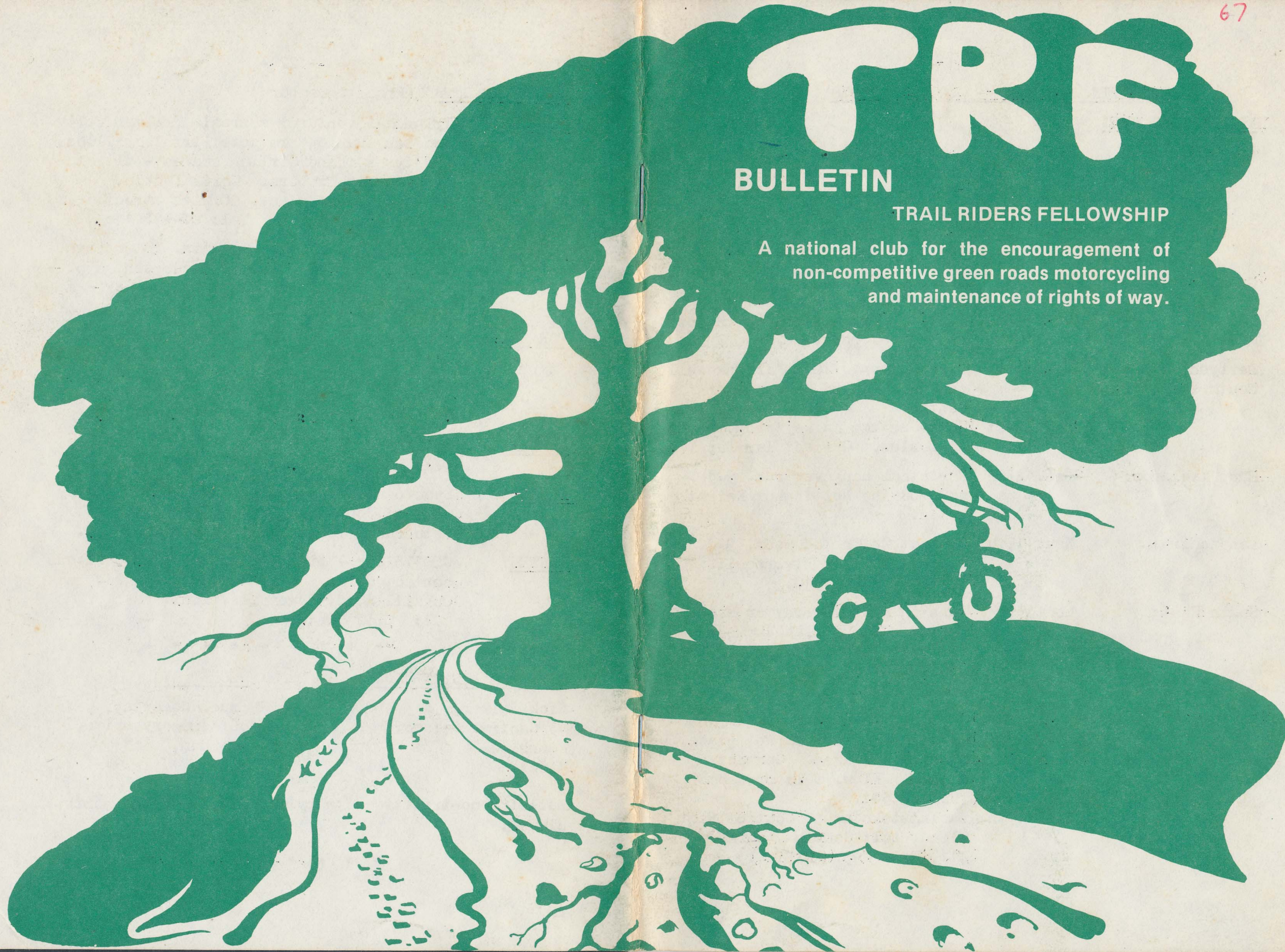


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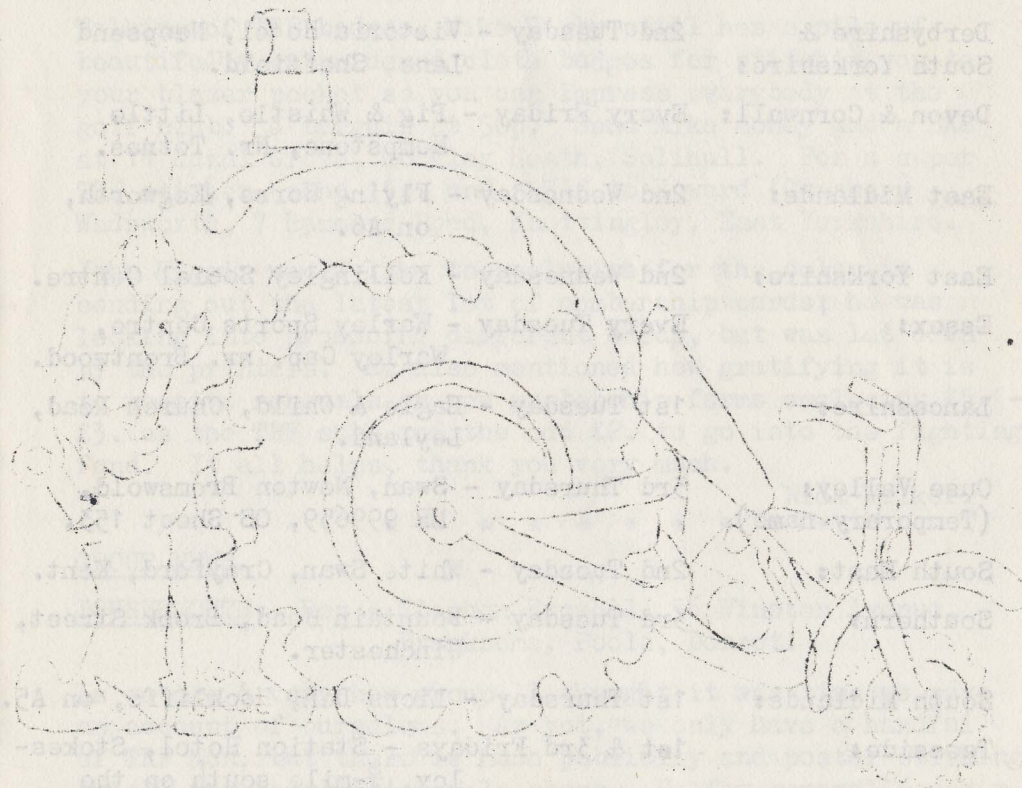
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FORTHCOMING RUNS

Bristol:	Nov. 19th	Chew Valley run. 10.30 at the Fox & Goose on the A38 about 2-miles south of Bristol boundary.
	Dec. 10th	10.30 am at Abergavenny - in car park near bus station.
Cumbria:	Dec. 17th	(Change of date) 10 am at Kendal Railway Station.
	Jan. 28th	(1979!) 10 am at Sedbergh town centre car park.
Derbyshire & South Yorkshire:	Nov. 11th	Pre-AGM run. 10 am in Bakewell, car park behind Information Centre.
	Dec. 31st	'Shake up the Turkey' run. 10 am at Baslow. Contact Ian Dunsire.
East Midlands:	Dec. 27th	Christmas hangover run. 9.30 am from the Nottingham Knight Hotel.
Lancashire:.	Nov. 19th	Contact Colin Thompson, 9 Breckside Park, Liverpool. Tel: 051-263 3510.
South East:	Monthly	Runs in Kent, Surrey or East Sussex. Phone Alan Jackson after monthly meetings on 01-778 5046 (home) or 01-357 2048 (office.)
Southern:	Nov. 5th	10 am at Lunways.
	Nov. 26th	10 am at Newbury market place.
	Dec. 2nd	Stockbridge area. Contact Alistair Flew, tel: Broughton (Hants) 311.
	Dec. 17th	Basingstoke area. Contact Peat Gleed, tel: Compton (Berks) 411, Ext. 295. (Office.)

Teesside:	Dec. 3rd	East Yorkshire Dales run. 10 am at Ripon market square.
Thames Valley:	Nov. 26th	9.30 am at Hartley Wintney centre car park.
