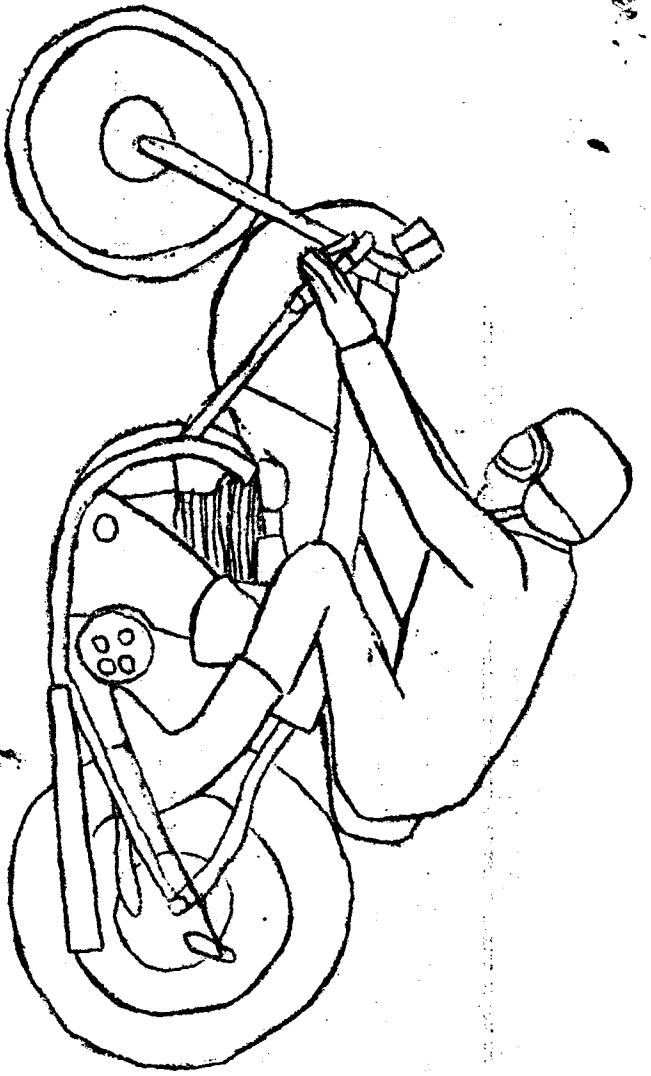
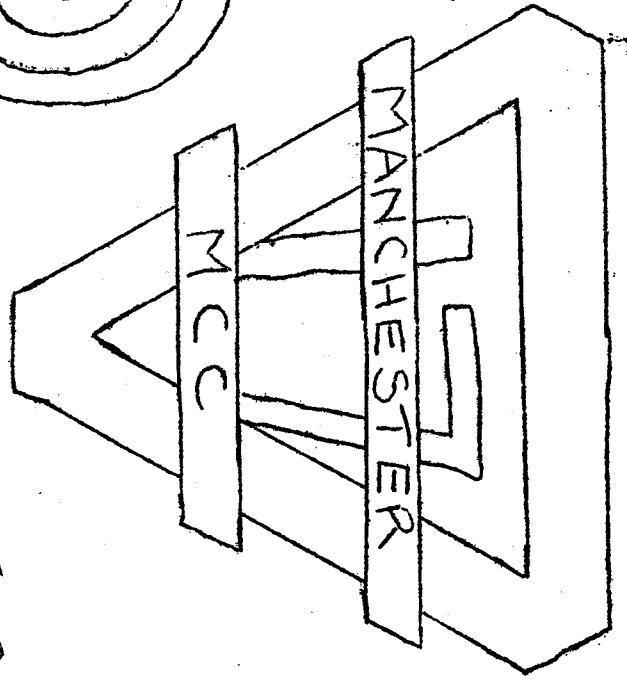
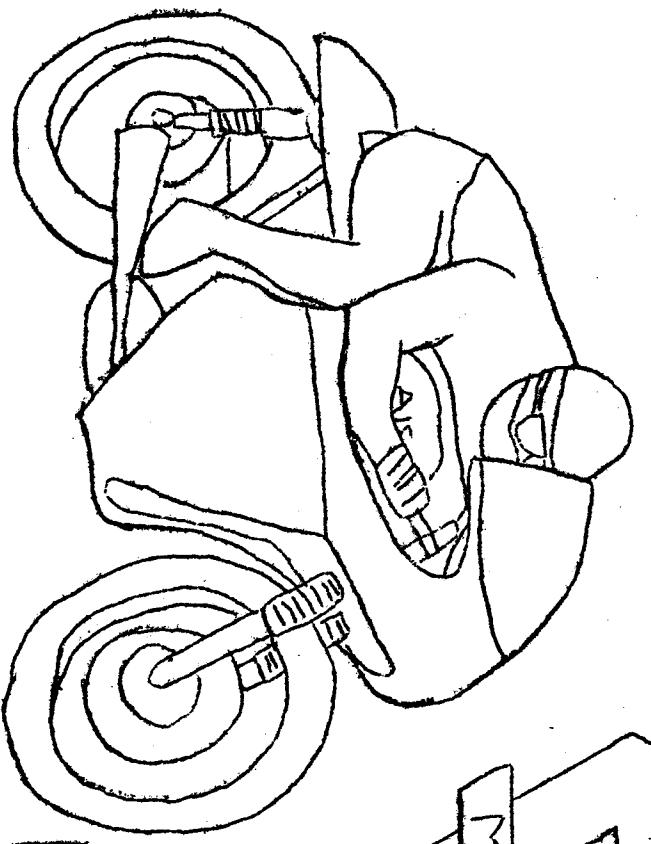


