

# Kent Youth Trials Club

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on Sunday, 11th July, 1976 at the Spring Lane Estate Community Centre.

Present: Doreen Simmonds, Anthony Webb, Trevor Dobbs, Olive Banks, Robert Simcock, Dennis Morris, Kenneth Moreland, Donald Cuckow, Michael Banks, Brian Prior, Stuart Wood, Michael Moreland and James Webb.

Apology for Absence Nancy Morris

Election of Officers The following were elected:

Chairman: Brian Prior Social Secretary: Nancy Morris

Vice Chairman: Stuart Wood Competitions

Treasurer: Michael Banks Secretaries : Donald Cuckow

Robert Simcock

General Secretary: Doreen Simmonds

Membership Queries It was agreed that :

(a) Ivor Simmonds should ride as Class "A"

(b) Patrick Challis should ride as one of Mr Webb's family

Next Event It was agreed that Brian Prior should obtain the Awards and Observer's Cards and continue negotiations for the donation of the first class awards by J.C. Lathen & Son of Margate. An entrance fee of 50p for each rider was agreed.

Events in general It was agreed that members of the Committee would act as observers at events or would provide another person as observer.

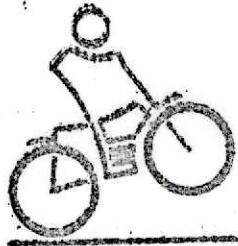
It was agreed that arrangements be made for an Annual Championship Award commencing in 1977 and to hold further discussions at the next Committee Meeting.

It was agreed that the Committee would consider a joint meeting with the Essex Schoolboy Trials Club in the light of experience at the next two events.

Next Meeting It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Committee on 26th July, 1976 at 8.30pm. Mr Banks agreed to try to make arrangements for a room to be available at Littlebourne.

Other Business Mr Banks offered a 10% discount to Club Members at his Dover Discount Cycles shop in Dover.

There being no further business the meeting closed at about 5.30 pm.



## Kent Youth Trials Club

### KENT YOUTH TRIALS CLUB.

The next meeting of the General Purposes Committee will be held at the Anchor Public House Littlebourne at 8 o'clock on Monday the 26th July 1976.

### A G E N D A.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matter arising therefrom
4. Club finance
5. Sections Report (Competitions Secretary)
6. Date, time and venue of next meeting
7. Any other Business

D A Simmonds  
Secretary

## M I N U T E S.

The minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday 26th July 1976 at 8 p.m. at the Committee room Anchor Public House Littlebourne.

Present : Brian Prior  
Dennis Morris  
Nancy Morris  
Michael Moreland  
Kenneth Moreland  
Michael Banks  
Olive Banks  
Doreen Simmonds  
Bob Simcock

(1) Apologies for absence

Trevor Dobbs, Donald Cuckow, STUART WOOD (R.Webb)

(2) Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Dennis Morris  
Seconded by Michael Moreland

(3) Matters arising:

### Social Secretary

Mrs Morris made enquiries as to what duties were expected of her as Social Secretary. It was explained all the organising of all social functions Christmas Party, Disco's etc.  
Mrs Morris agreed to undertake the position

### Club Finance

A statement of accounts was presented by Michael Banks.

#### Accounts - 26th July 1976

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Entrance Fees	7 . 50	C/F	2 . 54
Subscriptions	13 . 05	Fares	0 . 90
		Stamps	0 . 28
		Staceys & Son	2 . 29
		A.D.B	1 . 49
	£ 20 . 55		£ 7 . 50

### Statement of affairs

Balance at Bank on Statement	£ 65	40
Less cheques not already shown	11	25
	54	15
Paid in 26 7 76	20	55
Balance	£ 74	70

### Club Badges

Kenneth Moreland explained that he had passed the order through to his suppliers and delivery is anticipated within the next two weeks. It was agreed that all riders would receive a badge free and members of the family friends etc will have to purchase their own.

### Committee Badges

It was suggested that committee members should be supplied with Plastic Badges to make it easy for club members to recognize who's who at meetings. Michael Moreland agreed to make the badges.

### First Aid Facilities

All club members expressed concern at the lack of facilities at the last Trials Meeting. it was agreed that St John Ambulance should be contacted to see what facilities they could give at our future meetings. Michael Brinks expressed the opinion that we should all try and practice First Aid between ourselves.

### Practice Meetings

We will have our own First Aid Box and stretcher.

