

# *The Forty Plus Cycling Club*

*Year 1980*

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB  
HELD ON 9th FEBRUARY 1980 AT THE CASTLE PUB. COWCROSS ST. LONDON. EC1.

The Chairman Mr. F. Trueman opened the meeting by welcoming all those who were present.

A letter of apology was received from Mr. F. Thurston.

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 10th February 1979 were read and accepted. Being Proposed by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Moore. There were no matters arising.

The Secretary then read her report for the year. Mr. Moore mentioned that another member, Mr. Reg. Campbell had died a short while before Christmas but that it was not mentioned in the report. Mrs. Gardner said that she had not had any news of this, and that the committee did not always hear about the passing of members, some do not rejoin and no one gets to know just why. Mr. Moore said that the 40+ were however represented at the funeral of Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Rolfe remarked regarding ~~the~~ the Secretary's item about the "Fast" & "Slow" eastern sections and felt that they should be referred to as "Alternate Runs". Mr. Wooder remarked that he preferred the Educated Members to ride with his section. (Laughter from the assembled company) Mr. Wooder then proposed that a vote of thanks be extended to the Secretary his was agreed by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Mr. Germain.

The Financial Report was then read out <sup>after</sup> and some short discussion about the balance in the Building Society, Mr. Trueman said that although it did look a lot, with rising costs of items that we should have to meet this was not really a great deal. There were no queries raised and Mr. Rolfe proposed that the report be accepted and Mr. Wooder seconded this, all were in favour.

Mr. Trueman then asked the section leaders to report on their Christmas "Get-togethers". Mr. Moore thought that a separate function on a local basis was the best way to do this. His section would be having a function in a couple of weeks time. Mr. Wooder spoke of the very good success of Mr. Stewart's Christmas dinner at Epping, he said that a good percentage of those present were actual members not friends of members, he thought that it was one of the best the club had organised for some years, Mr. Pemberton mentioned the numbers attending the functions of Mr. Stewart's group for the last three years, they were 37 in 1977, 51 in 1978 and 68 in 1979, a truly magnificent effort on the part of Mrs. Engel who did the bookings. Messrs. Trueman, Pemberton, Jefford, Moore and Germain then mentioned the small numbers of members who had attended the reunion at the Brutons last year, and all praised the efforts of that Family and the way they so willingly took us into their home and they all hoped that better support would be forthcoming next year, 1980, especially now that a permanent date of the last Sunday in June had been arranged between the Secretary and Mr. & Mrs. Bruton.

Item No. 4. To discuss some celebration for the club's 30th Birthday in 1981 next came up and Mr. Trueman asked Mr. Wooder to say what he felt would be the best way to do this. Mr. Wooder said that he was very disappointed with the 21st Birthday celebration that the club had and we had somehow missed out on the 25th year so the 30th seemed the next one to come. He mentioned that he would be attending the FCOT dinner at the Services Club near Marble Arch. He suggested a mid-day dinner for about 80 to 100 and would see what the Services club was like for this. Mr. Embury wondered if we would get that amount of support. Mr. Engel said that surely as it was a "one off" arrangement ~~surely~~ we would get the support for it. Mr. Pemberton asked the significance of 30 years and Mr. Wooder repeated about us missing the 25th. Mrs. Walker said that she thought that a week-end and not mid-week would be best as it was a 40+ club and quite a number of members were still working and could not attend mid-week. One member mentioned that transport might be difficult at week-ends but Mr. Wooder did

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did not think so. Mr. Engel suggested that for that year we do not have section functions but we should concentrate on the 30th celebration just for 1981. After a vote it was agreed to have the proposed celebration, and Mr. Jack Lauterwasser proposed and Messrs. Engel and Germain seconded, that it be at a week-end, preferably a Saturday and all present agreed. Suggestions from members about possible venues should be sent to the Secretary and the committee would then find the best terms they could either in or out of London.

Next came the election of a President. Mr. Wooder had by letter proposed Mr. Pemberton, but he did not wish to stand. Several members then proposed Mr. Wooder and there being no other proposals Mr. Wooder was acclaimed as elected for a third term.

Election of other officers then took place with the following results :-

Chairman. Mr. Trueman. Prop. Mr. Germain. Sec. Mr. Emburey.  
Sec. & Treasurer. Mrs. Gardner. Prop. Mr. Wooder. Sec. Mr. Drewett.  
St. Albans Tuesday & Thursday leader. Mr. Moore. Prop. Mr. Drewett.  
 Sec. Mr. Collins.

Thursday. A Mr. Stewart. Prop. Mr. Engel. Sec. Mr. Pemberton.

" B Mr. Wooder. Prop. Mrs. Gardner. Sec. Mr. Pemberton.

Eastern & Northern Sundays. Mr. Good. Prop. Mr. Drewett. Sec. Mr. Germain.

Southend Thursdays. Mr. Stewart said that Mr. Challenger was prepared to carry on with this section and he was accepted.

Wednesday Southern. Mrs. Gardner. Prop. Mr. Finnimore. Sec. Mr. Pemberton.

Sunday Southern. " 2 "

Sussex. Mr. James from that Section said that he thought Mr. Edgar would be willing to carry on after all. It being known by then that Mrs. Edgar had recently passed away but Mr. Edgar was still riding. All agreed it would be a good idea.