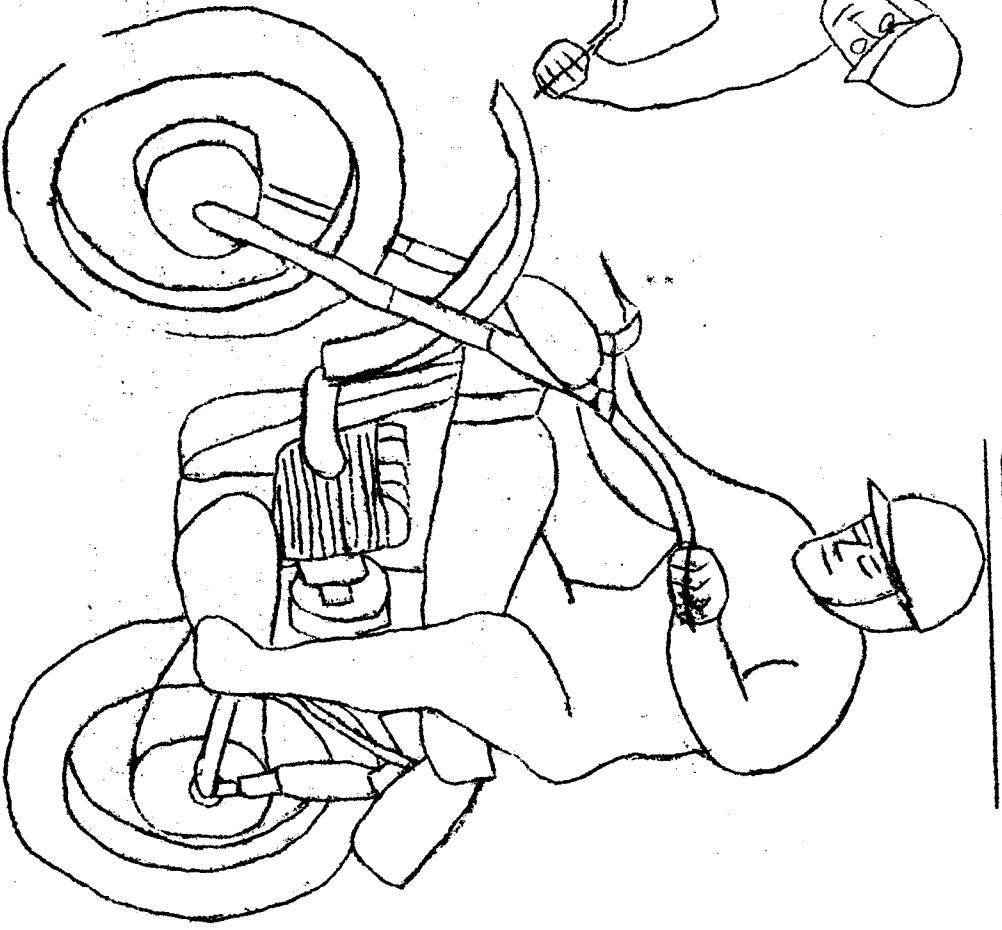
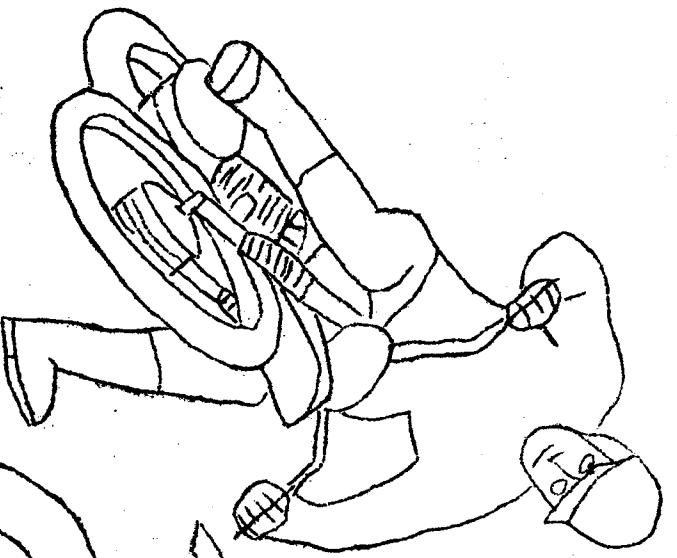
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THE MANCHESTER '17' MOTOR CYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