### Club Trials Meetings

St John Ambulance personnel.

### Invitation Trials Meeting

St John Ambulance personnel and Ambulance

### Road Access

It was agreed that an Estate car should have easy access to the road in the event of any-one being taken to hospital.

### Last Trial Meeting

Bob Simcock asked for comments on the trial. Michael Moreland stated he considered the trial was too long taking into consideration the practice in the morning and the trial in the afternoon.

### Laying out of Sections

The day started off damp and the course was laid out to take this into consideration, but during the day the course dried out and made it easy.

### Novice and Expert Section

Several proposals were discussed concerning the amount of sections each novice or expert should complete. Riding young members should complete five of the ten sections, and if they felt confident go on to complete the additional five. Older Members to undertake whole course.

Dennis Morris proposed the next trial meeting to be held as follows: 4 easy sections 6 more difficult. 4 easy sections to be completed by novices and the ten sections to be completed by the experts. The riders would have to inspect the course at the beginning and inform the starter which section he is entering.

Seconded by Nancy Morris - Motion carried

### Bikes entered

All riders must enter the trials with a bike sufficient of completing the course (Mechanical failure not included in the statement)

### Riders Numbers

Bob Simcock stated it was difficult to read the riders numbers on the bikes and he would have preferred a number on the bikes and one on the boys backs. This he considered would be an added advantage to enable the observers to identify the riders easily. Michael Banks disagreed and stated he thought boys like to have their own personal numbers.

Bob Simcock stated that if we entertained another club we would be expected to provide numbers as adopted by adult clubs.

### Rule nine.

Bob Simcock proposed a change in riding rule nine as follows  
Riding numbers shall be displayed at the front and rear, and  
may be displayed on the rider or on the machine, or on the  
rider and on the machine

#### To read now as follows:-

Number would be drawn on the day of trial by the riders,  
then be displayed on the front of the bike and on the back  
of the rider

Seconded by Dennis Morris - Motion carried

Bob Simcock proposed riders to be provided with cards at  
each meeting.

Seconded by Nancy Morris

### Rule ten

Bob Simcock proposed to delete Rule ten as follows:

#### Marking of observed Sections

Each observed section shall be numbered consecutively  
from 1 and the beginning and end of each section shall  
be indicated by markers of one colour on the left hand  
side, and another colour on the right hand side  
He did not feel it necessary to have different colour tape  
Seconded by Dennis Morris - Motion carried.

#### Practice Meetings

Will now be entirely separate from trials meetings.  
this will give the riders opportunity to ask questions  
and practice as Bob Simcock and Donald Cuckow will be  
in attendance

The next practice will be on the 15th August starting  
at 10.30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Bob Simcock stated he was prepared to meet people at  
the second roundabout after the Gillingham turn off  
A 278. He will be in a Red Cortina

Donald Cuckow will be available for telephone calls  
after the 8th August for those who will be coming in  
a different direction.

#### News Letter

To be sent to every rider informing him of the news and  
views of the club and any suggestions they themselves  
might have

### Additional Practice Facilities

Trevor Dobbs has offered the use of his land at Tonbridge as long as previous arrangements have been made with him, and only five riders practising at one session.

Letter of thanks to Trevor Dobbs agreed.

### Letters to be sent

*K. Moreland* Brian Prior proposed a letter of thanks to Mr. Letham for the generous donation of the Trophys. Seconded by Nancy Morris.

Michael Banks proposed a letter of thanks to Stanley Wood and Sons for the use of his land. Seconded by Kenneth Moreland Letter to local Newspaper with results.

### Date - Time - Venue of next Meeting

Date - 16th August Michael Banks to arrange for Committee room at ANCHOR Public House for 8 p.m  
Dennis Morris wishes to apologize in advance for any meeting he is unable to attend due to shift work

### Motor Cycle News

A discussion concerning encouraging new members to join the club. It was agreed to send out to Schools. If they could not put it to press free, we would pay for an entry.

### Radio Medway

Are interested in arranging an interview with our competition secretary in the Autumn

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.22p.m

Signed . . . . . Chairman

Date . . . . .

KENT YOUTH TRIALS CLUB

The next meeting of the General Purposes Committee will be held at the ANCHOR Public House, Littlebourne at 8 p.m. Monday 16th August 1976.

A G E N D A .

