The Heart & Soul of the Tooting Tigers

It was in the summer of 1948, when I first met the members of the Cattle Family. My team, the Wimbledon Wolves met the Tooting Tigers in the first of many encounters. Bill was manager, secretary, treasurer, sometime steward or starter, as well as mechanic and first aider. Bill just lived for the sport, he was on the control board of the Surrey & S.W. London League 1948/9. He was manager of the league team in test matches against the East London League and also the Thames Valley League. Bill was also the first England Manager V Scotland.

In their first year of League racing Bill led Tooting to the League runners up position. In 1950 Bill took Tooting into the S.E.London League, also serving on the League control board until the end of 1951. The Tigers won the League, Glover Trophy and the Russelll Cup in 1950 & 1951.

Bill was Chairman of the County of London Branch of NACSA managing London V Manchester and S.E.London League V East London League.

In 1952 Tooting joined the ill-fated London League. A great idea, but midweek travel between North and South London proved very difficult.

In 1953 The Tigers entered the newly formed Southern Premier League. Tooting won the league in 1953. 1954, 1955 and were runners up in 1956. In 1953 and 1955 they won the Saunders Trophy

In 1956 Tooting won the NACSA County Title, eventually losing to the Tolworth Tudors, who went on to win the title.

Bill managed the Southern Premier League v North West Middlesex in 1955 and against Suffolk in 1956. In 1956 Bill was manager of the England Team versus both Wales and Scotland.

1957 Bill was the manager of the South v North England trial, eventually managing the England team v Scotland. Bill served on the Sourthern Premier Committee from from 1953/1959.

1960 Under Bill's guidance the Tigers reached the final of the British Cycle Speedway Federation Gold Cup. The least said about that the better.

Bill's wife Ivy was just as keen and attended most of the fixtures. Their door was always open to anyone in the sport and many of us enjoyed a cup of tea and a chat. Even young Lynn was not left out, she was the team mascot. Gerald was Bill's right hand man, helping with the track preparation, especially when the Tigers used the Wimbledon Stadium car park. Gerald was at times Pit Marshall, Starter, but always responsible for the results and he amassed hundreds of programmes etc over a twelve year period. A very serious illness robbed him of a chance to race, but his knowledge of the sport made him a fine steward. He was very active looking after the Tiger Cubs and like the rest of the family lived and breathed Cycle Speedway. Gerry tragically died at the age of 43.

Last but not least our President of 2000/2001. Derek who was one of the founder members of the Tooting Tigers in early 1948. Unfortunately Derek had less than twelve months before he was called up for National Service in 1949. After basic training he was posted to the Middle East, returning home after fifteen months, only to be told he had to do another six months. He was then posted to Carlisle. In two years of service he only rode four or five matches. On his demob in 1951 he rejoined the Tigers, but this was the strongest side that Tooting ever had, it was like starting all over again for Derek, but he stuck to it, reaching the final of the S.E.London League Individual Championship. In 1952 he continued to make progress and by 1953 was a regular second string. He again reached the finals of the Southern Premier League Individual Championship in 1953/54/55/56/57/58.

By 1954 was a heat leader, it had been a struggle, but he was now tasting the success that he so richly deserved. In 1953 Derek rode in all three test matches S.P.League v N.W.Middx. In 1956 rode home and away test matches v Suffolk and was a little unlucky to finish runner up in the Southern Premier League Individual Championship. In 1959 Derek rode for S.P.League v North London League, home and away. Derek's partner in the home match of the series was Ivan Mauger.

Tooting Tigers were disbanded and Derek saw the team that he had founded and served so unselfishly and had captained for the last five years were no more.

Derek joined the Raynes Park Tigers in 1960 and was proud to receive his Nation Team Championship Medal.

A remarkable family.

Ron Holvey

MORE EDITORS RAMBLING

Weston Stars\Western Stars

I received this e-mail from BOB SAUNDERS.

