Saturday night when you and your willing band of helpers staged the prize presentation which was a fitting end to our own personal involvement in the Renthal series and come hell or high water, we had intended to attend, as it happened we only had to contend with a bit of fog on the 120 mile trip, came back Chesterfield way and clocked 92 miles and were home by 12-45am and well satisfied.

Henry Rosenthal asked if I thought that their sponsorship of the event (the Renthal Series) was worthwhile apart from anything else, as a commercial venture, and my reply was that one had only to consider the effort made by so many people to attend, almost 100% turnout, to evaluate the situation and the esteem in which the Manchester 17 Club, Jim Capper and his worthy band of helpers, were held, and there you had the answer to the sponsorship of the series, which made the Renthal one of the best we have attended, and some championships take some living up too.

Good quality awards were another very noticeable feature of the evening and is a point uppermost in my mind, because in many instances the only people who are likely to benefit are the trophy manufacturers and I would like to see more award evenings, where quality rather than quantity is the order of the day.

Readers Letter concluded.

Once again thank you all, thank you Renthall for sponsoring the event so generously and for the prizes that you kindly donated.

Sincerely,

Maurice Arden and Family.

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YOUTH TRIALS SECTION 1981 AWARDS PRESENTATION. JAN.16. 1982.
(Report by Jim Capper.)

Having been blessed with good weather throughout the year for every Trial they held, Manchester 17 M.C.C.'s Youth Sections luck held, and a sudden thaw enabled 120 riders and parents to attend the Club Awards Presentation Night in the Civic Hall, Hazel Grove on Saturday. Only five lads were unable to attend, and a total of 87 awards were made on the night.

Pride of place concluding a very successful and popular series went to the Renthall Series 1981 sponsored by Renthall Ltd.; who not only provided a glittering array of superb trophies, but also sets of bars, grips, badges, stickers etc. The presentations were made by Sonia Rosenthal the wife of 'Henry Handlebars' himself. At the end of this mammoth task Sonia was presented with a Bouquet by Nicola Capper.

Among those riders collecting their awards were the overall champions in the Renthall Series. A Class. Gary Burdett, and B Class. Martin Arden. and Manchester 17 Club Champions, A Class. Dale Swain, B Class. John Wright, C Class. Peter Wright, D Class. Simon Povey.

Jim Capper made special awards to Keith Haining, John Cantrell and Ron Hulme for their invaluable help throughout the year. Jim in turn was presented with an engraved silver salver by the Club President Ron Weale in appreciation of the magnificent job he had done. (The Editor wrote the last five words.)

Grateful thanks were given to both Wendy Capper and Elaine Haining for the first class buffet they provided throughout the evening, and this was also expressed with the presentation of a bouquet to them by Nichola Capper and Lorraine Drenen.

A licenced bar and disco accompanied the evening and the Editor took some photographs, upstaging John Shirt whose 'flash' failed at the crucial moment as young John was posing with his cup.

TRIALS REPORT. by Jim Capper.
CHESHIRE CENTRE YOUTH TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND 1982.

A sudden snowstorm on Friday night very nearly caused the postponement of the Cheshire Centre Youth Championship First Round held by the club at Mycocks Rocks on Sunday 24th. January. After several weeks of the most severe weather in the Buxton area causing the cancellation of several trials, the snow thawed enough to enable 56 of the best Youth riders in the Cheshire and surrounding Centres to tackle the tricky mud and limestone of the Derbyshire hills.

Despite the conditions local lad Paul Turner turned in an incredible ride to only drop 14 marks, cleaning five of the ten sections over five laps. Runner up Ossa mounted Dale Swain being some 9 marks adrift of Paul.

B. Class riding the same sections but only four laps, produced the most convincing margin of the event with Rochdales Jeremy Cragg producing a 51 mark advantage over second man Bruce Hamer.

Strong contender for the C Class Centre Championship this year Whitehawk rider Peter Wright started the series well with maximum points, with up and coming John Shirt as runner up. The C Class lads riding modified sections over four laps.

Our thanks again go to the observers who braved the bitter wind to make the event possible.

RESULTS.

