

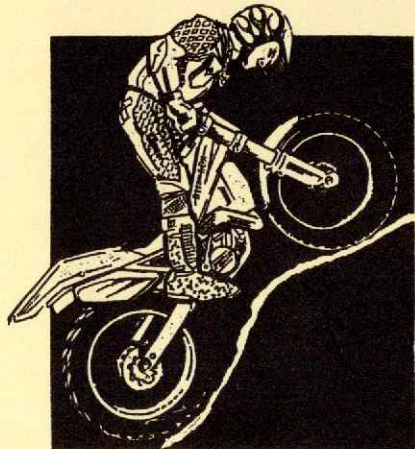


Kent Youth Trials Club

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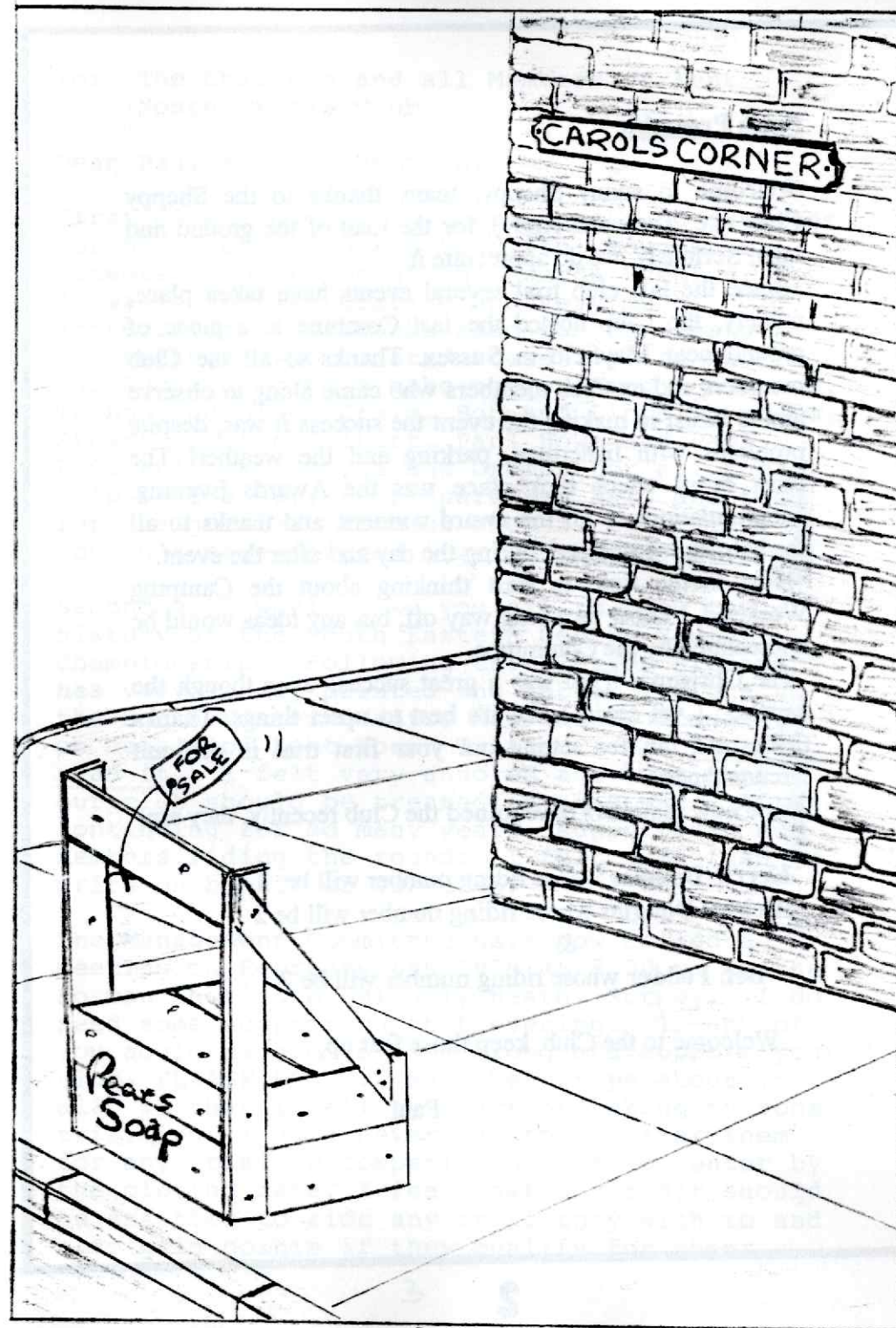


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Simon Bird, Nick & Dan Bullock



Pauls Preamble

Welcome to sunny Sheppy, many thanks to the Sheppy Club, (i.e. Tony and Andy), for the loan of the ground and lake! Seriously, we do appreciate it.

