



# Kent Youth Trials Club

AFFILIATED TO THE AUTO-CYCLE UNION

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## NEWSLETTER No. 20

Well, with Spring just around the corner, we are lucky in being able to look forward to a trials summer season, something which very few adult clubs lay on. So get out your summer frocks and roll on sunshine!

When we are first revealed from under our various layers of woollies, jumpers, coats, macs and wellies it's hard to recognise each other in order to hail one's fellow!

Now for a very topical plea - I quote Peter Coulter.....

"We are always looking for new land to ride on and we ask all members to keep aware to this fact and report any likely sites to the Committee so that a correct official approach may be made to the land-owner.

Quite a few members have 'Farm' listed on their addresses and most of you live near the country, so how about it?! Do you have a suitable piece of woodland nearby that we might utilize, even if it's only once a year - it would be appreciated....."

If you don't know of any, keep your eyes peeled and ask around NICELY !!

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## ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE FEE

Some of the St. John's Units that attend our trials charge us a fee of £10 to cover their minimum costs and this is really a MINIMUM. Just think of the actual cost if you wanted to hire even a car to stand by for a possible hospital trip - that's without the personnel involved!

We have been very grateful recently for their being around. Our collections, which Nancy Morris makes at each trial, does not cover this fee and, indeed, we don't expect them to. The balance is met from Club Funds. However, Nancy mentions that it's invariably the same ones who put in every time and then there are those who always "don't seem to have any change"!

So, come on some of you fella's....cough up....let's spread the load.....

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*Thanks to former Editor for the above*

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## LATHEN CUP TRIAL

Mr. Lathen, Thanet motor-cycle dealer, who has been most generous in his support of our Club, has donated a magnificent TROPHY, and has said he would like it to be ridden for annually.

The March Trial at Ospringe has been selected as this year's event. The cup has to be handed back in January 1979 and the winner will still have a smaller replica.....

TRIAL: HERMITAGE FARM 19.2.78

Ed's Dabs.....

Great trials ground this farmyard: Concrete parking - lovely! - and the woods, hills, climbs, hollows.....tons of 'em. Thank you, Hermitage Farm!

The start of the trial was delayed, owing to the usual problem of lack of observers.....!

Trial (contd.)

1st lap - the terrible trio....Cookie, Dobbs and Smith watching each other around most of this lap.

No.20 - David Cooper dug a real good hole on Section 7... ready to move in bunnies!

Saw No.74 - David Skinner's bike going it alone up a certain hill on Section 9..... No.12 was first to clean this crumbly sand hill.

Little Rae Riddell - No.24 - did his very first clean on Section 2. Well done - it's a great feeling!

No.17's bike baulked at a pile of logs on Section 13, but finally vaulted over. Good on yer Marc.....

No.3 sliding back down an UP hill on Section 2.....

In Section 4, there was Ivor, No.26, having a nice snooze....leaning up against a tree, closely supported by his bike on top.....

No.76 Steven Brooker on his new Kawasaki retreating down Section 4 hill..... Nasty one this, boys!

David Williams, No.113, even decided to take the ropes as well on that Section 4. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!

Robert Prior scored over the logs on Section 13.....

Steven Legge looked good with his little Yammy see-sawing under his rear.....

Now it had to be seen to be believed..... Ivor did a real Don Smith on Section 13, a real good dab.....and whole bike hauled around to head into the right direction.... The Prof would be proud of you, Ivor!

Section 14 was voted the hardest.....

*Our thanks to the  
Clerk of the Course*

## PERRENIAL OBSERVERS PROBLEM

If you are asked to observe and would like to try, but haven't a clue, ask if you can help out at a section, then you can watch and ask experienced observers how to mark. After this, you'll be raring to go it alone (we hope).

Once you get hooked on this exciting hobby, Mr. Moreland, our new Observer Secretary, will get knocked down in the rush when the call goes out.... "Any one to observe?"

