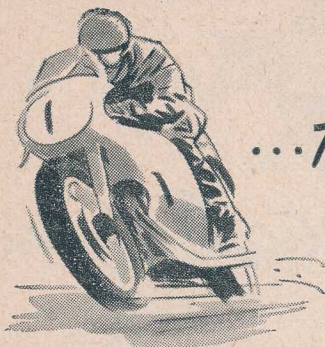


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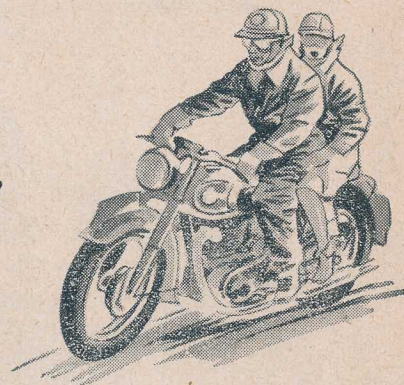


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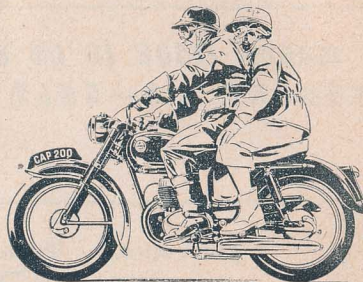
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## NOTES ON A.C.U. MATTERS

### 1958 INTERNATIONAL SIX DAYS' TRIAL

It is learned that this Trial will be held in Germany from 22nd to 27th September and organised by the Oberste Motorradsport Kommission. Further details of the Trial will be announced as soon as possible.

### COMPLAINTS RE. NON-PAYMENT OF MONIES FOR FOREIGN EVENTS

The A.C.U. is always prepared to protect the interests of British Nationals, but drivers are reminded that when lodging complaints with the A.C.U. regarding the non-payment of monies which may be due to them for foreign events, they must give full and complete details in writing. If, subsequently, it is found that the information given is incorrect or incomplete, the driver may render himself liable to action being taken against him by the Union.

### FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

A meeting of the A.C.U. Sub-committee dealing with the use of Footpaths and Bridleways for motorcycle Trials' purposes was held on 8th January. Negotiations with the County Councils Association and other matters of a general nature were discussed and some progress was made towards framing some useful information for the guidance of promoting Clubs and Centres.

### ROAD RACING STARS

The A.C.U. will, this year, introduce Road Racing Stars for various Solo capacity classes and also for Three Wheelers. The Competitions Committee is considering the conditions governing the competition and is also in negotiation with Slazengers Ltd. regarding sponsorship of these awards.

### 1958 INTER CENTRE TEAM TRIAL

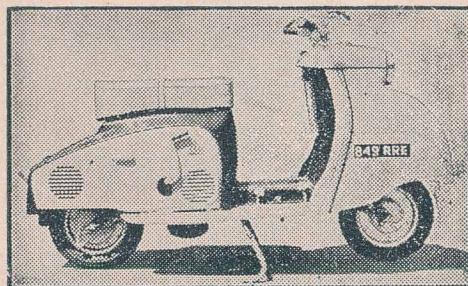
The Competitions Committee regrets to announce that the 1958 Inter Centre Team Trial will not be held on Sunday, 16th March, as no Local Centre is able to undertake the organisation of the event on this date. The question of organising the Trial on another date in 1958 is to be referred to the General Council at its meeting on 7th February next.

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### CASTLE COMBE

First Meeting, 26th April, 1958

Rules are now available from the Secretary of the Meeting, V. C. Anstice, Westgate Buildings, Bath. Offers of help with the preparation of the course should be made to P. Bailey, Spanbourne Avenue, Chippenham.

### " KICKHAM "

Saturday, 15th March, 1958

This event will start from the New Inn, Farmborough, Nr. Bath. First man's time 9.31 a.m. Offers of help to the Secretary of the Meeting, V. C. Anstice, Westgate Buildings, Bath. Rules are now available.

