

The Forty Plus Cycling Club

Year 1977

FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

Minutes of the 26th. A.G.M. held at the "Castle Public House" on Saturday, 12th. March, 1977.

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32 members were present, see overleaf for signatures.

Apologies for absence were received from the treasurer and Mr. Russell.

1. Minutes of 25th. A.G.M.

These were read, and Mr. Engel proposed and Mr. E. Bishop seconded that they were a true and correct record, and be accepted. All agreed.

2. Matters arising.

Nil.

3. Secretary's report. As attached.

These were read, and Mr. Moore proposed and Mrs. Wilcox seconded that this be accepted with thanks. All agreed.

4. Treasurer's report.

This was handed to the secretary during the meeting, the treasurer explaining that he was unable to attend. The secretary read out the report, but the members would not accept the balance sheet as produced there being no auditors signature.

The chairman then mentioned that Mr. Shaw had only attended 1 committee meeting during the year. The secretary said he had been on to Mr. Shaw for information regarding commuted subs, but had got nowhere. Also Mr. Shaw had seemed to have lost a Building Society Withdrawal form for £80. The secretary had wrote to the Anglian Building Society with respect to this, and the reply seemed to prove that this £80 had not been withdrawn from the accounts.

Mr. Engel then proposed that these accounts not be accepted, but should be sent back to the new committee for investigation. Mr. Germain seconded this. All agreed.

Mr. Wooder said he would try and contact Mr. Shaw by phone, and make arrangements to collect all the books and cash as soon as possible, possibly during the coming week.

5. Election of officers for 1977.

<u>Position.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Proposed.</u>	<u>seconded.</u>
<u>Chairman.</u>	Mr. F. Trueman.	Mr. Engel.	Mrs. Lang.
<u>Hon. Sec.</u>	Mrs. G. Gardner.	Mr. Pemberton.	Mrs. Rumball.
<u>Hon. Treasurer.</u>	Mr. M. Thorne.	Mrs. Gardner.	Mr. Pemberton.
<u>Leaders.</u>			
<u>Northern.</u>	Mrs. Rumball.	Mrs. Gardner.	Mr. Pemberton.
<u>Southern.</u>	Mrs. Gardner.	Mrs. Rumball.	Mr. Pemberton.
<u>Eastern.</u>	Mr. F. Good.	Mrs. Rumball.	Mr. Wooder.
<u>Luton.</u>	Mr. Jefford.	Mrs. Jefford.	Mrs. Hankin.
<u>Tuesday Sec.</u>	Mr. Moore.	Mrs. Wilcox.	Mr. Bridson.
<u>Wednesday "</u>	Mrs. Gardner.	Mr. Wooder.	Mr. Thorne.
<u>Thursday "</u>	Mr. Stewart.	Mr. Engel.	Mr. Pemberton.
<u>S/W Sussex.</u>	Mr. Edgar.	Mr. Wooder.	Mrs. Lang.
<u>Nth. Ireland.</u>	Mr. Henry.	Mr. Wooder.	Mrs. Lang.

<u>Position.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Proposed.</u>	<u>seconded.</u>
<u>Editor.</u>	Mr. Russell.	Mr. Wooder.	Mrs. Lang.
<u>Sub. Editor.</u>	Mrs. Wilcox.	Mr. Wooder.	Mr. Townsley.
<u>Auditor.</u>	Mr. Finnimore.	Mr. Wooder.	Mr. Engel.
<u>4 Committee Members.</u>			
	Mr. Wooder.	Mrs. Gardner.	Mrs. Wilcox.
	Mr. Germain.	Mr. Taylor.	Mr. Finnimore.
	Mr. Pemberton.	Mrs. Rumball.	Mr. Finnimore.
	Mr. Emburey.	Mr. Wooder.	Mr. Moore.
<u>Duplicating</u>	Mr. Jennings.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Wooder.

6. Any other business.

Mr. Thorne said he would prefer that the building society account be changed to another building society more convenient for him to go to.

Mrs. Gardner proposed and Mr. Moore seconded that Mr. Thorne be allowed to do this. All agreed.

Signatures for the building society.

Mr. Wooder proposed that the following 3 members be the signatory's for withdrawals from the accounts, 2 out of three to sign.

Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Thorne, and Mr. Pemberton.

Mr. Engel seconded. All agreed.

Memento for the previous secretary.

Mrs. Gardner proposed and Mrs Wilcox seconded that a memento be bought for Mr. Wooder from club funds.

Mr. Engel did not ^{agree} agree with this, but proposed that a collection be organized among members and Mr. Gordon seconded this.

Mr. Pemberton then spoke of the continuous service Mr. Wooder had given to the club for over 20 years.

The chairman then called for a vote on this.

For a collection from members. 12. votes.
from club funds. 14. ~~W.~~

Chairman then declared this be taken from club funds.

Meeting closed at 2.p.m.

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record. J. 7/3/77*

*Agreed correct
record Nil against
Frank R. Foreman
19/3/77*

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A.G.M. 1977 12 March

Treasurer's Report.

I deeply regret that I am unable to be with you for this meeting. Unfortunately I am at the moment committed to a great deal of work for my job. I hope that the meeting goes well.

It is with pleasure that I report that the finances of the club continue to remain healthy in spite of the problems. The reason for this is the tremendous efforts made by all those people concerned with Signpost to keep costs down both in printing and distribution. I feel that we should publicly acknowledge this.

There are three explanations I would like to give to you. Firstly the payment item Dinner £1.50. This money was received by me and entered as a subscription. Later I learned that it should have gone to Tom Wooder for a dinner he organised. The member paid Tom and I had to refund the dinner money to the member.

I have looked into the matter of the difference between the B.S. account and the balance shown on the ~~Bank~~ accounts. This is apparently normal because the accounts

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contain only items which refer to a particular year whereas the B. S. account holds money which may be due to pay bills for last year or contain money which has been paid as subscriptions for the following year. These are not counted as advance subs but ones paid in Dec or early Jan and show ~~as~~ one year accounts but another year ~~£~~ as cash. Having had this explained I carried out for one year the correcting process (called normalisation) and in a few minutes reduced the difference to 50p

Lastly during the past year Tom Worder and I have struggled to overcome ^{formidable} formidable difficulties caused by a postal system less than perfect. Letters in both directions has failed to arrive. On one occasion I had to visit Tom to make sure the letter arrived. Shortly you will be electing a new secretary and you may come to the conclusion that a new treasurer who lives close to the new secretary may be a good idea. I am quite happy to continue as treasurer if that is what is wanted I merely make the suggestion.

A pleasant meeting

Happy Cycling for you all

Gordon

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1976.

Dear Members,

Again I am pleased to be able to present you with a report of another excellent year for our Club.

Our Tuesday and Thursday Sections have had very good support throughout the year, East and North have had a fair number out on the Sunday runs, while our Southern Section, under the leadership of Grace Gardner, has had one of its best years for numbers turning out on the Sunday runs, but Grace is still fighting an uphill battle to get a Wednesday Section going south of the river, but then our Thursday Section had the same problem when it was started, then it suddenly built up. Our South-West Sussex Section, now being run by Bob Edgar, has increased its membership, and from what Bob writes, they have some very enjoyable rides. I am still in touch with Cyril Henry who operates our Northern Ireland Section, but in his last letter, he says that at the moment, their riding is very restricted, but he will be collecting our Irish members subscriptions to forward to me. During 1976 we had 6 members pass away, and of these we had 4 who had done a lot of work for cycling generally, they were Ted Kings, Albert Hankin, Leslie Seymour, and Bill Stiles, all will be greatly missed among the cycling fraternity. Except for Bill ~~Stiles~~, whose death was not reported to me, on behalf of all our members, I sent letters of condolence to their near relatives. By my register, we enrolled 42 new members during the year, but 19 had to be struck off, due to non payment of subscriptions. As on many occasions, I have stressed the point that regarding subscription payments, we shall have to keep more strictly to our rule, as magazines now

