

C.T.C. GOLDEN JUBILEE 1928

THE C.T.C. GAZETTE:

Northamptonshire District Association

January:

D.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS –

Northamptonshire: County Café, Mercer Row, Northampton; Thursday, January 26th, at 7.30pm. **March:** - when the following officers were elected:- *Hon. Secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Pugh; hon. Auditor, Miss A. Chantrey; hon. Press secretary, Mr. W. Waite-Wright; hon. Runs secretary, Mr. C. Tremaine; hon. Social and handbook secretary, Mr. F. H. Horrocks hon. Consulting solicitor, Mr. M. Beattie.*

March:

On the Wireless.

Having the advantage of a wireless installation in their clubroom, a large gathering of Northants D.A. members were able to hear the three speeches broadcast from the Jubilee banquet at the Connaught Rooms, London.



The Earl of Birkenhead, William Haigh, and J. Ramsey Macdonald at the Golden Jubilee Dinner of the CTC in 1928.

May: D.A. Rides Calender

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (NORTHAMPTON SECTION).

Hon. Runs Secretary, Mr. C. Tremain, 3, Wilby Street, Northampton.

Sundays, Town Hall. Thursdays and Saturdays, Thorpe's Cycle Stores, 2.30.
Wednesdays, Red House, Hannington. Runs commence 15 mins. after time
stated. * These runs conducted at a moderate pace.

May 10—*Wolverton.* May 12—*Caldicote.*

„ 13—*Bloxham.* 9.30. Lunch, Red Lion. Tea, Webb (B.H.), Farnborough.
Mr. J. French.

„ 13—**Milton Ernest.* 10. Lunch, Swan. Tea, Newton Blossomville.
Mr. G. Smith.

„ 17—*Staverton.* Tea, New Inn.

„ 19—*Prior's Marston.*

„ 20—*Meriden.* 7. Lunch, Keatley (B.H.), Fillongley. Tea, Mrs. Tansley,
Sharnford.

„ 20—**Meriden.* 6.30. Lunch, Keatley (B.H.), Fillongley. Tea, Mrs.
Tansley, Sharnford.

„ 24—*Newton Blossomville.* May 26—*Informal.*

„ 26/29—*Wye Valley (Whitsun Tour).* Notify Mr. Pugh.

„ 31—*Badby.*

June 2—*Foxton.*

„ 3—N.R.C. Three Eights Open Event. Franklin's Gardens, 10.30. Lunch,
Red Lion, Blakesley. Tea, Pillory Green Farm, Napton-on-the-
Hill.

„ 3—**With Road Club.* 10.30. Lunch, Red Lion, Blakesley. Tea,
Pillory Green Farm, Napton-on-the-Hill.

„ 7—*Whittlebury Woods.* Tea, Cuttle Mill.

„ 10—“100-in-8.”

Daventry Section, see Mr. C. Clark, 6, Church Walk, Daventry.

W. PUGH, *Hon. Secretary.*

41, Kerr Street, Northampton.

Our Great Relay Ride.

MOST members will recollect the pronounced success of the relay ride organised by the Club during National Bicycle Week in 1923. As the outstanding feature of our summer Jubilee celebrations, a similar event on an even bigger scale is being organised during the two middle weeks of June. The object of the ride will be to obtain the signatures of a large number of civic dignitaries to a greeting from the Club to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who has been, for many years, a life member. By extending the ride to a fortnight, it will be possible for every District Association in the country to take part, and whereas in 1923 some 888 miles were ridden by the various teams in 6 days, on this occasion over 2,100 miles will be covered in 13 days.

Every Lord Mayor in England, and the Lord Provosts of all Scottish towns except Aberdeen (which is too far north to be included in the time) will be asked to sign the greeting, as well as the Mayors of more than 100 English and Welsh towns. The first team will leave the Mansion House at 6 a.m. on Monday, June 11th, and the message will be conveyed by relays of riders through the Thames Valley, the Eastern Midlands, East Anglia, Yorkshire and the Scottish lowlands to Dundee, the turning point; and thence to Glasgow, which is

reached on the night of Saturday, June 16th. The journey from Glasgow to Carlisle will be made during the night, and by Sunday evening Bolton will be reached, the second week being occupied in the return to London via Lancashire, the Potteries, the West Midlands, South-east Wales, Somerset, Dorset, and the South Coast to Sussex and Kent, the last team arriving at Marlborough House at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, January 23rd.