Since the last club trial several events have taken place, namely, the Club hosted the last Combine at a piece of ground near Mayfield in Sussex. Thanks to all the Club members and ex Club members who came along to observe and to assist in making the event the success it was, despite problems with fishermen, parking and the weather! The other event which took place was the Awards Evening, congratulations to all the award winners, and thanks to all the helpers who helped during the day and after the event.

Now is the time to start thinking about the Camping Weekend, I know its a long way off, but any ideas would be appreciated by the Committee.

The Christmas Trial was a great success even though the weather, (yet again), did it's best to upset things. Thanks Colin and Ian for setting out your first trial in difficult circumstances.

Three new members have joined the Club recently, they are:

Kerrie Douglas whose riding number will be 1

Michael Douglas whose riding number will be 2

&

Ben Pedder whose riding number will be 7.

Welcome to the Club, keep those feet up,

Paul

To: The Chairman and all Members of Kent Youth Trials Club.

Dear Paul and all Members,

First of all my very sincere thanks to everyone for my super award and beautiful bouquet of flowers given to me at the Awards Evening. It was a lovely surprise and very much appreciated. My thanks also to our Guests and everyone who donated items for the Raffle and Auction to help make the evening a success. To Ann and Nigel Craig, Bob and Linda Thompson, Stuart and Ann Gilbert, Paul Howe and Paul, Paul Bullock, Stevie and Grumps for all their help on the day, to prepare the hall and food for the guests. Without them I certainly couldn't have managed it. Thank you all.

Secondly, I would like you all to know the history of the South Eastern Centre Youth Championship. Following this letter Richard has very kindly printed the letter I wrote to the South Eastern Centre Management Committee on behalf of Kent Youth Trials Club. Please read it. I felt very annoyed and hurt that our club should be treated in this way. After continuing for so many years, supporting, and members riding the rounds, I felt justified to write on behalf of our club.

The Management Committee have now called a meeting on February 8th 1995 at 7.30 pm at the Forman Institute, Blindly Heath, Surrey. I do need some support on that evening. If any of you could manage to come along and support your club, PLEASE DO SO. My other gripe about it all, is that in all my years of taking my sons trialling, I have never had to register them, for any trial or competition. If you enter by the closing date, I feel that any rider should be entitled to ride any trial they wish to and also gain points if they qualify for them.

On principle I do not agree with Mr. Connor's rules about this for this years South Eastern Youth Championship. What the outcome of the meeting will be, I do not know, but please some of you come along and give me the support I need FOR YOUR CLUB.

Last but not least, the Combine that we hosted at Mayfield, Sussex was a great success. John Bird, Nigel Craig and Paul Bullock did a wonderful job. Along with Dave Paine and Luke, Ann and Cathy they spent a day clearing just after Christmas. Then on the Saturday and Sunday of the trial, both days were given up by them to set the trial out and organise it all. A super job, superbly done. To Ann Craig, (the programme was set out so well, she obviously knows her job), many thanks for all the hard work before and after the trial.

The weather as usual was a typical Kent Youth Trial day. Rain and more rain.

Sincere thanks must also go to all the Dads and Lads who observed on the day. I know you all worked very hard in helping many of the riders.

To everyone, I thought you all did wonderfully well, and thanks to you all. If I have missed anyone out, I'm sorry but thanks again.

The ultimate reward must be the Steward's Report from Geoff Brooker. Attending the North Kent Combine meeting with Paul and John, it was very rewarding to hear all the super remarks made by everyone. Gordon Davis, the Chairman, who read out the report made my evening when he said 'This is the BEST STEWARD'S REPORT I have had the pleasure to read out at a North Kent Combine Meeting'. THIS SURELY SUMS IT ALL UP FOR KENT YOUTH. WELL DONE EVERYONE. The report is printed further on in the magazine.

Once again thank you all very much. Thanks to you Paul and Caroline for allowing me to share your evening. I hope everyone enjoyed it all.

