

The Forty Plus Cycling Club

Year 1990

F O R T Y P L U S C Y C L I N G C L U B

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at The Chalice Foundation, 117 Mansford Street,
Bethnal Green, London E.2. on Saturday, 27th Jan, 1990, at 11.00 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. Election of Chairman for the Meeting
2. Minutes (abridged) of A.G.M. 28th January, 1989, as published with "Signpost", December 1989
3. Matters arising from Minutes
4. General Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report (Statement of Accounts overleaf)
6. Membership Secretary's Report
7. Proposed by the Committee:- that revised Club Rules be adopted, as set out in attached draft
8. Sale of Badges, etc. Committee to report increased prices
9. Election of Officers for 1990:-

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| 1. President | <i>Jack Wyatt</i> | 7. "Signpost" Editor | <i>Rose Ford</i> |
| 2. Chairman | <i>Doug Brice</i> | 8. " Printer | <i>Bill Newman</i> |
| 3. General Secretary | <i>Wally Rowland</i> | 9. " Distributor | <i>Tim Stevens</i> |
| 4. Treasurer | <i>Eric Goble</i> | 10. " Address Typist | <i>Eva Paine</i> |
| 5. Membership Secretary | <i>Eric Bache</i> | 11. Runs List Typist | <i>Mary Sheehan</i> |
| 6. Auditor | <i>Bill Hancock</i> | 12. Section Secretaries :- | |

Sussex
Sth. Beds
St. Albans
E. Herts
Eastern/Northern 'A'
" " 'B'
" " Sun.
Southend
Southern - Wed.
" - Sun.
E. Northants
Stevenage

13. Committee Members (five)

10. Any Other Business

Robert Bond
Norma Rankin

Bill Moore

Bill Goldfray

Eric Goble

Harold Cunniffe

Bill Turner

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Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th September 1989

<u>Income</u>	£	p	<u>Expenditure</u>	£	p
Subscriptions	1290	00	Postages	26	33
Sale of badges	91	40	Telephone	20	95
Donations	94	60	Hire of Halls £103		
Interest on Building Society			Less refund £ 50	53	00
Accounts	104	04	Signpost stationery	419	14
Catering profit (AGM)	6	76	Signpost postage	659	80
			Tankards	66	22
			Secretarial Expenses	77	89
			Section Secretaries' Expenses	13	62
			Excess of Income over Expenditure	249	85
	1586	80		1586	80

Monies Held

Balance brought forward	1646	25	Woolwich Building Society	1870	37
Add surplus for year	249	85	Cash	25	73
	1896	10		1896	10

Assets of Nominal Value

3 Duplicators	3	00
2 Typewriters	2	00
1 Badge Die	1	00
	6	00

Stock in Hand

Badges & Transfers	495	70
Stationery	19	64
Polythene Mailbags	8	25
Postage Stamps	4	63
	528	22

Signed.....P. D. V. NEWMAN E. Gobell
Hon. Treasurer

The above accounts have been audited and found correct

Signed.....W. Thorncroft
Hon. Auditor

Subscriptions paid in Advance

Up to 31.12.90.	66	Up to 31.12.94.	12
Up to 31.12.91.	72	Up to 31.12.95.	1
Up to 31.12.92.	55	Up to 31.12.96.	2
Up to 31.12.93.	74	Up to 31.12.97.	-
		Up to 31.12.98.	1

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May 1989

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(Full text available if required on application to General Sec.)

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1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The General Secretary opened the meeting by welcoming the 47 members present and explaining that, since publication of the Agenda, Mr. W.J. Turner had said he did not wish to stand for re-election as Chairman of the Club for a further year. It would therefore be appropriate for Mr. Turner to chair the meeting as his final act in office. Members present were pleased to accept this suggestion

After apologies for absence were reported from Mrs. D. Bazely, Mr. E. Mascal and Mr. C. Henry, Mr. Turner took the Chair.

2. MINUTES

The (abridged) Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 28th January 1989, circulated with the Agenda, were taken as read and approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

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The Membership Secretary, Mrs. K. Card, raised the possibility of changing the subscription year from 1st January to 1st April annually ^{which she said would} coincide with the Club's financial year. This could be achieved by granting 15 months' membership in the change-over year. A.G.M's could continue to be held in January and any agreed change in Club subscriptions, etc. could come into effect from 1st April of the same year.

The suggestion was noted for consideration by the Committee.

4. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Rowland said that the Club had enjoyed another successful year and most sections were understood to be flourishing. The Committee had met four times and a summary of their activities had appeared quarterly in "Signpost". Points of particular interest were:-

- (a) The new site for the A.G.M. (Chalice Foundation) had been found at the reduced hiring charge of £25, thanks to a suggestion by Mrs. K. Coldwell.
- (b) The Haultwick re-union had been held on 20th June in fine weather and was much enjoyed.
- (c) A range of "40-Plus" jerseys and jackets had been introduced and were selling well. The Club were greatly indebted to Mr. D.W. Brunwin for the hard work he had put into this project.
- (d) The Club '100' held on 13th July had been a great success but unfortunately the organiser (Doug Brunwin) had been unable to take part due to his temporary ill-health. Mr. W. Thorncroft and other helpers had deputized for him.
- (e) Mrs. Rose Ford had most kindly presented the Club with a handsome plaque to be awarded annually to the author of the most interesting article in "Signpost", selected by vote of members. The plaque was recognised as commemorating Mrs. Ford's 80th birthday and 37 years' membership of the Club.
- (f) At the December 1989 meeting of the Committee Mr. J. Stevens had put forward a proposal that a map library should be set up from which members could borrow maps for holiday purposes etc. on payment of a nominal fee. Members would be asked to donate unwanted maps to provide the initial pool. The Committee would be giving further

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consideration to this idea and details would be published in a future issue of "Signpost".

