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DIARY OF EVENTS.

26th. November. Annual General Meeting. The Crown Hotel, Buxton  
Road, Hazel Grove. 8-15pm. See inside for details.

15/16.November. Dead Ant Rally. The Newhaven Arms.

9th. November. Dead Easy Trial. Haslin Farm. High Edge.

EDITORIAL.

Dear Members,

This months newsletter is one of losses and gains, losses in the number of club members who have passed away and the gains of our trials section who have won the Cheshire Centre Group Trials Championship for the second year running. My own gains were in the form of the number of members who competed in the Treasure Hunt and who came on the Autumn Tints Run. Success is the ingredient that makes all the hard work involved worthwhile.

I am sorry to report that Mrs. Joan Burgess has resigned from the position of Club Secretary. This is a position that that it is usual to hold for two years and in the run up to the Annual General Meeting on the 25th. November there would appear to be little gained by calling a meeting of the committee before the matter is resolved with the election of officers for 1986.

I will not be standing for office in 1986 as my business committments make it difficult for me to give the time that is required to produce the newsletter. However we are required to send out newsletters until February 1986 to fulfill our obligation to those dealers who have taken advertisements on the covers. If someone volunteers to do this I shall be pleased otherwise I will carry on until February.

In preparation for the AGM I have printed in this newsletter the club's Constitution so that members will appreciate the rules under which the club operates. It will be worth bringing it along to the AGM for reference. Will members please note the date has changed from that given in the October issue it is Monday the 25th. November. The venue is the Crown Hotel, Hazel Grove, Stockport. and the time 8-15pm. for a prompt 8-30 pm. start.

The list of officers for the 1986 committee is put up in the club room at the Grey Horse every Tuesday night and members can propose members who have been 'full' members of at least 12 months standing. Please ensure that the nominee agrees to his or her name being put forward.

Keith Haining.

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IN MEMORIUM

The reason given for holding special remembrance services on the 40th. anniversary of the end of the war in Europe was that there would be few of the veterans left if we waited for the 50th. anniversary.

As far as the Manchester 17 Motor Cycle Club is concerned I am pleased that so many of the long serving members were able to celebrate the Golden Jubilee in April this year. For even six months would have robbed us of the pleasure of the company of five members and friends.

October 1985 with its mild weather took Paul Ludlam, Wilf Earlam, Ken Frith, Don Proctor and Gordon Mellor. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to those they left behind.

Paul Ludlam A motorcycle dealer from Reddish, whose membership of the Manchester 17 lapsed for a while during which time he rode in AMCA events, rejoined the club when he supported the newsletter with an advert in the front cover. Only in his 50's he suffered a heart attack while motorcycling with his sons on a piece of waste ground near his home.

Wilf Earlam. Who joined the club in 1945, ten years after its formation. Was the Secretary for twenty years and the co-founder of the Club's Training Scheme with the late Trevor Cowdrey. Elected as a Honorary Member in recognition of the services he rendered to the Manchester 17 his attendance at the Golden Jubilee Dinner afforded many of us the only opportunity we will ever have of meeting and what is more important getting a group photograph of all the clubs honorary members.

Ken Frith. Well known to the middle age members of the club for his association with the BBC as a pianist, he was a very early member of the Manchester 17, being in effect number 19 we think. A great friend of the Club President Ron Weale he enjoyed reading the newsletter and enjoyed the opportunity that the Golden Jubilee dinner afforded him to meet up with some of the original 17.

Don Proctor. died on the 21st. October at the age of 55. after a long period of incapacitation resulting from an accident. This prevented him from attending club meetings and in particular the Training Scheme sessions in which he was a very active member. The award that he presented to the club for the "Best Instructor" is still presented at the Annual Dinner.

Gordon Mellor. who traded with his partner Salmon in their High Peak Motorcycles in New Mills until Mr. Salmon retired when he took over as sole proprietor, Gordon Mellor was a quiet man who could always find time to help young motorcyclists with their many problems. This means the loss of one more square in the advertisements in the newsletter. It will be a greater loss to his many friends in the trade.

Wherever possible the club is represented at the services when members die or if this is not possible a card or donation is sent. We thank all those who give their time in this way.

CHAMPIONS AGAIN.

A report by the Team Manager and Trials Secretary Jim Capper.

Nine hard fought rounds that started at Crewe in January 1985 and was clinched on Sunday 27th. October 85. at Clough House Farm where the Manchester 17 was the organising club.

