

The Forty Plus Cycling Club

Year 1961

1961

MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB, HELD AT THE
"SUTTON ARMS", 16, GREAT SUTTON STREET, E.C.1
ON THE 11TH FEBRUARY, 1961. — 1962

10TH AGM

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The meeting commenced at 3.15 p.m. with 25 members present.

The Chairman, Mr. Irving, welcomed members and reported that apologies for absence had been received from Mr. and Mrs. Groom, Mr. and Mrs. Weaire, Mr. and Mrs. Canham and Mrs. Irving.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Ninth Annual General Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Tackley and seconded by Mr. Jeffries:-

"That the Minutes of the ninth annual general meeting as circulated be signed as a correct record".

The Chairman pointed out that the number of members present should have been given as 24, subsequently increased to 25, instead of 23, subsequently increased to 24. There were no questions arising and therefore, with this correction, the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

2. Secretary's Report and Audited Accounts.

These had been circulated to all members.

In commenting on his Report, the Secretary stressed the struggle to replace the lost members with new ones and noted that more had been spent on advertising but with little success, in spite of which fact, he maintained that it was necessary. He forecast the same difficulty in the coming year but did not foresee the death of the Club, nor any less enjoyment of its activities by members. On being questioned by Mr. Tackley on the position of Bournemouth Section, the Secretary replied that things there were not very healthy but that there was a slight hope of starting a section in Portsmouth.

On the subject of the Accounts, the Secretary commented that the fact that the Dinner showed a profit instead of, as last year, a loss, reduced the difference between income and expenditure to less than it would have been in view of the increased amount spent on advertising. Each new member recruited during 1960 had cost the Club £2, although we also already had 2 new members for 1961 as a result of 1960's advertising. It was hoped to produce the Handbook every year in future and, of course, to keep on the Magazine.

It was moved by Mr. Charlesworth, seconded by Mr. Wooder and carried unanimously that the Report and Accounts for 1960 be adopted.

3. Election of Officials for 1961.

The Chairman informed the meeting that all the present officers and members of the Committee were willing to stand again but that this did not restrict members present from suggesting others. The officers were then elected as follows:-

<u>Position.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Proposed by:-</u>	<u>Seconded by:-</u>
President.	Mrs. Lang.	Miss Francis.	Mr. Jeffreys.
Chairman.	Mr. Irving.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Jeffreys.
Secretary.	Mr. Seymour.	Mr. Fitzpatrick.	Mrs. Lang.
Editor.	Mr. Tackley.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Wooder.
Social Sec.	Mr. Groom.	Miss Francis.	Mr. Wooder.
Auditor.	Mr. Fitzpatrick.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Wooder.

It was proposed by Miss Francis, seconded by Mr. Tackley and carried unanimously that the 1960 Committee members be nominated en bloc. There being no other nominations, these were elected and are as follows:-

Mr. Canham.	Mr. Cannon.	Mr. Drewett.
Mr. Fletcher.	Mr. Jeffreys.	Mr. Wooder.

4. Consideration of the Following Proposal from Mr. S. Tackley. -

"That the Club's financial year end on 31st March."

Subject to this being carried -

"That the Committee be authorized to amend the rules from this date as necessary to meet the above decision."

"That the subscription for the year 1961 cover the period to 31st March, 1962."

Mr. Tackley, speaking on his motion, said that he had come to the conclusion that he had not given it as much thought as he should have done (he had intended to discuss it in committee but had not been able to do so) and, since submitting it to the Secretary, he had seen certain drawbacks. Although the former Secretary had been much in favour of it, the present one was not, as he preferred the busy period at Christmas rather than at Easter (one of the reasons for the motion had been to prevent the Secretary's busy period from occurring over Christmas). Other reasons were that we might get a better attendance at the A.G.M. in a period of better weather (on the other hand people might prefer to be out on the road then) and that publicity would be given to the activities of the Club at a time when members were more interested in taking part.

At this point the Chairman apologised for not having yet obtained a seconder for the motion and Mr. Neville volunteered for this, saying that he agreed with all Mr. Tackley had said.

