



# Kent Youth Trials Club

AFFILIATED TO THE AUTO-CYCLE UNION

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## NEWSLETTER

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I once overheard someone say, out of all the motor cycle sports, trials most encouraged people in comradeship.

Now I begin to understand what they were getting at. Road racing and Scrambling, Grass track are a solo effort, Speedway a team effort, Trails are a bit nearer if you go with a mate, but Trials..... Well, at least *our* trials are a real eye-opener. Big lads Aces in our small pond, helping out the tiddlers, and even they give a hand when needed. If anyone comes a cropper, all in sight and earshot, check to see if all is O.K. - if not, you could get injured in the rush.

That's what it should be like. We may like being independent, but we are all *interdependent!!*

*So.....keep on chugging and lugging.*

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NEWS & VIEWS

Don Cuckow requests the help of at least twenty families as Observers for the National Trial at Peter's Pit, Wouldham on June 11th. The idea is to have..... a Dad (to pull)....a Mum (to observe)....and a Rider (to ride for assistance) on each section.

Families unused to observing are also required to help out on sections to gain experience and make themselves useful.

Also, a WORKING PARTY is required for the day before on June 10th to help lay out the sections - as many as possible, PLEASE.....many hands make light work and it's a very important occasion for OUR Club.

We are, in addition, planning to spend the night camping out on site, so don't be afraid of the dark. All are welcome and all things that go bump in the night are banned, unless it's Dad looking for something to drink! So, come along and bring your own beer and chips.....

Please 'phone Don Cuckow as soon as possible to get your name down for this exciting venture. His telephone number is MEDWAY 55309.

D O N ' T   D E L A Y.....

Mr. Banks, the Treasurer, has CLUB BADGES for sale at 40 pence each.

A warm welcome is extended to the following NEW MEMBERS:

ADAM BEANEY	62 Primrose Drive Ditton, Maidstone	Class B	No.133
MICHAEL MOWBRAY	44 Eagle Close Larkfield, Maidstone	Class C	No.134
ANDREW MOWBRAY	ditto	Class D	No.135

NO VIEWS this month - scraped out my brainbox (not a pretty sight!), so come on, have a scrape round in yours and send the results to the Ed.....

in time for the next Newsletter.

T R I A L - OSPRINGE 19.3.78

Some confusion over parking and some slithering in the mud on way to parking, but we all more or less got there in the end.

Found enough observers. I see you all located Ken Moreland, even though his cigar was absent - still he had his pom-pom hat on - draughty wasn't it ?!!!

It was a great day but a bit cold for the Observers. I hope you thanked them all.

Just got the prize-giving over in time, as the K.Y.T.C. weather we ordered ran out and it began to rain in earnest.

One minor grumble.....what happened to the back-marker?? The poor frozen, lost and forgotten souls on Sections 9, 10 and 11 found their own way home half-an-hour after everybody else.

Some slight problems with the transporting vehicles getting to the gates and the good hard road ahead, as the mud was getting a good polish on by then. However, we all got away in the end - I think!

ED'S DABS

Section 2: No.8's Dad directing young Gavin in a stuck bike sequence....

Section 3: No.79, Matt Parbutt, being hauled out by Green Meanie Cookie....Big Brother dash to the rescue and stayed to watch him clean the next section, No.4....

Section 4: No.12, Peter Cressey, did one of Prof. D/S. dabs and hauled it round to survive that one....

Section 5: Grant Lemmon sailed through so well, you would never guess he's still pining for his Honda....

ED'S DABS (contd.)

Section 1: Jason Legge, No.45, soared up and had a fantastic view from the top of the hill....

Little Karl Brown, alias No.99, charged through like a veteran. He's coming on, this lad....

No.129, Robert Sargeant, one of our newest recruits, shot up the hill on his Honda, closely followed by No.40, Joanne Coulter, who ended up on her knees....

Little Rae Riddell, No.24, abandoned ship on Section 2, but he kept on sailing - good job it was soft....

Section 4: No.90, young Penny, gave Dad a fright - he rushed up to help but she sailed on alone....

No.46, Stephen Legge's Dad was rushing round looking for sticky tape. I wonder who or what that was for????