The Secretary's Report was accepted unanimously.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. E. Gobell referred to the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September 1989, issued with the Agenda. Club funds now totalled £1896.10, after an operating surplus for the year amounting to £249.85.

The Treasurer further reported on the Committee's decision to charge nominally higher prices on badges and transfers held in stock, as a hedge against the inflated prices expected to be payable when stocks were due to be replenished.

The Report was accepted unanimously.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. K. Card gave detailed statistics of the distribution of members throughout the world and of the changes in the past year. Membership at 31/12/89 stood at 751, a net increase of 23 over the previous year. 76 new members had joined during the year, 4 had resigned, 31 had not renewed and, sadly, at least 18 had died, including 3 in road accidents. The over-80's now numbered 60 and two were in their 90's.

Some 80-100 subscriptions for 1990 were still outstanding. 80 members had commuted subscriptions over 5 years.

Mrs. Card added that when she became Membership Secretary in April 1985 the Club strength was 550, i.e. there had been a net increase of some 200 members in five years.

The Report was accepted unanimously.

7. CLUB RULES

At the Chairman's request the General Secretary explained the changes proposed in the Club Rules for 1990 onwards as set out in the draft circulated with the Agenda. Mr. Rowland said that the present rules had been approved in January 1988 and had been changed as little as possible. Apart from the minor amendments approved at the January 1989 A.G.M. the changes were:-

- (a) Rule 3 - Management of the Club by the Committee (not previously specified.
- (b) Use of "Signpost" as a means of communication - the removal of repeated references in various rules and consolidation into a new Rule 10 "Club Magazine" (incidentally, the first occasion on which the Club's largest item of expenditure would be authorised in the rules!).
- (c) Rule 7(b) - £100 limit on expenditure without Committee approval would give exact definition. Previous rule referred to "occasional large expenses".

On the proposal of Mrs. E. Paine; seconded by Mr. D. Brunwin

RESOLVED that the rules set out in the draft document "Rules of the Forty-Plus Cycling Club (1990)" be adopted.

(N.B. 6 proxy votes in favour were received; none against)

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8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS 1990

The following were elected

1. President - Mr. J. Wyatt (3rd year of office)
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(Two nominations made - Mr. Brunwin elected by ballot)
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(Seven nominations made - election by ballot)

9. PRESENTATIONS

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Members expressed their appreciation of the services given by the two retiring officers.

10. DONATION TO CHARITY

Mr. J. Scrutton asked members to note that a donation of £100 had been made on behalf of the Club to St. Francis Hospice, Havering-atte-Bower, through the raffle organised by Mrs. E. Engel at the Eastern/Northern Section's Christmas lunch.

11. HAULWICK RE-UNION 1990

Mr. W. Moore asked for a date to be set - agreed Tuesday, 19th June 1990.

12. "OWN FOOD" CONTROVERSY

A member asked if there was a Club policy on the question of licensees objecting to members eating their own sandwiches in public houses. A short

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general discussion ensued without result, decisions being a matter for individual sections.

The meeting closed at 1.00 p.m.

(Footnote: Members present who enjoyed the refreshments provided by Mrs. E. Paine and helpers contributed £22 which will be treated as a donation to Club funds).

(Signed)

Chairman

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NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday 10th November 1990 @ 10.30 a.m.

at 196 Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent.

- by invitation of Mr. & Mrs. J. Plainline.

(see travel notes enclosed)

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Committee Meeting held 18th August 1990 (circulated)
3. Matters arising:-
 - (a) letter from Mr. E. Engel.
 - (b) 40th anniversary celebrations.
 - (c) Section titles.
4. Officers' Reports:-
 - (a) General Secretary.
 - (b) Memberships Secretary.
 - (c) Treasurer.
 - (d) Signpost team.
5. Section Secretaries - to report as necessary.
6. Data Protection Act (use of computer) - Secretary to report.
7. Arrangements for A.C.M. - 26th January, 1991.
8. Club President - to note forthcoming retirement of Mr. J. R. Wyatt on completion of 3rd year of office.
9. Any other business.
10. Date and place of next meeting.

WR 25.10.90.

40-PLUS COMMITTEE - TRAVEL NOTES

TO 196 WIDMORE ROAD BROMLEY

10/11/90

1. By Road

M.25 Southbound from Dartford Tunnel to Junction 3. Avoid M.20 turnout and take A.20 westbound - Swanley by-pass. Follow A.20 towards Sidcup. Left to elevated roundabout onto A.222 Perry Street (towards Chislehurst). Follow through Bromley Lane & Bromley Road on A.222 via Summer Hill, Bickley Park and Bickley Road to Widmore Road. Parking available in Beechfield Road or Sundridge Avenue.
(see map).

