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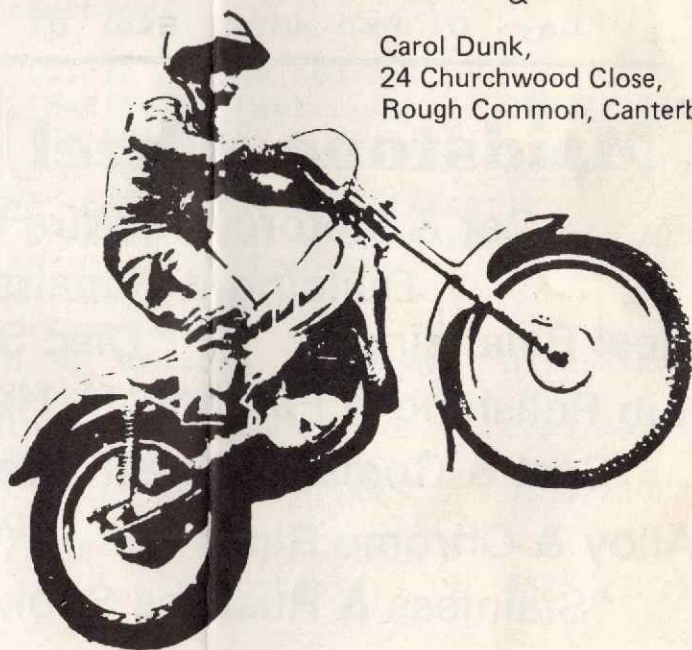
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EDITORIAL

Our seventh section sees us heading towards the end of our trial.

We both hope you all enjoyed the Camping weekend, the weather was just what we both ordered. Our thanks to all of you who joined in the fun, especially the dad's who tried very hard to ride. To Dick and Pip who almost failed the breath test. To all the players in the rounders match. It surely must have been one of the best we've ever had.

Our thanks to Dick and all his helpers for setting out both days trials. To the Red Cross Brigade who surely did a great job, your co-editor being one of their patients, can certainly vouch for that.

Last but not least to Glynis who spent most of the weekend in the Caravan, and to the Boys who all appeared to us to be having the time of their lives. To our ex-members who turned up for the weekend it was great to see you all.

We have four new members to welcome this month. They are Bradley Watkins from Rochester, D class, Nigel Tamplin from Leybourne A class, Simon Elgar from Ramsgate C class and Marc Neale from Tonbridge C class. We extend a warm welcome to these boys and their families and wish them well in their trialling year.

Our Social Secretary, Roy has told us the provisional date for our Annual Awards evening will be January 19th 1991 at the Southcliffe Hotel, The Leas, Folkestone. Although it's a few months away, it's certainly worth thinking about now. More to follow in a later magazine

Our membership secretary would like all riding members to produce their A.C.U. licences at the August trial. He has a very good reason for asking this, so please do not forget - thank you.

To all our riders in the fifth round of the A & B National, you all must have tried very hard for what to us seems to have been a very hard trial. The loss of marks proved this. Graham Jarvis came home in second place on 114 marks lost. Wayne Riorden in B class had a very good ride to come third on 165 marks lost. It seems to us that the standard of National rides seems to be getting more difficult as time goes on. Although we appreciate that the standard must be high, we still must question, What do adults expect of Schoolboys?

Vanda will be taking over the monthly trial raffle from Lindsay, so please give her your full support. Dixie says if you don't the practise sections will be much harder!!!

Dont' forget our Barbeque trial next week 21st July at Mascalls Pound Farm, Paddock Wood. It will start approx. 2.30, but if people would like to arrive at about 1 p.m. they can help out with sections etc. The cost will be £3 per head.

At the end of this editorial, we have a pause for thought. Interesting reading perhaps?

Happy and safe trialling to you all

Sheila and Carol.

It is with acknowledgements to Horsham and Southern Centre Gazette, and the Owl and is dedicated to all trials committ-ees.

A stranger walked up to a competitor who had just finished riding an observed section in a trial, and remarked that the event must be a big job to organise. 'No Problem' replied the rider - 'you just get someone to put up all these markers, someone to hand out the numbers, someone to observe - and that's about it'.

