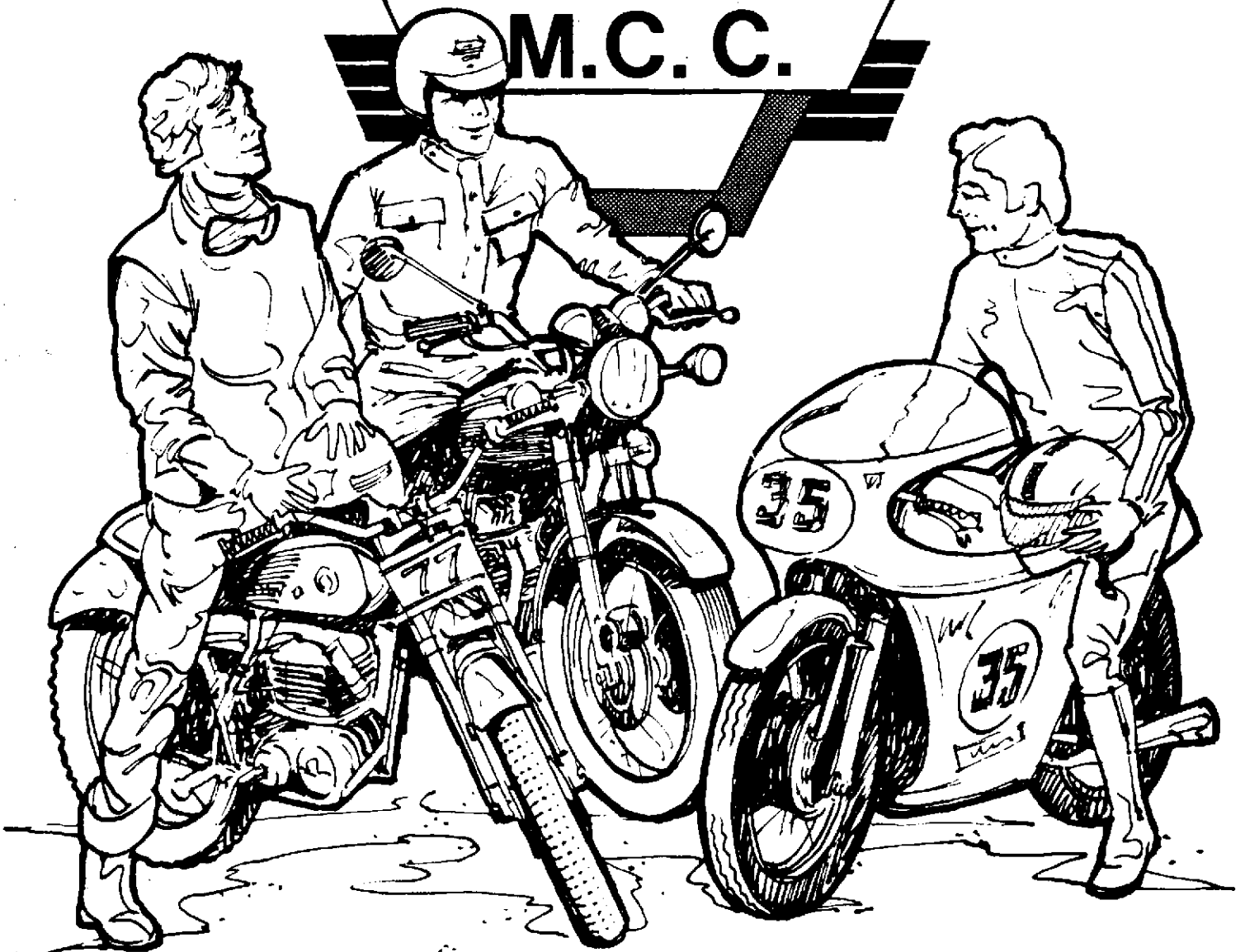


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CLUBROOM & NIGHT. See cover.

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DIARY OF EVENTS.

Oct. 23rd. Autumn Tints Run. Combined run with BMW Club. Start from
Robin Hood at 9-30 am. Lunch at Pistyl Falls.