<u>A Class.</u>	Premier.	Paul Turner.	14	(JES Majesty 250.)
	First Class.	Dale Swain.	23	(Holden Ossa 250.)
		Gary Burdett.	26	(Greenwood Ossa 250.)
		Carl Machin.	27	(Yamaha 175)
		Simon Holland.	48	(Majesty 250.)
	Second Class.	Andrew Cantrell.	54	(Majesty 250.)
		Robert Atkinson.	56	(Fantic 200)
		Tim Capper.	62	(T & C Montesa 200.)
		Stephen Duffy.	63	(Robinson Montesa 248.)
<u>B Class.</u>	Premier.	Jeremy Cragg.	22	(PEMS Fantic 200.)
	First Class.	Bruce Hamer.	73.	(BMC Fantic 200.)
	Second Class.	Paul Edmundson.	90	(Whitehawk 80.)
<u>C Class.</u>	Premier.	Peter Wright.	29	(Dugdale Whitehawk 80.)
	First Class.	John Shirt.	38	(Majesty 100.)
	Second Class.	Nigel Earnshaw.	62	(Yamaha 80.)

CHESHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS. (SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION.)

<u>A Class.</u>			<u>B Class.</u>		
Paul Turner.	14	Points.	B. Hamer.	12	Points.
C. Machin.	12	"	D. Lloyd.	10	"
A. Cantrell.	10	"	R. Vaughan.	8	"
R. Atkinson.	8	"			
T. Capper.	7	"	<u>C. Class.</u>		
I Jones.	6	"	P. Wright.	10	Points.
C. Heath.	5	"	J. Shirt.	8	"
L. Darlington	4	"	N. Dilworth.	7	"
P. Atkinson.	3	"	M. Barber.	6	"
A. Povey.	2	"	S. Povey.	5	"
K. Hipwell.	1	"			

TRIALS SECTION NEWS. by Jim Capper.

Having completed two months as Secretary I have a 100% record of trials being cancelled or postponed. The John Hartle Memorial Trial has been rescheduled for the 21st. February with the same secretary Rick Stewart and same venue Harrat Grange.

The following are the trials dates and venues etc. for 1982.

21.2.82.	(R).	John Hartle Memorial Trophy.	Harrat Grange, Peak Forest.	Rick Stewart. 261, Coppice Rd. Stockport.,
25.4.82.	(R).	John Simister.	High Edge, Buxton.	Mrs. S. Rosenthal 11, Bollingbrook Rd. Bollington.
13.6.82.	(C).	Duron Round 1. *	Arbor Low.	Colin Mather, 23, Beech Lane, Romily, Stockport.
4.7.82.	(N).	Dave Rowland. British Championship Solo Round.	Peak District.	Ron Weale, Disley Post Office,
25.7.82.	(C).	Duron Round 2. *	Arbor Low.	Jim Capper, 4, Waverley Dr. Cheadle Hulme.
29.8.82.	(C).	Duron Round 3. *	Arbor Low.	John East, 7, Level Lane, Buxton.
5.9.82.	(R).	ENDURO.		Brian Garner, 8, Babbacombe Rd., Offerton, Stockport.
10.10.82.	(R)	Open to Centre.	Booth Farm, High Edge.	Ken Roberts, 17, Mill Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport.
24.10.82.	(R).	Fisher, Centre Championship.	Harrat Grange, Peak Forest.	Mrs. Steve Thomas 3, Mount Dr. Urmston, Manchester.
21.11.82.	(C).	Duron Final. *	Arbor Low.	John Garlick, 14 Oak Bank, New Mills, Stockport.
12.12.82.	(SR).	Northern Experts. Manchester 17 - Guisborough & DMC.		Ron Weale, Disley Post Office, Disley, S/port.

* To include A Class Youth.

TRIALS REGRADING - CHESHIRE CENTRE.

The following trials riders have been regraded please check and take note if you have been regraded. Jim Capper, Trials Secretary.

NOVICE TO INTERMEDIATE.