'But you've had to obtain all those printed cards and markers', remarked the stranger. 'Yea,' came the reply, 'someone gets hold of someone who has some plastic sacks and someone just cuts them up. Printed cards? Well, I suppose someone orders these and pays for them'.

The stranger enquired about the method of scoring and the number of sections involved. The reply brought the comment. 'So you need 10 observers, but how do you get them? And who works out the results afterwards?'

'Well,' admitted the rider, 'that's usually a bit difficult, but someone usually turns up and volunteers to observe. Then, after the trial, someone takes all the cards home and adds up the scores. Then someone writes out the results, then sends the info to TMX and MCN and writes a report for the club magazine - and that's the finish of the job.'

'That's interesting', commented the stranger, 'but who gets permission to use the land?' A Moment's pause, then the reply; Someone has to find a land owner and ask him if we can use it for a trial. Oh, I forgot, someone has to apply to the A.C.U. for a permit and fill in the insurance forms and so on.'

'Good heavens!' the stranger exclaimed - 'seems like you need a whole army of club members to run a trial.'

But the rider assured him that there wasn't much work. 'Someone always does it,' he added.

'I bet you do a lot,' said the stranger with an admiring glance at the young man's flash outfit and brand new bike.

'Not exactly, came the reply, the rider kicked the motor into life and bunny-hopped out of sight with a final comment:

'Someone always does it. SOMEONE ELSE - NOT ME.'

So if there is 'SOMEONE' out there amongst you all, who is interested in becoming a committee member, remembering the club cannot run without parents participation please come forward and have a chat with 'Chairman Dave'

Dick Hickmott, wishes to apologise to any members who may have been present at his 'little outburst' at the Matfield Practice.

TRIAL AT GREENFIELDS GUN CLUB17th JUNE, 1990

Another perfect day for our trial on the Sunday of the Camping weekend. Maybe a few hangovers, but didn't seem to spoil the day.

Section 1. Observed by Mrs. Trevatt, remarking how pleased she was that the weather was dry and there were no dirty and muddy clothes. Very easy route for the reds, all the way along the flat. All other classes twisting and turning in and out of the trees with some quite tight turns. Craig Dean being the only expert to clean this section on his third lap. Well done Craig. Also Jonathon Wilson having some very good rides here.

Section 2. Observed by our dear Bernie. Generally speaking' said Bern, very tight for blues, but then along came Uncle Dave and changed it. The usual twisting section that No. 2 usually is. Dave chiming in at this point, and giving it a degree of difficulty of 9. Lots of cleans on lap two, but to start with, with a few exceptions, most were finding it difficult. Reds no problems, and Mike Nutbrown having the first clean of the day riding expert route.

Section 3. Observed by the Wass Family. Mainly centering around a big fallen log for yellow, white and blues, with tape around the section making it very tight. Experts and whites going over the higher part of the log and blues over the lower part. Once over the log, weaving around the trees. Reds just through the trees, just straightforward. Jonathon Wilson riding E class, cleaning 2 laps out of 3, Ricky also cleaned here on his second lap.

Section 4. Observed by Peter Evans. Another section with 3 fallen logs, starting off over the first log, for Yellow, Whites and blues, the experts having to get right into the corner and over with a tight left hand turn out and around some trees, then

all over 2 more quite easy logs and out. Jonathon Allen, Wayne Riorden, Stuart Bridges cleaned here every time and 'my little soldier' riding his last trial, cleaned two laps out of three - bless him!! Neil Thompson riding A novice, cleaned here on his last lap.

Section 5.- Observed by Nigel Craig.

Quite a good section, not too difficult. Beginners, just rode straight through, Ross Thompson cleaned every lap, and Paul Trevatt having just 1 dab on his first lap. Andy Edmeads, and Nigel Tamplin, also Luke Paine having some good rides here.. Quite tricky for blues, going down the hill, along the bottom and coming up a steep slippery hill. Simon Bird, being the only blue rider to clean this every lap. Daniel Wilson also had some good rides here. Experts and Whites, between trees, over some tree roots, down the hill and up again, experts going through 2 nasty tight trees, over roots and another nasty bumpy tight tree root, but once over this a straightforward ride out.

