

## KGS CYCLING CLUB

It was in February 1955 when **Norman Holmes** founded the KGS Cycling Club. He said at the time that it was set up “*for the purpose of promoting a healthy interest in the countryside and outdoor life.*”

One of the treasures of this club is the photographic album of the outings which he Norman organised to such places as the Isle of Wight, the Mendips, the Cotswolds, the Quantocks, the New Forest, Holmbury St Mary, the Vale of Llangollen and other parts of Wales, the Vale of Evesham, the Malverns, Snowdon, and various places on day trips and weekend tours. These culminated in the grand tour of Germany and Luxembourg in 1957.

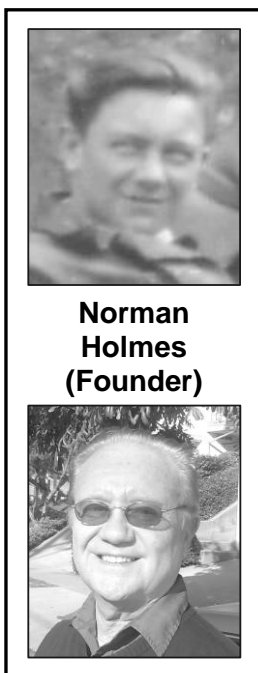
The German Tour was actually organised after Norman had left the School, but he made all the arrangements to take a party of 12 on a trip which started on July 26<sup>th</sup> and finished on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 1957. The overall cost of this tour per person was £34 17s 0d, (£34.85).

Looking back at the detailed report which was subsequently written by **Robbie Ross**, one of the youngest participants, it is amazing to see how much work and planning was involved in arranging this tour (long before the Children’s Act came into force!). I was privileged to go with the party and I know how much everyone appreciated Norman’s efforts.

Last year, while I had access to both Norman's photographic album, with his comments about 94 of the pictures, and Robbie's original diary, I compiled an electronic version of their work and this has now been reproduced in full in the Archive section of our website.

In 2013 I was able to meet seven members of the Cycling Club and it is interesting to see how their appearances in 1957 have changed over the years.

Regretfully, Norman died in 2013 and Colin Mayers in 2020.



**Norman  
Holmes  
(Founder)**

**Alan Parish**



**Derrick  
Gustafson**



**Mike (Sam)  
Weller**



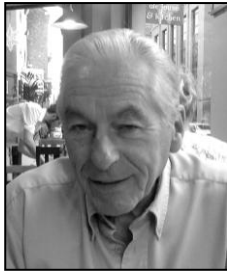
**Mike  
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