	Dec. 17th	9.30 am at the Seven Stars, on A4 about 4-miles west of Maidenhead.

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INDOOR MEETINGS

- Anglia: 4th Thursday - White Lion, Sible Hedingham.
- Bournemouth: 1st & 3rd Weds - Dorset Knob, Alder Road, Branksome, Poole.
- Bristol: 2nd Monday - Dog Inn, Old Sodbury, 1-mile east of Chipping Sodbury.
- Cheshire: 1st Thursday - Robin Hood, Buxton Rd., High Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport.
- Derbyshire & South Yorkshire: 2nd Tuesday - Victoria Hotel, Neepsend Lane, Sheffield.
- Devon & Cornwall: Every Friday - Pig & Whistle, Little Hempstone, Nr. Totnes.
- East Midlands: 2nd Wednesday - Flying Horse, Kegworth, on A6.
- East Yorkshire: 2nd Wednesday - Kellingley Social Centre.
- Essex: Every Tuesday - Warley Sports Centre, Warley Gap, nr. Brentwood.
- Lancashire: 1st Tuesday - Eagle & Child, Church Road, Leyland.
- Ouse Valley: 3rd Thursday - Swan, Newton Bromswold.
(Temporary name) MR 999659, OS Sheet 153.
- South East: 2nd Tuesday - White Swan, Crayford, Kent.
- Southern: 3rd Tuesday - Fountain Head, Brook Street, Winchester.
- South Midlands: 1st Thursday - Lions Den, Hockliffe, on A5.
- Teesside: 1st & 3rd Fridays - Station Hotel, Stokesley, $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile south on the Kirby road.
- Thames Valley: 3rd Monday - District Arms, Woodthorpe Rd., Ashford, Middx.
- West Midlands: 1st & 3rd Weds - King George V Memorial Hall, Hockley Heath, Solihull.