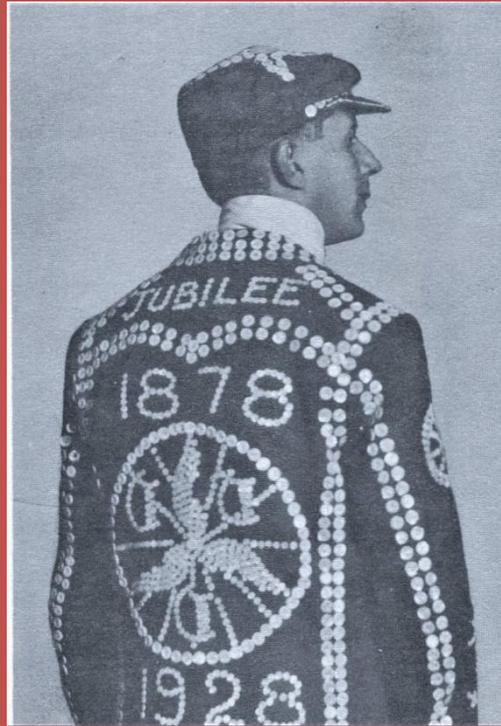
Owing to the large number of associations with which he is connected, the Prince of Wales has been obliged to make a rule that he cannot receive deputations in person on his birthday, but arrangements have been made for the message to be accepted on his behalf from a deputation of the Council and members.

In the June *Gazette* we shall publish the full schedule, map of the route, names of riders and terms of the greeting to be signed, together with all other necessary details to enable members to welcome the riders on their journey. Local officials will be asked to give as much publicity as possible to the event, and to assist in arousing, in their areas, the enthusiasm of the public, and, incidentally, convincing them of the virility of the Club and the cycling movement.

WEEK ONE

COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF THE JUBILEE RELAY RIDE.

