

# *The Forty Plus Cycling Club*

*Year 1960*

1960

9<sup>TH</sup> A.G.M.

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB, HELD AT THE  
"SUTTON ARMS", 16, GREAT SUTTON STREET, E.C.1  
ON THE 20TH FEBRUARY, 1960. — 7.19.61

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The meeting commenced at 3.15 p.m. with 23 members present.  
(This was subsequently increased to 24).

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The Chairman, Mr. Irving, welcomed members present, saying that he was glad to see so many and to note that it was an improvement on last year's attendance, perhaps owing to the better weather.

Apologies for absence had been received by the Secretary, Mr. Seymour, from Mr. and Mrs. Groom and Mr. and Mrs. Weaire.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Eighth Annual General Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Drewett and seconded by Mr. Wooder -

"That the Minutes of the eighth A.G.M. be signed as a true record of the proceedings."

The motion was agreed by the meeting and the Minutes accordingly signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

3. Secretary's Report and Audited Accounts.

Those had been circulated to all members; but the Secretary, in commenting on them, said that, in his opinion, the membership aspect was one of the most important and stressed the great need continually to recruit new members, as in a club such as ours their period of activity was bound to be short. He stated that it was the Committee's intention, if re-elected, to spend more on recruitment in the following year and, in consequence, he warned members present that this might cause a slight loss. He added that he proposed, in future, to show the previous year's accounts against the present ones, as was usually done in most clubs.

It was then moved by Mr. Cannon and seconded by Mr. Jeffreys that the Secretary's Report and Audited Accounts be accepted.

Mr. Tackley pointed out a slight arithmetical error in the Secretary's Report - the figure in Line 3 of Paragraph 4 should read 88, not 98.

In answer to a question from Mr. Canham, the Secretary explained that the number of new members recruited did not cover the number lost.

The Auditor, Mr. Fitzpatrick, commented that the auditing of the accounts had been an easy task, owing to their being so well kept.

The Report and Accounts were accepted unanimously.

4. Election of Officials for 1960.

The Chairman informed the meeting that our President, Mrs. Cooke, did not wish to stand for reappointment this year, although she was not severing her connection with the Club. Apart from this, all other officers and Committee members were willing to submit themselves for re-election. The Committee had given much thought to the election of a new president and had decided that this honour should be awarded to

a member who had given much service to the Club, and were unanimously of the opinion that the member with the outstanding claim for this was Mrs. Lang, who had been personally responsible for recruitment of more members than any other. On behalf of the Committee, therefore, he earnestly recommended that she be elected as president and this was subsequently done, the proposer being Mrs. Irving and the seconder Mr. Jeffreys.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved that the remaining officers and committee members be elected en bloc and this was seconded by Mrs. Lang. Mr. Tackley and Mr. Seymour, however, thought it advisable to invite other nominations; otherwise further suggestions might be stifled. Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved:-

"That the remaining officers and committee members be nominated en bloc",

to which Mrs. Lang and the meeting agreed. The Chairman then invited further nominations for each post in turn but none were received. The motion thus stood that the Chairman, Secretary, Editor, Social Secretary, Auditor and committee be re-elected and this was carried unanimously. The final list of officials and committee therefore stands as follows:-

President.	Mrs. Lang.
Chairman.	Mr. Irving.
Secretary.	Mr. Seymour.
Editor.	Mr. Tackley.
Social Secretary.	Mr. Groom.
Committee.	Mr. Cannon.
	Mr. Wooder.
	Mr. Drewett.
	Mr. Jeffreys.
	Mr. Canham.
	Mr. Fletcher.
Auditor.	Mr. Fitzpatrick.

5. Consideration of the Following Proposal from the Committee. --

"That members joining the Club after 30th June in any one year shall pay half the current subscription to the Club and that the rules be amended in accordance with this proposition."

This was proposed by Mr. Seymour, who said that the Committee had considered the question in various meetings over a six months period and, out of many suggestions, had decided that this one was the most suitable. Regarding the idea of membership to run from the date of joining to a year from that date, he said that, apart from the fact that this might have meant the election of an additional post, that of Treasurer, it would also lead to the strict deletion of members after the expiry of the three months period of grace allowed, which the Committee felt unwilling to do. The object of the motion was the recruitment of new members. It was realised that the chief source of recruitment was that of recommendations but it was hoped that this would be a further incentive. The arrangement could be changed for a better one later if such could be suggested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tackley, who pointed out that the date mentioned in this motion - end of June - fell in the more active riding period for most people who might think of joining the Club. Mr. Drewett said it should be made clear that this was half-price for the first year only and that in subsequent years the new member would pay the full amount. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that a member joining in October would not be fairly treated under his proposal, as he would be paying a half-year's sub. for 2 months membership. To this the Chairman replied that people riding for the first time with the Club between October and December did not usually join until January and Mr. Wooder added that a person riding with

the Club from October would, in any case, only get two rides and need not join until January. Mr. Canham pointed out that very few members took advantage of Rule 4(ii) in any case. The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously. The Chairman stated that the rules would now read as follows:-

"The annual subscription shall cover membership from January 1st to December 31st, provided that a member joining the Club after the 30th June shall pay half the current subscription to the Club for that year."