The Secretary stated that, although he preferred not to alter the date, if the Club preferred it, he would agree to put himself to some inconvenience in order to carry out the wishes of the members. Mr. Fitzpatrick remarked that to-day we had a 25% attendance, which was pretty good for an A.G.M., and Mr. Wooder pointed out that the new date might clash with the Club week-ends. It was asked if it would be practicable to try the idea out for a year or two; but the Chairman pointed out that 3 alterations in the Rules would be necessary and, if it were found impracticable, it would then be necessary to alter the rules back again. Mrs. Lang thought that, as the present Secretary was not in favour, his wishes should be considered, and perhaps the motion could be brought up again when a future Secretary was in favour.

On putting the motion to the vote, it was lost - 22 to 3.

Any Other Business.

- (a) Mr. Fyfe asked if it were possible to change the venue of the Annual Dinner, as he thought it a "rather gloomy place". Mr. Wooder stated that it was difficult to find somewhere central that would cater for the number required (many places wished us to guarantee a higher number than was possible in our case). Also, other places were rather more expensive. The Chairman said that we had held Dinners in other places but these had not been successful as the owners of those places had not been keen on our small numbers. Moreover, the present place was central and provided a reasonable meal at a reasonable cost. Mr. Drewett suggested that the matter be discussed in committee but that we retain the present venue for 1961 and explore the possibility of a better place for 1962. Mr. Fyfe agreed to this.
- (b) Mr. Neville expressed the opinion that the distances on day runs - "80 to 90 miles" were too great and said he knew of at least two ladies who had left the Club on this account. Mr. Wooder thought the runs were 60-70 miles at the most and that there were "two schools of thought on this, as on other questions raised to-day", and suggested that Mr. Neville or someone else who agreed with his ideas should form a separate section for shorter runs.

Here came an interval for tea.

Continuing the above discussion, Mrs. Lang suggested that someone might perhaps lead shorter runs in the winter on the 3 Sundays in between present official runs, on the lines of Mr. Wooder's, while Mr. Wooder confirmed that these runs had proved useful in contacting the slower riders. Finally the Chairman agreed to discuss the matter in committee and to let Mr. Neville know what transpired.

- (c) Mr. Wooder suggested that we advertise only in the C.T.C. Gazette and the Chairman added that we had increased our expenditure on advertising threefold but that we had not increased our membership at the same rate. The Secretary then analysed the results of the past year's advertising as follows:-

2 new members from C.T.C. Gazette.

4 by recommendation.

2 from "Cycling".

1 unknown.

2 for 1961 - both from C.T.C. Gazette.

The enquiry from Portsmouth, with its hope of the formation of a new section there, was a direct result of advertising in "Cycling".

It was then proposed by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Drewett:-

"That the Club's advertising in 1961 be confined to the C.T.C. Gazette".

Speaking on this motion, Mr. Fitzpatrick expressed the opinion that, by advertising in "Cycling", we were more likely to get the uncommitted member but supported Mr. Wooder's motion for a trial year. Mrs. Lang suggested a one-page advertisement, similar to our handbills, in the V.T.T.A. Handbook.

The above motion was then put to the meeting and lost - 6 for, 15 against.

- (d) Mr. Knapp suggested for our future programme:-

- (i) A visit to the Meriden service, to be incorporated in a week-end.
- (ii) Participation in the Cambridge D.A. week-end in February.
- (iii) The organization by the Club of a 100 mile Veteran Run, on similar lines to the C.T.C. Triennial, during the years when the latter is not held. This, he said, might keep prospective C.T.C. veteran entrants in trim and also, perhaps, recruit new members.

Mr. Wooder thereupon promised to organize the Cambridge run for 1962 and all three suggestions are to be discussed in committee.

- (e) Miss Francis brought up the question of a "Junior" or "Nursery" Section. The Secretary said the idea had also occurred to him, i.e. to have a section of members from 35 upwards, although he thought it might be a little "tricky" owing to our name and the rules. Further consideration would, however, be given to the idea during the ensuing year.
- (f) Mr. Jefford asked if present members could have a supply of application forms for recruiting new members and the Secretary expressed his willingness to send these on request. Mr. Wooder suggested membership forms inside the back cover of the Magazine and it was agreed that this should be arranged.
- (g) Mr. Wooder asked if it would be preferable to stick down the envelopes in which the Magazine and runs list were sent and wrappers were also suggested. Mr. Wooder was to make enquiries at the Post Office about the latter.

