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Notes 1

After many years in cycling (and although having to stop actually riding in 1962) I began to realise that some of the many friendships among so many people forged over many years were perhaps beginning to fade for various reasons resulting in loss of contact.

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^ about this and when the local club decided not to renew the membership of the Carpenter Family and to stop holding the annual Dinner/Dance which had been held on the last Saturday in January for as long as anybody could remember this was the spur I needed.

After hours of chat here and there I got the feeling that other people were of the same mind and I invited some long standing members to a meeting, the minutes of which are enclosed.

Since that time the Fellowship has grown and gone from strength to strength with membership and associate membership now exceeding the original limit of 50 which was envisaged.

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Many old friendships have been renewed and maintained both with people from the local area and with those from away,

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Apart from the Annual Dinner / Dance our other activities have included summer barbecues laid on by Founder members Sid and Barbara Powell with Sid home brewed ale contributing much to the enjoyment of those present; buffet evenings in a local pub, ~~The Royal Albion~~, and the founder members <sup>and</sup> a few guests have a pre Xmas tea and an evening of merrymaking at The Art Tree Inn at Brown Bread Street.

We also meet members of the Calford and other clubs on a regular basis on the last Wednesday in every month for lunch and a natter, also at ~~The Royal Albion~~. 'The Anchor'

Members still ride where possible and some even race.

The administration side of cycling is also part of our efforts with myself on several committees and Chairman of both KCA and the VTFA Kent group. Esther is on ESCR, Surrey/Sussex Vets, and national Vets committees.

We are lucky in that all work for The Fellowship is largely done on a voluntary basis with Dave Morris printing letter headings and Dinner Tickets, typing by Joyce Coleman, copying and printing menus by Tim and Esther Carpenter and other contributing in so many ways.

We have a plaque acquired for us by Colin Linden which is on display together with those of Fothering CC and the Calford CC in ~~The Royal Albion~~. 'The Anchor'

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Notes 3

I should tell you here that the Annual Dinner/Dance has always attracted many friends from other Cycling Clubs and Associations and some of these have for many years made 'A Weekend by the Seaside' of it, and it caused much concern and a loud chorus of 'What's going to happen to our weekend then' when the local club stopped running their function.

So, by continuing this 'Do' on the traditional date we hope to make a lot of members and friends happy for as far ahead as one can see.

Another possible item of interest for you is that four of the Founder Members have 212 years <sup>of club</sup> membership between them.

Our President Barbara Powell started club life in 1942 and over the years has been a great asset

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to our pastime doing all sorts of jobs including being Social Secretary for 12 years and Pat I guess you know what that entails. He was made a life member of the local club in 1974 and was President in 1981 and 1982.

With the minutes of the inaugural meeting is a letter which was sent to possible early members.

I hope the foregoing is what you need and is of some use to you on the Fellowship and its origins.

Rather than put too much emphasis on the above we would like you to give us a bit about your own experiences in cycling and to propose The Fellowship at the end of your talk.

Finally if there is anything else you need please let me know, and will you please let me have these notes and the two typed sheets back sometime.

Hope you and Ted enjoy your evening with us very much.

Arthur