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EDITORIAL GUBBINS

See you at the AGM then? The autumn sun will be glinting on the rows of snow covered trail bikes in the forecourt of the Castle Hotel (Bakewell, Derbyshire, 11 am on Sunday, 12th November) as, TRF badges akimbo, hundreds of heroes stagger in through the door, shattered after the Saturday trail ride. Don't forget your membership card, just in case there is a close vote and we have to check them.

Talking of TRF badges, Mike Kirby still has a pile of beautifully embroidered cloth badges for stitching on to your blazer pocket so you can impress everybody at the golf club. A bargain at 50p. Send Mike money and a SAE at 11 Hazel Grove, Hockley Heath, Solihull. For a super TRF sticker, send 15p. and a SAE to Howard (Crasher) Wadsworth, 7 Hammond Road, Knottingley, East Yorkshire.

John Higgin would like to apologise for the delay in sending out the latest lot of membership cards; he was looking into producing different cards, but was let down by the printers. He also mentioned how gratifying it is to receive renewals or new membership forms enclosing £5. - £3. as the TRF subs and the odd £2. to go into the fighting fund. It all helps, thank you very much.

Nick Walker.

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GROUP NEWS

BOURNEMOUTH: Rep - Stephen Russell, 56 Winston Avenue, Branksome, Poole, Dorset.

As we are a very new group, I thought it was time we gave an account of ourselves. As yet, we only have a handful of TRF men, but there is much publicity and poster sticking in all the local motorcycle shops. We few generally cover 140-miles on a day out, taking careful notes on the village pubs - the smiling local may not like us later in the year when we look like mud pies.

Our members, good bunch really - John Stockely, panel beater and sprayer (did my Velo tank, beautiful job, John), a Suzuki 250 man.

Steve Bungay, always polite to ramblers, plenty of good sense and a dedicated XL 250 man. Phil Bungay, brother of Steve, has owned two new XL 250's inside seven weeks. The first one was being run in when an elderly car owner decided otherwise, so seven weeks later a new XL was in his hands. On an outing Phil disappeared ahead and on coming to the rise of the hill we saw the dust clearing below and Phil and his brand new blue XL were spread out in the dirt - he only tried to ride over an army tank cutting 3-ft. deep and 10-ft. wide! Myself, older, married happily, fine baby son, lovely good-looking wife who once owned an XL 250. Oh yes - a 500 Velo Clubman and a funny CZ 175 Trail. I hate 2-strokes, but money does not grow on trees.

We should have recruited a new member, Clive Wools of Salisbury, soon. I won't forget to phone you, Clive. I believe we have one or two other TRF men in the Bournemouth and Poole area; I hope I see them soon. Many thanks to Brian Thompson, Bruce Roberts and Fred Furlong for their help and assistance.

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BRISTOL: Secretary - Geoff Barfoot, 40 Sandford Leaze, Avening, Tetbury, Glos.

We held a committee meeting on Saturday, 16th September, at Mervyn Repper's house in Bristol. Tony Jeffery kindly agreed to take on the job of Social Secretary; we feel that there should be other activities as well as monthly runs to keep the Group strong now that there are so many regulars. Most of them members as well!

As Brian Thompson is always short of money for Rights of Way work, we decided to try and reach a target of £25. by the end of the year to donate to the fighting fund. If all other Groups could try this, it would help swell the kitty. Whilst on the subject of funds, would it not be possible for motorcycle clubs that organise trials and scrambles to be affiliated to the TRF? We would then be protecting the rights of their members who own trail bikes and use trials bikes for green lanes. Assuming we could charge them an affiliation fee, we would get some money and still remain non-competitive. Any comments about this suggestion?

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DERBYSHIRE AND SOUTH YORKSHIRE: Rep - Ian Dunsire, 1 Lodge Drive, Harley, Rotherham. Tel: Barnsley 742475.

Our first meeting at the Victoria was fairly quiet, but the beer turned out to be as good as expected, and the room should prove suitable for future occasions. It was pleasing to welcome some new faces following the mention in T & MX News - thank you, Pete.

The monthly run started from Baslow and 12 members assembled for a run in the Peaks. Highlight of the day for the lucky witnesses was yours truly hanging reluctantly to the XT as it wheeled through a 3-bar fence!

Local Rights of Way work continues and the arrival of the full set of 6" to the mile definitive maps on loan from the South Yorkshire C.C. will certainly assist us. Our Huddersfield based member, John Lee, has been working hard to ensure that his area is being well covered in the current West Yorkshire review.

Plenty of requests for places on the pre-AGM run are being received - will anyone who intends to ride and has not already informed me please let me know as soon as possible; it is important.

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EAST MIDLANDS: Rep - Richard Marshall, 1 Burlington Close, Breaston, Derby. Tel: Draycott 3416.

After representations from us, the Leicestershire C.C. has withdrawn its proposed S.108 application to downgrade Allextion Lane near Market Harboro'. We presented them with substantial 'evidence of use' and said we would assist in its waymaking, if necessary. Thanks go to all those who completed use forms and especially the riders who said they were prepared to appear in court as witnesses.

The Leics CC has at long last started its review of RUPP's. Being one of the more enlightened authorities, they are consulting all interested bodies as per Circular 44/68, before they publish the Draft Map. They have supplied us with a complete set of Definitive 6" to the mile maps and their initial proposals for our comments.

