

A HISTORY OF
MANCHESTER WHEELERS' CLUB
1883-1983

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FOREWORD

It was a particular pleasure for me to be invited to write this foreword to a book commemorating one hundred years of one of the top cycling clubs in the British Isles, as some of its greatest exploits came within the period I have been involved in the sport.

The "Wheelers" as they are known both locally and nationally, have a record virtually un-rivalled over recent years since the introduction of sponsorship, but you have always been a positive club with strong opinions on the rights and wrongs within our sport.

The strength nowadays is clearly evident for members and friends to point out with satisfaction, but it is only a continuation of the heady days of success begun in the early part of this century, carried through to the achievements at world championships in the 1940's and '50's when, particularly on the track, the club reigned supreme.

British, Empire and Commonwealth Games titles have fallen to the club. Road records, including that most gruelling of trials from Lands End to John O'Groats, National Championships by the dozen, but for all these magnificent attainments time is still found to "blood" young members to the British style of club life, through weekend runs, hostelling and various social aspects are all catered for too. The production of a journal covering all aspects of club life is a vital life-line for success which others should consider emulating.

The Manchester Wheelers do not just reap honours, but put much back into the sport with numerous promotions, and who could forget the annual "Wheelers Meet", one of the highlights of the track racing seasons of the past when the top men of this country did battle with opposition from all over the world. What a great pity that in this, your centenary year, dear old Fallowfield is still unusable; I have fond memories of those fiercely contested events which were the backbone of British success in the world, in the heyday of track racing.

I close wishing Manchester Wheelers good fortune and happy cycling throughout the next 100 years, and congratulate the people who put many long hours of research towards the production of this interesting well detailed book.

*Eileen Gray O. B. E.
President of the British Cycling Federation.*

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