2. By Rail

Nearest station Bickley from Victoria S.R.

9.43 a.m. from Victoria arrives 10.17 a.m. Bickley.
Turn left out of station to Bickley Road.

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N.B. If further information needed,

please ring John Rainbow 081 460 2958.

or Wulf Rowland 0277 625444.

FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER, 1990, AT
196, WIDMORE ROAD, BROMLEY, KENT

Present: Mr. D.W. Brunwin (Chairman) and 14 members. A warm welcome was extended to Ms. Carole Green (Stevenage & North Herts) on her first attendance.

Apologies for Absence: Mrs. D. Bazely; Mr. E. Brampton; Mrs. E. Gobell; Mr. G. Hooper; Mr. W. Turner.

1. Minutes of Meeting, 18th August 1990 Proposed by Mrs. E. Paine, seconded by Mr. E. Gobell, that these be accepted as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

- (a) A letter from Mr. E. Engel was received expressing his disappointment at the decision not to accept a plaque for 82-year-old-plus riders in the 40-Plus '100'. The Chairman and General Secretary had spoken separately to Mr. Engel on this matter.
- (b) 40th Anniversary Celebrations - The Chairman said that the Victoria C.C. had indicated their willingness to allow the use of their hut mid-week and he was confident that other clubs would follow suit. Members felt that a 3-day (2 nights) event in mid-May would be suitable. Messrs. D.W. Brunwin, H. Rumball, J. Scrutton and E. Gobell were elected to form a sub-committee and an invitation would be extended to Mrs. M. Wright (E. Herts) to join this sub-committee to work out detailed proposals for presentation to the next A.G.M. An interim announcement would be made in the December "Signpost"

* N.B. Mrs. Maisie Wright has kindly accepted.

- c) Section Titles - The Secretary reported that the only suggestion received to date was from Mr. E. Brampton who had proposed that the Eastern & Northern 'B' Section might be renamed "South West Essex".

In discussion representatives present agreed to the following changes:-

- 1. Eastern & Northern Sections to become "Essex 'A'"; "Essex 'B'" and "Essex Sunday".
- 2. Southern Section to become "South-East Section".
- no other changes were contemplated.

3. General Secretary's Report

Mr. Rowland reported that "80-Plus" tankards had been delivered to Mr. Bill Moore (see letter in Sept. "Signpost") and Mr. Roy Challenger. A donation had been sent to St. Francis Hospice as requested by Mr. Tom Wooder. He was awaiting

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information regarding the wishes of Mr. J. Jefford, the only remaining qualifier in 1990.

The recent death of Mrs. Edna Rayne (formerly Bowers) at the age of 78 had been reported. Edna had been a most successful member of the Rosslyn Ladies C.C. but to date the Secretary had not been able to trace her nearest relative. (Enquiries continuing).

4. Membership Secretary's Report

Mrs. E. Blake said that the Club's strength to date stood at 770 members, 63 new members having joined in 1990, against a loss of 56. A suggestion by Mr. S. Scott (I.O.W.) for a recruitment drive was not accepted.

The Committee agreed that it would be too costly to supply all Club members with full membership lists (as was the previous practice) but brief details of newly joined members would be published in "Signpost".

On the question of the renewal of subscriptions, reminder slips for annual payers and for those whose commuted subscriptions were due would be issued with "Signpost". Mrs. Blake would also set up a "payment table" at the forthcoming Christmas luncheon of the Essex sections.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Gobell reported that the Club accounts for 1989/90 had been completed and audited. There had been an operating surplus of £186. A legacy to the Club of £500, made by the late Mr. A.V. Palmer of Stevenage (member of the Viking Road Club) had been received from his executor. Club funds currently totalled £2590.62.

6. "Signpost" Team

Mrs. R. Ford reported that she and Mrs. E. Paine had now completed their re-write of the Club history and were thanked by the Committee for their work. At Mr. Stevens' suggestion it was agreed that copies should be sent to all members with the "40th Anniversary" issue of "Signpost". The Chairman suggested that in the interest of up-dating and rapid production a master copy should be recorded on a computer disc. He undertook to investigate this and advise further.

Mr. J. Stevens referred to the difficulties with the supply of polythene folders which had forced him to purchase self-seal manilla envelopes. He explained the various cost/weight problems in posting the magazine as economically as possible. The Chairman offered to include the Club's needs in the bulk purchase of envelopes for various other purposes (@ 20,000 rate).

Mr. W. Newman was granted permission to spend £200 on further supplies of duplicating paper and magazine covers. It was also agreed that a range of obsolete stencil masters should be scrapped.

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7. Section Secretaries' Reports

Mr. J. Scrutton said that 35 had attended a "Steak & Kidney Pie" lunch at White Roding and he was expecting a good attendance at the Essex Sections' Christmas lunch on 6th December (Epping).

Mr. J. Rainbow referred to the successful visit by South-East Section members to Essex on 22nd August which had been most enjoyable.

Ms. Carole Green reported a forthcoming celebration by the Stevenage & N. Herts Section at the "Crown", Shillington, on 15th November.

