

THE

SQUIRREL.

Magazine Of The

Leamons bycling club.

Jan. 1953.

PRICE 3^d

JANUARY
1953

EDITOR:- R.Hill
54 Downs Drive
Timperley
Cheshire.

EDITORIAL.

In this issue of the Magazine, there is a lengthy account of the Club's 4th. Annual Dinner-Dance and Prize Presentation held at the Brocklands Hotel, Sale. This article is mainly for the benefit of members and friends who were not present at this function, and it is hoped that it will give them a picture of what happened during the evening.

The last issue of the Magazine, my first as Editor, was not quite the success it should have been. There were many reasons for this which were quite obvious to me, but I do hope that the new shape of it is going to be popular. Any criticisms about the Magazine will be quite welcome, and will of course, provide some material for the next issue.

With the next issue of the Magazine, it is my hope to start a "Forces' Corner" with articles from or about any of our Forces members. Get these pens scratching every-one, and let's have plenty of items of interest, jokes, and weird stories of long drawn-out time-trials!

THE 4th. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE & PRIZE PRESENTATION.

At approx. 5.30 p.m., members and visitors began to arrive in their small groups, and the usual last-minute jobs were being done by the Club's officials. At just turned 6 o'clock, everyone sat down at the well-laid tables, and then Bob Richardson, in the Chair, said Grace. The meal which followed proved to be a very excellent one.

It was not very long before the wines for the toasts were being served. The first toast was to the Queen, made by Bob Richardson. The toast to the Club was made by the Guest of Honour, who was Mr. H.S. Anderson, the President of the N.C.U.

Mr. Anderson said that he was honoured to visit us on such a special occasion, and he also mentioned the friendly atmosphere of the function. He did not mention any one of the Club's officials individually, but said that the whole of the cycling game revolved around such officials. He said that in the short life of the Seamans, the Club had gained a good reputation, and was well-known over most of the country.

Mr. Anderson went on to say that Don Smith was a credit to the Club and mentioned one or two of his rides, in particular his ride in the final round of the 4000 metres pursuit championship. He said that Don would be one of the world's best riders in the future.

He continued by giving mention of the NCU-RTTC-BLRC "politics" of the past, and the recent new agreement made by the NCU. He said that there was a threat from the Cycle Manufacturers' Union, but that the NCU were "sticking to their guns" and were not allowing anyone to tell us what to do!

The response to Mr. Anderson was made by Daug. Hartley who thanked him for his kind words to the club and also gave mention of what a fine man the N.C.U. had in Mr. Anderson. Daug., also mentioned the fact that during the past four years no one in the club had got married but this record was shortly to be broken by Bob. Richardson.

The next toast was to the visitors and was proposed by Ren. de Leezo. He mentioned that there were twice as many visitors as members. Clubs represented were Altrincham Ravens; Pyramid R.C; Royal Oak C.C; Abbotsford R.C; South Lanes.R.C; and the Manchester Wheelers not forgetting one member from the local "League" club.

The response on behalf of the visitors was made by Eric Burt of the Altrincham Ravens. He thanked Ren for his kind words and gave mention of a number of the clubs personalities, including Ren's ride of 397 miles for a 24 hour time trial. He said he did not know whether or not Bob Richardsons fiancee, Margaret, knew that every Sunday he went out with the "Black Widow". He said that Frank Lancaster, recently thrown out of the Army for being a C.S.M. too long, was going to put three stripes and a crown on his racing vest.

Mrs. H.S. Anderson then presented the trophies and prizes to the prizewinners. This she did very charmingly and after the last prize was herself presented with a bouquet of flowers from June Owen.

Reg. Herbert then gave a good speech about a number of the prizewinners, and then proposed a toast. George Arstall replied on behalf of the prizewinners thanking Reg. for his kind words.

The rest of the evening was spent in dancing and drinking, some people more of one than the other! On the whole, the function was another supreme effort of organising on the part of the Club's officials.

It is hoped that all our friends at this last function, come again next year, and in turn bring along their friends to yet another great social gathering, as organised by the Seamens Cycling Club.

The Editor.

c0

GENERAL SECRETARY'S "GEN".

As the majority of Club Members knew already, Sid Wycherley, on leaving the Altrincham district, has very reluctantly had to resign from his appointment of Hon. Social Secretary. We wish Sid and Mrs. Wycherley, the best of luck in their new venture.