Section 6 - Observed by Jackie Williams

Jackie, very happy - a good section for her, not much running around to do. Very easy for all classes, No problems at all, the section centering in and out of the bowl. and around a few trees.

Section 7. Observed by the ever happy and smiling Roy Bridges. Difficult for experts at the top, dropping down slightly and then a tight turn across a camber. Some doing it and some slipping down the bank. Jonathon, B.J., Craig Dean, Stuart Bridges, Harley Stephens, Adrian and Robbie Nutbrown all cleaned here every lap. Novices, dropping down a bit further and then giving it 'some wellie' to get back up. Andy Wilson riding novice, cleaned every time. Jay Grossmith also, had some very good rides here. Blues, quite good. Down to the bottom, around back up and out. Simon Bird, David Gilbert, Stephen Dunk, Mark Baldock and James Hickmott, cleaned every lap. Quite ferocious for the reds, having to ride across a slippery camber, but all having a good ride and showing great skill.

Section 8 - Observed by Graham Riorden. Graham perched on a little seat in between 2 trees, don't quite know who he was hiding from. The section, in the bowl, Blues and whites coming

across a small log 2 ft. in diameter, causing quite a few problems for smaller bikes. Toby Pearce had some very good rides here, cleaning every lap. Experts and novices crossing the log further down and down into a dip with a loose climb up. Only the riders with good throttle control making it. Reds riding along the top of the bowl - no problems.

Section 9 - The lovely Vanda Dean.

Really simple - Vanda said it must have been the easiest section in the whole trial. Reds, up a slight camber and basically straight line to exit gate. Blues, dropping into the stream and riding along it. Yellow and Whites, dropping into stream a bit earlier than the other classes and then just a straight ride through.

Section 10 - Observed by Dixie Dean.

Good old Dixie, always smiling and pleased to see us. Reds, riding through a muddy stream bed, but all coping very well. I watched Michael Cross have a very good ride here. Blues, out of stream bed, up around a tree with a tricky incline, back down, twisting through trees and following the stream out. Benjamin Smith and Grant Stone had some good rides here. Whites and Experts a steep climb to the top of the bank, steep drop down and out. Nearly everyone cleaning this.

Section 11, - dear Phil Waters

Phil said, most riders appearing to be 'colour blind' and missing markers, but he couldn't really see very well for the tears in his eyes as it was his last trial. Disappointed that at the end of his time with KYTC, rules seem to mean very little, especially the starting of section 1 of the second lap and following laps as riders seem to start where they want, missing out the harder sections until they are well ridden in, also riding out in the car park, doesn't seem to matter any more and he was grateful that his little Sarah wasn't walking out on her own yet. SO THINK ON ALL YOU BOYS! Apart from his little moan, Phil said he has made a lot of nice friends and hopes to see them all in adult trials. On to the section - up and down banks, nice camber for experts, Reds miandering through.

Section 12 - Observed by Pete Smout.

Set in a bowl with various logs and obstacles. Experts 'a doddle' all cleaning it. I watched Steven Wass have a lovely clean here. Whites - straightforward, Lee Mc Roberts cleaned every lap. Blues, a little more difficult. Stephen Craig and Gary Stephens, cleaned here two laps out of three. Reds riding around a hump, just a few dabs here and there.

Section 13 - Observed by Mark Smith..

Experts and novices, starting off up a dry sandy bank, dropping down into a gully, up the side of a sandy bank, around a tree, up a steep bank and out to finish. Blues and reds winding around trees in the gully. A nice section - much easier than it looked. I watched Kevin Garwood have just one dab here and Alex Burd clean. Ian Smout cleaned here before retiring. Gavin Christie cleaned here every time.

Section 14 - Observed by my partner in crime - Carol Dunk.

They managed to split us up for the day - I wonder why? Set on a bumpy hill. Reds coming down into a dip and along the track. I watched my little 'toy boy' Adam Baldock have a very good ride here, I'm sorry I couldn't come to your Disco Adam, remember to invite me next year. Blues, a tight turn over tree roots, across the top of bank, turning tightly in amongst the trees, dropping down across adverse camber, between trees, up bank to exit. Whites and experts, all coping admirably.