They are proposing some 50 Byways out of about 180 RUPP's, which goes along pretty well with our wishes, bearing in mind most Leicestershire lanes are Unclassified County Roads. The only problem area appears to be Rutland where they want to downgrade all 14 RUPP's to Bridloway. Any assistance in this area would be most welcome.

The NCB has now applied for planning permission for the new coalfield in the Vale of Belvoir. The three planned mines only affect one green lane which runs from Saxlebye to Welby; we have asked for a suitable diversion so that we can continue to use it.

David Martin has organised a Dinner/Dance at the Yew Lodge, Kegworth, on November 24th. The cost is approx. £4.50. per head, so if you are interested in giving your wife/girl-friend a whirl, give Dave a ring on Derby 792781.

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LANCASHIRE: RoW Officer - John P. Gillett, 18 Hilton Ave., Ansdell, Lytham St-Annes.

Thank you, Mr. Editor, for inserting the piece in the Bulletin regarding a debate on a competition section within the TRF. Unfortunately, the proposer of this debate could not turn up and I could not get anyone else to propose that there should be a competition section within the TRF. Therefore I made the proposal and took a vote on it immediately; the result was overwhelmingly against the proposal. May I offer my apologies to those people who turned up for the debate and were disappointed. But there again, why should I apologise? These members should turn up in any case.

Please remember that there will be a Lancashire Group AGM early in 1979 and if the erring members don't like the way the club is run, etc., they have the right to vote in a new committee, no included.

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SOUTHERN:

If anyone wants to know what is happening in this area I, Peat Gleed, can be contacted at work, tel: Compton (Berks) 411, Ext. 295.

(Sorry I got your phone number wrong in the last issue, Peat - Ed.)

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WEST MIDLANDS: Rep - Mike Kirby, 11 Hazel Grove, Hockley Heath, Solihull.

Still going from strength to strength with more people opting to join the TRF as full members. Runs are arranged for every Sunday and recently we held a beginner's run which was quite entertaining. Harry Ball and Sheila Lewis are really getting their teeth into RoW matters. Harry has gone to enquiries in Oxfordshire and North Buckinghamshire and next week they plan to visit Worcester to sort out that Council. They are putting in a lot of work and we appreciate it.

Cloth embroidered badges are still available from me. 50p. plus a SAE please.

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BRIAN THOMPSON'S R.O.W. BIT

Somerset. Hopes of a change of mind from Taunton officials following a visit by member Mike Keevil. After studying Counsel's Legal Opinion which says that Special Reviews have no power to extinguish vehicular rights, Mr. Dixon (County RoW Officer) admits they were unwise to think that they had closed all lanes. Mr. Dixon put it to Mike Keevil (and also to Alistair Flew when he visited a Wiltshire enquiry to see how we handled ourselves - as Alistair is one of our best experts he will have gone back to Somerset with a worried look) that as they now accept that bridleways with vehicular rights can only be closed in court, we should be satisfied with this. My reaction is No thank you, we want Byways.

Mike Rowley argues that BR status would keep out the trouble-makers. Fred Furlong has sent in 300 TRF objections. That means many Public Enquiries. However, the situation is looking a lot more cheerful, and the County may concede an early defeat.

Leicestershire: Covered in East Midlands Group report.

Clwyd, North Wales: Following the appeal, Jeff Allen, 22 Beech Court, Allerton Road, Liverpool 18, has volunteered to help and will represent the TRF for Clwyd and visit Mold to look at maps and see officials. Albert Harper, 86 Hafod Park, Mold, is also helping. Don't leave all the work to these two!

Gloucestershire: A well used green lane at Shurdington (Green Way Hill) was closed at Cheltenham Court on 21st September. Despite a whole day spent in Court by TRF and ACU/BMF members, the JP's decided the lane was not needed and handed it over to the local farmer to plough up! Dave Rolfe represented the TRF in court and is willing to form a new TRF Group based in Cheltenham and using Glos. lanes. He lives at 139 Carter Road, Cheltenham, Glos. Tel: 38675.

Devon & Wiltshire: Results of Public Enquiries in Devon and Wiltshire held in 1977 make grim reading. All the Devon lanes were lost, about 30 in all, mainly because our man offered no evidence and said nothing. More were lost in Wiltshire, again mainly because of our apathy.

Northumberland: Miss Anne Pickering is alive and well and living as a Town Councillor at 'Darlington', Oakwood, Hexham. The County Special Review is under way and help is invited to survey this big, wide and handsome country. Anne is 'our gal' for the TRF here.

Scotland: I can supply maps of old drove roads with photos from Dr. Haldones book 'Drove Roads of Scotland'. The ROW situation is as England and Wales pre-1835, i.e. dodgy. All rely on Common Law. However, the law of trespass is weak. Some drove roads have full rights. Hugh Davidson is the man to contact up there. Expect no help from the TRF if you get into trouble with the law in Scotland. No County Road or definitive maps there.