	Place of Signing.	D.A. Procuring Signature	Time of Arrival.	D.A. Carrying Greeting.	Mileage.	D.A. Taking Over Greeting.	Place of Taking Over.	Time of Departure.
MONDAY, JUNE 11th.								
LONDON	Mansion House	Metropolitan	5.45 a.m.	Metropolitan	—			6.0 a.m.
WANDSWORTH	Council House	"	6.35 "	"	6			6.40 "
KINGSTON	53, High Street	"	7.10 "	"	6	West Surrey	53, High St.	7.15 "
Woking	No signature	"	8.15 "	West Surrey	12			8.20 "
GUILDFORD	Town Hall	West Surrey	8.50 "	"	6			9.0 "
Blackwater	No signature	"	10.10 "	"	15½	Reading	Level Crossing (West side)	10.15 "
READING	Town Hall	Reading	11.20 "	Reading	15½			11.35 "
Waltham								
St. Lawrence	No signature		12.10 p.m.	Reading	8	South Bucks	Bell Inn	12.15 p.m.
WINDSOP	Suffolk Lodge	South Bucks	12.55 "	South Bucks	9½			1.5 "
MAIDENHEAD	Guildhall	"	1.30 "	"	6½			1.45 "
HIGH WYCOMBE	"	"	2.30 "	"	10½			2.45 "
Aston Rowant	No signature	"	3.30 "	"	10½	Oxford	Lambert Arms	3.35 "
OXFORD	Town Hall	Oxford	4.35 "	Oxford	14½			4.50 "
Brackley	No signature	"	6.40 "	"	21½	Northamptonshire	Hill View Tea Rooms, High St.	6.45 "
NORTHAMPTON	61, Bostock Avenue	Northamptonshire	8.15 "	Northamptonshire	20			8.30 "
Turvey	No signature	"	9.15 "	"	12	Bedfordshire	Turvey Bridge	9.20 "
BEDFORD	Mayor's residence	Bedfordshire	9.55 "	Bedfordshire	7			
					180			
TUESDAY, JUNE 12th.								
Bedford				Bedfordshire				4.55 a.m.
(River Bridge)				"	12	Cambridge	River Bridge	5.55 "
St. Neots	No signature	"	5.50 a.m.	"	16½			7.15 "
CAMBRIDGE	Mayor's residence	Cambridge	7.0 "	Cambridge	32½	Norfolk	Guildhall	9.55 "
THETFORD	Guildhall	"	9.40 "	"	29			1.0 p.m.
NORWICH	"	Norfolk	12.15 p.m.	Norfolk	44			4.30 "
KING'S LYNN	Town Hall	"	4.15 "	"	13½	Cambridge	Mayor's Residence	5.45 "
WISBECH	Mayor's residence	Cambridge	5.30 "	"	35	Leicestershire	Town Hall	8.30 "
STAMFORD	Town Hall	Leicestershire	8.15 "	Cambridge	31½			
LEICESTER	De Montfort Hall	"	10.45 "	Leicestershire	213½			
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th.								
Leicester				Leicestershire				6.30 a.m.
(Town Hall)				"	11			7.30 "
LOUGHBOROUGH	Mayor's residence	Leicestershire	7.15 a.m.	"	10	Derby	Dog & Duck Inn	8.15 "
Shardlow	No signature	"	8.10 "	"	7			9.0 "
DERBY	Town Hall	Derby	8.45 "	Derby	10	Notts.	Railway Bridge	9.45 "
Stapleford	No signature	"	9.40 "	"	6			10.25 "
NOTTINGHAM	Guildhall	Nottingham	10.10 "	Notts	14½			11.55 "
MANSFIELD	Town Hall	"	11.40 "	"	12½	Sheffield	Settlement	1.30 p.m.
CHESTERFIELD	Settlement	Sheffield	1.15 p.m.	Sheffield	12			3.15 "
SHEFFIELD	Town Hall	"	3.0 "	"	13½	Mid-Yorkshire	Penistone Church (west end)	4.45 "
Penistone	No signature	"	4.40 "	"	7			6.5 "
HUDDERSFIELD	Town Hall	Mid-Yorkshire	5.50 "	Mid-Yorkshire	9			7.5 "
HALIFAX	"	"	6.50 "	"	10			8.25 "
BRADFORD	"	"	8.10 "	"				
LEEDS	Town Hall	"	9.25 "	"	135½			
THURSDAY, JUNE 14th.								
Leeds				Mid-Yorkshire				8.0 a.m.
(Town Hall)				"	23			10.15 "
YORK	Mansion House	Mid-Yorkshire	10.0 a.m.	"	8	Hull & E. Riding	Post Office	11.5 "
Wilberfoss	No signature	"	11.0 "	"	32½			2.0 p.m.
HULL	Guildhall	Hull & E. Riding	1.0 p.m.	Hull & E. Riding	12			3.0 "
BEVERLEY	"	"	2.45 "	"	39½			6.15 "
SCARBOROUGH	Town Hall	"	6.0 "	"	31½	Tees-side	Market Place	8.35 "
Helmsley	No signature	"	8.30 "	"	38½			
DARLINGTON	Town Hall	Tees-side	11.50 "	Tees-side	185½			
FRIDAY, JUNE 15th.								
Darlington				Tees-side				8.0 a.m.
STOCKTON	Lorne Terrace	Tees-side	8.50 a.m.	"	19	Northumberland and Durham	Town Hall	10.45 "
DURHAM	Town Hall	Northumberland and Durham	10.35 "	"	14			12.15 p.m.
GATESHEAD	"	"	12.0 "	Northumberland and Durham	1			12.40 "
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE	"	"	12.25 p.m.	"	14½			2.0 "
MORPETH	"Queen's Head"	"	1.45 "	"	49	Lothians & Peebles	Town Hall	7.15 "
BERWICK	Town Hall	Lothians & Peebles	7.0 "	"	58			
EDINBURGH			1.15 a.m.	Lothians & Peebles	166½			
SATURDAY, JUNE 16th.								
Edinburgh	Portobello	Lothians & Peebles	7.0 a.m.	Lothians & Peebles				7.15 a.m.
STIRLING	Municipal Buildings	"	10.0 "	"	35½	Fife	Municipal Bldgs.	10.15 "
Burntisland	Town Hall	Fife	1.15 p.m.	Fife	24			3.35 "
CUPAR	"	"	3.20 "	"	11½	Dundee	On Ferry	4.30 "
Newport	No signature	"	4.25 "	"	2			5.0 "
DUNDEE	City Chambers	Dundee	4.45 "	Dundee	22			6.45 "
PERTH	Isla Road	"	6.30 "	"	34½	Glasgow	"County Temp."	9.35 "
Stirling	No signature	"	9.30 "	"	28			
GLASGOW	City Chambers	Glasgow	11.45 "	Glasgow	194½			



Oxford Town Hall, where the Mayor (Alderman W.M.Gray) signed his name to the message on a vellum roll. Next stage -the Oxford D.A. relay team then met up with the Northamptonshire D.A. team in *Brackley* (Hill View Tea Rooms, High St) the taking over point, five minutes ahead of Schedule.

