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NEWSLETTER

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The weather more than co-operated at the May Trial, held appropriately enough at May's Farm. It was a lovely day, and you all parked so pretty - Alf even put his machine-gun away in his violin case.

Real K.Y.T.C. weather this and the woods looked very inviting and cool....AND..guess what, we even had a 'Ladies" LUXURY!

A new innovation at our trials and a great improvement was the stepped start: some riders started from Section 1 and some on Section 9. This made for easy riding as I only saw one holdup and that was at Section 15 and we all know what that particular section was like as this receives our 'Nasty Section Award' of the month.

You can all pat yourselves on the back, as thanks to you all observing the rules that were handed to you on arrival, we ALL had a good day's trialing.

A good idea having all the bikes in a compound away from the Car Park - made for a bit of peace in the Car Park (did you note the letter in the S/E Gazette?).

Only one small cloud on the horizon.... A rider was spotted by the landowner riding around his hopfield, which was away on the right as you came into the Car Park. We should like to know if anyone saw this and perhaps noted the rider's number or if he was even one of us. We must all keep our eyes open for those who ride where they are NOT allowed, as this could lead to us losing more land. Those with any information on this, please contact David Brown.

ED'S DABS - MAY'S FARM TRIAL - MAY 1978

All got away from the compound on time, some heading for S.1 and some for S.9.

S.1: The Novices got the soft low end of a nasty tree trunk someone had carelessly left lying right across your path, which sorted out the experts and bent a few sump plates; if you survived this hazard, you continued round the trees, and in and out of a small pit.

S.2: Saw Anthony Errey on his new Fantic sail through here; it was a steep hollow with a tight turn round the bushes, then up and out. The little bikes got round neater than the bigguns.

S.3: Nice and straightforward up and out on the top of a swinging steep hill - nice to blast up

S.4: Left hand drop here with a crafty adverse camber.

S.5: More or less a continuation of the last, only up and out. Nice and soft and sandy.

S.6: Nadgery through the trees and up (if you can!), a crumbly, sandy, long, long climb for the experts. No.53 Tim Geoghagan dug a nice hole half-way up but No.1 Stuart Woods sailed up with a clean. One of our new Experts, Andrew Soameson took a look at the hill, gulped and cleaned it!! The Novices' path was easier going across and out. Young Leonard Marsh got through fine.

S.7: Experts lumberjack leap over logs, round the tree and a throttle twisting belt up a 1-in-1 sandy, slippery hill. The Novices just went straight up. No.40 Joanne Coulter gave a great twist on her throttle, shut her eyes and sailed up, only dabbled at the top and lost a one. Rae Riddell only managed to get half-way up before he parted company with his Yammy. No.90 Karl Brown and Yammy had a race backwards down the hill - separately.....I think the bike won! Saw Lee Crosbie No.57 have a nice clean as well. No.98 Neil Davison saw me standing at the top and roared up the hill, did a fantastic wheelie and headed straight for me - I haven't moved so fast for years!

S.8: I think you are out to get me! There I was taking my ease in a nice car seat, when Joanne, trying to do some straight turns round the trees, saw me and charged right into my lap! Mark Ridge just could not get his front wheel round the last tree: it kept moving.....

ED'S DABS - MAY TRIAL (contd.)

S.9: Up a sand hill with a tight turn down and out through very narrow trees. Several bikes got jammed in there.

S.10: Winding in and out of trees, over stumps, and a quick blast up and out the last climb. Nice section. No.132 Richard Hodkin did an unexpected wheelie half-way through, planted his front wheel up the side of a tree, bounced off, reeled out of the section, fell off and only lost a two. He sat there quite a while trying to work out what had happened!

S.11: A picture of a section. A hillock surrounded by bluebells and a large oak tree standing guard on the top. Tearing your bike away from the smell of the bluebells, the track was up and round the oak with a crumbly adverse slope curving tight round. Many came to grief here. Ivor Simmonds poodled round O.K., but Trevor Miles slid out for a five.

S.12: Nice steep or deep swinging hollow, in, down, round, up and out - real big dipper stuff. Young Gavin Cooper whooshed through and took a one.

S.13: Ziggy-zaggy, up and down round the trees. No.103 Robert Tilbury's bike wanted to lie down and have forty winks - spoil sport Robert wouldn't let him. Mark Ridge's bike was luckier. Both of them had a lie down....and a snooze....

S.14: Up stepped hill, round and round the trees up a last step and out and away.

S.15: Nasty! A real jammy bike crusher through a tree stump and IF you got through, you continued up hill and out via a steep sided ditch. No.109 Paul Edwards got through the hard bit but came to grief in the ditch. Those of you who finally got over this bit were so surprised that you got lost in the rest of the section. Nasty stump that - even Steven Higgins got stuck.

