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NEWSLETTER

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A short Newsletter this month - holidays seem to get in the way somehow.

As you will have seen in last month's Newsletter, we have had to cut out practices, and now we have had to close the Club Membership at 150 members and start a Waiting List. This is mainly due to lack of land suitable for trials with enough room for us all to park, as you saw at Denton, which gives us some small problems in this area. So, please, if you do see any suitable land, contact the Secretary, David Brown, who will put out feelers and put our case to the landowner.

Yours truly is off on her holidays now and to those with theirs to come.....Happy Holidays!

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THE DAVE TAYLOR TRAIL PARK REPORT

From Brenley corner (Kent coast end of M.2), approximately 31 miles up the M.2 you come to the Greenhithe and Stone turn off (1st left after the blue railway bridge). Turn up off the A.2/M.2, make a sharp right turn, going over the motorway bridge, go straight across till you come to a roundabout, left here and approximately 400 yards sharp left up a narrow country lane (there is a small blue sign), follow the lane back over the motorway and through the woods and the Park is on the right.

Dave Taylor Trail Park (contd.)

Car parking is limited so park pretty. Refreshments are available. After parking, go to sign on and pay at the caravan by the fence, where you are issued with a smart bib. Charges are, if you bring your own bike, £2.50 per day. Or, if you want to hire or try another bike, they range from: Technomoto Mini up through Yamaha 50, D.T.100, 125, 175, the prices to hire these range from £1.50 per session of half-an-hour, up to the bigger bikes at £3 per half-hour session.

If you are hiring a bike, helmets will be provided but you must be wearing suitable clothing. If you have your own bike you will, of course, already be suitably clothed. Helmets with peak must be worn. Goggles are a good idea as well as some mud can be thrown up by passing riders.

There are, of course, a few rules for safety sake. You are issued with these when you sign on. Please read carefully.

The Park is open on Saturdays and Sundays.

Once you get inside, there are three courses open to you. The first is for the absolute beginner and the tinies, who can learn how to ride in safety; it's all laid out like a mini grass track, complete with tapes on the sides to mark out the track. The middle track is slightly larger, plus the addition of a few gentle bumps and curves. This is for when you graduate from the beginners' course.

The third track is the *TRAIL* proper. This runs for approximately one mile around a large hollow and includes a few hill climbs going up and down, this hollow going through mud splashes, water and jumps. This course can be used by experienced trail, trial riders, moto cross types and here and there, just for the pukka Trials Rider, there are a few difficult bits. This course is a real test of riders' stamina and expertise, and a couple of laps of this give you a good appetite. The course can be changed around - and very often is - during the day, just to make sure you don't get bored and to keep you on your toes.

The whole park is well organised and there are marshalls to keep an eye on wayward riders and to see there is no racing or aggro. All rides are well marked out with bright red and white tapes and you must keep inside these.

There is quite a club atmosphere - we met three other KYTC riders and Dads there. There are plenty of hands to help if you

Dave Taylor Trail Park (contd.)

fall off your machine or get stuck. An ideal place to try out your newest bike to get the feel of it. Riders we spoke to agreed it was a great place and Dave Taylor said he will be marking out more difficult bits for the trials riders. It is also ideal for our newest and less experienced members to polish up their riding ability and great for learning to ride a bike whether you are taking up trials or any other motor cycle sports, and for improving your own riding ability.

So a good day was had by all, unspoilt by the cowboy element, which is discouraged by the charge.

To obtain more information or find out if it's O.K. to turn up, give Dave a ring at his shop at *Greenhithe 846132*.

INTERESTING INFO

It is a good idea to walk through the section and inspect it thoroughly before you ride it. This prevents a nasty shock if you sail blindly in only to discover a lurking pond or, if you have been through once, the markers have been moved by the fiendish Clerk of Course, while you weren't looking.....