Brackley – Here the Northamptonshire D.A. team (**Mrs W.Pugh, Miss D.Clarke, and Messr. K. J. Barr, S.Clarke, J.French, C. Gayton. W.Pugh and C.Tremaine**) took the message forward, arriving at their county town at 8.05, still another 5 minutes ahead of time, and adding another signature, that of Joseph Rogers, the Mayor, to the roll.



The Vellum Roll is signed by the Mayor inside the Guildhall.



Second Relay team ready to go to Turvey Bridge.

Another Northants team (**Mrs. J.E.Scott, Miss A. Smith, and Messrs. M.Millard, W.Osbourne, H.Scott, J.E.Scott, W.Waite-Wright, H.Watts and J.Woolgrove**) then set out for Turvey, Beds, which they reached 45 minutes later, on time.

The Bedfordshire D.A. were awaiting them on the bridge over the Ouse, and took the roll on without delay to their own capital town.



The Mayor of Newport (Sat 16th) receives CTC members during the second round-Britain Relay Ride, celebrating the Club's Golden Jubilee in 1928.

THE C.T.C. GAZETTE

ANOTHER great event has taken its place in the historic record of the Club's year of jubilee. On Saturday, June 23rd, a party of members of the Metropolitan D.A., the final relay of the riders who during the previous fortnight had carried the Club's birthday greeting to its most distinguished life-member, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, throughout the length and breadth of Britain, brought it safely back to London. There, at York House, Mr. R. D. Maddock, Chairman of the Council, attended by Mr. William Haigh, a vice-president of the Club, Mr. A. W. Trevarthen, President of the Metropolitan D.A., and Mr. G. Herbert Stancer, the Club secretary, duly delivered it to Captain A. F. Lascelles, assistant private secretary to his Royal Highness. The Prince himself, in accordance with his invariable custom, spent his birthday in strict privacy, and was therefore unable to receive any of the numerous deputations who would otherwise have sought an opportunity of personally congratulating him. His acknowledgments were, however, received by the Club in the following telegram from Buckingham Palace:—

“ I much regret being unable to receive personally the Club's deputation this afternoon, but appreciate sincerely the kind birthday message conveyed to me. My hearty congratulations to all concerned on completion of a memorable ride which fittingly marks the Club's Jubilee.

“ EDWARD P.”

THE JUBILEE RELAY RIDE

Scenes during the Jubilee Relay Ride



The Tees-side D.A.(Eastern Section) leaving, Darlington for Stockton.

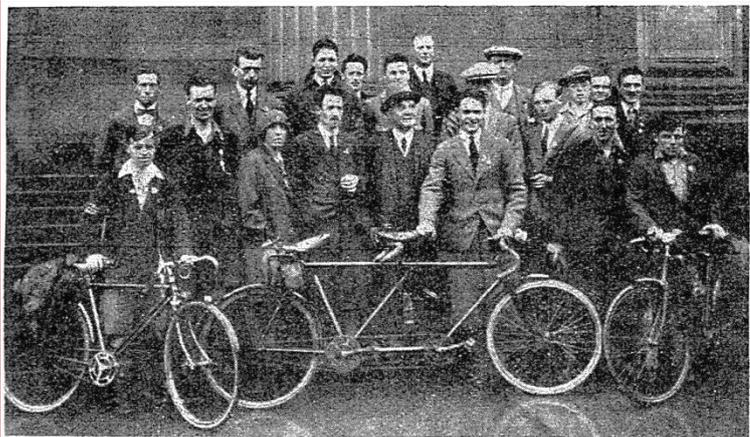


Miss G.Baggs and Mr F.Elliott starting from the Council House, Bristol, for Bath.



Departure of team from the Liverpool Town Hall: Mr P.Brazenendale hands portfolio(vellum roll) to Mr G.A.Sutcliffe, with Mr.W.P.Cook standing behind.