I am sorry but I appear to have 'lost' section 15, I must have dropped in somewhere, but if somebody finds it, don't worry - just put it in the bin! But looking at the results, Jonathon Allen the only expert to clean it, quite good for C class.

Expert Premier to Jonathan Allen - well done. Expert 1st class to B.J. Waters - a very good ride B.J. B 1st class expert - Wayne Riorden. Expert 2nd class Steven Wass. Very well ridden boys. Novice Premier - Ricky Bromley - well done Ricky. A first class - Neil Thompson - good ride Neil. B first class Jay Grossmith - well done. C first class - Simon Bird, C 2nd Class - David Gilbert, c 2nd Class - Stevie Dunk. Well done lads. Best Beginner - Ross Thompson. Well done Ross.

C & D NATIONAL - ROUND 2SCARBOROUGHReport by Cathy Bird.

Quite an uneventful journey really, with mile upon mile of motorway flashing past as we sped along, keeping our fingers crossed that the bike wouldn't fall off and smash to pieces in the outside lane! Tummies started rumbling around 1.00 p.m. and it was time to start spotting the Little Chefs and Happy Eaters (easy really, they seemed to spring up from nowhere every two miles) We stopped eventually at about 2.00 p.m. when a little voice from the back seat stated that he was starving and would die at any minute if he didn't get a burger. This finally clinched it, as there seemed to be no reason to go to Scarborough if the rider was dead!

On arriving in Scarborough we had to have a guided tour of the town so that Simon could show us where he had stayed on a school trip the previous year. Having done this we finally arrived at our B & B just after 5.00 p.m. Pulling into the yard we were met by a very pleasant surprise. Two familiar cars already parked with trials bikes very securely attached and reversed tight against the wall. One belonging to Stuart and David Gilbert and the other to Brian, Carol and Steve Dunk.

Having checked in and unpacked I immediately put the kettle on for the long-awaited decent cup of tea. Simon took off to find David and Steve. It didn't take him long. They were in the garden playing on a swing made from an old tractor tyre. Great fun was had by all. Afterwards Simon said that was the best part of the weekend - apart from going to the pub on Saturday evening'.

Brian had driven straight up after completing his night shift so he had some sleep to catch up on. Carol and Steve went with the rest of us to the Falcon Inn for some light refreshments. Here frivolity was the order of the day, as the three boys practiced their skills at beer mat flipping. Luckily we managed to escape without any breakages or getting thrown out!

A mist lay over the moorland as I peered out of the bedroom window to see what the weather had in store for us, but luckily it had lifted by the time we had managed to get through the gargantuan breakfast that was put before us.

On arriving at the start we found 'The Bromleys'. Good old Pip managed to reassure us by telling us that the sections were very difficult, but luckily the river level had gone down considerably from the night before! Simon and Ricky were riding No's 1 and 2 respectively, so John and I decided to walk to section 1 before they started. It was quite a way round the course and we didn't really want to start the day with a run.

Section 1 was the only section we saw Ricky ride, which he did beautifully for a clean. He was then gone like the wind, never to be seen again until the finish. On our travels we met Pip and Charmaine who kept us informed of his activities. He rode very well considering how difficult the sections were (comments were coming from all sides, so it was not only our boys who found the going tough) and finished 3rd losing 64 marks and putting him in joint first place overall.

Carol asked me to write a report on this trial whilst we were in the pub on the Saturday night. You only have to write what you thought about it, she said. What I thought of some of the sections is unprintable. This club has acres of fantastic trials ground, land that we would kill for, (those of you who have already been to this site will know exactly what I mean) unfortunately for this trial they decided not to use much of it. There were 15 sections in all, section 1 being the starter with a right and then left hand twist half way up a hill with a rocky step in a gully to the top. Sections 2 - 13 being the main course were all in the river. Sections 14 and 15 were the dessert, unfortunately there was no cream, just a relief to get out of the water!

