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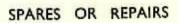
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WE WISH ALL READERS A HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH PLENTY OF ENJOYABLE CYCLING

Editorial

Here we go with another new year, and no doubt the keen "tour planners" will already be looking up guide books and poring over maps of favourite areas or of "pastures new". There is much to be said for some pre-tour preparation as regards routes and places to see. Which leads us nicely on to a mention of the D.A, Map Library. This has been little used for some time, but now Mrs. Potter and Mr. R. Hayler of Long Eaton Section, who intended to look after a Section library, have agreed to take over the D.A. They would be pleased to hear library. from any members wishing to donate items to the library, and we hope members will give them every help they can.

D.A. DIARY

3.00 p.m. at the Navigation Inn, London Road, Derby.

23rd January - D.A. Slide Show, 6.30 r.m. at the Navigation Inn, London Road, Derby, open to all members who wish to bring some slides along, and to those who would like to see them!

College of Lrt, Derby, by Loslie C.

(Please note: the dates above are changes from those previously quoted for these two events).

THE D.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Some 60 members were present, despite floods, at the 41st D.A. A.G.M. held at Little Eaton on 13th December, 1964. Mr. G. Scott was elected to the Chair. After the usual preliminary items, the D.A. Secretary gave his usual full report on the activities of the D.A. and the Sections in the previous year. Membership showed an overall decrease from 316 to 283, but Adult Membership had an increase from 146 to 147. The Secretary explained the it was difficult to arrive at a fully accurate D.A. membership figure, because it seemed that some neighbouring D.A.'s were not passing on registration cards when they should, and also it was not easy to keep track of Life Members if we or H.Q.



were not informed of changes. The D.A. Treasurer presented the accounts, which showed an increase of some £25 in the total balance in hand.

Officers elected were:-

Hon. D.A. President:- E. Savage.

Hon. D.A. Vice-President:- W.Robinson.

Hon. D.A. Secretary:- G.S.Fletcher.

Hon. D.A. Treasurer: G.Clapton.

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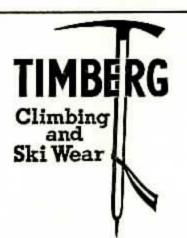
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. Clothing, Outfitting, Tailoring, Climbing, Ski-wear 350 NORMANTON ROAD, DERBY to the D.A. Committee were ratified:-

Alfreton: - M. Bailey, H. Weston, Mrs. Weston and A. Fritchley.

Burton:- J.Woodings, Mrs. Savage, D.Hook and P.Rose.

Derby:- G.Clapton, T.W.L.Northern, W.Robinson and R.Taylor.

Long Eaton: - G.Scott, J.Jelley, F.Potter and Mrs. Potter.

We were very glad to welcome again

Mr. F.K.Longley, our Councillor, who spoke
to the meeting. He congratulated the D.A.
on an active year, and stressed the importance
of the C.T.C. as a national organisation
at a time when there were indications of
anti-cycling feeling in some quarters. A
number of questions were answered by Mr.
Longley, and although he said he had felt
some diffidence about once again coming to
the A.G.M., we think members will agree that
we will always be pleased to see him there
and grateful to him for tackling the wide
variety of questions that are asked.

After Mr. Clapton had raised the point of the time lag between Section A.G.M.'s and meetings of new Section committees and the first meeting of the new D.A. Committee, it was agreed to arrange a tentative programme of events at the A.G.M. The following were put forward:— 11th April — 100 in 8; 2nd May—Treasure Hunt; 30th May—B.C.T.C. Heat; 13th June—Roughstuff Ride; 11th September—Edinburgh Weekend; 19th September—Church Service; 3rd October—Hill Climb. These dates will be listed in "D.A. Diary" when they are confirmed.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS



Mick Bailey called his run on November 22nd "I don't know where" and I am dead sure the biggest part didn't. Whether it was ill effects like morning after the night. before, I could not diagnose. About 11 riders set off in the direction of Asbover together with yet another new member starting for his first run with the Section. Welcome to the Section, Cyril, we've a good crowd of lads and you will enjoy riding with us in the C.T.C. By the way, fellers, Cyril is known to his mates as Bomber Brown and he's sure a mate of ours.