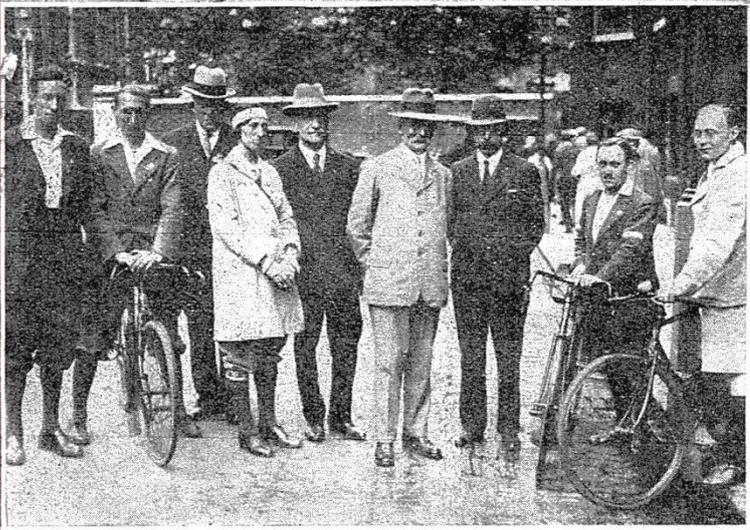
Scenes from the Jubilee Relay Ride



The Fife and Dundee D.A. teams at Caired Hall, Dundee.



Mid-Yorkshire at Huddersfield, with the Mayor on the right.



The final scene in London, the last team having arrived at York House to be joined by (left to right) Messrs **A.W.Trevarthen**, **W.Haigh**, **R.D.Maddock** and **G.H.Stancer**.

Doings of the District Associations.

The Birmingham D.A. have found it necessary to appoint an assistant secretary, and Miss W. Bates has undertaken the duties.

The Leicester D.A. have resumed their mid-week runs, which take place on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons.

Owing to the retirement of Mr. L. Payne, Miss E. R. Clifton, of 51, Havelock Road, Derby, has been appointed hon. secretary of the Derby D.A.

The Wigan Section of the Liverpool D.A. was duly launched on June 3rd, an attendance of 25 at the opening run being considered extremely satisfactory.

As a result of representations by the Leicester D.A., the *Sports Mail* now publishes a weekly cycling feature entitled "On the Road." This is contributed by one of the local members under the pseudonym of "Roadster."

The second annual ladies' rally promoted by the Bristol D.A. was held on June 10th. Unfortunately, adverse weather conditions affected the attendance, but 58 were present. Following a picnic lunch on Brean Down, overlooking the Bristol Channel, the party proceeded to Crook's Peak for a strawberry-and-cream tea.

In the Wye Valley.

The Northants D.A. went on tour in the Wye Valley at Whitsuntide, under the leadership of Mr. W. Pugh, being much attracted by the river scenery, particularly at Symonds Yat, and by Tintern Abbey, the gem of the district.

In a special effort to attract every type of member to their active ranks, the Northumberland and Durham D.A. have just formed a new section, to be known as the Potterers. They will hold runs at a moderate pace, the opening fixture being on July 8th.

Twenty-eight members started from Brighouse on June 3rd in the 100 miles tourist trial promoted by the Huddersfield Section, Mid-Yorkshire D.A., and 24 finished at Wetherby after riding through York, Easingwold, Thirsk, Busby Stoop, Boroughbridge and Knaresborough.

An inter-D.A. meet was held at Marlborough on June 10th, members of eight D.A.s participating. Some came from such widely separated places as Cardiff and Eastbourne, so it is evident that they welcomed an excuse to indulge in the increasingly popular habit of night riding.

The Hardriders of the Hull D.A. have discovered the value of early rising, and several of the summer runs are scheduled to start at 6 a.m. The first of this kind was to Goathland, on May 20th, but adverse weather conditions unfortunately spoilt the visit to this moorland beauty spot.

A project is on foot to form a section of the North Lancashire D.A. for members in Blackpool, Lytham and Fleetwood. A meeting to discuss the details will be held in the clubroom at Preston on Sunday, July 15th, at 3 p.m., and those interested in the scheme are invited to attend or communicate with Mr. G. A. Hudson, 7, Pine Street, Nelson.

Dundee Distance Devourers.

Ten members of the Dundee D.A. took part in the first 12 hours' run on May 13th. The route lay from Dundee via Perth to Birnam (lunch), 37 miles; by Dunkeld and the Lochs to Blairgowrie, Kirriemuir and Brechin (tea), 41 miles; thence home by Montrose, 37 miles. All the riders, who included two ladies, qualified for a certificate by covering 115 miles in the 12 hours. The weather was warm and the going very easy throughout.