No.112, Guy Ashby, came a cropper on Section 4, but gamely charged on to the end....

Jonno Morris, No.4, did a great wheelie on Section 3... Eddie Kidd had better look out....

A large smoke screen hanging over Section 3, Karl Brown's little Yammy belching it out....

We've got some game newcomers: Little Gary Cooper, No.117, took a nasty dive on Section 4 and ended up in the bushes with a broken front mudguard, but got up and carried on....

Section 10: Saw No.113, David Williams, do a fine bit of nadgery in and out of the bushes, got through fine....

ED'S DABS (contd.)

On Section 10, Paul Edwards No.109 just could not persuade his mount up that slippery hill....

Tim Geoghagen Yammy'd clean through the trees and away....

On Section 9 - you remember, the wet one - Andrew Connor No.85, charged through the pond...sloosh and up and away. Whoopeeee!!! ....

No.3, Robert Prior, soared into the wet, but came to grief on the hill out....

Christopher Anderson, No.94, went in with a soap and towel, and cleaned it! ....

Smiler Ivor No.26 had a whale of a go on Section 9. I reckon he must have seen shark fins in the water as he shot out of there so fast I saw sky under his wheels....

Saw a nice line in swimming lessons going on in Section 9. Very splashy when the tide went out. Guess who? No.90 Penny again. That lass enjoys herself....

Stephen Brooker No.76 likes his Kwaker in preference to the old Honda, and he proved it by sailing up and out on Section 9.

Very neat, Robert (No.3), to go sideways and still stay on. You try it, not easy, specially on Section 15....

Saw No.98, Neil Davison, mastering ex-Mike's Honda special, charging up Section 11....

Sean Chiddenton grinned and ground to a halt on his Suzy. She didn't mind. It was very hard on Section 11....

Continuing your very active ED'S DABS.....

Section 10: Anthony Errey, No.71, did an Evel Kneival up this one - perhaps it's his new big wheel....

Still on Section 10: Kevin Gardner, No.81, went straight on, puffin' and blowin' ..... Timmy Douglas, No.66, footed through but looked so worried you'd have thought he had just collected a five.... No.31, Terry Wilson, hit a tree - not his fault, I saw it move as well!! Jumped right out in his path.... David Worsley, No.128, on his Honda - that back wheel could not find traction, not nohow - but he got out fine in the end....

On to Section 15, the nasty one with the adverse camber, through the trees, No.34 Karl Chapman leaning sideways on the mud....

Sean and Paul Cuckow, Nos. 10 and 11, on their joint Montesa, mounted, did a berserker on Section 6, saw someone try to stop the screaming engine with an umbrella, but Dad got there first, to whip off plug lead - shocking! ....

Saw double on Section 11 - twins. Two new suits, Nos. 18 and 74 - very smart....

The two most spectacular acrobatics I saw were on Section 9, Kevin Gardiner, who did a double somersault into the deep end, and on his Dad's section as well.... And, Smiler Ivor - never lets me down, this lad - did a head over heels on Section 11. Gave Mrs. Connor quite a turn! ....

There was Peter Coulter going round lending a hand, unjamming jams and helping out....

No.6, Michael Moreland, is sure Dave Smith, No.49, has his feet glued to his pegs at the start! ....

Hope to see Dave's brother James well and competing again.

Most lads agreed Sections 8, 4 and 15 were the worst....

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 THANKS TO MR. MITCHELL & CO.  
 for  
 all the work  
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## RESULTS (for those of you who missed out)

Very happy Higgins again walked off with the Premier Expert Award, but he'd better watch out for 'Who?' in Class B Experts is very close on his heels. Yes, Dave Smith who, but for a very unfortunate five on S.4, would have won outright.

Chasing Steven up the Expert ladder was Anthony Dobbs, and also Mark Lemmon in his last competition in our Club. Best of luck, Marc, in Adult Trials.

After Dave Smith in Class B Expert came Shane Edwards and Anthony Errey with fifteen and nine marks lost respectively.

In the Class A Novice field, leading the pack and collecting the Premier Award, was Laurence Walsh, one of our latest additions. He lost 33. Only 4 points more lost for another new member, David Williams, who came in second - he collects a 1st Class Senior award.