Nov. 1st. Extraordinary General Meeting to debate revised constution.
Robin Hood. Start 8-0 pm prompt.

Nov. 2nd. Committee Meeting. Robin Hood. Start 8-0pm.

Nov. 16th. Annual General Meeting. Robin Hood. Start 8-0 pm. prompt.

EDITORIAL.

Dear Members,

The diary of events lists two very important dates, the Extraordinary General Meeting on the 1st. November and the Annual General Meeting on the 16th. November. The former is for members to discuss and approve the revised constitution that you will find in this newsletter and the second is an opportunity to express your opinions of the way in which the club has been run for the last twelve months and to elect the club officials for the next twelve months.

It is not for me to pre-emp the reports that will be made by the various secretaries, but having tried to report on most of the club activities I would urge all club members who can possibly attend the AGM to do so. In this way even if you are not spurred to speak yourself you can vote on the election of the candidates that stand for office and in doing so show them that you appreciate the job that they are doing.

I hope that the return of Graham Watson to the position of Social Secretary will be accompanied by a surge of support for the events that he will be organising. During the past twelve months Geoff Winstanley the Club Captain and I have tried to put on a variety of events some of which have been vary poorly attended and there have been times when I would have been better off staying in bed.

One of the casualties in this years calendar is almost certain to be 'The Dead Ants Rally'. The loss of the site on John Bowlers farm took Rally Secretary Paul Rushton somewhat by surprise and although he does hope to put on a substitute rally the reputation that goes with an annual rally such as the D.A. does almost demand that it be held in the same place, the change of venue is more likely to be felt by the landlord of the Cat & Fiddle who welcomes the host of rallyists with an open cash register.

I am typing this editorial in my caravan at the Classic Bike Show at Belle Vue having made a significant contribution to the stand of the, dare I say it, BMW Stand. Geoff may have a point but with this being the sixtieth year of BMW production I supported them. It was intended that the 17 would have a stand but holidays interfered with the organisation and although they appeared in the programme they had to give up the chance to promote the club.

Needless to say the moles in the Manchester 17 must have got a considerable amount of satisfaction when the BMW stand won the "Best Club Stand", Best Original Bike" and "Best Continental Bike". The 17 must make a effort next year, for although I had been under the impression that this was the last year at Belle Vue apparently their will be another show next year.

Keith Haining.

THE BRINKS ENDURO.

To start any event or run in the rain is a dismal prospect and Bowstones Gate Farm at 9-30 am on Sunday the 11th. September started thus. The moorland mist was a heavy precipitation that in itself was sufficient to wet both rider and marshal through was quickly coupled with condensation that made one wonder whether your waterproofs were what they claimed to be. "Waterproof".

Starting in pairs at one minute intervals the riders started the 10 mile course that was to be covered 10 times in the case of the experts and 7 times in the case of the clubmen. The course was the same as last year but was covered in reverse. It proved to be a little easier this year and most of the riders managed to avoid getting inextricably stuck in the bogs that had caused so much havoc last year.

I had the added bonus of finding quite a few fresh field mushrooms on my way around the course, it is always easier to see them when the rain has washed the top of the crown, Nicholas still wasn't sure that I knew how to recognise a mushroom and so I was able to enjoy the lot with my breakfast on the Monday morning. My first reaction as I watched rider after rider going passed me was that I didn't recognise any of them and the reason for this was that the enduro riders of the Manchester 17 were not allowed to compete in this event so that they could help with the organisation. I do feel however that it would have been an admirable opportunity for club members to see how the members of our I.S.D.E. team could perform, because few of us get to know what events they are riding in until it is over. Once again though the lack of support given by the various sections in the club seem to be minimal.

Marshals who managed to find shelter were few and far between, the majority having to stick it out in the middle of the moor where the unscrupulous eventer could cut a few hundred yards off his route if he so desired. Edgar and Henry Rosenthal manned what must have been the most open spot on the whole course with not even a tree or bush to get behind.

It is amazing how difficult riders find it to break from the route of those that have gone before, and even when the grooves become axle deep there is still one more rider who will dig himself even deeper into the bank. Once again John Hoxworth and Peter Potts were in charge of the special test which although it was restricted to being held on one lap only, caused riders to stop and enquire about it on a number of subsequent laps.

