

Comments from Dennis Bates re the 25th anniversary Booklet.

It started off as an idea (can't remember whose). Pat and I spent two days staying with Fred sorting through dozens and dozens of photographs trying to allocate years (quite successfully in the end) and ensuring that we had some pictorial record of every club member (which I think we did (almost)). Then the captioning began at my office on several Saturdays when the place was empty. We spent almost £2,000 with Gray Studios who copied the prints to size and I wrote the caption set against the names, the Club Run by year and location. Fred and I met and agreed detail. This was before computers and desk printers so I planned each page. Wrote the caption(s) and pre-printed them to accommodate the photo(s). Taken to Starley House, Fred, Tom, I and his family met there. Pages were laid out in order round the U-shaped table. Double-sided was added to each photo and then work began fixing them in position without destroying sequence--a complete production line set up worked well.. We produced about 30 copies in the day bound into blue binders. I got my printer to produce the cover and the spine strip and we sold them at (I think) £12 a copy at the run organised by Graham and Tom down in the West Country.