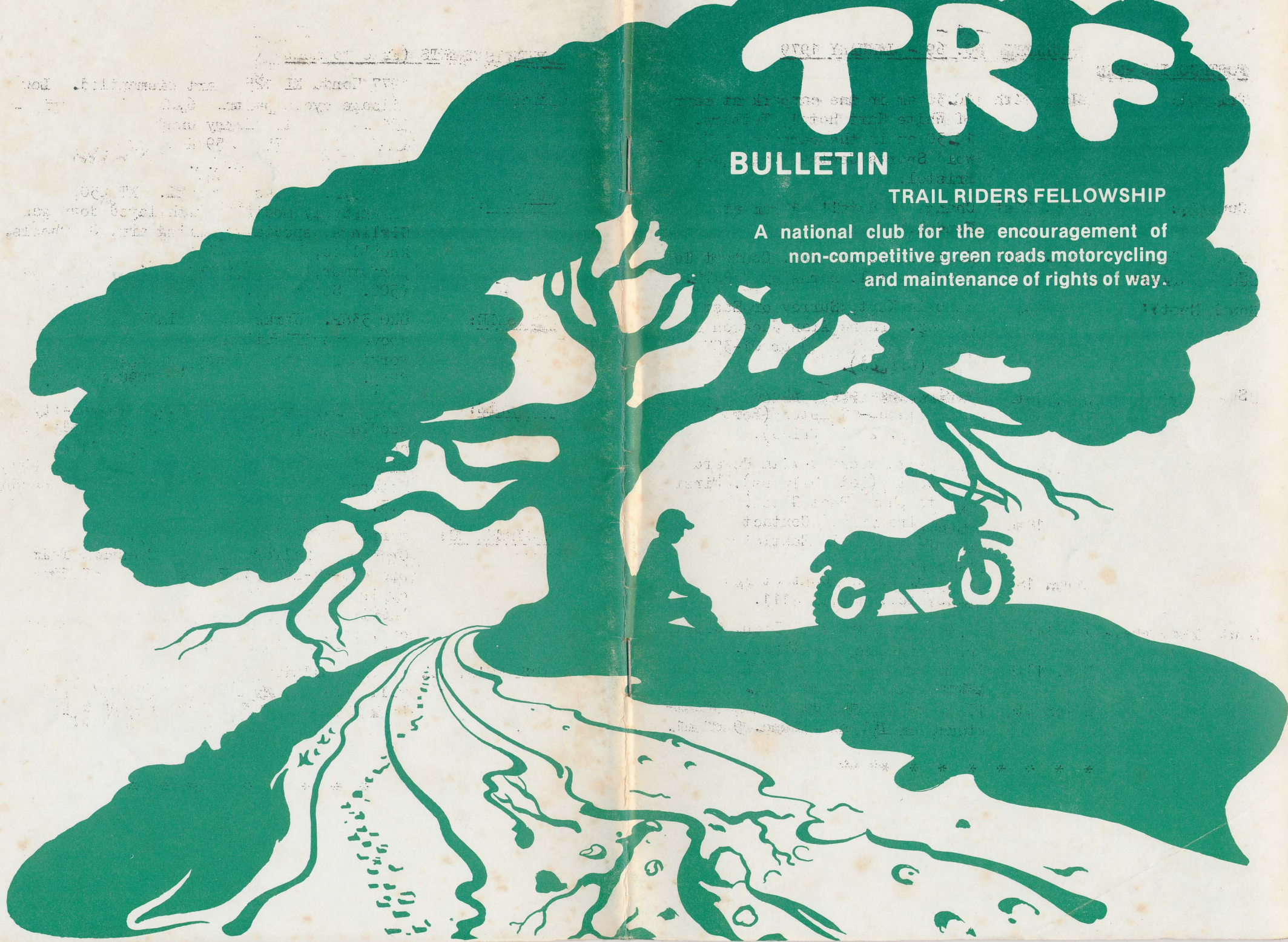


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TRAIL RIDERS FELLOWSHIP

A national club for the encouragement of
non-competitive green roads motorcycling
and maintenance of rights of way.