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## REPORT ON WESSEX CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held at the Windsor Castle Inn, Bath, on Saturday, 18th January, at 3 p.m.

The Chair was taken by the retiring President, V. C. Anstice, and was supported by delegates from 13 clubs; after the Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read, the President and the Chairman briefly spoke on the years activities, the high lights being the successful Castle Combe meetings, and the low levels being petrol rationing in the spring and foot and mouth disease in the autumn.

The Hon. Secretary reported on the club membership which was within 80 of the previous year, in spite of the loss of the Westinghouse Club and the Midsomer Norton Club; he said it was gratifying to receive nominations from 11 clubs this year instead of only 6 last year; the Hon. Secretary also mentioned that clubs should now send in their affiliation fees at the usual figure of 1s. 6d. per head of their membership as at 31st December, 1957; the proposed increase if ratified would not come into force until the following December.

The Hon. Treasurer then presented his Report and copies were given one to each club with the proviso that they were private and for the information of the clubs only, and definitely should not be published in any way; after some explanation by the Treasurer the Report was adopted with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and the two Auditors, Messrs. Millington and Radford.

The President then proceeded with the Election of Officers for 1958, which were returned as follows:— *President*: L. Nott. *Vice-Presidents*: V. C. Anstice, C. H. King, F. E. B. Fellowes, H. C. Croft, C. Telling. *Chairman*: J. Parkin. *Vice-Chairmen*: R. Cohu and J. Cullimore. *Hon. Treasurer*: M. W. Vowles.

The Bristol M.C.C. motion "that the affiliation fees paid by the clubs should be 2s. 6d. per member, 1s. 6d. to be retained by the A.C.U. in London, and 1s. to be returned to the Centres" was put to the meeting and carried.

The Wessex Centre Delegates to the General Council were agreed as: C. H. King, F. E. B. Fellowes, H. C. Croft, and C. Telling, one to act as reserve until Mr. King secured his re-election to the Management Committee.

This concluded the business of the A.G.M. and after a brief interval delegates proceeded with the first Board Meeting, Mr. Parkin taking the Chair. The remaining Centre officials were now elected: *Hon. Secretary*: H. C. Croft. *Hon. Asst. Secretary*: A. C. Fedden. *Hon. Permit Secretary*: L. Nott. *Hon. Gazette Editor*: V. C. Anstice.

*Trials Sub-committee* as elected: Messrs. Green, Major, James, Powell, Sibley, Pratt and Plaister.

*Racing Sub-committee*: Messrs. Bailey, Dyson, Dyke, Lywood, Keeling, Raymond and Bracher.

Next meeting of the Joint Committees, 30th January, at the Five Alls, Chippenham.

The Board spent considerable time discussing future policy, details of which will no doubt be communicated to the clubs by their delegates in the normal manner.

H. C. CROFT, *Hon Secretary*,

Wessex Centre.

May I just say thank you to all the clubs for their help and support in the past year all of which has made my job so much easier, and therefore, I hope, that much more efficient; I do appreciate deeply the kind remarks at my re-election and hope to continue to be of service as long as you want me.

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### LEAGUE TRIAL AWARDS

The two 1957 League Trials were run too late to present Awards at the Centre Dinner, so the Board have agreed that these will wait until the 1958 Dinner and be presented along with awards won in the present series; winners who want to lump the value into one really good article may do so and should get in touch with the Centre Awards Secretary, F. E. B. Fellowes, Windyridge, Conifers Road, Hambrook, Glos.

The Frome and District Club made application to change their scramble date from 30th March to 7th April. This was granted.



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## CLUB NOTES

### FROME AND DISTRICT UNITED M.C. AND L.C.C.

There was a record attendance for our annual Social and Presentation of Awards, held on Saturday, 21st December, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Mr. A. W. Evemy, a Vice-President, presented the awards in the place of our President, Mr. R. R. C. Walker, who was unable to be present. During the evening a presentation was made to our Chairman, Mr. Arthur Gregory, of a barometer in appreciation of the service he has given the club for the past twenty-five years.

