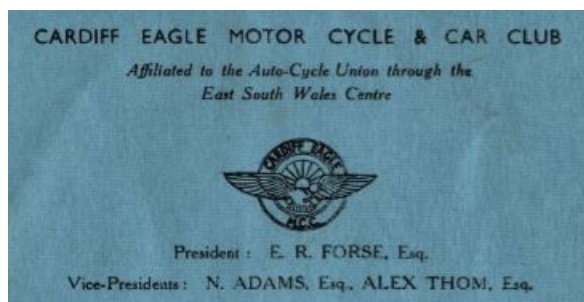


1. THE CARDIFF EAGLES MOTOR CYCLE AND CAR CLUB

1948 - 1970's



Original Club Badge - owned by Dave Fender (U.S.A.)

The Club was formed on April 20th, 1948 when official recognition of affiliation was granted by the A.C.U. At this time the Club was called The Cardiff Eagle Motor Cycle Club and the membership numbered eleven; as the years went by and membership increased the name changed to include cars. Some of the Club's founder members were:

1. Jack Williams - owner of a Newspaper Shop No. 112 Bridge Street on the corner of Churchill Way (now demolished). The first meetings of the Club were held in the upstairs store room of his shop. Afterwards the Club met for many years on a Thursday evening in an outbuilding located in the Car Park of the Cross Inn, North Road, Cardiff.



WILLIAMS, NEWSAGENT, 112 BRIDGE STREET, CARDIFF, THE SHOP WAS ORIGINALLY OWNED BY EUSTACE WILLIAMS AND EVENTUALLY HIS SON JACK WILLIAMS CARRIED ON THE BUSINESS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. THE LOCATION WAS ON CORNER OF BRIDGE STREET AND OLD EAST TERRACE, NEAR THE "BRIDGE" OVER THE DOCK FEEDER, WHICH EVENTUALLY BECAME CHURCHILL WAY. IT WAS A SPACIOUS SHOP WITH AN ORNATE CAST IRON SPIRAL STAIRCASE CONNECTED TO THE CELLAR AND THROUGH THE SHOP TO THE UPSTAIRS LEVEL WHERE THE CLUB MEMBERS HAD THEIR SOCIAL GATHERINGS.



Jack had many Ariel Square Four's – this is one of them

2. Eric Jenkins see old photograph of early Club run.

3. Glyn Jones still living in Caerphilly aged 91 in 2020, he only gave up riding motor cycles two years previously. He was the owner of a large quantity of vintage motor cycles; he recently sold 20 of them but still has 6 left.



Here is a photograph of Glyn aka “Dad” Jones with one of his Vintage motor cycles - a 1914 Rudge Multi taken at one of the Vintage runs. (Copy provided by Dave Fender U.S.A.)

4. “Wally” Rogers. Owner of W.H. Rogers & Co., Printers of 7 St. Andrews Crescent, Cardiff. “Wally” printed lots of material for the Club.
5. Doug Hartley, one of the earlier members of the Club.

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Honours for volunteers and experts

A Cardiff man who has given over 60 years of voluntary service to St. John Ambulance is among the dozens of people in Wales being awarded an honour in the New Year's list.

Douglas Hartley, 71, joined the St. John Ambulance Brigade in December 1942 and has made a huge contribution to the charity's work.



Douglas Hartley (left) has been awarded an MBE

The activities undertaken by the Club members were many and included:

TRAINING SCHEME FOR LEARNER MOTOR CYCLISTS

Running a Training Scheme for Learner Motor Cyclists in conjunction with the R.A.C. And A.C.U. The trainers were all volunteers and Club members, and training was carried out on a Sunday morning in the Car Park alongside Cardiff Castle.

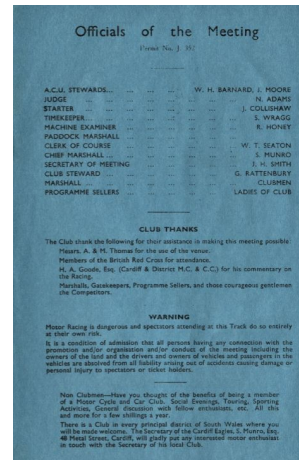
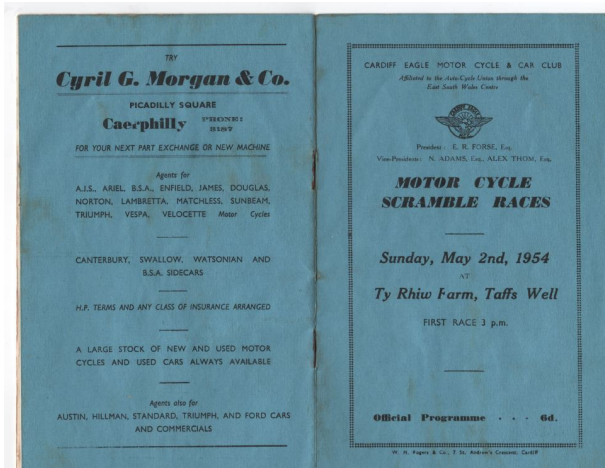
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One of the Club Members involved in this scheme Stuart (known as Steve) Munro later moved to Canada. He became involved in setting up a similar scheme for Canadians and later on in California U.S.A. (Thanks to Glyn "Dad" Jones for this memory)