It seems a long time since the last newsletter, and the main reason is lack of material. I've been receiving the usual promises for the last four or five weeks, but promises won't fill the pages.

Since the last newsletter, we have had two of our major social events, the Dinner Dance and the Boxing Day Party. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the party owing to acute tonsillitis, which successfully ruined my Christmas.

We have also had the Northern Experts and Boxing Day trials, and of course, the Annual General Meeting.

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D I N N E R D A N C E

The Annual Dinner Dance was held once again, at the Raven Oak Hotel, Cheadle Hulme, on the 9th December, 1966. The guests were Alan Jefferies, Frank Varey, and Ray Riggs and his wife.

The awards were presented by Frank Varey, who also offered to donate a trophy for the club to award. This trophy is to be presented once only. Mr. Varey also invited members of the club to come and see some 'real' speedway riding at the Sheffield Speedway Track.

After all the formality, the music started, but everyone seemed to be very reluctant to get on to the floor. I tried quite a few things, including turning the lights down, but only one or two people took the plunge. Then a Barn Dance was played and George Long and Ann Harding began dancing. Soon the floor was almost covered and this looked like being the real 'beginning' of the dancing. The band presented the first two dancers, namely Ann and George, with prizes, for being the first brave couple on the floor.

Although Duck for Dinner may not have been enjoyed by a few people, or may have seemed extravagant, I think, on the whole, we all enjoyed the Dinner Dance.

CHRISTINE

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B O X I N G D A Y P A R T Y

The Boxing Day Party was held at the Olde Ship Inn, Styal. At first the room was cold and there was no music, owing to a burnt out record player, with no flex or plug (taken by my younger brother for wiring his new telly, which was bought for 5/-). Eventually, another record player was brought by Ken Sykes, and records were soon spinning. People began dancing and this exertion seemed to make them hungry, the result - the food table was invaded.

Having satisfied their appetites, several members thought up a few ideas for games. One of these was passing the match-box from one nose to another, and that was quite a laugh, but the biggest laugh of all was when Jack Mathews changed it to a bottle, which had to be passed from between one person's knees to the next person's. Some of the comments were really funny and would have sounded rude if you couldn't see what was actually happening, as the two rows of people were made up of alternative males and females.

At the end of the evening a final game was played. Chairs were set out and people sat down for what they thought was going to be Musical Knees, but little did they know of the mischief that was brewing from the 'Dynamic Duo', namely Margaret and Dave. The ladies were told to stand on the chairs and raise their skirts above their knees. The men then had to find the girl with the best legs, and they had a really good time, but their glee was short lived, when they were told to stand on the chairs and show their legs. The girls then had to find the hairiest legs. The two winners incidentally, were Ann Chambers and Dave Lawson, who both won prizes.