Luton & Western. Mr. Jefford offered to get the section going again in the spring and his offer was accepted.

Editor for "Signpost" Mrs. Wilcox. Prop. Mr. Drewett. Sec. Mr. Pemberton.

Auditor. Mr. Finnimore. Prop. Mr. Germain. Sec. Mr. Pemberton.

4 Members for Committee. Mr. Germain. Prop. Mr. Wooder. Sec. Mr. Wyatt.

Mr. Rolfe. " Mr. Engel. " Mr. Germain.

Mr. Emburey. " Mrs. Wilcox. " Mr. Townsley.

Mr. Jennings. " Mr. Wooder. " Mr. Germain.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS. The question of someone willing to either help out or take over from Mrs. Wilcox at some future date was next mentioned. Mrs. Walker said that she had seen Mrs. Marsh, who had previously offered to do this and that she felt after all that she would not have the time so rather reluctantly had to withdraw her offer. Mrs. Walker said that she would be willing to help in an emergency. Mr. Jennings also would do this. Mr. Wooder said he could as well. The meeting was asked to let the committee if they heard of anyone who would be willing to help out if the need arose.

The question of purchasing a Typewriter for the use of the Secretary next came under discussion. Mr. Wooder and Mrs. Wilcox said they thought it was very necessary now. Mrs. Gardner used her own machine which was now falling apart and she was unable to get spares. It was eventually Prop. by Mr. Engel and Sec. by Mr. Wooder that we do purchase a new typewriter for the Secretary. Mrs. Wilcox and Mr. Wooder thought that a new machine with smaller type would be a good idea for the use of Mrs. Wilcox for stencils thus saving some paper and stencils and the Secretary to have the machine at present used by Mrs. Wilcox. All agreed.

Mr. Harper then said that he thought that a good way to shew the appreciation of the club would be to give all the committee members a free lunch at the 30 year celebrations. Some members thought that they rather wondered whether the committee would be willing to accept this, and the committee members did not want to. Mr. Pemberton then said that if the lunch came at about £10 each and we had 14 members on the committee that would

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At the Committee Meeting held on 19th April 1980 Mr. Rolfe said that he did infact second the amendment to the proposal by Mr. Hill, this proposal was carried and then became the Proposal itself, so Mrs. Gardner would be implementing the new arrangement for depreciation of the effects.

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be around £140 and he was sure the committee would not agree to that. Mrs. Gardner then said that she thought that the best way that members could shew their appreciation to the committee would be to support the runs, pay their subs. write for Signpost and generally give help when it was asked for, and needed. Members seemed to agree to this thought.

Mr. Jeffery said how much "Signpost" keeps us in touch with each other, especially those of the club who, like him, now lived at some distance from the centre of activities and were unable to get out on the runs, and asked that whatever happened we should try to keep the magazine going. Mrs. Walker agreed to Mr. Jeffreys remarks.

Mr. Wooder then mentioned how generous members had been in the past when it was needed, and spoke about the original purchase of the duplicator, how he had asked for donations and they came in very well indeed.

Mr. Hill then mentioned the way in which our effects, like the Typewriter and Duplicator were depreciated at 10% each year. He thought that the better way would be to depreciate on a fixed basis of the original purchase price say for four years and then to just shew the ~~value~~ articles at a nominal value on the Balance Sheet each year. ~~He suggested~~ Mr. Kersey then made an amendment that the rate should be 25%. After much discussion the amendment was carried and the proposal that we depreciate at 25% for four years was also carried with 26 voting in favour, 6 against and 12 abstaining.

Mrs. Ford then asked whether the Thursday runs could always be in different directions as they often tended to be in the same districts. Mr. Stewart said that he sent his runs list to Mrs. Wooder who should be arranging his runs to ~~xxxx~~ be different places and so fit in.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm with a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Mr. Wooder and to all retiring committee members Prop. by Mr. Engel and Sec. by Mr. Harper.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DID NOT HAVE A SECONDER FOR EITHER OF THESE PROPOSALS AND THAT ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ I DO NOT THINK THAT WE CAN PUT THEM INTO EFFECT.

*Read to Committee  
agreed be initialled  
as correct record*

*17/4/80*

*Agrees correct record  
Nil against*

*Frank R. Fournier  
7/2/81*



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Minutes of committee meeting held on Saturday 2nd February 1980 at the Castle. Cowcross St. ECL.

Members present were Messrs. Finnimore, Stewart. Good, Newman. Germain. Jennings. Rolfe. Wooder. Moore. Emburey. Trueman and Mesdames Wilcox & Gardner. Letter of apology was received from Mr. Jefford.

Meeting commenced at 12.15pm.

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 1979 were read and accepted. Prop. by Mr. Germain. Seconded by Mr. Rolfe.

Matters Arising. The Chairman asked what news there was of the two members who were recently in hospital and the answers were that Mr. Mason was going along well now. Mr. Gordon was out of hospital and walking with difficulty on crutches. Mr. Moore thought that Mr. Gordon would be very lucky if he was able to cycle again. All those present sent their best wishes to Mr. Gordon. All were pleased to learn that Mrs. Wilcox was now OK. Mrs. Gardner said that she had eleven members booked for the tour in East Anglia at Easter which would be at Brandon and Castle Hedingham Hostels.

