

The Forty Plus Cycling Club

Year 1966

MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB, HELD AT
THE SCOUT HOUSE, 247, HIGH ROAD, N.W.10,
ON SATURDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1966.

The meeting commenced at 3.50 p.m. with 28 members present, this number being subsequently increased to 30.

The Deputy Chairman, Mr. Tackley, explained that, owing to the illness of the Chairman, Mr. Irving, it would be necessary to nominate an acting one for this meeting. He could not himself take the Chair without being elected, as he was only entitled to take it at committee meetings. It was proposed by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hankin and agreed that he should act as Chairman for this meeting.

The Secretary, Mr. Seymour, stated that he had received apologies for absence from Messrs. Cannon, Irving and Jefford.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Fourteenth Annual General Meeting.

These Minutes had been circulated to all members of the Club.

It was proposed by Mr. Wooder, seconded by Mr. Hankin and agreed that the Minutes as circulated be accepted as a true record of what took place last year. They were accordingly signed by the Acting Chairman.

2. Matters Arising.

In reply to a question as to what was to be done about investing the money accruing from commuted subscriptions, the first of which were now coming in, the Secretary explained that until just recently there had been no money to be invested but that the committee had been considering the matter and the question had arisen as to our liability for income tax, which was being investigated. He added that the new issue of Savings Certificates might be a good idea.

3. Secretary's Report.

This had been circulated to all members of the Club.

In enlarging on his report, the Secretary repeated that we had reason to congratulate ourselves on our increase in membership, much of this being due to our Treasurer, Mr. Knapp, our President, Mrs. Lang and the increasing awareness of the membership as a whole to this problem. He considered that to run the Club successfully we needed 100-120 members; but now we had 153. He would like to see every member at some Club function at least once a year. We were continuing to advertise in "Cycle Touring" and, although we did not get enough new members from this source to cover the expenses of that advertisement, he thought it money well spent, as it advertised our own Club and helped the C.T.C.

Regarding the proposal made at the last A.G.M. for a Club tie, we had only had one letter showing any interest in the matter; but in spite of this quotations were obtained, as a result of which it had been found impracticable to continue with the idea.

It was then proposed by Mr. Drewett, seconded by Mr. Middleton and agreed that the report be adopted.

4. Treasurer's Report and the Audited Accounts.

These had been circulated to all members.

Mr. Knapp stated that he wished to refer to one item only - that under "Payments" of £4.15.0 for typewriter repairs - as the Club did not own a typewriter. He explained that the Editor, Mr. Tackley, used his own typewriter for producing "Signpost" and, as the results had not been up to standard, he had been asked by the Committee to get it repaired, and the Club had therefore paid for it.

While on the subject of typing, he said that the Committee had been grateful to Mrs. Seymour for her work in this respect and, as a token of their appreciation, he presented her with a box of chocolates.

In answer to a question, he said that to date he had received 89 renewal subscriptions for one year, 23 for 5 years and 7 new members, making a total of 119 subscriptions received for 1966 so far.

Mr. Wooder proposed, Mr. Dadd seconded and it was agreed that the report be adopted.

5. To Give Consideration to the Following Resolution from Mr. T. Wooder.
Seconded by Mr. V. Stewart.

"That married couples should pay a combined annual subscription of 15/- or a combined 5 years subscription of £3.5.0. For this they would receive only one Magazine per quarter and only one Handbook yearly."

This was thrown open for discussion, whereupon Mr. Knapp expressed the opinion that, as 4 years subscriptions were to be paid for 5 years membership, the combined subscription for a married couple should be £3 (4 x 15/-) and that those married couples who had already paid him commuted subscriptions, say by the end of March, should get 6 years for their £4.

He then proposed the following amended resolution:-

"That, with effect from the 1st January, 1967, married couples shall pay a combined annual subscription of 15/- or a combined 5 years subscription of £3. For this they would receive only one Magazine per quarter and only one Handbook yearly. Married couples who have already paid £4 commuted subscription, or do so before March 31st, shall be entitled to 6 years membership and the rules shall be amended accordingly."

Mr. Seymour suggested that those who had paid £4 should get their overpayment back for this year.

In answer to a question from the Chair, Mr. Wooder and Mr. Stewart said that they were agreeable to amending the original resolution by altering "£3.5.0" to "£3" and adding the words "and the rules shall be amended accordingly."

As some members did not like the inference in the wording that married couples were compelled to pay a combined subscription, Mr. Fitzpatrick suggested the substitution of the word "shall" before "pay" by the word "may".

Mr. Wooder, on being asked for his reasons for putting the original resolution, said that he thought it would encourage married couples who no longer cycled to stay in the Club and would help those now reaching retiring age and having to cut down expenses. He also remarked that any loss of income to the Club would be offset by the saving in sending out less literature. He agreed to Mr. Fitzpatrick's suggested amendment of the word "should" to "may".

Mrs. Warhurst proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded:-

"That married couples shall receive only one Magazine per quarter and only one Handbook yearly and that the rules be amended accordingly."

This was lost by a large majority.