- 1)      Apologies for absence
- 2)      Minutes of last meeting
- 3)      Matters arising
- 4)      Club Finance
- 5)      Practice Meeting
- 6)      Date, time and venue of next meeting
- 7)      Any other business

D A Simmonds

Secretary.

Brian Prior

MINUTES.

The minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday 16th August 1976 at 8 p.m. at the Committee room Anchor Public House Littlebourne

Present: Brian Prior  
Nancy Morris  
Michael Moreland  
Kenneth Moreland  
Doreen Simmonds  
Bob Simcock  
Don Cuckow

(1) Apologies for absence

Trevor Dobbs. Stuart Wood. Michael Banks  
Olive Banks, Anthony Webb

(2) Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed  
as a true record

Proposed by Kenneth Moreland  
Seconded by Bob Simcock

(3) Matters arising

Committee Meetings

It was proposed by Don Cuckow that in future  
family members of the Committee were automatically  
invited to attend committee meetings  
Seconded by Bob Simcock - Motion carried

Food

Brian Prior stated that the food at previous  
committee meetings had been paid for by Michael  
Banks. He considered that for future meetings  
the committee members would provide Nancy Morris  
with a kitty for their eats and drinks.  
All members of the committee agreed to this  
arrangement

(1)

### Club Badges

Kenneth Moreland stated that the club badges would be ready in six weeks and not two weeks as stated in the last minutes

### Committee Badges

Michael Moreland reported that the materials had been purchased for the badges and it was anticipated they would be ready shortly

### News Letter

Doreen Simmonds reported that although she had written to Motor Cycle News she felt that it would be necessary to pay for an advertisement. She asked for comments on this matter. Brian Prior considered that we should not advertise because it would give the appearance that we were begging for members. Nancy Morris disagreed, and felt the Club could only benefit from any good publicity we could get.

Bob Simcock and Don Cuckow thought it would be an excellent idea to bombard Motor Cycle News (Ralph Venables) Motor Mechanic, and all local papers with news items of forth coming events. In general letters of anything concerning the Club that could make news, the need for land, cheap bikes etc. It was agreed to let Doreen Simmonds write to a few papers and magazines and see what response was forthcoming.

### (4) Club Finance

No report.

### Purchase of Staple Gun

Bob Simcock reported that they had looked into the purchase of a staple gun as agreed at the last meeting, but up until the present time the only satisfactory one would cost the Club £12.00 and he wondered what the feelings of the committee were to incur such a large expense. Brian Prior felt it was a necessity for the club to own its own staple gun and we would have to purchase one regardless of cost. Kenneth Moreland stated that he would like the opportunity of making enquiries within his organisation as he might be able to purchase one at a reduced price. Bob Simcock and Don Cuckow agreed that they would be able to manage for the next trial and await Kenneth Morelands findings.

### Stamps

Doreen Simmonds expressed concern at the amount of expense the club would incur if she continued to send News flashes - News letters to members who had not provided her with stamped addressed envelopes. It was agreed by all the committee that a notice to all members would be included in the News flash. (That unless stamped addressed envelopes were provided they would not receive details of forthcoming events etc)

### Practice at Boyley

Don Cuckow reported that he was very pleased with the progress of the boys and what a marked improvement there was in their riding capabilities since the first trial. He felt that the boys would continue to improve with additional trial and practice meetings, also the more conversant they became with their bikes the more self confidence they would gain. Bob Simcock stated that they would encourage the boys to attempt the harder sections as they improved to enable them to be stretched just that bit more. As the word Trial Riding means precisely man-machine against the elements. Michael Moreland stated that he felt that the stop button on riders bikes should be pointed out to them, as several riders on Sunday asked him where theirs were. He also considered that he gained more self confidence by watching Bob Simcock completing the section first, he was concerned when reaching the top of the hill that the tree's seemed to be dragging him towards them. Bob Simcock and Don Cuckow thought it would be a good idea to take the boys to international trials to enable them to see what hazards they are expected to take.

### International Event

Bob Simcock to advise secretary of date (19th September Provisional)

### Clothing

Brian Prior asked Bob Simcock and Don Cuckow for some guidelines for suitable clothing for the riders to wear  
Strong Wellington Boots (Steel Toe caps if possible)  
One piece overall for dry winter trial or summer  
Light Waterproof long sleeve clothing for winter, a cut down Parka is suitable by removing hood and strings

Next Trial

22/8/5

Bob Simcock reported that it would be held on the 23rd August at 10.30 a.m. at Pett Farm Norton Green.