The E. W. Smith Memorial Trial was held on 5th January, at Asham, and attracted an entry of 66, with 8 non-starters. But once again heavy overnight and morning rain made the going very severe, in fact two of the twelve sections which had to be covered twice, were found to be impossible and were "scrubbed". Section 2 was very sticky and on Section 10 there were only two "cleans" both in the first lap, by Terry Body and Godfrey Palmer. Arthur Macey tried speed here but only succeeded in looping the model and catching it on fire, but frantic mud-slinging by spectators soon extinguished it, this didn't seem to worry Arthur who dug the machine out and soon had it running again. Once again we must thank the ladies of the club for the cups of tea, which were more than ever welcome in the prevailing conditions.

The results are as follows: **E. W. Smith Trophy:** T. E. Body, 348 B.S.A., 32 marks lost. **Runner-up:** G. Palmer, 497 Ariel, 33. **Novice Award:** O. G. Winslade, 197 Greeves, 66. **500 c.c. Award:** G. Paget, Ariel, 44. **350 c.c. Award:** V. M. Young, Royal Enfield, 41. **250 c.c. Award:** M. C. Povey, Greeves, 43. **First Class Awards:** D. Dudden 197 James, 46; G. Mountstevens, 499 B.S.A., 52; K. Messenger, 197 Francis-Barnett, 54; R. H. Body, 197 Special, 58.

Work at Asham still goes on in preparation for the March scramble. With "Buster" Bridewell and Co. weilding the axes and the tractor in the capable hands of Messrs. Mitchell and Avon pulling the roots out, it now begins to look something like a scramble course. With decent weather two or three weekends should see the end of the hard work.

**MINETY VALE M.C.**


W. A. Bell rode his "tiddler" superbly on Boxing Day to win the President's Trophy from our Jim Webb by only 4 marks. The course was, as usual, extremely tough, and only once before in the whole of its history has this event been won by a "tiddler", and that was in 1955 by G. E. Fisher. The usual 4 p.m. extension at the Old Inn was enjoyed immensely by riders and spectators.

Results:—**President's Trophy:** W. A. Bell (197 Cotton) 22. **Cecil Telling Cup:** J. R. J. Webb (500 Ariel) 26. **Best Sidecar:** K. Kendall (497 Ariel) 34. **Best 200 c.c.:** P. F. Hammond (197 Greeves) 35. **Best 350 c.c.:** G. J. Draper (350 B.S.A.) 36. **Best 500 c.c.:** G. Palmer (500 Ariel) 38. **First Class Awards:** W. G. R. Faulkner, 35; W. E. Jackson, 41; W. Jackson, 42; I. P. Chapman, 49; R. P. Whitmore, 49; M. C. Povey, 49; R. G. Jackson, 53; M. C. Griffith, 53; M. B. Smith, 56. **Second Class Awards:** T. G. Chequer, 57; J. H. Hayward, 59; D. T. Paget, 60; L. Wyer, 64; J. Stallworthy, 66; R. E. Russell, 73; J. Morehen, 73; D. Wasley, 76; T. Barber, 77; G. D. Bacchus, 78.

At the A.G.M. held on Monday, 6th January, the following Officers and Committee were elected:—**President:** G. Taylor. **Vice-Presidents:** Dr. Pym, Capt. Freeth, Messrs. E. Messenger, R. H. Taylor. **Chairman:** C. H. Telling. **Vice-Chairman:** J. Griffith. **Secretary:** Mrs. E. Currock, 125 Cricklade Road, Swindon, Wilts. Tel. 3733. **Asst. Secretary:** J. Dodshon. **Social Secretary:** W. Freeth. **Treasurer:** G. D. Bacchus. **Team Manager:** S. R. Currock. **Committee:** Messrs. W. Griffin, F. Bennett, P. Dunmore, K. Hemmings, P. Hedges, R. T. Paget, J. R. J. Webb, G. Miles, A. Messenger.