Mr. Moore, after saying at the last meeting, that he would not be acting as leader for the next year mentioned that he had been under severe pressure from his section and had thought it over and decided that if he was nominated he would be willing to stand, and if elected willing to carry on. Sighs of relief among those present.

The proposed celebrations for 1981, when the club would be 30 years old were next discussed. Mr Wooder would be seeing the Victory Services Club to find out what it would be like for our proposed lunch there. He would be attending the dinner for the FCOT and would have a chance to see for himself. Mr Moore mentioned the venue that his St Albans Group would be having in a week or so time, it was a good place and easy to reach for most people, but some of the eastern members thought that it would be a difficult cross country route for them. It was then decided to put it to the gathering at the AGM for further discussion but it was generally agreed that a venue in London would be most suitable for all members, as it was more central. Members spoke for a few minutes on the tragic death of Ian Turner our Hertford member who was killed in December.

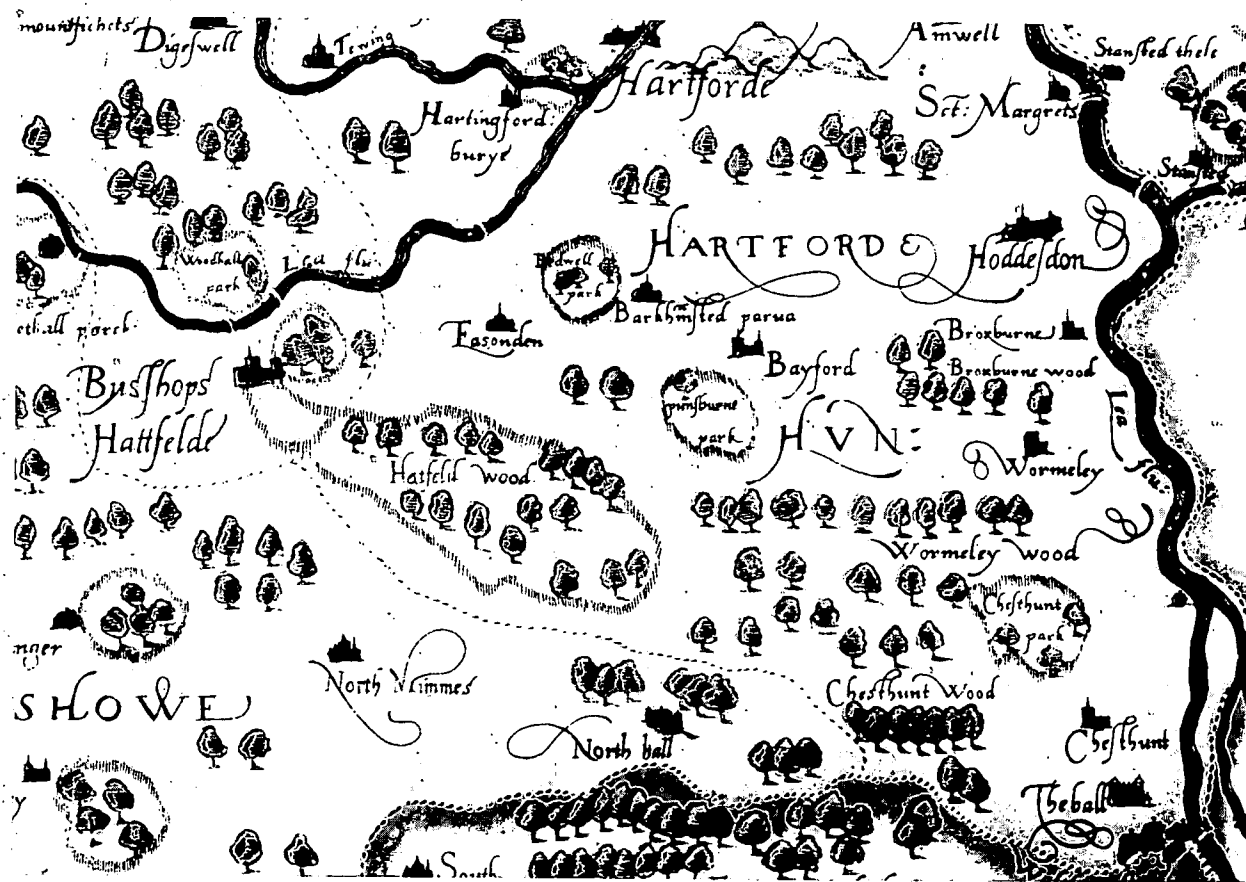
The Secretary then read out points from some of the letters she had received during the last three months and the meeting decided that it would be a good policy to renew the advert in Cycle Touring as so many of Mrs. Gardner's enquirers mentioned seeing it. Mrs. Gardner said that she would get in touch with the CTC to renew the advert for another year.

9 New Members were elected, 3 of them being the wives of already existing members. Proposed by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Finnimore.

Mr. Trueman then read out the Financial report from the Treasurer which had been passed round for all to see. It was agreed that the club seemed to be in a very healthy position. The report was accepted, Proposer being Mr. Wooder and seconder Mr. Moore.