Happy and safe trialling to you all

Carol

GRAVESEND EAGLES MCC.
STEWARDS REPORT

Steward. Geoff Brooker. 50 Belmont Rd, Erith.
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JANUARY JAMBOREE TRIAL. N.K.T.C.

Host Club. Kent Youth Trials Club.

Venue. Trulls Hatch, Nr. Mayfield, Sussex

Sunday, 8th January, 1995.

The map supplied with the regs meant that eighty plus riders turned up on time and despite the limited parking the marshals managed to find everyone a place to unload, although some preferred to stay on the main road for fear of getting stuck in the mud. I think it was legal even though it was very close to a bend in the road, but I doubt if the locals would put up with it every time the ground is used.

A slight set back caused by fishermen objecting to part of the hard track being used meant that the clerk had to put up some extra tapes, find a new route from sections seven to eight and scrub sections six and twelve. This was all done efficiently and the trial started on time. The remaining twelve sections were demanding and safe, they were well laid out with good marking in and between sections. Queuing was

kept to a minimum due to excellent observing. With at least two observers on each long section it was proved that punch cards can work. The recent wet weather and the late drizzle meant that the advantage went to the early numbers over the three laps. Only a few changes to wet cambers had to be made for the third lap so all credit should go to the clerk of the course and those that helped him set out the trial. Having spoken to riders from all the classes the general opinion was a big thumbs up.

To sum up, I thought that the entire day was well organised, well laid out, brilliantly observed, wet and tiring, but most enjoyable for both riders and spectators.

Congratulations.

Geoff Brooker

Thanks Geoff.....the cheque's in the post!



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29th November, 1994

To: The Chairman and Members of the South
Eastern Centre Management Board

Dear Members,

Although not accustomed to writing letters of concern, (normally thank you letters are the most I ever do), I feel that in this instance, justified to air my feelings on a couple of issues that have arisen concerning the South Eastern Centre Youth Championship.

First of all to put the record straight, I would like you all to know, that an article, which appeared in TMX issue Oct. 14th is grossly incorrect. I have enclosed a copy for you to peruse.

Having been involved with both my sons riding the Youth South Eastern Centre Championship for the past eleven years, and also having organised and co-ordinated same for a couple of years, I know full well that it has never been run just for one county as printed.

I felt very hurt and annoyed when I read this, not only for myself but for all the other parents who have organised these events over the years.

Originally Horsham M.C.C., Surrey Schoolboys, Eastbourne M.C.C., Sheppey M.C.C. and Kent Youth Trials Club all hosted a round each year, with maybe an extra round if another club offered to host a trial.

Over the years the two clubs from Surrey and one from Sussex withdrew from the series, leaving two in Kent and one in Sussex to host the rounds. With the majority of riders from Kent participating in these events, by the time I took over the co-ordination, I obviously approached clubs around Kent that I have contact with to keep the series going. Luckily I managed to get clubs involved, which I must say has been very much appreciated by all concerned.

I have personally travelled all over the country to the Youth Inter-Centre Team trials for the past seven years and have also accompanied the lads to your own Presentation of Awards.

My own involvement has always been to promote and encourage the lads in the enjoyment of the sport. I only wish that whosoever gave this source of information to TMX had first of all done their history lesson properly.

Please note that I am not implying in any way that the Centre Board gave this information, but I wish you all to know what was printed, was, and is, incorrect.

I am sure you will all understand my feelings on this matter.

As Kent Youth Trials Chairman I would like it to be noted, that I am also upset at the way Kent Youth have been treated in connection with next years rounds. I received a letter from Mr. Connor asking us to host a round in Feb. 1995. When speaking on the telephone to him, he informed me that he only wanted K.Y.T.C. to hold a round for C & D classes only. I informed him this was unacceptable, that if we were going to host a round then it should be for all four classes A, B, C & D.

I have not received any more information on this, but reading my Centre Gazette today, I see that K.Y.T.C. have been put in the dates list for Dec. 1995. As this is our Annual Date for our Xmas Club Trial and a fun day for the lads and parents (decorated sections and helmets) this date is wholly unacceptable to us.

I strongly feel that as a club who has participated continually through the years with this Youth Championship that we are being treated very unfairly. After all this is a Youth Championship and I believe that the clubs who have continued over the years to promote and put on these trials should have the right to choose a date which suits them. Do you not all agree?

