

Boxing Day Party

Monday - at Warren Buckley, tickets 6/-, room available 7-30 till 11-30. F. Turner is to apply for an extension. D. Lawson to organise raffles.

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D. Lawson got a list of 1966 Films. It was agreed to deliver a basket of fruit to Frank Leaver before Xmas and Ron Higgins offered to get the fruit.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 5th January, 1966.

This wet and miserable winter seems to be rushing past us at a huge rate of knots, thank goodness, and so once again it's time for me to write your own newsletter, and my first task is to make an apology.

As you will know the Annual General Meeting took place on November 18th and at the time of writing the only report available are the treasurer's, the scrambles secretary's and the secretary's report, so rather than leave it all till next time, I thought the best thing to do was to let you have everything that is available.

The Secretary's report was read by Wilf Earlam in the absence of Frank Leaver (more about Frank later).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

1965 has proved to be a very successful year for the club as a whole as our bank balance sheet will show later.

Scrambles have shown a profit: the training scheme has also shown a profit; our social and sporting events have had good support from club members and it's been very difficult to find somewhere to sit down in the clubroom.

It is very gratifying to the committee when such support is available, for it makes all their efforts worthwhile and it is of particular interest to note that the average age of the membership is much lower now than at almost any other time in the club's 30 year history.

Once again we are fortunate in having an abundance of nominations for the committee and it is a pity that some of these people will be unable to serve as there are only eleven members allowed on the committee in our constitution.

In closing please spare a thought for our secretary Frank Leaver, who is at the moment in hospital and only kept in touch with our activities by the thoughtfulness of several members who have been to see him.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Opening Balance				81	17	6
Expenses (carried over from 1964)						
Scrambles July 1964	15	0	0			
Awards	64	1	7	79	1	7
				2	15	11
<u>Social</u>						
Rec.	138	18	4			
Pd.	128	9	8	10	8	8

		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<u>TRIALS</u>	Rec.	69	18	6				
	Pd.	51	10	8		18	7	10
<u>SCRAMBLES</u>	Rec.	427	19	11				
	Pd.	378	0	7		49	19	4
<u>TRAINING</u>								
<u>SCHEME</u>	Rec.	81	12	0				
	Pd.	44	13	0		36	19	0
Subscriptions						70	2	6
Marshall fees						7	16	0
Club room fund						30	16	2
						<u>227</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Expenses re Landrover						<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
						<u>£202</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

Present membership:-

Full	90
Sporting	<u>24</u>
TOTAL	<u>114</u>

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SCRAMBLE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Club have run two scrambles during 1965, although three dates were originally applied for. The first of these was cancelled due to the fact that it was not until the end of April that negotiations were completed with the farmer for further use of his land. The first scramble took place in fine weather conditions on 18th July - a large entry of 92 was received and these riders were accommodated in four heats per event. The usual direction of the course was reversed so that racing was in a clockwise direction which most riders considered an improvement. The top stream crossing was widened to cope with the increased bunching of riders after the start which was moved to the top straight as was the paddock. We have yet to find a solution to the car park problem as on neither occasion were we able to accommodate sufficient cars. It was very gratifying to see the hard work carried out by several members in distributing hand-outs and posters advertising the events which resulted in large crowds attending both meetings, and on both occasions the club made a profit. This was especially pleasing in view of the fact that the second meeting coincided with a few others in the area and although this affected our entry somewhat, we still had a good attendance of spectators.

At the first meeting most of the excitement was provided by Brian Hatton and Peter Ormesher with Brian coming out on top, as the eventual winner while at the second event in Brian's absence, Peter had things all his own way.

An elastic starting gate was operated at the second meeting and although this cured a tendency for some riders to jump the start, a minor injury was caused when the elastic caught on one of the machines and became a catapult!

The club Landrover was repaired and put into service and proved extremely useful in a multitude of roles.

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Voting then took place for the committee for 1966:-

President	C.H. Parkes
Chairman	J. Bell
Secretary	F. Leaver
Treasurer	F. Turner

Scrambles Sec.	R.L. Attwood
Trials Sec.	J.H. Roberts
Social Sec.	D. Lawson
Press Sec.)	(Miss A. Harding
Newsletter Editor)	(D.G. Linney
Training Scheme Organiser	T. Cowdrey
Committee Members	M. Chambers
	B. Glynn

President - Bill Parkes

The president of any organisation must be popular; at the same time he must be respected by everyone. This makes Bill a "natural" for the part.