The clause commencing "a member joining after 30th October shall ...." will be deleted from the rule.

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Here came an interval for tea.

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On reassembling, the Chairman announced that he had just been given the news that two of our past members - Johnny Burcham and Stan Penfold - had recently died and he felt sure that the meeting would wish to place on record our regret at their passing.

6. Any Other Competent Business.

- (a) Mr. Fletcher suggested that we start advertising on underground railways. Mr. Seymour replied that this had been suggested before and that the Committee certainly would explore the possibility of this.
- (b) Mr. Calvert said that in the north of England, where he had lived, the C.T.C. gained members by turning out in carnival processions and suggested that the Forty Plus do likewise.
- (c) Mrs. Lang suggested each section running an invitation run once a year and stated that we had gained one, and possibly two, members from a recent run with the V.T.T.A.
- (d) Mr. Hankin suggested a small poster in cycle shops where members usually dealt. Mr. Lang agreed with this and added the idea of putting such posters in cafes also.
- (e) The Chairman suggested sending copies of the Club magazine to cycle shops.
- (f) Mr. Woodor suggested leaving a supply of bills concerning the Club with the Secretary's name and address, at shops and cafes.
- (g) Mr. Drewett asked members for suggestions for meal places, particularly for lunch, which were becoming increasingly difficult to find, and the Chairman recommended that members should report any such addresses which they knew to the leader of the section in whose area they occurred.
- (h) Mr. Hathaway offered to take bills for cycle shops in Hemel Hempstead.
- (i) Mr. Drewett and Mrs. Lang asked for posters to be printed and Mrs. Lang stressed that they should be in bright colours.
- (j) Mr. Lang asked the cost of advertising in "Cycling". Mr. Seymour replied that we did not advertise in "Cycling" last year but our advertisement in the C.T.C. Gazette cost £6 for 12 inserts. He remarked that he thought this expenditure of £6 had been worth while but that other ideas should be acted on also.

(d) Canham referred to Mr. Drewett's idea of receiving suggestions from members for lunch places and suggested that, in addition, members should offer to lead, as it was not necessary for runs leaders to lead all runs.

- (l) Mr. Lang suggested special items such as map reading, speed judging, paper chases, point-to-point, etc., which could be co-ordinated events between the sections.
- (m) Mr. Wooder mentioned several new items that he already had in mind, such as seeing in the New Year, another slide evening, a visit to the estate at Great Easton, etc.
- (n) Mr. Fletcher suggested attempting to get Mr. Marples as our guest of honour at the next Dinner.
- (o) Mr. Dadd suggested advertising in local papers and Mrs. Lang added that such papers might accept accounts of runs. Several members expressed doubts as to whether this would be practical and Mr. Wooder offered to put an advertisement in his local paper at his own expense and to write up a run for it.

The Chairman said that all the above suggestions would be considered by the Committee.

- (p) Mr. Drewett proposed:-

"That this meeting wishes to record its regrets that Mrs. Cooke does not find it possible to continue as our President, to place on record also our thanks for the way in which she has carried out her office in the past and to express its pleasure that, in spite of this, she does not intend to sever her connection with the Club."

This was passed with acclamation.

Mrs. Cooke thanked the meeting and extended best wishes to Mrs. Lang.

- (q) The Chairman then proposed and the meeting passed, the following:-

"That this meeting expresses its appreciation of Mrs. Seymour's services, both at the A.G.M. and throughout the year."

- (r) Mrs. Lang expressed the appreciation of the meeting for Mr. Wooder's good work throughout the year and Mr. Canham associated himself with this.

The meeting closed at 5.25 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, who thanked members, on behalf of the Committee, for their attendance and expressed the hope of having the pleasure of seeing them many times in the future.

*Dr. King*  
11th February 1961

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FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 4TH JANUARY, 1960  
AT THE SUTTON ARMS, E.C.1.

Present:-

Mr. D.M. Irving (Chairman).  
Messrs. Canham, Cannon, Drewett, Fletcher, Jeffreys,  
Seymour, Takley, Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.15.

An apology for absence had been received from Mr. Groom.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Mr. Wooder proposed and Mr. Canham seconded that the Minutes as circulated be accepted as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Drewett was questioned on whether he had been able to institute the informal approaches that had been agreed on the subject of the President. He regretted that a suitable opportunity had not yet presented itself.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that he had received particulars of all the outstanding accounts from the section leaders, the Editor and the magazine production costs for the year. This enabled him to make a close estimate of £40 as the balance in hand, including the levy from the Bournemouth section. The membership stood at 102, including 14 in the Bournemouth area. Two new members had enrolled under Rule 4(ii). Correspondence regarding enquiries from prospective members had been answered by return and was now passed on to the various section leaders responsible for follow up.