The amended resolution was then put to the vote, this now reading as follows:-

"That married couples may pay a combined annual subscription of 15/- or a combined 5 years subscription of £3 (for this they would receive only one Magazine per quarter and only one Handbook yearly) and that the rules be amended accordingly."

This was passed with one dissentient.

The following was then proposed by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Mr. Wooder:-

"That married couples who have already paid two commuted subscriptions or who do so before March 31st, shall be entitled to 6 years membership."

However, as only one couple had so far paid in this way, Mr. Fitzpatrick proposed, Mr. Hankin seconded and it was agreed that this matter be referred to the Committee, who could deal with each case individually.

6. Election of Officers.

The following were elected:-

| <u>Position.</u> | <u>Name.</u> | <u>Proposed by:-</u> | <u>Seconded by:-</u> |
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| Chairman. | Mr. Irving. | Mr. Middleton. | Mr. Fletcher. |
| Secretary. | Mr. Seymour. | Mr. Drewett. | Mr. Stewart. |
| Treasurer. | Mr. Knapp. | Mr. Stewart. | Mr. Johnson. |
| Editor. | Mr. Tackley. | Mr. Fitzpatrick. | Mr. Wooder. |
| Social Sec. | Mr. Fletcher. | Mr. Seymour. | Mr. Middleton. |
| 6 committee | Mr. Cannon.) | | |
| members, | Mr. Drewett.) | | |
| including 4 | Mr. Hankin.) | Mr. Fitzpatrick. | Mr. Hart. |
| Runs Leaders. | Mr. Middleton.) | | |
| | Mr. Warhurst.) | | |
| | Mr. Wooder.) | | |
| Auditor. | Mr. Fitzpatrick. | Mr. Wooder. | Mr. Jeffreys. |

Mrs. Warhurst was not prepared to stand again as Assistant Social Secretary and Messrs. Seymour, Tackley and Warhurst all expressed doubts about being able to serve on the Committee for a period longer than that ending with the next A.G.M.

7. Any Other Competent Business.

(a) Annual Dinner.

Mr. Dadd asked if it was really necessary to have an Annual Dinner in view of the fact that only about 40% of members attended, the remainder being guests; but Mr. Wooder expressed the view that it was good publicity, that if we lost £2 it was £2 spent on advertising and that, in any case, all those who attended seemed to enjoy it. Mr. Middleton suggested that we sold tickets for the Dance afterwards, thus getting more people in and more money towards expenses; but it was pointed out that those who wanted a Dinner and no Dance still had to pay for both. Others wanted to cut out speeches but most agreed with Mr. Dadd, who thought that a Dinner without speeches would be "dead".

(b) Railway Charges for Passenger Accompanied Cycles.

Mrs. Warhurst wished the Club "to signify our disgust at the increased cost for carrying cycles on railways" and a number of members present expressed agreement. After discussion, the proposal was worded as follows:-

"That the members of the Forty Plus Cycling Club protest against the high cost for the carriage of cycles on the Railway and for the storage of cycles on railway premises",

and the Secretary was asked to write to British Rail on the above lines.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. James and Mrs. Warhurst for organizing the refreshments, a vote of thanks was passed to all the officers and to Mrs. Seymour for "their hard work on behalf of the Club" and the meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

Attest
Acty Chairman 5/3/67

THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

From the Honorary Treasurer's report you will note that the membership again shows a very creditable increase for 1965. This can be attributed firstly to the ability of George Knapp in collecting subscriptions, a factor which has meant that the wastage which is such a handicap in most clubs is, in our case, reduced to a quite remarkable minimum. Allied to this are the facts that, at a mature age, the individual is normally more stable in outlook and finally, what I like to think is the position, that your Club, although not unique, certainly fulfils a need in the area served. With over 150 members, I can assume that we rank quite high in the list of London based cycling clubs and, although as I have mentioned in previous reports, fluctuation is inevitable, the idea conceived by Cecil Cooke has been proved in practice.

With the possession of able and enthusiastic officials, the members no doubt consider themselves fortunate. Of these officials, the Editor and Runs Leaders always call for special mention and once again their year's work shows a dedication which can only be attributed to the pleasure they themselves extract from it.

The Dinner was again voted a success, although the members attending showed a slight decrease.

The members themselves, in addition to attending the fixtures in increasing numbers, spread themselves far and wide on their holidays.

For the A.G.M. we have returned to the venue of two years ago, in Willesden, and with a slide show to follow, Marjorie and I hope that we shall meet as many of you as feel it your duty to be there.

7th February, 1966.

L. SEYMOUR.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1965.

1965 has again been a good year financially and, after making allowance for depletion of badge stocks and £6 depreciation of the duplicator, there remains a surplus of income over expenditure of £15.17.2.

A most heartening aspect is the continued rise in our membership figures (1961 - 95; 1962 - 103; 1963 - 120; 1964 - 135; 1965 - 153).

Whilst this means that each year more and more members are enjoying our weekly runs, week-ends and holiday jaunts, it also provides a rising income which makes it possible to absorb the various increased costs without any fear of making an increase in our subscription rates.

