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Bobs Bit

Welcome to the March edition of the club mag. I hope you enjoyed the February version, it seems a long time ago now. This being the quiet part of the season I will take the opportunity to remind you of some ground rules, these are for your safety and others enjoyment.

The trial start times are 10.30 am please arrive in ample time for scrutineering and signing on. A late arrival causes problems for all officials at a trial, (and it won't exclude you from observing, we know who you are), and a long day for those who are observing.

NO riding in the car park, note you could be excluded for this if it persists.

Parents, don't give the lads too much grief if things are not going to plan, see if you can do better. Prove it at the camping weekend.

I'm pleased to say that Dave Paine's 9 & 1/2 weeks, sorry fingers are recovering after his unfortunate accident at Tibbs Court. Be careful where you grab a bike when helping as Dave proved. Steven Strudwicks injury to his wrist didn't prove to be too serious.

Welcome to Kent Youth to Damon Kempton, Brett Baker, Mark Kelly, & Greg Chapman may you trials successes be many.

Bob..... Broad Oak.

A28 Left at O Vauxhall Rd
At Junc T. / Right - Broad Oak rd
Small Oak Road. - over L. Crossing
up hill on Right.

Trial Report

February 7th

Transferred at the last minute from Robertsbridge to the ever popular Sheppey. Another piece of land we have lost as Betty has sold the house.

Better weather than the last time we were here. Thanks to Tony for setting out what turned out to be a tough trial. Twenty eight riders signed on at Grumpy's Hut, Grumpy now in the lead for the silliest hat of the season, Gary Moore & Paul Bullock close 2nd & 3rd!

With only two riders in the expert A class the competition was very tight. Stevie Dunk having a brilliant ride to finish only 4 marks behind Simon Bird who took the Exp Premier.

The A Novice went to Grant Stone on 84 with Ross having machine problems (Dads Fault) 2nd & James Moore a close 3rd. Poor Bryn having to retire with kick start problems along with Toby who also had to retire.

B Novice went to the quiet shy retiring No 1 son of Mr Heathfield, Dean on 86. Ben Smith and Steven Craig took 2nd and third both under the ton.

Ryan Chapman took the Clubman award from Iain Pattinson.

The C Class went to the ever cheerful Darryl Jeffery with a resounding victory over Dan Bullock and Stevie Thompson.

Trial Report Cont.....

In the D Class Jimmy Edwards seems to be stamping his authority on the class with a fine ride. Darryl Richards & Lee Sadler followed him home.

The beginners award went to Jeremy Davies, well done Jeremy.

Thanks once again too Tony Croucher for setting the course and to all officials and of course to our every willing observers.

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RIDERS REPORT

A nice mild day, free from all the wind & rain for a change, but a bit misty. Tony Croucher set out good sections on Saturday using parts of Sheppey that we have not used before. The mist made the ground slippery & tricky. Well done to Grant stone for winning Novice Premier. Thanks to Clerk of Course & all observers.

Steve Dunk.....

SOUTH EAST CENTRE RD 1

Tibbs Court 21st Feb 1992

Fine but extremely cold weather was the order of the day, the Pratt With The Hat competition was gaining momentum. Not a day to go swimming in the stream, though a few tried it. Dave's accident marred what was a good day, we even had a visit from the local constabulary. Carol had spent a couple of days driving from Canterbury to Tibbs Court to set the sections, Roger lent a hand on the Saturday. After some of the moaning I heard on the Sunday I must say this. Unless you think you can do better and are prepared to give up your time in the depths of winter to set a trial don't complain if the trial is not to your liking. There's nothing more demoralizing than putting in a load of work to hear it slagged off, by people who never appear when the chips are down!

It was good to see so many riders from outside of KYTC competing. The course run over 10 sections along the river banks. The A Class went to Graham Rodemark who seems intent on retaining his S.E. Centre Championship, David Gilbert was second thirty marks behind, the remainder were all way into the hundred plus marks.

The B Class went to Sam Connor a very good ride to finish on 73 with our Dean Heathfield (Knackered Fantic) second on 129, Luke came in third.

In the C's our Darryl Jeffery romped home 44 marks ahead of his nearest rival Connor Mark 2.

The fast improving Jimmy Edwards took the spoils in the D Class ahead of another promising lad Darryl Richards. Well done to the usual helpers and observers.

WHY, WHEN, & WHAT CAN I RIDE

KYTC riders all compete for points in the Rider of the Year competition. Points are awarded thus:- 1st 18 pts, 2nd 13 pts, 3rd 9 pts, 4th 6 pts, 5th 4 pts, 6th 3 pts. All starters and finishers get 2 points, non finishers receive 1 point.