R. Ashley.	L. Brookes.	J.S.Leech.
J. Britland.	G. Roberts.	M. Glave.
E. Chell.	J. Allinson.	I. Emery.
A. Cooper.	P. Gray.	G. Hatton.
R. Davies.	R. Henson.	D. Couzens.
Q. Eardley.	J.P.Turner.	G. Welsh.
W. Fane.	M. Hughes.	S. Worthington.
M. Fryer.	P.White.	A. Cantrell.
S. Green.	S. Butterworth.	B. Cottrell.
A. Leech.	K. Wright.	N. Proctor.
. Leech.	A. Pierce.	M. Britland.
. Prince.	C.R.King.	D. Lunn.
. Smith.	N. Pope.	T. Bartley.
B. Webb.	G. Beech.	D. Butterworth.
J. Williams.	D. Murray.	S D.Lovall.
R. Hughes.	C. Hobson.	J. Thompson.
J. Howard.	L.G.Davies.	D. Mycock.
A. Harries.	G.E.Darlington.	R. Gregory.
C. Kennerley,	C. Pedley.	C. Machin.
S. Kirkham.	R.M.Hughes.	C. Heath.
D. Stokes.	D. Ritchie.	M. Cook.
F. Withington.	T. Clarke.	D. Wright.
G. Miller.	L. Birchall.	R. Taylor.
S. Jones.	A. Roberts.	S. Thomas.
A. Hipwell.	L. Darlington.	R. Atkinson.
A. Povey.	I. Roberts.	T. Capper.
S. Gibson.	M. Evans.	P. Whalley.
M. Smith.	B. Wright.	B. Gawthorpe.

INTERMEDIATE TO EXPERT.

K. Burgess.	G. Roberts.	J. Hawker.
T. Anderson.	E. Foulkes.	P. Scotney.
G. Carney.	T. Carter.	G. Miller.
P. Davies.	P. Foulkes.	A. Cantrell.
B. Hill.	C. Baker.	R. Hughes.
D. Murphy.	M. Beech.	A. Clarke.
A. Needham.	G. Gowing.	D. Thomas.
P. Flemming.	R. Wilson.	P. Sayer.
R. Kenyon.	D. Vaughn.	G. Hale.
A. Gardner.	C. Nuttall.	J.E.Parton.
S.Rowland.	J. Darlington.	C. Heath.
M. King.	B. Bryne.	A. Leech.
L. Hatton.	R. Maycock.	D. Wright.
R. Hughes.	P. White.	M.P.White.

SOCIAL SCENE.

(By the Anti-Social Secretary.) Graham Watson.

What a week! What a carve-up!

The week started as usual with the boss telling me that I was still on a 3-day week for the Nth week running, so I turn up for work on Monday at 8-00 am and at 9-00 am there was a shop meeting, and then, bingo! I'm on strike.

3 day week-strike-just what the doctor ordered when you've a mortgage, two kids, and a bike to pay for, I must say! In fact I was so hard-up. that in order to pay for Christmas presents, I was forced to put my wife on the street. She left home at 7-00pm dressed in regulation streetwalkers attire, five inch heels, dark stockings with suspenders and garter, wearing a raven coloured wig to cover her alopecia afflicted head.

At 8-00am. the next morning I was sat on the doorstep waiting for her coming home from 'work', as she shimmied up the street towards me I shouted to her, "How much did you make?" She replied "£100.05p", so I queried, "Who gave you the odd 5p?" and she retorted, "Allof them". Still we had a nice Christmas.

Now comes TECHNICAL TIP No.1 - in future write all Christmas and Birthday cards in pencil, that way you can erase the wording you can keep it for future use. By collecting a small library of four or five cards, she'll never twig it.

Now back to the strike business, I shot out of work and straight to the Marple Rock and Roll Office only to see half of Marple in the queue. Finally, after getting to the front and giving my personal data to the girl, she won't give me Form B1, which is, evidently, the difference between eating or going hungry. She informs me that first I must phone Heron House (the main dole office in Stockport) and make an appointment for Thursday, and then go to Wellesley House to sign on. I arrive at Wellesley House at 12-10pm. only to be informed that they had just started dinner, and to go home and then come back at 2-00pm. So go home; come back at 2-00pm, waited half an hour, spoke to girl clerk to whome I explained my circumstances at length. She informed me that I should have signed on at the Job Centre. After all that!! Spherical objects!! I feel my blood pressure rising and then subsiding after consultation with her supervisor, but I still go home without the all-important Form B1.

Next day, go to Heron House for my appointment, no where to park without paying, so put my bike on the pavement. I await my turn to be interviewed and all the time the tannoy--- Mr. Smith, go to booth 3. Miss Richards, go to booth 7. Mrs. Jones, go to booth 12, and then Mr. Watson, go to booth 8. If they had substituted the word 'Trap' for 'Booth', it could have been a bloody horse race.

Halfway through my interview I feel a heavy hand on my shoulder, turn round----- a Policeman? No it isn't, its the Commissionaire of Heron House who informs me that I'm being booked by a Traffic Warden for parking on the pavement. Oh my God, how I wish that my suicide attempt of 15 years ago had been successful! (Now that is a story)

After a long interview and many consultations with her superior, the girl tells me I'm not getting any money. Jeez what a week.