Trevor Miles and Robert Tilbury took 2nd Class awards for Class A group.

Getting on to Class B Intermediates, Paul Cuckow came out on top with 43 marks lost, with younger brother Sean breathing down his neck with 59 marks lost. Only one mark behind them is mighty Matt Parbutt, who picks up a 2nd Class award, with Andrew Soameson only 4 marks away.

Getting down into the Tiddlers' pond, surfacing with a 1st Class award is Stephen Legge, and swimming away with a 2nd Class award is Karl Brown. They are all learning the dog-paddle very well, thank you!!

If you have any grouses re the course or trial, on the day, please see the Clerk of the Course, and kindly bear in mind that it's not easy - it's unpaid and takes up a large amount of spare time on the day before. Also, he needs to be a weather prophet!

Any protests after the trial must be lodged with the Competition Secretary, G. Lemmon.

We are all very pleased that a grand total of £8.35 was collected for the St. John's Ambulance....

Keep it up!

**INTERESTING INFO. . . . .**

This month we continue our usual collection of rubbish. Come on, send me some more!

Our favourite mag. is two years old in June....comments and destructive remarks to Ed., please.

CLOTHING - or what you wear to keep  
the pink bits showing

For trials - strong Wellies, preferably with steel toe-caps, ideally Dunlop Trial Wellies. If you've grown out of yours and there is still some wear in 'em, sell 'em by a mention in the Newsletter.

One-piece overalls for summer wear and dry trials. Poor Ivor never forgot the Trial where he wore a separate top and trows, and fell in a bed of hot, angry, stinging nettles. His face wasn't the only thing that was red!

A light waterproof, long-sleeved suit is fine for winter or summer wet....

Remember: Long sleeves at all times. Them branches are vicious, and there's always the risk of hepatitis.

For additional use in this variable climate is an old Parka with the hood cut off - this makes a very useful garment.

DON'T FORGET -

At all Trials: RIDER & PARENT ... SIGN ON at the START  
RIDER ... SIGN OFF at the FINISH.

Very nice to see BOB LURCOCK and JUNE again at one of our Trials.....

INTERESTING INFO (contd.)

Stuart Tovey, No.77, one of our new Class C riders, is campaigning on Sean Cuckow's trusty T.Y.80. Good luck, Stuart, hope you have as much luck with it as Sean did.

Guess who rode up to help lay out the Ospringe trial last month - on a brand new Bultaco 350? Bob Simcock! He made a few of you green at the trial as well. Hope he does well on his new mount. I expect you all saw in the M.C. News that Bob collected a fourth for 2nd Class Novices at the Sittingbourne Cup Trial held at Hollingbourne on March 9th.

I hope No.6 - Michael Moreland - got up O.K. the day after the trial. He was off to the U.S.A. at 5 a.m. that day.

If you want trials results and ads., the paper to get is *Trials and Motor Cross*. Comes out on Fridays, price 15p. Not as good as OUR mag, but there, they haven't got you lot, have they?

Also, since I mentioned the *Kent Messenger* last month, after some correspondence, the East Kent contingent can now get results in their own issue.

Nancy Morris is doing our Raffles at each trial so anything you have for this, please see Nancy.

It has been regretfully decided that owing to difficulties over lack of suitable land, we have had to close the Club membership at 150.

Anyone who is negotiating for land, i.e. having a chat with a sympathetic farmer - getting the land-owner blind drunk - please contact the Secretary, David Brown, at Farnborough 57983 - to prevent crossed wires.....

DON SMITH'S TRIALS COURSES

Last year, several KYTC riders attended Don Smith's residential Trials School in Essex. All enjoyed themselves and all became better riders as a result of the 'Professor's' teachings.

This year, Don Smith is offering weekend courses here in Kent with the Club providing the land. This year's courses are not residential, though it may be possible to camp overnight at the site.

The cost is £15 per ride, providing there are at least fifteen riders for a course. If there are less than fifteen, then the fee would be proportionately more.

The courses will be held on Saturdays and Sundays from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., and the weekends available to the KYTC are the 20th/21st May, 1st/2nd July and 5/6th August.