In reply to the question of increasing the scope of advertising in the future, the Secretary replied that the C.T.C. had been contacted on the cost of a small displayed advert. but no reply had been received to date. It was also his intention to confirm the rates of insert in "Cycling and Mopeds" of displayed adverts. All the relevant figures should be available before the next Committee meeting but in any case nothing could be done before the A.G.M. On a motion by Mr. Wooder, seconded by Mr. Jeffreys, the Secretary's and Treasurer's report was accepted with appreciation.

Runs Secretaries' Reports.Northern.

Mr. Drewett reported that support was still up to standard and that the inter-fixture with the V.T.T.A. had now been fixed for January 10th.

Eastern.

Mr. Woeder reported success with the Christmas Dinner, which had attracted 43, with a possibility as a result, of recruiting a new member. The Christmas holiday week-end had been attended by 8 and was also voted a success. He had in mind one or two inter-week-ends with the West Kent Over 35 section for the future. Looking well ahead, he had plans for New Year's Eve 1960, which would fall on a Saturday.

Southern.

Mr. Cannon reported that throughout the year the attendance had been at least 6 and sometimes 8, although the majority of these were visitors from other districts.

Western.

Mr. Jeffries reported a sharp falling off in numbers but this could be directly attributed to the coming of winter. He had been given a letter from the Secretary of the Western Section C.T.C. Over 40 section expressing a desire to revive the inter-fixture with us and he would follow this up.

The acceptance of the Runs Secretaries' reports was moved by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Canham and was passed with appreciation.

Editors' Report.

The Editor reported that he had at present plenty of material and that the runs secretaries' reports of fixtures were coming in regularly. He hoped to get an article from Eddie Bangs on his Iceland holiday. On future ideas, he visualized a series by members on "How I Started Cycling", and on the other hobbies of members as alternatives to riding. On a motion by Mr. Fletcher seconded by Mr. Canham the Editor's report was accepted with appreciation.

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The Secretary suggested as a date February 6th but this was found to be inconvenient to some members of the Committee. On a motion by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Jeffreys, the alternative of February 20th was accepted, the venue to be, as before, at the Sutton Arms, the time 3 p.m. and the usual refreshments to be provided at Club expense. Mr. Groom was to be contacted regarding any social arrangements to follow.

The Secretary said that he had called this Committee meeting to enable him to clarify various points relating to the A.G.M. On the question of putting the motion regarding a proposed change in subscription payment, he was instructed to do this himself. He informed the Committee that no explanations had been received from any resigning member in 1959. On the subject of the decision which had been taken to omit the photo of Cecil Cooke and also any reference to Founder members in the proposed new Handbook, this was to be left to the discretion of the Chairman, who would be aware of the feeling at the meeting. Finally he asked for an assurance that all the officers would offer themselves for re-election, and this was given. The question of our President could only be left in abeyance pending any further developments. He then regretted his inability to remain a further length of time and asked the Committee to accept his sincere apologies for having to leave before the conclusion of the meeting.

Any Other Business.

Under this heading Mr. Drewett proposed and Mr. Canham seconded that, in the proposed re-issue of the Handbook, the names of ~~Founder~~ Members be distinguished by an asterisk. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. Jeffreys proposed and Mr. Drewett seconded that in this Handbook members should be given their Christian names to make ready identification possible. This, also, was passed unanimously.

Mr. Tackley wished the Minutes to record the Committee's appreciation of the work of the Secretary during the year and this was agreed with approbation.

The meeting closed at 10 p.m., there being no other business.

*Dr. Irving*  
25th March 1960



FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

UNANIMOUS REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON ADVERTISING.

(To be read in conjunction with relevant paragraphs of "Any Other Competent Business" of Minutes of Ninth Annual General Meeting (copy herewith)).

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- (a) Opinion is that this is a gamble that seems hardly to justify the expense.
  - (b) This is impracticable because of scattered membership proving an obstacle and also impact in London<sup>2</sup> is doubtful.
  - (d) Suggest quarto size and possibly 250 as the number, resting on quotation. A possible set-up will be submitted with this report.
  - (e) Suggest combining the idea with (d) when distribution is effected, assuming (d) to be put into operation.
  - (f) Dealt with in (d).
  - (h) Dealt with in (d).
  - (i) This is tied to cost. Could be effected by coloured paper. Quotation could be procured for varying colours.
  - (o) Against advertising in local papers on grounds of scattered operating area and consequent expense. Obviously in favour of sending reports to local papers but would point out the difficulties of finding people able and willing to perform the work in time yearly with regularity. Also a minor point in selecting newspapers. Our view is that this suggestion should not be dismissed without serious consideration.
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On Advertising in General.

