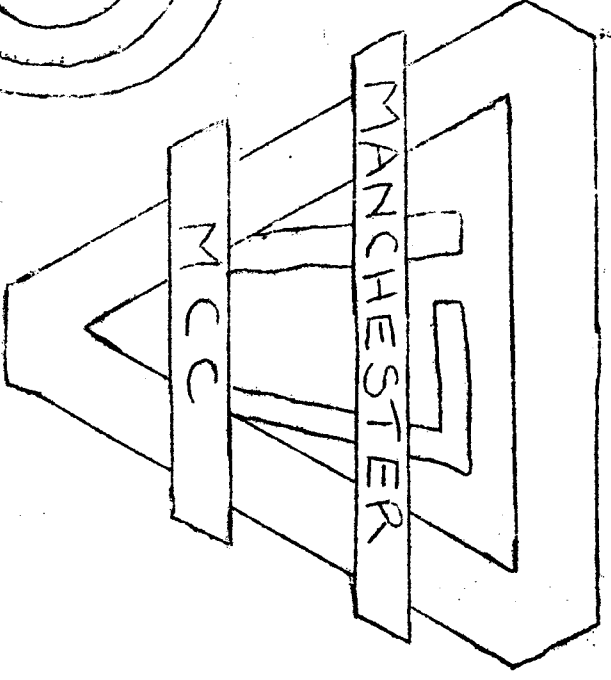
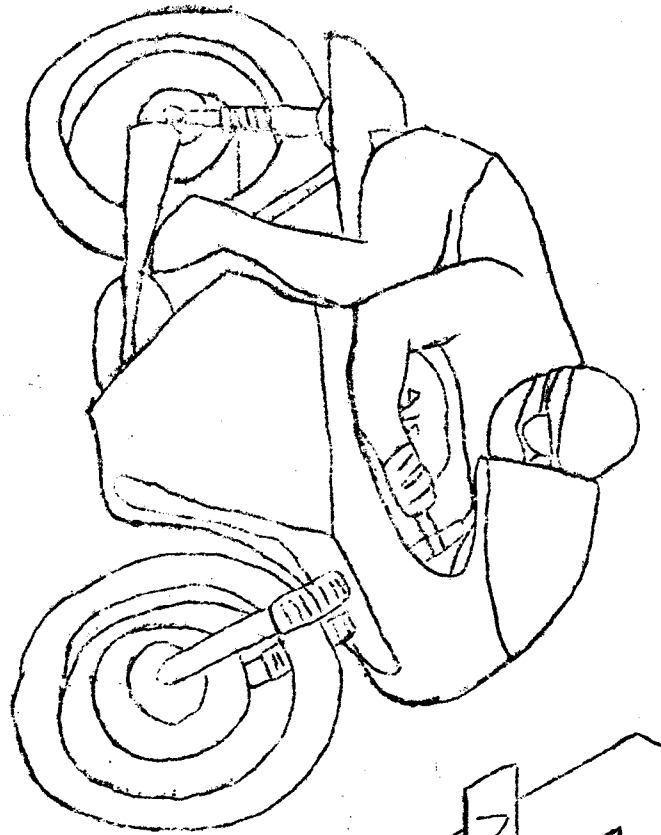
