

G. P. Prew

SO OFTEN in our sport and pastime we find those who because of the unobtrusive manner in which they move among us, do a wealth of fine service in our interest that all too often passes unnoticed or acclaimed.

Such could have been the progress of George Percy Drew.

"Perce", born 1893 is a native of Rochester and a true Man o'Kent. A bicycle came his way with the blessing of H.M. Army in 1912 and his first excursions awheel were around Wiltshire "Centre touring from Salisbury".

The 1914-18 skirmish put paid to G.P.'s cycling activities for five years, this period being spent in France.

Returning to "Blighty" Perce found it difficult to follow the pastime as he wished. Hard times, unemployment, the lot of many, came his way. Thus G.P. turned his interest to swimming and for 11 years, 9 of which he served on committee, Perce was a keen swimming club man.

During these aquatic activities he met many cycling club folk so it was not surprising that 1934 found him answering "The Call of the Road" again.

The Medway Wheelers welcomed G.P. to their ranks and to date has remained his only club. A clubman first and foremost, the time trial bug did not attack our friend until 1943 when at the tender age of 50 he teamed up with another youngster on tandem and rode a very creditable 30

Later the V.T.T.A. claimed the interest of G.P. and when 60 years old he added the name of Prew to the list of V.T.T.A. national record holders with a 12 hour ride of over 200 miles, ridden on a Kent course.

The greatest happiness G.P. Prew has had from life has emanated from "helping others". He has devoted hours of his leisure in many ways to that end. A legion of youngsters had their initiation into cycling through Perce. What is more important most have stayed in the game, a credit to the efforts of their mentor. Among those are several champions in our sport who set out "on the road" with Perce.

Installing into the young folk a lasting love of cycling has given our "Fellow" much enjoyment and satisfaction.

The Kent Centre realised the value of the man and awarded him The Centre Gold Badge.

The Medway Wheelers acknowledged his fine qualities and awarded him Life Membership.

So it is our pleasure this day to add our tribute to the indomitable courage, perseverance and depth of character that with so much else adds up to George Percy Prew.

We offer Hearty Congratulations to "Our Fellow" and hold in highest esteem this most worthy recipient of "The Fellowship Trophy".

The Fellowship of Kent and Sussex Cyclists

Founded 1944
by F.L. March Esq.



Thirteenth Dinner & Presentation

at "The George" Cranbrook, Kent.

on Sunday, 23rd March, 1958
at 1.45 p.m.

Formed January 1944—

The object behind "THE FELLOWSHIP" is to band together Cyclists, who by their enthusiasm and service have proved a valuable asset to the pastime and sport of Cycling; also to raise funds that are dispensed to such deserving Charities, Causes or Individuals that may be nominated as circumstances determine.

President : P. H. Bliss Esq.

*FROM quiet home and first beginning
Out to the undiscovered ends,
There's nothing worth the wear of winning
Save laughter and the love of friends.
—Hilaire Belloc.*

The Fellowship Feast

Cream of Vegetable Soup

Beefsteak and Kidney Pie
Roast and Parsley Potatoes
Garden Peas

Treacle Tart and Custard
or Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee

“The Fellowship” hopes that on this happy occasion at “The George” you will have a real good time, meet old friends, and journey through the medium of reminiscence, in congenial surroundings, down “Memories Road”.

Good Luck, and until we meet again,
GOOD WHEELING

Toasts

Toastmaster : Maurice Chauncy, Esq.

*This function is always noted for its good humoured
and prolific cross toasting !*

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Proposed by The President

OUR GUESTS

Proposed by Tom Owen Esq.

Response by E. McIntosh Esq.
(Hon. Sec. Fellowship of North London Cyclists)

The Fellowship of Kent and Sussex Cyclists

Proposed by Pete Mercer Esq.

Presentation of Certificates
to those this day made members of
“The Fellowship”

Presentation of

The Fellowship Trophy

to G.P. PREW Esq.

THE PRESIDENT

Proposed by R. Ash Esq.

The President will respond, introduce and instal
the President Elect for 1958/60

The installed President will address “The Fellowship”