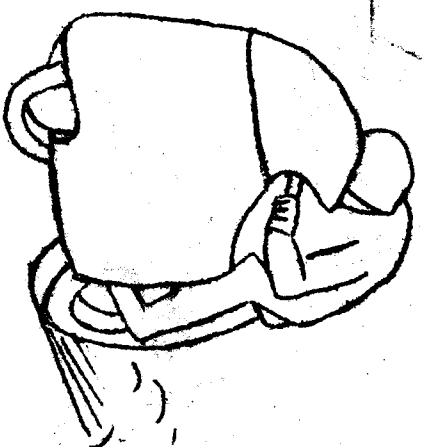
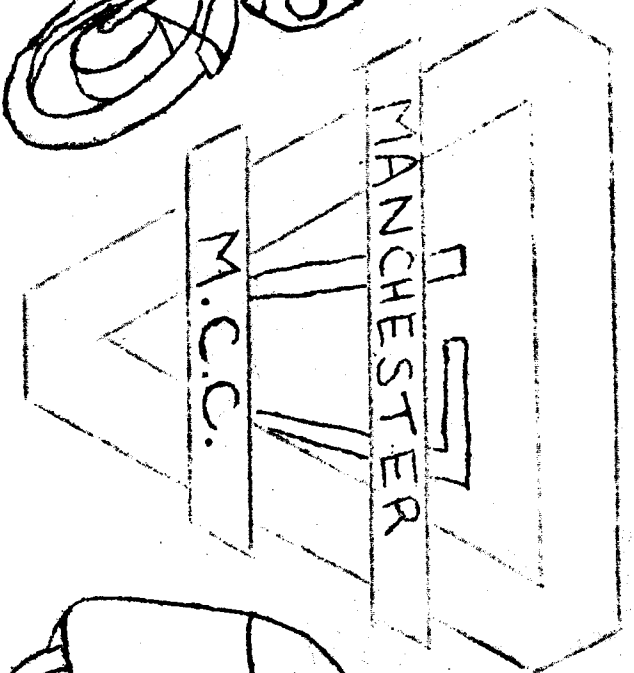
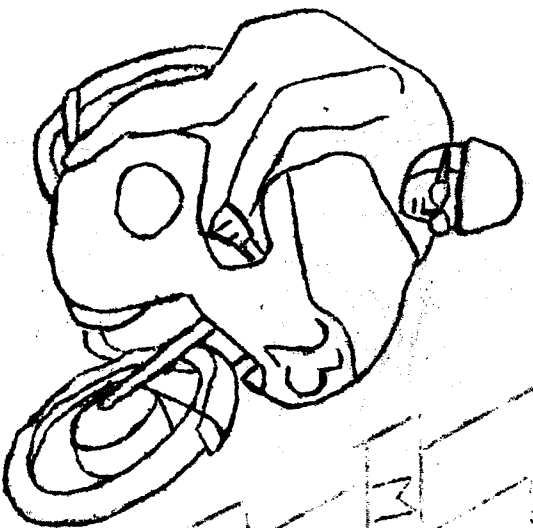
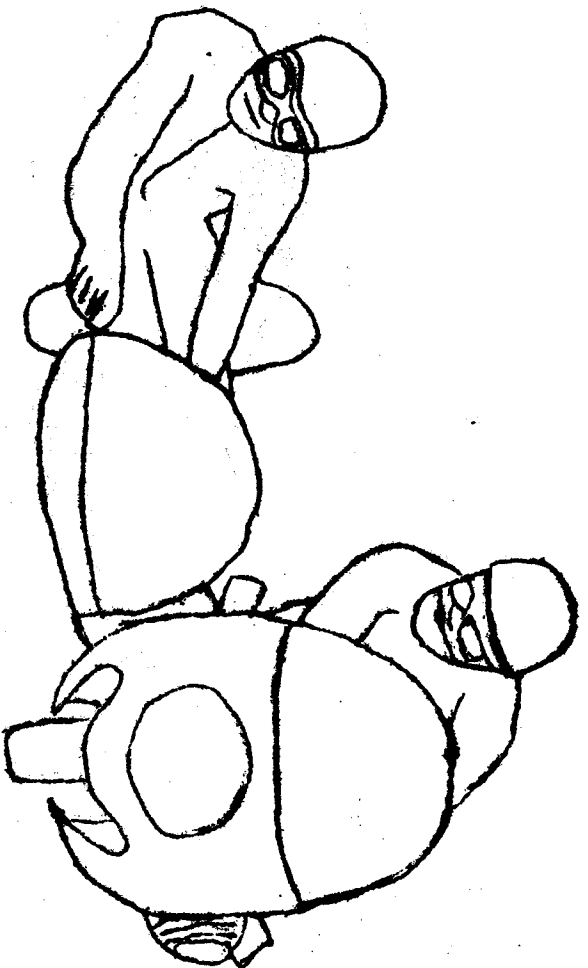