Chairman - John Bell

Although John was shouting it from the roof tops that he had been "conned" into it, I have a feeling he was highly chuffed about it. I think John will make a very good job of being chairman, as long as he keeps his whip out.

Secretary - Frank Leaver

Frank is another "natural". It is a great pity he will be "out of circulation" for a little while yet, but Wilf Earlam has kindly offered to fill the breach.

Treasurer - Frank Turner

Who better to fill this post than an accountant? He did a grand job last year and will continue to do so for many years to come. He's all smiles when you give him some money, but just try to get some out of him! Even if it is for something quite important it is like getting blood out of a stone.

Scrambles Secretary - Pev Attwood

What a wise move it was when the position of Sports Sec. was split into Scrambles Sec. and Trials Sec. The result being that Pev can now concentrate full time on the Scrambles. Scrambles are of course the biggest financial gamble we take in the course of a year. It usually follows that if the scrambles make a loss, the club as a whole has a poor year. Conversely successful scrambles usually go to make a successful club. Also Pev's enthusiasm played a major role in our two successful scrambles this year.

Trials Secretary - Johnnie Roberts

At the risk of repeating myself, there's only one thing I can say about John; he is a "natural" for the post. Few know more about the organising of trials than John.

Social Secretary - Dave Lawson

Social Sec. is, in my humble opinion, the most important job on the committee: he can make or brake a club of this sort. Dave Abrahams did a good job last year, but as he will be in London on and off next year he felt the only thing to do was to step down and let someone else take over. The "someone else" being Dave Lawson, who although he had a brake this last year, is no stranger to the committee: he was treasurer the previous year.

Press Secretary/Newsletter Editor - Ann Harding and Dave Linney

Nothing romantic about the joining together of these two positions (so sit down Glynn). The reason for the amalgamation is that although we are both officially new committee members, we have been "Doing" the newsletter ever since Ted Stobbs was forced to give it up due to pressure of work. When I say "we have been 'doing' the newsletter", what I mean is I have been writing it and Ann has been doing the work i.e. typing and printing etc. And so when Ann was nominated as Press Sec. as she was already doing a lot of work for me, it was generally agreed the best thing to do was to do the two jobs between us; and I must say the arrangement works very well; at least we have not had any fights yet.

Training Scheme Organiser - Trevor Cowdrey

Wilf Earlam found it harder and harder to spare the necessary time and so stepped down. I am sure Trevor will carry on where Wilf left off: he has a lot of the qualities that made Wilf so popular and successful; patience being the most important.

Committee Members - Mike Chambers and Brian Glynn

Mike does a lot of work for the club, particularly in the organising of trials with John Roberts. This is Brian's first appearance on the committee and in many people's opinion long overdue. He is one of the few regulars who turn up without fail when ever there is any work to be done.

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Frank Leaver is still in hospital and is likely to remain there for some time. He is really going through it and for part of the time he has been in great pain. Several members keep popping in to cheer him up and keep him up-to-date with what we are all doing. If, however, there are some who would like to see him, but for some reason cannot make it why not drop him a line c/o Ward 4, Christie' Hospital, Wilmslow Road, Withington, Manchester?

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All our best wishes go to Ron Higgins who has gone and got herself engaged. I suppose we will have to start calling her Veronica now instead of 'Iggie'.

Someone else to sneak out and get engaged recently was Ted Stobbs. Congratulations Ruth and Ted.

Poor old Len Morton has had another little mishap recently. He lent his bike to a friend who promptly fell off. I won't embarrass the person by saying who it was, but Geoff Bibbey knows.

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We have had two club runs in the past couple of months. The first to North Wales, and the second one (now referred to as "that" club run) was to the Lakes. Of course it rained, it always does there. It was blowing a gale. In my opinion this sort of club run does nothing but harm to the image of the motor-cyclist. I am all for a blind on the open road but not on twisty mountain lanes. A certain Norton owner will also want to forget it. He fell and split his fibre glass tank. After a long delay he eventually patched it up and rode home with a solid front end.

All the way home there was a moaning noise from the Lawson Ajay: there was nothing wrong with it, just Dave complaining about the cost of the meal we had.

Talking about Dave, he was telling me the other day he is on the look out for bright ideas. So if anyone has any suggestions to make about **the running** of the club, especially the social side, just contact Dave.

Pev Attwood has been experimenting with a fully floating frame (accidentally of course).