So close was the battle with the combined Wrexham and Denbigh team that the last round was a draw with both clubs scoring 561 points, leading '17' overall Cheshire Centre Group Trial Champions by 39 points - close, but consistent riding throughout the series with all six scorers gaining regular high placings once again paid off.

Throughout the nine rounds Wrexham won the team event on the day four times and the '17' won it four times with one tied. Only two first individual riders won rounds, Tim Capper at Denbigh, and Mold and Paul Turner at our own round, which bears out that consistency as a team is the secret of success. This is how it ended up.

		<u>Points.</u>
Cheshire Centre Group Trial Champions 1985. Manchester 17.		4934.
Runners Up.	Wrexham/Denbigh.	4895.
3rd.	Winsford.	2931.
4th.	Macclesfield and Hyde.	1972.
5th.	Congleton.	1902.
6th.	Crewe.	1527.
7th.	Wirral 100.	586.
8th.	Colwyn.	543.
9th.	South Liverpool.	443.
10th.	Denbigh.	373.
11th.	Potters.	347.
12th.	Oswestry.	192.
13th.	Whitchurch.	100.
14th.	Bar None.	99.
15th.	Eyrie	66.
16th.	Manchester Eagles.	61.

The Manchester 17's top scorers were: Norman Eyre - 842 points; Tim Capper - 741; Mike King - 459; Andy Hipwell - 455; Pete Fleming 439; John Shirt - 374; Paul Turner - 298; John Eyre - 247; Alan Hulme - 191; Ken Eyre and Ian Strickland - 184; Andy Shaw - 180 Brian Cottrell - 174; Paul Leech - 87 and Peter Harrison - 79.

Every bit as important as the points scoring is the attendance at the various rounds some entailing a long drag down to Wales. Of the nine rounds, Norman Eyre rode in 9 as did John Eyre. Tim Capper rode in 8, Brian Cottrell 8, Peter Harrison 8, Peter Fleming 8, Mike King 6, Ken Eyre 6, Andy Hipwell 5, Ken Roberts 5, Andy Shaw 5, John Shirt 4, Paul Leech 4, Paul Turner 3, Nick stott 3, Tony Wyatt 3, and many more who rode in 1 or 2 events.

The point about the Group series is that even the riders that don't get in the top six of the day contribute by taking places off other Clubs, so my thanks go to them.

It is quite an effort competing in the series not only on the bikes but ensuring that everyone gets regs., providing transport and generally making sure that everyone is aware of the next round and making sure that they get there. To finalise - its a team effort which for the second year proves that the Manchester 17 is a club that not only has the best riders, but the most loyalty amongst the sixteen or so clubs who competed for the title "Well Done Lads".

FORTHCOMING TRIALS EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY.

DEAD EASY MK.2.

Standby all you have beens, will be's and no hoppers, Ken Roberts is holding another of his highly popular Dead Easy Trials on Saturday the 9th. November.85. at Haslin Farn (High Edge). No Experts - they'd be too bored, but open to Intermediates, Novices, Over Forties, Pre-65, and Trail Bikes.

Come along - you'll enjoy it.

Regs available from Ken Roberts, 17 Mill Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport. SK7 6DN. Tel. 0625-371474.

TRIALS AWARDS NIGHT. 1985.

It's that time again for our popular yearly social gathering, same format as before, buffet, disco, raffles etc. Held once again at the Swan Hotel, New Mills (46) on Friday 31st. January. 1986.

If you've won an award this year this is the place to collect it. If not, come and have a good time anyway (bar extension) Tickets available soon from Norman Eyre or Jim Capper, get in early as we are limited to 80. Just £3.00 for a great night out.

NORTHERN EXPERTS TRIAL 1985.

Our next 'real trial' is the Experts which we are again running in conjunction with the Manchester Eagles on December 8th. 1985. To be held again at the popular Pott Shrigley venue. If you don't qualify to ride, why not just come along and watch the Northern Stars in action. Secretary for this one is 'Old faithful', Ken Roberts taking on yet another National after his great success with the Dave Rowland.

TRIALS SECTION - MANCHESTER 17. WHY NOT GET INVOLVED.

You've read about the Club's success, why not come along to our open Committee meetings and give us a hand, however small your input it will be greatly appreciated by the hardworking band who make it all happen. The meetings are held at the Swan Hotel, New Mills (on the 46) every Wednesday before a Trial on the following week end at 8-30pm, or ring me Jim Capper and I will gladly give you details. Tel. 061-440-9367.

AUTUMN TINTS RUN. Sunday 20th. October.85.

Report by K.Haining.

This is a regular run for the Manchester 17, held the week-end before the clocks go back so that we are out of the woods so to speak before nightfall. It follows the same route each time and with so many regulars, it reduces the possibility of someone getting lost.