MOTOR CYCLE SCRAMBLE RACES

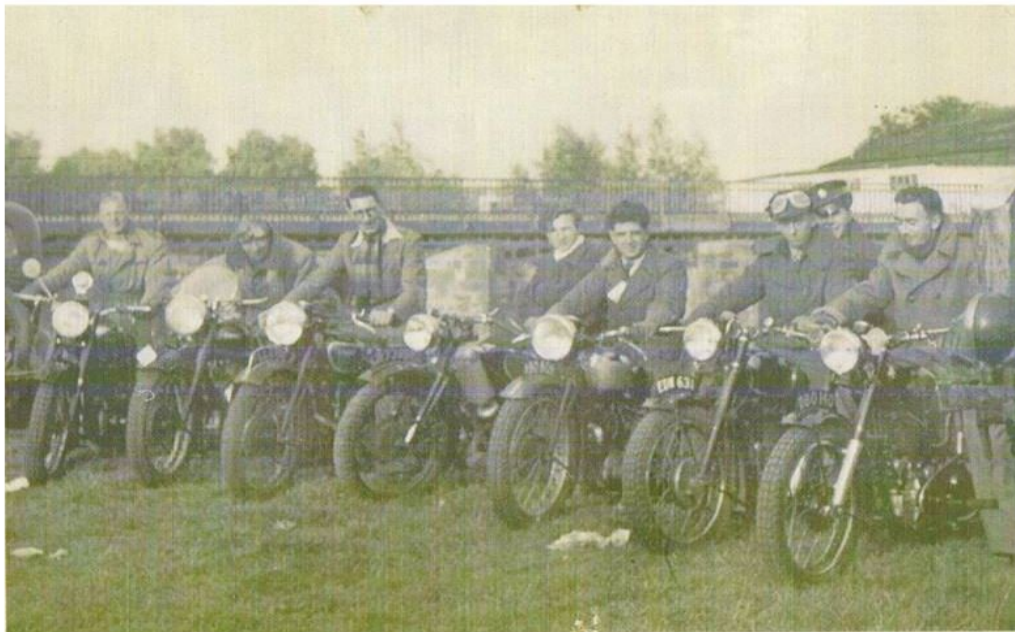
Held at Coldra, Newport and also Ty Rhiw Farm, Taffs Well.



PROGRAMME May 2nd 1954 TY RHIW FARM, TAFFS WELL (copy donated by Z. Mabbs)

SUNDAY CLUB RUNS

An early photograph of members enjoying the weekly Sunday 'Club Run' to a variety of destinations.



Second rider from the left: Nobby Adams, Jack Williams, Glyn Jones, Peter Keirnon, Eric Jenkins. Unfortunately the names of the riders on the extreme left and extreme right of the picture are not identified.

This photograph depicts some founder members

CAMPING



Eagles used to enjoy camping – you can see the Eagles plaque, made from a kitchen chair top in the front row.

CLUB DINNER/DANCES, PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.

These were held at various venues in Cardiff including, the Philharmonic, Grand Hotel, Queen Hotel, Royal Hotel. This was the occasion when members got all dressed up, making it a change from their usual motor cycling protective clothing.

PROGRAMME FOR 1958 DINNER DANCE HELD AT THE GRAND HOTEL, CARDIFF.

★ 1948
1958



Cardiff Eagle
M.C. & C.C.

10th Anniversary

Annual Dinner & Dance

New Year's Eve 1958

The Grand Hotel, Cardiff

Cardiff Eagle M.C. and C.C., 1948-58

The year just ending happens to be of some significance to this Club, for it marks the completion of the first decade in the history of its existence.

It was early in 1948 that a small group of motor cycle enthusiasts conceived the idea of forming a new Club, and fired with youthful ambition, pressed forward with their plans, so that on April 20th, 1948, official recognition of affiliation was granted by the A.C.U. to The Cardiff Eagle Motor Cycle Club—with a membership of eleven.