The route lay up through Fritchley and across, down the back of Ogston reservoir and to the Greyhound at Milltown for an appotiser before lunch. We again patronised our new found place in Ashover complete with very nice young lady, who seemed to be very much the centre of attention, I bet she was glad when our lot had gone. The afternoon saw us going up past the old Country Club and then out across Beeloy Moor and a very fast descent into Boeley village. We just arrived at Stanton before lights were needed, and sat down to a grand toa. The hill down to Darley Bridge seems to get very tricky as gravel is loose on some corners and a dark unlit road does not help.matters.

Mick Wray's run to Demons Dale was a great change as we came across the season's first heavy snowfall. We took the A6 to Ashford for lunch and then set out for Taddington. It was thought inadvisable to go up Demons Dale as it would be so very wet. As we started to climb Taddington, snow began to make itself noticed at the side of the road. We observed the B.B.C. Outside Broadcast units on their way up the A6, probably on their way to some snow scenes in the Peak. By the time we arrived in Taddington village the snow round about was a good three inches deep and the panorama magnificent. We were lucky in the way that the roads were absolutely free from snow which enabled one to take in more of the picturesque scenery instead of three yards of road in front and wondering whether you would finish up on the deck any second. By the time we reached Monyash, there was not much snow at all and by the time we reached Winster you could not believe that three inches of snow lay a few miles After a very cold and chilly day, we sat down to a marvellous meal at Wensley which ended a very pleasant Sunday.

Ten riders set out for Tom's run to Long
Rake on December 6th. The weather was much
milder than the previous Sunday and riding
up Via really get us warm. One just does
not know how to dress in this country, weather
doesn't change from day to day, it changes
from hour to hour. We went to the Miner's
Standard and then down the Cresta Run and
turned towards Alport Bridge. Instead of
taking the read, we took the track by the
farm and came out down in the southern end

of Youlgreave. Time seemed to be getting short as it was time we were having lunch so a fast ride to Over Haddon just made the right amount of room for the sandwiches. Over to Pareley Hay after dinner churned the old sandwiches, especially climbing up out of lonyash. Tom took us down Long Dale into Hartington and I don't think many riders had been down before, I certainly It is a grand ride, just like back in the Old West, one could imagine Jim Hardy blasting round the corker with Wells Fargo's stage coash. It was not long from Hartington before we were sitting in the Waterloo at Biggin eating our favourite choces. A strong wind had been blowing all day but as luck had it, it was behind us on the way down Via and a really fast run indeed enabled us to get home a little earlier.

The A.G.M. at Eittle Eaton was well attended by the Section and werwere pleased to hear that our Hill Climb is to be made a D.A. event. It was the feeling of a lot of members that quite a lot of D.A. events were running too close together. Mrs. Bailey entertained us for tea and afterwards a slide evening was enjoyed by all. Many thanks must go to Mr. and Mrs. Bailey for putting up with us.

on December 19th at Wensley and a great time was had by all. I don't think anyone got to bed much before 3 a.m. The meal was magnificent and of course we provided our own liquid refreshment and music.

Fraz's run to Crich Tram Museum was vry interesting but the weather was not too kind. We flogged the old juke box in the Cliff Inn and then after lunch we spent an hour looking at the trams. There is quite a collection now and they have one from Portugal and one from Johannesburg. Tea was taken at Riber and what a meal, too.

Don't forget Matlock dinner, folks, if you want to go contact Mick Bailey, tickets are 15/- and it is on January 30th.

May I wish all readers all the best for 1964 and many hours pleasant cycling.