A VERY GOOD TRIAL and a lovely day.

OUR THANKS TO

THE CLERK OF THE COURSE, MR. BROOKER,

and

HIS HELPERS

RESULTS.....RESULTS.....RESULTS.....RESULTS

Congratulations to DAVID SMITH on beating the field, with only a loss of 15 marks - he picks up the Premier.

Steven Higgins came in first in the 1st Class Awards with 22 M/L., followed by Dave's big brother James Smith with 27 M/L.

In the 2nd Class Awards, Grant Lemmon, younger brother of Mark *Moustache*, gets a 1st with 28 M/L. Very close these marks.

In the A Novices, the Premier was taken by David Williams with 36 M/L. on his Yammy. The 1st Class Award was taken by Robert Tilbury with 52 M/L. and close behind with 56 M/L. was Paul Edwards.

2nd Class Awards for Novices: Young David Skinner enters the fray on his Ossa with a loss of 57, only one mark behind Paul, and second, Ross Browning still very close 59 M/L.

In the Class B field for the Experts, James, of course, got the Premier, and Anthony Errey on his latest mount, a Fantic, lost only 47 marks and picked up a 1st.

The Class B Premier Novices was won by Sean Mitchell with 53 M/L.

Then the Class B 1st Class Awards....Mighty Matt Parbutt collected 56 on his 175 Yammy.

2nd Class Awards for Class B....nice to see Steven Gardner here with his Monty (68 M/L.) and also with 68, Leonard Marsh.

Class C Premier Award....young Gavin Cooper struggled long and hard for this, and lost only 66 marks. Well done, lad!

The 2nd Class Award goes to Karl Brown with 131 marks lost.

P R O M O T I O N S

Four new Experts this month.....

Class A: Up goes - David Williams and Robert Tilbury.

Class B: Up goes - Matt Parbutt and Sean Mitchell.

INTERESTING INFO.....

If anyone would like some back-numbers of your favourite mag.....No, not that one.....YOUR N/L. I have some for March, April, May, June, July, September and November/December 1977; also March, April and May 1978..... please let me know.

Those who came to the Trial at May's Farm will have already received a copy of the following letter, but for those of you who have not seen this, I am copying it here again.....

" As you are aware, land is a problem for the Club and therefore, we are very grateful to Mr. May for the use of his land again for this Trial. However, it is most important that we continue to conduct ourselves in an orderly manner to safeguard this land for future use.

In view of this, I have listed below various points that must be observed:

Please do not assume that the car park will be in the farmer's yard as last time. Weather permitting, he would like us to use a field just south of the farmhouse, so look for the signs. Please park neatly.

Motor cycles must not be ridden in the car park, paddock or surrounding area. This means NO WHEELIES. Having completed the Trial, machines must be pushed back to your car. Any member caught riding in these areas will have his entry refused for the next Trial.

There will be a specially designated area for scrutineering, and machines must be pushed to the Scrutineers. Once the machine has been examined, then it must be left in this area until the commencement of the Trial. Please note, you cannot sign on until your machine has been scrutineered.

I would like to thank you for your assistance in observing the above points, and hope you have an enjoyable and successful day.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID BROWN. "

TT WEEK - ISLE OF MAN - 1978

This was my first visit to the 'Island' and I went with a group from the Invicta M/C Club. Six of us on four bikes - a BMW, 2 Hondas and my Yam XS750. We reached Liverpool early Saturday morning and joined a slow-moving queue for the ferry. By 10 o' clock our tanks had been pumped out and we were on board with our bikes perched precariously on deck. They were packed too tight to fall over - just as well because they were only loosely roped together.

We were off the ferry at Douglas by 2.30 which gave us time to check into our Guest House before the first race. We watched the Formula 1 TT from the top of Bray Hill, where, on the following Monday, there were to be two serious crashes in the 1st leg of the Sidecar TT. After Mike Hailwood and the leaders passed Bray Hill on the last lap, we moved up to the Grandstand for the finish. We were well-positioned and saw Mike Hailwood cruise to victory and a standing ovation. He had slowed down early and was able to stop just beyond the finish, where he dismounted and rested his Ducati on the wall below my feet.

In Douglas, the promenade and nearby roads were like a sea of bikes - the horse-drawn trams moving slowly down the centre - very few cars. Hardly any mopeds to be seen because, I'm told, at sixteen, on the Island you can ride a motorbike or drive a car. SX750's, still rare in Thanet, were plentiful on the Island, as were the BMWs, Guzzis and other heavy bikes. A couple of wedge-shaped Qasars darted here and there. There were vintage bikes and British Bikes (dripping oil on path and grass). In all, some twelve thousand bikes were taken to the Island for TT week.