The river was quite wide, luckily not very deep, (depending on how long your boots were) but it was very wet, which most of the boys can vouch for. David was the first of our lads to take a bath at section 2 on lap 1, Steve didn't have his until the last lap and Ricky and Simon managed not to actually fall right into the water.

Rocks, rocks and even more rocks. I know that they had to use them, but not quite so many! There wasn't one section without at least one. This was where the bigger bikes came into their own. Simon had a lot of trouble with the larger rocks owing to the fact that his bike has smaller wheels and therefore less ground clearance. Most of his 5's were caused by grounding and not being able to get over the rocks, which was a shame because it became quite demoralising to know that even on the next lap he would still not be able to clear them.

Steve and David fared a lot better with their bigger bikes. Steve had a good ride on his new machine and managed to complete the sections without any major mishaps.

The weather was kind to us, although overcast it did not actually rain and it was not hot and sunny as it was at Invicta.

Luckily there were four smiling faces at the end, with Steve, David and Simon collecting their finishers awards and Ricky his 3rd place trophy, which was well deserved.

PRACTICE - MATFIELD 8th April, 1990.

<u>RESULTS</u>			
<u>Yellows</u>		<u>Blues</u>	
45 H. Stephens	31	80 J. Hickmott	27
25 C. Dean	36	18 T. Pearce	47
A. Mills	41	55 B. Smith	50
		12 G. Christie	61
		56 S. Craig	68
		63 G. Stone	69
		68 I. Smout	73
		66 K. Garwood	79
		65 G. Stephens	Ret
		111 A. Burd	Ret
<u>Reds</u>			
90 L. Paine	40		
44 M. Cross	69		
26 A. Evans	Ret.		

PRACTICE - PARBUTTS MAY 6th 1990

RESULTS

Yellows

4 B.J. Waters	18
34 J. Allen	20
25 C. Dean	45
103 R. Bromley	52
14 J. Grossmith	55
I. Hodges	Card lost
7 A. Howard	" "

Whites

63 G. Stone	61
77 D. Gilbert	55
60 N. Thompson (4 laps)	37
28 S. Dunk	61

Blues

18 T. Pearce	59
111 A. Burd	85
66 K. Garwood	Ret.

Reds

44 M. Cross	46
85 P. Trevett	72
3 R. Thompson	78
B. Grossmith	Non start
90 L. Paine	" "
58 B. Matton	Ret
37 N. Dowland	"

RIDER OF THE YEAR POINTSAFTER 6 TRIALSEXPERTS'A' CLASS

4 E.J. Waters	79
34 C. Allen	67
30 M. Smith	40
70 G. Jarvis	36
52 S. Bridges	24
25 C. Dean	17
7 A. Howard	15

'A' NOVICE

40 F. Nutbrown	64
50 M. Thompson	56
88 S. Wass	53
45 E. Stephens	42
49 A. Wilson	36
11 L. Mc Roberts	27

'C' CLASS.

115 S. Bird	107
28 S. Dunk	70
77 C. Gilbert	41
80 C. Hickmott	38
79 M. Baldock	35
18 C. Pearce	12

'B' CLASS

121 W. Riorden	72
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'B' NOVICE

103 R. Bromley	98
44 J. Grossmith	75
58 B. Matton	9
48 J. Wilson	9

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Last Sunday's C & D National round at Durham was the last of the present series.

Ricky's bid for the title looked in doubt as he was suffering from flu, so was well below par, but still rode well enough to take 6th position and finished 3rd overall, at a trial that from what I have heard was well over the top with many riders losing 200 marks or more. Very well done to Ricky and all our lads from Kent who all managed to finish the trial. What a pity the organizers couldn't afford to give finishers awards!

A class, Graham Jarvis took 2nd place at Matlock in another trial that was well over the top, with only half a dozen or so riders coming under 200 marks. Isn't it amazing that the retirements came from the locals, with all the Kent lads finishing again. Well done lads.

Sheppey are holding their South Eastern Centre Championship round on Sunday 22nd July, so if you haven't entered and would like to do so, please let me know immediately.

The Folkestone Club have very kindly offered to sponsor the awards for the S.E. Championship for 1991, which I think is a remarkable gesture.