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Hatfield has long been known as the home of the Cecil family. But it might not have been. Certainly it was not so during the Queen's lifetime. She had appointed William Cecil (Lord Burghley) her Chief Minister as her first act as Queen: and when he died she employed his second son Robert (later 1st Earl of Salisbury) in the same office. King James I, who in turn retained Robert Cecil, seems to have cared little for the Old Palace. In fact he much preferred Theobalds near Cheshunt (spent Theball on Saxton's map) which was Cecil's own home. He persuaded Cecil to exchange. And the latter - a somewhat unprepossessing man with a twisted spine but a reputation for political perception and the discoverer and suppressor of the Gunpowder Plot - was the last to live in the Old Palace.



*Bysshops Hattfelde was presumably so called because of Cardinal Morton. Bedwell Park, to the east, was bought by Samuel Whitbread in 1765. The engraver of this sheet has a lean and lanky style, especially in the lettering*

the two famous pictures: the Rainbow portrait bearing the motto *Non Sine Sole Iris*, no rainbow without the sun (she was of course the sun) - personal records. Through the rooms and corridors of Hatfield have stepped the famous of four centuries: Charles I when a prisoner of Parlia-

The question of someone to help Mrs. Wilcox out with some of the stencil typing, especially as she was feeling that we should really have someone willing to step in if she should become ill or for any reason unable to do the job, we did not want the magazine to fold up for lack of a typist. Mrs. Gardner then said that she had been speaking to Mrs. Marsh of Rainham who was very interested and quite willing to take the job on if the occasion arose, Mrs. Gardner mentioned that Mrs. Marsh was very much younger than Mrs. Wilcox and that if she did take the job on and liked it we would be OK for some time to come. Mr. Wooder said that he had also been speaking to Mrs. Marsh and she was still interested. He could help out, as also would Mr. Jennings if the need arose and Mrs. Wilcox did have to give the job up, so it looked as if we should be able to carry on until some more permanent arrangement was made with Mrs. Marsh. It was however agreed to put it to the AGM to see if any other offers were forthcoming, it was as well to be prepared.

The next item was the proposal by Mrs. Wilcox that the club purchased a Typewriter for the secretary. Mr. Wooder proposed that we purchased a new one with smaller type so that we could get more print on each sheet of the magazine, and that the Secretary should have the one already in use by Mrs. Wilcox. Mrs. Gardner was quite agreeable to this. She said that her own machine was getting old and really in a poor way now and another one to do the club work would be very acceptable. She had been to find the cost of new machines in Bexleyheath and came up with some prices, anything from £250 to £400 + VAT for a new Table Model, Portables averaging from £75 to Adlers at £160 + VAT, reconditioned when available about £100 + VAT. She also produced a list of various Typestyles so that we could choose which we needed. Mr. Wooder did not favour getting a reconditioned machine, he thought that we could run into some trouble with that. He also mentioned an advert he had heard on London Radio for new machines and promised to try and find the address. The Question as to whether to have a Table or Portable, was discussed at length. Mrs. Wilcox saying that a Semi-portable, something in between the table and purely portable machines was quite OK for our purposes and they would stand up to the work she did, she promised to see her local shop to find out prices and what was available. Mr. Wooder then proposed that the Club should buy a new one at around £200, this proposal was seconded by Mr. Emburey. It was agreed to have this mentioned at the AGM to come up in Any Other Business. Perhaps we would find that we had a member with connections in the trade, it was at least worth trying. It was also mentioned that Adler's had a shop in Borough High St. Mrs. Gardner said she would have a look there.

Any Other Business. Mr. Rolfe said how successful the dinner was that the ~~Thursday~~ Section had at Epping. A lot of the hard work and success was due to Mrs. Eve Engel. It was agreed that Mrs. Gardner sent a letter of thanks to Mrs. Engel. The proposed tour for August Bank Holiday was mentioned and it was arranged to put this to the AGM, it being thought that a visit to the new Hostel at Ironbridge for the purpose of seeing the district and the Museum would be very suitable.

created some controversy recently by putting up for sale some of the family's Canaletto paintings of town and castle, though critics sometimes forget that he is not running a museum but trying to make a family estate pay.

The names and their spellings on this Saxton map are particularly interesting. South of Warwick, at Stretford (sic) Shakespeare was still at school and, though Henley is shown in capital letters, there is no sign of the Forest of Arden which apparently captured the playwright's

imagination. G. M. Trevelyan, writing of this period in his *English Social History* observed that the winding Avon, spanned by Stratford's famous bridge of "fourteen arches of stone" divided the lonely forest from the populous cornlands. One born and bred in the town upon its banks saw, in his boyhood rambles, what was best in wild nature on one side of the river and what was most characteristic of man upon the other.' 'One wonders whether Saxton noticed - or perhaps in his hurry grabbed what information he could -

Forests, familiar to twentieth century travellers as the titles of M1 service stations.

There is Lemyngton on the map, presumably not yet a spa, though 'cures' from medicinal springs were gaining in popularity at the time. Stonley and Stonley ab will be familiar, in a different spelling, to those who frequent the National Agricultural Centre. And in the north western corner of the map are Edgebaston, Smethik and Bromychm.

° Warwick Castle, from the banks of the Avon  
from a painting by Barry Wilkinson



Cartouche from Saxton's map of Warwickshire and Leicestershire

## DECEMBER

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Mr. Newman then mentioned the slide show held at the Victoria Club Hut last autumn, and of course the ~~Tuesday~~ <sup>he said</sup> ~~Section Dinner~~ <sup>Thursday</sup> at Epping, it seemed a shame that the organisers of these events did not send in an article for the magazine. Mr. Moore then said that he understood that Mr. Pemberton would be mentioning the dinner in his "out and about" articles and Mrs. Gardner agreed to see Mr. Pemberton about this.