You asked about the Weston Stars\ Western Stars in the October Issue. I remember the explanation given to me at the time by their Manager, Mrs. E. Jones. Western Stars took the name from the Western Avenue which ran close to their Wormwood Scrubs track. It was the main route into West London, being the A 40 When they decided to order new breast plates, they were shocked to find that the manufacturer had miss-spelled their name. They decided it was pointless to keep their name Western, when Weston appeared on all their breastplates. It must be one of the few occasions that a team has changed its name to something less meaningful.

Thanks Bob.

Trigger.

Christopher Trededgo (Trigger) was one of the original Kenton Hawks (1947/8). He went on to ride for the Kingsbury Lions and Wembey All Stars and was a regular member of the Wembley Test Team. Chris emigrated to Australia over 40 years ago, and last year made his first visit to England for 27 years. We spent a few hours talking about "The Old Times"

We were not allowed to use our track in Kenton, (1948) as it was considered too narrow for league racing, so we were sharing the Kingsbury Tiger's track, this was a mud track and we went there one evening for a match to find it waterlogged and unrideable. At a loose end we decided to hold a Championship on our own track, even though this was also a mud track and it was still raining. I do not remember who won, or if we even kept score, but we carried on racing until it was too dark to see. By this time we were covered from head to foot in mud (Chris used to ride in all white). A minor incident, so why should we both remember it so clearly nearly fifty years later, when so much more has been forgotten.

In case anyone should think that I am (even) older than I am, I would like to point out that I was only 12 years old when I was manager of the Kenton Hawks. Ken Wakerly and myself formed the "Hawks" but the rest of the team decided I would be less of a liability as manager than as a rider! Ken of course went on to be a top rider with the South Harrow Greyhounds.

Bushey Kangaroos.

Another time that I got to ride on a waterlogged track (this time very reluctantly) was at Bushey in 1964. The bottom bend was under water and riding was out of the question. We were standing about chatting, when a reporter and photographer from the Watford Post arrived. They had been to report on local football matches, but none were played as all the pitches were waterlogged. So they decided to pay us a visit. We put on a match (of sort's) for them. We were rewarded for our efforts by a full page report, with a team photo and two action photos, one of Dave Dunlop and one of Pete Saunders about to overtake Gerry Wallace. For the record, the Bushey scores:- Pete Saunders 10, Dave Dunlop 8, Bill Gadsby 6, Johnny Gillett 5, Frank Males 3, V Higgs 3, Martin Dunlop 2 and S. Lishman 1. The report did not give our opponents (a select side) scores, but said that Bushey lost 30-58. (although I make our score add up to 38)

The Watford Observer.

has been giving Cycle Speedway a lot of coverage recently in their nostalgia page. First there was a photo of a team from the Swillet (Rickmansworth) This brought several responses, including the one from Paul Robinson, which was reproduced in the October Track Record. Eddie Collett wrote in with a photograph, and Observer cartoonist Terry Challis contributed with some photographs, one of them asking if anyone could identify the people in it. I wrote in, with two photos of Bushey from 1957 and 1966. I mentioned the VCSRA and the Track Record and gave my e-mail address. This brought two responses, one from Pete Fiander, who rode for Bushey. Pete Saunders remembers him and is going to get in touch. The other from Terry Fitzgerald, who used to ride for the Hendon Stars. I contacted him and he seems quite interested, so hopefully this might be two new members.

Paul Robinson is now a member, and he has sent me some cuttings from the Willesden Citizen, one of which is on page 9. I found the League Table very interesting, I remembered that the Kenton Hawks rode as the Preston Eagles for a short while, we had a track near Preston Road Station, but were evicted after one match, but I could not remember which year that was. I see that we were bottom of the League with only four points, still that is four more than the Hawks got the previous season!

Bill Gadsby.

THE THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN DEREK.

Well another year has gone by for the association, a pretty successful one, our membership has remained pretty stable, our natural losses countered by some new members.

We do not know if there is a new chef at The Old Plough Motel, but I believe this was the best meal ever, even the gravy had the correct amount of lumps!

The start of the year began with the AGM, sadly the last one at the Exmouth Club, but we think that the new venue at Waltham Cross will be a big hit.