10 Sections 3 laps to be completed in the morning, 3 laps in the afternoon. Riders to decide if they were completing the novice or expert trial when they sign in.

Lunch from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
Don Cuckow offered to make the bibs and mark the numbers with marking ink. ENTRANCE FEE 50 p. Doreen Simmonds agreed to arrange for First Aid personnel and Bob Simcock agreed to collect them.

Letters

To be sent to St. John's Ambulance in appreciation of their attendance on 15th August.

Date - Time - Venue of next meeting

Date 23rd August 8 p.m. Anchor Public House Littlebourne.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.55 p.m.

Signed. .... Chairman

Date

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## Kent Youth Trials Club

The next meeting of General Purposes Committee will be held at Anchor Public House, Littlebourne at 8 o'clock on Monday the 23rd August, 1976.

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes for the last meetings.
3. Matters arising therefrom.
4. Club finance.
5. Advertising.
6. Section Reports (Competition Secretary).
7. Date, time and venue of next meeting.
8. Any other business.

D A Simmonds  
Secretary.

M I N U T E S.

The minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday the 23rd August 1976 at 8 p.m. at the Committee room Anchor Public House, Littlebourne.

Present:

Brian Prior  
Nancy Morris  
Doreen Simmonds  
Michael Banks  
Olive Banks  
Trevor Dobbs  
Don Cuckow  
Bob Simcock

(1) Apologies for absence.

Stuart Wood, Michael Moreland, Kenneth Moreland,  
Anthony Webb.

(2) Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Don Cuckow  
Seconded by Bob Simcock.

(3) Matters arising.

Staple gun.

Mr. Trevor Dobbs donated a staple gun for Club use.

(4) Club Finance.

No report.

(5) Advertising

Doreen Simmonds reported that with the preparation of the minutes, News letter and general letters it was very time consuming and to give the Club the benefit of full advertising, she would like to see a full time Press Officer. All the Committee agreed and votes were asked for. Penny Donnachie stated she would like to undertake the position.

Bob Simcock proposed.

Don Cuckow seconded.

Don Cuckow stated he thought it would be a good idea to visit a trial and advertise by supplying the Observers and wearing the Club badges. Bob Simcock thought it was a good idea to supply the Observers for the next Sittingbourne Club Trial who had been generous in allowing us to use their ground for our last trial.

Nancy Morris wondered if we could supply posters advertising the Club as a lot of the Motor Cycle Suppliers were prepared to put these in their windows.

Trial at Norton Green

Brian Prior stated that before the Competition Secretary's report he would like to express his thanks and all of the Committee's for the hard work Bob and Don had put in to making the trial a success.

Don Cuckow reported that he considered the sections were too hard, and by the time the afternoon riding took place the boys were too tired to continue. In future he would try to make the trial easy. He does not want to make it too easy because he feels the boys need to be stretched to their limits. The basic mistake they made was on the Saturday evening when the trial was pegged out. They did not have their bikes with them to ride the sections, so were unable to assess the hazards the boys would incur on the Sunday.

Section 2 Had a nasty bend, but he decided to leave this in because two thirds of the boys made it through the section.

Section 7 The root step had to be taken out.

Section 8 The step was too high off the bank.

Bob Simcock stated that once the boys began to fall off more than once they began to lack confidence, which was unfortunate as at the previous Sunday practice at Boxley they were all going through the type of hazards with the utmost confidence. Bob Simcock considers that at practice they are shown the section, ride it, but if unable to make the direct route, ride their way out. At the trial they had to follow the white stickers and they were experiencing difficulty in following the route. In future they would pay particular interest in this fault at practice. Don Cuckow considered that all of the boys were showing marked improvement and although the trial had proved a little ambitious although a new rider Chris Lucock had managed to complete the whole course without much difficulty.

#### Future Trials.

Don Cuckow stated that when we have a trial for 30 riders they would leave at one minutes intervals, and a back rider would be supplied.

#### Observing

Nancy Morris considered the ladies should do the observing, and the men be in position at the more difficult sections. Brian Prior stated that where ever possible we should not include any committee member as an observer, because they should be available to give extra assistance where ever needed. Bob Simcock and Don Cuckow thought as the club expands he would stop two riders competing, and get them to mark out the section. This would give them the added advantage of being capable of laying out a section, also to help with the organising of the running of a trial, i.e. allocating observers their sections, preparing score-board.