Suggest continuing with advert. in C.T.C. Gazette in its present form except for the possibility of including larger type for name of Club if this does not increase cost unreasonably. Also ascertain, if possible, source of new members' initial contact with us.

Suggest continuous weekly advertising in "Cycling" for June, July, August, on the same lines as in the "Gazette", estimated cost £6.

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FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MARCH 25TH, 1960  
AT THE SUTTON ARMS, E.C.1.

Present.

Mr. D.M. Irving (Chairman).  
Messrs. Canham, Cannon, Drewett, Jeffreys, Seymour,  
Tackley, Wooder.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Fletcher and  
Mr. Groom.

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The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Mr. Tackley proposed and Mr. Canham seconded that the Minutes as circulated be accepted as a true record and, there being no questions arising, they were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Seymour brought up the subject of the inclusion of Christian names in the proposed issue of the Handbook. He was of the opinion that this would be found impracticable and impolitic in operation and, the Chairman agreeing with this, the proposition included in the Minutes was rescinded, on a motion by Mr. Drewett seconded by Mr. Jeffreys.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary said that it was useless to give the number of members or the financial picture at this time of the year, as both were in a state of flux. He had various enquiries regarding membership and passed these on, after having dealt with them, to the various leaders concerned, and asked for a report on each case individually at the next meeting. One new member had been enrolled. Mr. Wooder moved and Mr. Tackley seconded that the reports be accepted.

Alterations to Rules.

In accordance with the proposition passed at the A.G.M., Rule 4(ii) was altered to read that new members joining the Club after June 30th were to pay half the current subscription for that year, the clause relating to the two months free membership previously granted being deleted. Also, Rule 5(d) was to include that the annual accounts were to be audited before presentation, confirming what had previously been done in practice.

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### Advertising.

Under this heading the Secretary said that he had procured quotations from the C.T.C. for a small displayed advert., from "Cycling" an illustration of what was meant by semi-displayed setting and centred lines, and from London Transport the cost of a car card for varying periods. He was of the opinion that this information, together with the consideration of the various proposals regarding posters, etc., put forward at the A.G.M., would necessitate a committee meeting to itself. The Chairman considered that, to save the cost of what might be possibly two further meetings of the full Committee, a sub-committee be set up to study all points connected with our future advertising plans and to make a report to the full committee as soon as practicable. After some discussion Mr. Tackley moved and Mr. Canham seconded that this sub-committee be formed. The members selected were Messrs. Canham, Seymour and Tackley, with the inclusion of Mr. Groom if he were found willing, and they agreed to meet on April 9th at the house of Mr. Canham.

### Any Other Business.

The Secretary asked whether, now that the question of Founder members and Christian names was finally settled, he was to put the Handbook into production, and he was instructed to do this immediately. Also, as the notepaper now carried three incorrect headings, he was instructed to procure from the Thanet Press a quotation for two reams as replacement. Mr. Canham expressed the opinion that the duplicating of the latest runs list and magazine was a great improvement and must be attributed to the duplicator, as the stencils had been cut on different typewriters.

The runs leaders, although not giving any official reports, no specific complaints. Mr. Jeffreys apologised for not yet having dealt with the inter-fixture with the West Middlesex C.T.C. but promised to at to the matter.

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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*Don Irving*  
27th April 1960

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.C.  
HELD AT THE SUTTON ARMS, E.C.1  
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH, 1960.

Present.

Mr. D.M. Irving (Chairman).

Messrs. Cannon, Drewett, Fletcher, Jeffreys, Seymour, Tackley.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Canham and  
Mr. Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.0 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Mr. Jeffreys proposed and Mr. Cannon seconded that these be accepted as a true record and they were then signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

Minutes of A.G.M.

On a proposition by Mr. Tackley seconded by Mr. Drewett, it agreed unanimously that these be accepted as correct for duplicating and circulation to the membership as soon as practicable.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that the membership figure was not quite finalised but, as an estimate, excluding the Bournemouth section figures, which were not yet to hand, it was at present about 8 down on last year. The cash balance was about £75, which did not take into account accruing expenses for Magazine supplies and runs leaders. A letter from a Mr. Dean of Leatherhead was passed to Mr. Cannon for follow up. The Handbooks were awaiting delivery. The estimate for new letter headings was accepted on a proposition by Mr. Drewett and seconded by Mr. Tackley, and the Secretary was instructed to place the order. Mr. Cannon proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the Secretary's Report be accepted with appreciation.

Fixtures for Coming Quarter.

The runs leaders said that they all had the matter in hand the Secretary gave a dead-line of June 15th for receiving them.

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Advertising.

Mr. Groom regretted that he was unable to take part in the Sub-Committee's work on this.

Mr. Seymour was asked to give any further opinions of the Sub-Committee if required in addition to those set out in the report. He then gave the cost of those proposals of which estimates had been procured. The Committee then decided to examine each in turn.