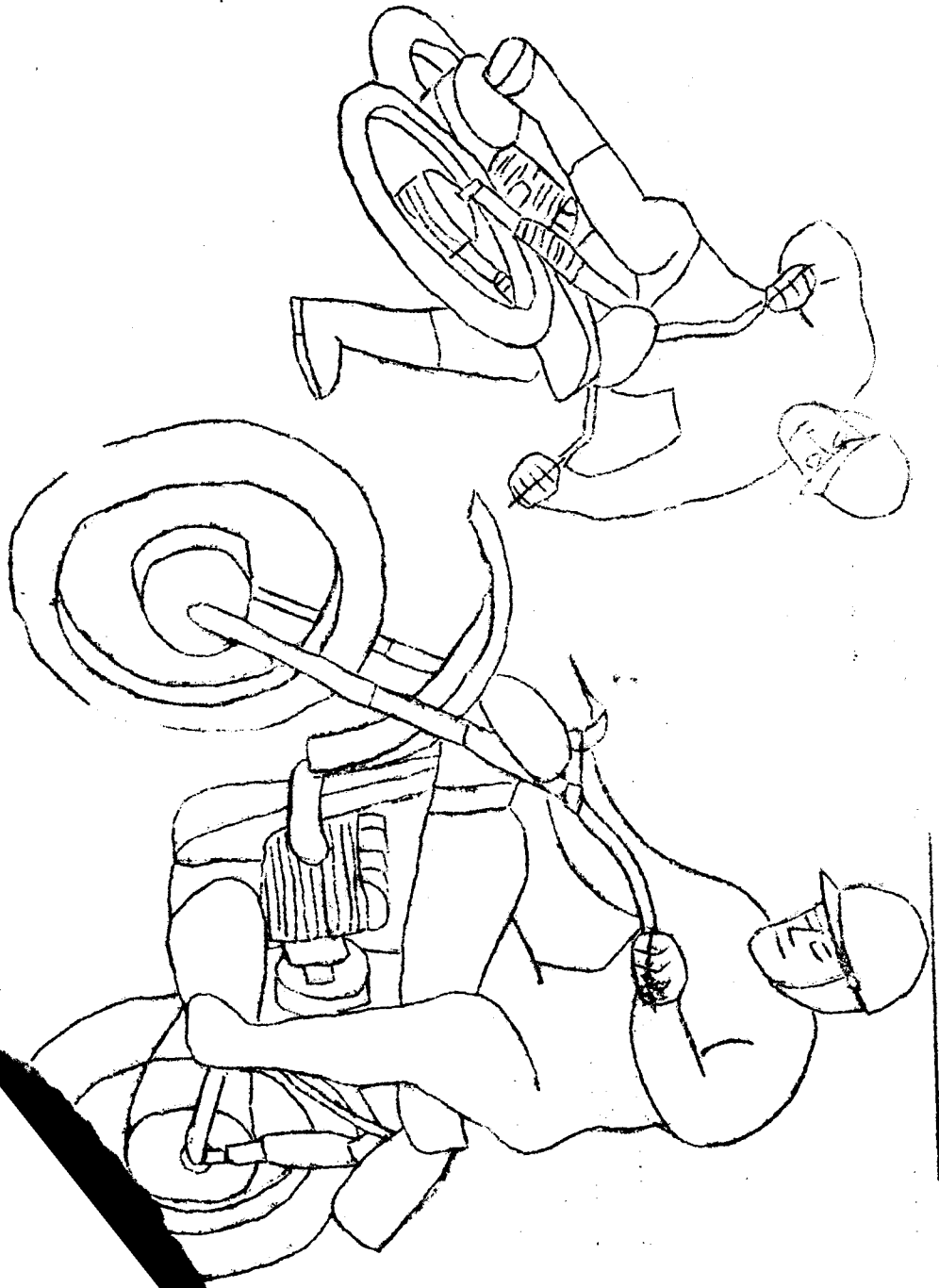