Hawbush Fun Day was well attended, although those wanting to ride was small, have we now reached a position whereby we put this event to bed? Lucky for me I drew Dave Palfreyman for a partner and in our last race we managed a first and third to secure the George Welsh Trophy. How I beat Stan Stevens I'll never know. Thanks Gentlemen.

The Nostalgia Night at the Exmouth Club was an outstanding success, for me very emotianal, my family birthdays and great music from Alan' Group and Ron Wooley's band. To all our members who made the journey, God Bless you all.

Those of us that went on Len Kitchen's Ramble, I know I have not stopped thinking about it. It was such a lovely day, good friends, good food and pleasant surroundings.

My Best Wishes to our new President Wally Dighton. I've known Wally for many, many years, both as an opponent and then as a team mate. Despite many years of ill health, Wally always has a great smile on his face. Take care old friend.

So what have we got lined up for 2006? A special year, ten years old for our association. Well several ideas which we will make known at the AGM. We do believe that we have some great plans for all members and their partners.

I have worked for many years either with Cycle Speedway, Tenants Association etc. I can honestly say that the time I have spent with this association have been the best.

That's about all folks. Hope to see many of you at the AGM and all the functions this year.

All the Best

DEREK CATTLE

George Barclay
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7th November 2005

Dear Bill

Thank you very much for the inclusion of the article relating to the Speedway Museum project it is greatly appreciated. Current responses show we can be confident of reaching our target, we have now passed 79% and still have only reached a fraction of this great speedway family with our project. All the donors will be acknowledged within the museum, not the amount. However, I must tell you that should we fail to succeed in our project all monies will be returned to source.

It was the unanimous decision by the VSRA Committee at their last meeting to include Cycle Speedway in the Museum, the VCSRA can rest assured that Cycle Speedway is definitely part of the History of Speedway. I have it in writing

Thanks again

Sincerely

George Barclay

VCSRA DINNER & DANCE 2005

The annual dinner and dance held as usual at "Ye Olde Plough Motel" at Bulphan in Essex on 19th. November 2005 was once again a successful and cheerful occasion. We are maintaining our numbers for this event with 221 tickets being sold. The roast turkey meal and trimmings were well presented, service was very good and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

This was followed by our usual toasts and the introduction of our newly elected president, Wally Dighton. He was called forward by our out-going president and long time friend, Ron Holvey who handed over the chain of office with his congratulations.

Presentations were made to retiring members of the committee which included an engraved tankard to Bert Hudson who was forced to leave through ill health and framed pictures to Colin Booth and Roy Garnham. A presentation was also made to Roy Fraser who once again provided us with table menus and flowers to Mrs. Sheila Brown for her work in providing accommodation and refreshments at committee meetings. The evening continued with music from the Joe 90 disco and our usual raffle under the joint control of Derek Cattle and Johnnie Brown. We left on Sunday morning urged by members to provisionally book **Saturday 25th. November 2006** for next year's event.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT , WALLY DIGHTON.

Wally has been an active and popular member of the VCSRA since its inception and has overcome health problems in recent times to be at most of our events which he always supports with enthusiasm. He also shares with his predecessor, Ron Holvey the distinction of being one of the top riders to come from South London as records show.

He was for a long while, starting in the early fifties, associated with Raynes Park Tigers, during which time he became an automatic choice for the Southern Premier league test team. In 1956 he represented England and was captain of Raynes Park when they won the National team championship in 1960. In that year also, he came third in the National Individual championship won by Dave Chivers. We send our congratulations and good wishes to Wally in his presidential year and our tenth anniversary.

Alan Catley.

Look what Jack gets up to in his spare time!!

Take a look at the car standing on end in the middle of the picture (left). Inside is our own Jackie Wilson in what is described as a "spectacular veteran's roll-over"

Is this not a tribute to the wonderfully diverse activities of our VCSRA members ? Not a quiet ramble or a game of golf for Jack although the grapevine tells me that Audrey might be persuading him to head for a more leisurely pursuit in future. Can anyone beat this?