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### BRISTOL M.C.C.

On the Friday following the A.G.M. the Christmas Party was held as usual at the Lord Nelson on the Weston Road, about 90 members and guests attended and a very good time was had by all. During the course of the evening we were entertained by some young carol singers, who took quite a reasonable amount of money away with them, after they had departed a rumour flashed round the hall that they had been collecting in aid of The Lord's Day Observance Society, you can imagine the look on our faces, until they found out that Brian Dyson was the author of the plot. On the 8th January the skittles match between Club A.M.C. versus B.S.A. Owners ended in a win by two pins for the B.S.A. team. After the match, the highest scoring lady, played the top scoring gent, and beat him all ends up, so to Miss Brenda Moore the honour of Top Skittler was awarded. It was a good job the B.S.A. Owners won, as later in the evening an almost brand new Gold Star had to accept a tow home, and it would have been a bitter pill indeed to have been defeated in the game as well.

At the time of writing, the clubs organisers are completing final details of the John Douglas Trial, most of the top riders have entered, including an entry of 10 sidecars. The next club event, is the Closed-to-Club Rally on 15th February, regulations from Mrs. B. Cullimore, 36 Salisbury Road, Downend, Bristol. The start will be from The White Lion, Frenchay Common, first man away at 6 p.m.

Mike Povey and his 197 Greeves are getting along nicely together these days, the 250 c.c. Class Award was his at the recent E. W. Smith Memorial Trial. Gerald Mountstevens picked up a First Class on the same day. Mike also won the Best Novice Award in the Welsh St. David's Trial, and on the following day a First Class in the B.S.A. Trophy Trial at Shepton Mallet. Mike Harding collected a First Class at this event having met quite a bit of trouble at Lynchcombe.

In our search for a better hall for film shows, the Social Committee thought they had found the ideal place, after almost settling the details they were asked, "By the way what organisation are you." To which they replied, "The Bristol M.C.C." They were then told, "Sorry, Evangelists Only," so if there are any Evangelists in the Centre, contact us and we will tell them where to go!

Future Events: 8th February, Club Dance and Presentation of Awards, T.A. Hall, Horfield Common. 12th February, Film Show, Full Moon. 26th February, Mobiloil Films, venue to be announced. 12th March, Hepolite Films, venue to be announced. 16th March, Spring and Cryer Cup Trial, regulations from Mrs. B. Cullimore, 36 Salisbury Road, Downend, Bristol.

#### SHEPTON MALLET AND DISTRICT M.C. AND L.C.C.

Two major trials held successfully in two months, the Barton Trophy with an entry of 100 Solos, and the B.S.A. with 90 Solos and 7 sidecars, certainly helped to keep the club active during the past few weeks, however, each event has been widely publicised in both the local and technical press therefore it is pointless in repeating the list of award winners.

Congratulations are, however, due to R. C. Hicks and M. V. Young, the respective winners upon their outstanding achievements. The sidecars were included in the B.S.A. after a lapse of several years and Ken Lewis provisionally won the cup he had himself donated, however, its ultimate destination is still in the balance. We note that whilst waiting their turn at Lynchcombe Len Sanders and the Jarman Bros. were unable to resist the temptation of doing a circuit of the scramble course. Notable members making their trials debut included Terry Cox our young scrambler and Harry Payner whose exploits at Castle Combe, Brands Hatch and other road circuits showed quite a measure of success in 1957, incidentally I hear that Harry is acquiring a new 7R for the coming season. The Army Motor Cycling Association has intimated that it is prepared to sponsor 90 riders for our Everyman's Trial in May, after being swamped numerically by car entries in the past, it would appear that the motor cycle class will hold its own this year.

2nd March, Closed-to-Club Trial, Start Mendip Service Station, Gurney Slade, probably a short course introducing some of the popular tit-bits of the Lime Kilns which have attracted riders after recent trials.

Skittles. The proposed match with Showerings is expected to be played early in February, this will conclude the League games but dates for a Knock-out Competition are not yet to hand. Friendlies—any offers clubs?