The Hardriders' Section of the Hull D.A. had a very enjoyable night ride on June 3rd. Leaving Hull at midnight, they pedalled merrily to York under a brilliant moon, and day broke as they left that city, a radiant sun rising from a golden horizon as the riders were crossing the Howardian Hills. The grassy banks of beautiful Bilsdale were covered with a carpet of bluebells, which made a striking contrast to the brown of the heather. The party returned to the Vale of Pickering via Rudland Rigg, a moorland track running from Ingleby Greenhow to Kirbymoorside. Throughout the middle of the day the heat was very oppressive, but a cool breeze from the north-east in the afternoon made the riding conditions more pleasant.

Under atrocious weather conditions 19 members of the Northants D.A. succeeded in qualifying for awards in the "100 in 8."

Some 28 members of the N.-W. Section, Metropolitan D.A., and the Sussex D.A. fraternised at Rusper in mid-May, afterwards riding to East Grinstead for tea.

The Bristol D.A.'s annual church service at Edington Wilts., attracted a record attendance, and about 150 sat down to tea in the Monastery gardens afterwards.

For this year's Whitsun tour the Hull D.A. selected Ripon as their centre, and explored some of the adjacent dales. Altogether 200 miles of glorious touring country were covered.

The Northants D.A.'s run to Meriden for the annual memorial service attracted a record attendance, and the Warwickshire lanes proved a happy hunting ground for some hours prior to the commencement of the homeward journey.

A Civic Invitation.

The Blackburn Section, North Lancashire D.A., have been invited to send two representatives to take part in a civic procession on July 16th at the opening of the new War Memorial Wing of the Infirmary.

E. Bloodworth, who was third fastest in the Anfield "100" with a fine ride of 5.1.35, riding for the Notts Castle B.C., is a first-claim member of the Broad Oak Road Club, which consists of members of the Notts D.A.

The Bristol D.A. have arranged a photographic competition, in which prizes will be awarded for photographs taken on D.A. runs. Lantern slides will be made from the winning negatives for exhibition during the winter months. Particulars may be obtained from the hon. secretary.

A schedule ride of 100 miles in 8 hrs. for men and 100 in 12 for ladies was held on June 10th by the Leicester D.A. Out of 44 starters in the men's class 31 finished with half-an-hour to spare, whilst all of the eight ladies completed the 100 miles in 10 hrs. 40 mins. instead of the scheduled 12 hrs.

The Birmingham D.A. have officially adopted as their motto the single word "Forward," which is also the motto of the city. Possibly this practice will tend to spread in the future, and we can foresee a run on the more popular watchwords. A good many years ago the Manchester D.A. selected as their motto "Do Something."

Three leading officials of the Birmingham D.A., including the press secretary, have had the misfortune to sustain fractured limbs during the last few weeks. Such a run of ill-luck has probably never been experienced before, but the injured members and the D.A. alike are making the best of it, and the hon. secretary announces "business as usual."

The Glades of Sherwood.

The Darlington Section of the Tees-side D.A. held a successful 24-hour ride on June 2nd-3rd. Their destination was that portion of Sherwood Forest known as the Dukeries, and they were favoured with ideal weather conditions for their visit to the parks of Welbeck and Clumber, the former of which is a portion of our President's estate. The whole of the party, numbering 20, qualified for certificates by riding a distance of 213 miles.

The Camping Section of the Bristol D.A., to the number of 16 (including four ladies) attended the Whitsun camp at West Kington, Wilts. The site is in one of the prettiest parts of the county, and excellent weather prevailed throughout the holiday. Three ladies remained behind for a week under canvas. The time was spent in cycling, strolling through the woods, visiting Castle Combe, community singing, organised games and swimming, and everyone was loth to leave.

The Northumberland and Durham D.A. are setting up a library and touring bureau. They have purchased a series of Bartholomew's maps (Sheets 3, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 13), and this stock will be augmented as soon as possible. Road books will also be added, and a copy of the Club history is already available. It will be loaned to members at 3d. for the first fortnight and 3d. per week afterwards, the charge for maps being 4d. per week. Applications should be made to Mr. H. Moore, 23, Summerhill Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who has been appointed hon. librarian.

Doings of the District Associations.

About 25 members of the Leicester D.A. attended a special service at the Thornton Wesleyan Chapel on June 17th.

The Hull D.A. held their 12-hour ride on June 17th, all the 14 starters completing the course within the stipulated time.