8. Data Protection Act

Mr. Rowland said that a member (Mr. Jim Shaw) had reminded him that the Club might need to register under the Act now that members' names and addresses were kept on a computer. He had written to the Registrar and received application forms and explanatory booklets. It appeared that exemption could be claimed under the section headed "Unincorporated Members' Clubs (A.6)" provided that all members of the Club were asked whether they objected to their personal data (i.e. names and addresses) being held by the Club. This condition could be met by including a request for objections to be placed prominently in the Club newsletter, i.e. "Signpost". Any member so objecting would have his/her name removed from the computer record. Similarly, a question to this effect should be included on membership application forms.

A second condition related to the disclosure of such information without prior consent, but it appeared that in no circumstances would membership details be released to other parties.

The Committee agreed that the General and Membership Secretaries should proceed on the lines indicated, a suitable notice to appear in "Signpost".

9. Annual General Meeting - 26th January 1991

Mr. Rowland said he would shortly confirm the booking of the hall with the Chalice Foundation. The agenda and abridged minutes would be issued immediately after 15th December, the closing date for the submission of propositions, which would necessitate holding the despatch of the December "Signpost" until these documents were available.

All the offices in the Club would become vacant in January, to be filled by nomination and election at the A.G.M. (Club Rule 5(d)).

With the exception of the office of President (see 10 below)

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it was understood that all the current officers would be prepared to serve for a further year, subject to nomination and election. It should be noted, however, that the post of "Signpost" address list typist was now redundant following the adoption of computerised label production.

10. Club President

It was noted that Mr. J.R. Wyatt would complete three years' service as President in January 1991 and a successor would need to be found. Nominations would need to be made at the A.G.M.

In discussion members felt that there were several men and women deserving of this honour and it would be appropriate if in future the presidency were filled strictly on an annual rotation basis. It was therefore - AGREED TO RECOMMEND to the Annual General Meeting that Rule 5(a) be amended to read "President (to serve one year only)".

11. Map Lending Library

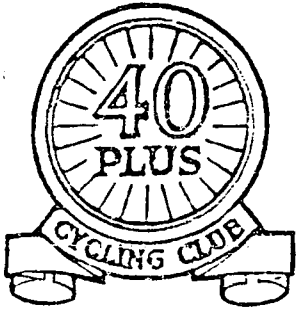
Mr. J. Stevens reported that the catalogue was now complete and ready to be published with "Signpost". Members felt that the continuing work of the map librarian should be recognised by an appointment to the Committee and - AGREED TO RECOMMEND to the Annual General Meeting that the post of Club Map Librarian be recognised, the holder to serve on the Club Committee (addition to Club Rule 5(a)).

12. Date and Place of Next Meeting

To be decided by the Committee appointed at the A.G.M.

Meanwhile, thanks were due to John and Norah Rainbow for their excellent hospitality.

W.R. Rowland
Hon. Gen. Sec.



NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY 12th MAY 1990 @ 10.30 a.m.

AT NO1 THE AVENUE BRENTWOOD, ESSEX

N.B. THE AVENUE IS APPROX. 3/4 MILE SOUTH OF BRENTWOOD TOWN CENTRE ON A.128. HOUSE IS ON SERVICE ROAD AT JUNCTION WITH A.128. FROM BRENTWOOD TURN ~~RIGHT~~; FROM KENT M.25/A.127 (SOUTHEND RD) LEFT AT HALFWAY HOUSE TO A.128 THROUGH HERONGATE, LEFT AT START OF BUILT-UP AREA, THEN IMMEDIATELY RIGHT INTO SERVICE ROAD.

AGENDA

1. MINUTES of Committee Meeting held 3/3/90 (circulated)
2. Matters arising
3. To report resignation of Mr. A. Fiddor as Pains Leader, Stevenage & N. Herts. To receive nomination of Ms. Carol Green.
4. Officers' Reports:
 - (a) General Secretary
 - (b) Membership Secretary
 - (c) Treasurer
 - (d) Signpost Team
5. Section Secretaries - To report as necessary.
6. Any other business
7. Date & place of next Meeting.

F O R T Y P L U S C Y C L I N G C L U B

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12TH MAY, 1990
AT 1, THE AVENUE, BRENTWOOD

Present: Mr. D.W. Brunwin (Chairman) and 15 members.

Apologies for Absence: Mrs. E. Gobell; Mr. W.S. Moore; Ms. C. Green

1. Minutes of Committee Meeting, 3rd March, 1990 Proposed by Mr. E. Gobell, seconded by Mr. J. Scrutton that these be accepted as a true record, subject to the understanding of Minute No. 8 that the Committee were not in favour of commercial advertising in "Signpost".
 - (a) Map Lending Library - Mr. J. Stevens reported that to date he had received 125 U.K. and 54 foreign maps from members. He had produced a statement of rules for publication in the June issue of "Signpost" and expected to be able to produce a catalogue for distribution to all members with the December issue. After then, new members would receive a copy of the catalogue (with rules) on joining. Expenditure to date was £8.59 for purchase of card index, ring binder, etc. Committee approved these arrangements.
 - (b) "Signpost" advertisement - reported that Mr. P. Wilding had donated £3 to Club funds.
 - (c) Mr. Fred Platt had received his '80-Plus' tankard and had written letter of appreciation.
 - (d) Information for new members - In reply to an enquiry from Mrs. E. Blake as to whether in future she should send the complete package to all new registrations, section secretaries present said they would prefer to leave the matter optional as some preferred to hold and issue information documents locally.
2. Stevenage & North Herts Section Reported that Mr. A. Fidoe had resigned as Runs Leader and that Ms. Carol Green (117 Ripon Rd., Stevenage. SG1 4LW) had kindly volunteered to take over. The Committee thanked Art Fidoe for his past services and Ms. Green was approved as his successor.
3. General Secretary's Report
 - (a) Mr. W.S. Moore - Bill Moore had written to express his concern as to recent Committee meetings being held in Essex rather than in Central London which made it difficult for certain members to attend. Mr. Rowland said he had replied to Mr. Moore indicating that there was no policy decision to hold all meetings in Essex and offering to meet him by car at Brentwood station for the May meeting.