- (a) On the question of advertising in Underground trains, the Chairman agreed with the report. He considered that it was unlikely to reach the right kind of people. Mr. Groom concurred and the Committee accepted the report findings that this was not to be pursued.
- (b) On carnival processions, the Committee again accepted the report that, owing to our scattered membership, it would be very difficult to arrange a display and that, in the south, the effect would be doubtful, if not possibly harmful.
- (d) On producing a hand-bill for distribution to cafes, cycle dealers, etc., Mr. Groom expressed himself in favour, as did other Committee members also. Octavo size was, however, preferred and the Secretary was instructed to procure another quotation for this size, red lettering on white paper, the context being as submitted by the Sub-Committee. He was to put these in hand without waiting for another meeting on a proposition by Mr. Groom seconded by Mr. Jeffreys.
- (e) Mr. Groom expressed himself against the distribution of copies of "Signpost" with the handbills. Apart from a very likely disinclination on the part of dealers and caterers to take up additional space on counters or notice boards, he felt that the contents were of a personal nature and would be devoid of interest to strangers. The Committee agreed with these views and recorded that no useful purpose would be served by the idea.
- (f) & (h) These suggestions regarding the distribution of hand-bills would be taken up when the supply was received.
- (i) The idea of more than one colour to be incorporated in the handbills was rejected owing to increased cost.
- (o) On the question of advertising in local papers, this was felt to be a difficult question. The trouble was that the Forty Plus was not a local club and that local papers in any case did not accept anything in the way of runs reports that savoured of advertising. Difficulty of procuring volunteers willing

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and able to submit copy regularly immediately after a fixture was also mentioned and, after full discussion, the Committee reluctantly decided not to pursue this at the present time.

On advertising in general, the Committee decided to accept with thanks the C.T.C. offer to include the name of the Club in larger type at no extra cost and continue our advertisement in the "Gazette" for a further 12 months. Regarding the Sub-Committee's suggestion of a similar advertisement in "Cycling and Mopeds" for a three months period, Mr. Seymour replied to queries re expense by pointing out that it was really a question of whether this was likely to be justified by results. Mr. Tackley expressed himself in favour, as additionally it promoted goodwill for the Forty Plus C.C. from Temple Press, who would view sympathetically individual enquiries for organizations of our nature at any time. On his proposition, seconded by Mr. Groom, it was agreed to insert in the three summer months a continuous advertisement in "Cycling and Mopeds" in the same form as that in the C.T.C. Gazette. The Committee then expressed appreciation of the sub-committee's work in submitting the report.

#### Section Leaders' Reports.

Mr. Drewett said that runs were being held as usual and that he had no complaints. Mr. Cannon said that he was satisfied but that the numbers were, not unexpectedly, small and mainly from other areas; but he had no intention of abandoning. Mr. Jeffreys reported a large attendance in March. He had had trouble with a tea booking in Chesham but the "Red Lion" at Chenies had solved the difficulty.

Mr. Tackley asked the Committee to assist him in reminding Eddie Bangs of his promise to provide material on Iceland for "Signpost", also in providing information on members which could be included in the series of thumbnail sketches. Mr. Seymour suggested publication of a resume of committee findings and Mr. Tackley said that he already had this in mind.

Mr. Groom proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Mr. Drewett seconded. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.C.  
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS", E.C.1.  
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD, 1960.**

Present.

Messrs. Canham, Drewett, Fletcher, Seymour, Tackley, Wooder.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Cannon, Groom and Jeffreys.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

In the absence of Mr. D. Irving, Mr. G. Canham was elected to be Chairman on a proposition by Mr. Seymour seconded by Mr. Drewett.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

The Secretary apologised for the omission of Mr. Groom from the names of those present and asked the permission of the meeting for this to be corrected. This being granted, Mr. Drewett moved and Mr. Fletcher seconded that the Minutes be accepted as a true record and they were then signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary gave the membership as 84 in the London area and 12 in Bournemouth. This latter figure was not final and it would be seen that there was an item on the agenda relating to this Section. Cash in hand, allowing for all outstanding accounts except those for the Magazine, section leaders, etc., which accrued during the year, was £46. He reported two new members and various enquiries regarding membership, which had received immediate attention. Mr. Fletcher moved, and Mr. Wooder seconded, that the Secretary's report be accepted with appreciation.

Advertising.

Mr. Seymour reported that all the resolutions which had been passed in relation to advertising had been carried out. A handbill had been produced, copies of which he distributed; the advert. in "Cycling and Hobbies" was appearing for 13 weeks; that in the Gazette now included large type for the Club name. Mr. Wooder said that he had established contact with a large cycle shop, Kenistons of Romford, and they had agreed to put a free advert. for the Club on their notice board.