cost 8p to produce, plus 9P postage. My sincere thanks to those members who so kindly helped with the distribution of magazines and runs lists throughout the year, thus saving the club pounds. Also we must all be thankful to our editor, sub, editor, our Vi, who does all the stencils for the magazine, and sees that Bill Jennings gets them on time to do the duplicating, this duplicating job taking about 12 hours to complete, many thanks Bill for this. By my register we had on the 31st, Dec. 1976, 297 paid up members, another club record. For this we owe a lot to all our leaders, for these are the folk who attract new members, and during 1976, most of the new members are active riders with the club. As was reported in your last magazine, I am resigning from my position as secretary at this meeting, this is because of other commitments, but I am hoping to still be very active in the club in other directions. My reign in the position as secretary, has lasted for 8 years, a very pleasant experience, for with the help of very good committee members, I have over this period seen the club membership grow from 150 to nearly 390, this gives me great satisfaction. What I would like to see now, is more younger members coming into the club and taking over the responsibility of running this great club of ours, this way it will ensure that the club will still continue for many more years. Once again, many thanks to all members who have helped me over the past 8 years.

T. Wooder. Hon Sec.

Minutes of committee meeting held on Sat. 5th, Feb, 1977

Members present. See overleaf. Apologies for absence received from Mr. Jefford.

1. Minutes of committee meeting held 27th. Nov, 1976.

These were read, and Mr. Germain proposed and Mrs. Gardner seconded that they were a true and correct record. All agreed.

2. Matters arising. Nil.

3. Secretary's report and correspondence.

The secretary reported that he had received information that Mr. Ted Kings had died suddenly, and the secretary had sent a letter of condolence to Mrs. Kings. Since our last meeting I have on 3 occasions requested the treasurer to forward me the list of commuted subscriptions which were still running, and the date of their expiry, so that Mr Jennings and myself can get our magazine register up to date, also I want to prepare a new register for the incoming secretary. Due to information arriving too late in 1976, 15 magazines were printed and left on our hands, these cost around 7 to 8p a piece, and so cash was being wasted. As requested, I wrote to the Anglian Building Society, and received a satisfactory reply.

Only 3 new members have joined since our last meeting, and we have not had inquiries from our "Cycletouring" advert. I have been in contact with the "Cycletouring Advertising Dept" and have a new quote for another 6 issues. After being approached by Grace Gardner, with her we have had a talk with Mr. Mike Thorn who has been riding regularly with our Southern Section, and he is willing to put up for the position of treasurer at the A.G.M, and as Grace has promised, she would offer her services as secretary, this in my estimation, ^{would} be an ideal set up, for they both live in adjacent areas, and it would be easy for them to contact each other at all times.

Since the 1st. January, subs for 1977 have been coming to me by post, and via runs leaders.

Our S/W Sussex section is still going well, and by the letters I receive from Bob Edgar, their members are enthusiastic riders. Our Tuesday and Thursday sections are still getting good turnouts. We must thank our committee members plus Mr. & Mrs. Engel for the excellent help with magazine distribution this time, thus saving quite a lot on postage. £10 was raised by the Tuesday Section for Mr. Kings, and a floral tribute was sent by them, the remainder of cash being given to a charity by Mrs. Kings.

Mrs. Rumball proposed and Mrs. Wilcox seconded that the sec's report be received with thanks. All agreed.

4. Treasurer's report.

The treasurer was absent and he had not forwarded any report or apology for absence.

5. Officers for 1977.

Mrs. Gardner said she was willing to stand as secretary, and Mike Thorne was prepared to take on the treasurer's work. Stan Russell was still willing to be the magazine editor. Mr. Jennings was wishing to retire from doing the magazine, but if there were no takers for this work, he was prepared to do the duplicating, but did not wish to do the distribution.

Members present. 5 Feb. 1977

T. Wooden

Frank R. Guernsey
W. Moore

W. Guernsey
Russell

H. Ford
E. Rumball

W. F. Guernsey

M. Wilcox

Mr. Wooder said that in that case, he was prepared to arrange distribution.

Mr. Trueman suggested that the secretary phone the treasurer, and try a and get some information from him.

6. Advertising.

A letter was read from the C.T.C. advertising manager, informing us of the new rate for our advert.

Mr. Moore proposed and Mr. Russell seconded that the advert be renewed for another 6 issues. All agreed.