This problem was discussed at a recent Committee Meeting and it was felt a rota system could be the answer to this serious problem. No observers - no trial. The idea being each family to provide an observer when their turn comes round - Dad, Mum or even Gran can do their bit, leaving the rider free to ride.

So those of you who wish to do their bit, see Mr. Moreland - he's the one with the pom-pom hat and cigar.....

## FUTURE PRACTICES

These have had to be discontinued for the time being as the few pieces of ground available we want to keep for the actual trials, so if anybody wishes to arrange a practice, especially the new and younger members, they are asked to get in touch by phone with the following:

### 1. TIBB'S COURT

Tel: Brenchley 2375

Mr. Trevor Dobbs,  
Hollamby Cottages,  
Tibbs Court,  
Brenchley, Nr. Tonbridge.

### 2. LITTLE RUCKINGE FARM

Tel:  
Herne Bay 63815

Mr. Brian Douglas,  
Little Ruckinge Farm,  
Thornden Wood Road,  
Herne Bay.

### 3. MEREWORTH

Tel:  
Maidstone 812839

Mr. G. Cooper,  
Yew Tree Cottage,  
Swanton Valley,  
Mereworth

RESULTS OF FEB. TRIAL (for those of you who can't read)

Stephen Higgins had the cleanest ride to 1st in Class A Experts, and also picked up the Premier Award. He was not so closely followed by the Smith brothers with 1st Class Awards in the Seniors and Intermediates.

Getting away from the Experts and on to the rest of us: There's young Mr. Moreland at it again, helmet awry, glasses all steamed up, with a great 1st in Class A Novices. Very close down his exhaust pipe comes Mr. Furlong, only 5 behind.

Congratulations to Peter Cressey with a 1st in Class B Novices, with only 78 marks lost. After this Premier Award, Peter moves up the ranks to Expert. Next, in Class B, comes little but lively Sean Cuckow - he believes in starting near the top with a 2nd place.

Last, but not least, comes the little lads - no lassies this time - led by Gavin Cooper, followed by Stephen Legge... they take it in turns.

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Slight change in the AWARD SYSTEM: there are the same number of trophies but now there is a Premier Award for the top rider in the Expert and Novice classes.

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Don't forget your Newsletter s.a.e., boys! Those who still have none or not enough could be stopped from entering the next trial.....

So....let's be having them (send to Editor, please).

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ALL NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS to be with  
the Editor two weeks before the trial.

**CALL IN STARSKY & HUTCH.....**

Mysterious LETTER found in my letter box, delivered by hand.....from our mysterious Bike Major!!

Next time you make a delivery - beware! I've put Frank Cannon in the nesting box up the oak tree!

**INTERESTING INFO.....**

Did you know Mr. Soameson will take YOUR photo at a trial, if you ask him nicely? And they are very reasonable, too.

A rider only loses 10 marks if he misses a section completely.

When you leave the Club at seventeen, you can become an Associate Member, which means you can come and do all the work....and get none of the fun.....just like the Dads! But, you can sign on as Marshalls to give help and ride round as Backmarker, etc. PROVIDING.....you have the PERMISSION of the Clerk of the Course.

You may not compete.....

Report: on questions re the Club's plastic bibs, riding variety, that is.....

They are not used regularly and the boys said they are uncomfy, hot and restricting to ride in.

On the subject of Bibs and unseen riding - get Mum to sew a bib for you....No, missus, not baby blue - white! And pop down to your local Sports Shop and buy your numbers. They are about 9" high and cost approx. 17p. each.

You can buy stick-on numbers in black and white from the Club Shop (see Michael Banks) - useful for the helmet or bike. Anyway, you MUST have your riding number at front and rear.

Well, Mr. Healey and Mr. 'Inflation' have caught up with the K.Y.T.C. As from April it will cost £1.25 to enter a trial and the practices will go up to 50p. When you think that a good set of trophies can cost up to £70 - and there's the St. John's donation - there's not much left in the kitty, and he's always hungry.....