To qualify however, all riders must compete in 50% of the monthly trials. The A&B riders are classed as Novices and ride the same route marked with white cards. When a novice gains two premier he then becomes an expert. An expert then rides a harder route and is also there to be helpful, if asked by riders in other classes.

All of England is divided into ACU (Auto Cycle Union) Centres, 20 in all, ie. Southern, Western, etc we are in the South Eastern Centre. We are one of the few who run a Youth Centre Championship covering all classes. Watch the magazine for dates. Usually six rounds are run with five to count. Again 50% of all rounds must be ridden to qualify for an award. These trials are similar to our club trials. There are four classes A,B,C,& D. Later in the year the S.E. Centre send a team to the Inter Centre Team Trial. There are three riders in the each of the A,B, & C Classes, with the best 2 scores to count. I am pleased to say in 1989 we won the Team Trial. In the last two years we have finished 3rd, but we look towards bringing the shield back down South again.

Lads who are over 12 can ride with the adults under the KYTC banner with the North Kent Trials Combine. They will accept good C Class riders who follow the easier Pre-65 route. All Combine adult trials take place on the 2nd Sunday of the month. You must however purchase the South East Centre Gazette to obtain an entry form for these events. If you want to know more about this or any other events please ask. Bob Thompson is the man with the information, as he is Vice Chairman of the North Kent Combine, and he will be only too happy to explain to you.

Letter from Caroline (The Tea Bag) Paine..

Dear Club Members,

Dave & I would like to thank you for your phone calls, cards, & concern after Daves accident at Tibbs Court on the 21st Feb. A special big thank you to Ann & Nigel Craig for taking Luke, bike, & Land Rover home after us. After a second trip to East Grinstead Hospital, they have made a lovely repair job on Daves finger and its doing fine.

Thanks to you all,

Caroline.

Nicks Dads Bit

It was nice to see two new riders on Sunday, welcolm to Matthew Dalton who has just joined and Ben (sorry, can't read your surname) who came with Brett Baker to see what it is all about.

Ryan Chapman rode very well indeed and it is obviously getting used to his Fantic, Darryl Jeffery also rode exceptionally well, remaining clean until a sleeper jumped out in front of his bike on the very last section causing a sudden stop!
John Soper rode impressively seeming more confident every time he appears.

Paul Bullock

Rider of the Year 1993

EXPERTS

A Class		B Class	
115 Simon Bird	36	28 Stevie Dunk	36
77 David Gilbert	13		

NOVICES

A Class		B Class	
63 Grant Stone	27	94 Dean Heathfield	36
59 Toby Sparkes	19	90 Luke Payne	19
20 James Moore	15	54 Steven Craig	18
3 Ross Thompson	14	55 Ben Smith	13
58 Bryn Matton	14	85 Paul Trevatt	4

C Class		D Class	
95 Darryl Jeffery	36	92 Darryl Richards	26
7 Stevie Thompson	22	83 Adam Goodsell	19
9 Dan Bullock	17	43 Jim Edwards	18
37 Nicky Dowland	15	2 Lee Sadler	18
115 Alex Burd	6	74 Guy Hadfield	7
66 Tom Stymest	4		

Carols Corner

Welcome to everyone today to Orpington, for our March Trial, and next week to Matfield for the April Trial. Thanks to both land owners for the use of their ground. Please keep to the marked route and push your bikes as told. The reason that we keep onto you all is for your own safety, and to also respect the land owners wishes. Land is very limited at the moment and we must all do what we can to look after and respect what we have. While on this subject, if any of you know of any farmer or landowner who just might have some woodland or rough piece of ground that might be suitable for our trials, please let one of the committee members know and we could always follow up on it.

Folkstone Club have written to us to ask us to join them on May 16th at Stowting Woods. They are holding a novice trial and wondered if we would like to hold our practice there at the same time. They are promoting The Air Ambulance Fund that day, trying to get newspaper coverage, so obviously it would be very nice if as many of you riders could turn up that day and support them. I suggest our practice money for that day be given to them for the appeal. I know that our local A&B National at Surrey is on the same day so I'm looking for full support from all other riders in the Club. The directions for Stowting will be in the May Magazine. **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PRACTICE** as Folkstone Club are very generous to us.

Carols Corner Continued.....

While on the subject of Nationals I would like to wish our riders who will be travelling the country over the next few months, the very best of luck from us all. Over the years Kent Youth have always had many riders having a go at the Nationals, this year maybe not so many, but keep the flag flying for us boys, have a good time, and good luck.

