



Kent Youth Trials Club

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NEWSLETTER

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Having "volunteered" to be on the new committee, I found myself Editor or, in my case, Editress. I shall have a hard job following in Peter Coulter's footsteps.

Now to get down to the nitty-gritty: I find a lot of blank sheets and no inspiration, so come on, out with your pens, pencils, typewriters, smoke signals, and let me hear from you. My address is at the top, so no excuses.

I should like to take this chance to thank the retiring Committee Members, from all of us, for all the hard work they have put in over the last twelve months or more, running our Club for US. And to Bob and Don for all the unspeakable sections they have devised for you to ride. Thanks also to Doreen and the ladies for all the ink they have expended on our behalf. Now you can all rest on your watssits.....!

So, if I have got your stamped addressed envelopes, you will be sure to get your Newsletters each month. Please check last month's Newsletter to make sure your name is not on the list and that I do have the correct number of 9p. stamped envelopes.

Get licking and sticking.....

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PRACTICES - 15th January, 1978

TIBBS COURT was attended by approximately 35 riders, and turned out to be a lovely mudbath. Seriously, a lot of hard work was done and a great deal was learnt about how not to fall off your bike while swimming. The bikes' comments were not available. But Sean Cuckow's gave up the ghost and Don was kept busy resuscitating the engine.

On the whole, a good day's wallow was enjoyed by all. Our thanks to those who made it possible.

RUCKINGE FARM: I did not attend but keep hearing rumours about a famous Kent Football Motor Cycle Club, Michael Moreland heading a team that lost!

TRIAL: TIBBS COURT - 22nd January, 1978

Even wetter, if that was possible, than the practice the week before, with a recent snowfall only melting on Saturday evening. The course was of 15 sections, 3 laps.

Before the start I noticed a lot of new suits swanning about, attached to riders, of course. Amongst these, in variegated colours, were Matt Parbutt, Steven Simcock, Anthony Dobbs, Lee Crosby and Peter Cressey. Among the more sombre were Steve Higgins, Marc Lemmon and Jonathon Morris. Who's got Santa well trained, then!? Of course, after the trial, you couldn't tell who-from-who!

Grant Lemmon has forsaken Honda and joined the Yammy brigade with a 250...and back again after spares trouble was Terry Wilson. I see he brought his periscope this time!

As the mud got deeper, some sections had to be changed after the first lap as they became pretty unridable. AND..... who rode straight into them without previous inspection, only to collect an unnecessary 5!? As Peter Coulter remarked, "Get off your 'arris and have a look." Well, at least on my section, everyone had a go - could this have been the thought of those 10 points?

Poor No.78 Alan Chilvers had a nasty tumble at Section I on his second lap. Top marks to the St. John's, always on hand. They attended Alan and had him off to hospital pronto. Thank you.....

Tibbs Court (contd.)

The ladies had better watch out. Young No.90 Penny was up to her ears in mud with the best of them. Little No.99 keeps surfacing. Keep it up, Dad!

Mudwise a very good day was had by all - and we hope No.78 Alan gets well soon.

Now, don't forget to make sure that your rear numbers can be read. Try to keep them wiped off - use your lace hankie or a clump of grass. I can't chase after you to check your number - my push-bike's got a puncture!

I didn't get round many sections as I was kept busy hauling you lot out of the ever-deepening torrent in my section, but next trial, watch out! I shall be observing you lot with a different purpose in mind.

Well, I expect you have all digested your results by now. The higher than usual marks gives some idea of the conditions at Tibbs Court, not as bad as Denton but bad enough.

Congratulations to Steven Higgins and his Ossa, and James Smith in Class A Experts.

Class A Novices - After Steven Brooker on his 125 Honda and Andrew Furlong and his Montesa, came Michael Moreland in his first Class A event - a third at first go. He was closely followed by David Cooper, only 5 marks more.

Class B Experts, who numbered only four, was won by David Smith.

Class B Novices - Another win for Honda, this time ridden by Peter Cressey (they love the mud these Hondas), with Neil Thompson a close 6 points more. Coming in third was Jonathon Morris - a real trier, Jonno....and guess who's moved up to Class B....Sean Cuckow. Watch out, lads, he's treading on your tail lamps.

The young 'uns in Class C were led by Steven Legge, very closely followed by Gavin Cooper, both on Yammy 80s.

INTERESTING INFO'

** It costs just £30 to sponsor a trial, this includes trophies, so drop a few hints or twist a few arms around your favourite motor cycle shops, etc. They will get for their money a chance to present the awards and maybe get a mention or two in local papers and a definite mention in this, your favourite mag.....and, of course, our thanks!

** *All observers, please note:* The bike is counted as being IN the section if the front wheel spindle or hub has passed the 'Section Begin' card. The bike is OUT of the section if the front wheel hub is past the 'Section Ends' card. So, if a rider cleans a section but as he passes the 'Section Ends' card he falls or dabs, provided his front hub has passed the 'Section Ends' card, it is still a clean. Conversely, if a rider dabs or falls at the start, if his front hub has passed the 'Section Begins' card, he is penalised.

** Did you growing and going lads know that on leaving our Club at the ripe old age of seventeen, you can become Associate Members?