Alan. "

draft news.



from Burton

Once again may I wish all readers of
the "Awheel" a happy and prosperous new year,
with plenty of sun-laden miles. By the
time that this is in print, nights will be
drawing out again and no doubt thoughts will
be turning to the annual holiday tours.
I have not heard of any plans in Burton
Section up to now, but having just seen Les
Warner's lecture in the People's Hall at
Nottingham, I am keener than ever to have
a look at the Italian Lakes and the adjacent
corner of Switzerland. Paye and I motored
over from Burton and collected Bill and Ray
from Derby on what proved to be a really

See HOW they run!

ALFRETON SECTION

Hon. Sec. M. Bailey, 2 Wheeldon Avenue, Derby.

Start - Hurt Arms, Ambergate, 10 a.m.

THE FIRST - Brian Jan. 3rd

T. Hollington. L. Ashbourne.

FLASH DAM - Alan Jan. 10th

> T. Stanton. L. Ashover.

HEFLEY HILLTOP - Brian Jan. 17th L. Ashford. T.Riber.

BCNSALL MOOR - M. Bonsall Jan. 24th

L. Birchover. T. Farnah Green.

MATLOCK DINNER Jan. 30th

ALPORS HEIGHT - Mick Wray Jan. 31st

L. Wirl sworth. T. Wensley.

ROBIN HOOD'S STRIDE - Tom Feb. 7th

L. Over Haddon. T. Stanton.

CROSS O' THE HANDS - Fraser Feb. 14th T. Hollington. L.Ashbourne.

BURTON SECTION

Hon. Soc. John Woodings, 16 Short Lane, Barton-under-Needwood.

Start - Abboy Arcade, High St., 9.30 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S RUN Jan. 3rd

VIRGIN'S ALLEY - E. Hopper Jan. 10th

L. lfresco.

LICHFIELD Y.H. Jan. 16th

CASTLI RING - M. Brown Jan. 17th

L. Centleshaw.

ESSEX BRIDGE - D.Lovatt Jan. 24th

L. Great Haywood.

TRENT LOCK - P.Rose Jan. 31st

L. Fisherman's Rest.

DERBY SECTION

Hon. Sec. G.Clapton, 22 Kew Gardens, Mackworth Estate, Derby.

Runs Sec. D. Palmer, Atkins Caravan Site, Findern.

Clubroom - Navigation Inn, London Road, Derby, every Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Start - Public Library, Wardwick, 9.30 a.m.

Jan. 2nd CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE MANOR HOUSE, most Markeaton Park

Gates, 2.30 p.m.

Jan. 3rd L.Arbor Low. T.Hollington. (Leader - one with cleanest bike)

Jan. 10th HLACK ROCKS
L.Middleton-by-Wirksworth.
T.Grich. (Leader - one with dirtiest bike)

Jan. 17th STANTON MOOR
L.Birchover. T.Wirksworth.
(Leader - one with biggost feet)

Jan. 23rd OAKENCLOUGH W.H., meet Markeaton Park Gates, 2.15 p.m.

. Jan. 24th L.Elkstones. T.Hartington.

Jan. 31st CALES DALE
L.Over Haddon. T.Thorpe.
(Leader - youngest rider).

LONG EATON SECTION

Hon. Sec. G. Scott, 40 Borrowfield Road, Spondon, Derby.

Runs Sec. Gail Stevenson, 69 Reedman Road, Long Eaton.

Clubroom - Turks Head, Gibb St., Long Eaton. Fridays.

Start - College St., 9.15 a.m.

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dirty December day and soon forgot the weather when our Ecoretary commenced his lecture. I hope when he comes to Derby next Larch his talk is just as interesting, for I can account for two tickets now before they are on sale.

"June's clubrur over Beacon Stoop soon saw two spotless cycles returned to their usual dirty condition, serves her right, sho shouldn't have cleaned 'em and then I should imagine took us over rough stuff. the signature tune around Wootton Lodge must be "Don't fence me in", the owner must have spont a fortune restoring the place and another fortune putting bars and fences round it. Incidertally, another of our stately homes in Staffordshire is in process of conversion into a county of museum, it is Shugborough Hall, once the home of Georg Anson, who sailed ground the world in the 17th century. His adventures make interesting reading.