Once again I must thank you all for paying your dues so promptly; it makes my task a real pleasure instead of a job of work. It is the same story for 1966 - January not yet ended and already I have had in about two thirds of the subscriptions. I am pleased to report that a fair proportion are taking advantage of the commuted rate (£2 for 5 years membership), which came into operation this year.

27th January, 1966.

GEORGE KNAPP.

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THE FIFTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD AT "THE CROWN AND SUGARLOAF",
ON LICK HILL, LONDON, E.C.4
ON FRIDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1966.

Present:- Mrs. E. Warhurst, Messrs. Cannon, Drowett, Haskin, Knapp, Middleton, Seymour, Tackley, Warhurst, Wooller.

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs. Fletcher and Irving.

The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Irving, the Deputy Chairman, Mr. Tackley, took the Chair.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Chairman on a motion by Mr. Drowett seconded by Mr. Haskin.

Matters Arising.

Mrs. Warhurst suggested the donation of a box of chocolates to Mrs. Seymour in recognition of her work in connection with the Club.

Opinion was expressed that the Dinner was considered to be good and that confirmation of the booking for 1966 be made, also that of the band, with a promise in this connection of examination of any increased cost.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary read correspondence he had received in connection with enquiries about the Club.

Regarding the Club advertisement in "Cyclic Touring", he had instructed this to be inserted in the next issue with a proviso about future commitments. 160 Handbooks were in course of production with Thanet Press. On these two points, the Secretary was instructed to inform the C.F.C. to continue the advertisement for 1966 and to contact Thanet Press in connection with supplying 170 Handbooks. On this latter point, if the increased cost was small, he was to order this number.

Mr. Haskin proposed and Mr. Wooller seconded that the report be accepted and this was passed unanimously.

Subsequently, Mr. Seymour raised a further point regarding cloth badges, stock of which was near exhausted. Mr. Lang had obtained a quotation which worked out at approximately 5/3d. each for 3 doz. and 4/5d. each for 6 doz. After a short discussion, and in view of the fact of wishing to retain the present selling price of 5/-, the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Lang to place an order for 6 doz. on a motion by Mr. Wooller seconded by Mr. Drowett.

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Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported a profit of £1 on the Annual Dinner. This was achieved by a considerable saving in printing costs and previous notices in "Signpost". There was only one guest.

The Accounts for 1965 showed a profit of approximately £15.

There were 153 paid-up members, an increase of 16 with 5 new members so far for 1966. For 1966 he had received 80 subscriptions, including 19 who had availed themselves of the counted membership facility. Mr. Mitchell, of Portland, had taken out this form of subscription, and the Treasurer suggested that a week-end night be organized to meet him during the year.

Mr. Eagle had not been quite satisfied with his reception at the Dinner but had been assured that this was an unfortunate oversight and had been written accordingly.

On the question of investment of the funds accruing from counted membership and other sources, the Treasurer suggested the purchase of £120 in National Development Bonds. After some discussion, in which Mr. Seymour questioned the position regarding Income Tax, he proposed that the matter be deferred pending full enquiry into various possible forms of investment, and this was seconded by Mr. Wooder.

The Treasurer's report was accepted with thanks on a motion by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Hankin and passed unanimously.

A.G.M.

The Secretary informed the meeting that, of the possible venues, the "Crown and Sugarloaf" had been unable to discuss anything definite so far in advance; the "Castle" - last year's venue - had not yet been approached in view of the fact that the Scout Hut in Willesden had been provisionally booked for a slide show by Mr. Hankin and Mr. Kander for Saturday, March 5th. In view of this and, after a short discussion, Mr. Middleton proposed and Mr. Wooder seconded that the meeting be held at the Scout Hut, Willesden, on Saturday, March 5th, to be followed by a slide show. This was passed unanimously.

Mr. Knapp suggested, in view of the lower cost of this room, together with the fact of some members travelling long distances to attend, that free refreshments be provided as previously. This was seconded by Mr. Drowett and passed unanimously. Catering for about 40 was to be laid on.

The Secretary asked to be briefed regarding the suggestion of a club tie and was informed that this was proved impracticable owing to the high cost and also the almost complete lack of displayed interest.

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Mr. Tackley brought up the subject of the standing committee. Mr. Verhurst said he would not seek re-election. The Secretary and the Editor could be available for 1966 only, should their services in their respective offices still prove acceptable to the members. The other runs leaders were willing to seek re-election.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Seymour asked for examination of this item to be deferred to allow discussion of Number 7 in case time proved insufficient for this purpose. The Deputy Chairman granted this concession.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Woeder said, in connection with the printing of the Magazine, that he had back covers for one issue and was considering the suggestion of normal white paper for this purpose. The covers were now stencilled but he was proposing to get a quotation from our member Mr. Kilby, who printed the Dinner stationery, for getting further stocks of covers produced in a similar style.

He then gave a comprehensive outline of arrangements for special features for the year. These were March 19th/20th Cambridge week-end, Easter in Shropshire, July 2nd/3rd week-end to Colchester in connection with helping the physically disabled, Whitsun was yet to be arranged, the August week-end would be at Long Belford and that brought the year to its conclusion with the Christmas Dinner on December 11th. Additionally, there was to be a week in Belgium, the date of which would unfortunately unavoidably clash with the Sutton Valence week-end. He proposed advancing the meeting place time to 8.30 a.m. at Callous Corner during the period April to the Autumn.