Mrs. Lang proposed and the meeting agreed to, a vote of thanks to Mrs. Seymour for her help to the Secretary during the year.

The meeting closed at 5.25 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary.

Mr. Knapp
10th March
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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.C.
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS", E.C.1
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 1961.

Present.

Messrs. Drewett, Fletcher, Jeffreys, Irving, Seymour, Wooder.

Apologies for absence received from Messrs. Canham, Cannon, Tackley and Mrs. Lang.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Mr. Jeffreys proposed and Mr. Drewett seconded, that these be accepted as correct, and they were accordingly signed by Mr. Irving as Chairman.

Matters Arising.

There were no other matters arising.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that 35 members in London area and 9 in Bournemouth area had not paid subscriptions for 1961, and read the names of the members. Three had resigned so far in London area and one in Bournemouth area. He read correspondence from people enquiring for particulars of the Club and also reported one new member.

A.G.M. Minutes.

It was agreed, on a motion by Mr. Wooder, that a copy of the tenth A.G.M. minutes be circulated to all members with the notice convening the next meeting. A resume to be printed in "Signpost" as soon as practicable. Mrs. Lang had asked by letter for an appreciation of Mrs. Seymour's services during 1960 to be inserted and the Committee agreed to this addition. Mr. Wooder brought up the question of a point being raised at an A.G.M. by an individual who had not paid the current subscription; but this was considered to be covered in the rules by the operation of the three months grace allowed. Mr. Jeffreys brought up, under this heading, that a reminder regarding overdue subscriptions be circulated with the A.G.M. notifications.

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Advertising.

Mr. Wooder moved a resolution that the Club advertising in the C.T.C. Gazette be continued for 1961-2 and this was seconded by Mr. Drewett and passed unanimously. Mr. Seymour suggested a two man sub-committee to deal exclusively with postal enquiries and all matters relating to membership and advertising. Mr. Canham and Mr. Fletcher had signified their agreement to take on this important work and their services in this capacity were accepted unanimously.

Special and Alternative Fixtures.

Mr. Neville's suggestions at the A.G.M. were examined and Mr. Wooder considered that Mr. Hankin be contacted regarding the formation of a slow section. Mr. Irving suggested that Mr. Neville himself be approached regarding his desire to lead a regular fixture of a moderate pace and distance. If willing, an announcement be inserted in the next issue of "Signpost" calling for possible support. If Mr. Neville proved unwilling, then Mr. Hankin be approached with a similar project. This was seconded by Mr. Drewett and passed, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Neville accordingly. Mr. Knapp's three suggestions were then discussed. It was not possible to attend the Meriden Service this year as the date fell at Whitsun and arrangements had already been fixed for this holiday. The Cambridge week-end was already past this year but Mr. Wooder promised to keep it in mind for 1962. The holding of a Veterans' 100 in those years in which it was not run by the C.T.C. was accepted very favourably but unfortunately, in view of the considerable work involved and the importance of ensuring a complete success, it was agreed reluctantly that this would be impossible in the time available this year. The C.T.C. event itself takes place in 1962. The Committee therefore intended to keep the question before them for 1963, on a motion by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Seymour. Regarding the formation of a nursery section for possible riders interested who were not yet 40, Mr. Irving suggested the idea of Associates. This could only be incorporated officially at the next A.G.M., as it would entail an alteration of the rules. It was decided that the matter be kept under review during the year. Mr. Wooder announced that he had fixed Easter at Wittersham in Kent, Whitsun at Sulgrave in Northants., August week-end at Houghton Y.H., with the possibility of other local accommodation for those who were not Y.H. members. The slide show would be in October and Christmas at Dial Post, Sussex. The Committee once again were indebted to Mr. Wooder for the considerable work all these arrangements entailed.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Wooder reported successful fixtures in January and February. With 15 at elevenses at Billericay. He mentioned specifically the appearance of Mr. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Ford and Mr. Calvert during the period. The impromptu runs filled a need in the off season and were worth while. Christmas was not so satisfactory from the catering point of view at Alderton;