Run as a joint venture with the BMW Club the secondary starting point in Whitchurch is where the organiser really sees how many riders enjoy the mixture of main and secondary roads, narrow lanes and the beautiful Welsh scenery. At the start 49 bikes, a total of some 60 members, quite a sight especially if you were a motorist stuck in a side road waiting to get out.

First stop was the Pistyl Falls where in addition to the Falls which are listed as one of the seven wonders of Wales, there is a restaurant to provide for your inner being if you haven't brought sandwiches.

Then to Vyrnwy and the first real opportunity to count the number of bikes. Parked on the road over the dam they very nearly stretched the full length. Photographs taken we proceeded over the Aber Hirnant to Bala for a cup of tea and for those with small tanks to refill them. Then to the top of the Horseshoe Pass and down the track to the Worlds End. A very popular place this and care has to be taken on the narrow lanes to ensure that you don't end up as the mascot on the bonnet of a car.

Over the moor to Minera where the run officially ended leaving everyone free to make their own way home. No losses, No gains, no moans, just praise for a great day out. Thanks for coming.

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TREASURE HUNT. 27th. October.85.

Report by K.Haining.

The work involved in organising a Treasure Hunt from scratch is the thing that puts most people off, and I only managed one last year when I used a route suggested by the dealers that advertise in the front of the newsletter.

This time however it was the result of a mutual aid arrangement between my daughters office and the 17. I had provided them with one of Graham Watsons Treasure Hunt Sheets, the kind that takes all day with a break for lunch, during which the lesser mortals decide if it really is worth going on. The reciprocal offering was a very nice hunt which took the competitors over Werneth Low to Charlesworth, Hayfield and Mellor ending up at my house for a cup or cups of tea or coffee and a biscuit while we worked out who had won.



This is the kind of event in which those sporting members who haven't got road bikes can enter in their cars with a degree of success that is commensurate with the number of people in the car. To give the solo motorcyclist a better chance I decided to give two awards, the winning motorcyclist will get the Nigel Wood Trophy and the car driving entrant will receive a years club membership.

The turn out was good by Manchester 17 standards, 18 members as follows, Harold Dewhurst, Dennis Rourke, Peter Potts, Glenn Potts, Dave Lawson, Graham Watson and John Yates and Chris made up the motorcycle entry, while Geoff Winstanley/Jennifer Hindle, Robert Hindle with 3 friends and Steve/Amanda/Dave/ and Bernie Bowlas crewed the 3 cars.

A total mileage, if you didn't back track, of 25 miles in dry conditions without a time limit caused the biggest upset of the day when the late arrival of Geoff Winstanley changed the winner in the car class from the Bowlas crew to Geoff and Jennifer by  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a point. While John Yates and Chris were the undisputed winners of the bike brigade.

One casualty Harold who tried to retrieve his route card that had fallen to the floor, without getting off his bike and pulled a muscle in his back. Speaking from his sick bed later that night, he said that he had enjoyed the first mile or two, but the journey home had been murder.

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An ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED.

Club members who were present at the Grey Horse Hotel last week were told of the engagement of the Club Captain Geoff Winstanley to Jennifer Hindle. I am sure that all club members will be pleased to hear this announcement.

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EDINBURGH TRIAL RESULTS. from K.Haining.

Having observed at the Edinburgh Trial on the 5th. October 85. I have been sent a set of results. There were four club entries this is how they fared:- Brian Starkie won a first class award. Peter Potts and Jim Maple in their respective outfits got third class awards, while Glen Potts will have to wait until next year to have another go.

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The National Rally is being held next year under the auspices of the BMF and the ACU. The dates are the 5-6 July.

THE DEAD ANT RALLY.

The Club's Dead Ant Rally will take place on the week end of the 15th. November 85. The venue is the same as last year, the Newhaven Arms and once again the organisers Ian Bottomley and Pete Lawton would welcome offers of assistance from club members.

The Newhaven Arms is on the A.515. Buxton to Ashbourne road about 8 miles from Buxton.

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BRITISH SIDECAR TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The current holder of the British Sidecar Trials Championship Title, Manchester 17's Scott Rowland is powering his way to victory again this year. We are keeping our fingers crossed for you Scott and Tony.

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THE MANCHESTER 17 MOTOR CYCLE CLUB.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 Training 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 BADGE.
- 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, up to 3 replacement members and not 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 12 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.
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(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 powers 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 the 31st. October and the Annual General Meeting shall take place with 28 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 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.

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