Mr. Wooder said he thought that it should always be a rule that those who organised these events should make an entry in Signpost, and that more people should write for the magazine.

The meeting closed at 1.45. The date for the next meeting was arranged for 19th April 1980. A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman.

*Agreed correct*

*Nem com.*

*Frank R. Newman*  
19/4/80

spelling over the years. (Saxton was concerned only with England and Wales: for the November picture, in Scotland, the cartouche has been reproduced from a broadly contemporary map.)

There was strong interest in geography in the sixteenth century. Indeed, this was but one area of learning in which the waves of the Renaissance so quickly dispelled the intellectual twilight of the Dark Ages. Three centuries BC the Greeks were pretty sure that the earth was a sphere: and by 150 BC Ptolemy had established the conventional pattern of meridians and parallels on which maps are still based today. It was on information in his *Geographica* that explorers set out across the world in the late fifteenth century. Columbus was certainly not alone in being misled by errors of more than a thousand years earlier.

The evolution of line engraving on copper in the third quarter of the fifteenth century spurred the mapmakers forward. There was no longer the simple prospect of producing one map but the opportunity to multiply copies across Europe. Italian publishers were in the forefront, producing *inter alia* a map of the British Isles for Catholic exiles. But the centre of mapmaking was trans-

of the projection which bears his name and which is still today the basis of navigation charts, because compass bearings can be drawn on it in straight lines.

In Britain, also, much was happening. Humphrey Lloyd produced one of the earliest maps of Wales and also provided material for Ortelius: had he not died at the age of 40 he might have made a much greater impact on cartography generally.

Two others had grander plans. John Nordein sought assistance from The Queen's Chief Minister, Lord Burghley, though little money was forthcoming. The few maps that were produced were interesting in that they were the first to show roads. Christopher Saxton, however, had obtained the patronage of Thomas Seckford of Woodbridge, Suffolk: the maps all carry the Royal arms and those of the Seckford family. Most of the maps were engraved by Flemish craftsmen in London, some of whom were refugees, others brought over specially.

The other factors that led to the boom in mapmaking in the sixteenth century were the establishment of methods of triangulation by

betnan era are frequently unaware of the tremendous momentum of the first. English adventurers were travelling the seas, establishing export markets. The debts of Henry VIII and Edward VI and Mary were rapidly being paid off. A new spirit was being aroused also among the intellectuals which was to inspire the greatest period of English poetry.

In 1579 Shakespeare was still, at 15, a pupil at the King Edward VI Grammar School, Stratford-on-Avon, learning 'a little Latin and less Greek'. Ben Jonson, who was later to make that remark about him, was only six. Edmund Spenser, it is true, was by then 27 and Sir Philip Sidney and John Lyly were two years younger. But, not for the last time, the real strength was in the reserves. Men of the calibre of Bacon and Marlowe and Herrick were waiting in the wings.

Despite the civilising influence of the arts and the delicate expression of sentiments, however, it was a tough old world. Life was very cheap. The problems of disease were ever present, the hopes of cure very slender. Almost minor crimes risked execution: and libel against the Crown was punished by axing off the writing hand.

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COMMITTEE MEETING ON 2nd FEBRUARY 2nd FEBRUARY 1980.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

G. L. Hurre  
M. C. Hurre

J. Wooder

B. R. Kille

Jennings

Wrenman

~~W. Wood~~

Nic Stewart

A. E. Minner

W. Wilcox

Frank R. Wrenman

L. D. Hardner

W. F. Gennain



result of which the citizens were allowed to purchase the church and the churchyard from 'the King's Highness' for £543 (the estimated value of the lead on the roof and the bells in the tower). The original bell-tower was converted into the town gaol and finally demolished in 1812. It was these bells, no doubt, that A. E. Housman could hear in *A Shropshire Lad*:

In summertime on Bredon  
The bells they sound so clear

several counties. It is said that on a clear day you can see half a dozen of them from the top of Bredon Hill, three miles or so north east of the town.

There was music to be heard in Saxton's time, too, and particularly the madrigal which was becoming increasingly popular due to the efforts of such as William Byrd, appointed organist to Lincoln Cathedral in 1563 at the age of 20, and William Tallis, organist at the Chapel Royal in

artists had escaped the rigid monastic disciplines in favour of a new secular school – which, helped by Hans Holbein, a German at Henry's court, and such native talents as those of Nicholas Hilliard, formed the basis of distinctive English painting – so the rustic ballads were a celebration of the new freedom created by the Reformation.

It is interesting that on Saxton's map are shown The Vynyard just south of Tewkesbury and the Vinyerd west of Gloucester.



Cartouche from  
Saxton's map of  
Gloucestershire

The Black Bear, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire  
from a painting by Barry Wilkinson

## JULY

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Minutes of Committee meeting held at the Castle Public House on Saturday 19th April 1980.

Meeting commenced at 12.15 pm. with 11 members present. Apologies for absence being received from Mr. Moore and Mr. Good.

Minutes of meeting held on 2nd February were read and accepted. Prop. by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Germain.