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MANCHESTER '17' MOTOR-CYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING 5th JANUARY, 1966

- Members Present J. Bell, D. Linney, B. Glynn, T. Cowdrey, C.H. Parkes, M. Chambers
J. Roberts, W. Earlam, Miss A. Harding, F. Turner.
- Apologies F. Leaver, R.L. Attwood, D. Lawson
- Minutes of last Meeting Read and adopted.
- Matters Arising Nil.
- Annual Dinner It was agreed that this was generally good and reports of cold food from some people were no doubt due to our poor organisation generally. Our poor organisation is getting us a bad name and this must be corrected. T. Cowdrey suggested future events should have "tear off" stubbs, but this was thought to be too expensive. It was decided, however, that tickets must be collected in future.
- Boxing Day Trial Tough sporting trial held in good weather with 73 entries.
- Boxing Day Party This was held at the "Warren Bulkeley" and was attended by 58 members and again our organisation was shocking. Caustic comment by M. Chambers summed up the situation admirably.
- Centre Delegates R.L. Attwood, J. Roberts, J. Bell, G. Long. Any three can vote.
- Northern Experts Trial Good trial with 45 entries. Solo winner M. Andrews. Side-car winner P. Wraith.
- Correspondence Letter from New Mills Council re "Noisy Motor Cyclists" in reply to our letter to them.
- A.O.B. Social side of the club requires a drastic shake-up. B. Glynn can organise a bar at scrambles if required. Sporting membership to remain at 5/- per annum. J. Roberts to send out leaflets advertising club membership with sporting regs.
D. Linney to approach manufacturers etc. re support of scrambles or individual races.
- Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd February, 1966 at 8.30 p.m.

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- March 6th Trial Versus Sheffield and Hallamshire M.C.C. Start 11.00 a.m. Regs obtainable from S. and H. M.C.C. secretary.
- March 20th Trial At Booth Farm. Start not yet decided. Permit applied for and permission obtained. Regs not printed yet.
- Annual Dinner '66 Possibly at the Ravenoak 9th December (G. Long to write). Possible guests:- Jeff Smith, Frank Varey, Bill Doran, Alan Jefferies.
- Boxing Day Party 1966 R.L. Attwood to try Devonshire Arms, Mellor, Royal Oak, Hazel Grove, or the Five Ways, Hazel Grove.
- Club room Activities Film show February 10th. Suggested club room activities Indoor Trial, football cards. D. Linney contacted Ferodo re a table tennis match at their canteen. W. Earlam to ask Stockport Police for permission to use their games room.

Membership Lists
For A.C.U.

F. Turner is completing the list of full members. Club to pay fees for honorary members.

Newsletter

To be published shortly. T. Cowdrey to write an article.

Annual Subscriptions

All subs should be paid by the end of February. (More later)

Training Scheme

W. Earlam to meet T. Cowdrey February 4th to discuss forthcoming Schemes. Training Schemes to start on March 6th and September 4th.

Any other business

T. Cowdrey to be on the "Road Safety Committee". R.L. Attwood has written to the secretary of the Chester club, and W. Earlam has spoken to Bill Smith re cups for the Northern Experts Trial, which are still in a bank in Chester. It was suggested to ring Jack Smith to give them a push. Rothmans are to send representatives to our first scramble; if they are favourably impressed they will pay a certain amount towards it or may pay everything. The farmer who owns the scramble course has three prospective buyers for the farm, two of which are interested in the continuance of scrambling.

Suggested advertising for the forthcoming scrambles. Adverts in "Go Shell", speedway programmes, Manchester Evening News, The Sun, Comet, and Stockport papers. Messrs. Drinkle has offered loudspeaker advertising, but Rothmans will provide loudspeakers and cup if they do decide to support us.

Parking at scramble course: let farmer have takings for use of field.

New Members

Full:- D. Green, A. Eaieth, D. Fildes, A. Renshaw, D. Allcock, J.A. Robinson, D. Clough.

Sporting:- D. Hugglestone, A. Lawton, J. Burns, M. Ransom, A. Knapkin, A. Ellis, B. Dawson, J.G. Turner, N.C. Sutton.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 2nd March 8.30 p.m.

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I wish it were within my power to alter the course of events, I would certainly have some happier news for you than in fact I have this month. But it isn't so unfortunately there is nothing I can do about it.

My first task is most unpleasant; it is to report to those of you who have not already heard, the tragic death of Frank Leaver, who died last Tuesday 8th February, in Christie's Hospital Manchester following a long illness. Here, I think, a few words from our President "Bill" Parkes would be more appropriate than anything I could say.