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but a return to Dial Post for 1961 was assured. The Old Year night at Castle Hedingham Y.H. attracted 16 and was very enjoyable. Mr. Jeffreys reported about 8 on the run in January on a bad day when he himself was indisposed. The February fixture attracted 14 to lunch on a very fine day. Mr. Drewett again had no complaints, the January fixture being attended by 8 or 10 and the February run being well supported. Mr. Tackley being unable to be present, Mr. Seymour quoted from a letter which he had received only that morning. In it Mr. Tackley suggested that the section leaders might prefer to report quarterly on the lines of the Bournemouth Section, with a brief outline of the runs and attendances with any outstanding features, news of members, particularly in relation to sickness, new machines and stories, etc. He put this forward, not because he himself was dissatisfied with the present set-up, but because he thought that it might ease the work of the runs leaders. He felt acutely that he would not wish a leader to resign because of the possibly irksome duty of reports. On the subject of the duplicator, he still, with Mr. Wooder, considered this to be unsatisfactory. In the absence of the Editor, Mr. Irving suggested that this recurrent trouble be placed on the agenda for the next Committee meeting.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Wooder reminded the Committee of the desirability of visiting Mr. Masters as frequently as possible. He, with Mr. Pemberton, gave slide shows to the Thurrock Invalid Association and this received a record in the Grays & Tilbury Gazette, mentioning their connection with the Forty Plus C.C. He suggested an investment of £5 of the Club's funds in Premium Bonds; Mr. Seymour, as Treasurer, pointed out that difficulty might be experienced in explaining this project to any members not in sympathy with the scheme. Mr. Pemberton had suffered the loss of his Mother and Mr. Irving was instructed to write to him conveying the regrets of the Committee and the Club on his bereavement. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.10 with a vote of thanks to Mr. Irving and Mr. Seymour.

Mr. Irving.
1st May 1961

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE FORTY CLUB C.C.
HELD AT THE "SUPTON ARMS", E.C.1
ON MONDAY, MAY 1ST, 1961.

Present.

Messrs. Canham, Cannon, Bennett, Fletcher, Jeffreys, Irving,
Seymour, Tackley, Wooder.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs. Lang.

The meeting commenced at 7.05 p.m.

Minutes of last Meeting.

Mr. Wooder moved and Mr. Jeffreys seconded, that these be accepted as a true record, and they were signed by the Chairman, Mr. Irving.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Canham brought up the subject of the sub-committee he and Mr. Fletcher had agreed to form and asked for enlightenment on its functions, as he had been unavoidably absent from the last Committee meeting. The Secretary said that he had in mind a close follow-up of all enquiries received regarding the Club and its activities, a review of possible avenues of advertising, and contact with those members seen infrequently on club fixtures.

On the question of posters, the Committee were reminded that it had been decided that the Handbills (now printed and partly distributed) were of a more likely size to be accepted for display.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that the cash in hand and at Bank totalled £75.4.3, which included the £6 paid for the continuation of the advertisement in the C.C.C. Gazette for 1961/2. The membership to date was 85, 52 in London area and 3 in Bournemouth area. Those members who had not renewed were examined individually by name and Mr. Swann and Mr. Robins were accepted for further contact. The Secretary had received no reply to his letter to Mr. Neville on the question of organising slower and shorter runs and, after some discussion, it was moved by Mr. Tackley and seconded by Mr. Cannon that a note be inserted in the next issue of "Bigsport", asking if any support for this class of fixture would be forthcoming. The Secretary read a number of letters tendering resignation and also eight enquiries regarding the Club which had been answered, five of which he now

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passed to the sub-committee, one to Mr. Jeffreys and two which he himself retained, for follow-up. There was one new member since the last meeting. He reminded Mr. Irving of his possible interest in reviving the B.W. Section and the Chairman promised to review the possibilities with his increased week-end freedom after June. The article submitted to the Rough Stuff Fellowship Journal on the G.I.F. had now been published. Mr. Graham moved and Mr. Drewett seconded, that the Secretary's report be accepted with appreciation.