What the outcome of it was to be, nobody quite knew, but to those of us who were among those "First of the Few" recollections of the early days must surely revive many happy memories—memories occasioned mostly by the youth and high spirits of those Founder members, coupled with the age and somewhat weird and wonderful appearances of the machines which were their owner's pride and joy.

Who remembers Bob Eldridge and his venerable R.S.A.—vivid red, big S.V. motor, Brooklands can and all?—or Jim Shepherd's New Hudson—detachable saddle, Pannier tanks—when one side emptied he just disconnected the Fuel Pipe and bunged it on to t'other side?

Then what about Clive's Levis, and his Douggie?—and goodness knows what else which were never quite ready for motoring? And Peter Powell's Biltza, and also his fur-lined, well, almost, leather jacket?; Glyn's 250 with quick-release exhaust system?; The Buck Jones Special—the old Scott, and so on, and so on.

Not quite belt-drive-and-pedals days, but we had our moments, my friends, and no mistake!

Thus the years rolled by—new friends joined us, more modern machinery gradually accumulated, and although a few ups and downs were experienced, great progress was made, and membership steadily increased, which also entailed the addition of an extra 'C' on the Club Badge!

So, here we are looking forward to the next 10 years with high hopes, and meanwhile the Club would like to express its thanks and appreciation to all the Dealers and their Representatives for their valued co-operation in the past; and to all Club members who have, under various circumstances, been forced to leave our ranks, we extend our very best wishes, wherever you may be; and, finally, to that First Eleven, congratulations and thanks for the memories.

"JASON."

A history of the Club written by Jack "Jason" Williams.

PRESENTATION DINNER DANCE, PHILHARMONIC 1950's



Some of the members, holding their trophies in this photograph:

Dave Fender, Ken Griffiths, Marcus Adams, Jeff Cooper, Keith Mabbs,
Roy Honey, Doug Hartley.

AWARD WINNERS 1958:

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THE LES BOLTON Open to Centre

Awards.	Name.
Premier:	G. DAVIES.
Best 200 cc	T. WILLIAMS.
Best over 200 cc	D. DAVIES.
Best Novice	G. P. WATKINS.
Eagle Sporting Cup	P. J. BIDDER.

1st Class	J. EVANS.
1st Class	R. MILLER.
1st Class	E. MAGGS.
1st Class	G. POLLARD.
1st Class	G. WILLIAMS.
1st Class	D. SALVAGE.
1st Class	A. REED.

2nd Class	G. DRISCOLL.
2nd Class	R. HOOK.
2nd Class	R. NOBLE.
2nd Class	D. J. SMITH.
2nd Class	B. DAVIES.
2nd Class	G. COLLINS.
2nd Class	C. MORGAN.
2nd Class	R. SMITH.
2nd Class	R. JEFFERIES.

SPRING TRIAL
Premier: GEORGE MUGFORD.

SUMMER TRIAL
Premier: GEORGE MUGFORD.

NIGHT TRIAL
Premier: GRAHAM WILKINSON.

200 MILE TRIAL
Open to Centre
Premier: ROY HONEY.
Best Car. GRAHAM WILKINSON.
Best Comb. GEOFF. COOPER.
Best Over 250. H. REES.
Best Under 250. C. CHAMBERS.
1st Class. S. GLEDHILL.
2nd Class. P. BOWEN.

ROGADA, 1958.
Premier: J. WILLIAMS.
Best Solo: G. CHICK.
Best Comb.: G. COOPER.

CAPTAIN'S AWARD
Car G. JONES.
Solo A. RHYNS-JONES.
Comb. J. F. COLLISHAW.

TRAINING SCHOOL
Best Trainee's 1958 R. SHIPP
Miss D. YOUNG

EAGLE CUP
GEORGE MUGFORD
Runner-up: ROY HONEY

HELPING OUT AT RALLY EVENTS



Group at Royal Hotel, Cardiff after a Rally event, circa 1956

Some of the names: Keith Mabbs, Geoff Cooper, Roy Hole, Arthur Griffiths, Lindsey ? Roy Honey, Margaret Cooper, Zena Jones, Mary Hole, Brenda Griffiths, Doug and Pat Hartley, Margaret Honey.



Dave Fender and Geoff Cooper at a 24 hour National Rally, pictured at Rhyl.

Apart from taking part in Rallies some of the Club Members rode at Aberdare Park Races; Ken Griffiths and Peter Bidder.

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