Re last month's comments on Trials Gear (clothing, that is), I should like to have your comments on the various suits you are wearing - no, not your birthday suit! - so that I can print this information for the benefit of all. We have a *Sammy Miller Trials Suit* which is fine in the dry, the waterproofing in leg and seat is O.K. in all except deep sea fishing conditions, but this does hole on contact with a hot exhaust pipe. So come on you lot in your smart gear, let's know how it's wearing!

I note *Motor Cycling Monthly* has Sammy Miller writing for them now. He comments on the wearing of crash helmets for road motor cycling, and reckons the insurance premiums on motor cyclists would go up PLUS 300% if helmets were not compulsory. Any comments?

Did you know that in a recent issue of *Trials & Motor Cross* you are now, thanks to the sex discrimination act, classified as SCHOOL-PERSONS?

A new motor cycle dealer, who is prepared to give the Club discount is - *Kawasaki - Paddock Wood*

62 Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood.

Interesting Info (contd.)

See that Anthony Errey No.71 and Matt Parbutt No.79 walked off with a 1st and 2nd at Grove Park M.C.C. Junior Yamaha 80 only Trial on Good Friday. Also in the awards were S. Legge and G. Cooper.

Stan Thomas Trophy Trial in South Shropshire on Easter Sunday picked out our own No.75, Steven Higgins, in the Class A, 1st Class awards. Congratulations, Steve!

Also, Dave Smith No.49 picked up the Best Novice Award at the Surrey Schoolboy Trial at Grayshot, Hants. on Sunday, April 2nd, assisted by Shane Edwards and Anthony Errey.

Hope you were all duly impressed with our new trials signs; these were kindly donated by Duckhams.

Now, I know Prof. Don Smith does it but, boys, riding around with a ciggie in your dial???? Doesn't your bike smoke enough for two - and look at what it does to THEIR insides! And while I'm at it.....Don't have anything in your mouth whilst riding (except tongue and teeth) 'cos if you came a cropper and choked, you can't breathe with a windpipe full of gunge.....

Any item you have for sale, i.e. spare Rolls-Royces, down to last season's out-grown trials suits, or even your out-of-date gowns, you can advertise these in this your Newsletter FREE. Be sure to let the Editor have letters, etc. two clear weeks before the next Trial.

If anyone is in touch with the following riders: Nos.86 & 87 Phillip & Christopher Cluff, No.54 Richard Lipscombe, No.108 Andrew Goffin and No.70 David Wicken - please let them know that I have kept their newsletters and will send them on to them on receipt of some stamped addressed envelopes.

Do you know that seven of our riders are leaving the KYTC this year?

I note that one of our ex-riders, Marc (Moustache) Lemmon took 6th place in the 2nd Class Novices at the Invicta Cup Trial at Coombe Valley on Sunday, 9th April.

Also, a report from our Special Correspondent, alias D.C., tells us that at the Gravesend Eagles Closed to Club Trial on Easter Monday, our Gary Parbutt finished as the Best Novice - beat them all. Great, Gary! In addition, Marc M. Lemmon did very well and also his brother Grant. In the Schoolboy Sections.....

Interesting Info (contd.)

Paul Cuckow came 1st, Sean Mitchell 2nd, Andrew Warwicker 3rd, Sean Cuckow 4th and 'Mighty' Matt Parbutt 5th. Didn't we do well!

On our vast staff here at N/L. HQ., we have many mastervinds so if you have any queries, i.e. how to iron out your old wellies, let us know and we will see what we can do.

IN MEMORIUM

LODGE LEES - In loving memory of our excellent Trials ground which passed from our grasp on Sunday, 30th April, 1978, following a stupidly unnecessary intrusion by a young rider and an adult rider into the privacy of a neighbour on the border of Lodge Lees.

LAND AND PRACTICES

It took Dennis Morris and Nancy hours of patient negotiations to obtain permission for the KYTC to use the woods at Lodge Lees for our Trials. It took a selfish, discourteous and unnamed adult only minutes to cause a foolish incident which lead to the withdrawal of that permission. And so, KYTC has lost a valuable Trials Site and is now that much weaker as a Club.