#### Matters Arising.

Mr. Wooder mentioned that at long last Mr. Merrett had written an article for "Signpost" this came after Mr. Newman had previously said that more members should contribute to the magazine. Mrs. Wilcox said that she now had the new typewriter, it worked well and the cost was £128. She had obtained a good reduction by buying during a special sale at Creasey's of Hertford, and everyone seemed pleased with this.

Mrs. Gardner next read the minutes of the AGM which was held on 9th February. Some discussion on the proposal by Mr. Hill at that meeting to alter the method of depreciation of the clubs effects. Mrs. Gardner having said as a footnote to the minutes that she did not think we had any seconders to the proposal or amendment that followed, but Mr. Rolfe said that he did second the amendment; as there was not agreement on whether we did have a seconder for the proposal it was then agreed that the amendment, which was carried, then became the proposal and Mrs. Gardner asked what method she should adopt to put the new method agreed upon, into practice. It was agreed by all present to depreciate by 25% starting from the figures shown in the Balance Sheet for 1979, and then for four years, afterwards shewing the effects in the Balance sheet at a small nominal value each year. After this discussion the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman Mr. Trueman.

The Secretary then gave a short report upon correspondence, new members and saying that nothing very exciting had happened, in fact things were going along very smoothly. 13 New Members were elected. Proposed by Mr. Wooder & Seconded by Mr. Stewart and all agreed.

Mrs. Gardner then read out the names of about 30 members who had not up to that time renewed their subscriptions for 1980, some members agreed to speak to a few of them, others had not evidently yet received their March "Signpost" and had not seen the note entered by Mrs. Gardner inside the front cover, it being agreed to leave these for the next three months to see if any more renewed, those who did not would then come under Rule 4 (iii) and be deemed to have resigned.

Mrs. Gardner then mentioned that Mr. Wenman of Cheam was quite ill and not able to cycle or even write but was always pleased to receive Signpost and the runs list, sometimes a friend would take him out to meet the Sussex Section for elevenses or lunch. Would the Committee agree to her sending him the magazine even though he had not renewed. He had during his cycling life been a very staunch supporter of cyclists and cycling, Mr. Edgar would quite probably send in the subscription for him when he found that he had not renewed. All Agreed that he should have the magazine.

The Treasurer then mentioned the Financial report which Mr. Trueman read out and all thought that the club was still in a good position financially. The report was accepted and no queries. Proposed by Mr. Germain and seconded by Mr. Wooder.

#### Any Other Business.

Mr. Trueman said that the Victoria Hut had been acquired for our members to have the annual slide show in October, the definite date to be obtained from Mr. Good, who was not present at the meeting. BBC Mr. Rolfe and Mr. Wooder both mentioned that they were going to repeat the film that had been made for the 60 70 80 show in 1975 and Mrs. Gardner said

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Mr. Newman then mentioned the rising cost of Postage for "Signpost" He had managed to get about 200 hand delivered and sent a couple of batches by parcel, which was cheaper. One single copy to USA was only 13p whereas the same thing only a few miles away was considerably more. But only about 150 in all had to be posted and this was considered a good effort. Mrs. Wilcox said that Mrs. Povey, the wife of one of our members who lived near her had offered to help with stencil typing, had done some and it was very good. Mrs. Gardner said she would write Mrs. Povey to thank her.

The date of the next meeting was agreed for 26th July and the meeting closed at 2.15pm.

*Agreed correct record  
Nil against*

*Frank R. Newman*

*26/7/80*

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Saturday 26th July at the Castle Public House.

Meeting commenced at 12.15 with 11 members present, letters of apology were received from Mr. Moore and Mr. Newman.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 19th April were read and accepted as a true record. Mr. Wooder proposing and Mr. Germain seconding.

Matters arising. Mrs. Gardner mentioned that the cost of Postage of the June issue of Signpost was very much less than the March Issue, this was due to the fact that with that issue we had sent out the new lists of members names and addresses and also that the June issue was very thin. She also said that she had been able to book at the Youth Hostels for a meeting with the Sussex Section, the Friday at Kemsing, Saturday & Sunday at Patcham and Monday at Holmbury St. Mary, she was disappointed that so few, actually only 6, had agreed to go. *the date 19.20.21.22 Sept.* The Secretary next read out several letters of the last three months correspondence and 14 new members were elected, proposed by Mr. L. Emburey and seconded by Mr. Wooder.

Mrs. Gardner then read out a letter that had been sent to Mr. Moore from the Landlord of the Bull at Much Hadham regarding the consuming of members sandwiches at lunch time and Mr. Emburey told us about the words that Mr. Moore had with the Landlord and said that he knew that Mr. Moore had now crossed the pub off his list of suitable places for lunch. Mrs. Gardner then mentioned other places that do not welcome us and asked the runs leaders if it was possible to omit them in future, as well as the use of rather small pubs when a large party was out and the possibility of larger places being quite near at hand.

The Secretary mentioned the CTC Advert, saying how many enquirers do mention it in their letters and she thought that the cost was well worth the while. She also mentioned the difference of attitude between Local Councils about the bad state of roads, she had written to Dartford in January but no repairs had so far been made to the stretch of road on Dartford Heath, whereas the Bromley Council replied to a similar letter from her saying that the repairs had been carried out and thanking her for pointing out the danger, and all within one month.

The Treasurers Financial report was next read out by the Chairman, it was accepted by all.