At this time of writing, sheppey M.C. have also not been given the opportunity to host a trial, which again seems to be grossly unfair, as they, like us, all through the years have hosted a trial for this Championship, when other clubs haven't wanted to participate.

My final word on this is that Kent Youth Trials Club, have for the past six years, put up End of Year awards for the Championship down to sixth place and financed them. We have done this purely to promote the sport and keep the South Eastern Centre Youth Championship alive.

At this moment in time, I feel that as a club we are being treated unfairly and being given the thin end of the wedge.

Thank you all for listening to my grievances.

Yours in Sport

Carol Dunk

TRIAL REPORT - DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS AT GREENFIELDS

Although the awful weather didn't help, our Christmas trial at Sturry somehow seemed a bit lacking in the festive spirit this time compared to previous years - despite a valiant effort by a few people. The trouble is it was only a few people who made the effort with only a couple of decorated sections and just a handful of competitors bothering to decorate their helmets.

Caroline at the chuck-wagon had done her bit and spent the previous evening making the mulled wine which she served with mince pies on the day. The Bird family were determined that their last Christmas trial with us was going to be one to remember as the section they decorated was complete with marquee, festive music and seasonal biscuits for the riders. And the effervescent Heathfield was plying observers with sherry/whiskey and, as usual, jovial banter.

Several adult riders joined us as guests and seemed to enjoy the day (as well as the mulled wine and mince pies!)

It was also Colin Edward's and Ian Richard's first effort as 'Clerks of the Course' in their own right and a good trial it would have been too if it wasn't for our wonderful weather. When will it ever stop raining?

After our new Chairman, Paul Bullock, gave his little welcoming speech the trial got underway.

'D' Class

Only two riders contested the D's but a close competition saw David Hallett win by the slim margin of 2 points from the shivering with cold Ben Ely.

'C' Class

Daz Richards was pleased to record his first 'C' class win and an excellent performance it was too in the very slippery conditions. He had a 9 point win from the more experienced Nicky Dowland and it must give him great confidence to have a real go at the 'D' Nationals he is going to do this year as incredibly he is still only 8 years old!

A further 9 points adrift in 3rd was Jimmy Edwards who was 22 ahead of Chris Stoddard. Much to the onlooker's amazement Chris managed to climb the slippery hill out of section 8 on lap 3 when everyone else had failed. It looks like 'C' class will be interesting this year with two other youngsters, Richard Ely and Guy Hadfield, joining in the fun and they finished 5th and 6th respectively.

Novices

Darryl Jeffrey wrestled his GasGas around over a very high scoring Novice route to finish well clear of Paul Howe 132 to 155. Ben Hoare nearly recorded a 'full house' with 196 but commendably carried on to the end of the trial.

Experts

What a shame Simon Bird is nearly 17 because we will miss seeing his terrific riding at our trials in the future.

He won the experts by a huge gap of 49 marks from 14 year old Stevie Dunk and seems to revel in slippery and slimey mud. 3rd place went to Dean Heathfield who annoyed himself with some basic errors (like going the wrong way in section 8) but he managed to keep his score to under 100 by 2 marks. It was very close between Stephen Craig and Luke Paine for 4th and 5th who finished with 116 and 119.

Beginners

Well done Ben Wibberley for winning the 'Best Beginner' award. Ben kept the little PW50 buzzing to finish clear of Ashford's Michael Hollyer, 58 to 82.

Thanks to all the people who observed and to everyone for co-operating with the parking arrangements as this meant quite a long walk for most people.

'C' & 'D' RIDER'S REPORT - STURRY

A wet and slippery trial at Greenfields. The 'D' class enjoyed having their own sections. The 'C' class was quite hard but everyone got around and they were still smiling. Thanks to everyone for a great Xmas trial.

Jim

Thanks Jim for your first report - keep up the good work.....Ed



'D' Class Rider of the Year Richard Ely slithers around Greenfields.