Bournemouth Section.

The Secretary read correspondence from various members of this section regretting their inability to support pictures and tendering their resignations. He reminded the Committee of his previous correspondence with Mr. Tom Cobb, the area Secretary, who also wished to resign. Three members had paid subscriptions for 1961. Mr. Irving moved from the Chair a proposition for winding up the Bournemouth Section, informing the three paid-up members and giving the reasons, and offering them the opportunity of claiming a refund if desired; Mr. Cobb to be likewise informed and asked to refund the cash balance. This proposition was unanimously agreed, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Tom Cobb, coupled to that of Mr. Seymour, for their efforts to sustain interest in the Bournemouth area, was proposed by Mr. Wooller and seconded by Mr. Cannon.

Handbook and Duplication.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain a confirmatory quotation from the Thetford Press for printing a new issue for 1961 and to put the order in hand within a period of 10 days or immediately the membership position could be finalised. On the question of the duplication, Mr. Wooller advanced the idea of printing on one side of the paper only; but it was considered advisable to continue printing the magazine on both sides but on thinner paper. Mr. Irving invited consideration of disposing of the present machine, which had been considerably written down in value, to obtain the advantage of servicing from a well established make. The Committee accepted this suggestion for future discussion.

Annual Dinner.

In view of the absence of Mr. Green, the Chairman was to write to him for a progress report.

Runa Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Drewett reported that he had no complaints. He said that there had been a good steady average attendance on the runs and these had been carried out satisfactorily.

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Mr. Tonder reported twelve on the Easter tour, which had been successful and enjoyable. 14 to 15 had been out at various times during the day on the runs. He hoped to promote a slide show in the Little area later in the year. Ron Masters wished to be remembered to all Club members. Some cards addressed to him had gone astray: but this was to be rectified.

Mr. Cannon said that cupolas on week-end fixtures, either at Club appointments or allied to L.C., would be observed in future fixtures. The Hayfield venue had proved very popular. As usual, he had to report the support he had received from other areas to augment the southern numbers. He thought that a 10 mile run might be incorporated as an ordinary fixture, using West Kent C.T.C. available information in relation to organization.

Mr. Jefferys said that the meet at elevarance had proved successful. Fixtures were - Feb. 19th, 14 - March 19th, 16 - April 16th, 16, which was a good encouraging average.

Mr. Tackley repeated his suggestions regarding reporting fixtures in block form, which had been outlined in his absence at the last Committee meeting. He asked for views and it was decided to leave the final arrangement to the individual leader. The account of the End-to-End tandem bicycle ride of Jim Ford and Vic Stewart was to be published and he had hopes of continuing the series on "The I Started Cycling" and pabology.

It was proposed by Mr. Cannon and seconded by Mr. Fletcher that the runs leaders' and Editor's reports be accepted with thanks.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Seymour wished to place on record the Club's indebtedness to the President, Mrs. Mac Lang, for her generosity which had enabled an advertisement for the Club to be inserted for a year in the "Veteran" and also the "London Veteran" magazines of the V.T.L.A. The Committee acknowledged the President's generosity with thanks.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his efficient handling of the proceedings.

On 1st May 1961

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.C.
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS",
E.C.1. ON THURSDAY, JULY 6th, 1961.

EXTRAORDINARY.

Mrs. M. Long, Messrs. Cannon, Brewett, Fletcher, Green, Irving, Jeffreys, Seymour.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Cannon, Taskley and Wooster.

The meeting commenced at 7.10 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

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

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary gave the cash balance outstanding as £25.2.9, which included the amount of £15.2.10 received from the winding up of the Bournemouth Section. The membership figure was 87 in the London area and 9 in Bournemouth area, which included 2 new members since the last meeting. The printing of the Handbook was in progress, having been delayed by finalizing of the membership. On this point, Mrs. Long suggested that consideration might be given in future years to the assumption that all members for the current year be included in the following year's Handbook, which would result in a very much earlier issue. Mr. Jeffreys proposed, and Mr. Brewett seconded, that the report be accepted with appreciation.

Annual Dinner.