There being no other business other than the postponed Runs Leaders' and Editor's reports, the Deputy Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Corr. Sec'd
A. Tackley
Actg. Chairman
1.4.66

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THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN AND SUGARLOAF",
GARLICK HILL, E.C.4
ON FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST, 1966.

Present. - Messrs. Cannon, Drewett, Fletcher, Hankin, Knapp, Middleton, Seymour, Tackley, Warhurst, Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Irving, the Deputy Chairman, Mr. Tackley, took the Chair.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

These were accepted as a true record on a motion by Mr. Knapp seconded by Mr. Cannon and were signed by the Deputy Chairman.

Matters Arising.

A letter was read from Mrs. Seymour, thanking the Committee and the Club for the chocolates given to her in appreciation of her work in connection with the Club.

A.G.M. Minutes.

In accepting the draft record, the Committee wished that Mrs. Lang's name be added to that of the Treasurer as being greatly responsible for the increased membership, and also that Mr. Fitzpatrick had pointed out that the Dinner was not a liability on the members' subscriptions.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary read correspondence received since the last Committee meeting on general Club business and from people enquiring as to membership of the Club.

Additionally, his letter to the Chairman of British Rail and the C.T.C. in relation to the resolution passed at the A.G.M., together with the replies, was read. On this question, the Committee decided to leave further action pending the result of the efforts of the official bodies representing cyclists.

The Secretary's report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Hankin.

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Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported two new members since the last committee meeting. To date he had received 109 subscriptions for 1 year and 26 for the committed 5 year period. This left 24 outstanding.

The accounts for the C.T.C. advert, the purchase of a stock of cloth badges, the Handbooks and the A.C.M. expenses had been paid, leaving a balance in hand of £186.

The Committee discussed the question of the investment of a proportion of these funds with the object of covering the cost of the committed membership scheme. Mr. Seymour suggested the alternatives of Savings Certificates or a Building Society. Of this latter, the Treasurer favoured the Halifax. The Trustees were considered and Mr. Wooster and Mr. Knapp were proposed. A resolution was then passed. On a proposal by Mr. Middleton seconded by Mr. Drewett, it was resolved -

"That an account be opened with the Halifax Building Society and that the following officers be empowered to sign for withdrawals from the account - G.H. Knapp and T. Wooster."

This was agreed unanimously.

Run Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Drewett reported, on February 6th to Buntingford 13 out, 12 to elevenses, 9 to lunch, 2 to tea. On March 6th 21 out during the day with 17 to elevenses, 17 to lunch and 3 to tea.

Mr. Cannon, reporting on the week-end to Dial Post, had 7 meet at the Ferry on the Saturday with 9 to elevenses, 11 to lunch and tea and 11 overnight. Two left for a train in the morning. On Sunday 9 to lunch although 13 booked and 5 for tea although 7 booked. This week-end was unfortunately marred by a number of mishaps, none of which, fortunately, proved serious. The bad weather experienced could be advanced as a contributory reason.

Mr. Wooster reported that the impromptu winter runs had not been quite so successful as in the previous season. On 23rd January 6 to Abridge, on January 20th a very large attendance of 20 at a Tricycle Association Dinner, on February 6th 13 out. On February 13th 8 to elevenses and on the run to Midford on February 20th 10 out. The invitation to tea from Len Downey led to a subscription being collected for the Basildon Family Section of the C.T.C. On February 27th 10 to lunch at Great Easton. On March 13th an outing was arranged to Longfield on the date of a Western run. On March 20th 11 attended the Cambridge week-end and slide show with 21 to lunch on the Sunday. Whitsun was booked at Bodicote and the August week-end would be based on Long Melford.

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The Editor said that the last issue of "Signpost" was slightly smaller than usual owing to lack of copy; but he did not feel that any anxiety need be felt, as articles and reports were continuing to reach him regularly.

On the question of the Magazine, Mr. Wooller said he had covers for one issue only. He had seen Mr. Kilby, our member who had produced some of the Dinner printing, and had obtained a figure of £2.5.0 per 1,000 or £2.15.0 for the same number in two colours. A Gestetner stencil, as used at present, cost about £1 additionally, of course, to paper. He himself preferred the transference to the two tone idea. Mr. Knapp proposed and Mr. Middleton seconded that 1,000 covers in two colours be put in hand with Mr. Kilby and this was passed unanimously. A smaller format might be considered when this stock had been exhausted.

Any Other Business.

A copy of the letter sent to the "Talbot" and the address of the band should be procured from Mr. Irving and the arrangements for the Dinner on November 5th be left solely in the hands of Mr. Fletcher, with progress reports being available at subsequent committee meetings.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Certified correct
J. G. Dwyer
A/Chairman
10.6.66

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FORTY-PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN AND SUGARLOAF",
GARLICK HILL, E.C.4,
ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH, 1966.