It was commented that the Club's current working officers all lived within a 10-15 miles radius of Brentwood and that certain section secretaries had never attended meetings in London, apparently on grounds of distance from their homes. Southern Section members present said they preferred to attend meetings in the Brentwood area rather than at Bethnal Green.

Views of other Committee members would be appreciated and it was also felt that before Committee members were appointed at A.G.M.'s their ability to travel to certain areas should be established.
 - (b) Mr. D. Clements - News of the sudden death of Dave Clements from a heart attack had been received with great regret. Secretary had written letter of condolence to his widow, Kitty, which had been acknowledged. It was hoped to publish an obituary notice in the June issue of "Signpost".
 - (c) Mr. Doug (Arthur) Wade - Reported to have suffered a collapse whilst cycling near Ingatestone - the incident being observed by Wally Paine. By great good

fortune a passing motorist, trained in first aid, had revived Doug who was reported to be making a good recovery in Harold Wood Hospital. Secretary had sent a letter of thanks to the motorist, Mr. John Revel of the "Yellow Advertiser", Basildon.

(d) Mr. Chas. Merrett - Knocked off his cycle when attempting a right turn and had suffered head injuries and bruises. A 'get well' card had been sent to him at St. Margaret's Hospital, Epping.

(e) Mr. Eddie Engel - Taken ill and had twice been admitted to hospital at Epping. Mr. Bill Turner had visited him.

(f) Mr. Alec Cliff - Reported to have suffered a slight accident.

(g) History of the 40 - Plus - Mr. Rowland said his attention had been drawn to the wording of this document which was issued to new members. Much of the content was out of date and in need of re-writing, although the former Membership Secretary had produced an appendix giving more recent history. Mrs. R. Ford and Mrs. E. Paine kindly volunteered to re-draft the content and improve its presentation for Committee approval.

4. Membership Secretary's Report Mrs. E. Blake read out the details of 9 new members: 5 more applications were in hand. Names and addresses of all members were now entered in the computer which would print address labels, relieving Mrs. Paine of this task.

Several members would qualify for '80-Plus' awards in 1990, details to be passed to the General Secretary for action.

Donations to funds totalling £8.50 had been received.

The Committee accepted that costs would be incurred in the production of labels by computer and confirmed that the print-out of membership lists should be supplied to committee members only.

5. Treasurer's Report Mr. E. Gobell reported Club funds standing at £2402.69. Change of authorised signatories for drawing on the Building Society had been completed (Mr. D.W. Brunwin for Mrs. K. Card).

6. "Signpost" Team Mr. W. Newman said that the publication date for the next issue would be slightly delayed because of holidays but should be despatched by mid-June.

7. Section Secretaries' Reports

Mr. J. Rainbow referred to the Southern Section's involvement in the shooting of a TV film at the West Kingsdown Transport Cafe which would be shown on ITV on 14th July at 1.00 p.m. under the title "A Beetle Called Derek". President Jack Wyatt was understood to have a star role!

The combined Eastern/Southern Sections run would meet at King George's Playing Fields, Brentwood, on 22nd August at 10.45 a.m., lunch being at the "Spread Eagle", Margaretting.

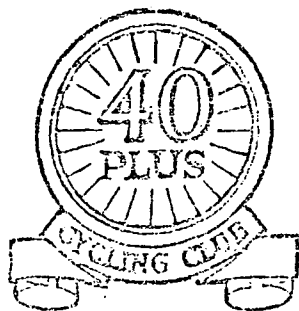
Mr. J. Scrutton mentioned the Eastern Section's "Car and Bike Run" on 26th July, elevenses being at Earls Colne (D. Brunwin's daughter would be hostess).

Mr. H. Rumball said that the E. Herts Section had contributed £14 to the YHA's Tree Appeal.

8. Date and Place of Next Meeting

Saturday, 18th August, 1990 at 10.30 a.m. Mrs. E. Blake's home - 58, Woodway, Hutton, Brentwood.

W. Rowland
(Hon. Gen. Sec.)



NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY 3rd MARCH 1990 @ 11.00 a.m.

AT 180 WESTERN ROAD, BILLERICA, ESSEX
(TEA/COFFEE AVAILABLE FROM 10.30 a.m.)