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FORTHCOMING RUNS

- Bristol: Jan. 14th 10.30 am in the carpark at rear of White Hart Hotel, Tetbury.
Feb. 18th 10.30 am in the carpark of Southwold Sports Centre, Yate, near Bristol.
- Cumbria: Jan. 21st Change of date!! 10 am at Kendal.
- Derbyshire & South Yorks: Jan. 21st South Yorkshire run. Contact Ian Dunsire, tel: Barnsley 742475.
- South East: Monthly Runs in Kent, Surrey or East Sussex. Phone Alan Jackson on 01-778 5046 (home) or 01-357 2048 (office).
- Southern: Jan. 14th Basingstoke area, phone Peat Gleed - Compton (Berks) 411, ext. 295 (office).
Jan. 27/28 Yorkshire weekend with Howard Wadsworth (God help us). First six to phone Peat Gleed.
Feb. 18th Hampshire area. Contact Nick Chalk, tel. Eastleigh 618832.
March 18th Newbury area. Contact Ted Lees, tel. Tadley 4111.
- South Midlands: Jan 14th 10.30 am at the Red Lion, Clopton, nr. Thrapston, Northants.
Feb. 11th 10 am at the Rookery Cafe on A1000 south of Hatfield.
March 4th 10 am at the Shell garage, Flamstead, on A5 near Junc. 9 of M1.

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INDOOR MEETINGS

- Anglia: 4th Thursday - White Lion, Sible Hedingham.
- Bournemouth: 1st & 3rd Weds - Dorset Knob, Alder Rd., Branksome, Poole.
- Bristol: 2nd Monday - Stanshawes Court Hotel, Yate.
- Cheshire: 1st Thursday - Robin Hood, Buxton Road, High Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport.
- Derbyshire & South Yorks: 2nd & 4th 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.
- West Anglia: 3rd Thursday - Swan, Newton Bromswold. MR 999659, OS Sheet 153.
- South East: 2nd Tuesday - White Swan, Crayford, Kent.
- Southern: 3rd Tuesday - Fountain Head, Brook St., 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 Road, Ashford, Middx.
- West Midlands: 1st & 3rd Weds - King George V Memorial Hall, Hockley Heath, Solihull.

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EDITORIAL GUBBINS

Cold turkey sarnies all finished? Jan. 1st hangover over? - Good. Get your wellies on then, and ride into 1979. A year which will be forever remembered for "Superman" and wet trail riding.

Ian Dunsire has been working through the Christmas hols on TRF posters and membership forms. The membership forms are now ready and waiting at Bruce Roberts' residence, so Group Reps who want some of these please get in touch with Bruce. The posters should be ready in the next few weeks. Ian is also hoping to sort out a postcard size TRF advert for leaving tucked under the saddle strap of trail bikes or for handing out with bikes at dealers. Can anyone help him with advice or the name of a printer or other helpful firm who might be able to run them off? If so, please let Ian know on Barnsley 742475.

Brian Thompson has asked me to apologise on his behalf to the Bradford RUPS Club if he offended any of their members when he mentioned the Woo Gill Road in his RoW column. No alienation of the RUPS was intended; Brian was just hoping to bring this type of problem to the attention of TRF Bulletin readers.

Group Reps & Committee Members:

The next Committee Meeting will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, 10th February, 1979. Venue will be the King George V Memorial Hall, Hockley, Heath.

Nick Walker.

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GROUP NEWS

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

Group Treasurer Alan Almond, 18 Alder Drive, Houghton, Preston, would like to remind Lancashire members that the local group subs of 50p. are due for 1979. Please note that for 1979 all local group members must be members of the national TRF. Why is 50p. charged for local membership? Because we need the money. Local membership will give you a group card, your name in the membership book and the dubious privilege of getting involved in a local TRF Group.

The Group AGM will be held on the first Tuesday of March at the usual meeting place at 8 pm., all appointments and decisions to become effective on the 1st April. All Committee positions (Rep, Secretary, RoW Officer and Treasurer) are up for grabs. If you think you can do a better job than the above or have something to say, this will be the time to do it. Only paid-up members of the Lanes Group are eligible to vote, speak or take up Committee positions, therefore you are advised to get your Group subs to Alan Almond as soon as possible.

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SOUTHERN: Rep - Peat Gleed, 12 Skippons Close, Wash
Common, Newbury, Berks.

At the November meeting several changes took place. Mike Fisher has found he now has no spare time on his educational course and has stood down as Group Sec. I have stepped into his Sidi's, so shall now be Group Rep and Sec. Educational requirements are soon to claim Alastair Flow, our RoW expert, so a RoW Committee has been formed within the Group to spread the load a little. More news of this when we have agreed who does what. Laurie Hopgood foolishly said our meetings sometimes end up with us arguing in circles, so in future he will be acting as Chairman to keep us in order.