Amendments to Directory

Change of address. Please amend.

John Cross	now lives at :-	19, Oak Green, Markfield, Leicester LE 67 9RX. Telephone No. 01530 244982.
Terry Eldridge	"	236, Seven Oaks Road, Langley, Eastbourne E.Sussex. BN23 YSA. Telephone No. 01323 764946. Email: marje.terry @virgin.net
Johnnie Bonella	"	Village Fortin, Gite D'Etape, F.71550 Anost. France. Telephone No. 85 82 7111 or 85 82 7088. Fax. 85 82 79 62.

Change of E-mail address

Alan Catley	Email is now	alancatley@blueyonder.co.uk

Membership

Although considerable work was put into the formation of the VCSRA before 1996, primarily by Vic White, our long serving secretary, who was aided by Jimmy Heard, Stan Stevens, Roy Garnham and others still serving on the committee, we regard 1996 as our first organised year. So this year, as we celebrate our tenth anniversary, our membership currently stands at 220. Our attempts to persuade younger veterans to join us have only been partly successful but we are determined to keep trying. All of our members can help by spreading the word and introducing new members wherever possible, making 2006 our best year ever. The committee have asked me on their behalf to wish all our veterans a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year and that the friendships made and renewed are reinforced and continue to bring us together.

See you around, Alan Catley.

Tony Clark

It was with deep sorrow that we learned of the death of Tony Clark on 15th. November 2005. Tony, who was aged 75, had been walking near his home in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire when he collapsed and died suddenly. Our sincere condolences go to his widow, Beryl, his children, Richard and Theresa and to the rest of his family at this sad time.

Tony was the driving force behind the Hoddesdon Kangaroos C.S.C. which was formed in the late 1940's. and which soon became a successful team in the Hertfordshire league. He managed and rode for a team which was soon challenging for honours and eventually won the league championship. Under Tony's organisation, the team continued to attract some outstanding riders in Hertfordshire and North London.

Among them were Clive and Alan Hitch, who were also his brothers-in-law, Mike Broadbanks, Alan Skeggs, Derek Hannington, Ken Cooper and Mick Jeffrey. Thanks to Tony's dedication, the team, of which I was proud to be a member and which raced at a track within a stone's throw from Rye House Speedway, flourished throughout the 1950's. Clive Hitch and Mike Broadbanks later went on to have successful speedway careers

After that, Tony turned his attention and many talents to running a skiffle group of which he was the lead singer and which included his twin brother, Terry, Ken Baxter, Frank Duffy and myself. He called the group "The City Dwellers" which might have reflected the fact that he was born in the City of London within the sound of Bow Bells and only settled in Hertfordshire during world war 2.

Tony's skill was as an organiser which he showed in other activities and sports. He later successfully managed a larger band and, with brother Terry, continued his singing and entertaining for some time. Even then he found time later to run a local football team where no doubt he was just as successful and popular as he had always been.

The funeral was held at Pardonwood Crematorium on 28th. November 2005 at Harlow and was very well attended. Chief mourners were Beryl, Richard and Theresa and twin brother, Terry and his family. VCSRA members present included Derek Hannington, Alan Skeggs, Clive Hitch, Tommy Kilbey and Alan Catley. Tony was a lively, friendly, vibrant personality who got things done and who will be very sadly missed by a loving family and his many good friends.

Alan Catley.

Cycle Speedway Racing

Rockets win in last heat —by one point

Quarter was neither asked nor given on Sunday when the two local teams, the Stonebridge Rockets and the Willesden Comets met in a vital section " B " Winter League match, on their joint track at Stonebridge.

The Comets were the victors 44-36 when the two teams met previously in the League, and the Rockets showed that they intended to avenge their earlier defeat. The result was the most exciting match yet seen on this track, with the lead changing hands no fewer than five times.