On 'Mad Sunday', we were up early to do a lap of the course before breakfast and before it became crowded and dangerous. It was a slow lap taking just under an hour for the 38 miles circuit. (Hailwood & Co. take less than 20 mins.) Later we toured the Island.

On Monday we watched the Senior TT from Braddan Bridge and the Sidecars in the afternoon from near Glen Helen. That evening we saw Mike Hailwood take his Trophy and refuse a replica at the Prize Presentation at the Villa Marina. A very full programme of events, apart from the TT races, included daily displays by Dave Taylor, the Hell Drivers Show, MCN Film Show and Red Arrows Aero-

batic Displays. In the evenings (not dark until nearly eleven!) there were MotorCross, Scrambles, Grasstrack and a Trial.

We watched the Junior TT on Wednesday from the bungalow: the mountain shrouded in mist with a cold wind and drizzle caused an hour's delay in starting. We were at Ginger Hall in the afternoon for the Sidecars. On Thursday we toured the north of the Island.

For the Formula II and III TT on Friday, we went to Cregny-Baa (cold and windy) and watched from the rotting remains of an old stand. After a quick lunch in Douglas, I went out to Braddan Bridge for the afternoon Schweppes Classic TT. A lucky choice for Mike Hailwood came through Braddan Bridge in fine style but didn't finish the first lap.

We took the overnight ferry to arrive in Liverpool very early and tired on Saturday morning. We rode free of the City to take breakfast at Knutsford Services and then had a rather fast run on the Motorways to reach Thanet by 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

A very worth-while trip if you want to spend a whole week with motorbikes and bike people.

Brian Prior

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FAX FARM, WINTERBOURNE

Through the generosity of Neil Thompson's family, who moved recently from Essex to Kent, we are able to use Fax Farm for the August Trial. This land is some 200 acres of dense woodland with a big sandpit. We have Mr. Thompson's permission to go there on the 23rd July to cut out sections and routes to sections through the woods.

Those who come at 10.00 a.m. armed with saws, axes and lots of energy, and who spend the morning working, will be able to ride in the afternoon. But don't turn up late and expect to ride without having worked!!

REQUEST FOR NEWS: If anyone is contemplating a visit to Prof. Don Smith on his Trials Course in Kent, would they, please, write up news, impressions, etc. and send to the Editor of your N/L. so we can all read and enjoy.....

INTERESTING INFO.....

Marc Lemmon picked up a Novice Award at the Medway Trial at Stockbury on Sunday, May 4th.

Apologies to one S. Higgins - who wasn't OUR S. Higgins in the last Newsletter.

APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS

Would someone like the job of Club Social Secretary?

i.e. to organise, say, a barbeque and 'get together', a visit to a motor cycle factory (not Japan), or even just an excuse to meet for a chat. This will in some way help us who miss the relaxation and get together with each other we had at the practices.

LITTER...LITTER...LITTER...LITTER

TAKE IT HOME!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

SCOTT BROWNING	The Oast, Mascalls Pound Farm, Paddock Wood, Kent.
PETER SALMON	204 Lower Twydale Lane, Gillingham.
PAUL WATKINS	"Shangri La", Oxford Road, Gillingham.
PETER WILLOUGHBY	} 7 Langdale Rise, Maidstone, Kent
CHRISTOPHER WILLOUGHBY	

When sending your entries for your next Trial.....please, please, make out your P.O. out to the K.Y.T.C. and NOT to Mr. Lemmon. Thank you!

BOYS!! BOYS! You are upsetting our LOVELY Observers..... You must wait at the beginning of the section UNTIL the Observer says 'All Clear' or waves you on. You will get a thump next time you go into the section if it's not clear or the Observers have not given you permission.

WANTED - WANTED - WANTED - WANTED - PRIZES for our Trial Raffles. Please see Nancy Morris or Michael Banks.

INTERESTING INFO (contd.)

Can we have a finish time (approximately) given for the end of the Trial, then we know how long we've got to brew up ?

From *Motor Cycle Weekly*: Note the remarks re Observer asking, "Does a competitor lose 5 marks if his machine or body touches or brushes against tape or other artificial boundary to an observed section?" The answer is..... NO, he does not. The rider only loses marks if he breaks, crosses or removes an artificial boundary.

As our Club is now two years old, I dug up the results for one of our first ever Trials held on Mr. Wood's land near Canterbury. There were about a dozen riders and among the winners were Stuart Wood, Anthony Dobbs and Steven Simcock.

L O S T: At May's Farm - Man's Gold Wedding Ring.
If found, please ring D. BROWN at Farnborough 57983.

C A L L I N G holder of RAFFLE TICKET No. 108, repeat 108.....
Please collect your bottle of whisky - quick!
This was sold at May's Farm. See Mr. Banks.
QUICK!

