

PUBLISHER'S REMARKS

Well, here they are: the *Proceedings of the 16th International Cycling History Conference*—the most expansive volume published by me to date. This volume has many more pages, and consequently was more expensive to print, than any previous volume.

For eleven years now, I have been producing these *Proceedings* without outside funding, and it was becoming very questionable whether it would have been possible to continue publishing them.

But then, almost out of the blue, came an offer I could not refuse: Andrew Millward, Secretary of the Cycle Touring and Countryside Trust, suggested he would request of the CT&CT Board of Trustees to underwrite the printing cost of these *Proceedings*, and allocate similar funding for the publication of future conference *Proceedings*.

For those who have been attending these conferences since their beginnings, Andrew Millward and the CT&CT are no strangers: Andrew was instrumental in the organization of the 5th ICHC, in Cambridge, and the CT&CT had published the *Proceedings* of the first ICHC, in Glasgow.

By the time funding was secured, there was precious little time left to produce this volume if it was to be available in time for the July 2006 ICHC No. 17 in York, Ontario. But with the help of Andrew Ritchie, who edited the individual papers and proofread their typeset versions, I believe we once again managed to produce a truly valuable contribution to the field of cycling history.

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