Present: Messrs. Drewett, Fletcher, Middleton, Seymour, Warhurst.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Cannon, Hankin, Knapp, Irving, Tackley and Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, on a motion by Mr. Seymour seconded by Mr. Warhurst, Mr. Drewett was elected as Acting Chairman for the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

These were accepted as a true record on a motion by Mr. Middleton seconded by Mr. Fletcher and signed by the Acting Chairman.

Matters Arising.

On the question of investment of the money accruing from the commuted membership scheme in addition to funds already in hand, it was disclosed that the Club would be liable to income tax on Building Society shares. In view of this, it was decided to defer the question as to a final decision until a fuller committee meeting.

A cover in two colours received from Mr. Wooder was shown to the committee and would be used on the September issue of "Signpost".

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary read various letters enquiring about membership of the Club. Two previous letters of enquiry were passed to Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Warhurst for possible further follow-up. He had to report the news of the death of Bill Blackburn, in connection with which letters of condolence to his widow had been sent.

The Secretary's report was accepted on a proposal by Mr. Warhurst seconded by Mr. Middleton.

Treasurer's Report.

A written report from Mr. Knapp was read, in which he gave two resignations received, the loss of Bill Blackburn, and twelve outstanding subscriptions to date. The final position would be examined at the next committee meeting.

Social Secretary's Report.

Alternative menus submitted by the "Talbot" were shown by Mr. Fletcher. A copy of the confirmed booking had been sent to him by Mr. Irving. The date was to be confirmed and also that with the band. The examination of the menus would be deferred until the next committee meeting. The seating arrangements had to be left until those booking could be ascertained. The printing (particularly of the tickets) would be completed as soon as possible after the next committee meeting.

On the question of speakers, Mr. Fletcher had not received a reply from Mr. Blundell and suggested a friend of his, a Mr. Mepstone, as guest of honour. It would be necessary to find somebody to toast and reply for the guests.

The Social Secretary's report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Seymour seconded by Mr. Warhurst.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Drewett reported on March 6th to Langley 17 to elevenses and lunch and 3 to tea with 21 out during the day. On April 3rd to Whempstead 17 to elevenses, 17 to lunch and 10 to tea, with 23 out during the day. On May 1st to Berden 24 to elevenses, 23 to lunch and 15 to tea, with 24 out during the day. These figures were considered by the committee as very good and showing a high level of consistency.

Mr. Warhurst reported on May 8th to Cookham 12 out at all stops, including a new member, on a day of poor weather. Tea was at Beaconsfield by courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Letts. Mr. Seymour had taken the run to Caddington, which was led in the afternoon by Mr. Jefford.

Mr. Wooder sent a written report in which he stated that the Easter week-end attracted 15 to Shropshire. On April 17th Mr. Germain took the run to Malden with 11 out. On April 24th 9 Eastern members attended the Southern run to Maidstone and a similar number supported the Northern run to Berden. On May 15th Mr. Duffin took the run to Great Totham with 10 out. The Whitsun tour to Bodicote was led by Mr. Stewart with a total of 11 out at some time during the holiday.

No report was received from Mr. Cannon.

The Editor had reported the lack of runs accounts for the Northern but Mr. Drewett said these had now been submitted.

The Runs Leaders' and Editor's reports were accepted on a motion by Mr. Middleton seconded by Mr. Fletcher.

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Any Other Business.

Mr. Warhurst wished to convey thanks on behalf of his wife and himself for the present sent to them by the Club to commemorate their wedding.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.

Dr. H. Smith
16th August 1966

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THE NORTH PLAIN CYCLING CLUB.

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN AND MUGARLOAF",
CARLTON HILL, E.C.4,
ON TUESDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1966.

Present.

Messrs. Cannon, Drewett, Fletcher, Harkin, Irving, Knapp,
Middleton, Seymour, Tackley, Warhurst, Woodar.

The meeting commenced at 7.05 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Mr. Drewett proposed, and Mr. Warhurst seconded, that these be accepted as a true record and the Chairman signed accordingly.

Matters Arising.

The questions relating to the Dinner menu and guest of honour were deferred for discussion until the Social Secretary's report was examined.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary read correspondence relating to enquiries about membership of the Club and, as these were of recent dates, further action was not yet necessary.

He brought up the subject of the necessity for a further supply of headed notepaper. Mr. Woodar proposed and Mr. Cannon seconded, that the Secretary's name and address be omitted. Mr. Woodar proposed and Mr. Middleton seconded, that our member Mr. Kilby be approached regarding supplying this notepaper. Mr. Seymour stressed that, in this respect, the question of maintenance of good quality was important. Mr. Woodar promised to obtain a sample and submit to the committee at the next meeting.

The Secretary's report was accepted with appreciation on a motion by Mr. Drewett seconded by Mr. Middleton.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported a membership figure of 156. This included two deceased, three resignations and five non-remittals. Of these latter being examined individually, Mr. E. Cook was to be approached on the subject by Mr. Drewett when convenient. Fifteen new members had enrolled to date.