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of Mr. Oakley's in "Cycling and Mopeds" and suggested approaching him with a view to leading an Easter tour on similar lines. Mr. Wooster said that it would be advisable to ascertain possible support before proceeding. Mr. Tackley asked for the Committee's opinion on the runs reports in "Signpost". Some members considered these reports interesting and necessary. Doubtless others felt that there was a tendency to boredom. It was, additionally, a burden on the runs leaders to constantly supply the copy. The general opinion of the Committee was for continuing as at present. Mr. Canham suggested only reporting runs of note. Even a summary of area news in a condensed form could be substituted; but articles of general interest would then have to be submitted in considerable quantity. Mr. Tackley asked again for members' holiday reports and outstanding incidents.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

*Dr. Mr. Smig  
6th Sept 1960*



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### Bournemouth Section.

The Secretary said that he had received a letter from Mr. Cobb enclosing a resignation from a Mr. Landale and also saying that attendances on the runs had been poor. To avoid more possible resignations, Mr. Cobb suggested that it might be accepted that the subscriptions for his members be met from their funds, for this year. The Secretary asked for advice on his approach to Mr. Cobb, as he had arranged to meet him, and possibly some of the Bournemouth members, immediately following this Committee meeting. He had already suggested, in correspondence, advertising in the local press, and this was endorsed by the Committee. Mr. Cannon suggested that Mr. Cobb write a personal letter to all members, underlining his desire to see them on the fixtures and suggesting that either the subscriptions be paid or that the Section be wound up. A meeting to discuss the Section's affairs could be fixed. The Committee would not agree to a moratorium on subscriptions, as this would react unfairly on other members. The Committee expressed appreciation of Mr. Seymour's work in this connection.

### Run Leaders' Reports.

Mr. Drewett reported that he was pleased with the attendances on his runs, which were up to average. Five members came on the Whitsun week-end to Ipswich, including one new member. He had been unable to trace Mr. Sanderson to his new address. A Mr. Moss had now made contact with the C.T.C. and Runblers' Association. Mr. Edrich still seemed interested and had been supplied with a current runs list.

Mr. Wooller reported steady attendance. He had had support from the Northern members and also from Mr. Cannon from the South. The picnic meals had been successful. The August week-end would be in Rutland. An invitation run was also on the programme. He was proceeding with arrangements for the Christmas Dinner and seeing the Old Year out fixtures.

In a written report, Mr. Cannon said that his May Day run, on a poor day, was well attended. A resignation from Mr. George White had been received. No replies or attendances had yet been made from a Mr. Dean or a Mr. Gibson, whose original enquiries had been followed up.

### Any Other Business.

Mr. Seymour read a letter from Mr. Groom to Mr. Harples, U.C., inviting him to be the guest of honour at the next Dinner, which was on the suggestion of Mr. Fletcher. No reply had yet been received, as only a few days had elapsed. Mr. Fletcher suggested, additionally, that Mr. Harples might be asked to become Patron of the Club. Mr. Seymour confirmed that all the members' suggestions at the A.C.U. had now received consideration. Mr. Drewett expressed his appreciation of a recent article

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.C.  
HELD AT THE "BUTTON ARMS", E.C.1  
ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1960.

Present.

Masera, Cohen, Cannon, Brewett, Fletcher, Green,  
Irving, Jeffreys, Seymour, Tackley.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.10 with Mr. Irving in the Chair.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Mr. Jeffreys proposed and Mr. Green seconded that these be accepted as a true record and they were accordingly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that the financial position remained virtually unchanged. He gave the names of three new members but the final membership figures were still unknown as the Bournemouth Section remained a problem and was not finalised as to members. It would be discussed under Item 4 on the Agenda. Various enquiries had been received regarding membership and these had been answered by return with the usual invitation, details and runs list, and were now passed to the runs leaders concerned for their follow-up. He had submitted a copy of an article written in response to the Editor of the Rough Stuff Journal for publication in due course. Mr. Fletcher suggested mentioning the possibility of the formation of sections in the provinces in future advertising. Mr. Tackley moved, and Mr. Fletcher seconded, that the report be accepted with appreciation of the article composed for the E.C.F.

Bournemouth Section.

Mr. Seymour gave a complete report on this Section and read the correspondence he had had with Mr. Cobb. This led to the conclusion that Mr. Cobb had done his utmost to promote continued interest in the area with little success. Six members had paid subscriptions for 1960, including one new member. He maintained that, in his opinion, no blame attached to anybody. Obviously nobody rode with a club unless the isolation was there, and he had every sympathy with Mr. Cobb. He asked for advice as to

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procedure. Mr. Green confirmed that he considered that all possible had been done. Freddie Folda had the advantage of personal contacts through his business and membership of many clubs. He proposed that Mr. Cobb be instructed to call a special meeting regarding the possibility of winding up the section and, if no decision could be reached by this means, that the Committee reserved the right to take whatever steps they considered necessary. Mr. Cannon seconded this motion, which was passed unanimously, and the Secretary was instructed to proceed accordingly. The report was accepted with thanks and the Committee wished to place on record their appreciation of Mr. Tom Cobb's work in the area, which was to be conveyed to him.