We saw the first snow of winter around Kirk Ireton and Middleton-by-Wirksworth on the run to Black Rocks. In spite of a liberal layer on the fields and on the windward side of gates and telegraph poles, the climbing fraternity were performing over the rocks. We had a very pleasant lunch time at the "Rising Sun" which has changed hands, the new tement is an ex-C.T.C. member from Liverpool who also worked for Kodak on the chamical side. So we had a very friendly hour discussing cycling, anyway we were assured of a welcome here in future.

Te should have had tea at the "Red Lion" at Kniveton but this has changed hands and has since stopped catering, as the weather was very cold we returned home for tea.

The first clubrun in December was very mild for Dave's run to Twycross Zoo, and believe it or not, no one was detained. Although it is half-a-crown to go in, there is a cafe always open (meals and snacks) so it could solve catering problems now that the nearby "Moores Arms" has stopped doing meals. They still do pots of tea, as we found out at lunch time but we stopped out the stronger stuff. The zoo has quite a fine selection of animals and birds and it makes a very good clubrun, its chief claim to fame is its Brooke Bond TV chimps.

I was the only member to leave the Abboy Arcade for the run to the D.A. A.G.M. I made my way along the high ground overlooking the flooded Dove valley to Uttoxeter and met Eric and June at Spath. All streams were in full spate and at Rocester we came to the only flooded road we saw all day, between the Dove and Abbotshoame School. We safely navigated it but some members of Derby Wheelers were drying out. Pete, Margaret and Dave joined us at Hollington for lunch and then we went on to the A.G.M.

Finally, any members wishing to join the Easter tour to the Black Mountains, let me know as soon as possible for booking purposes. Pete Rose will be doing the Y.H.A. bookings.

John.



The last few runs have not been too well supported, but have been most enjoyable in spite of this. My run to Monyash saw five of us out, taking the hilly way via Hognaston and Bradbourne to Pikehall. At Howhaven we were well received at the pub and even offered soup, but with dinner a few miles away we carried on. The afternoon saw us at Arbor Low, where another toe-place was noted:- Mrs. Dunn, Oldhams Farm, Monyash (snacks and pots of tea).

Next week George took a run to "George Thorpe tea Hollington Weavers" according to the "Derby Evening Telegraph", however I understand a thoroughly good day was had by all.

. On the morning of the A.G.M., some of us ser Alport Stone in very interesting weather conditions, and the view from the top was grand. After lunch at Farnah Green, we led an anjoyable run over the Chevin, and across to the A.G.M. At Little Eaton.

heading south for the Leicester and Rutland D.A. carol service. On reaching Charnwood Towers for lunch, the place was all closed up, so we headed for the nearest pub, which happened to be the "Forest Rock".

Congratulations to those responsible for the carol service and I can thoroughly recommend it to all who have not been.

Davin.

A SCOTTISH HANGOVER

At the Devibs Bridge in Wales there is one bridge built over two others and the original road bridge can still be seen. Now the powers that be in Scotland have gone two better and built another bridge over the Forth.

According to facts the new road bridge is built over the Forth, but strange to relate there is no sagn of the four bridges we assume are underneath. By a strange co-incidence we find that the famous railway bridge is also built over the Forth and there is no sign of the original bridges either.

As we leave the sea and proceed up river, the first bridge we come to is the Forth, really the fifth, so the new road bridge should be the sixth, but as this is built over the Forth perhaps it would be better to call it the tenth. This must be misleading to "Navi Gaiters" and may be the reason why Scotchmen wear stockings with their kilts.

From a good source I hear that the new road bridge was built as the result of a takeover bid by a construction firm and two
Scottish banks. Another put up job!

It is marvellous engineering feat as they got it right first time although it was a Forth attempt. The result has made the public cross, especially cyclists who could not use the cycle track on the opening day.