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The cash in hand was £203.6.1

On the question of investment of the money accruing from the commuted membership scheme, it had been ascertained that the Club would be liable to Income Tax on investment in a Building Society. On discussion, it was decided, on a motion by Mr. Middleton seconded by Mr. Hunkin, that a sum of £40 (the total of commuted subscriptions to date) be transferred into Savings Certificates taken out in the name of the Club Trustees, and this was passed unanimously. On a question, the Treasurer said that at present the Club funds were earning 2½%.

The Treasurer's report was accepted with appreciation on a motion by Mr. Winder seconded by Mr. Tackley.

Social Secretary's Report.

The Social Secretary reported that an increase in price to £15.15.0 had been received from the band leader and, owing to the difficulty of finding an alternative at comparatively short notice, this had been accepted.

Mr. Blundell had not replied to our invitation for months but Mr. Napstone had been pleased to act as guest of honour.

As the alternative meals from the "Falbot" were not available, Mr. Irving was asked to make a suitable choice on examination. An original suggestion of 25/- as the price in view of the increased costs was finally reduced to 24/- on discussion.

The question of tickets for the dance only was discussed and, in view of the fact that this part of the function was unlikely to commence before 9 p.m., an original suggested figure of 3/6d. was reduced to 2/6d. On this the permission of the "Falbot" proprietors would be sought. The tickets would be printed by our member, Mr. Kilby, as before, the number to be about 120 and 50 for the dance only.

The letter giving details of the function and instructions for application for tickets would go out with the next issue of "Signpost". Mr. Irving agreed to have his name and address included for postal applications.

On the question of speeches, after some discussion it was agreed, on a suggestion by Mr. Knapp, that to save time and enable the dance to commence as early as possible, the guest of honour be asked to propose the Club and include the President, and that the President replied and included all the guests.

The Social Secretary's report was accepted on a motion proposed by Mr. Winder and seconded by Mr. Hunkin.

Run Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

This item was covered by written reports from the leaders concerned.

Mr. Cannon reported on June 19th 10 to morning stop, 9 to lunch and 6 to tea, with 11 out during the day. On July 17th, morning stop 9, lunch 10 and 10 to tea, with 13 out during the day. On August 14th, morning stop 11, to lunch 15, and 10 to tea, with 16 out during the day. On future fixtures the week-end on October 8/9 to Sutton Valence had 8 members booked and that on December 3/4 to Hayfield 7 booked. The annual Dial Post fixture was suggested as February 25th/26th, as the usual week-end in March would be Easter. This was dependent on Mr. Varrant still being in business at "The Cobles". For the Easter week-end itself Mr. Cannon suggested the Tenterden area, and he was carrying out a preliminary survey in early November. The Southern Christmas Dinner was to be in conjunction with the week-end at Hayfield on December 3rd/4th and 8 to 10 was the limit in numbers.

Mr. Brewett reported, on June 26th to Harpenden, elevenses 15, lunch 13, tea 10, with a total during the day of 18. On July 10th to Sandon, elevenses 18, 20 to lunch and 12 to tea, with 22 out during the day. On August 21st to Stocking Pelham, 20 to elevenses, 23 to lunch and 10 to tea, with 26 out during the day. The last two fixtures included one or two new or prospective members. The Northern and Eastern Christmas Dinner would be at "Greenways", High Laver, on December 11th.

Mr. Woodard reported; on June 12th to Terling, 14 out during the day; an impromptu run to Feglesham on June 26th attracted 8 members. On 2nd/3rd July 11 members attended and helped at the Essex Invalids Rally at Braintree and 8 stayed the night at Great Easton; 14 were to lunch at Great Easton on the Sunday. On 23rd/24th July, the inter-week-end at Colchester I.M. with the West Kent Over 35 Section saw 9 attending with 12 to Maldon for lunch on the Sunday. On 7th August the run to Great Saling was attended by 12.

The Western Christmas Dinner would be on 18th December. An alternative venue to Brickat Wood was being pursued in St. Albans.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Warhurst said that the money presented to Len and himself on their wedding had been put into the purchase of a 400-day vertical pendulum clock, which he hoped would be a permanent reminder of their friends in the Forty Plus.

Len Hathaway had asked for his thanks for the presentation to him and his wife to be conveyed through George Knapp.

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Mr. Wooster said that Mr. Henry (Paddy) had returned to Ireland and had asked for information regarding forming a section of the Club there. The Secretary, on receiving his new address from Mr. Wooster, was instructed to communicate with him regarding this matter.

Mr. Henkin said that there was some doubt about the Scout House in Villenden being available in March for the A.G.M. and Slide Show; but Mr. Seymour said that it would be advisable to arrange not to conclude that these two affairs would be combined.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

1966
THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN AND SUGARLOAF",
GARLICK HILL, E.C.4,
ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 1966.

Present.

Messrs. Cannon, Drewett, Fletcher, Hankin, Knapp, Seymour,
Tackley, Warhurst.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Irving and
Wooder.

In the absence of Mr. Irving, Mr. Tackley took the Chair.

The meeting commenced at 7.05 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

These were signed as a true record by the Chairman on a motion
by Mr. Cannon seconded by Mr. Hankin.