CHRISTINE

The committee decided at the last meeting to discontinue the Boxing Day Party and hold a similar event in Autumn. This decision was made in view of the complaints received in the last few years, and it is hoped to organise an event more agreeable to club members, such as a hot pot supper after one of the trials. This used to happen a few years back and was quite successful.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. was held on November 15th, and I think most of the club members were there, as the room was nearly packed out. Quite a few of the members remained on the committee and they were -

President - Bill Parkes

He really wanted to drop out, so he says, yet never put up much of an argument when we told him he was needed.

Secretary - Denis Rourke

Denis, who took over as Secretary about March, 1966, said he wasn't staying on, but after a bit of persuasion, he agreed not to leave.

Treasurer - Frank Turner

A person who doesn't mind staying on the committee and does a very good job of looking after our money!

Scrambles Secretary - Pev Attwood

Who could take his place? No-one, so he is in once again.

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Trials Secretary - John Roberts

He cannot be replaced either. Both these two work very hard and know just what they're doing.

Press Secretary/Newsletter Editor - Ann Harding and Dave Abrahams

Ann has also agreed to stay on the committee, and so has Dave, who took over from Dave Linney at the beginning of the year.

Training Scheme Organiser/Chairman - Trevor Cowdrey

He has managed very well and has agreed to carry on, plus taking over the job as Chairman.

Now here are the new committee members -

Social Secretary - Christine Steyert

This is her first time on the committee and this now makes it two girls and nine men. We hope that Chris will manage to organise more social events than we had last year, but we all realise that this is a fairly difficult job, and needs a lot of hard work.

Two Committee Members - Glynn Wallwork and George Long

George seems quite enthusiastic about being a committee member, and Glynn thought it was a bit of a joke (as usual), but I think they will both be assets to the committee.

Well that's the cast and we will have to wait and see what the programme is going to be like.

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SCRAMBLE COURSE

Although nothing definite has yet been arranged, members will be pleased to know that a promising venue has been found, and an early decision will be made after the committee has examined the course.

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NATIONAL RALLY

Brian Kennedy and myself decided to have a go at the National Rally. So a few weeks before the great event, we got our bikes ready and mapped out a course, which was 595 miles long and 30 check points.

We started at Warrington, 10 o'clock came and we were off with about a hundred other motor cyclists. Our first check point was Chester a mere 20 miles away. We reckoned it would take about 30-40 minutes. As soon as we left Warrington, we hit it - a traffic jam! It stretched all the way to Chester. Instead of the 40 minutes we had reckoned on, it took us twice as long.

After Chester, things were a lot better, by the first 6 check points, we had made up lost time. As we passed through a village in the Midlands called Stoke, we were stopped by the police. We had just passed through a radar speed trap at a steady 45 m.p.h. They let us off with a warning. Our route took us through the Wye Valley and Oxford. The weather was great, sunshine all day, it was a bit too hot for riding though. After dark it got a bit cold. The light of the bike must have attracted flies, when I got off my bike I was covered in grey spots, where the flies had hit me.

When day break came, we were getting a bit tired and saddle sore. One of our last check points was from Chesterfield to Buxton. On our way over the hills to Buxton, we ran into the only bad weather we'd had, it was thick mist. We got to Buxton okay and entered the special test. This was a short ride through Castleton to be done at an average speed of 25 m.p.h. Well, we finished that easily enough, now there was only the short ride to Manchester, and we had three hours in which to do it. We wasted some time in Disley Square, on the benches having a kip.

The Rally was well worth it, and for our troubles we got a gold plaque each.

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Our Training Scheme Organiser and Chairman, Trevor Cowdrey, has recently taken delivery of the latest A.M.C. model, namely Alison Mary Cowdrey.

Congratulations Trevor and Joyce.

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CLUB ROOM EVENTS

Although it's all been said before, it is essential that members arrive fairly early on Tuesday nights for events to be successful. It is realised that people will not arrive early to do nothing, so this is a vicious circle. However, regular events will be held this year, so please try and arrive before 8.30 p.m. Below are some of the events due in the near future:-

<u>FILM SHOWS</u>	February 7th	March 7th	April 4th
<u>PICTORIAL QUIZES</u>	February 21st	March 21st	April 18th

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