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NEWSLETTER



April, 1966.

THE MANCHESTER '17' MOTOR CYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEETING 23rd MARCH, 1966

Members Present

J. Bell, C.H. Parkes, T. Cowdrey, Miss Ann Harding, D. Linney, F. Turner, B. Glynn, J.F. Roberts, F.D. Rourke.

Apologies for Absence

P. Attwood, M. Chambers, D. Lawson.

Minutes of last Meeting

Read and adopted.

Matters Arising

Bar at Scrambles. Local landlords to be approached.

Social Activities

Proposed club run to Hawkstone Park on 27th March - B. Glynn to arrange.

Membership Lists

F. Turner has these in hand.

Newsletter

Next issue due mid-April.

Scramble, April 17th

A working party to be arranged for Sunday April 3rd. Leaflet distribution will be organised by D. Linney. As Pev Attwood was not able to attend this meeting, further details could not be discussed. (Agreed there would be a full Committee meeting on April 6th) It was proposed there should be free admission for proprietors of garages, etc. who show posters for all the Club Scrambles - this was agreed after much discussion. It is intended that advertising leaflets suitably stamped be used as complimentary tickets.

Training Scheme

Proceeding satisfactorily.

New Members

8 full members and 6 sporting members.

Stationery

Frank Turner now has supplies. Will distribute as required.

A.O.B.

Derek Warburton has donated £15 to be awarded to the winners of an event at the next Scramble to be known as the "Derek Warburton Chase" - to be a race between the 12 fastest riders of the day.

Dot Motor-cycles have offered £10 to Club funds. Agreed this should be added to prize money at a future scramble.

Dave Linney has had replies to some of his letters asking if firms were interested in sponsoring events in our scrambles but except for Derek Warburtons, and Dot's donations, no others have responded positively.

Frank Turner is to arrange with the bank for the new Secretary to be a signatory on club cheques with the Chairman and Treasurer.

Typewriters: 2 held by Committee members need repairing. D. Linney and J. Roberts to find out cost involved.

Protest letter has been sent by Dave Linney to A.T.V. regarding their inaccurate and biased presentation of motor-cycling and motor-cyclists in a recent schools programme.

Next Meeting

6th April, 1966.

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COMMITTEE MEETING 6th APRIL, 1966

Present

J. Bell, C.H. Parkes, T. Cowdrey, Miss Ann Harding, D. Linney, J. Roberts, B. Glynn, M. Chambers, P. Attwood, F. Turner, D. Rourke.

Apologies for absence

D. Lawson.

Minutes of last Meeting

Read and adopted.

Matters Arising

Membership list have been sent to the A.C.U. Typewriters - D. Linney's machine needs an overhaul including a new roller. Cost will be £5 10s. - agreed the job should be done. Bar at Scrambles - The landlord at the "Swan", New Mills is

prepared to provide the facilities although the club may have to hire the marquee or similar. Approaches to be made to Bents and Gartsides and Boddingtons Breweries to see if they would provide a marquee and staff, and the liquor for the July Scramble.

Scramble, April 17th

A working party will be arranged for Friday April 8th. P. Attwood to try to get another field for a car-park, and he has arranged the Prohibited Area notices. Club to erect their own Direction Signs. D. Linney and P. Attwood to arrange. To be erected on the morning of the scramble.

Paddock - If top field has been used as car-park, the lower small field may have to be used, if so, wire mesh (from Bill Parkes) to be laid in the gateway.

Programme printing - J. Roberts arranging. An editorial by D. Linney to be printed in the programme.

County Police to be asked (or reminded) re: provision of "specials".

Litter receptacles - Suggested a number be made up from posts and sacking - B. Glynn will do these.

Toilets - J. Roberts to obtain timber for framework for new "Ladies", corrugated iron to be collected from Bill Parkes.

Officials - Clerk of Course - D. Myers,

Secretary of Meeting - P. Attwood, Chief Marshal - D. Linney.

Centre Steward - K. Ousby (Bar None Club)

Club Stewards - T. Cowdrey, G. Long.

Machine Examiners - C.H. Parkes, J. Ford

Paddock Marshall - B. Glynn Announcer - M. Chambers

Starter - D. Rourke i/c Admission Gates - F. Turner

Charges - Admission 2/6, Programmes 6d., Parking 1/- (cars)
6d. (Motor-cycles)

Programme Sellers - to be at entrance.

Social Activities

The long awaited film show is due Thursday 21st April. The film is being sent to J. Roberts. Secretary to be asked to arrange for Club Runs during the coming months.

Correspondence

A request has been received from the Antelope Club for us to ask our members to buy their raffle tickets - it was agreed to do so at the club room.

A.O.B.

A.C.U. Benevolent Fund - agreed we should contribute £2 2s. last record of a payment to the Fund was £1 1s. in 1961.

Club Lottery - Frank Turner to approach W. Earlam to ascertain what has already been done about arrangements for this.

Next meeting

11th May, 1966.

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Another two months have slipped past, and once again it is time to write the club's newsletter. The main item of news this time is of course the scramble; but more of that later. Firstly, I would like to point out that the minutes of the two committee meetings have been drastically edited. The reason being, that our new secretary, Dennis Rourke, writes such detailed minutes, that if I printed them in their entirety, there would not be room for anything else.