I was sternly taken to task the other week for not mentioning John Roberts and some of his recent successes. I think the fact is most of us take John for granted, but in recent years he has really kept the "17" flag flying and our name among the results. While John has been doing this in the trials world, Brian Warburton has been doing an equally brilliant job on the road circuits. Let's wish them all the very best of luck in '66.

THE NORTHERN EXPERTS TRIAL

Most of you will have read the reports in the press, so I won't go into great detail. The winner was Mick Andrews (250 James) with 24 marks lost, and breathing down his neck was F. England with 25 marks lost. Peter Wraith pulled off a win in the chair class from the Checklin brothers. I was surprised to note that old faithful Eric Castle had a really off day after four 5's he retired.

The whole trial went off like clock-work, without a hitch and our efforts were appreciated by both riders and press alike. It was nice to get a few pats on the back especially from Motor Cycle News.

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The Annual Dinner & Dance was again held at the Ravenoak Hotel, and the awards were presented by Stuart Graham. (Les Graham's son) and Pev Attwood. Among the guests were Shelagh and John Hartle (honourary member of the club) and Tom and Joan Leach, old members of the club who were over here as visitors from New Zealand.

After all the formalities, which I am sure you don't want to hear about, and the extremely appetising meal (which some of you will want to hear about but won't), the dancing(?) commenced. Dave Lawson and Margaret had to try to force most of the dancers on to the floor (to dance), but once they had got over their shyness, the dance got into full swing.

One of the dances, which should have been called 'The Litter Dance' was won by George Long and his partner, but that was inevitable, as he had pieces of newspaper even in his ears. Then we had a progressive Barn Dance, or was it a Fancy Dress Dance? Anyway I ended up wearing a man's brown suede shoe on one foot, and a man's black leather shoe on the other foot, a black bow-tie round my neck and a man's jacket turned inside-out, with my dress etc. underneath. The prize was won by the first man to get all his belongings back and it was chaos.

By the end of the evening most of the people were dancing, including Glynn, and I think everyone enjoyed themselves even 'wet pants'. (If you want to know about the wet pants just ask Brian and I am sure he will answer all enquiries.)

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If these miserable winter evenings are dragging slowly by, read on. (Read on in any case). I would like some designs for the front cover of the Newsletter, it doesn't have to be elaborate, the simplest ones are often the most effective. So if you fancy having a try, do a rough sketch first and then I will let you have a stencil for the real thing.

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QUIZ TIME

Now here is a chance for everyone to prove just how clever or otherwise they are. There is no excuse for not having a "bash". Don't be afraid of showing yourself up, because I will only print the top few next time, so if you don't get any answers right no-one will ever know. Please let me have your answers before February 1st. Either give them to me at the club or send them to me at 12 Chatsworth Road, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.

I will print the answers in February's newsletter together with part 2 of the quiz.

1. What years were the following machines in production ?

(Answer:- From to) 1 mark for each date.

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| A. Ariel | E. Harley- Davidson |
| B. Bianchi | F. Levis |
| C. Bismark | G. New Hudson |
| D. B.S.V. | H. Sun |

2. Give the nationality of the above machines.
(1 mark for each answer)

3. The firm of Garelli stopped manufacturing in 1957, is this **true** or false?
If false which year? (3 marks)

4. Who is the firm once famous for their aircraft, who manufacture the "Tourist" scooter with a 150 c.c. 4 stroke OHV engine? (3 marks)

5. The German firm of Hercules have in their 1964 range three trials models.
Give the c.c. of each model. (6 marks)

6. It is the name of a car and a river and they manufactured motor-cycles from 1900 to 1930, who is it? (3 marks)

7. The Swedish firm of Husquarna began in 1903, 1927, or 1948? (3 marks)

8. At the end of the first world war the German arms factory of Krupp made a 4 stroke scooter. True or false. If true give dates. (3 marks)

9. The 500 c.c. moto-cross single made by Lito contains certain Triumph parts. True or false? (2 marks)
10. An Italian sewing machine firm, who made a Sachs engine 150 c.c. two stroke motor-cycle from 1951 to 1953, who are they? (3 marks)

Now it's up to you, so don't be shy.

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Since I started writing the newsletter I have popped in to see Frank Leaver. There is little change in his condition, but a major factor keeping him reasonably cheerful is the number of people who go to see him and the quantity of fruit and chocolates that has been pouring in. Frank really appreciates it all, but is just not up to writing yet. So please regard this as a **big** "thank you" from him.

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Well that's about it 'till February. All that remains now is for me to wish everyone, very sincerely, a very happy and prosperous 1966.

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