K.Y.T.C. MEMBERSHIP

in A.C.U. age groups

JANUARY 1995

'D' Class

3 Lydia Ingram
4 Jack Manser
5 Danny Strudwick
6 Ben Wibberley
39 Lucy Dowland
50 James Burroughs
53 Ben Ely
57 Joe Tomlin
60 David Hallett
92 Darrell Richards

Whitstable
Lenham
Eastbourne
Herne Bay
SE2
Meopham
Maidstone
Harrietsham
Folkestone
Aylesham

'C' Class

14 Michael Hollyer
17 Bret Baker
18 Rick Marshall
19 Dean Latter
26 Phillip King
37 Nicky Dowland
40 Chris Stoddard
43 Jimmy Edwards
52 Richard Ely
71 Alastair Gough
74 Guy Hadfield
83 Adam Goodsell

Ashford
Bearstead
Folkestone
Tonbridge
Tenterden
SE2
Northfleet
Aylesham
Maidstone
Barming
Dover
St. Leonards

'B' Class

9 Dan Bullock
15 David Gavin
24 Ryan Hoare
33 Daniel Hood
46 Richard Inman
95 Darryl Jeffrey

Westerham
Canterbury
Herne Bay
Folkestone
SE12
Food Town

'A' Class

10 Nicholas Bullock
8 James Holyoak
23 Ben Hoare
25 Adam King
28 Stephen Dunk
36 Paul Howe
42 Nick Lynch
54 Stephen Craig
64 Simon Taylor
68 Greg Kennedy
70 Chrys Gough
72 Marc Baldock
75 Ryan Chapman
90 Luke Paine
94 Dean Heathfield
115 Simon Bird

Westerham
Walderslade
Herne Bay
Tenterden
Canterbury
Chatham
Ospringe
Elham
Sittingbourne
Dover
Barming
Ruckinge
Tenterden
Brabourne Lees
Rainham
Hurst Green

RIDER PROFILE - STEPHEN CRAIG

As well as his love of motor bikes and his surname, Stephen Craig seems to have also inherited from dad Nigel, a keen business acumen. Recently, he bought a second-hand Yamaha PW50, thrashed it round his field for a week, then sold it on to make a healthy 200% profit!

Life can be easy like that sometimes but an easy life isn't really the Stephen Craig way. He will be leaving Brockhill School in Hythe soon and he could walk straight into the family's printing business if he liked but Stephen would rather forge his own future. He is not sure what career he will eventually pursue but his great love of being outdoors and of all things mechanical make him attracted to agricultural engineering which he plans to study at Hadlow College. This will mean Stephen will be away from home during the week.

He has already seen his 19 year old sister Nicola fly the family nest and she is presently studying at Plymouth University (when she is not downing pints of scrumpy or playing rugby for the female university team). These Craigs are a sporting lot!

Nigel's first bike was a BSA C11G for which he paid the princely sum of £7.50 at a scouts jumble sale when he was just 12 years old. By the time he was 18 he had been bitten by the trialling bug and rode his first trial on a 250 Bultaco. Nigel continued to ride trials deviating onto 4 wheels for a spell when he took a Mini rallying but found little satisfaction in that so decided to stick with the bikes until the kids came along.

Stephen's first bike was a yellow TY80 which he had when he was seven. A bit of smooth talking by father and son persuaded mum, Anne to let junior enter his first K.Y.T.C. event which was a practice at Challock. In the mini-trial in the afternoon, Stephen found that he was the best 'D' class rider on the day and was really chuffed with himself.

After the TY80, a 100cc Honda was followed by an ex Dan Clark 125 Beta. Another Beta followed, this time a Zero, preceding his current mount an Aprilia Climber which Stephen says has real power but is a little on the heavy side.



A young Stephen on the yellow TY80.

One of his favourite trialling memories is of the 1989 K.Y.T.C. Camping Weekend where the young Craig won the beginners class on the Saturday then came 2nd in 'D' class on the Sunday.

Stephen's favourite venue is 'The Butts' up in Derbyshire and one of his all time trialling ambitions is to ride in the Scottish 6 day trial by which time he hopes to have achieved adult 'expert' status.

A few adult novice trials were won in 1994, something which he plans to repeat this year when his family's K.Y.T.C. commitments allow.

In view of his love of the outdoor life, it's not surprising that Stephen's hobbies are all outdoor pursuits. He loves to ride his BMX and to work on his Mini which he drives around his field but one hobby he has which is in complete contrast to all the mechanical and physical stuff is a nice quiet spot of fishing.

With Anne our Competition Secretary and Nigel our Press Officer (or should that be Press Gang Officer where observers are concerned) the family are still vital members of K.Y.T.C. and we are fortunate to have them for another year. They have been Club members for many years and will be missed when they move on.

