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DERRY SECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Members of all Sections will be welcome at the Clubroom on Wednesday, January 13th. to see Mr. E.N. Hiscox, A.R.P.S. give an Illustrated Travel Talk on "NORWAY". The show will begin at 7.45 p.m. & it is guaranteed that some of the slides will be the best you have ever seen.

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EDITORIAL

It seems that I was remiss last month in not wishing you all the usual "Happy Christmas" It is of course not easy to think about Christmas when writing about 6 weeks beforehand, and perhaps I can apologise by saying that I hope everyone has had a very happy Christmas and will have a prosperous new year in which they will enjoy many miles of cycling. A good new year's resolution would be to try and bring at least one new member into the Club to help the Club in this very difficult time for cycling. Surely it is, however, only facing facts and not being defeatist to say that the use of the bicycle must continue to die, to hope for any great revival must be wishful thinking. That is not, however, to say that organised cycling for pleasure will die, but I for one certainly envisage

a time when to be a member of a cycling club is to be as exclusive as riding in a veteran motor car as compared with a modern one.

Date for news - middle of month as usual. please more short articles and items for inclusion.

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D. A. DINNER

The members supporting the Dinner held at the Albert Rooms on the 28th. November certainly indicated that the dinner is losing in popularity. The numbers dining have fallen consistently during the last four years until now it must surely be a profound matter as to whether the dinner should proceed, at any rate in its present form. Those there however certainly had a good time, but the speeches were far too long. This is no personal statement against any of the speakers, all of whom were interesting, but is a comment on whether formal speeches in this manner are not detracting from the popularity of the event. Those of the stalwarts who earned their badges in the standard ride and who were there are the dinner received their badges from the new Councillor, Mr. F.W. Longley, who joined in the after events with great enthusiasm. The quality of the music games and dancing was certainly up on previous years.

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REPORT on D.A. A.S.M.

Held on the 13th. December 1959 at the Progress Cafe Farnah Green. Your new officers for the coming year are

follows :-

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| President | - | Mr. S. Fletcher |
| Vice President | - | Mr. H.W. Weston |
| Hon. Sec. | - | Mr. L.W. Sumner |
| Treasurer | - | Mr. G.R. Clapton |
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| Hon. Solicitor | - | Mr. L.W. Sumner. |

The D.A's finances were reported to be in sound shape and in the report the Secretary was pleased to note that most sections had had a successful year, and also that in this area at any rate the increase in membership subscriptions had not resulted in a fall off in the number of members. The Secretary appealed to all members to try and introduce new members. The Treasurer reported a balance in hand at the Bank of £195. 15s. 7d. and a balance of assets over liabilities of £244. 2s. 3d.

After being appointed President Mr. Sam Fletcher said that it was his intention to offer himself for this position for only one year, as he felt that there should not be a permanent life president.

The following members were ratified as the section representatives to the D.A. Committee :-

Alfreton Mrs. H. Weston, L.W. Sumner.
Burton Messrs. E. Hill and E.G. Savage
Derby Messrs. C.W. Beard and R.S. Smith
Heanor Mr. P. Lawrence

Long Eaton - Messrs. J.S. Blackburn
and G.L. Scott

The following, being the Secretary and
Treasurer of each Section are ex officio
members of the D.A. Committee :-

Alfreton - Mr. Mick Bailey, Mr. H. Weston
Lurton - Mr. A. Robinson, Mrs. F.C.
Savage

Derby - Mr. G.H. Clapton, Mr. F.W.L.
Northern

Hearon - Mr. M. Haynes (Sec and Treasurer)
Long Eaton - Mr. B. Tyler, D. Pilbush

SPECIAL NOTE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On the assumption that all members of
the D.A. Committee read the Advertiser, or
should do, future Committee meetings will
wherever possible be notified in the
Advertiser, this will save postage, cards
and time. The next meeting - the first
of the new committee, will be at the
Navigation Inn, London Road, Derby at
3 p.m. on the 30th. January next. This
special time has been fixed so that the
meeting can be held before the
Photographic Exhibition. Refreshments
will be available after the meeting.

ALFRETON ' ALFRETINGS

The Section has continued with
good numbers out on its winter
programme of runs. The run to Rainstor
Rocks was well supported and so were
the runs to Ashover and the Wensley
area. A new tea place, The Crown at
Wensley was tried and found good,
although we happened to be unlucky in
striking a day when 40 hikers from

Sheffield have having a party there. The evening journey in the rain also left a lot to be desired!

The two highlights of the month have been the D.A. Dinner and the Section Christmas Party. At the dinner the section and its associates provided nearly half the diners and about 90% of the noise, - they also made up for this by taking nearly all the prizes. There were one or two bloodshot eyes on the following morning's run.

At the Section Christmas Party held on the 19th. December at Miss Wall's, Riversdale, the Section enjoyed the usual excellent dinner which they have come to expect, and later there were games and cards to music supplied by Mick with his record player and Laurice on the tape recorder. Everyone enjoyed themselves, 10 stayed the night and set the rest the following day for lunch at Wensley and tea at home. The day was devoted to darts and eating, it would be difficult to say who ran out the winner in either sphere.