We are very happy to have Mrs. Jessie Lancaster as our new Social Sec., and I feel that we should all give her our full support in her first job- the Club Dance at the Sale Lido on Friday February 13th. - tickets from her price 3/-.

Another welcome appointment is that of Norman Ventris as Vice Runs Captain. His job is mainly to assist or deputise for Frank Lancaster, should the latter be tied up in some 24hour event or something(?) Norman is an ex-CTC man, and certainly knows his way about!

And now- a Timely Reminder and a Warning!
READ THE BACK COVER OF THIS MAGAZINE!!!

"Ron de Loco"

SOCIAL SECTION

BY F. LANCASTER.

At the time of going to press the Social Section has achieved the great and well nigh unbelievable feat of starting promptly, and going to the goal places, as announced for 8 weeks running. The Section will continue to do both these things in the future.

My greatest regret has been that these winter runs have not been better supported. There has been some joking of the "Three Musketeers" and the signature tune of "We Three". Seriously though I would like to see more numbers out especially as the runs have been very enjoyable, and having got to the turn of the year we should soon be getting farther afield.

It has been a pleasure to meet up with the Racing Section most Sundays at the lunch place and I hope as far as possible, even when serious training and racing start, that the tea place will be a general get-together. May the spirit grow, because if all of us can show, when the sections meet up, that we are a happy club, the right type of new members will be attracted.

The club needs these new members and it is the duty of us all to bring in new members of the right type. To get both new and old members more interested I shall get some new ideas into the runs. The first essay in this direction is a Treasure Hunt at the end of February. I hope this will be well supported as it should be good fun.



Racing News

by K. W. BENSON.

R.T.T.C. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 1953.

MEN.

<u>Week-end No.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Distance.</u>	<u>District Council.</u>
23	June 7th.	25miles.	S.E. Midlands.
26	June 28th.	50 " .	Manchester.
29	July 19th.	100 " .	Central.
30	July 25/26	24bcurs.	Liverpocl.
36	Sept. 6th.	12 " .	London North.
43	Oct. 25th.	Hill-climb.	N. Midlands.

WOMEN.

24	June 14th.	25miles.	Midlands.
28	July 12th.	50 " .	Liverpocl.
31	Aug. 2nd.	100 " .	London West.

As you can see from the list above, any member who is fast enough, may enter all the non's events except the 12-hour, and not have too far to travel in doing it. It will be noted that the Manchester D.C. is promoting the 50miles event, which will, in all probability, be on the Cheshire course. The Mersey Road Club will be promoting the 24bcurs and it is rumored that we shall have a good team in this event. The Winnats Pass will be the venue for the Hill-climb.

BEST CLUBMAN COMPETITION.

BY:- F. LANCASTER.

Members may not yet be aware that a "Best Clubman" Competition started on the 1st January 1953, and will run until 31st December and thereafter annually. At the time of going to press a set of rules has not yet been fully approved by the committee but as soon as this is done they will be published in the magazine and on the notice board in the clubroom. In the meantime points are being given for attendance at the clubroom and on official club runs.

I hope that members realise that it will be a very great honour to have totalled the greatest number of points in the year. It will show who have done the most for the club and fellow members and I hope the competition will be very keen.

Membership of the club involves us all in responsibility for supporting all its activities, be it attending club runs, the clubroom or helping in racing events. This competition is designed to find out those who do the most to support the club in all its activities. Whatever award the committee may decide to give at next years dinner, it will be for the winner, a very great honour.

NOTE.

Quite a large number of Members are now no longer eligible to claim on the NCU Third Party Insurance and Legal Aid Scheme - for why? They have not yet paid their 1953 subscriptions!

Does the cap fit?

RdL.

Oc

----- "FORCES' CORNER" -----

The idea of a "Forces' Corner" is primarily to keep in touch with Members now serving with H.M. Forces at home or abroad. It is intended to circulate the Magazine to as many of these Members as we possibly can.

Our main trouble is the lack of addresses, but to overcome this obstacle to start with, the Magazine will be sent via their home addresses. From then onwards, it is up to the lads themselves to let me have any news about themselves or about their experiences travelling wherever they may have to serve. So get writing, you "bods", and help to fill the Mag!

cO