Mr. Green, who was now present, apologised for his late arrival. He said that the date of the Dinner had had to be altered to Saturday, December 2nd, owing to the "Talbot" being unable to honour the original date, and this had now been booked. With 5 months still to pass, he had booked the Band but had not yet advanced further with printing, etc. He had hopes of Len Warner, C.F.C. Secretary, as the principal guest. The price would be 18/6d., as last year.

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In response to questions regarding the possibility of a better, brighter venue, he pointed out that this would inevitably lead to an increase in cost. The "Talbot" really required a guarantee of 80 and would naturally respond to the provision of a larger, better room if we could gather a greater number of diners. The "Talbot" had the advantage of a very central position in London.

Mrs. Lang suggested Ken White as a second choice of guest speaker should Les Verner be unavailable.

Mr. Cannon proposed, and Mr. Jeffreys seconded, that the report be accepted with appreciation.

Mr. Gross then tendered his apologies for having to leave the meeting. The Chairman asked if any further matters arose in relation to the function and Mr. Dymour said that he reluctantly had to mention the question of the increasing incidence of dirty stories in the speeches. This had been brought to his notice by others and, while he did not wish to make an important issue of it, he felt it his duty to bring the subject to the notice of the Committee. The Chairman endorsed the view that a line had to be drawn and it was agreed that a tasteful approach to offenders would meet the situation.

The altered date was to be published in "Signpost" and brought to the notice of all members.

Membership and Advertising Sub-Committee's Report.

The enquiries from members regarding the Club, who had not yet joined, were examined and the Secretary was instructed to send another communication to Mr. Silk and to advise those from the south of the coming fixtures in the S.W. Area. Mrs. Lang reported that the advertisement in the "Veteran" had not been able to be included and her donation has been returned, but that in the "London Veteran" our notice is being published.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Brewitt had only to report on one fixture - 19 out during the day, 15 for lunch. This included Mr. Agar's two sons. The previous run only attracted 6.

Mr. Jeffreys reported on two runs - May 14th 15 out and a welcome at the "Svan", West Hyssinge - June 11th 13 out, including a prospective member, Mr. Wells, who had since joined.

Mr. Cannon reported two runs. The open run was attended by Stuart Tankley only to morning stop. The Y.N. week-end at Alfriston was attended by 3 members, with sea mist on the coast and melted far inland.

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Regarding the question of a proposed 100 mile invitation ride, he had investigated further into the possibilities. Concerning and finishing points, catering, marshalling and other factors had convinced him that such a project was the work of a committee and was not practicable for this year. Mr. Seymour said that he had been of the same view since the subject had been broached at the A.G.N.

In the absence of Mr. Tackley, Mr. Seymour mentioned that he had received a letter from the Editor apologising for the omission of a notice in "Signpost" on the subject of possible support for Mr. Neville's shorter and slower runs and promising that it would appear in the next issue. He was gratified at the support he had received from runs leaders in reports of fixtures. He was continuing the series on "How I Started Cycling" and "Rubeology". He asked for the Committee's opinion on his strictures regarding dangerous riding in the Club, resulting in crashes on the road. The Committee endorsed the view that it was the prerogative of the Editor to express a personal opinion in his production. On the question of careless riding itself, after some discussion it was agreed that, although the prevalence of accidents seemed rather high, no further action would be taken unless another incident took place in the near future.

In a letter, Mr. Wooder reported that, after a trial of printing the magazine on one side of the paper only, he proposed to return to the use of better paper and printing on both sides, as before.

He was fully booked for the August week-end and was writing for further places in response to enquiries. He had 10 on the Voburn week-end.

The reports were accepted with appreciation on a motion from the Chair.

Any Other Business.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00.

Tackley
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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.C.
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS", E.C.1
ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 1961.

Present.

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

The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

In the absence of Mr. Irving, Mr. Tackley was proposed as
Chairman by Mr. Drewett and seconded by Mr. Wooder.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

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

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising. Mr. Tackley admitted the
omission of the note in "Signpost" regarding possible support for
Mr. Neville's idea of slower runs but promised that it would appear in
the next issue.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that the membership was 94 to date,
including 3 in the Bournemouth area. The financial picture could not
be assessed with any accuracy for the year until the Magazine expenses
had been finalized. Correspondence from four possible future members
was read and passed to the area leaders concerned for follow-up.
Mr. Groom proposed, and Mr. Wooder seconded, that the report be accepted
and it was passed unanimously.