Derbyshire: As predicted, the repairs to the bridge over the River Rymass on RUPP No. 6 in the Parish of Hassop brought forth a mild reprimand from the County. We are asked to obtain permission first in future. They say that the uneven surface on the bridge may result in horse rider complaints, although they add that this is not a criticism of the work done by the TRF. Other Groups note. Best to give them 14 days notice to object, then if not received get stuck in. In Derbyshire we all remember that it took a whole year to repair one gate.

Yorkshire Dales: The Dales National Park says that they are grateful for the responsible attitude that the TRF takes against riders who break the law, and asks for our help to reduce the nuisance of youngsters scrambling over open moorland. They request the aid of the Press in this. If you see anyone, report them.

Cheshire: Macclesfield Borough Council and the Peak Park are planning a fancy country park and intend the several green lanes in the area for bridleway use only. Charity Lane is without any protection in law and I have asked the Cheshire Group to claim it as a Byway to protect our interests. Keep using.

National Parks Rep: Success! Trevor Wade, c/o Dockland Settlements, City Road, Bristol, has offered to take on this job. To be confirmed at the AGM.

Misleading signs (Part 2): Lots of time is wasted in trying to get footpath and bridleway signs removed from RUPP's and County Roads. Whole counties like Notts and South Yorks erect footpath signs on everything. Very few authorities will put up the correct sign which, for County Roads, is 'Unsuitable for Motors'. As long as County Hall admit the proper status, I suggest you leave it alone, although this will not prevent ramblers accusing us of being on the wrong track. Remember, though, to prevent at all costs such signs as Private Road, No Vehicles, No Motorcycles, No Right of Way, etc.

Training Weekend: I plan a weekend training course (with some riding to loosen the blood) next September in Derbys., if the TRF will sponsor and keep the cost of food and board down to £5. per head. Anyone interested? We certainly need more RoW workers.

RoW matters are a lot better than ever before and expenditure on RoW in 1978 will total £1,000., shared equally by the TRF and ACU/BMF. If we lose the Marsh Lane case in the House of Lords, it will be £2,000. As £2. out of your £3. annual sub is spent on the Bulletin, you will see how tight things would be without ACU/BMF support. The TRF would be bankrupted by one case taken to a higher court, and that is a weakness that could be exploited by our friends in the RA. (In fact, costs of the Bulletin this year work out to less than £1. out of each annual sub - Ed.) Blackmail works though, as we found in North Yorkshire, and further threats are rumoured in Derbyshire when the battles start.

Brian Thompson, 39 Warren Road, Thorne, Doncaster, Yorks.
Tel: 0405 814388.

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NINE MONTHS IN THE WOMB - by Bruce Roberts.

What's this? I can hear you saying, a report on child-bearing or advice from a midwife? In some ways the term 'midwife' seems increasingly appropriate as I become more and more aware of what is involved in the job of General Secretary. Yes, I'm Bruce, the fellow whose name appears in the Bulletin, sometimes at the back and sometimes at the front and who goes under the title of General Secretary. All the blame for my name appearing in print I put down to our Rights of Way Officer, Brian Thompson. It was he who did such a wonderful 'selling' (con) job and persuaded me to stand for election at last years AGM. The job's easy, no problems, he said. I must have had my crash helmet on back to front.

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Seriously though, although there have been, and are, one or two problems, I have enjoyed (masochist) the job and feel now that the gestation period is over (nine months you see! No? - Oh well!) I have some idea what the job, and more important what the TRF, is all about. However, this article is - at least that's the intention - to put you in the picture as to my thoughts and also hopefully to elicit some response from you - the reader. So here goes!

It was my aim, whilst in Office, to see the TRF grow in strength, both in the number of members and in respectability and recognition through the Fellowship's authoritative approach to Rights of Way. Both of these I have seen attained, although our credibility has suffered on a couple of occasions. Happily, suitable action by your Committee has made good the damage.

The membership now stands at some 600, whereas during the latter part of 1977 it stood in the mid-400's. However, the Fellowship has in past years experienced a fluctuating membership and I feel, as do many Group Reps, that now is the time to consolidate our position. To do this we must find an answer to the question - why do individuals not renew their membership? Perhaps the TRF should be doing more for its members in return for their £3. annual subs? Don't forget though that each member receives the right to be legally defended in any reasonable legal RoW entanglement occasioned by trail riding and that your rights are ably cared for both by the Officers of your own local TRF Group and by 'Superpump, keep it quiet and under 20 mph' Thompson, the TRF's Rights of Way Officer. We are the only motorcycle club that can provide full information on where it is legal to ride anywhere in the UK.

My own thoughts are along the lines that the TRF must support and assist the local Groups more positively and provide, with money from our central funds, publicity material, printed advice on Rights of Way, etc. The Groups themselves must also do more, particularly from the social angle, and this may be done by running barbecues, treasure hunts and sponsored runs, i.e. the recent MAG run when toys were collected for hospitals. (Good public relations this.)

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I would also like to suggest that each group organises runs for other Groups to attend and possibly even provide overnight accommodation. If you have any ideas, why not write to me, either individually or as a body through your Group Rep and let me know what you think the TRF should be doing.