Very few riders smile as they go round, I suppose until they see the end in sight they feel that they have nothing to smile about, but at the end and with the rain ceasing to drift across the moor it was No. 54. Philip Bartle who came home with the Premier award. Best Clubman 'A' was Michael Lockwood, Best Clubman 'B' was David Monkman. Michael Russell won the Best Fourstroke, while D. Betts won the Best over 250A. Andrew Giggle took the Best up to 250A. No. 49 Sid Ormrod was the Best Trail Bike rider.

Out of an entry of 65 there were 9 non-starters, 18 competitors retired and 3 ran out of time, which would indicate that it was not too hard an enduro.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING. 1st. NOVEMBER. 1983.

The committee of the Manchester 17 Motor Cycle Club give notice to all fully paid up members that an extraordinary general meeting will be held at the Robin Hood, Buxton Road, High Lane starting at 8-0pm on Tuesday the 1st. November. This meeting will be in place of the normal club night and its business will be to discuss and vote on the revised Constitution that is printed on pages 5,6,7,8,9 which are unnumbered in this newsletter.

Members should read the draft constitution carefully and make a note of any points that they wish to raise at the meeting. It would help the Secretary to plan the time schedule of the meeting if you would give him notice as soon as possible if you intent to propose any amendments.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. 16th. NOVEMBER. 1983.

The Committee of the Manchester 17 Motor Cycle Club give notice to all fully paid up members that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Robin Hood on the 16th. November. Wednesday. at 8-0 pm. to hear the reports of the various officers of the club and to elect the committee for 1984. A list will be pinned to the notice board from now until the time of the meeting giving the various positions on the committee. Members should write the name of any member that they wish to propose for a position after making sure that the person named is prepared to stand. The person proposed should also have a seconder. Members standing for office must have been full members for at least 12 months. Please read the draft constitution in your Newsletter for the committee titles.

PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND BOTH THE AGM & THE EGM.

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ADVERTISEMENTS - FRONT & BACK COVERS.

The Editor proposes to extend the life of the back cover advertisements until the January issue when the front cover becomes due for renewal. In this way both will run for the same period and make it easier to administer. Will members who take space on both these covers please think about any alterations that they may wish to make in the format of their advertisement.

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MANCHESTER '17' MOTORCYCLE CLUB

DRAFT CONSTITUTION.

- (1) NAME The Club shall be called "The Manchester '17' Motor Cycle Club".
- (2) AIMS The Club aims to create a spirit of safety and comradeship on the road and trail by organising Social and Sporting Events for motorcyclists. The Club shall involve itself in the ROSPA Motor Cycle Scheme. The Club shall be affiliated to the Cheshire Centre of the ACU, the British Motorcyclists Federation and such other ACU divisions the Club Committee determines.
- (3) MEMBERSHIP
- a) Membership shall depend on the appropriate annual subscription being fully paid in accordance with ref. 4(c) and is open to any person interested in motorcycling as defined in the Aims above.
- b) The Committee have the discretion to refuse, suspend or cancel membership, but no proposal or invitation is necessary to join, in accordance with Section 12.
- c) The Committee may appoint Honorary Life Members. The Committee may also award Free Membership - to be reviewed annually.
- d) Applicants must complete and sign the application form, agreeing to abide by the Constitution.
- (4) SUBSCRIPTIONS
- a) Membership subscriptions will run from 1st January to 31st December. As from 1st August, the subs for the remainder of the year will be reduced by 50% of the full membership rate for new full members only.
- b) Associated non-riding persons shall be admitted to club activities without payment of subscriptions if they are accompanied by a paid-up full member..
- c) Subscriptions are payable prior to 1st March or within one month of joining the club. Membership will be deemed to have lapsed if not renewed by this date.
- (5) CLUB RADGE
- Club badges, emblems, insignia or regalia will be available for sale only to members for their own use and only whilst they are eligible. The Club colours shall be black and yellow. The Club claims copyright in the designs of Club motif.