Now for the carve-up. In between going to dole offices I was worried about the late arrival of the films for a show that I was due to give to the club on January 19th. They usually arrive about three days before a film show and I can then have a private viewing at home.

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Social Scene cont...

By Monday the films had'nt arrived so I go to the Marple Sorting Office to see if they are there - not arrived.

During a brief respite from ringing dole offices I rang the film company and asked them if the films had been posted - Yes, posted five days ago. They kindly said that when the films did arrive I could keep them for an extra week. Panic! Film Show day and no films. Ring up all the local sorting offices with no joy, but I must say that all along the Post Office were helpful in the extreme and pointed out that the recent rail strike had delayed a lot of mail, particularly parcels. As a last resort I telephoned the Manchester Sorting Office, an inspector said that it would be a mammoth task trying to find one parcel amongst thousands, but he would do his best, and would I leave my telephone number. He did'nt ring back - so no film show.

Most unfortunate really - The film about a man riding around the coastline of Australia on a motorcycle sounded very good and a lot of people turned up to see it. It took me ten minutes to pluck up enough courage to go into the clubroom and tell them the bad news.

Would you believe it, the films turned up first thing on Wednesday morning. What a carve-up. Anyway by the time you read this edition of the Newsletter, hopefully, they will have been shown. I had a preview of the films, and the Australian film was excellent, I hope you enjoy it.

Please see the Diary of Events for future filmshows etc.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS. by Roger Richards.

This is another reminder that subscriptions for 1982 are due, please pay now using the yellow card available from me if you have mis-laid the one sent to you in the December Newsletter.

The Buffet Dance is nearly here so please get your tickets now. Graham Watson or I will be pleased to sell you tickets until the 3rd. February, when we have to tell the hotel how many people will be attending. Incidentally if anyone wishes to stay overnight at the Belgrade a special rate for Bed and Breakfast of £6.00 per head plus VAT is available. Please contact me and I will arrange it for you.

MARSHALLS for OULTON PARK.

Any members interested in marshalling at Oulton Park should contact either Roger Richards or Ian Bottomley, both their addresses are in the list of officials on page 1. A training filmshow for marshalls is being shown on the 3rd. March in the Village Hall at Alvanley at 8-15pm. Alvanley is at the end of the M56 near Helsby. This filmshow will also be of interest to present marshalls and is very well produced.

SEVERAL SNOWY RUNS, by John Ward.

The current weather had little effect on the trail runs apart from reducing the mileage and increasing the effort, particularly when outfits were involved. Jim Maple with Peter Ogden as ballast, managed to overturn their Triumph outfit on sheet ice whilst negotiating the lane at Seven Springs near New Mills, and then spent the next half mile pushing and being pulled to the summit. Peter's crash helmet actually steamed when he removed it after generating so much heat. On separate occasions it took something like one and a half hours to get outfits from Strines to Brook Bottom. Some of the drifts were four to five feet deep along the half mile lane. In fact a halt was called at the Fox Inn for dinner although we had only started at Marple Bridge some two hours previously.

Our main disappointment was the cancellation, due to snow, of the Exeter Trial on January the 8th and 9th, especially as I had prepared the Honda and Peter Potts his Triumph outfit down to the last nut and bolt, but at least it ensured a good standard of machine reliability for the rest of the winter.

The solo riders that persevered through this period have now become quite accomplished in the art of traversing sheet ice, usually up hill and running with water, with only the occasional horizontal hold. John Hoxworth now has micrometer throttle control and Peter Potts is wondering whether to run the BMW on one pot. In the new machinery stakes is Simon Emmerson who has changed his 185 Honda for a 250 KIX, so just to check its all action styling we went along aptly called 'Dirty' Lane near Hartington. It promptly ran out of grip - Oh the shame. Try Gordon for a refund Simon! Needless to say the lane also halted Peter's BMW now running on standard trials tyres and these seem the best so far.

The snowdrifts still persist in the Derbyshire lanes, even now towards the end of January, but at least most are negotiable as we proved when attacking the fairly hard packed snow of Merridge Top just off the Buxton to Leek road. Speed was essential, and once you lost it the bike invariably sank beyond the hubs, requiring physically lifting out. We certainly don't seem to notice the cold when cubes either large or small are no substitute for willing pushers and pullers.