The Annual Dinner. Difficulties with catering have prevented us making a previous announcement but it may now be held in the fine new "Baby Cham" Concert Hall of Messrs. Showerings where all facilities are on tap.

#### MENDIP VALE M.C. AND L.C.C.

First of all this month, please note the date for the Charterhouse Time Trial, which is a Closed-to-Club event, this is Sunday, 9th February and a conducted tour of the course will start at 10.15 a.m. Observers should please be on the spot by ten o'clock and if last year is anything to go by this should be a good morning's sport, and you will be home in time for lunch if you are lucky.

The date for the Annual Dinner and Presentation of Awards has been fixed for Thursday, 6th March, and tickets, at the same price as last year, can be obtained from Mr. Pratt, 2 Berkeley Crescent, Uphill, and we hope this will be well supported.

Will anyone interested in riding in the Lands End Trial at Easter, please get in touch with Mr. Henry Travis, Post Office, Cheddar, as soon as possible.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Malcolm Body a speedy recovery from his leg injury and we hope to see him riding soon.

#### SWINDON AND DISTRICT M.C.C.

The main item of interest this month is the A.G.M. which will take place on Thursday, 13th February, at 8 p.m. sharp. Only paid-up members will be entitled to vote, so please hand in your subscriptions to the Treasurer without delay.

Recently there has been some dissension among some members concerning the social side of the club, the A.G.M. is obviously the time to get these matters sorted out so perhaps those members will come along and form some constructive ideas to strengthen this side of the club. The social side cannot be a success unless members participate in these events. If somebody feels that they can liven things up socially, well, I'll repeat, the A.G.M. is on the 13th. Please be punctual.

Plans are already being laid for our O.T.C. Layton Trophy Trial to take place on 9th March. Several new sections will be used and assistance will be required to clear them. Regulations will be available shortly.



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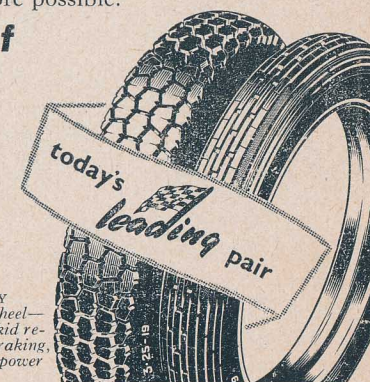
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#### KINGSWOOD M.C.C.

My New Year's resolution was to write notes for this Gazette every month thereby giving no cause for any friendly criticism which I've received on occasions when these notes have been omitted. Anyway, here I am writing February's notes burning the midnight oil and hoping that Mr. Anstice will receive them in time to publish them. Well! before I write more may I welcome all new members to the Kingswood Club and extend that welcome to older members who continue to give their support. Members subscriptions can be paid to the Treasurer at the clubroom or sent to the Dove Inn, Trinity Street, Newtown, Bristol 2.

January has been a busy month beginning with the distribution of new club badges, price 11s. 6d. on New Year's Day. Twenty-five badges were sold and several more ordered. Ted Tacchi has written for a further twenty-five so be sure to place your orders for one of these if you have not yet obtained one. The Treasurer expects the membership to reach the hundred figure this year so the demand may be great.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 15th January, and in spite of the heavy fog twenty-eight members supported the occasion. The Committee for 1958 was chosen and is as follows:— *President*: K. Avery. *Vice-Presidents*: T. Powell, G. Burridge. *Chairman*: L. Powell. *Vice-Chairman*: R. James. *Treasurer*: J. Chilcott. *Secretary*: Mrs. M. Tacchi. *Asst. Secretary*: T. Vowles. *Social Captain*: F. Avery. *Vice-Captain*: T. Vowles. *Trials Captain*: A. Mellors. *Vice-Captain*: R. Rogers. *Results Keeper*: R. James. *Cup Polisher*: D. Dudden. *Social Committee*: Messrs. Tacchi, Stanbury and Mcwhirter. *Trials Committee*: Messrs. James, Stokes and Dudden. *Delegates to Wessex Board*: R. James, H. Stokes; Reserves L. Powell, D. Dudden.