Last but not least to Roger & Stevie Thompson, Phillip and Stevie for all their help in clearing and helping at Tibbs Court. Thanks also to Barham Club for holding Round 2 of the S.E. Centre last week. Its good to see so many of you having a go at these rounds, keep it up. Great to see Dave Paine so cheerful and repairing well.

Keep those feet up.

Carol.

Practice Report

February 28th

Run in conjunction with the Sheppey Novice Trial, and organized by Laurel & Hardy. (Tony & Andy).

Unfortunately I have not received any results from this trial, but I gather it was a good day with a few surrogate novices in the shape Dave Shave & Martin Stevens. Sorry no results.

Nick Bullocks Bit

It was a sunny but cold day at Sheppey. The A&B + Novice Trial was going on at the same time so we only had half the ground to ride on. It was a reasonably turn out so we were able to have a proper trial. In the morning Mr Kennedy and Dad set out the sections. They were quite easy & everyone cleaned the sections most times. To make it a bit harder after two laps the sections were ridden reverse, but made little difference to the scores. A few riders were still clean so Dad & Eric set out more difficult sections to be ridden twice. This caused problems for quite a few riders. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, even though it was snowing when we left.

RESULTS

BLUES

R.Chapman 1
D.Jeffery 5
N.Bullock 8
M.Dalton 8
G.Kennedy 9
D.Bullock 16

Red

J.Soper 4

North Kent Trials Combine

MET POLICE ROUND

Run at a very muddy Dartford Heath, very muddy wasn't it Luke?

Luke threw a chain off very early on which took a lot of grunt and groan to free it. Grumpy doing the grunting Dave "Fingers" Paine doing the groaning!

Very good sections were set around mainly banked sections, with one very steep hill climb.

A good turn out by Kent Youth 9 in all. Unfortunately Simon Bird & Stevie Dunk had to retire due to mechanical failure.

The A Class went to Toby Sparkes on 77 from a C Wickes on 77, Ross finished 3rd in front of Bryn "The Kick Start" Matton & Grant Stone.

B Class winner was Luke Paine over Steve Craig but only by 3 marks.

A speed test was introduced at one stage but unfortunately I do not have the times. Though I gather Ashley Newbury was 20 secs.

Ex Kent Youthers riding this trial were Ashley Newbury on an amazing 1, nice to see Ash going well on the Stan Stephens Beta, watch him in the Nationals now.

Martin Stevens was second, Harley Stephens fourth and Neil Thompson fifth.

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PRACTICE AT SHEPPEY (AGAIN)

It was a hot & sunny day at Sheppey, it may seem unbelievable but true, (dreaming again ed.) it really was warm.

During the morning five sections were set by myself, Martin Davies & Carol Dunk. The only problem with setting out the sections were the bikes which kept riding through them. After setting the sections we all stopped for lunch.

The sections were then changed slightly and we had a mini trial of six laps, five sections.

The sections were not too difficult, but not as easy as the previous week, I must be learning! Stephen Dunk was riding brother Ian's Yamaha, at the end of the trial the front mudguard looked secondhand.

At the end of the day everyone enjoyed themselves which it is what it is all about. It was nice to see another prospective rider turn up with his sister and Dad to see what it was all about. We'll look forward to seeing them again soon.

RESULTS

WHITES

S.Dunk 6
J.Moore 28

BLUE

N.Bullock 22
D.Bullock 23
J.Davies 27
T.Stymest 38

Nick & Paul Bullock (Joint Effort)

COMING UP

4th April - KYTC Club Trial - Matfield

11th April - Combine Day

18th April - KYTC Club Practice - Possibly Sheppey

25th April - Langmaid Trial (A & B Only) - Wrotham

2nd May - Nico Pit - Eccles - Signed from Bluebell Hill A229

Matfield:

Take the B2160 Paddock Wood to Pembury Road, travel through Matfield village. At the memorial take a right at the green triangle. Entrance through gate on the left approx 1/2 mile. PARK NEATLY, NO RIDING IN THE STREAM OR ON THE BANK ON THE OTHER SIDE.

Sheppey:

Take the A249 from the A2 over the Kingsferry Bridge, turn right at roundabout. Next left after approx 1 mile turn left at the "T" junction. Next left, then follow this road to the sea front. Turn left into Bartons Point. NO RIDING ON THE SEA WALL.

The Ten Golden Rules

- 1) You must wear, Helmet, Boots, Gloves, Long Sleeves.*
- 2) Your bike must be fitted with, Chain Guards, Kill Button, Self Closing Throttle, and be Silenced.*
- 3) Your bike must be scrutineered before signing on*
- 4) You and your parent must sign on.*
- 5) No riding before signing on.*
- 6) No riding in the Car Park.*
- 7) Do not carry your punch card in your mouth.*
- 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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