7. Magazine covers.

The secretary reported that we would need some more magazine covers, and suggested we order 3,000, also that he addressed the magazines on the front cover, the advantages here being that the open end of the staples would be inside when the magazine was rolled for postage, as these could be dangerous to the sorters, also the back page of the magazine could be used on both sides. Committee agreed to these proposals.

8. Membership reminders.

Secretary suggested that a mark be put inside the cover of the magazine if a member still owed their sub for the year, a note being inserted referring to this. Mrs Gardner proposed and Mr. Moore seconded that this be done.

9. Any other business.

Mrs. Gardner proposed and Mr. Moore seconded that recognition be made at the A.G.M. to the secretary for his service over the years to the club. All agreed.

News had reached us that our president had been to a hospital at Wimbledon for a check up. and had received a satisfactory report from them.

Mr. Trueman said he would call and see Mrs. Lang.

Mr. Trueman reminded members of the forthcoming slide show.

Mrs. Wilcox proposed and Mr. Moore seconded a vote of thanks to the chairmah.

Meeting closed at 2.p.m.

*Agreed correct record
All in favor.*

*Frank R. Trueman
7/5/77*

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at "Castle" Public House on Saturday 7th May at 12 noon. 1977

Present. Messrs. Trueman, Thorne, Pemberton, Stewart, Germain, Wooder, Moore, Emburey, and Mesdames Wilcox, Rumball and Gardner.

Minutes of meeting held on 5th February were read and accepted as correct, proposer being Mr. Germain and seconder Mr. Moore, all agreed.

Matters Arising Mr. Trueman said that he did visit Mrs. Lang to convey the good wishes of the committee during her recent illness. Mr. Wooder said that he had offered Mrs. Lang membership of the Essex association for the handicapped, but that he did not think she would yet be willing to take this up. Referring to the marking of the Signpost to let non-paid members know that their subs were still due, Mr. Pemberton spoke of the importance of this, and said that it had even reminded him to renew his commuted membership.

Minutes of the AGM held on 12th March were read, and Mr. Thorne proposed and Mr. Pemberton seconded that they were a correct record, all agreed.

Luton Section. Mr. Jefford having given up the leadership of this section, this was discussed, Mr. Wooder said that there were several members in that district and some good country to ride in and it would be a pity to see it disappear. Mr. Trueman suggested having a meeting of Luton members somewhere, Mr. Moore said he would be willing to meet them to try and get the section going again and Mr. Pemberton suggested that a notice be printed in Signpost. It was then agreed that a meeting be held on 14th August, to meet at the Little Chef, on the A5 at Flamstead for elevenses and this information would be printed in the next issue of Signpost.

Western Section was also discussed, some members wondering whether it would be possible to get this group going again. Mr. Wooder said that there were not many members in that area now who seemed willing to try and it was agreed to leave this section in abeyance for the time being.

Secretary's report, and correspondence. Mrs. Gardner read some of the letters recently received by Mr. Wooder and herself, ten new members being elected.

Treasurers report. Mr. Thorne read at length his report on the condition in which he had found the books on taking over from the previous Treasurer, he thanked Mr. Wooder for the efforts he had made to collect the books from Mr. Shaw and the good work he had put in on trying to clear up the weight of letters enclosing cheques and postal orders, some of them several weeks old, for 1977 Subs. Even after that he said he had found several discrepancies in the accounts, he did not wish to accuse Mr. Shaw of any dishonesty, he felt that Mr. Shaw just did not have the time to do the work properly. Mr. Thorne went on to suggest that he be allowed to purchase two new books, the old ones now being full, and to start a new and proper accounting system and this was agreed by all, everyone saying that Mr. Thorne had made a good start. Mr. Germain asked whether it was possible for the 1976 accounts to be agreed, and Mr. Thorne said that they were in such a state that he did not think this would be possible, and it was agreed to leave them as they were and for Mr. Thorne to make his accounts from what he had taken over at the AGM, these were for all 1977 work. The Chairman, Mr. Trueman then thanked Mr. Thorne for his efforts on the club's behalf and it was agreed by all present to accept the report and the accounts from 1st January to 7th May that Mr. Thorne presented. It was also agreed that Mr. Thorne's accounts be printed in the next issue of Signpost.

