

MANX VIKING WHEELERS CYCLING CLUB ?

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In 1925 as representative of "The Cyclists Touring Club", I received an enquiry asking my assistance on a proposed cycling tour and accommodation for fifteen members of the Bolton Clarion Cycling Club over the Easter holidays. Ramsey Quayle's parents were pleased to provide accommodation at their guest house in Peel Road, and I was accepted as conductor of the Tour over the period of three days, (in excellent weather). Now this particular exercise was the perfect example of what I was hoping to achieve... a "Touring and Social Cycling Club".

Due to the interest evident at the time in Cycle Racing, because of the 1924 and 1925 "Push Bike T. T." events ....(in each race I was a competitor, and finished at the Stage in the Palace Ballroom as required)....and parish sport meetings,(in particular Andreas),...I was unable to make any progress until early in 1931. However, a small party of six, who were enthusiastic over the forming of a Touring and Social Club, and myself formed the nucleus and arranged to meet each Sunday morning to tour the 'Highways and Byways of Manxland'. Two of the riders, Charlie Coole and Hilda Craine, were married later and occupied a Bungalow at Rencil, Laxey. The Quarter Bridge was the focal point for increased membership and increased steadily up to the Club being formed and officials elected at the Bungalow in April, 1932.

The names of those who made up the original party of active riders was; Charlie Coole, Tommy Hall, Bill Hudson, Ernie Crellin, Hilda Craine, Leo Quayle and myself. Leo, my brother, designed and sketched the badge for the Birmingham Medal Company, but the word "Manx" was added a few years later because "Viking Wheelers Cycling Club" clashed with the name of a club in Scotland.

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