On the meeting place - two stalwarts have volunteered to go on a pub crawl around Winchester to find a better place to meet. Now all we need is a Social Secretary to think of something to do with our new super-efficient evening meetings.

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BRIAN THOMPSON'S RoW BIT

Use Forms; For years, many members at the end of every run, often wet and cold, have filled in use forms, and wondered if they are of any value. Recently Alan Jackson and Geoff Barfoot rang asking if they should continue with these, so here are my views. The standard TRF use form, now nine years old, is not admissible in Court or at Public Enquiries, and the official form from County Hall or me must be used. One form for each witness and covers any period for each lane. The simple TRF forms are only to let the RoW Officer know who has used which lane so that he may call on County Hall to give evidence. To avoid keeping hundreds of grubby forms that may never be needed, I suggest that the RoW Officer for each Group keeps a list of riders to call on or, instead, once a year pass a list of lanes round the clubroom and get riders to indicate those used. For instance, when South Yorkshire Public Enquiries came up last year into Byway claims, County Hall asked for proof of claimed use evidence. I asked six local riders to fill in proper forms and these were sent off. County Hall conceded defeat and we got 22 Byways. Six witnesses are sufficient, especially if over 20 years each.

Angela Rippon's Country Programme on BBC TV on December 1st showed Thames Valley members on the Ridgeway. I thought they behaved perfectly, all on quiet funeless bikes. Yet the immediate reaction from the panel of experts was all too predictable, with a Hell's Angel taunt and ban 'em call. Angela, to her eternal credit, spoke in our defence. A sad reminder of the sort of built-in prejudice we face.

London Gazette: Another regular worry is how does a County Rep know when his favourite lane is threatened. No worry! A notice of intended closure (i.e. Section 108 in Court or traffic order or Special Review) must be published in the local press and also by law in the London Gazette, which I take and will notify you if anything moves in your area.

Rights of Way Conference: A Future Legislation Conference is being held in London on January 18th. The Government plans a new Countryside Bill in this session of Parliament and the Conference is submitting proposals. The Government will also take the findings of the green lane study into account. I will attend to safeguard our interests. It is known that the RA want to stop up the loophole shown by Hoffman's legal opinion allowing us to use downgraded RUPP's.

Yorkshire Dales (Now in Cumbria): George Abbey warns me that the Forestry Commission are now the landowners on the 'best track in England' - Great Wold or Craven Way, near Dent. He says they plan to plant trees all over the moor. As the green lane is unclear and about 100-ft. wide, George thinks they may plant trees all over the lane. If any rider sees any such work, please report to me or David Howe. As the FC are known for their disregard of public rights of way, he warns that they may close off the Great Wold, even though it is to be a Ryway.

Lancashire: More reports needed on this second helping:

1. Rawtenstall to Edenfield via 1250' hill. Three miles long. GR 95/808222 to 800192, it is an OCR, so it is OK for status.
2. Chapel Hill, Rawtenstall to Sagar Holen. GR 95/813231 to 834243, 2½-miles long. Footpath status, but thought to have some vehicular rights, badly needs researching. Reported as blocked in two places in 1972. Use at your own risk.

3. Deerplay Moor. GR 95/843258 to 859268, two miles long. Was Footpath only, yet is 15-ft. wide and well defined. Like 2, use at your own risk.
4. Burnley area. Rose Hill, GR 95/796311 to 818317, two miles long. Was obstructed in 1972. Status Footpath only, use at your own risk! Blocked at New Farn in 1959. Northern fork at New Barn perhaps now impassable?

I will try and find time for some research soon. Lancs are doing a Special Review in 1979, so this is the time to do some work.

Wiltshire: Still no decision yet on the Stephen Russell incident. County Hall want to call and warn the farmer. The TRF has paid legal fees of £16. in connection with this case. All part of the service, but strictly for members only. Many trail riders, some of whom ride with the TRF, are too mean to join.

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

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 1979

Would members renewing please send a SAE (mit ein stamp also) with their request - the postage costs incurred sending your cards back mount up very quickly! Also, will you please send your full address - thanks.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM FOR 1979

I enclose £3. as my TRF subscription for 1979. (Cheques/ Postal Orders made payable to the Trail Riders Fellowship.) Also enclosed is £..... (entirely optional) as my contribution to the Fighting Fund.