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Committee held 9/12/89 (circulated)(enclosed)
2. Matters arising
3. A.G.M. 27/1/90 - Secretary to report.
4. Matters arising:-
 - (a) Date & place of next A.G.M.
 - (b) Correspondence from Mrs. K.H. Card
5. Map Lending Library - Draft rules proposed by Mr. J. Stevens.
 (copy enclosed)
6. Officers' Reports:-
 - (a) General Secretary
 - (b) Membership Secretary
 - (c) Treasurer
 - (d) Signpost Team
7. Section Secretaries - to report as necessary.
8. Any other business.
9. Date & place of next Meeting.

F O R T Y P L U S C Y C L I N G C L U B

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH, 1990 AT 180 WESTERN ROAD, BILLERICAY

Present: Mr. D.W. Brunwin (chairman) and 13 members

1. Apologies for absence: Mr. & Mrs. H. Rumball
2. Minutes of Committee Meeting, 9th December 1989: Proposed Mr. W. Turner, seconded Mr. E. Gobell, were accepted as a true record. There was no matter arising.
3. Annual General Meeting, 27th January 1990: The General Secretary reported on the business conducted, including the adoption of the proposed club rules and the appointment of officers and section secretaries for 1990.

Arising from the Secretary's Report the following matters were considered:-

- (a) Club subscription year - Mrs. K. Card had proposed that the date for renewal of club subscriptions should be changed from 1st January to 1st April annually to enable any increase agreed at a January A.G.M. to be applied without delay, and the Committee had been asked to consider the proposal as an alternative to the previous suggestion that the A.G.M. be brought forward to December.

Following discussion the proposal was not accepted but it was AGREED that in the case of new members joining the club after 30th September the full subscription set at the previous January A.G.M. should be applied and that Club Rule 6 (c) be interpreted accordingly.

- (b) Date and Place of A.G.M. - AGREED that the next A.G.M. be held on 26th January 1991 at The Chalice Foundation, Bethnal Green, E.2.
- (c) Correspondence from Mrs. K.H. Card - Secretary reported a letter from Mrs. Card thanking the Committee for the presentation of the plaque in recognition of her services as Membership Secretary, but expressing her disappointment on not being elected to membership of the Committee in 1990 which she felt was connected with the circumstances of her private life.

Committee members sympathised with Mrs. Card's disappointment but were unanimous in their belief that the matters she referred to were not a factor in the result of the vote at the A.G.M. The Secretary was instructed to advise her accordingly.

In a second letter Mrs. Card had indicated that the advance of £60 made to her in September 1988 for operating expenses had been exhausted by the end of her term in office, although she was unable to submit an exact account. The Committee accepted this statement and it was noted that stocks of badges, etc. had been handed over to the new Membership Secretary, Mrs. E. Blake, who should also receive an expenses advancement of £60.

Mrs. Card had also commented on problems of "late payers" in January 1990 and had drafted a revised "Renewal of Membership"

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form, copy of which had been handed to Mrs. E. Blake. Finally, Mrs. Card had suggested that Mr. Fred Platt, who had resigned from 1st January 1990 due to ill-health, and who reached the age of 80 in 1988, had virtually completed 15 years of membership and should be allowed to qualify for a presentation. Members agreed to this thoughtful suggestion subject to confirmation of his date of joining the club.

4. Map Lending Library

The draft rules prepared by Mr. J. Stevens for operating the map library were received and discussed. It was AGREED that the maximum lending period for one fee would be 6 weeks and that a charge of £1.00 would be levied on the first foreign map and 60p. for a U.K. map. Further maps borrowed on each occasion would be charged for at a flat rate of 20p. per map.

Mr. Stevens was authorised to purchase a simple card-index filing system. An appeal for maps would be published in the March 1990 edition of "Signpost".

5. General Secretary's Report - nothing to report.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

Mrs. E. Blake reported that 18 new members had been recruited since 1st January 1990, all of whom were accepted. All records, etc., had been handed over by Mrs. Card.

Following a discussion on various aspects of the recruitment of new members, record-keeping and payment of subscriptions, the following points were agreed:-

- (a) Membership forms - Mrs. Blake to use her discretion on design and content of forms. Supplies to be sent to Section Secretaries for local recruitment purposes.
- (b) Use of computer - Mrs. Blake to arrange for membership records to be maintained on the computer available to her, subject to capacity.
- (c) Recording of dates of birth - reported that many members had not disclosed their dates of birth. A slip giving name and post-code to be prepared for issue to such members, to be distributed with "Signpost" (Mrs. Blake and Mr. Stevens to act).
- (d) Overdue subscriptions - A reminder list of members whose subscriptions were still outstanding at 31st January 1990 to be published in March edition of "Signpost".
- (e) When available, a revised list of members to be issued to the Club officers and Section secretaries.

7. Treasurer's Report

Mr. E. Gobell reported a credit balance of £2,503.10p. It was AGREED that the list of authorised signatories to the withdrawal of Club funds should be amended by the deletion of Mrs. K.H. Card and substitution by Mr. D.W. Brunwin.

8. "Signpost" Team Report

Mrs. Ford referred to a request by 40-Plus member Percy Wilding for
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the insertion of an advertisement for a range of cycling accessories, for which he offered £12 to cover four issues.