The result depended on the last heat. The Rockets, three points down, needed a 5-1 win to clinch the match and it was obvious that both the Rockets riders, Bill Brewster and Maurice Ratcliffe, meant to get them. Their ultimate achievement was not easy, for Eric Willis and Dennis Woods, the Comets two leading riders, gave them the best race of the day and with the four riders crossing the finishing line within two lengths of each other, the Rockets riders filled the major placing to give them victory by 42 points to 41.

In spite of this fine last-heat ride, however the outstanding pair were Comet's Paul Robinson and Freddy Hopcroft, who dropped only one point between them to register 20 points from a possible 21. Roy Humphreys, Dennis Woods and Ernie Hollis gave them the best support for the Comets, but the rest of the team, particularly Eric Willis, who had his worst day of the season, were badly off form.

The secret of the Rockets' success was their better team riding, especially in the last three heats, when a Comets victory seemed certain. Nine points down after the 11th heat, Ron Gibson and Tony Ling returned a 4-2 in heat 12 to peg the deficit down to 7, leaving the Rockets with 10 points to obtain from the last two heats. Sid Bevan and Derek Broad rode a great race in heat 13 to return a maximum race and contribute their share to the victory, which must have inspired that great last heat ride by Brewster and Ratcliffe.

For their remaining fixtures the Rockets are away to Hendon Pirates and home to Kingsbury Rangers and Willesden are at home both to the Kingsbury Rangers and Alperton Penguins and although it is doubtful if the local teams can win the League, these remaining matches will determine the positions from second to fifth.

STONEBRIDGE ROCKETS 42
Bill Brewster 10, Ron Gibson & Sid Bevan 8, Maurice Ratciffe 6, Ron Howell 4, John Smith, Derek Broad & Tony Ling 2.

WILLESDEN COMETS 41
Paul Robinsonn & Freddy Hopcroft 10, Roy Humphreys 7, Ernie Hollis, Dennis Woods 5, Len Lambert 2, Eric Willis & Dennis Downs 1.

SECTION "B" TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pnts
Kingsbury Rangers	10	7	1	2	481	352	15
Hendon Pirates	10	7	0	3	425.5	400.5	14
Stonebridge Rockets	10	6	0	4	431.5	400.5	12
Willesden Comets	10	5	1	4	440	396	11
Alperton Penguins	10	4	1	5	406	428	9
Wembley Panther Cubs	12	3	1	8	474	530	7
Preston Eagles	10	2	0	8	352	478	4

From THE WILLESDEN CITIZEN Friday 1/4/1949 Submitted by Paul Robinson.

Dear Bill,

I much enjoyed reading the current issue of Track Record, in which your "Ramblings" particularly caught my eye.

The entertainment at Wembley Stadium to which you referred was organised officially to mark the end of WWII. I seem to recollect that most of the school children in the Greater London area were taken to Wembley for the same purpose at some time over the course of a couple of weeks. I attended with my fellow pupils of Bexleyheath Secondary Modern School for Boys, which was in what I always describe as the then north-western "Metropolitan" part of Kent - it's now part of the London Borough of Bexley. For the occasion, we were each issued with a small red, white and blue ribbon to pin to our lapel and were given a printed memorial certificate - I still have both tucked away somewhere! We travelled by train non-stop all the way from Bexleyheath to Wembley (can't remember which station), probably via the Snow Hill tunnel at Holborn that is now used by the Thames Link trains that run from Bedford to Brighton.