FRANK LEAVER

You will all have learned with deep regret of the sad death of Frank Leaver, who for several years has been our Treasurer and Secretary. Frank's death is a great loss to the club, and his kind are hard to replace. Everyone will miss him, and he will be remembered for his keenness to work, and for the willing way in which he gave help to all and sundry. His service is a good example to follow by all club members, and in paying our tribute to his memory, we extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Dorcen and family.

C.H. PARKES

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I knew Frank only a comparatively short time, but in that time I grew to respect him. You did not always agree with him, but whether you did or not, you had to admire a man who had the courage of his convictions. If Frank did something he put 100% effort into it.

One incident that stands out in my mind occurred last year when we were preparing for our second scramble of the season. A party of us went out to distribute hand-bills door to door. Frank insisted on coming with us although

he was far from fit. He kept going all afternoon until finally we called it a day. By this time he was obviously in great pain and had difficulty in walking back to his car. But then that was just like him.

Frank will be missed for many years to come.

One last comment and that is how I was impressed by the number of club members who managed to get time off work to attend the funeral. I know all our thoughts were and are with Doreen.

At this point Doreen has asked me if she can say a few words:-

"I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the sympathy, help and consideration shown by club members. The visits to Frank in hospital were a consolation to him during his illness, and kept him in touch as long as possible. The beautiful floral tributes from the club and individuals express in no uncertain way the esteem and affection by which Frank was held by the club, and this in itself is a great consolation in my deep sorrow."

DOREEN

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A little brighter subject now, but not much, and that is the Boxing Day Party. After just scraping through the Annual Dinner Dance, I thought we would go all out to put things right by making the Boxing Day Party a roaring success; but not so. The evening was saved from being a complete catastrophe by a few thoughtful people who at the last minute produced a tape-recorder, record player and discs. It is only fair to say that some of the blame should go to the landlord of the Warren Bulkeley who at short notice failed to provide any food. Nuff said.

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One thing that no-one can find fault with is the way Johnny Roberts organises a trial, and the Boxing Day Trial was no exception. As usual everything went off like clockwork. On just about the best day of the winter everyone enjoyed a tough trial over four laps of a pocket-handkerchief course on the scramble field. There were 73 entries 25% of whom retired. The eventual winners were:- Solo - Norman Eyre, Chairs - Jack Matthews.

It was my first trial, and after my bike finished up a tree, I said it would also be my last, but I had second thoughts when I got a three at one section and Dave Rowlands got a 5. Needless to say I was one of the 25% who retired.

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TRAINING SCHEME

Starts Sunday 6th March at 10.0 a.m.

Bicycle Maintenance 27th February at 10.0 a.m.

There shouldn't be too much to do as our machines have been back to the works.

INSTRUCTORS We are starting a low age limit this time, as we find that our older trainees find a certain amount of awkwardness being given lessons by someone much younger. Please do not think that we do not appreciate the work you younger people have done, far from it. At times indeed we would have been sunk without you. Come along certainly as we can find you something useful to do - maintenance etc. But instruction will be given to trainees by the riders who:-

- a. Are over 19 years of age (i.e. 20 upwards)
- b. Have been riding for at least 2 years continuously.
- c. Have a fair knowledge of machine maintenance.
- d. Keep their machines (and themselves) tidy.
- e. Have a good knowledge of the Highway Code etc.

If you comply with these requirements and can spare a few Sunday mornings per year for a very useful cause. Get in touch with - Trevor Cowdrey, 21 The Circuit, Cheadle Hulme, Telephone:- HUL 1601 (Chief Instructor)

DRAGON RALLY '66

Held again at Glyn Padarn on the Llanberis pass this annual event took place on the weekend 4th-6th February. Friday afternoon and evening saw the advance parties arriving in pretty fair weather, which changed to foul weather over night.

Saturday morning and early afternoon was beset by a hard driving penetrating rain and a devilish cross wind. Many suffered accidents and two were killed due to this wind which blew them off the road. Towards Saturday evening, however, the wind dropped and the sun came out and this very mild weather continued for the rest of the weekend.

Ruth and Eddie (now engaged) travelled down on Friday. John Bell, Moses, Christine and myself travelled Saturday. Shortly upon arrival we espied the following motley crew already encamped:- Dave Fildes, Dave Alcock, Bob Elliot, Bob Johnson and Glynn Wallwork (complete with Russian Hat) A little later Allan Brown turned up.

The weekend was spent (as are most Dragon weekends) mooching about looking at expensive and beautiful machinery, and expensive and beautiful birds (if you like that sort of thing!) Top scores here were two shapely German girls, clad in one piece black leathers.

At evening time a large bonfire was lit and after a few speeches were said there was community song singing. (The songs got more risqué as the evening went on.)