Bridgett McDoo

MEMOIRS OF A CYCLIST CHRISTMAS AT COUNTISBURY

the Somerset border and from here we decided to have a "butchers" at Exmoor. The three of us took our cycles from the van, and by the time we had checked them over and inflated the tyres, our hands and feet were frozen.

Down Countisbury hill we shot, moors to our left, the Bristol Channel and South Wales to our right. "Gosh, it is cold! Be glad to get dowr." These were my thoughts on the icy descent. My thoughts were broken by the sight of the member on fixed wheel, logs a blur, making use of an escape road to save himself a tumble. We flashed past a sign saying "Caution. Cyclists Dismount" and with hot rims and brakes, stopped on the bridge over the River Lynn.

Jhon F.W. had walked to the bottom and joined us, we took a look around. All signs of the terrible flood nine years previously had been removed and the river ran in a man-made channel.

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The steep hill up to Lynton had to be dalled but it restored circulation. An open "caff" was welcome sight and a couple of cups of tea soon put things right. Three London cyclists suggested we should take a look the Valley of Rocks. This seemed OK to us, so remounting we set off in the direction inlicated. We entered the valley through a gate at the top, and saw a beautiful rocky valley flanked by jagged hills, and set in the centre, shielded by stunted bushes, was a smooth, velvety-looking cricket pitch.

Whilst myself and F.W. negotiated the rough descent, Tourist Gear stopped and got his camera working. We stopped to take in the scenery and T.G. caught us up quicker than we expected, by taking a short-cut across a run down traffic island.

Pressing on, we were again on the coast and in the icy wind on a road that led us down and into a pleasant cove named Woody Bay. This was a private road and a small tell was paid and we followed the road round. The way cut of Woody Bay lay up a steep hill, F.W. cursed his luck and wished he was on gears, but even T.G. could not negotiate the tight turns on a very steep bit, anyway walking warmed us through again.

Shortly after remounting, we were once again on a steep descent, this time to the famous beauty spot of Hunters Lodge. This is an inn set in a steep-sided, tree-covered valley where stags are still shot and hunted.

Three days after our visit it was snowed up for nearly two months. Inside we warmed ourselves and again met the cyclists we had earlier encountered.

Out again into the sunlight and cold we went to attack the long, steep, twisting climb out of this valley. F.W. was not very "chuffed" with his lot. Reaching the top and the wind, we decided to try for some dinner. All the likely places from here to Ilfracombe were shut, so we entered a shop and purchased the usual stuff a hungry, mad cyclist does. By the time we emerged from our lunchoon room, a sea-side shelter, it was gone three and getting dark so we took to the main drag and home.

wind soon left one half of our bodies cold and the other sweating. After the usual trouble with lights, we arrived at a fork. Both said Lynmouth, not wanting to bare our numb fingers to the wind again, we took the right hand one as it missed out Lynton.

That was a mistake. It curved across the moor taking us to within two miles of our lodging place before swinging down to Lynmouth and it included two hills that even T.G. had to walk. Regrouping on the bridge, we walked nearly all the way up to Countisbury.

"Our hills are a bit steep for biking up, ain't they?"

"Not half" replied T.G. and myself.

After a big feed, which included venison steaks over one inch thick, we sat yarning with our hosts and a couple of their friends before we ventured, with hot-water bettles in some cases, to our beds feeling weary from the effects of cycling, walking and cold fresh air.

Jim Hopper

"RALEIGH"

(The following extract is from "Nottinghamshire" by Christopher Marsden and is reproduced with full acknowledgement) Sent by John Woodings.

Porhaps you know - everybody seems to know - that Raleigh bicycles are made in Nottinghem. But do you know why they are called Raleigh? It is rather a surprising story. It began in 1887, just when the bicycle was about to begin its modern career. In that year the ordinary bicycle was still the iron-wheeled, front-wheel driven machine which is still known as the penny-farthing, from the difference in size of the two wheels. But two years earlier J.K.Starley of Coventry had produced the first modern safety bicycle, rear driven, with power transmitted by a chain.

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