### Annual Dinner.

Mr. Green read a letter from Mr. Marples's Secretary, in which he regretted being unable to attend the function. Mr. Green considered that it would have been impossible for him to accept, thus creating a precedent. The Committee expressed its appreciation of Mr. Green's original letter of invitation. On the general subject of the function, he gave as his opinion that members attended the Dinner without conditions if it was their wish to do so. He quoted a figure of 70 as an economic number, both as to finances and co-operation of the caterers. He had had favourable opinions of the band employed last year and contact had been made with the printer regarding tickets for this year. He then asked for further suggestions. Mr. Cannon suggested Jack Lauterwasser as the guest of honour and, if agreed, would be willing to contact him. Mr. Drewett suggested Reg. Randall again and also Silvan Sheridan. Other possibilities were Les Warner and Bill Oakley. Mr. Green put forward a number of menus and expressed his preference for one including mixed grill at 15/50. He thought that an increase from 17/6d. to 18/6d. would be justified. Mr. Drewett moved and Mr. Jeffreys seconded that the menu suggested be accepted and Mr. Green moved and Mr. Drewett seconded that the charge be 18/6d. Both these motions were passed unanimously. Mr. Green said that he thought an alternative to himself as toastmaster would be welcomed. Mr. Irving said that Mr. Green, by his yearly excellent services in this capacity, had created a traditional procedure, and with Mac Lang as President, additional scope would be created. Mr. Green agreed to carry on and the Editor was instructed to insert as many reminders in "Signalpost" as practicable. Mr. Cannon moved and Mr. Cannon seconded, that the details as given by Mr. Green be accepted with appreciation and that the menu booking and tickets be put in hand. This was carried unanimously.

### Burns Leaders' Reports.

#### Northam.

Mr. Drewett said that, as before, he had no complaints and fairly good support. The destination fixed for 28th August was, regrettably, not reached owing to lack of time.

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### Southern.

In a written report, Mr. Cannon quoted attendances as 10 in June, 3 in July and 9 in August. He had nine members living south of the Thames in the London area or suburban Kent or Surrey. Three of these had attended the last three southern runs and a total of six had been seen over the last twelve months. He had benefited from strong support from members living north of the Thames. A follow-up of enquiries from a Mr. O'Sullivan of Kew and a Mr. Kendall of Putney by a letter of invitation and a name list had not brought any reply - similarly with correspondence earlier in the year from Streatham and Leatherhead. He gave as his opinion that the south-west area appeared at present very unproductive.

### Kentish.

Mr. Jeffreys reported that he had no complaints regarding attendances. June 12th - 10, July 10th, led by Ian James - 10, August 7th - 19, on a day of terrestrial thunderstorms and deep flooding of roads, 16 on September 4th <sup>when</sup> he had to apologise for inability to reach the destination owing to shortage of time. The Starnore meeting place seemed to be proving unpopular and he was considering deleting it. He had not yet contacted Miss Ada Frost. This enquiry was passed to Mr. Fletcher as being in his locality.

### Any Other Business.

The Secretary read correspondence he had had with a Mr. Dikes of the Portsmouth North End O.C. in response to our advertising, in which it was hoped to form a section in the Portsmouth/Northampton area. He had followed this up with all particulars and an offer to visit the district to give details in person, and hoped that something might transpire in due course.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.C.  
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS", E. C. 1,  
ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 1960.

Present.

Messrs. Canham, Cannon, Drewett, Fletcher, Irving, Jeffreys,  
Mrs. Lang, Seymour, Tackley, Wooder.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Green.

The meeting commenced at 3.40 p.m.

In the absence of Mr. Irving at this time, Mr. Tackley was  
elected as Chairman on a proposition by Mr. Canham seconded by Mr. Seymour.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Mr. Drewett proposed, and Mr. Canham seconded, that these be  
accepted as a true record, and they were accordingly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Tackley asked if anything further had transpired with the  
contact in the Portsmouth area and the Secretary replied that this was  
still being pursued (and read the recent correspondence), and he had the  
idea of personally visiting the area in the Spring if any resultant advantage  
could be seen.

Mr. Tackley enquired about the article for the R.S.F. Journal and  
the Secretary said that it had been despatched but not yet published.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that the membership figures were 90 in  
the London area and 10 in Bournemouth. This compared with a total of 102  
in 1959. The Bournemouth figures were, however, still not quite finalized  
and it would be seen that this appeared as an item on the agenda. Two new  
members had joined in late November; but as these had paid 10/-, he had taken  
the responsibility of enlisting them as for 1961. Of ten new members, two  
were old members who had lapsed and re-joined and four had enlisted under  
Rule A II.