(6) THE COMMITTEE

a) The Committee of the Club elected at an Annual General Meeting shall be:-

A President.	A Social Secretary.
A Chairman	A Membership Secretary.
A Secretary.	An Enduro Secretary.
A Treasurer	A Trials Secretary.
A Newsletter Editor	A Rights of Way Officer
A Publicity Officer	A Club Captain
	A Rally Secretary.

In addition, two other members of Committee and an Organiser of the ROSPA Training Scheme.

- b) All Presidents who have passed the chair become Vice Presidents, without voting rights, on the Committee for as long as they wish to hold office and whilst they are full members of the Club.
- c) The Committee reserve the right to co-opt where necessary, upto 3 replacement members and not more more than 2 additional members.
- d) All elected and co-opted members shall be eligible to vote, and the President shall also hold a casting vote. Six members shall constitute a quorum.
- e) Full members nominated for the Committee must be members of at least twelve months standing.
- f) Nominations for the Committee will be accepted fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting and close immediately the Meeting begins.
- g) Nominees must agree to their names being put forward and each must be supported by two full members.
- h) Only nominations on the official Notice Board List will be considered.
- i) The Committee will select from amongst full members, delegates to Board Meetings, Conferences and Councils upon which the club is to be represented.
- j) The Club Secretary shall stand for two years of office following initial election.
- k) No Committee Member shall be de-barred from immediate re-election.

(7) SUB COMMITTEES.

- a) The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees and may delegate to them such powers as it may think fit to prescribe in the terms of reference. Such Sub-Committees may comprise persons who are not members of the Main Committee.
- b) The Sub-Committees shall report to the Committee and their recommendations shall be subject to confirmation by the Committee, except in cases where they are given full power to act.
- c) Sub-Committees shall appoint their own Chairman. Any member of the Committee may be member of every Sub-Committee, except in special cases where the Committee may otherwise order.

(8) MEETINGS

- a) Open Club Meetings shall be held once a week at the designated clubroom.
- b) Committee Meetings shall be called by the Secretary at least every 8 weeks.
- c) A special or Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee or on the request of not less than ten paid-up full members.
- d) The Financial Year shall end on 31st October and the Annual General Meeting shall take place within twenty eight days of the end of the financial year.
- e) At least fourteen days notice shall be given to all members of any General Meeting.
- f) A Quorum at a General Meeting shall be twenty full members plus a majority of the Committee.
- g) Only full or youth members whose current subscriptions are paid plus Honorary Life Members and Vice Presidents may attend, speak and vote at General Meetings. There shall be no postal or proxy voting.
- h) Any Full Member may attend any Committee Meeting but may not vote and they may not speak unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

(9) BY-LAWS

The Committee may make by-laws or rules not inconsistent with this Constitution. Any such by-laws must be confirmed or repealed at the Annual General Meeting.

(10) AUDITING AND ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer shall render to the Committee a quarterly statement of account. Two auditors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to audit the accounts for the following year.

(11) ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- a) Notice of changes to the Constitution shall be given to the members and displayed on the Notice Board at least twenty eight days prior to any General Meeting.
- b) Changes to the Constitution may only be made with the assent of two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at that General Meeting.

(12) LIABILITY

The Club accepts no liability under any circumstances for any accident, damage, misadventure or mishap of any description, whether to members or third party, personal or material, caused by or happening to any member during any event organised by or partaken of by the Club and its members.

(13) CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

In the event of a grave breach of the Rules and Regulations of the Club or of conduct on the part of a member which the Committee may consider to be unsportsmanlike or ungentlemanly or prejudicial to the interests of motorcycling in any way, a meeting of the Committee may be convened.

The member or members concerned shall be invited to attend and failing a satisfactory explanation, may be cautioned, suspended or refused entry to specified activities, competitions and events sponsored by the Club, or may be required to resign from the Club.

The disciplinary action in the previous paragraph, except for a caution, must be supported by at least two thirds of the Committee present at the Meeting.

SPORTING MEMBERSHIP RULES.