Mr. A. Parbutt has been elected as our new Car Park Attendant. You will all recognize him - we've kitted him out with helmet and jackboots - and he's carrying a shot gun and bag of tacks!

So, don't forget.....Park with care and consideration  
OR ELSE.....

Mr. Cooper is the Secretary-in-charge of arrangements for St. John's. If you have any queries, see him.

I bet you are all totally amazed to hear the startling fact that twenty-eight Class B riders go up to Class A during this year.

If you have any topic to air (or smelly socks), please let Ed. have your letters some time before next trial (say, two weeks). Having said it.....get your pens out!

#### IRISH JOKE

- Q. How do you recognise an Irish pirate?  
A. He's wearing a patch over each eye!

Keep 'em coming boys.....

#### ENGLISH JOKE

Overheard from visitor on a steep hilly section:

"I don't like walking downhill - my toes go to the front of my shoes."

(Signed) Your 'Country Cousun'

another B.M. ??

OBSERVERS LAMENT

*Oh, I wished I'd got me blanket,  
The electric one, you know;  
Out here in the trees,  
With this perishing breeze.  
I'd switch it on and glow,  
And watch it melt the freezing snow.*

- A Nonnymouse.

LIST OF NEW RIDING MEMBERS

The following were accepted at the Committee Meeting held on the 24th February, 1978:

## STUART TOVEY

25 Bayswater Drive,  
Rainham, Kent.

Class C

Riding No. 77

## PAUL LAWRENCE

113 Woodside,  
Wigmore,  
Gillingham, Kent.

Class A

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## ANDREW WARWICKER

Class A

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## PAUL WARWICKER

22 Bedale Walk,  
Dartford, Kent.

Class C

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## STEPHEN MILLARD

Class B

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## TINA MILLARD

181 Woodlands Road,  
Ditton, Kent.

Class C

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## PETER DUNGER

19 Newington Road  
Ramsgate, Kent.

Class B

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NEW RIDING MEMBERS (contd.)

- SEAN CHIDDENTON  
15 Blackthorn Drive,  
Larkfield,  
Maidstone, Kent.                    Class B                    Riding No. 126
  
- PETER BURBRIDGE  
Kilnbarn Farm,  
East Malling,  
Nr. Maidstone, Kent.                Class B                    "                    127
  
- DAVID WORSLEY  
21 Oaks Avenue,  
Dulwich, London S.E.19.            Class A                    "                    128
  
- ROBERT SARGEANT  
40 East Street,  
Canterbury, Kent.                    Class A                    "                    129
  
- STEPHEN WILKINSON  
162 Windmill Road  
Gillingham, Kent.                    Class A                    "                    130
  
- SIMON ORCHARD  
29 Southview Close,  
Bexley, Kent.                        Class A                    ""                    131
  
- RICHARD HODKIN  
100 Merlin Road,  
Welling, Kent,                        Class A                    "                    132

..... WELCOME, LADS & LASSIE!

THE NATIONAL TRIAL AT PETERS PIT, WOULDHAM is to be held in June again this year, and it has been suggested that in view of all the preparatory work involved to be done on the day previously, a camping weekend would be worth considering.

CHAIN GUARDS ?

The Marc Lemmon Report.....

M. Lemmon expressed the concern of a number of riders regarding your Committee's decision to retain the Chain Guard rule, in view of the A.C.U. decision to scrap it.

1. Should the fitting of chain guards be compulsory?

The results:           FOR - 19           AGAINST - 33

2. Do you prefer to ride with a chain guard?

The results:           FOR - 31           AGAINST - 21

Marc was thanked for his efforts in contacting so many of you and the matter was discussed at length. In view of the fact that of the riders petitioned, the majority preferred to ride with a chain guard, it was agreed by the Committee that the existing Club rule remains unaltered.

Thanks to Marc Lemmon who has been to a great deal of trouble to obtain these facts, and interviewed so many of you.