Stephen also will move on and would advise newcomers to the sport to not take it too seriously as trials should be fun but practice for as long as possible and you will improve and enjoy the sport more.

That philosophy probably sums Stephen up quite nicely and we wish him well in his journey into adulthood and fishing in the 'rivers of life!'



Stephen pushes back the boundaries of bad taste in the decorated helmet competition at our Christmas trial.

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FINAL RIDER OF THE YEAR POINTS

Expert 'A' Class

115	S. Bird	188
90	L. Paine	119
54	S. Craig	105
75	R. Chapman	60
77	D. Gilbert	36
	T. Sparks	18
3	R. Thompson	6
63	G. Stone	4

'A' Novice

10	N. Bullock	169
68	G. Kennedy	81
51	J. Davies	44
36	P. Howe	38
23	B. Hoare	13
42	N. Lynch	9

Expert 'B' Class

28	S. Dunk	198
94	D. Heathfield	70
55	B. Smith	9

'B' Novice

95	D. Jeffery	198
9	D. Bullock	111

'C' Class

37	N. Dowland	178
43	J. Edwards	155
7	S. Thompson	43
46	R. Inman	37
83	A. Goodsell	33
19	D. Latter	35
40	C. Stoddard	34
26	P. King	16
61	A. Stephenson	15
17	B. Baker	9
1	J. Soper	4

'D' Class

52	R. Ely	156
92	D. Richards	137
74	G. Hadfield	122
53	B. Ely	54
60	D. Hallett	18



Winner at our Combine Trial at Trulls Hatch, Dave Shave who held on to win by one mark from Harley Stephens in a nail biting finish.

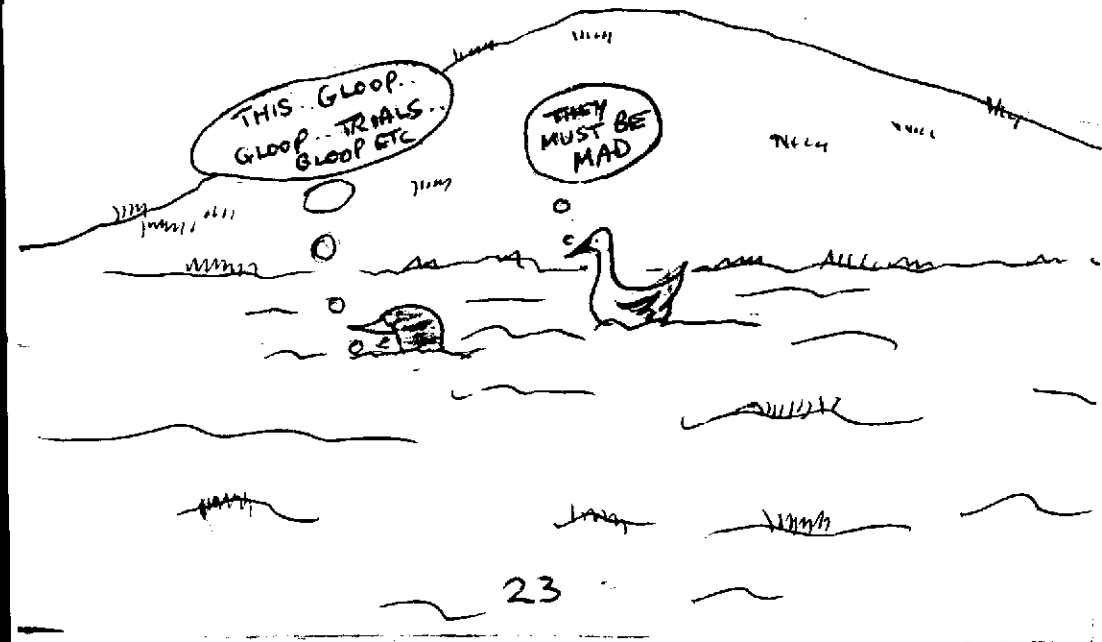


Practice Report 22/01/95

A good turnout of riders for a practice which turned out to be:

COLD & WET & MUDDY

But all the riders seemed to enjoy themselves, I know that the three new members did!



LOST PROPERTY

Found at Christmas trial child's purse with a sum of money and a record voucher. See Anne or Nigel.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Many happy returns to birthday boys:

Stephen Craig 16 years old on 7th January.