The next events are the lunch at Bonsall which the Honor Section are very kindly organising, and a party in the New Year on the 10th. January at The Red Lion at Ashover.

There has been great discussion in awarding the cut for the Section BAR this year. The two contenders were level in attendance and their success in D.A. and other events was equal. They were given the opportunity of deciding how the cut should be held, Johnny as last year's winner wanting it to hold it, after

AMBERTON SECTION.

Hon. Sec. E. Bailey, 2, Whealdon Avenue,
Belper, Derby.

Runs Sec. Maurice Hague, 1, Kingsbridge
Terrace, Matlock, Derby.

STAFF - Abbey Arcade at 10 a.m.

Jan 3. HARRIS'S NEW YEAR DINNER
L. Bousall T. Packhorse
Leader J. Heatorcroft

Jan 10. NEW YEAR'S BREAKY - H. Hague
L. and T. Ashmore

Jan 17. HINDSLEY - T. Brown
L. T. and T. Milltown

Jan 24. BULLY BARS - L. W. Sumner -
L. Sawyer T. Darley Dale

Jan 31. CAROLINE RUN - I. Whealdon
L. and T. ???

Feb 7. HOLE IN THE MILL - H. Bailey
L. A. and T. Farrah Green

BURTON SECTION.

Hon. Sec. A. Robinson 85, Clay Street,
Stamewell, Burton-on-Trent.

Runs Sec. E. Hook, Abbey Road
Bourne, Woodville, Burton-on-Trent.

STAFF - Abbey Arcade at 10 a.m.

Jan 17. NEW YEAR CASTLE - J. Woodings
L. Robinson

Jan 23. N.E. Weekend - WANDON
Start Abbey Arcade 2 p.m.

Jan 24. BLUE HAZEL RESERVOIR - D. Strley
L. and T. Mowbray

Jan 31. NEW YEAR CASTLE - A. Robinson
L. Mt. Downpath

FEB 7. OLD TURN JAIL - L. Hill
L. Alton

FEB 14. DALE ABBEY - E. Savage
L. Sawley

FEB 20. Y.H. WEEKEND - WANDON
Start Abbey Arcade 2 p.m.

FEB 21. ATLOW RIVER - J. Savage
L. Mansell Park Turf.

DERBY SECTION

- Hon. Sec. George Clapton 22, New
Gardens, Sawworth Estate, Derby.
Runs Sec. D.W. Batton 32 Field
Drive, Alvaston, Derby.
Start - Derby Mt. Place unless stated.
CLUBROOM - Navigation Inn, London
Road, Derby - Wednesdays 7.30 - 10 p.m.
Jan 3. THORLEY HALL - H.P. 9 a.m.
L. Alton T. Wetton - D. Newman
Jan 10. CHECKLEY FORD - H.P. 9 a.m.
E. Milford T. Alton - P. Downing
Jan 16. SHINING CLIFF Y.H. - Broadway 2 p.m.
Jan 17. HARBOUROUGH ROCKS - H.P. 9.15 a.m.
L. Bonsall Lane Farm Winstley
T. Carsington - Bill Batton
Host Hostellers at Ambergate
Jan 24. CHARNWOOD - H.P. 9 a.m. - C. B.
L. Newtown Linford T. St.
Bernards Cottage, Whitwick.
Jan 31. BEMP DALE - H.P. 9 a.m.
L. Taddington T. Longvach
G. Clapton
Feb 7. SHIP MORRIDGE - H.P. 9 a.m.
D. Ipstones T. Wetton - J. Sullivan
Feb 13. RAVENSTOR Y.H. - Broadway 2 p.m.
Feb 14. BLEDGE HOLE - H.P. 9 a.m.
E. Castleton T. Darley Dale
Bill Batton

HEANOR SECTION

Sec Norman for details

LONG BATON SECTION

- Hon. Sec. Mr. E. Tyler
Runs Sec. H. J. Hooley 98, Marlborough
Rd. Beeston, Nottingham.
See Runs Sec. for details.

Will members please note that the
Clubroom has had to be closed. It
is hoped that alternative arrangements
may soon be made.

Kick refused it was decided to hold the trophy for 6 months each.

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WHAT'S BELVIN IN BURTON

Winter is now upon us and many runs are made in cold and wet conditions, but this does not spoil a day out. The run to Cannock Chase to try our hand at Deer-Stalking started in pouring rain. Milford was reached for lunch by way of Yoxall and Hamstall Ridware. After lunch the rain stopped and the sun was seen for the first time for several days. The roads were forsaken and the tracks followed by way of the "switchbacks." Shortly afterwards we were rewarded by seeing a stag break cover but it soon was lost. Although numerous tracks were seen no more deer could be found. A fast run home was made via Rugeley, Handsacre and Alrewas. We are all very sorry to lose Terry Williams to the Army but wish him every success in his two years square bashing.