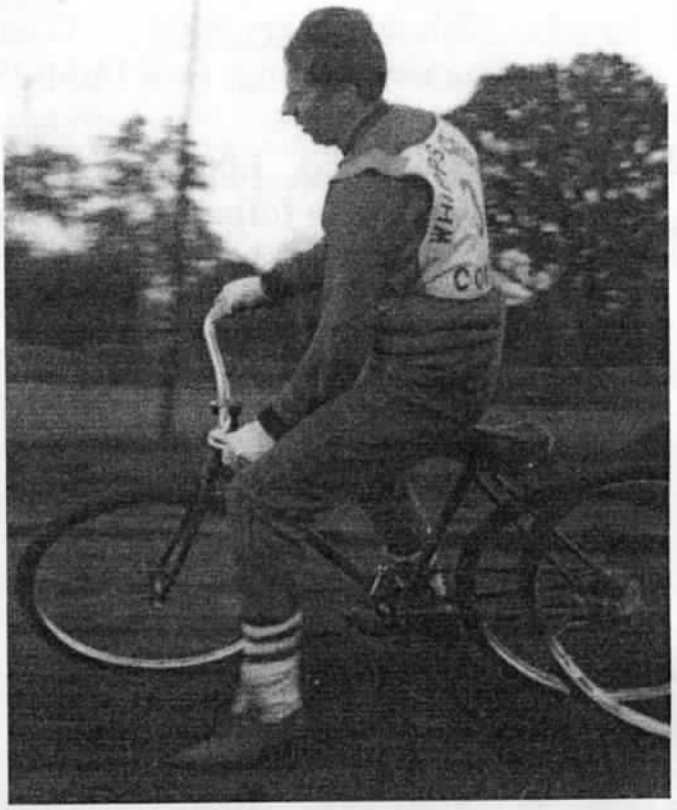
I also remember the Cossack display, but have to say that I was totally thrilled by the speedway demonstration, which was obviously provided by some Wembley riders. I think it was the roar of the racing bikes and the smell of the exhaust fumes wafting around the stadium that captured my attention. Later that same year, when I was aged 12, my father and I visited my Uncle George who lived at Somervell Road, South Harrow. That evening, to my surprise, my uncle took us to Wembley Speedway - on the back of a neighbour's open greengrocery truck, which I remember became stuck, near Alperton tube station, in heavy traffic making for the stadium. The occasion was a round of the British Riders Individual Championship (forerunner of the World Championship), which was won by Alec Statham of Odsal, with Belle Vue's Jack Parker as runner-up. The evening was the most exciting of my life up to that time and I was so hooked that, the next day, I applied for membership of the Wembley Speedway Supporters Club. Of course, being still a school boy, I couldn't afford to travel 25 miles across London every week and had to bide my time until 1949 when I left school and was earning a working wage.

Most of my close friends also followed speedway, mainly New Cross or West Ham as the closest tracks to our town. However, I persuaded one of them to desert New Cross and accompany me to Wembley. Then, by chance, I met up with another local lad who worked in Leicester Square and had recently advertised for a pen pal in the Speedway Gazette. I always liked to think that we were the only Wembley supporters in south-east London. From then on, all three of us made the Thursday evening journey via the Bakerloo and Metropolitan Lines from Trafalgar Square to Wembley Park, not returning to our homes until after midnight. I was so enthusiastic that I also followed the Lions to all their away matches in London and any individual competitions or test matches involving Wembley riders. This meant that in any week, I might be found at Wimbledon on a Monday, West Ham on a Tuesday, New Cross on a Wednesday or Harringay on a Friday. In 1948, when the Olympic Games were staged at Wembley, Thursday evenings found me at Wimbledon, which became the Lions' temporary home. It would be fair to say that I spent most of my meagre wages on speedway as a teenager. I remember once going on a Supporters Club Sunday outing to Southend, in which all the Lions riders participated, and I still have a few fuzzy photographs of the occasion, mostly taken at the Kursaal with an old box camera.

As you know, National Service took its toll and, in June 1952, I was called up to the Royal Corps of Signals for six months' basic and technical training at the infamous Catterick Camp in Yorkshire, followed by eighteen months as a teleprinter operator in a working unit at Bulford Camp in Wiltshire. When I returned to Civvy Street in 1954, everything and everyone had changed and within a few weeks, I met the girl who was to become my wife four years later. Consequently, speedway took a back seat, although I continued to follow the Lions from afar. My favourite rider was always Bill Kitchen, perhaps because I regarded him as a father figure, but also because of his expert team-riding skills. I still have all the fans' photographs of him that I purchased as a teenager, as well as those of Tommy Price, George Wilks, Split Waterman, Bill Gilbert, Bruce Abernethy, Wilbur Lamoreaux, Bob Oakley, Jimmy Gooch and many more.