#### WEST WILTS M.C.

The Annual General Meeting of the club was held at Melksham House on Tuesday, 14th January, and there was a very poor attendance, I'm sorry to say. We will put it down to the fact that it was a bad night as regards weather and leave it at that.

It was not a very good year for rallies and trials etc. One event or other having to be cancelled due to petrol rationing early in the year, on one hand, and the new road act on the other. We hope for better luck this year.

Thanks are due to all land-owners, organisers and helpers.

We reluctantly had to allow Ron Coleman to step down from the secretary's chair, but he has other commitments now and feels he can't cope. He has been a very good Secretary and we thank him for his efforts. However, we think Doug Mundy who was elected Secretary will make a very good job of it.

Officials for 1958 were elected as follows: *Chairman*: A. C. Dyke. *Vice-Chairman*: K. Lywood. *Secretary*: D. Mundy. *Ass. Secretary*: R. James. *Joint Treasurers*: A. Marshall and J. Frayer. *Comps Secretary*: K. Lywood. *Ass. Comps Secretary*: T. Sleightholme.

There was a very small entry for the Tanner Trudge Trial at Whitley on 28th Dec. The going was rather rough and competitors lost a lot of marks. Results were: **Sleightholme Cup**: G. Palmer, 500 c.c. Ariel, 65 marks lost. **500 c.c. Award**: D. Paget, 500 c.c. Ariel (156). **350 c.c. Award**: M. Young, 350 c.c. Royal Enfield (77). **Up to 250 c.c. Award**: K. Messenger, 197 c.c. Francis Barnett (88). **First Class Awards**: D. Iles and T. Chequer. **Novice Award**: P. Stacey.

Plans for the Annual Dinner are going along quite well and tickets are now available at 17s. 6d. each. Tom Mendham's Band has been booked for the dance so we should have a pleasant evening. Don't forget that club subs are now due and have you renewed your Gazette subs?

#### WILTS BORDER M.C. AND L.C.C.

In the absence of the regular writer of these notes, who is in hospital for a short time having literally a re-bore, yours truly has been called upon to step into the breach. By the time these notes are read there is little doubt but that Brian will be out and about again, far better we hope, for the odd bit of tuning. There is very little to write about this month and first of all comes the results of the Kingston Trial, a Closed-to-Club event run on Sunday, 12th January. A few days before the Trial took place Godfrey Palmer and Trevor Chequer offered to provide two cups for the trial. Godfrey's would be called the "Palmer Cup" and would be given each year as the Premier Award for the Kingston Trial, whilst Trevor's was intended to be won outright by the Best Novice who has never won an award in any trial. Their kind offer was naturally accepted. The

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trial was won by Godfrey, who gets his own back, in a manner of speaking. But he was very closely followed by Ken Messenger who lost 8 marks, just one more than the winner, and was the best Under 200. Best Over 200 was Trevor Chequer who lost 13, and First Class Awards went to Brian Newbury (15) and Brian Norman (18). The new Novice Award went to M. Windo who with a fine ride lost only 14 marks.

As has become the custom the Committee and Officers of the club meet for the last time just before the A.G.M. at a dinner, an event called naturally enough the Committee Dinner. Again held at the Bear Hotel, Chippenham, it was again a happy gathering, and the dreaded dice game began almost before the soup arrived.

Future events. Friday, 28th February, Film Show at the Five Aills, Chippenham, two of which will be the new Castrol Films of the Thruxton Nine Hour Race, and last year's Monaco Grand Prix. Sunday, 2nd March, O.T.C. "Border Cup" Trial. Friday, 28th March, the Annual Dinner, Dance and Presentation of Awards at the Town Hall, Chippenham.