Matters Arising.

On the question of a further supply of headed Club notepaper,
as a sample was not available from Mr. Kilby, and in view of a quotation
obtained from the Thanet Press (the previous suppliers), a decision was
deferred until the next committee meeting on a motion by Mr. Seymour
seconded by Mr. Cannon and passed unanimously.

Mr. Drewett had procured the present address of Mr. Cook, who
had now returned to Suffolk; but, as it was learned that he had, on age
grounds, been advised to cease cycling, and that he had made no contact
with the Treasurer, he was reluctantly deemed to have resigned.

The Secretary had written to Mr. Henry, who had returned to
Ireland, giving him details as to the procedure in forming a sub-section
of the Club, and he had promised every assistance on behalf of the committee
in his efforts to do so.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary read correspondence received regarding membership
of the Club and also subsequently from those joining. Two outstanding
enquiries were passed to Mr. Warhurst as coming within his area leadership.

The Secretary said that he had been asked twice by Mr. Jefford as to the possibility of forming a sub-section in the Linton area. After some discussion, Mr. Knapp proposed that he be given the go-ahead. Regarding suitable dates, Mr. Hankin said that he did not consider that this area would interfere with his informal runs and, although Mr. Wooder was not present, the general feeling was that here, also, no overlap was likely. The Southern runs, held on the same date as the informal runs, were again well outside the proposed new area of operation. The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Jefford of the committee's full co-operation and assistance in this venture and to utilize one or both of the dates suggested when drawing up his programme.

The Secretary's report was adopted on a motion by Mr. Hankin seconded by Mr. Drewett.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported 4 new members since the last meeting, making a total of 162.

On the question of investment in National Savings Certificates, he had been informed that the regulations forbade this in the name of a club and that, therefore, this would have to be made in the personal names of himself and Mr. Wooder as the appointed Trustees. This would result in no inconvenience to the Club except that, in the event of the death of either, a delay could be caused in the appointment of another Trustee pending the winding up of the affairs of the deceased, during which time withdrawal of money would not be possible. In practice this was likely to be a negligible difficulty, and he was therefore purchasing the sum of £60 in certificates to conform with the regulations.

The Club funds stood at £204.10.1.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Hankin seconded by Mr. Cannon.

Annual Dinner.

The arrangements for this function were now completed.

Mr. Fletcher would confirm that permission had been granted from the "Talbot" proprietors regarding holding a Dance for non-diners after the meal.

As Mr. Groom was not certain to be able to be present, Mr. Tackley was willing to act as Toastmaster but, as Mr. Irving might have already made alternative arrangements, contact between the two would be made on the matter.

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The question of raffle prizes, previously provided by Mr. Groom, would have to be examined. Mr. Tackley promised to take care of the spot dance prizes.

Mr. Knapp said that, although Dinner tickets were not examined, as these were taken care of by the seating arrangements, it would be advisable to have a member on the door to take Dance only tickets, and it was hoped that Mr. Middleton, who was not present at the meeting, would be willing to perform this duty.

Regarding a booking for 1967, usually previously made a year in advance, Mr. Hankin suggested that this procedure be discontinued, as he had in mind a suggestion to hold two functions, in the East and West, in future years. After some discussion, in which it was pointed out that, unless a provisional booking was made at the time of the function itself, difficulty might be experienced subsequently, a unanimous decision to continue this arrangement was agreed, but with the proviso that a cancellation would not be entirely excluded.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Drewett reported one run, on August 21st, to Stocking Pelham, with 20 to elevenses, 23 to lunch and 10 to tea, on a fine day with a total of 26 out during the day. He was continuing the idea of delegating the actual route-finding on some of his runs.

Mr. Cannon reported, on the run on September 11th, 10 to the meeting place, with 8 to lunch and 8 to tea, with 10 out during the day. On October 8/9, the week-end to Sutton Valence, 8 at the meet on Saturday, to lunch 9, with 9 overnight. Two left in the morning and, on the Sunday, 8 to lunch and 8 to tea with 10 members altogether present during the day.

Mr. Seymour led the Western run on September 25th in the absence of Mr. Warhurst on holiday. He reported 18 to elevenses at St. Albans, 21 to lunch and 11 to tea, with 23 out during the day.

In a written report, Mr. Wooster said that there were 14 out on the run to Great Braxted on September 4th and the run on October 2nd, led by Len Duffin in his absence, attracted 7.

The Editor expressed himself as pleased with the new cover of the Magazine in two colours and he was grateful at receiving a letter of appreciation from a new member, Mr. Caudle, on the production. He was getting together copy for the Christmas issue and would welcome, particularly, as usual, news of members. The runs leaders' reports were being received regularly, for which he must thank the co-operation of those responsible. Unfortunately, efforts to spread this latter over those attending the fixtures was meeting with little success.

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Any Other Business.

Mr. Hankin said he was pursuing the idea of holding Tuesday runs for those members now retired.