What's left? The position is that the Club has three sites available which are suitable for Trials. They are:
Tibbs Court, where, through the kindness of one of our founder members, Trevor Dobbs, we may use the site perhaps twice a year for Trials and a limited number of members may go by previous arrangement with Trevor for practice.

Hermitage Farm, Barming, where the owner has said that the Trial in May will be the last on his land for this year.

Ospringe, which may be used, perhaps, four times a year and which is destined to become a housing estate in the near future. We had difficulty obtaining permission to use the site in March - our next request could meet with refusal.

Apart from these three Trials Sites, two of our members have made land available for Practices at Herne Bay and at Mereworth - this is only for limited numbers and only by previous arrangement.

Thus, the Club is in need of sites for the Trials due to be held on the 9th July (Mums & Dads), 30th July (Under 80's Trial), 20th August, 17th September, 22nd October, 19th November and 10th December. We cannot use Tibbs Court or Hermitage Farm for these

LAND AND PRACTICES (contd.)

Trials and we could hardly expect to use Ospringe for seven events in six months. Even if we could, just think how boring it would be to have all the Trials from August to December at the same place!

Suggestions have been made elsewhere in this and previous editions of the Newsletter that the KYTC should revive full Club Practice Meetings. The Committee would welcome the revival of full Club Practices and these events were stopped with much regret. They were stopped because the choice was either to have Practices or to have Trials - there was no land available to have both. Naturally, the Committee had to sacrifice practices in favour of trials.

The first priority of the KYTC is to organise Trials and it can achieve this object only by having enough sites available. At the present time, the KYTC does not have enough sites to be able to run a Trial once a month. Your Committee is very much aware of the problem and members are constantly making approaches for land.

However, the Committee comprises only fifteen people and more people are needed to search for land. The KYTC now contains about a hundred families and the Committee needs the help of all member families in the search for more land. The Committee Secretary, Mr. David Brown, is coordinating efforts to find land and YOUR help is needed. If you know of any land which might be suitable, please advise David so that efforts are not duplicated.

No doubt, many will be asking who was responsible for the loss of Lodge Lees. The answer is that the incident took place after the start of the Trial and is still being investigated by the Committee. The culprits cannot be named in this Newsletter: should the culprits happen to be reading this, then they should be warned that they will not be made welcome to future events. Excessively noisy little bikes are loved by no-one save their selfish owners. Irresponsible adults are not wanted by the Kent Youth Trial Club.

Ride on and long live the KYTC!

BRIAN PRIOR,
Chairman, KYTC.

ED'S DABS AT TENTERDEN - 16.4.78

Nice garden size piece of ground this, running alongside the road. Very muddy and very slippery, all spaced out on the very aptly named 'Clay Hill'.

By the time things were really going and everyone was away, it was too slithery to stand up in most of the sections.....

Steven Simcock slid sideways up Section 17. This was a nasty up and across camber clay hill - reminded me of your last year's fiendish C. of C. Bob and Don's best efforts. It was here Laurence Walsh laid his bike down neatly backwards on the way up. Ivor, doing his usual, ended up in a holly bush. Good job, he was well covered. Mark Ridge chose a less prickly specimen to end up in.

Section 19 got so very wet and gungy it had to be changed round as no one was getting out. Definitely a case for swimming gear. Young Mr. Irwin was struggling through O.K., only he looked so worried! Not so Rob Sargeant - he was beaming all over his muddy face. His Honda was happy as well.

Section 16: What a lovely slippery up hill - not a big hill but it finished most of you. I expect Higgy did, but I wasn't around when anyone cleaned it.

Anthony Dobbs on Section 17 sailed up the difficult bit, but got caught out by a diabolical tight turn at the top of the last hill. He wasn't the only one to get caught by this one.

Section 18: Steven Simcock was very relieved! On his last half yard, his handlebars got stuck between two trees and he ground to a halt, but his front wheel was out of the section and he got away with only 3.

Section 19 was THE wet one. Steven Cannella slipped back into the mud and went for a swim. Anthony Dobbs got through with only two marks lost - I still don't know how. He was closely followed by Stuart Wood, who closely collided with a bush and which also collided with Peter Cressey. Agile bush that.....!