The Editor has been racking his brains trying to figure out what that last line means.

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The following members (1981) have ordered but not collected sweatshirts from Roger Richards.

A. Barnes 2 Yellow.

M. Richter 2 Black.

N. Hatton. 1 "

B. Bailey. 1 Black.

Kompetition Korner. by the Editor.

As I said at the committee meeting only two entries were received for the crossword puzzle in the January Newsletter. One was from our Social Secretary Graham Watson and the other from the husband and wife team of John and Shirley Beaumont. Both were 100% correct and I was pleased to send them both a £1.00 prize. This crossword was first published in September 1969 and received nine entries, I don't know how many members the club had at that time but one was Dave Lawson and I was rather surprised that he could'n't cast his mind back that far. So I am not disappointed for as John Garlick observed at the Trials Committee's Hot Pot Supper, "You are really enjoying the job of being Newsletter Editor."

So here are the answers to the clues, and this month another Perplexing Puzzle for you to ponder on. Again I am offering a £1.00 prize to the first entry opened on February 24th. This time I will produce it on the mutual aid on the reverse side and you can print on the sheet itself. However if you enter I will replace the sheet you send me or give you back your entry so that your newsletter is still intact. This shows faith as if anyone would want to keep the newsletter, although I am indebted to Paul Tootal who has done just that since 1965.

ANSWERS Across.- 1) Sprocket. 5) Culton. 9) Recessed.
 10) Old Age. 11) Treadles. 12) Repel.
 14) Star Riders. 17) Grass Track. 21) Outer.
 22) First Era. 24) Tricar. 25) Final Lap.
 26) Collet. 27) Egg Timer.

Down.- 1) Sprite. 2) Rocker. 3) Cased.
 4) Elementary. 6) Underlie. 7) Trampled.
 8) Needless. 13) Practising. 15) Agnostic.
 18) Serrate. 19) Bedlam. 20) Tapper.
 23) Slant.

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VISIT TO THE CHATTERLEY WHITFIELD COLLIERY MUSEUM.

This run was cancelled on the 13th. December due to the very cold weather and the liberal applications of salt on the roads. I did the run by myself on the Saturday just to make sure that it was passable. It was, but how cold! and I had to contend with a damper that got stiffer by the mile and I had to stop twice to ease it with full lock manipulation several times.

The Chatterley Whitfield Colliery is on the A527. Biddulph to Tunstall road approximately 29 miles from the Robin Hood. The best route from this starting point is via Woodford, Alderley Edge, Congleton, Biddulph and is signposted just outside Tunstall. Allowing one hour for the journey I propose to start at 10-00 am arriving at the colliery at 11-00am. Anyone wishing to go by car should make their own way to arrive at the same time. I don't think that it is practical to have cars in the convoy, not that we travel too fast for you but the inconvenience to other traffic has to be considered.

There are concessions for booked parties and as it takes approx 1½ hours to go round the underground workings and as parties with each guide are limited to 12 people, but there is more than one party underground at the same time. The cost is £2.00 for adults and £1.25 for juniors. Children under 10 cannot go underground. I propose to have a meal at the Little Chef on the A34 afterwards.

Keith Haining.

KOMPETITION KORNER.

All the blank spaces in the following passage represent names of motor cycles past and present correctly spelt although we have taken some diabolical liberties with the pronunciation, so you have been warned. The number of dots in each space represents the number of letters in the name.

It was the day of the club and Bob arrived on the . . . of three to find Sue already waiting. "I'm so glad you are a", he said, "hop on! Off they went, the bike sounding . . , . . ly, confident that they would reach their destination.

They passed through Birmingham and then -eyed for a sight of the cathedral, soon they were passing the decrepid church spire at Small Heath, known locally as the leaning tower of . . .

Soon the sun had passed it's and since they were not feeling as ly as before, they decided to camp for the night. Their first misfortune accurred when they came to light the stove only to discover that they were both , they had for to bring any!

Undeterred they went to seek help from the farmer, a ish gentleman who told them he had just friend

. "You should have heard what that to me!" he cried, " he told me that a has escaped from the local zoo and has been seen lurking in the

. Growth - we might have to send out an ". In spite of this news, they returned to their camp where they sang several songs accompanied by lele. Finally they both turned in fully dressed as they were not anxious to be faced by a savage animal with "it me to think what might have happened" said Bob, " however, I am not one to bear a g , let's press on".

So hoisting the on the transistor, they drove away

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