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REQUESTS - LOST - FOUND - WANTED - FOR SALE - ETC.

Don has still not had his BLUE BAGS returned. (A bit cold this weather, isn't it, Don?). You've all seen Don riding round knocking up boards on trees with his bags round his neck - very uncomfy! Well, he must have left them hanging in a tree and they are lost.....so keep eyes peeled an' if you find 'em, please hand to Don at next trial.....

FOR SALE:

Ordered from Mrs. Connor at the A.G.M., a T.Y.80 Sprocket, very small II teeth. This was a special order, so can the T.Y.80 owner concerned, please contact Mrs. Connor at -  
35 Freemans Road,  
Minster, Thanet, Kent.      Tel: Minster 821594.

**F O R   S A L E:**

T.L. 150 HONDA, P Reg. Renthalls - Pirelli rear tyre - SM.  
 exhaust - new chain - sprocket - and many other mods.  
 BARGAIN - £250 o.n.o.      Phone Medway 45982 or contact Mr.  
 Lemmon.

SELEX MINI-COOKER - electric - just one hotplate and grill.  
 £5.      Contact Mrs. Cressey.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

*Note from Mrs. Pam Connor.....*

"Mentioning your 'naughty' boys who will NOT wait at the beginning of a section, and charge straight in even while there is a rider being marked through..... This could be dangerous, and also very off-putting for the Observer marking. If the section is not clear, the Observer is still following the first rider through and does not see you start, which is unfair, as you can only mark what you have seen. So, next time, you will be sent back to the beginning again, with a flea in your ear - or even awarded five by a strict Observer."

*From Mrs. Morgan, Secretary of Sheppey Motor Cycle Club:*

"We would like to thank K.Y.T.C. for inviting us to their trial on Feb. 19th, although the weather did its best to put us off. All the boys and adults had a very enjoyable day.

We hope to very shortly return the invitation to you for a friendly contest on our own ground at Barton's Point as soon as we get the planning permission.

P.S. There is a Buffet Dance on May 19th at the Borough Hall, Queenborough, Sheppey - Tickets £2 each.  
 Ring Minster 874049."

## F O R T H C O M I N G   E V E N T S

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MARCH	19	Trial - 10.30 Osprings
	26*	Stan Thomas Trophy Trial (1st Round Intermediate & Senior Championships) South Shropshire MCC.
APRIL	15*	National Trial - Waterside Junior MCC.
	16*	Chase Trophy Trial (2nd Round Intermediate & Senior Championships) Waltham Chase Boys MCC.
	16	Weald Novice & Schoolboy Trial - Tenterden & D.M.C.C. Start 10.30 am. Woodchurch (KYTC Class A Riders only may enter)
	30	Trial - 11.00 am. Lodge Lees (Classes B, C & D only)
MAY	14*	Gordon Farley Schoolboy Trial (3rd Round Intermediate and Senior Championships) - Surrey Schoolboy Trials Club
	29	R.B.L. Trial - 11.00 am. (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. ESTC/KYTC (Prov.)
JULY	9	Mums and Dads Trial - 11.00 am. (Prov.)
	16	Trial - 11.00 am. Tibbs Court
	23*	National Trial - Denbigh & Mold MCC.
	30	"Under 50'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 am.
	27*	Youth Division Championship Trial (Cadets & Juniors) - Sutton Falcons MCC.
SEPTEMBER	9*	National Trial - West Leeds MC.
	10*	McCrae Tray National Trial - Wetherby & DMC (6th Round Intermediate & Senior Championships)
	17	Trial
OCTOBER	8*	National Trial - Congleton & District MCC.
	22	Trial
NOVEMBER	11	Annual Party - Kempton Manor, Nr. Charing
	12	Remembrance Sunday
	19	KYTC/ESTC Trial (Prov.)
DECEMBER	10	Trial
	16	Annual General Meeting - 7.00 pm.

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JANUARY	14	Trial
FEBRUARY	18	Trial

\* Denotes events not organised by KYTC