Results (to be read by B.C.D. Riders only)

As I remarked before, a very nadgery trial! - as the number of marks lost show. Steven Higgins won the Schoolboy Trial with

Tenterden Results (contd.)

33 marks lost and also lost less marks than the Best Novice who lost 48 marks, but not over the same course. Bob Simcock collected another award 1st Class at the same time as Steven, who picked up a 2nd Class Schoolboys, 3rd, with 102 marks lost.

Second in the Schoolboys 1st Class awards was Anthony Dobbs with 54 marks lost. Rather too close for comfort behind came Stuart Woods who lost 60 marks.

In the 2nd Class awards, S. Southall from Erith collected the 1st, D. Cooper 2nd with 100 marks lost and third came Steven, as I said previously.

A very good trial, we all agreed. Hard, tough, a real test of riders, and very well organised.

Our thanks to the Tenterden Club for organising this.

JOKE SECTION

ANOTHER IRISH JOKE.....

Come on all you Scots, Welsh and English!

Policeman, speaking to overturned motor cyclist (Irish),
"Have an accident?"

Motor cyclist....."No thanks, just had one!"

OUR OWN K.Y.T.C. JOKE.....

Heard about the bloke, collecting for St. John's at the end of a trial, who went up to the St. John's man and asked for a contribution.....!

APRIL TRIAL AT DENTON - 30.4.78

Heavy rain all Saturday night turned Denton mud into the real cloggy Bostick variety and made it nearly uncleanable at the first lap. It was just as bad between the sections and your Ed had trouble keeping up with you all so that accounts for less.....

Ed's Dabs.....

Section 1 wound in and out through the trees on fairly flat ground. Nice one this, just to give you confidence.

Section 2 - Old favourite this. A chalk hollow with an up and downer in the middle. The last steep pull out took some marks off you all.

Section 3, steep gungy clay and mashed bluebells, very slithery. No.99, Karl Brown, started off O.K. but ended up in the bluebells.

Section 4 - Bit of a struggle to get to this one, which was a nice mud slip, round trees, down a steep slope into the hollow and out. The little Yammys look quite scared, but no one came to grief.

Section 5 - one of the nastier sections. An adverse mud camber and a steep, steep downhill, into the old dead sheep hole. I just didn't see anyone get through this at all with a clean, but "Dee" Smith and Steven Simcock did get through with a 3 after a Herculean struggle on the last lap.

Section 6 - another nasty adverse mud camber, well mixed with crushed bluebells. There weren't many tyre tracks on the way out.

Section 7 was in the old Tramps' hole by the road. Nice to see a few cleans after the last mudbath.

Section 8 was a real mudpluggers ball, with a bomb hole in the middle. Several sumplates got a bashing here.

Section 9 - Better with a more or less gentle slope down towards the open pastures and out onto.....

Section 10 in and out and around tightly packed trees - nadgery but cleaned several times.

Section 11 - Nasty, nasty! A steep hill out - if you could get out, that is! It was full of abandoned boys, bikes, Mums, with Dads heaving and hauling, trying to get out. The pedestrians didn't do very well either. Fives all over the place. This section was later changed and cleaned. I didn't see anyone clean it on the 1st lap, most were just glad to get out at all.

Section 12 went through a fiendish tree, with a lovely stump in the middle, just waiting to catch you out!

Section 13 - Nice nadgery, in and out the trees on a fairly flat surface.

April Trial (contd.)

Section 14 - Nadgery as well, but with a nasty slope included, just waiting to catch you out.

Section 15 between trees and up roots round and over a log, a nasty bog just as you got out, or thought you were!

Then off you go, still got two more laps to do, though by the 2nd lap it was drying out, all the bikes strung out. Quiet, birds sing - popping, chugging noise through the trees. Laughter booming around (we all know who that was!), calls for "Dad", lots of sweat, red faces. Some gave up and retired - it was hard going and hot - there were abandoned woollies everywhere.