Unpaid Members. Owing to the difficulties of ~~reconciling the subs paid in with the lack of receipts~~ reconciling the subs paid in with the lack of receipts it was agreed to again mark any unpaid members copies of Signpost, it was thought that any members who had sent in their subs and not received a receipt would soon report this to the Treasurer, and this would help to get the Treasurers records in order.

Presentation to Mr. Wooder. Mr. Wooder was then asked to choose from a list of six items what the presentation to him should be, he chose to have a piece of cut glass, which would be suitably engraved and Mesdames, Wilcox, Rumball and Gardner were instructed to go ahead with purchasing this. The engraving would be :-

TOM WOODER. In appreciation of his services to 40+ CC.

of Brunwin
Badges. The question of stocks of Metal and cloth badges was discussed. The Treasurer wanting to know for his records. Mr. Wooder then said that the Dye was so worn that he thought it would not be possible to use this again, but agreed to ask Mr. Brunwin if it could be repaired, if this was not possible the Secretary was to ask for quotations for the supply of a new Dye from three suppliers, we were now in need of some more metal badges, and it was agreed that Pin Type only would be ordered in future.

Any Other Business. Mr. Wooder said that he now had another 2000 Magazine covers printed, but in one colour this time, this saved costs. He also said that he now had the new lists of members ready to go out with the next copy of the magazine. The committee discussed how often this list should be printed and it was finally agreed for every three years, this being proposed by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Germain. The Re-Union was agreed to take place at the home of members Geoff and Peg Bruton again, and the date being 7th August, cost at 50p each person. This information would be printed in the next issue of Signpost and also on the next Runs Lists. The question of sending a wreath to the Cyclists Memorial at Meriden was again under discussion, having been requested by Mr. Jefford. It was finally agreed, after being proposed by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Germain that this would be discontinued from now and all agreed.

The Meeting closed at 2.15 with a thank you to the chairman.

The next meeting being agreed for 30th July 1977.

*agreed carrying these. All agreed
Frank R. Germain 30/4/77*

Meeting 7th May 1977

~~W. J. German~~
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Nike Thorne

S. J. Seabrooks

Vic Stewart

E. J. Rumball

J. German

J. Wooder

W. J. Thorne

W. J. Thorne

W. J. Thorne

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at "The Castle"
Public House on Saturday July 30 at noon 1977

Present Merris Freeman, Moore, Embury, Germain, Good,
Russell, Stewart, Thorne, Pemberton and Mordaines
Rumball and Wileox.

apologies for absence received from Grace Gartner in a
letter to the Chairman which detailed
the position of the presentation to Mr Wooder of a cut
glass salad bowl; also her suggestion of a date for
the next Committee Meeting (agreed as October 29), and
Matters dealt with as requested by previous Meeting.

Mr Wooder also regretted his absence. and
explained through Mr Pemberton that he had an
important appointment at the Barking Registry Office at
11:30 that morning. The Committee appreciated his problems
and sincerely wished him every success and happiness in
his new status. The Meeting decided that the salad bowl
be presented at the next A.G.M.

Minutes of the meeting held on May 7 were read and
agreed. Proposer - Mr Stewart, Seconder - Mr Germain.

Matter arising Due to misunderstanding the suggestion
that an attempt to revive the Sutton
section was overlooked and no action taken. It was
decided to raise the matter at the next Meeting.

Mere fare A letter was read from Maer's cousin thanking
us for the floral tribute and the attendance of
so many friends from the Forty Club, Eastern Counties, Fellow-
ship of London East Cyprians and Vets. C.C. at the funeral
of our President. The Meeting was informed that our floral
tribute was subscribed by Tuesday and Thursday riders.

The Presidency There was a brief discussion on the question of a new President. The Meeting agreed with the Chairman that this was a matter for an A.G.M.

The Re-Union Bookings were reported as follows: - Mr Moore 12, Mr Good 11, Mrs Gardner 7, Mr Greenman 2 and Mr Wilcox, a total of 33. The Meeting directed Mr Pemberton to book for 40 to cover late bookings.

Secretary's Correspondence Numerous letters were read relating to enquiries re membership, (seven applications were accepted) Our Secretary had replied to letters from See Warkent, Si King, Marion James and several others.