F O R S A L E: TWIN TRAILER, £95.00. Ring Bridge 830611.

J O K E S

The Irishman who shot twelve Woodpeckers, before someone told him that cider is made from apples.....!

The Irishman who wanted to grow a beard.....
been eating two tins of Whiskas a day!

L A N D

We still have no land for the Trials after August - does this mean the end of K.Y.T.C. ? There are 'irons in the fire' but you can only ride 'irons' on land.

See the next edition for further news and watch the calendar for changes in the diary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

"Hermitage Farm.
29th May.

I would like to thank everybody for parking neatly and especially the riders for their co-operation by not riding their machines other than on the course provided.

I hope you agree that by keeping the machines out of the car park, it makes life more tolerable for spectators and friends. I could actually sit down for lunch and hear what my wife was saying (I am not sure if that is good or bad!). Anyway, if any of you have any comments, good or bad, or alternatively additional ideas, then let us hear them.

Unfortunately, all our efforts were spoilt once again by one selfish person who chose to ride a machine on the farmer's hopfield adjacent to the woods. This person is jeopardising your sport and, therefore, I am appealing to you all to give me a ring, in confidence, and tell me what you saw.

Once again, thank you all for your co-operation.

David Brown"

DON SMITH TRIALS SCHOOL

The first Summer School will be held on the 1st/2nd July at Mereworth. This one is for beginners and younger riders, and Bob Cooper (Maidstone 812839) can accept probably one or two more riders for this course.

He is also taking bookings for the August School (provisionally arranged for Fax Farm) which is for those with a little more experience. Please contact Bob soon if you want to join.

MUMS & DADS' TRIAL - We were going to hold this on the 9th July and were hoping to use Ospringe. Unfortunately, the owners of Ospringe have refused permission to use the land again this year and have said that they will review the position next year. So, Mums and Dads, the Trial is postponed until further notice (i.e. until we find more land).

ANOTHER LETTER TO THE EDITOR....

"Dear Editor,

I find it interesting to read in the Newsletter each month, the concern about the cancellation of official practices. Since we were given the opportunity to use three practice grounds (more than most clubs), I find that I have attended more practices than would have been possible under the old system. However, I must admit that I have had to organise it myself.

Having made the above statement, I would like to reply to Dennis Morris, by saying that I would quite happily support the re-introduction of official practices but could only do so when more land becomes available. However, I do support Dennis's concern about the social side of the Club. Unfortunately, at present the Club does not have a Social Secretary (nobody wants the job), so I have agreed to accept the position on a temporary basis, but I need assistance from within the Club.

Firstly, I need ONE person from our 140 membership to assist me in the capacity of Social Organiser. Any volunteers ? phone me.

Thanks to Doug Douglas, I can advise that there is an official practice at Little Ruckinge Farm, Herne Bay, on SUNDAY, 6th AUGUST, from 10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., and this will be followed by a Dads' (or Mums) versus Boys' Football Match. So if you want to play, please let me know.

Whilst writing, I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating and thanking Jill Cressey for maintaining a very high standard of Club Magazine. It is a very difficult job at the best of times, but an impossible task when complacent members leave it to someone else to provide copy. So, get your quills out.

Well, I have said my piece - surely someone wants to reply!

David Brown."

CHEERIO.....from your blushing ED.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (1978

- JUNE 25* National Trial - N.E. London MCC.
 JULY 1/2 Don Smith Trials Course - Mereworth.
 16 Trial - 11 a.m. Tibbs Court.
 23* National Trial - Denbigh & Mold MCC.
 Working Party/Practice - 10 a.m. Fax Farm, Winterbourne.
 AUG. 6 Practice/Football - 10 a.m. Little Ruckinge Farm, Herne Bay.
 12* Traders' Trophy National Trial - Bolton MCC.
 13* National Trial (5th Round Intermediate & Senior Championships) Rochdale & District MC.
 20 Trial - 11 a.m. Fax Farm, Winterbourne.
 27* Youth Division Championship Trial (Cadets & Juniors) Sutton Falcons MCC.
 SEP. 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 Trial.
 DEC. 10 Trial.
 16 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 7 p.m.

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- JAN. 14 Trial.
 FEB. 18 Trial.
 MAR. 18 Trial.
 APR. 22 Trial.
 MAY 20 Trial.

* Denotes events not organised by KYTC.

PRACTICES

Riders may attend Practice Sites after previous arrangement by telephone with:

- Mr. Trevor Dobbs - Tibbs Court - Brenchley 2375.
 Mr. 'Doug' Douglas - Herne Bay 63815.
 Mr. Bob Cooper - Mereworth - Maidstone 812839.