** Please, may I remind you all that there is to be NO CARRYING OF PILLION PASSENGERS at our trials - you are not insured!

** Did any of you see Terry Seabrooke on BBC.2 the other night? We recognised him. He was good at our Disco, gave the lads no end of trouble working out how the rings akkled. Don't try it with your piston rings.....

** A note to those of you in the East or all points West of the North Sea.....

If you want results pics, etc. in the "Kent Messenger", make sure you get the Maidstone edition.

** Another moan..... Please, leave all 'Fidos' at home. They might not mind the bikes, but the bikes are terrified of the dogs!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 29.1.78

Committee details are given on Page 8 of this Newsletter.

The fun included a couple of good films. By popular request, a repeat of last year's film of Mick Andrew's Trials School in the U.S.A. - "Him and his Body English". Also shown was a very special film of you lot riding at Detling Practice and the show, back in September; also the Brands Hatch Trial. Now we know what you get up to..... Our thanks to Mr. Morgan for bringing them along for us.

One item mentioned by the Treasurer Michael Banks that caught my attention was a mention of the Club buying our own trials land. What are your views on this?

There was some excitement just before the start of the Meeting when Anthony Dobbs arrived, having ridden from Brenchley on his new road Honda 50. He'd only had it legalised on the 25th January. Best of luck, Anthony! Are you still breathing, Trevor?

Amongst all the new faces at the Sections, the observers will be pleased to know that Bob Simcock is still our most welcome backmarker and will be letting you know when you can return to civilization at the end of each trial.

Now to end.....

Don't forget it's our Club and it doesn't run itself. As I read in the Barham Club Newsletter recently:

"APATHY breeds ATROPHY"

and you boys would rather have *"a trophy"*.....

That's enough nagging....

That's all for now..... Don't forget to study your fourth.....on to.....

REQUESTS - LOST - FOUND - WANTED - ETC.L O S T

By Clerk of the Course (Don) at recent trial, A BLUE DENIM BAG. One White Sock, and one Red-and-White Sock - see Jonathon Morris No.4 if you've found them.

W A N T E D

Red, White & Blue Cardboard - self coloured not Jubilee style, that could be used for 'Right', 'Left' and 'Straight on' signs, approx. 12" x 9".

WANTED TO LOAN

GENERATOR to run vending machine. Please contact M. Banks.

F O R S A L E

DOT 175 TRIALS BIKE, immaculate condition: £220. Contact Karl Chapman at Whitstable 261262.

1976 GOLLNER KAWASAKI, superb condition, Renthalls, Girling levers, low mileage, £460 o.n.o. Contact J. Smith, 127 Windsor Drive, Chelsfield, Nr. Orpington, Kent, BR6 6HE. Evenings after 4 p.m.

L E T T E R S T O E D I T O R

A note from No.66 Timmy Douglas asks if it is possible to have some sort of portable toilet at trials for lady members on cold wintry days, when they are observing a section.....

Lovely thought Tim. Anyone got any inspiration or comments or practical ideas? Let's have 'em.

That's all for now..... Don't forget to study your forthcoming events as there have been a few changes. Ta-ta for now.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY	19	Trial - 10.30 Mays Farm, Barming.
MARCH	19	Trial - 10.30 Ospringe.
	26*	Stan Thomas Trophy Trial (1st Round Intermediate & Senior Championships) South Shropshire MCC.
APRIL	2*	Barham Schoolboys Trial (Prov.).
	9*	Invicta Cup Trial (Prov.).
	15*	National Trial - Waterside Junior MCC.
	16*	Chase Trophy Trial (2nd Round Intermediate & Senior Championships) Waltham Chase Boys MCC.
	30	Trial - 11.00.
MAY	14*	Gordon Farley Schoolboy Trial (3rd Round Intermediate and Senior Championships) - Surrey Schoolboy Trials Club
	29	R.B.L. Trial - 11.00 (Prov.).
JUNE	11	National Trial - K.Y.T.C. Peters Pit, Wouldham.
	18*	Mark Kemp Trophy Trial (4th Round Intermediate & Senior Championships) Bristol MCC.
	25*	National Trial - N.E. London MCC.
JULY	2*	ESTC/KYTC (Prov.)
	9	Mums and Dads Trial - 11.00 am. (Prov.)
	16	Trial - 11.00 Tibbs Court.
	23*	National Trial - Denbigh & Mold MCC.
	30	"Under 80's" Trial.
AUGUST	12*	Traders' Trophy National Trial - Bolton MCC.
	13*	National Trial (5th Round Intermediate & Senior Championships) - Rochdale & District M.C.
	20	Trial - 11.00.
	27*	Youth Division Championship Trial (Cadets & Juniors) - Sutton Falcons MCC.
SEPTEMBER	9*	National Trial - West Leeds MC.
	10*	McCrae Tray National Trial - Whetherby & DMC (6th Round Intermediate & Senior Championships)
	17	Trial.
OCTOBER	8*	National Trial - Congleton & District MCC.
	22	Trial
NOVEMBER	12	Remembrance Sunday.
	19	KYTC/ESTC Trial (Prov.)
DECEMBER	10	Trial.
	16	Christmas Party.

* Denotes Events not organised by KYTC.

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