The offer was considered a reasonable one, but it was pointed out that, if other advertisers were attracted, there would be pressure on space if the 100 gramme weight limit (postal costs) were not to be exceeded. Adverts could only be produced in normal typescript, although they could appear on the back cover.

It was AGREED that the advertisement should appear only in the March edition of "Signpost" pending members' reactions. No formal charge would be made but Mr. Wilding would be encouraged to make a donation to Club funds.

Mr. J. Stevens then reported increases in distribution costs, mailing bags now costing £63 per 1,000. The unit cost of distribution now totalled £1.25 per person p.a.

9. Section Secretaries' Reports

Mr. J. Rainbow referred to the recent death of Southern Section member, Sam Hall, on 8th February 1990. Ten members had attended his funeral.

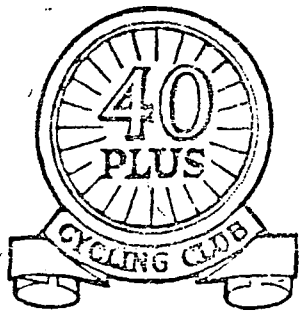
Mr. J. Stevens reported that a combined run in Essex had been arranged between the Southern and Eastern/Northern sections on Wednesday, 22nd August, 1990, starting from Brentwood.

10. Date and Place of Next Committee Meeting

Following a suggestion that it would be advantageous to hold future meetings shortly before the closing date for contributions to "Signpost", it was AGREED to meet on Saturday, 12th May, 1990, at Mr. D.W. Brunwin's residence, 1, The Avenue, Brentwood, Essex, at 10.30 a.m.

W. Rowland
14.3.1990

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NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY 18th AUGUST 1990 @ 10.30 a.m.

AT 58, WOODWAY, HUTTON, BRENTWOOD,
ESSEX.

AGENDA.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Committee Meeting held 12th May 1990 - (circulated)
3. Matters arising
4. Officers' Reports:-
 - (a) General Secretary
 - (b) Membership Secretary
 - (c) Treasurer
 - (d) Signpost Team
5. Section Secretaries - to report as necessary.
6. Letter from Mrs. M. Wright - copy attached.
7. Letter from Mr. R. Mills (Northants) - copy attached.
8. To consider possible celebration of 40th Anniversary of foundation of club in 1951.
9. Any other business
10. Date & place of next Meeting.

WR. 3/8/90.

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30 Arlington Road,

Southgate, N.14

SAS.

23/6/90.

Dear Wolfe

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I believe some effort should be made to bring the sections in better harmony, at present and indeed to some extent all the time I have been in the '40+' there has been a feeling in the sections west of the Lea that we are the 'also rans'. The Committee Meetings being held in Essex has done nothing to calm the unease.

May I suggest it would help the situation if the Meetings be held either - say - a Five mile radius of Charing Cross or give each section an opportunity of holding the Meetings in turn in their respective areas. I would also put forward another and additional way to bridge the gulf. The '40+' is now quite a large club and what was practical when it was a smaller organization and most members knew each other is perhaps not very satisfactory now.

Before an AGM all posts should be thrown open each post to be filled not by word of mouth but by having Proposers and Secondors in writing to be published in Signpost before AGM. (with the exception of Section Secretaries). In this way if there is more than one person interested in doing a particular job all will get an equal chance to be voted in. Naturally if there is only one nominee election would be automatic; if nobody had been proposed formally beforehand then nominations be made at AGM.

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(congratulate Ph. R. Ford 23/7)

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(copied to Ph. R. Ford 23/7)

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Congrats. on initiative.

Mr W Roland
General Secretary
40+ CYCLING CLUB

445 Newton Road
RUSHDEN
Northants
NN10 0SX

28th July 1990

Dear Wulf,

The comment in the Committee Meeting Minutes regarding the non-attendance of Section Leaders at Committee Meetings, stirred what was already a guilty conscience. I therefore write to apologise for my non-attendance and tender my excuses, namely, that a round trip would be in the order of 200 miles and these days I dislike driving to the extent that I find 200 miles of car driving more tiring than 50 miles on a bike, and definitely less enjoyable.

Looking back I am somewhat aghast at my temerity in starting a section when I had only been in the club for a matter of months, and I wonder what the committee members must have thought of my actions! As you know there were many comings and goings in the early days, but we have now settled down and have our stalwarts who attend almost every meeting numbering about a dozen, plus some irregulars so our meetings average an attendance of about fifteen.

Abilities range from the likes of Eileen Salisbury, who averages two to three hundred miles a week, and a recent recruit to our section, John Hathaway who, some years back, rode 50,000 miles in 100 weeks in a multitude of countries, and in fact encircled the world in so doing. On the other hand we are putting up for membership, a couple who have just abandoned car driving and bought bikes, and think that if their mileage gets into double figures they have gone a long way. I am especially keen to foster their enthusiasm, as it was only some five years ago that I thought the same way myself. A number of our regulars - those living in the Bedford area - joined the club through Doris Bazely's section and attend her meetings as well as ours; in fact there is quite an amount of "visiting" between the two sections.

Nearly all the Bedford people are members of the Beds Road Cycling Club and have been cycling all their lives but a number of us can be said to be "recycled" - we only started cycling again comparatively recently. So you see, we are a varied lot!