The 30 Year Celebrations next came up for discussion. Mr. Wooder proposed and all seconded that our only remaining Founder Members, Mr. & Mrs. Groom of Bushey Heath be invited as guests, and this was agreed. Mr. Wooder proposed and Mrs. Gardner seconded that Mr. Les Warner and his wife be invited also as guests and all agreed. Then Mr. Wooder also proposed and Mr. Germain seconded that Mrs. Vi. Wilcox be invited as a guest in recognition for all the work she had done over the years, all agreed and Mrs. Wilcox thanked the committee.

The Menu for the celebration dinner was discussed and it was agreed to have Menu No. 4. as offered by the Victory Services Club. The cost of this would be £4.60 per member and it was decided to also order one glass of wine for each member. Mr. Emburey spoke about the cost of wine if purchased by the bottle but as the Services Club offered one glass as an extra to the Menu this was considered quite reasonable.

Mr. Wooder suggested that we charge each member £5, the club paying the balance but it was decided to leave this over until the next committee meeting.

Mr. Rolfe then mentioned a printer in Shenfield who he thought would print a Menu for us at quite a reasonable price, this would also be discussed at the next meeting.

Regarding Tickets for the Celebration. We would be required to have some printed as the lunch was to be at a private club, it was decided



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to have The Club Name, 30 Year Celebration. The date, Time and venue, the exact layout to be decided when the printer we decided on was approached after the next committee meeting. The time decided would be 12 noon for 1 o'clock, Date was 28th February 1981.

The President Mr. Wooder was to be the Chairman for the Dinner, Mr. Les Warner to be asked to propose the Toast of the Club and a reply by Mr. Bob Rolfe. The Toast of "The Queen" would be made by Mr. Wooder.

Mrs. Gardner said that she had some time ago written to Mrs. Eve Engel, asking whether she would be able to arrange to have the Video Tape of the BBC film shown again, and although the member who had provided the equipment for this was no longer with us it was hoped that Mrs. Engel would be able to approach another person to help her and this person would be invited as a guest to the dinner and all agreed.

Mrs. Gardner agreed to let Mr. Wooder have some of the old menus of our previous dinners and also any other information from the minutes etc that he would need to provide a short history of the club to be included on the menu card.

Mrs. Gardner then asked the committee if she could have printed, by Mr. Newman, a letter that would answer enquiries about the club. She said that although she did prefer to send a personal letter to each enquirer it was getting to be so many now that it took up so much of her time and she felt that perhaps a printed letter, leaving out the salutation and ending to be written in personally, would be acceptable. Everyone agreed that this could be done and a suggestion that 500 were printed was agreed.

Mr. Good then mentioned that the Victoria Club Hut for the annual slide show by members was to be on 25th October, which unfortunately was the same week-end as the Cambridge Cyclists week-end but that this was the only time he could get. Mr. Trueman said that this was a pity but that members would now have to choose which one they would like to attend.

The next committee meeting was agreed for 15th November and the one after that to be as near to 31st January as possible, Mrs. Gardner was asked to let all committee members know the date of the January one as soon as she was able to, she would be away from home in January but agreed to do this.

The date for the A.G.M. for 1981 was agreed to be on <sup>7th Nov</sup> 6th February,

The Bank Holiday Tour for Easter 1981 was next discussed and after a vote of members was decided to be held at Duntisbourne Abbots Youth Hostel, Mr. Finnimore agreed to lead this and do all the necessary bookings, the bookings to be with him by November ~~XX~~ 30th it would have to be train assisted by some members. Mrs. Gardner said that she would see that this information was in the September Magazine. Mr. Finnimore agreed to let Mrs. Gardner have what information he would like printed.

Mr. Stewart then said that he would be going to Australia on 7th October for a few weeks, this date would coincide with the distribution of the next issue of Signpost. Mrs. Gardner said she would see that Mr. Stewart's copies were handed out for distribution, Mr. Rolfe and Mr. Finnimore said they would be able to help in that respect.

Mr. Trueman then told us of the sad death of young Joanna Bruton, one of the four Daughters of our members Geoff and Peg who lived in Hertford. Mrs. Gardner said she would write a letter of sympathy to them.

The meeting closed at 2.25pm.

*W Wooder*

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The Meeting commenced at 12.15 pm. Nine Members being present. Appologies were received from Mr. Good (in hospital) Mr. Trueman, recovering from an Op. Mrs. Wilcox (Ill) Mr. Stewart (On holiday) and Mr. Emburey. The Chairman Mr. Trueman being absent Mr. Wooder was asked to chair the meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 26th July were read and accepted as a true record. Prop. Mr. Germain and seconded Mr. Jennings.

Matters arising. Mr. Finnimore said that he had made a provisional booking at Duntisbourne Abbots Youth Hostel for Easter 1981 for 12 members, the Hostel Warden needed a definite booking and the cost by the end of January, Mrs. Gardner said that she had made an entry in the December Magazine asking those who wished to go to confirm with Mr. Finnimore immediately.

Mrs. Gardner then mentioned the proposed shewing of our Video Tape film of the BBC ride, Mrs. Engel had written saying that she could not now get the equipment to show this film but if we could obtain some we would be very welcome to borrow the film from her. After some lengthy discussion about the possibilities of borrowing or even renting the necessary Colour TV as well as a Video attachment, it was agreed that as most members had seen the film, some of them twice, it would not really be worth the expense and Mr. Germain Proposed with Mr. Rolfe seconding, that we do not have the film shown and all agreed.