### BRISTOL SPEEDWAY M.C.C.

The most important piece of news this month is the club's return to the old club-room at Knowle Stadium. This return is subject to certain reservations; and members are asked to make the minimum possible noise when coming and going from meetings. These are still to be held on Mondays at 8 p.m.

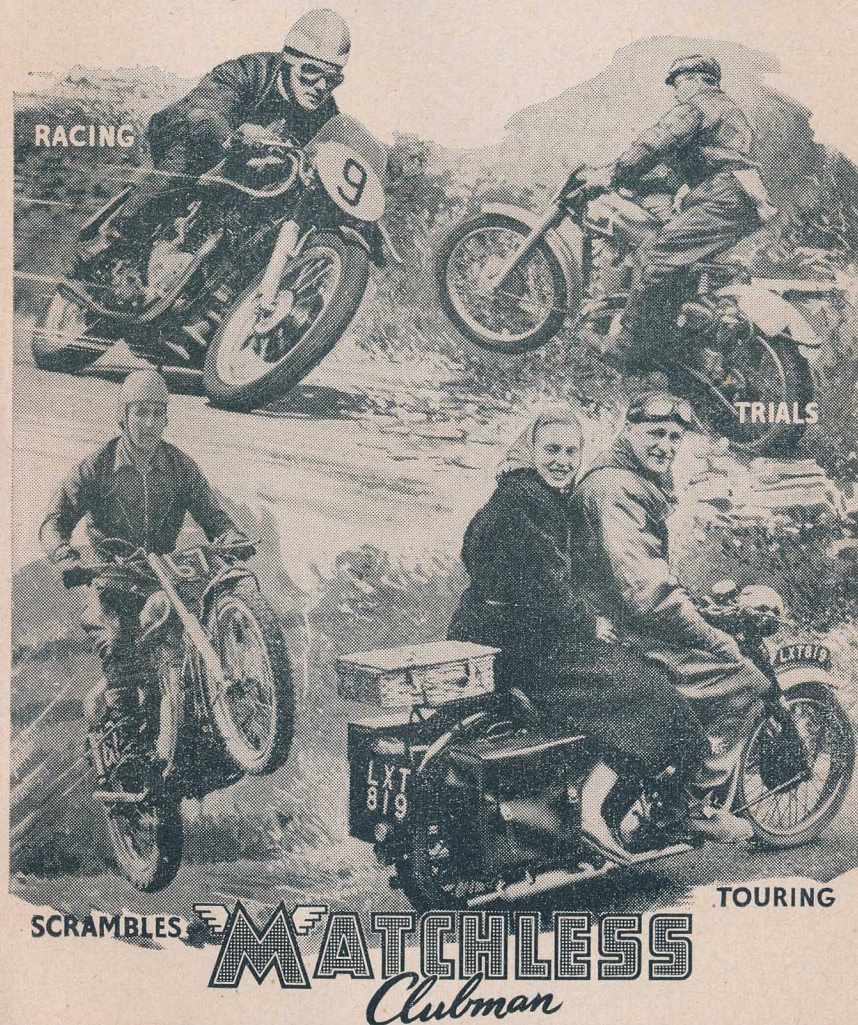
Subscriptions for 1958 are now due, and the Treasurer eagerly awaits your 8s. 6d., this includes the Wessex Gazette, and to be sure of receiving your copy each month throughout 1958 give your name and address to Pop Plaster next Monday.

Tickets for the Annual Dance and Presentation of Awards are now on sale. Len Conway and his band will provide the music at The Salutation Hotel, Henbury, on 7th February, from 8 p.m. until midnight. Trym-River Jazz Group are also coming along to entertain us, and there is a bar extension until 11.30 p.m.—so everyone is assured of a good time. Tickets are 3s. 6d., from Mike Collins.

Despite the opposition, the O.T.C. Trial on 22nd December was a great success. This and the C.T.C. Time Trial on 5th January were very well received especially by Messrs. Faulkner and Harding the respective Premier winners. Thanks are due to Flash Wright and Pop Plaster who bore the brunt of the organisation, and also to the many marshals who turned up to help.



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