Annual Dinner.

Mr. Groom reported that arrangements were well in hand. The
tickets had been printed and were available, circularising was to be
commenced and he read the letter composed for this. He outlined the
attractions arranged. Mr. Warner as chief guest and Mr. Bannister, were
to be present. The speeches were to be kept to a minimum of four. He
asked for co-operation to obtain support for the function in force. The
price, as arranged, was to be 18/6d. and stamped envelopes would be
appreciated. when making bookings. He put as a proposition, to encourage
the bringing of guests, that members be subsidized to the extent of 5/- for
those people whom they invited. After a short favourable discussion, this

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was seconded by Mr. Drewett and passed unanimously. Alternative menus were examined and, after discussion, a final choice made. An extension of the licence to 11 p.m. was available. After alternative propositions, John Cannon agreed to accept the proposing of the toast to the guests. A speaker to propose the toast of the Club would have to be found. The report was accepted on a proposition by Mr. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Wooder and passed unanimously with the addition of thanks and appreciation from the Chair.

Membership and Advertising Sub-Committee's Report.

Mr. Fletcher had followed up two enquiries passed to him by the Secretary and one had joined the Club after he had arranged a meeting with him. The other would be pursued further. Mr. Canham apologised for not having been able to do much owing to commitments; but he had a couple of possibles in line whom he hoped to enrol. A vote of thanks to Mr. Fletcher for his efforts was proposed by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Cannon.

Runs Leaders' Reports.

Mr. Drewett reported that the July and August fixtures were led by Bill Davey in his unavoidable absence and attracted about 6 members on each occasion. The week-end in October, in conjunction with the slide show at Forest Lodge, saw 15 at lunch on the Sunday.

Mr. Cannon reported that the July run saw 7 at lunch, with the very satisfactory event of 2 new members joining the Club, both from the southern area. Eight out altogether during the day. The August run saw 13 at lunch with again a new member being enrolled from the south. The week-end to Hastings Y.H. in September saw 5 members exploring the mountains and plains of Kent. The October week-end, held jointly with the West Kent D.A., was led by Tom Wooder to Castle Hedingham Y.H. and attracted 10 of our members and one guest. A latish lunch on Sunday in Maldon was not very convenient to the West Kent D.A. members and more consideration to the time factor might be given on future joint runs. However, they are looking forward to the next, which he hoped to arrange in April to Alfriston. All runs enjoyed fine weather except the return journey from Hastings.

Mr. Wooder reported a satisfactory quarter. Ten members, after week-ending at Woburn, met the Western run at lunch on July 9th. Fred Drewett led the Eastern run in July. Eight members, after week-ending at High Roding Y.H., met the Northern run on July 30th for lunch. Fred Drewett again took the Eastern run in September owing to his absence on business. A party of 8, with all sections represented, toured Normandy during the last week in September. He had bookings for 15 for the New Year celebrations at Stansted and 8, with all sections represented, for Christmas at Dial Post.

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Mr. Jeffreys reported 27 members for lunch at Whempsted on July 9th. Although not an all-time record, this represented the largest turn-out for quite a long time. The September run, although in bad weather, brought another good muster of 15. On October 1st, only 8 members out, with the bad news that the "Swan" at Studham has closed its doors. October 29th provided more good support - 15 at lunch and 7 to tea.

Any Other Business.

Under this heading the Committee discussed the question of runs leaders for 1962. Mr. Cannon said that unofficially he was prepared to continue leading in the South until May if his successor needed any assistance. Mr. Wooder said he was prepared to lead both East and South if no volunteers for the job could be found. ~~Mr. Drowett wished to relinquish the Northern leadership but would not press this failing a replacement.~~ A date for the next committee meeting, which would deal with matters connected with the A.G.M., was suggested as January 8th, as being most suitable to the majority.

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

*Mr. Drowett
8th January 1962*