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A shortened version of the beautifully turned out minutes of the Annual General Meeting follows - thank you, Bruce. Reports from TRF Executive Committee Members:

Secretary (Bruce Roberts). His article in the November Bulletin summed up his involment with the TRF in 1978. Pleased to see the formation of new Groups - Bournemouth, Bristol, Devon & Cornwall, Gloucestershire and West Anglia.

Treasurer (Howard Wadsworth). Current Account balance - £1,436.84. Fighting Fund - £1,000. 1978 expenditure - £1,606.67.

The cost of producing the Bulletin was held down by a 'very cheap' supply of A4 duplicating paper. This supply is now low, so would all members try to obtain some and pass it on to the Editor via their Group Reps.

Membership Secretary (John Higgin). A successful year, with the membership standing at 630 and an estimated total membership of 700 by the end of 1978. Five members are still paying by Standing Order and only the amount of £1. Please would these members cancel these Standing Orders and pay their £3. for 1979.

Mr. Higgin announced his resignation as Membership Sec. and the Fellowship awarded him a vote of thanks for his splendid efforts during the last two years.

Press Officer (Pete Plummer). A busy year with some difficulties in respect of press releases. His responsibilities as Press Officer were those of advising the motorcycle press of matters happening within the TRF and of monitoring articles that appeared in the press. At the conclusion of the Press Officer's report, the Chairman (Seymour Moss) stated that the responsibilities of the P.O. are as stated above and not, as seen by some, to be those of a Public Relations Officer. The TRF has no P.R.O. and relies on its members to perform, individually, a proper P.R.O. job. The Chairman further stated that if individuals write to the Press directly, then they should not sign on behalf of the TRF. All articles signed on behalf of the TRF for national publication must pass through the Press Officer. This does not prohibit a Group from writing to the local press on its own behalf.

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Editor (Nick Walker). 11 issues of the Bulletin this year. (Sorry chaps - it was only 10 - Nick.) A big problem in obtaining A4 duplicating paper; he repeated the earlier request made by the Treasurer for members to try to obtain paper and pass it on to the Editor via their Group Rep. A question was posed by Mr. Northeast as to whether it might be possible to include photographs in the Bulletin. The Editor replied that the idea was under consideration.

Rights of Way Officer (Brian Thompson). 1978 was his fourth year as RoW Officer for the TRF and his first as RoW Agent for the BMF. The holding of both offices by one person was to the benefit of the trail riding fraternity and wrought little conflict. He referred to the difficulty of financing any High Court action and mentioned the lack of support from Heron Suzuki. Support from Andover Norton was gratefully acknowledged, but the TRF requires more assistance (the BMF shares some costs.) Tribute was paid to Mr. Rowley - Honorary Solicitor to the TRF - for his assistance and advice. The requirement for local Groups to perform Rights of Way work for their own areas was emphasised. The meeting applauded Mr. Thompson for his efforts in 1978.

Proposals

The meeting voted that the name 'Trail Riders Fellowship' would remain unchanged.

The proposal that the offices of Press Officer and Secretary be combined as one was rejected.

The proposal - That all people associated with the TRF generally, whether paid up members or not, and the Executive Officers in particular, should actively encourage the public to realise that green lane motor-cycling is for pleasure only and that there is no connection between the TRF and competitive motorcycle sport - was accepted by the meeting. It was reaffirmed to all members that the TRF is a non-competitive organisation.

A proposal that the TRF provide a Family Membership Scheme was voted out - 1 for, 76 against.

A request from the Committee for assistance in co-ordinating the printing of TRF material, including publicity material, was accepted by Mr. Dunsire.

1979 Officers. The following were re-elected: Seymour Moss (Chairman), Pete Plummer (Press Officer), Bruce Roberts (Secretary), Brian Thompson (Rights of Way), Howard Wadsworth (Treasurer) and Nick Walker (Editor). The following were also elected: Colin Patient (Membership Secretary), Trevor Wade (National Parks Officer).

Any Other Business. Mr. Plummer asked that the TRF officially recognise and approve of the National Trail Riding School. Discussion resulted in the conclusion that the proposal may be considered in depth at the next Committee Meeting.

The principle of holding the AGM in different parts of the country was re-confirmed and a venue of Bristol was suggested for the 1979 AGM.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

26A Fraser Road,
Perivale, Middx.