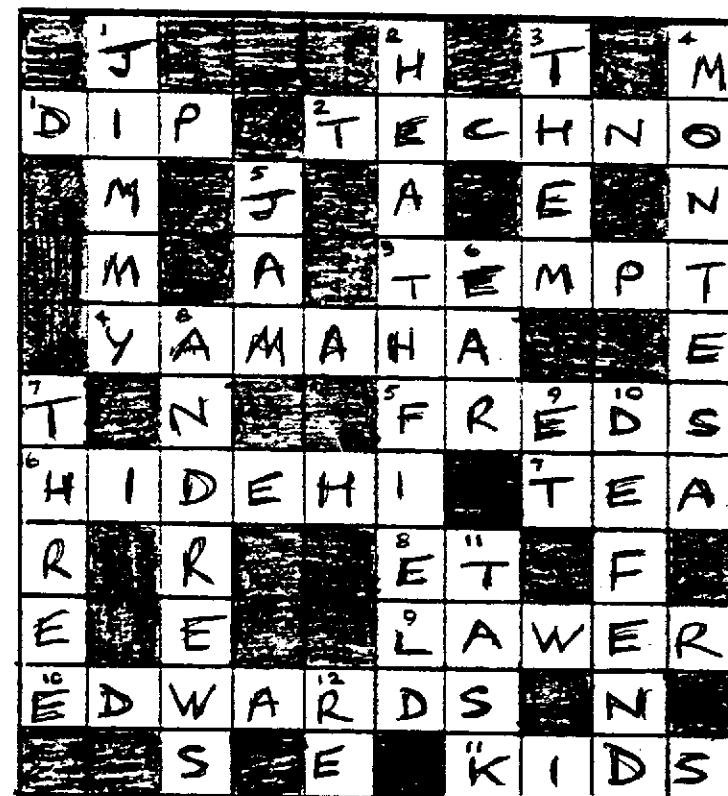
Adam King who was 15 on the 10th.

Dean Latter who was 11 on the 14th.

Also many happy returns to Carol who was one year older on the 17th.

Also, also our lovely ex hot dog lady Caroline was 27 this month.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD SOLUTION



Did you guess the mystery rider last month?
Yes, it was Darryl 'Doughnut' Jeffery.

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February	5	KYTC practice Sheppy
	12	Combine day Sidcup
	19	KYTC Club Trial - Broadoak Trials Park - TBC
	26	W & B Double Five Club SEC round 2 (A&B only)
March	5	KYTC practice - TBA
	12	Combine day Wickham
	19	A&B National - Otter Vale
	26	KYTC Club Trial - TBA W & B Bexleyheath Club
April	2	KYTC practice - TBA
	9	Combine day 55
	14	W & B Eltham Club
	15/16	World Round - Hawkstone Park
	17	W & B Sidcup Club
	23	A&B National - Scarborough
May	30	KYTC Club Trial - TBA
	1	Bank Holiday
	4	C&D National - West Leeds
	7	KYTC Practice - TBA
	14	Combine Owls
	21	
	28	KYTC Club Trial - TBA
	29	SEC round - Thames ABCD

June	4	KYTC Practice - TBA
	11	Combine Erith C&D National - Otter Vale
	18	KYTC Club Trial - TBA
	25	A&B National - Eastbourne W & B - Erith Club
July	2	SEC round - Sunbeam ABCD
	8	C&D National - Crowthorne
	9	KYTC Practice - TBA A&B National - Crowthorne
	15/16	KYTC Trial - Camping Weekend - TBA W & B - Erith Club
	23	A&B National - Guisborough
	29/30	Intercentre Team Trial - Hawkstone Park

TBA - to be arranged. TBC - to be confirmed.
W & B - Wobblers and Beginners Trials

Directions - Broad Oak, Sturry.
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Sturry. Turn left at roundabout -
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Vauxhall Rd. Down to T junction
and turn right - into Shellock
Road. Follow road over level crossing -
up the hill. Venue on the right.

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- 2) Your bike must be fitted with, Chain Guards, Kill Button, Self Closing Throttle, and be Silenced.
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- 4) You and your parent must sign on.
- 5) No riding before signing on.
- 6) No riding in the Car Park.
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- 8) Do not argue with the observer.
- 9) Stick to the marked route between sections.
- 10) Sign off, then no more riding.

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