A hard day's trial. Our thanks to the hard pressed Clerk of Course, Dennis Morris, and his helpers, John Cressey and Joe Riddell.

Results of above trial.....

The Premier Award was won by Anthony Errey trying out his new Yammy 175, with a loss of 75 marks. "Dee" Smith very close behind on his Montesa with 87 marks lost.

1st Class B Novice Award went to Andrew Soameson, who lost 127. Right up his exhaust came 'Mighty' Matt Parbutt with 129, only 2 more than Andrew! Third came Andrew Connor who charged round Denton so fast he finished long before most of you had started the 3rd lap - he lost 135.

2nd Class Awards for B Novices: 1st Shaun Mitchell, 138 marks lost and 2nd Steven Garner.

In the C Novices 1st Class, Steven Legge collects a 1st on his Yammy, with 180 marks lost, and C 2nd Class was won by Karl Brown. Nice to see the little-'uns didn't get drowned or give up.

NEW AWARD SYSTEM

This has now been adopted to enable a larger number of riders to attain Expert status through the year. To get up to Expert now, you must have the following:

Your Premier Award for your Class and one other Award
OR *1st of 1st Class Award and have two other awards.*

Any Class B Expert who goes up to Class A automatically goes into the A Expert Class.

Under this new structure, the following riders go UP now....

Class B to Expert: P. Cuckow - A. Soameson - S. Cuckow.

Class A to Expert: G. Parbutt - M. Moreland - L. Walsh.

POST OFFICE RESULTS SERVICE FOR T.T. RACES

Information service will be available from 0800 hours 29th May to 0800 hours 12th June, by dialling the following numbers:

LONDON 01-246-8020
SOUTH EASTERN ... 0273 8020 (Brighton)

Our thanks to David Brown for this info.....

F O R S A L E , E T C .

- 1 PAIR ASHMAN'S BOOTS, SIZE 7, black leather with blue leather trim and 6 side buckles. Good condition. £30 o.n.o.
31 Milner Crescent, Aylesham.
- 1974 250 BULTACO, Renthall Bars, Pirelli tyres, P/Petty Guards. 11 months M.O.T. and Tax. Excellent condition. £350.
Brenchley 2231.
- MONTESA 125 CLUBMAN TRIALS BIKE - £525.
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New from Paul Smart, Kawasaki - Paddock Wood 5353.
- 1976 HONDA TL 125, excellent condition, low mileage, used very little, Renthalls. Will deliver. £240 o.n.o.
Basildon 726786 anytime.

The one and only letter this month (Come on, get your pens out!)

Dear Ed,

Having read this month's N/L., Bike Major (bless him!) has brought up the problem of practices or the lack of.

This subject has been on my mind for some time as many members, both old and young, have approached me about it, and it seems a general topic of conversation at most meetings.

I therefore would like to ask the committee TO BRING BACK THE PRACTICES and let's all get together, swop ideas, sandwiches and sparkplugs, have a good laugh and bring the fun back to our trial meetings.

'Old Father Time, Den Morris.

All comments to the Editor, please.....

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (1978

- MAY 29 Trial - 11 a.m. Hermitage Farm, Barming.
 JUNE 10 Preparations at Peter's Pit for National Trial.
 11 National Trial - KYTC Peter's Pit, Wouldham.
 18 "Under 80's" Trial - 11 a.m. - Mereworth.
 18* Mark Kemp Trophy Trial (4th Round Intermediate & Senior
 Championships) Bristol MCC.
 25* National Trial - N.E. London MCC.
 JULY 1/2 Don Smith Trials Course - Mereworth.
 9 Mums & Dads' Trial - 11 a.m. (Prov.).
 16 Trial - 11 a.m. Tibbs Court.
 23* National Trial - Denbigh & Mold MCC.
 30 "Under 80's" Trial (Prov.)
 AUG. 12* Traders' Trophy National Trial - Bolton MCC.
 13* National Trial (5th Round Intermediate & Senior
 Championships) Rochdale & District MC.
 20 Trial - 11 a.m.
 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.

* 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.