Dear Nick,

As the wife of a very keen member, I was annoyed watching the Country Game programme on TV on December 1st. "Hells Angels" indeed, who did that man think he was talking about - my kids jokingly call them the 'geriatrics'. I must say Angela Rippon did stop that hiker in full flow, but to me the damage had been done. A TRF spokesman should have been present, I feel. As for that bit of film, cut I might add, from a full days filming and making my hubby a star overnight (he was the one on the end), I just had to put pen to paper. Hope you don't mind me letting off steam!

I was just sitting here wishing that I'd never heard of the TRF as hubby is off riding again today, but you're not really a bad lot. Good wishes to all.

Anne Rickarby.

Sgts. Mess,
RAF Lyneham,
Wilts.

Dear Nick,

I am writing to ask if any members of the TRF Committee saw the programme on BBC2 entitled Country Game. This programme, chaired by Angela Rippon, deals with countryside matters such as arts, crafts and rural matters. A particular matter discussed was the showing of members of the programme using the various long distance paths with reference to the Ridgeway.

After a relatively unbiased initial report on the usage and some good film of what certainly appeared to be an organised trail run (whose Group, or was it organised by the Beeb specially?), one of the programme experts came out with the classic 'Hells Angels' phrase. He is, it appears, a rambler. Fortunately, thanks to Angela Rippon and the farming representative, the rambler was shown to be absolutely incorrect. I wonder if any representation can be made to the producer of the programme as to showing our side of the matter. It would seem to be an ideal programme to do this, dealing as it does with countryside matters. I hope that this might assist in correcting this man's biased view being spread on the television.

N. Watts,

Yes, Sgt. Watts, most of the TRF Committee watched Country Game and probably formed the same opinions as you. I talker to Angela Rippon (one of the few perks of working for the Beeb) and she told me that she had received a lot of letters about that part of the programme and intends to deal with any points raised in the last programme of the series - Nick Walker.

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THE INFORMATION APPEAL - Being subtitled:

A £5. Christmas bonus for XT 500 owners.

There are now five XT 500 owners in the TRF and various other snippets have come my way. Without further ado, into the facts - note now split into easy-to-read sections.

Yamaha various: TRF member Roger Henderson is willing to give free advice to Yamaha owners. Phone Addingham (0943) 830172 or write to him c/o his shop at Dalcsbike, Addingham, near Skipton, Yorkshire. (There is no mistake in the address - there are simply no streets in Addingham.)

Yamaha DT 175/DT 250. Anyone having trouble obtaining alternative sprockets, as some were from conversations at the pre-AGM run, Roger Henderson (above) has some in stock. Incidentally, the pre-monoshock sprockets fit the monoshock models.

Yamaha XT 500. An Ossa chain oiler from Sammy Miller (about £4.) can be adapted to fit. Fitting diagram sent on receipt of SAE.

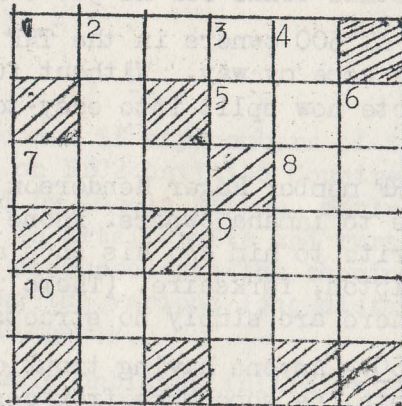
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Thanks to all those who have written. Even if your letter is not mentioned above, it is used via our Group Meeting and is available to anyone requesting technical info, XT chain oilers, etc. Large SAE please. Keep the information coming. How about XL, TL Honda - I've yet to hear from you.

John Shearer, 21 Woodfoot Road, Rotherham, Yorkshire.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. & 2 Down. Tiring laird shattered, but we all do it. (5, 6)
5. Trials legend. (3)
7. Uneven fellow. (3)
8. Dr. on reverse. (2)
9. Omen beheaded males. (3)
10. Undo undoer race. (6)

CLUES DOWN

2. See 1 Across.
3. Issue without charge. (2)
4. Right lean right for the green. (5)
6. Broken moon shocks. (4)
9. Glorious, especially for trailers. (3)

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Now there is no Times, you crossword loonies will have to apply yourselves to this little brain titivator. It is more difficult than it appears and no answers till the next Bulletin - so there! Thank you, John Shearer, for sending it in.

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