Mrs. Gardner said that she had on two occasions found it necessary to write to the Highways Departments of two local Councils about bad road surfaces and what a difference there was in the approach to ~~this~~ the repairs there seemed to be between the councils concerned. She had forwarded all the correspondence to the CTC who had replied and sent a copy of a Post Card issued by the Cycling Council of Great Britain that could be obtained from them (the CTC) so that cyclists could use them to complain about these dangerous surfaces to their respective councils, it was agreed that she obtain a few for use by our members and she would then mention this in the magazine.

Mr. Wooder then said he had a reply from the CTC regarding our request that Mr. Warner be asked to come along to our 30 year celebration dinner. Since he had written to the CTC, Mr. Warner had unfortunately had to take an early retirement owing to continued illhealth and would not be available by February. After some discussion it was agreed by all that we asked a senior official to come along and Mrs. Gardner said that she would deal with this.

Mrs. Gardner said that after hearing about an incident at Elton Youth Hostel when the Wardens Goat cornered some would-be cycle thieves, she had written to the YHA asking if we should be more safety conscious at Hostels with regard to the poor type of Cycle accomodation at some of them. She had a letter from the YHA regarding their concern and they were certainly hoping to improve things. Mrs. Gardner said that she would mention these items in the Magazine and ask other members who use Hostels to let the YHA know about any other insatisfactory Cycle accomodation.

The Secretary then read a letter that she had received from our members Joan & Rod Walker who asked that we should send a donation towards a training cabin at Welwyn Cycling Track in memory of the daughter of our members Geoff. & Peg. Bruton. It was agreed to send a donation of £10.

Correspondence and new members. Mrs. Gardner then read out some items from correspondence, and said that she was still receiving those who mentioned our advert in Cycle Touring. 9 New members were elected, Proposed by Mr. Germain and seconded by Mr. Jennings.

that Mr. Challenger, our Southend Leader had sustained some dent when cycling.

ag of stencils for the club magazine next came up,

...Mrs. Wilcox was unable, owing to being ill, to carry on any longer, and Mrs. Rose Ford had very kindly made an offer of help, and this was accepted and Mrs. Ford had come along to the meeting in this capacity. She was thanked for her offer by all present. Mr. Newman said that he would as soon as possible be arranging to collect from Mrs. Wilcox and deliver to Mrs. Ford, the Typewriter and any other items that Mrs. Wilcox had for the job.

Mr. Wooder then said that he thought it would be a nice idea to ~~present~~ give a present to Mrs. Wilcox and after some discussion Mrs. Ford ~~was~~ proposed and Mr. Newman seconded that we do so, and it was then agreed that it should be a Table or Anglepose Lamp, and the purchase of this would be left to the next meeting.

Mrs. Gardner then said that she would be willing to do the stencils for the runs lists if Mr. Wooder was finding it too much, he had said that he would like to retire from the leaders job of the Thursday rides and the Eastern Sunday rides, we would have to find a new leader for these days. Mr. Good who also lead some of them was also now unable to carry on.

The Financial Report was next read and accepted by all.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Kilby to be asked to print them.

The tickets for the 30 year celebration were next decided upon. The cost to be £6. each and the club would pay any amount over this, it being thought that a fixed £ would be most acceptable to our members. This was proposed by Mr. Germain and seconded by Mr. Finnimore.

Mrs. Ford said that she had recently seen two former members, Mr. & Mrs. Waire who had expressed a desire to be allowed to come to the 30 year celebrations. It was agreed that although they were now not members (Actually only for the last year) they had been good supporters of the club and they would be welcome to attend. *Arts, Ford, agreed to*

Mrs. Ford said that she would be able to do an editorial each quarter for the magazine.

Mr. Wooder would be working out the layout for the Menu for the 30 Year dinner, and Mr. Rolfe would then contact the Printer in Shenfield for the printing.

Mrs.Ford asked that anyone who had old photographs or mementoes of  
the club should be asked to bring them along to the Dinner and this  
was agreed. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.~~

The Bank Holiday Tours for May Day 1981, Spring and August 1981 were agreed as follows :- May Day at Sheringham. Spring at Ivinghoe and August at Nedging Tye.

The next meeting would be on Saturday 31st January 1981 and the meeting closed at 2.20pm.

Agreed correct. resort. Will sign  
Frank H. Foreman 30/1/81

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7 PERLIEU WAY, THEYDON  
BOIS ON SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER.

Messrs. Newman, Jennings, Wooder, Germain, and Mrs. Gardner, as well as Mr. Pemberton (Co-opted) were present.

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Mrs. Gardner called the meeting to discuss the cost of the 30 Year dinner at The Victory Services Club and after some discussion it was decided that £11. would not be acceptable by our members. A Telephone call to the Treetops Hotel at Epping resulted in a booking for Sunday 29th March 1981 and it was agreed to the price at £6. per head. A special notice would be inserted in the December issue of Signpost.

The meeting closed at 2.30 pm with a vote of thanks to Mr. Jennings for having us at his home for the meeting.

Agreed correct record.  
Nil against

Frank R. Guernsey  
30/1/81