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The social side of the club, after a spell in a state of suspended animation, due to the cold and miserable weather, seems to be waking up at last, and we have had club-runs to Hawkstone Park and Betley; also there was a film show the other Thursday in the club room. The better weather is, we hope, on the way, so any time now Dave Lawson will be organising regular club runs most Sundays. So, if you have any bright ideas about where you think would be a good place to have a run, tell Dave; he will be only too pleased to receive suggestions.

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A very encouraging bit of news on the sporting side is the result of the Lomax Trial:-

The team award went to, yes, the '17'. We were represented by Johnny Roberts (61 marks lost), Eric Adcock (63 marks lost) and Dave Rowlands (40 marks lost).

Have you noticed how many Victors there are about? It only seemed a few weeks ago that they were a rarity, and when one was seen it created a lot of interest, but now everyone seems to have one.

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I do not suppose many of you will have heard of Tom Dugdale, but without him our club would be known as the Manchester 16 Motor Cycle Club. Recently he had a nasty accident at home, and was badly burned; he is now in Withington Hospital, and I am sure he would like to see anyone who cares to pop in for a chat. But, first, please give Wilf Earlam a ring:- Wilmslow 4647.

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Have you got a trailer for sale? If you have, Ronnie Hulme would like to hear from you. He is looking for a light trailer (one bike), suitable for towing behind a mini. If you have, please contact me.

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Moses tells me his bike will be ready in a week or two; mind you, he has been telling me that for about six months now, but somehow, I think he means it this time. Not a lot is known about it yet, but he has let a few things out recently. Apparently, he aquired a Ford V8 engine, which he has put into a Bantam frame. Cooling is by Fridgidaire, and the suspension is based on an idea he got from his mother's vacuum cleaner. Dave had arranged for Sammy Miller to test his invention in the Scottish Six Days, but Sammy had to admit at the last minute, that he thought it would be a bit of a handful for him. The main problem facing him now is that he has built the monster in his cellar, and the only way of getting it up is by means of a steep and very narrow staircase!

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SCRAMBLE

While at the time of writing, the actual figure is not known, it is expected to be a loss of between £5 and £10, which, considering the weather conditions, is remarkably good. From the spectators' and the riders' point of view, the meeting was a huge success; the only complaint being that there was a delay between races which would not have mattered, had it been a little warmer.

As most of you will know, we managed to obtain another field to use as a car-park, and this meant there was much more room for the riders in the paddock. We were assisted in parking the cars by the A.A., who sent up two patrolmen; this helped no end.

And now for our organisation; and what can I say apart from the fact that it was terrible! I really felt sorry for Pev; as always, he had worked his heart out for weeks, and he got good support from a handful of old faithfuls. The rest just were not interested. We never have more than 3 scrambles a year, and these are the only occasions when every active member of the club is needed to help. Surely it is not much to ask to give up one Sunday afternoon or one evening before each scramble. The total number of helpers we got to delivery hand-bills, was just 6!

On the day of the meeting, we needed about 40 people to help act as marshalls etc., not many from a club with over 100 full members! Of the 20 odd members who said they would be marshalls, about 12 turned up at the proper time, some came late, some went early, and some never showed up at all. What most people did not seem to realise, was that a marshall is an official of the meeting, and is responsible for the section of track which is allocated to him at the start of the meeting, and the only time he should leave it is in the interval. We shall certainly have to do better than this next time, or we will be getting a bad name!

As for the racing, this was of a very high standard, and not even the most critical spectator could find cause for complaint. I am sure most of the people who braved the elements on April 17th will be back for more on July 17th and perhaps bring their friends with them.

RESULTS

<u>Events</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>Laneside</u>	<u>2.</u> <u>Allcomers</u>	<u>3.</u> <u>Seventeen</u>	<u>4.</u> <u>Warburton</u>	<u>5.</u> <u>Clubmans</u>
1st.	J. Done	J. Done	J. Done	P. Ormesher	P. Ormesher
2nd.	R. Morris	B. Hatton	P. Ormesher	J. Done	A. Forster.
3rd.	A. Forster	F. Yarwood	J. Harrison	J. Harrison	J. Harrison

As I am a bit behind schedule, I have decided to leave the last part of the quiz until a later edition.

So that's it for another two months, by which time we will be preparing for our next scramble. Doesn't time fly?

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