Treasurer's Report Mr Thorne presented the Meeting with a very clear set out ^{statement} of our affair since our last Meeting. He had letters of resignation from Madge Harkin who was moving to Northampton and Gordon Shaw who was moving to South Wales. Gordon sent a donation of £2.00. Both to be sent letters of regret. He also mentioned correspondence received from Mems Sykes, Phillips and Garner.

Badges The Treasurer had a report from Mr D. Brinkwin on the condition of the Club die. Mr Brinkwin thought he could use it and perhaps make 100 Badges at a cost of £30. To replace our die would cost £26 Mr Stewart proposed and Mr Russell seconded that we order 100 Pin type badges from Mr Brinkwin.

Any other business It was agreed that Easter '78 arrangements be on the agenda for discussion at our next Meeting.

Slides

Mr Good undertook to arrange a slide weekend at the Victoria hut for November 12.

Meeting

The V closed at 1.50 p.m. with thanks to the Chairman

The minutes were recorded by L.R. Pemberton

agreed correct - Nil against

Frank R. Louman

29/10/77



Hon. Secretary

Mrs. G. D. Gardner.

16 Red House Lane,
Bexleyheath, Kent.
12th July 1977.

President:

~~Mrs. M. LANG~~

Chairman, Mr. F. Trueman,

Firstly please accept my appologies for absence from this meeting, I am attaching herewith correspondence received since last meeting, and notes regarding same, New Members application forms, all dealt with, some notes re suppliers of Badges and Dyes, Mike Thorne will be able to enlighten you all on these, and Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May.

Matters arising from the minutes -

Unpaid members. All copies of the new issue of Signpost were marked to let these members know that they had not renewed.

Presentation to Mr. Wooder. Mrs. Wilcox and Myself duly went up to Selfridges and spent an hour inspecting many pieces of Cut Glass, eventually purchasing a Fruit/Salad Bowl. I managed to find the Address of Eileen Sheridan and duly contacted her, took the bowl over and we discussed the possibility of the wording, but upon inspection She found a flaw in the Glass that would have made it split when engraving, so I went back to London and exchanged the bowl for a similar one, by that time it was too late for me to travel over to Isleworth again before I went on holiday, however, after a telephone call to Her it was agreed that I would get in touch again upon my return from Canada, she would then like me to come over with the bowl and would do the job, more or less, while I waited, actually I am to leave it with her one morning, and collect in the early evening, so by the date of the next Committee meeting I hope to have the bowl ready.

Mr. Bert Warhurst At the last meeting I was asked to write to Mrs. Warhurst, and this I did, her reply is with the correspondence received.

May I suggest that the next Meeting take place on Saturday 29th October, but if this is not acceptable to other members then perhaps the week before or after would do.

Lew Pemberton has kindly agreed to take minutes of this meeting and

I hope that this will be agreeable to all those members present.

Grace Gardner

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 29th October 1977, 12 noon
at The Castle Pub: Cowcross Street.

Meeting commenced at noon, members present Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Good, Mr. Russell, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Emburey, Mr. Wooder, Mr. Germain, Mr. Trueman and Mesdames Rumball, Wilcox & Gardner.

Minutes of previous meeting on 30th July were read and accepted. +
Apologies of absence were received from Mr. Moore and Mr. Thorne.

+ Proposed by Mr. Emburey and Seconded by Mrs. Rumball.

Matters arising discussed were the Re-union on 7th August when it was learned that as only 27 members attended this left The Brutons with unused food ordered on our behalf, and that the sum of £3.50 had been presented to their daughters, (The parents refusing to accept anything any other way), it was also learned that Mr. Moore had also sent them a donation of £2. to help make up the differences. It was agreed that in 1978 longer notice should be given to members of the date of the re-union and that all booking, if not honoured, should at least be paid for.

Mrs. Gardner reported that she had collected the new badges from Mr. Brunwin and these were now with the Treasurer, the cost being £31.43 for 97 badges, all that Mr. Brunwin could manage from our old Die. A new die would be needed and this would cost £26. and it was agreed to order this before prices went up again. Mr. Wooder said that he would do this. The cost of the new badges to members was discussed and agreed at 40p this being proposed by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Stewart.