Mr. Warhurst said that he had had a suggestion from Mr. James that, where a particular fixture coincided with a Bank Holiday, it be deferred until the following week and not missed as at present. After some discussion, in which Mr. Cannon mentioned the question of confusion of remembering dates in the minds of members, it was agreed to defer a decision until the next committee meeting or the A.G.M.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

1966
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN & SUGARLOAF",
GARLICK HILL, E.C.4,
ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 1966.

Present. -

Messrs. Cannon, Drewett, Fletcher, Hankin, Knapp, Middleton,
Seymour, Warhurst, Wooder.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. Drewett proposed and Mr. Middleton seconded that Mr. Hankin take the Chair for the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

These were accepted as a true record on a proposition by Mr. Cannon and seconded by Mr. Drewett and were accordingly signed as such by the acting Chairman.

Matters Arising.

On the question of a supply of headed notepaper, Mr. Wooder submitted a sample from Mr. Kilby. After some discussion, and in view of the fact that this source would effect a financial saving over a Thanet Press quotation, it was decided to place an order for 1,000 sheets. If these were subsequently considered to be unsuitable for more important Club correspondence, a further 1,000 sheets were to be bought from Thanet Press.

Mr. Seymour read correspondence from Mr. Jefford on his plans for commencing activities in the Luton area in the quarter April/June. A new member had been enrolled in Luton as a result of the quickening interest.

Regarding the question of fixtures coinciding with Bank Holidays, after some discussion it was decided that the affected leaders should insert a fixture to cover the Bank Holiday Sunday and, if they themselves were away, that a deputy would have to be found either in advance or on the day itself.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary read correspondence enquiring about the Club. As these were of recent date, he would write the usual second letter if no response was forthcoming, before passing the letters on to the leaders in whose area the addresses were situated.

The Secretary's report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Drewett seconded by Mr. Knapp.

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Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that he was pleased to say that Harold Cook had made contact with him and renewed his subscription. This brought the final membership for 1966 to 163. There were already 5 members to be included for 1967.

He estimated that there should be a surplus of £10-£20 on the year's working. The cash in hand was £212.4.2.

On the Dinner accounts, from the rough figures so far available, a surplus of £2.11.9 might be reduced to a more or less even break on final examination. The raffle (for which the excellent prizes were donated) raised £8.5.0, the Dance only tickets sold came to £3.17.6.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Drewett.

Annual Dinner.

It was proposed by Mr. Middleton and seconded by Mr. Wooder that the Club do not hold an annual dinner in London in 1967. After some discussion, in which prominence was given to the declining support, which could result in a substantial loss to Club funds, the motion was put to a vote and passed by a large majority. A formal motion from the Committee to this effect was to be placed on the A.G.M. agenda and the feeling expressed that the Section Christmas Dinners as held at present constituted a sufficient substitute. Mr. Fletcher was instructed to cancel the provisional bookings with the "Talbot" and the Band.

A.G.M.

The date for this was proposed as March 4th by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Drewett. After examination of possible alternative venues, the Scout House, Willesden, was again decided upon. The Secretary was instructed to book the room, with alternatives of the following Saturdays should the proposed date not be available.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Drewett reported a run on October 16th to Berden which had to be changed to Stanstead Airport, 17 to elevenses, 23 to lunch, and the tea booking had to be cancelled, as only 2 stayed out. 26 members overall during the day. On the 13th to Whampstead, 23 to elevenses, 20 to lunch and 7 to tea, with 25 out during the day. In view of the increasing numbers on runs, he was considering the adoption of a scheme for a tail end leader. He mentioned new member Mrs. Adams and Ted Fitzpatrick as being present during the period under review.

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Mr. Cannon reported on November 6th 7 to elevenses, 9 to lunch and 6 to tea, with a total of 9 members seen during the day. On the Mayfield week-end, which included the Southern Christmas Dinner, 9 were present, Vic Stewart being ill. He had 5 bookings for the Dial Post week-end and 7 for Easter, this Easter arrangement being limited to 10.

Mr. Wooder said that on the slide show week-end to Ugley there were 30 members present, representing all four sections. 23 stayed overnight and 18 went to lunch at Great Easton. On November 27th, on the run to Canvey Island, 18 were out and Rita Woolf, Bill Rule, Rose Ford, Stuart Tackley and Dick Bennett made contact with the party during the day. He had 30 booked for the Eastern Christmas Dinner and 7 so far for the Christmas holiday itself at Great Easton.

Mr. Warhurst, on the run on October 23rd to Farnham Common, had 14 to elevenses, 14 to lunch and a few members stopped for tea in Beaconsfield. On November 20th to East Hyde, 17 to elevenses, 20 to lunch, with 22 out during the day. No tea was booked for this run. He had 28 bookings for the Western Christmas Dinner at Bricket Wood; but Jack Covington, one of these, was unfortunately now ill and in hospital.

There was no Editor's report in the absence of Mr. Tackley.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Warhurst showed a newspaper cutting giving details of a form of Post Office investment; but this was found to be liable to tax in the case of clubs such as the Forty Plus.

Mr. Wooder said that Len Duffin would be leading a Y.H. party at Whitsun and that he himself would try to fix up a B. & B. booking in the same area.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 with a vote of thanks to the acting Chairman.

A. Hanks