

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on the 18th November 1975 at 8.45 pm, it would be appreciated if all who are interested in the Clubs continuation, attend and voice your opinions.

At a recent Meeting Steve Taylor was banned from ACU events until 31st May 1976, this followed his spate of abuse etc. at a Grass track meeting.

Paul Tootall is being announced over Belle Vue loudspeaker system regularly now, what with puzzles, quizzes and riddles to solve in his article in the programme, fame at last, well done Paul. If any club members would like to join the 'gang', we all stand on L block, just before the pits bend.

Paul Sandbach was seen recently, he looks well and affluent.

Pev Attwood has not been seen lately, come back Pev, all is forgiven.

For newer members here is an 'old hands' piece on how it all began :-

"A week or two ago Dave and Doreen asked me if I would give the newer members of the Club some idea of how it came into being and how it was called Manchester "17".

I joined the club in 1945 and am probably the oldest member (in more ways than one) but as the Club was founded in 1935 I can tell you what I have found out myself over the years, so bear with me.

In 1935 a group of motorcyclists used to meet at a local pub in Chorlton and natter about this and that (as we still do) and someone had the bright idea of forming a club.

This was done and affiliated to the Cheshire Centre and called the Manchester "17" M.C.C. simply because there were seventeen members at the time, and most of them wanted to ride in sporting events.

Unfortunately the war came and one or two of the original seventeen didn't return from active service, and several others are dotted about the country doing various jobs, and one or two have since died including "Mr Manchester "17"" himself Tom Dugdale, who started it all and probably did more for the club in the early stages than anyone else.

We all know that the club went from strength to strength and the Chorlton premises were too small, so we moved into Stockport and we have stayed here ever since.

We have had several famous names on our membership list right up to the present day, and although the membership has remained around the 100 mark ever since I joined, it has always had a hard core of about ten or twelve who appear to do all the work.

As I myself was Secretary for twenty years I know just how much work has to be done, so be proud of the famous club and pull your weight in it so it may go on for another 40 years.

If anyone is interested I can tell you some of the experiences I have had since 1945 ---- in the club I mean."

Wilf Earlam.

Another brilliant Challenge match has been arranged by the Ashton MCC. It will involve four clubs - "17", Ashton, Rochdale and Shaw, and we hope to finish the contest in that order - the might of North West Centre humbled by a Cheshire Centre club !!!!!!! If you can support these events please do so. The dates and locations are -

15th October at the Bluebell Hotel, in the centre of Shaw.	A v S ,17v R.
29th October at the Horse and Jockey, Well-th-Lane, adjacent Quicksave.	A v R ,17v S.
4th November at the Robin Hood	17 v A ,S v R.
13th November at the Greyhound Hotel, Ashton for the	FINAL.

Ron Weale and Harvey Lloyd are co-organisers so anyone going to away fixtures, let us have your names and you will be provided with free nosh on the night.

The Training scheme has moved to Cheadle Heath Sewage works, and hey presto, thousands of learners, wanting to learn the crafts of motor cycling, this scheme is an excellent affair so any wishing to pass on their knowledge, see Paul Tootall and you will be welcomed in.

Carole Thomas gave birth to a bouncing baby daughter recently - Congratulations to each, Steve insisted on attending at the delivery.- To celebrate he went out and bought a Ford Escort.

Dave Ashton came down to Clubnight recently looking fit and well, he rode at the last Darley Moor meeting and managed to win the Club Championship, he finished 4th in the race and the points gained were sufficient to enable him to win the much sought after honour, well done lad.

Jack Mathews and Ray Armstrong are going great guns in the sidecar British Championship series, they keep managing to finish just in front of their main opposition. It is hoped the British Championship can come to them for the 3rd time.

Just to remind you all, again - - - the Annual General Meeting will be held on the 18th November at 8.45 pm.

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Between now and the end of January 76 the club are to hold 5 trials. The 1st of these is the final round of the Cheshire Centre Championship and will start from High Edge, near Buxton on October 26th. Arthur Edwards is organising a Novice and Schoolboy trial at Hawks Nest, near Buxton on November 23rd, this one will be nice and gentle so come on you would be trialists. The Northern Experts is to start from the Fourways Diner at Wincle on December 14th, no comments needed for this super show. The Boxing day trial is the next, and another on January 18th - whew. It goes as always that a lot of help is required for these events so do your best.

Chip shop owner Dave Murray from Macclesfield (just up Buxton road) is a keen trials rider who does an awful lot of work towards making M/c 17 events possible, and its well past the time when the club at the very least thanked him, if it is only verbally, to you Dave - -Thanks a lot.

Where have all the road going members events disappeared to, sorry friends but we need a keen bod who will draft out a series of events, always people can be found to 'do' an event - so come on let us have a super set of road events.

Chris Steckles is the proud owner of a trials Honda 125, she hopes to compete in trials if they are suitable, she might be persuaded to try the 23rd November event.

Jean Turner and Margaret Lawson are still putting on a lot of weight, Dave and Frank are to be seen discussing why!!!!!!.

Peter Collins didnt look very pleased to see his Weslake engine blow into 1001 pieces at Belle Vue recently, wonder if his replacement cost him approx' £750 ?????

Did you know that it is very difficult to obtain Triumph kick start springs ??????

Peter Scottney has bought a 500-4 Honda, all Hayfield are out to watch his progress through the village each night, they think its Hailwood !!!.

Its very nice to see the beautiful array of Super machinery outside the Robin Hood on most clubnights, keep coming 'racers' and also bring your friends.

There will be a Film show at club on the 21st October. Films will be -"See you in Fort William" and "The Ringmasters" , so you have been told. Start at approx' 8.45 pm.

A Northern Expert sub Committee meeting will be held on clubnight December 2nd at 8.30 anyone interested or that can assist, please come along, the more the merrier.

Dave R.