My summer interest in speedway was paralleled by my support for Charlton Athletic, my local team, during the winter. This started in 1945 and was built on the club's success in reaching the FA Cup final two years running, winning the trophy at the second try in 1947, and I remain a season ticket holder to this day. It was fortunate that the colours of Wembley and Charlton were both red and white, so my scarf and rattle served both purposes. In 1998, I enjoyed a nostalgic return to the famous twin towers for Charlton's promotional play-off final against Sunderland, which ended 4-4 after extra time, Charlton eventually winning 7-6 on penalties.

"Proper" speedway, of course, was the reason that led to my involvement in cycle speedway. My friends and I formed the Welling Wings team in 1948 after a year of informal riding on any "spare" ground that we could find. The Wings soon became members of the newly founded Kent League, which comprised mainly teams from Welling, Eltham, Mottingham, Blackfen, Orpington, St Mary Cray and Woolwich, but also a couple from further afield at



Terry Howes

Sadly on Sunday 15th January Terry Howes passed away suddenly. Terry was the mainstay of the Whipps Cross Comets team for many years, riding into the late sixties.

Meopham (east of Dartford) and the seaside town of Whitstable. Although I was regarded as a heat leader and achieved an average points tally of between 75-85%, I could not described myself as outstanding, perhaps because I modelled myself on Bill Kitchen - dependable but never in the headlines! The current issue of Track Record has reminded me, in Vic Duffy's obituary to the late Johnny Halloran, that Vic was once a Welling Wings team-mate of mine and I am also writing to him to renew our acquaintance.

I retired from work in 1999, having spent 12 years with the former Central Electricity Generating Board at its national headquarters in Paternoster Square by St Paul's Cathedral, followed by 26 years with the London Borough of Bexley Council. My wife Shirley and I have three grown-up daughters and four granddaughters - we don't do boys in our family.

Fred Pallett

Forthcoming Events for 2006.

1. Sunday 19th. February 2006. High Beech. Annual Speedway Celebration at the Kings Oak Public House. 11 am - Dark.

2. Saturday 8th. April. 1.00 pm. Annual General Meeting. This year it has been decided to follow the meeting with an evening meal and a social gathering which will be held at the "Sun" public house in Waltham Abbey. There are details inside this news-letter showing the venue and parking areas nearby. We are able to obtain a free room and a special price of £10 per person for the three course 5.00 pm meal if we can be sure of a required number of diners. It is therefore very important to know who will be dining and for us to receive monies as soon as possible and in any case not later than 1st March. Cheques should be made out to VCSRA as shown below in item 4. Note: The "Sun" is in a good shopping area and near the Abbey. for those interested.
3. Thursday 11th or 18th. May. VCSRA Golf tournament at Stevenage or Cheshunt Golf course. Colin will have details soon.

4. **Saturday 17th. June.** Paradise Wildlife Park. Broxbourne

This is our our **tenth anniversary highlight of the year** and includes admission to the wild life park, Zoo and amusements as shown in the enclosed leaflet. We will have our private area where a free buffet will be served at 3pm and where we can meet with fellow members and old friends.Other refreshments are available all day.
The inclusive price to our members and their guests is £10 per person which must be received as soon as possible and in any case before 1st.May to enable us to obtain this concession. It is hoped that this will be well supported and that it will be an occasion to remember. The VSRA recently held a similar function. it was a great success with an excellent meal. Cheques should be made out to the VCSRA and sent to Alan Catley, 13 Leda Avenue, Enfield, EN3 5PZ. .

5. Nostalgia Evening. To be arranged.
6. Rye House Speedway Event. Probably September. To be arranged.
7. Fun day at Hawbush. Uncertain. Please let us know your views.
8. A ramble in Surrey including pub lunch will definitely be arranged on a date probably in August.
9. Other trips to venues such as Chartwell, Blenheim Palace and Duxford are being considered. Please tell us your views. Alan Catley.