There are already nine riders who want to join a course and many more are expected to be interested. If you want to attend one of these courses, please register your name quickly with:

BOB COOPER,  
Yew Tree Cottage,  
Swanton Valley,  
Mereworth, Kent.      Tel: Maidstone 812839.

When registering, please pay a deposit of £5 and let Bob know your preference for dates, and also whether you would be prepared to pay more than £15 in case less than fifteen riders enter for your chosen course (e.g. only 13 riders, the fee would be £17.30 and only 10 riders, £22.50 each).

Possible sites for the courses include Bob Cooper's land at Mereworth which he has kindly offered and, perhaps, Lodge Lees. Final decisions on venue will be taken when it is known who and how many want to attend.

P.S. There is NO truth in the rumour (thought to have been started by Ivor Simmonds' antics) that Don Smith provides free cigarettes at his courses!!

F O R   S A L E - F O U N D - E T C .

FOR SALE      ITALJET MR50X - Schoolboy Scrambler - £225 o.n.o.  
Apply: Mr. Beaney, Maidstone 78275.

NEW SINGLE MOTOR CYCLE TRAILER with lights.    £70.  
Ring Smarden 526.

FOUND            HELMET PEAK - see Don Cuckow.

L E T T E R S   T O   E D . . . . .

*From Bike Major, who makes the following comments and gives the B.M. Award this month to No.98 Neil Davison:*

"I feel as a Club you may soon regret dropping practice sessions. This has set your Club apart in the past for only at practice sessions are boys and parents relaxed enough to become friendly.

Boys should lose 10 points for not really trying a section. Even Dads could put a wheel in and still look good.

I had the embarrassing experience of standing next to an orthopaedic surgeon when the boys were charging about after the last trial. Come on, organisers, you should stop this before someone needs his attention.

Can we also please do something about the interval between laps? It took some boys 40 minutes to complete the first lap....just four minutes longer than the last boy was away from inspection.... Could there be a 15 min. interval between the last and first?

BIKE MAJOR."

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Come on now, let's have some replies to this. What are your ideas?????????

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S T O P   P R E S S

Visited Dave Taylor's Trail Park one Sunday - great place. Take your bike.    £2.50 for whole day's motor cycling.

- see full report in your MAY NEWSLETTER.

F O R T H C O M I N G E V E N T S (1 9 7 8

- APRIL 30 Trial - 11 a.m. Lodge Lees (Classes B, C & D only)
- MAY 14\* Gordon Farley Schoolboy Trial (3rd Round Intermediate & Senior Championships) - Surrey Schoolboy Trials Club.  
29 Trial - 11 a.m. Hermitage Farm, Barming.
- JUNE 10 Preparations at Peter's Pit for National Trial.  
11 National Trial - KYTC Peter's Pit, Wouldham.  
18\* Mark Kemp Trophy Trial (4th Round Intermediate & Senior Championships) Bristol MCC.  
25\* National Trial - N.E. London MCC.
- JULY 9 Mums & Dads Trial - 11 a.m. (Prov.).  
16 Trial - 11 a.m. Tibbs Court.  
23\* National Trial - Denbigh & Mold MCC.  
30 "Under 80's" Trial.
- AUG. 12\* Traders' Trophy National Trial - Bolton MCC.  
13\* National Trial (5th Round Intermediate & Senior Championships) Rochdale & District MC.  
20 Trial - 11 a.m.  
27\* Youth Division Championship Trial (Cadets & Juniors) Sutton Falcons MCC.
- SEPT. 9\* National Trial - West Leeds MC.  
10\* McCrae Tray National Trial - Wetherby & DMC (6th Round Intermediate & Senior Championships).  
17 Trial.
- OCT. 8\* National Trial - Congleton & District MCC.  
22 Trial.
- NOV. 11 Annual Party - Kempton Manor, Nr. Charing.  
12 Remembrance Sunday.  
19 KYTC/ESTC Trial (Prov.)
- DEC. 10 Trial.  
16 Annual General Meeting - 7 p.m.
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- JAN. 14 Trial.
- FEB. 18 Trial.
- MARCH 18 Trial.

\* Denotes events not organised by KYTC.