To conclude, well almost, I would like to invite you all to attend this years AGM to be held on November 12th at 11 am at the Castle Hotel, Bakewell, Derbyshire, and let your voice be heard. This, although not the only time when you may be represented - other means being through the Group Reps at the Committee Meetings, or through personal contact at any time with me or any other Committee member, is the occasion when major policy decisions affecting the coming year's actions of the TRF are decided and when the Officers of the TRF are elected for a period of one year.

Now to conclude! I would like through this article to thank my fellow Committee members for all their assistance in my 'birth'. They all in their various positions (touch of the Kama Sutra here) do an excellent job and it is hoped that during the coming months we shall have the assistance of a TRF National Parks Officer. Sadly, this will not be Margery Price, but another body has volunteered (I thought it was said 'never volunteer' - obviously our new recruit has never been in the Forces) and I hope we will render him our fullest support. (What's that from the back - one body-belt and a push out of the mud!)

Cheers for now. Keep mudplugging and see you at the AGM.

P.S. Don't forget to write.

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XT 500 INFORMATION APPEAL

In the July/August issue of this magazine a letter of mine was published, requesting XT 500 information in order, hopefully, to form the basis of a Reader's Enquiry Service. The result was as follows:

- i) There are two XT 500 owners in the TRF.
- ii) I am not going to resign because of (i).
- iii) My mum still thinks it's a good idea.

To continue, the 'drop the bike on the right and it won't start' answer seems to be:-

Hold decompressor in, throttle fully open, kick over (not literally) several times, then close throttle, kick over as usual keeping throttle closed.

An alternative to the problem is to fit a 34 mm. Amal carb as mentioned in T & MX News, August 25th, 1978. This mod., according to the aforementioned paper, also improves performance (copies of article available - read on.)

Several other notable points from the survey were:

- a) Split pins are desirable for the wheel nuts.
- b) Berm specialities as mentioned in Bike magazine for XT 500 goodies are no more.
- c) A chain tensioner is available from Malcolm Smith.
- d) Regina Extra chain (£14.) is recommended.
- e) Preston Petty can supply both front and rear mudguards.

I do have lots more info from T & MX News, MCN, the gospel magazine Bike and some American mags, plus the two letters received. If anyone would like any specific info, send me a large SAE and I will do my best to obtain the answers. Before we leave XT 500's, a fully enclosed chainguard or a chain oiler manufacturer/supplier would be greatly appreciated. Anyone knowing of such an animal, please drop me a line.

Finally, the Reader's Enquiry Service - if anyone would like to write to me about any motorcycle model (careful) or general stuff like sprockets, chains, etc., I'll add this to my stock of info, edit and send bits for publication. Also, of course, if you've changed bikes (or the bike has changed you) and you want info, write to your friendly Reader's Enquiry Service (SAE again, please), and I will do my best.

John Shearer, 21 Woodfoot Road, Rotherham, Yorkshire.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Guisborough,
Cleveland.

Dear Editor,

I agree with Howard Wadsworth's article (September issue); I think we ought to be thinking of some amalgamation or whatever with another society.

I must state that I must be one of your most inactive members - my DT 175 was bought for local touring and work. I bought a trail bike because I had enjoyed 'messing about' on a couple of trials bikes my brother had owned. I have never been to any meetings because Friday is a bad night and, being unemployed, I can go riding whenever I want. When riding I have encountered no animosity and while hiking along the Cleveland Way, I talked with two hikers who were doing the whole walk. Risking 'blowing my cover', I told them that I did some trail riding round here and one of them merely replied: "It must be good fun scrambling along here."

Anyhow, to return from my ramblings to the point, which is why can't we find some common ground with other organisations? I am sympathetic to this belief because I am getting rid of the bike (strictly a fair weather rider, me) for the time being, and feel I must withdraw my subscription, though I still believe in maintaining Rights of Way of any kind.

Dood luck with the work.

S. R. Spencer.

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RUN REPORTS

LANCASHIRE GROUP SEDBURGH RUN - 14th May, 1978.

The run was led by Peter Corbett and me. The first lane started at Handleys Bridge and was full of pot holes. Heading towards Adamthwaite is where the fun started, as the track was very steep and wet. We rode the short RUPP at Garshill, then the lane from Garshill through Bleaflatt, which turned out to be roughly tarmac-ed and so was the RUPP over Wharton Fell. At the side of this lane was a horse which had been shot; the opinion was that it had been dead a number of days. High Way turned out to be its usual boggy self, resulting in much sweat and effort, and after three miles a rest was taken. The two CZ 175 trail bikes with us did very well, proving that you do not need expensive bikes to go out on the trail. The descent was very slippery, causing a few nasty moments, after which four of us went straight in to Settle. The rest went with Peter on the Cotterdale to Hardrow green lane, where it was blowing a gale and pouring down - we all met up at Settle for dinner.

After dinner Peter led four riders back to Sedburgh via the Widdale Foot/Stone House lane and Coal Road. My group started with the old road over Dodd Fell to Cam End. On this lane a few hikers shouted that as this lane is in a National Park, we should not use motorcycles on it. So, in best TRF tradition, we stopped and told them that it is a legal highway and we have every right to ride it (in a nice way, of course). We have found that, if you stop and give your views to hikers, their views are based on incorrect information. Most hikers turn out to be reasonable people.