A SPORTING MEMBER must be:-

1. A Full Member of an A.C.U. affiliated club.
2. A holder of a current A.C.U. Licence.
3. Is not eligible for special awards as defined in the official awards list.
4. Is entitled to an award for the Duron Series except for the Club Championship, however, the Duron Series will count towards Club Championships.
5. Does not receive a Newsletter.
6. Does not have a right to vote.
7. Cannot hold a position of Office on the full committee. They may, however, be co-opted to serve on a sub-committee.
8. Cannot attend a main club committee meeting.
9. Has no right of entry to the club room, except by invitation.
10. Can use our Sporting Membership to ride in other 'Open to Cheshire Centre' Trials.

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This short piece is a post script inserted after taking the first 50 copies of the October Newsletter to the Robin Hood on Tuesday evening. Up until 6-30 pm. on Tuesday I had only typed the first page of officials, half the Brinks Enduro report, pages 5 to 9 had been printed by Ian Bottomley.

I completed the stencils and ran off 240 copies of pages 1,2,3, 4 and 10 by 9-30 pm. Stapled together 50 copies by ten to ten and rushed up to the Robin Hood - and distributed 15 copies.

I make no apologies for the spelling mistakes, but where were you? The result of Phil Minne's crossword puzzle that appeared in the Sept. issue.

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It was won by Janet Garner with Anne Wood coming a close second.

DOING IT THE FRENCH WAY. by Dave & Liz Clarke.

As the numbers for the french holiday dwindled down to four (Geoff & Pillion, Liz and I.) it came as a big disappointment to learn of Geoff's close encounter of the nasty kind with a heated granny cage. There was still hope however that Geoff would still make the trip, unfortunately a phone call on the Friday before we sailed revealed that all was not well in the Winstanley camp, with his foot badly swollen Geoff would have to miss the trip.

So it was left to yer umble scribe and long suffering lady to fly the '17' club flag in France. Having never travelled abroad before, and with about twelve words of french between us, we caught the Weymouth to Cherbourg ferry. Apprehensively we watched as the darkness fell and the ferry seemed to be going slower. It was still dark when we left Cherbourg to find the most welcome sign of a camp site about 3 miles down the road. The next morning I did the unforgiveable whilst emerging from the campsite, I looked right instead of left and nearly ended our holiday there and then, but for the fast reaction of the french driver (God bless french drivers.)

We spent three days travelling south on the route national, this was real motorcycling country, lovely tree lined roads, hazy sunshine and farmers who sold delicious fruit, wine and frites etc. very cheaply at the roadside.

We reached Beziers and our planned 'long stay' camp site to find that there wasn't one! so we cruised off up the road to Sete. As we burbled down the coast road I lost interest completely in motorcycling as I spotted a topless beach! We were staying here camp site or no, fortunately there was a very good camp site just off the beach, so we lazed about and watched the world (and things) go by, for the rest of the week. After a very enjoyable stay at Sete we made a decision we were later to regret for a spell, we would travel north to see that part of the country on our way home. Leaving the sun scorched landscape of the south for the greener and lusher countryside we came to Lyon, UGH. The worst traffic mess I have ever seen in my life, if we hadn't been on the bike and able to scoot up the centre of the traffic we would probably still be there. Bye, bye Lyon hello torrential rain and gale force sidewinds that threatened to pick up the bike and contents and dump it in the nearest french field, Ah well such is life.

The wind and rain stayed with us through Macon, Beaune, Dijon, Chaumont, Reims, Laon and Dunkerque, it finally relented near Dieppe and the sun shone again as we rode into our last campsite at Fecamp. (Fecamp is about 35 miles from Le Havre, it is a fishing village and the site overlooks the sea) Here we stayed until we departed for Le Havre and the ferry home. France was bathed in glorious sunshine as we idled away the day on the beach while we waited for our sailing time. On board we made a bee-line for the cafeteria and good old chips, sausage and beans. The boat slid from its mooring as 'We are Sailing' drifted from the P.A. speakers.

We reflected on the past two weeks and came to the following conclusions, we had enjoyed ourselves immensely touring France with its cheap food and plonk (supermarket) saw a lot of the country and its people and had a marvellous time just motorcycling. The only drawback to the trip was our meagre understanding of the french language, like for instance when I was waiting for Liz outside a village shop and a dear old french lady approached me and the bike and as she spoke softly in french lovingly traced out the tank badge (KAWASAKI) then bid me bon voyage & au revoir, and I hadn't understood a word.

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