Two members of the Sheffield D.A., Messrs. D. Barker and K. Stainton, qualified for certificates in the 24-hour ride by covering slightly over 203 miles.

The North Lincolnshire Section of the Hull D.A. is steadily forging ahead, and a Hardriders' Section is now in full swing. Its members usually meet the social section for tea on the runs.

The hon. secretaryship of the Southern Section, Mid-Yorkshire D.A., having become vacant owing to the resignation of Mr. F. Mumby, a successor has been found in the person of Mr. A. Strafford, of 125, Scott's Terrace, Sandal, Wakefield.

Scarborough is ideally situated for pleasant evening runs, and the Scarborough Section, Hull D.A., extend a welcome to any touring members passing through their area. Mr. W. A. H. Hall, the hon. section secretary, of 130, North Marine Road, will be pleased to give any information both as regards accommodation and choice of route.

A Hard-riding Section.

The Preston Section of the North Lancashire D.A. held a 200-mile run over very difficult country on July 1st, a good deal of walking being necessary on the mountain passes which were negotiated. The weather conditions were also unfavourable in the later stages of the journey, but all the riders finished within the allotted time.

Northants D.A. riders have been specialising in nocturnal runs recently, the Saturday afternoon parties frequently returning home only in time to snatch a few hours' sleep before starting out for the Sunday run. One of the most successful all-night rides was to Sherwood Forest, where a number of Yorkshire members were met. The whole party visited Welbeck Abbey, the home of our President, and went over his beautiful estate.

A feature of the present racing season in Yorkshire has been the wonderful riding of C. Stead, the hon. runs secretary of the Southern Section, Mid-Yorkshire D.A. After an admirable performance in the Anfield "100," this rider made the fastest time of 4hrs. 55mins. 46secs. in the Gomersal "100," this being a record for the county. Stead was also selected as one of the 12 best riders in Great Britain to compete in the North Road Memorial "50."

Special interest attaches to this year's Metropolitan D.A. meet, which will be one of the most important Jubilee outdoor fixtures in the London district. The meet will be held at Brickendon Green, some three miles from Hertford, on September 16th, and runs thereto have been arranged from all parts of the D.A. area. A map-reading contest is to be held in connection with the meet, and after lunch there will be short addresses by well-known cycling personalities.

Dates for the Diary.

Already the social fixtures of the forthcoming winter season are being arranged, and the Metropolitan D.A. have issued their list of dates in good time. Dances will be held at the Holborn Hall, Gray's Inn Road, London, on October 9th, December 4th and 31st, February 5th and March 5th. Whist drives will be held on October 25th, November 15th, December 19th, January 24th, and February 28th. Further particulars can be obtained from the section secretaries, or from Mr. J. T. Curtis, 53, Hampden Avenue, Beckenham, Kent.

The Cardiff D.A.'s annual 24-hour ride was carried out on June 23rd-24th. Twelve riders started at 8 p.m. in excellent weather, and, riding through the Valley of the Usk, reached Ross-on-Wye inside schedule. With the Huntlies and Gloucester well behind, the party tackled the undulating country around Old Sodbury and Wells, climbed the Mendips, and descended the famous Cheddar Gorge. Turning into a strong head wind, which hampered the remainder of the ride, the party continued via Bristol to Aust, crossed the Severn by

The ten riders who took part in the Mid-Yorkshire D.A. (Central Section) "100 in 8" were all successful, in spite of a strong wind.

Saturday afternoon picnic runs are being well supported by the Northants D.A. members, the recent spell of fine weather having been specially suitable for excursions of this kind.

A week-end in Buckinghamshire was recently organised by the "B" Section of the Leicester D.A., a dozen members visiting Stowe Park and Woburn Sands, amongst other beauty spots.

The Prestwich Section of the Manchester D.A. held a successful century run on July 1st. Although hampered by a strong wind and heavy showers of rain for more than half the distance, all the party completed the course well inside schedule.

An Unusual Outing.

A novel experience is in store for the Rochdale Section, Manchester D.A., on August 11th, when they will explore behind tiny locomotives the extensive waterworks of the Rochdale and Oldham Corporations at Blackstone Edge, six miles from the town. About eight miles of narrow-gauge lines will be covered, for the most part across untracked moorlands. The names of members wishing to go should be given to the hon. section secretary before August 8th, as the party is limited to 30.