The next lane was over Dent Fell from Widdale Foot to Stone House, again very slippery. The last lane was from High Nun House to Coal Road, very rocky and much crunching of metal against rocks was heard. I discovered that the group had turned left instead of right at Coal Road, so we went after them and came across the new rep, John Stamp, with his borrowed TS 250 well and truly stuck in a nice deep bog. On we went, only for John to go straight into another bog.

At this point John started to say nasty things about this 'ere TS 250, cursing his luck that his XL 125 was in bits. Slowly but surely we made it to the end and met up with the rest. As it was 6 p.m. and pouring down, we called it a day.

John P. Gillett.

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SOUTHERN RUN - May 28th, 1978.

The day dawned bright and clear as 10 trail riders set out to add to the congestion on the roads around Newbury. We split into two groups of five, but unfortunately we met up with Ted Lees' group on their first lane as Ted's CZ had died. So 9 riders in one group set out, causing some concern to a 'friendly' local: "If I catch you down here again, I'll run your bloody bikes over with my tractor." The next lane caused much fun as we sank into mud hole after mud hole. Peter Jones (Thames Valley Group?) and his MZ sidecar outfit left after this with suspension problems. 8 riders 'did' Buclebury Fords, followed by an old gal in a Rover; well done Ma! We set off to the Red Lion at Compton, but Tim Malone hit a mud hole which hit back hard, badly spraining his leg area. 7 riders left the pub heading for Upton by way of innumerable lanes on the Downs. Then we took the Icknield Way; horror of horrors though - an elderly couple with grandchildren with tablecloth laid on the route. I went first for a three. It turned out that one of their nippers 'does that sort of thing' and they enjoyed our fleeting visit. Then up across the Ridgeway (thousands of cars and near naked nubile ladies), and down to Lands End for a ride through the bluebells. Unfortunately, Larry Blackman did some hefty damage to his foot on a hidden tree stump and zoomed off home with a guide. 5 riders went to set off, but alas my throttle cable snapped; I set the tickover to fast and we proceeded back to Newbury. The 4 riders who finished in style - Pete (I won my last trial) Wildsmith, Tony Wythe and his Raynor tuned Yam (explains why he kept passing my SL), Graham Chinnor down from Derby and Neil Mouston out for the first time.

Peat Gleed.

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TEESSIDE WEEKEND - FIRST DAY - June 3rd, 1978.

The Friday before the 2-day run, I found that all our local stalwarts were painting and decorating, or digging the patch, so I was to cover Saturday alone.

I left home on my Adventurer and had a fine fast gallop to Settle, 70 miles in an hour and 20-minutes on minor twisty roads - long live the big bike! At Settle I met the two riders who had contacted me before the run - Ron Rickarby (Yamaha DT 250) up from the Thames Valley Group and Mark Johnston (Yamaha DT 125) from Ripon. The three of us decided to save the really nasty stuff for Sunday when there would be more of us! We started with a stoney lane which climbs steeply out of Stainforth, then the long (4-miles) way over Langcliffe Scar by Gorbeck. As usual, on this I got us lost. One day I'll go alone and ride it yard by yard to get to know it like George Abbey, who first introduced me to this green open moorland way. We joined the road and went round by Malham with a ford through the Infant Aire, and Gordale to see some scenery, and joined Mastiles Lane - one of the English classics?

From Bainbridge the long haul (stoney) up the Roman Road took us over Wether Fell where we saw two hang gliders soaring above the lower slopes. We crossed Cam Fell, which was part (with the Roman Road) of the Richmond to Liverpool turnpike in 1700 odd. Just short of Calf Holes I realised that nobody had yet fallen off! So, with respect to 'falls' Wadsworth, I gave Mark a demo right under his nose - lucky he stopped! Loose stones got me all cross threaded; I recovered and while marvelling at my great skill and dexterity, I swiftly put the bike down and dug up a rock with my knee. To disguise my need to recover from this skilful demo, we stopped at Calf Holes and watched pot-holers descend 60-ft. of wire ladder carefully placed in a waterfall! They are dafter than trail riders! We climbed Moor Head Lane and then we parted company; Ron went off to 'do a bit more' while Mark and I returned to our homes in Ripon and Cleveland, but sure to return the next day for some more 'Big Country'.

John D. Law.

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TEESSIDE WEEKEND - SECOND DAY - June 4th, 1978.

The second day of John Law's jaunt saw 14 eager riders, all wishing to ride with the incredible Howard (XT Automatic) - Martin Pearson (MZ), John Bloomfield (MZ), the famous Graham Backhouse (XL 250), Maurice Tate (DT 175), Ken Aaron (XL 125), John Law (Adventurer), Nick Morgan (DT 175), Mark Johnston (DT 125), Ian Scanlan (XL 125), Nick Ferraby (XT 500), Clive Marsh (TS 250), Brian Lodge (DT 250) and Ron Rickarby (DT 250) from 'darn sarf' who had ridden up to drink real tea at Pen-y-Ghent Cafe.