The results of the S.E. Centre Championship so far will be published in the next magazine.

Keep those feet up

Dave.

What follows, is a letter of thanks from Bob Thompson.

14 Allsworth Close,
Newington,
Sittingbourne, Kent.

The Thompson Family, would like to thank the very kind and thoughtful people who telephoned or sent cards of sympathy through our difficult days following my father's tragic accident. The floral tribute was lovely and greatly appreciated by all.

Neil and Ross's Grandad had supported trials for 25 years. He was vice-president of the North Kent Trials Combine.

The Saturday of our Camping Weekend was the last schoolboy trial he attended and remarked to me how much he had enjoyed the event, even having to pick me up from under the bike on Section 1.

A third grandson, Steve, has just acquired a TY 80 and will be joining Kent Youth shortly.

Sincerely,

Bob Thompson.

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60 N. Thompson	Non starter

BLUES

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REDS

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K.Y.T.C. CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Sending entry in on time before the closing date, to help the Competition Secretary.
2. No engines must be run before the Trial starts unless asked to do so by an official, or before signing on as you will not be insured.
3. Sign on at the Caravan with parent/guardian.
4. Riders should start the trial at the section that is the same as their LAST riding No. i.e. 77 starts at section 1. They ride to the end of that lap, then go from sections 1 to 6, before changing their card. The subsequent laps must start at section 1 and be ridden in number order.
5. Riders must wear helmets and boots and have their arms covered. GLOVES ARE NOW COMPULSORY.
6. When a rider arrives at a section, they should give their score card to the observer.
7. If you are not sure of your route on a section ask the section observer, as going the wrong way will result in a 5 penalty.
8. Do not enter a section before being called in by the observer.
9. After riding the section WALK back with your card. as riding back into the section may cause a 5 penalty.
10. Score cards must not be held in your mouth.
11. Riding after the trial is NOT ALLOWED unless permission is given by the Clerk of the Course.

As we still have this page to fill, I thought I would just write a few lines as we come to the end of our time with Kent Youth.

Although I am still doing the mag., until November, Adrian is now 17, so finished his last trial at the Camping weekend.

We have all thoroughly enjoyed our time with KYTC and made a lot of friends - also grown a lot of grey hairs, but will miss the close knit community of the club.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank by Co-Editor Carol, who has worked very hard and travelled up and down once a month to get the mag., together, but I am sure we will still have our get-together and our bottle or two of wine all the same.

Also thanks to Chairman Dave, who also comes over once a month (when he remembers!) to bring his report, we all have had a lot of laughs together over the last two years.

Well I suppose I will now have to join the Womens Institute and get my knitting out again!

Looking forward to seeing you all in adult trials.

Sheila.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JULY 21	Barbeque Trial - Paddock Wood.
22	S.E. Centre Round 3 - Sheppey
29	A & B National - Guisborough
AUG 4/5	International 2 day - Scarborough
5	K.Y.T.C. Trial - Greenfields Gun Club, Sturry.

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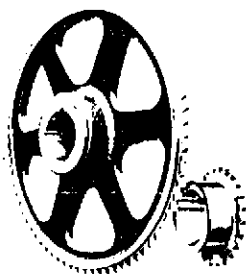
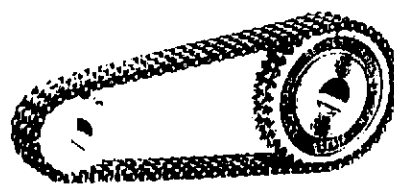
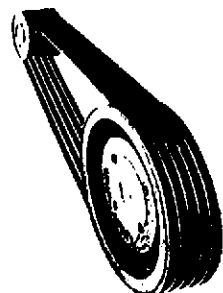
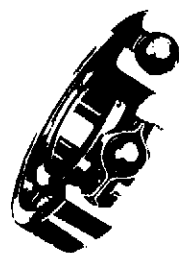
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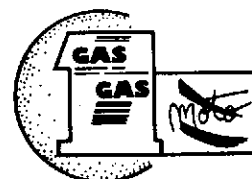


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