I was very pleased to meet my friends from the Dunstable Riflemen M.C.C. who sported 22 members present. They are going to visit us later in the year. (More about this later.)

A peaceful night was spent except for Mr. Bell's snoring, Moses' cries for help and Christine's persistent giggling through the night. Sunday saw us floating home along the coast road in beautiful weather. A very nice weekend, missed by the lilly livered and couldn't care less types. Are you one? Well what about doing something about it next year?

P.S. If you read the paper, it wasn't us that wrecked a cafe and sorted a couple of coppers out in Llanberis.

TREV

Who said there were no perks in the "17"? Well they were wrong, for Roger Kyffin has come up with a really fabulous offer. He is offering a generous discount on anything bought from him. This offer is open to all paid up members of the club, including sporting members. So if you want anything at all for the bike the first place to try is Roger Kyffin's shop (100 yards from Houldsworth Square, Reddish.)

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"Uncle" Wilf Earlam, who was acting secretary to the club has, through pressure of business, had to drop out altogether, which left us in an awkward position. George Long volunteered to help out for the time being, but our next job now is to appoint a new secretary; not an easy post to fill.

I don't know if you have noticed but Ian Bradshaw has just got a shiny new BSA Lightning.

Now I have the annual task of reminding everyone that subscriptions are now due. So please help us by paying as soon as is convenient. You only have to pay once, so why not make it now. It helps us, because we have a far better idea how well off (or otherwise) we are, and so we can plan ahead more easily. Also if you want to take advantage of Roger Kyffin's wonderful terms, you will need a current membership card.

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Not long now to our first scramble (April 17th), and with your co-operation we could really make it a record-breaker. So when we appeal for help, please try to lend a hand when the time comes.

QUIZ TIME

Although I had a very small number of entries for the quiz quite a few people praised it. So I gather that while most people were too bashful to enter, they enjoyed it all the same.

Results of December's Quiz

1. and 2. What nationality were the following motor cycles, and in what years were they manufactured:-

a. Ariel	Great Britain	1902	-	date
b. Bianchi	Italy	1897	-	"
c. Bismark	Germany	1947	-	1957
d. B.M.W.	"	1923	-	date
e. Harley-Davidson	U.S.A.	1903	-	"
f. Levis	Great Britain	1911	-	1939
g. New Hudson	" "	1909	-	1957
h. Sun	" "	1906	-	1961

3. The firm of Garelli did not stop manufacturing in 1957.
4. The firm, once famous for their aircraft, who manufacture the "Tourist" scooter with a 150 c.c. 4 stroke O.H.V. engine is Heinkel.
5. The German firm of Hercules have in their 1964 range 3 trials models, 50 c.c., 97 c.c. and 173 c.c.
6. The name of a car, a river and they manufactured motor-cycles from 1900-1930 is Humber Ltd., of Coventry.
7. The Swedish firm of Husquavna began in 1903.
8. At the end of the 1st World War the German Arms Factory of Krupp made a 4 stroke scooter.
9. The 500 c.c. Moto Cross single made by Lito contains certain BSA and Husquavna parts, not Triumph.
10. The Italian sewing machine firm who made a Sachs engined 150 c.c. 2 stroke motor-cycle from 1951 to 1953 are Necchi.

And now for this month's questions:-

1. Who was in charge of the MZ racing department in 1964?
2. This is the address of a famous motor-cycle from 1921-1940

Hayden Road,
Nottingham.

Which one and who built it?

3. Who builds motor-cycles at Quay St., Gloucester?
4. A famous manufacturer whose factory is situated on Lake Como made 150 c.c. racers called "Albatros" and "Gambalunghino" and 500's called "Condor", "Gambalung" and "Dondolino". Who is it?
5. When did the first 1,000 c.c. V twins HRD with semi OHC valves appear on the market?
6. When was the name HRD dropped, and manufacture continue under the Vincent trade-mark?
7. Which is the elder company Douglas or Excelsior?
8. Dot motor-cycles have been available since 1903, 1927 or 1934?
9. The 98 c.c. Corgi runabout had a wheel size of 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " or 16"?
10. T.E. Lawrence owned 7 of these machines, what were they and who is he?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1. March 6th. Trial versus Sheffield and Hallamshire at Sheffield. We want every club member who owns anything resembling a trials mount to be there.
2. March 20th. The return leg at Booth Farm.
3. A time and observation trial on the 13th March for solos only. Start and finish at Booth Farm, Longnor, near Buxton. The trial is open to Cheshire Centre. Entries close 9th March. Entries to - Mrs. J.H. Roberts, 3 Maple Ave., MARPLE, Cheshire.

Just before I sign off there are a few things I would like to remind you about

Please pay your subs as soon as possible.

When the time comes please lend a hand preparing for the scramble..

And last but not least, if you want something for the bike go and see Roger Kyffin.

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