The cash in Bank or in hand totalled £50.3.0 and, as Mr. Wooder  
had already given an estimate of his expenses for the Magazine and  
stationery as approximately £12, the Secretary could estimate, taking into  
account a profit of £6.14.8 on the Dinner, that the accounts for the year  
should show a small loss.

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The Secretary then read correspondence from members who had joined since the last meeting.

Mrs. Lang proposed, and Mr. Wooder seconded, that the Secretary's report be accepted with appreciation.

#### Bournemouth Section.

The Secretary read the recent correspondence he had had with Mr. Cobb. As instructed, he had asked Mr. Cobb to circularize all the members to suggest a meeting and, if this did not produce a result, to suggest that it might be necessary to disband the Section. This had been done and resulted in three letters and three telephone calls. However, ten members, including one new member, had paid subscriptions. Mr. Cobb was of the opinion that the feeling seemed to be that his members wished to keep things alive but were not prepared to take any active steps to achieve this. He again suggested sending a substantial donation from their accrued funds to the Club in 1961 to constitute a moratorium, and that the Magazine could be sent to those interested, in recognition of this payment. Mr. Seymour then read the three letters from Mr. and Mrs. Mullins, Mrs. Folds and Mrs. Wilkins.

On the question of the suggested donation, Mr. Irving pointed out that the accrued funds in the Bournemouth Section were the property of the Forty Plus C.C., being held by their Secretary for administration and, although half subscription income only was remitted to London, the question of a donation was therefore untenable. This was agreed, with the added comment from Mr. Wooder that any idea of affiliation was a dangerous precedent. The Secretary was instructed to write direct to the three members whose subscriptions were still outstanding, pointing out that possibly the matter had been overlooked and our reluctance to remove their names from the Club list. Mr. Cobb was to be informed of the position regarding his suggested donation and asked once more if he would be prepared to carry on. All the members were to be considered as due for 1961 subscriptions in January, with the usual three months grace.

#### Annual Dinner.

In the absence of Mr. Groom, Mr. Seymour read a letter from him in which it was stated that a profit had been made on the function of £6.14.8, with attendance of 74. He wished to place on record his thanks to all those who had attended, to Mr. Wooder, who always assisted with the table lay-out and brought a party, and also to George Knapp, with his ten friends. Mr. Groom hoped everybody had had an enjoyable evening. A complaint about the quality of the meal had been passed on to the caterers, who had expressed their sincere regret and promised to make amends next year, should we give them our patronage again. He had

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provisionally fixed Saturday, November 25th, 1961 as a booking. He had sent out a questionnaire with the circulars for the Dinner but had only received three completed. He suggested that members might be asked to remit return postage when sending for Dinner tickets. The Committee confirmed the suggested date for the 1961 function and Mr. Wooder proposed, and Mr. Irving seconded, that the report be accepted with sincere thanks to Mr. Groom for a very successful evening, both socially and financially.

#### Annual General Meeting.

The Secretary asked the Committee to fix a suitable date and, on a proposition by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Fletcher, Saturday, February 11th was fixed for the meeting, to be held at the "Sutton Arms". Mr. Seymour asked if any members of the Committee contemplated retirement; but all signified their intention of continuing to accept office if nominated. On the question of the distribution of the handbills, Mr. Cannon and Mr. Jeffreys had not received any of these; but the other members of the Committee had made efforts in distribution, although no results had accrued so far. It was confirmed that a new Handbook was to be printed yearly. The Secretary asked for instructions regarding the question of the Bournemouth Section in his annual report and was told to outline the facts without placing undue stress on the decline in interest.

#### Runa Leaders' Reports.

##### Eastern.

Mr. Wooder reported an average attendance of 8 to 10 over the last three months. He had 50 bookings for the Christmas Dinner and, after the "Old Year Out" function, he had commenced arrangements for Easter 1961 at Elean and, further ahead, plans were in hand for Christmas, 1961.

##### Northern.

Mr. Drewett reported that, as usual, he had no complaints but the question of lunch bookings was no nearer solution. On October 23rd, at elevenses - 7, at lunch - 15, at tea - 6. On November 20th, at elevenses - 5, at lunch - 8, at tea - 6.

##### Western.

Mr. Jeffries reported reasonable support; the Starmore meeting place was proving unpopular and he proposed to delete it in favour of morning stop as the rendezvous. Attendances:- September 4th - 16, October 2nd - 14, October 30th - 11 and 11 on November 27th on a very wet day.

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Southern.

Mr. Cannon reported an average of 6, mostly made up from other sections. He referred to the fact that three sections operated north of the Thames while he had to cater for all the southern suburbs, and suggested that the Western Section, during the summer, might include an occasional fixture into Surrey to help cater for the south-west

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Mr. Tackley reported that the final issue of "Signpost" for the year was due. Copy was never more than adequate but he had some in hand. He was asked to continue the series on "How I Started Cycling", if possible.

Any Other Business.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.45, with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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*Don Irving*  
8th March 1961