Howard was elected to lead, so it was on to Wharfe, then the Long Lane to Selside green road. It was here that Howard's XT had its first fit, so while the rest of the party took early lunch in Horton, Howard searched out a spare condenser. The next track was Great Wold, a really challenging track made easier by the dry conditions, but the bumps started a severe fracture in the crutch of Howard's jeans. He ventured on though, risking prosecution for indecent exposure. Then it was the Widdale Road from Stone House, and it was on this track that we met the only 'aggro' of the day, on two separate occasions; firstly, one of three elderly cyclists wheeling their machines down the hill we were climbing deliberately forced Ron Rickarby and others to take avoiding action by obstructing their riding lines with his bike. Then further along this most beautiful track where it crosses a small stream, we came to a large group of ramblers sitting on the track, and although they could see us in plenty of time, made no effort to move. The sight of these morons so unnerved Clive Marsh that he bit the dust.

So on to Hawes for petrol and real tea and ice cream and biscuits and pop, etc., before the track over Dodd Fell, a marvellous track which tests riding ability and gives superb views over Widdale. It was here we noticed the remains of an early trail rider, i.e. a Lambretta side panel beside a pile of bones. The group then divided, Howard's experts heading for Settle. As the trailers were loaded there was a tremendous downpour - did you get wet, Ron?

Howard Wadsworth (Trail Rider & XT Hater.)

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DORKING RUN - June 25th, 1978.

No-one turned up in half an hour, so I started off home, but just around the corner were the rest - all two. Most of the lanes south of Nutfield were bone jarring dried-out clay. We caused a little stir taking the correct line across the edge of a golf course near Redhill, but have learnt that it is a waste of time talking about Rights of Way, Definitive Maps and Highways Departments. We then climbed up and down several lanes on the steep edge of the Downs. On a newly declared Byway we came upon passive resistance - a young couple determinedly blocking an 8-ft. wide lane by a forcedly casual stroll, hands linked, without looking round at us. We only got past by plunging through the undergrowth. The Coldharbour Lane pools of water still have not all dried out, and one claimed the chain of an XT. We found the chain, unbroken, wrapped round the rear wheel.

Looking back to winter, I know we would have done barely half the number of lanes, which goes to show how their character changes so completely during the year. I do not understand why we do not get more people on these runs, they certainly are not boring.

Alan Jackson.

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CHESHIRE GROUP RUN - July 31st, 1978.

13 riders met at Teggs Nose and at 20 past Mickey Mouse rode into the mist and rain to do battle with the elements. There was Pete Corbett (XL 250), a bloke called Barry on an RG 500, sorry, CZ Trail, Phil McLaughlin (Sherpa), John Gardner (Alpina), Allan Green (Montesa), Brian Capper (MZ 7½ Day Special), Nigel Foulds (XL 125), John Gillett (XL 125), Phil Rosson (DT 400 MX), Alan Almond (TS 125), Pete Harrison (TS 185), Malcolm Morton (KL 250), and Uncle Tom Cobley and all!

Charity Lane, Cumberland Cottage, Goyt Road into Buxton and the Roman Road to Chapel were ideal starters. The sight of two young ladies at Spire Hollins was too much for Allan, showing off, he attempted to wheelie the Montesa, but was cast to the ground. Mrs. Green will be informed.

A very friendly Rambler was met on Mount Famine where the rain began to set in again. The ascent of Roych Clough saw Allan & Phil McLaughlin struggling, but bolts had been heard sliding on the backs of doors, so there was no time for breathers. Eldon Hill and Oxlow Rake led us to the Devonshire Arms at Peak Forest. About 20-minutes after our arrival, Brian Capper arrived, explaining that Phil had lost a rear suspension bolt on the Sherpa, but all was now well. Brian did an excellent job of back marking throughout the day.

We emerged from the pub into sunshine! We retraced our steps to Oxlow House and onwards to Chapel Gate. Here I stuck my boot in Phil Rosson's front wheel and waved all the foreigners past. Surprisingly they all cleared the gulley with some hefty legwork. At the foot of the hill Brian and I chatted to some more friendly rambles while the intrepid 11 sweated, heaved and pushed, then fell off and pushed some more in their bold attempts to reach the top. After resting, some of us carried on over the moor. Those who rested a little longer chanced to meet an awkward Rambler who made various threats and took some numbers. Chapel Gate is an unclassified county road.

Dirtlow Rake led to Pindale where the passage of time decreed that we double back. Little and Great Hucklow were squeezed in en route to Litton Slack. We did Monks Dale, Wheston, Millers Dale and then on to Priestcliffe. Here the run leader, flushed with success, attempted a 'flat in second' technique on this rutted climb. The KE took control half way up, turning sharp left and coming to an abrupt halt, yours truly carrying straight on and demolishing the tail light with a graceful rearwards swing of the right boot. This was the supreme fall of the day. Only the Great Wodgeworth could have done it better.

We proceeded over Slough Top, Earl Sterndale, where we viewed the biggest hole in the world; Washgates, Tenterhill, Three Shires, Cumberland Cottage and Charity Lane led us back to Teggs Nose.

Dave Eaton (175 Quaking Machine)

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