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DERBY DOINGS

The Section Treasure Hunt held in December was a great success, although the weather wasn't too kind. Seven members took part, four managed to find all the clues which were fairly hard to find, one taking over half an hour to discover. Len laid one of the clues on Bealey Moor at the wrong crossroads, having laid it the previous Thursday in thick fog. It was a hilly course leading to Ashover for dinner and Amber for tea, where a vote of

thanks was passed to Len Northern for a very enjoyable day.

The Section Easter Tour is to Elan Lakes and the Towy Valley. This time we are going down the Towy instead of up the valley, which was the way traversed two years ago. The first night is to be at Clun Y.H. Saturday at the Red Lion, Pontyfridrigaid, and Sunday night at Glascurm Youth Hostel.

The last two slide shows of 1959 Local Colour by Sam Fletcher and Home and Abroad by Cyril Johnson were very interesting and were enjoyed by about thirty members each time. Forthcoming lectures are Norway by E.N. Hiscox on January 13th. and Corsica by Ethel Crowther on Feb. 17th.

The contest for the Huns Attendance prize of free club membership for 1960 has been very close this year, and although the points have yet to be reckoned up it is pretty certain that Devin Palmer has won. The result will be known in the first week of January. As stated in a previous A.M. next year's prize is an inscribed oak shield, to be kept by the winner for one year. The contest started last October and will continue until the end of next September.

Bookings are now being taken for Ravenstor Youth Hostel on February 13th.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The date of this event has been amended to the 30th. January, and it will be held at the Derby Section Clubroom at Navigation Inn, London

Road Derby commencing at 6.30 p.m. Members are invited to bring along up to a dozen slides for showing by Mr. G. Brown and if they wish to talk about the slides. If the exhibitors are too bashful to say anything it will be sufficient just to give the details and locality. It is hoped that as many members as possible will turn up and let us see their slides, there is no entry fee, no entry form, and no need to do anything more than hand the slides in at the commencement.

The Derby Section are very kindly arranging for light refreshments to be available during the evening.

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"LITTLE JOE" RIDES AGAIN

As many of you know, Joe Searcy was ordered by his doctor to give up cycling, and for the last couple of years has been wandering around the countryside on a scooter -- much to his disgust!

He was seen a fortnight ago riding a lady's bike home from work. Apparently the scooter had broken down, and Joe had borrowed the bike to save waiting for buses. He is enjoying it so much that he is now on the lookout for a suitable frame, so that it won't be long before we can again see that familiar figure heading hostelwards on Saturday afternoons -- and Long Eaton Section will once more have their "Hon. Waters-Taster"!

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EASTER TOUR TO CAPEL-Y-FIN
continued ...

They have now widened the road at Skenfrith, and though this no doubt eases the traffic problem it does take away some of the beauty of the road. Leading out of Skenfrith it is not long before the road rises again to Cross Ash and here we took the right turn over the shoulder of Craig Serrorthin (1389 ft.) but the highest point of the road is Campston Hill, some two miles further on (1884 ft.) We did a bit of riding in between, before finally dropping down into Llanythangel. The scenery here is rather wide with the Black Mountains well in view. We found a cafe and made a good meal and felt more like tackling the last few miles to Capel-y-Fin. The road goes up hill, though not too steeply, through the Henddu Valley to Llantory with its Abbey and so on to Capel-y-Fin, in the heart of the mountains. We could not see much of the mountains however, in the dismal weather and were pleased to reach The Grange which was our abode for the night. Mr. Griffiths, the host, is a keen pony trekker, and takes parties from the hostel, so if you fancy pony trekking he is the chap to give you information.

The next morning - Easter Monday, was bright and sunny and we could see the mountains, all of them over 2000ft. with names we couldn't pronounce, with the exception of Lord Hereford's Knob. (2263ft.)

After breakfast we set off on the

road to Hay-on-Wye. We did not ride for long as the road climbs through the Gospel Pass and on to a height of 1567ft. The scenery is wonderful and worth the effort in getting there. We stood at the top taking in the view and then we were speeding downhill towards Hay-on-Wye. From here our route lay through Bredwardine, Blakenere, Tyberton and Madley, a road rather high above the river Wye, which could be seen wandering towards Hereford. We stopped for a meal along this road and then set off again for Hereford. We were caught in a traffic jam in Hereford and after eventually breaking through we took the B 4224 to Mordiford. The next village, Woolhope was over the hill through Hough Wood. We climbed from Mordiford (160ft.) to the top (18ft) which was really tough going and then had a run down to Woolthorpe through the valley and on to Marcle Hill, another tough bit. We reached Rushall Hostel and there met Cal's son, Michael and his girl friend, Geraldine, and we were all soon drinking a well earned cup of tea.

Our Easter Tour was almost over, and next morning, Tuesday, after breakfast Elsie Terrence and myself set off for Worcester and Cal, Rene, Michael and Geraldine for Birmingham, through Mash Marcle, Bromsberrow, skirting the Malverns and on to Welland, passing over Castlenorton Common. We found time to stop for our lunch and then on again through Hanley Swan and Powick and so to Worcester and its busy streets. Here we had one for the road and said goodbye to our friends who had still over 20 miles riding to do. So ended a very enjoyable Easter Tour.