Finally may I extend on behalf of the section members and myself our grateful thanks to all the club officers for the work they do in running the club and especially to Rose Ford, for whom I have the greatest admiration.

Kind regards. Yours in cycling.



RON MILLS

FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18TH AUGUST, 1990 AT 180, WESTERN ROAD, BILLERICAY

PRESENT: Mr. D.W. Brunwin (chairman) and 8 members.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. D. Bazely; Mrs. E. Blake; Mrs. E. Gobell; Ms. C. Green; Mr. G. Hooper; Mr. W. Moore; Mr. W. Newman; Mr. C. Oxley; Mr. & Mrs. H. Rumball; Mr. J.R. Wyatt

1. Minutes of Committee Meeting, 12th May, 1990

Proposed by Mr. J. Stevens, seconded by Mr. J. Scrutton, that these be accepted as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

(a) Mr. Stevens reported that the total number of maps held in the lending library was now 387 - 264 U.K.; 123 foreign. He wished to suspend collection of further maps until the current catalogue was completed.

(b) Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Paine said that the re-drafting of the Club's history was making progress.

3. General Secretary's Report

Mr. Rowland reported that he had delivered an '80-Plus' tankard to Mr. John Wilson (Southend-on-Sea). Tankards were also due for Mr. Bill Moore (Potters Bar) and shortly for Mr. Tom Wooder (Poplar) and Mr. Roy Challenger (Canvey Island). However, Tom Wooder had replied that he did not require the tankard and requested that a donation of equivalent value (£16) be donated to St. Francis Hospice, Havering-atte-Bower, which was agreed.

Mr. E. Engel had offered to provide a plaque for the first rider over the age of 82 years to complete the 40-Plus '100'. The proposal was discussed but not favoured by the Committee as tending to introduce an inappropriate element of competition among elderly members.

Sadly, the deaths of Mr. Edgar Clarke (Barling Magna) and Mr. Alf Maxwell (Corringham) were reported. The Club would be represented at the latter's funeral.

4. Membership Secretary

Mr. Rowland reported that Mrs. E. Blake was unfortunately unable to attend due to a bereavement, but she had advised him that 15 new members had joined in the last quarter.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. E. Gobell reported Club funds standing at £2143.28. He reminded budget holders that the financial year ended on 30th September and he would require accounts to be submitted immediately thereafter.

6. "Signpost" Team

Mr. W. Newman reported by letter that he would be printing the September issue on return from holiday on 27th August. Mr. Stevens said that postal charges would be increased in September. Mrs. R. Ford said that she had bought a copy of Mr. Arthur Cook's book, "The Luck of the Road", for the Club's archives and had written to the Pensioners' Magazine, "Yours", following an article in it on cycling which had not mentioned the 40-Plus.

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7. Section Secretaries' Reports

Following brief verbal reports a letter from Carole Green was read indicating that the Stevenage & North Herts. members were enjoying their cycling. A letter giving an interesting account of the development of the East Northants section was received from founder Ron Mills. Members offered their congratulations on his success and felt that the letter should appear in "Signpost" as a matter of general interest.

8. Letter from Mrs. M. Wright - 23rd. June 1990.

The General Secretary referred to the letters from his predecessor, Mrs. Maisie Wright, which he had circulated to the Committee and which, at Maisie's request, would be published in full in the September issue of "Signpost". A letter had also been received from Mr. G. Hooper, St. Albans, saying that members of his section who had seen Mrs. Wright's letter agreed with it almost in its entirety, particularly regarding the location of Committee meetings.

Members expressed their concern at the implications of some parts of the letter but it was finally agreed that the organisational changes proposed should be a matter for decision by the club membership as a whole through the medium of the A.G.M. It would therefore be a matter for those seeking such changes to submit formal proposals for inclusion in the Agenda, the closing date for which could be 15th December, 1990.

9. 40th Anniversary.

Mr. Rowland reminded members that 1991 would be the 40th anniversary of the founding of the 40-Plus and suggested that some form of celebration would be appropriate. In discussion, the holding of a 2-3 day "get-together" in the style of a C.T.C. rally was favoured, the duration making it worthwhile for members to travel over a distance to attend. One suggestion made was that it might be possible to borrow the accommodation available in the complex of club huts of the 32nd. milestone association on the North Essex/Hertfordshire borders, mid-week in September, and the chairman offered to make enquiries.

Other suggestions would be welcomed and, if possible, a recommendation would be agreed at the next meeting, to enable an announcement to be made in the December issue of "Signpost".

10. Section Titles.

Mr. J. Stevens suggested that as the club had expanded over the years since its formation around the London area, the titles of some sections had become geographically rather misleading. For example, the Eastern and Northern sections might be better termed "N.E. London & Essex" ; and the Southern section " S.E. London & Kent". It was generally agreed that there was much merit in the idea but it would be primarily a matter for decision by the membership of each section.

The Secretary said he would include an item to this effect in his "Signpost" report inviting members to discuss possibilities with their runs leaders, who could then report back to enable any necessary motion to be put to the A.G.M.

11. Date and Place of Next Meeting.

On the invitation of Mr. & Mrs. J. Rainbow, to be held at 196, Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent on 10th. November, 1990, at 10.30 a.m.

W. ROWLAND.

Hon. Gen. Sec.