The Shropshire D.A. were recently conducted on an enjoyable mystery run by Mr. W. Oakley, the local Councillor, and were accompanied by a large contingent of the North-Shropshire Wheelers, interest being also added by the presence of "Wayfarer." The route included much lane-wandering, which resulted in an invasion of the back garden of a country cottage, and ended at Hilltop, near Much Wenlock, for tea. Prior to starting on the run the company were photographed, the picture being subsequently reproduced in the *Wellington Journal*.

For their Jubilee gymkhana on June 27th the Portsmouth D.A. joined forces with the Portsmouth North End C.C., and the sports were carried out in the presence of a large crowd. In addition to some orthodox racing there were several novelty events, and considerable amusement was created by the freaks' handicap, in which a number of ancient machines loaned by local traders (Messrs. Whittle Bros., J. Prince and H. Lamb) were ridden with great dexterity. The programme included a comic costume race, and one for children on fairy cycles, the little competitors entering thoroughly into the spirit of the afternoon.

In the Cotswolds.

Although only nine members of the Leicester D.A. took part in the all-night ride to Stow-on-the-Wold they were fully compensated for their loss of sleep by a glorious sunrise, seen from a hill-top near Moreton-in-the-Marsh. After breakfast at Stanway the party continued their exploration of the Cotswolds, tea-time finding them at Napton-on-the-Hill.

One of the finest "surprise" runs ever held by the Cardiff D.A. took place recently. Lunch at a charming old-world inn was followed by a run through shady, scented lanes to a sequestered spot in the Wye Valley. Here, on a tiny plateau high above the winding river, the "mysteries" of the day's run were finally revealed by the incorrigible leaders, whose novel stock of competitions caused hilarious amusement, and resulted in free teas for four lucky winners. Tea at Llandogo preceded a wind-assisted return via the Wyndcliffe.

The Liverpool D.A. are opening a clubroom on October 3rd at 18, Colquitt Street, off Bold Street. It will be available each Wednesday evening throughout the winter months, and lectures, debates, dances, and musical evenings are to be arranged. It is hoped by the social committee that members will volunteer to assist in the debates and musical entertainments, and an attempt may be made to form a concert party.

October

A RIDE THROUGH THE NIGHT.

A successful night ride was carried out on August 25th-26th by members of the Northants D.A., their destination being Hunstanton. The main body left Northampton at 11.15 p.m., and were joined at Thrapston by others, who brought the total to ten, including three ladies. The night was perfect, and excellent progress was made through Peterborough, Wisbech and King's Lynn, the pleasant seaside resort of Hunstanton being reached at 7 a.m. The only incident of the night was the discomfiture of one of the male members of the party, who fell asleep on his bicycle and was precipitated into a bed of nettles, the unpleasantness of this experience being increased by the fact that he was a "shortist." After a picnic breakfast by the sea and a short rest, the cyclists commenced their return journey, making a slight detour to visit Sandringham House, the entrance gates of which were greatly admired. Continuing their homeward run, the party encountered a deluge near Oundle, but as the object of the ride had been attained the change of weather had no influence on the spirits of the travellers.

November

Attractive Ease.

The alternative runs at an easy pace organised by the Northants D.A. are proving very popular, the average attendance being about 20. Several new members have been attracted by this experiment.

Fourteen members of the Northants D.A. spent a pleasant week-end at Dovedale recently, staying the night at Ilam. Another very successful run, led by Mr. W. Pugh, consisted of a rambling exploration of the lanes around Mentmore Park and Leighton Buzzard, about 80 miles being covered off the beaten track.

“Wayfarer” Coming.

The winter clubroom of the Northants D.A., in Pytchley Street, Northampton, was opened on October 5th, and an excellent attendance gratified the organisers. Several lantern lectures and other forms of entertainment will be arranged during the social season, a visit from “Wayfarer” being on the programme.



WAYFARER-(W.M.Robinson)

“From 1924 to 1946 he represented various Midland counties on the CTC Council. He became a Vice-President of the CTC in 1945 and also held office locally as President of Birmingham and Midland DA.” He died on 17 September 1956. He has a Memorial seat on Meriden Village Green in Warwickshire, designed by John H Hunt it was set there by CTC in 1959. Also a commemorative plaque at the summit of the Nant Rhyd Wilym pass over the Berwyns - one of Wayfarer’s favourite crossings and the subject of one his best known articles, under the title ‘Over the Top’