Mrs. Gardner then gave her report, saying that she had received 16 enquiries regarding the club since the last meeting, 6 of whom had since joined the club, and together with one new member presented at the time by Mr. Stewart, these were all elected

See overleaf ***

Mrs. Gardner then gave a report from the Treasurer Mr. Thorne, who had been ill for about 12 weeks, everyone extended their sympathy to Mr. Thorne and Mrs. Gardner was requested to pass the best wishes of the committee to Mr. Thorne. The report from the Treasurer gave a clear view of the affairs of the club, and also a copy of the letter he had sent on to Mr. Brunwin, enclosing the cheque for payment of the badges and thanking him for the good quality of same.

Mrs. Gardner then told the committee that Mr. Thorne wished to be relieved of the responsibility of treasurership, at least for the time being, he felt that he was totally unable to cope whilst he was so ill, Mrs. Gardner offered to take on the job for the remainder of the year, or until Mr. Thorne felt able to carry on again. She said that Mr. Thorne deeply regretted having to do this, he liked the club and was willing, when well again, to take over the work. The committee agreed that Mrs. Gardner should keep on with the job.

A letter was then read from Mr. W. Moore regretting that Mrs. M. Hankin had resigned from the club, and suggesting that in view of the late Albert Hankin's services to the club, that Mrs. Hankin should be made an honorary club member. This was discussed at some length, it being pointed out by several members that there were no provisions for the creating of Honorary Members in the rules, and also that once started where do we draw the line. It was finally agreed by all that no action be taken to ~~amend~~ amend the rules, this would of course have to wait until the next AGM, but that Mrs. Hankin should continue to receive a copy of the magazine every quarter. this being proposed by Mr. Emburey and seconded by Mr. Wooder.

EASTER 1978 was next discussed and after suggestions of a Hostel trip it was finally agreed that Mr. Trueman arrange to take bookings for Slimbridge, a second choice being Malvern Hills and third to be Inglesham, each to be a train assisted. Notice of the trip would be inserted in the next copy of Signpost, due by the end of December, booking would have to be made early as Easter was very early in 1978

The slide show at the Victoria Hut on Nov. 12th next came under discussion, and Mr. Good was asked to arrange for transport of a projector and screen from Mr. Pinnell, if this was not possible Mr. Germain offered his Projector and Mr. Trueman offered his Screen.

Mrs. Gardner then read the letter which Mr. Thorne had received from Messrs. Lovegrove and Durant, Solicitors, acting for the Executor of the Will of Mrs. Mae Lang, our late President, in which it was disclosed that she had bequeathed the sum of £100 to the Forty Plus CC. Mr. Thorne had replied to this and was now awaiting further developments.

It was learned that the cafe on the All at Thornwood Common had closed and this meant that we would have to find another venue for the proposed Christmas Dinner. Mr. Trueman suggested the Cozy at Sawbridgeworth, but when it was learned that only 7 bookings had been received and that this would not be enough, it was agreed to cancel the idea and have an ordinary club run on that day, Dec. 11th.

The date of the next AGM was finally agreed at 18th March 1978, to be included in the next runs list and next copy of Signpost. also asking that any Motions for the AGM be sent to the Secretary not later than 31st January 1978, and Agenda and Balance Sheet would have to be prepared and sent to all members at least 14 days before the AGM, as the Magazine came out at the end of December it would not be possible to include these two items with that copy.

~~XXXXX~~ Also discussed was the possibility of inserting the notice of the date of future AGMs in the magazine coming out late September-early October, so that motions could be received earlier and a more comprehensive agenda prepared, the agenda for the AGM on 18th March could not necessarily contain all or any motions received, and it was further discussed the possibility of rewording Rule 6, but this was finally not agreed upon, it being left for a motion to come up at the AGM.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm. The date of the next Committee Meeting was fixed at 28th January 1978

See overleaf *** Mrs. Gardner said that the Bowl for presentation to Mr. Wooder was now ready for collection from Mrs. Sheridan. It was agreed that Mrs. Wooder be asked to come along to the AGM to receive the Bowl with Mr. Wooder.

Agreed correct record

Frank B. Trueman
28/1/78