Michael Banks. Considers the weather would play a major part in deciding how many people we would get to turn out for a trial. At the present time Club members friends are turning out and are being co-opted as observers, but once the weather deteriorated we would have to stretch our resources to the limit. Bob Simcock and Don Cuckow decided with the Committee's approval we would appoint observers from non committee members perhaps ladies, mennot having a rider competing to be stationed on each difficult section. If not enough club members and friends turned out, they would cancel two sections.

### Score Board.

Don Cuckow stated that at the last trial it was difficult to run the novice and expert trials separately, so he decided to give penalties. Five points for each section the novice rider did not ride. In future he would like to see the trial run so that all the riders completed all the sections. If they did not feel confident enough to ride a difficult section, they would only have to ride into the section, put their foot down and lose five points. All the committee agreed.

### Awards.

Brian Prior was concerned that at the last trial we only presented the winners with cans of oil and compression set. He would like to see in future trials that only Cups or Medals were presented to the winners. Nancy Morris was concerned because when she approached the Motor Cycle Stockists for prizes to be given to the winners, she was unaware that the committee were hoping for Cups. Michael Banks thought that the club should use some of the club funds to purchase some cups. Brian Prior thought that this would be a costly exercise because the club would only benefit if we bought in bulk. Bob Simcock thought we should at least buy a club trophy, that is presented annually. The boys would gain points at every trial they ride according to the position they finish. He also thought that the boys did not mind having cans of oil as prizes. Don Cuckow stated he would like to investigate the actual cost of Trophy's before we made a final decision. This was approved by all committee members. Mr. Dobbs agreed to approach D. Godden of West Malling to donate the trophy's for the next trial.

### Reading Matter.

Don Cuckow would like the secretary to mention in the boys News Letter that he considered they would benefit by reading Sammy Miller's "clear to the finish" and Don Smith's "Ride-it" Doreen Simmonds agreed to this recommendation.

### Attendance at Trials

Mr. Banks expressed concern at the lack of attendance at the trials meetings. Brian Prior stated that at the Essex School Boys Trials who have a 100 riding members, 25 usually turned out and working on the same comparison we had the same turn out for our meetings. Bob Simcock thought that as holiday's were ending we would have better response and at the last trial, two trials riders who were practising showed interest in the club, and he felt that once we become more well known our membership would increase.

### Absent Committee Members.

The committee noted that two members had been missing on three consecutive meetings. Bob Simcock expressed the wish for Mr. B.Lurcock to be invited to attend future committee meetings hope he would become deeply interested in the Club. Bob Simcock agreed to extend to Mr.B.Lurcock a personal invitation to participate in the next committee meeting.

### Next Practice

Boxley 12th September - One St. John's Ambulance Personnel required.

### Next Trial

Provisional 26th September at Gravesend Eagles Ground.

### International

Brighton Experts. 19th September.

Bob Simcock and Don Cuckow consider the boys would benefit by going to watch the experts. They would like the information sent out to the boys concerning the event.

### Letters of Thanks

To: Mr. John Kinsford  
Norton Green Farm

Sittingbourne Trials Club.

St. John's Ambulance  
Maidstone Division  
with donation of £ 2 . 00

St. John's Ambulance  
Sittingbourne Division  
with donation of £ 2 . 00

Date - Time - Venue.

27th September      8 o'clock      Anchor Public House,  
Littlebourne.

News Letter

Doreen Simmonds stated that she would like to include a "This is your life" feature, interviewing the boys at practices and trials meetings in their lunch period.  
All the committee approved.

Meeting closed.      10.40 p.m.

Chairman.      signed.....

Date      .....

K E N T   Y O U T H   T R I A L S   C L U B.

The next meeting of the General Purposes Committee will be held at the Anchor Public House, Littlebourne at 8 o'clock on Monday the 27th September '76.

A G E N D A .

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes for the last meetings.
3. Matters arising therefrom.
4. Club Finance.
5. Section Reports.
- 5a. Advertising (Press Officer)
- 5b. Competition Secretary.
6. Date, time and venue of next meeting.
7. Any other business.

D.A.Simmonds

Secretary.



## Kent Youth Trials Club

### MINUTES.

The minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 27th September 1976 at 8 p.m. at the committee room Anchor Public House Littlebourne.

Present      Brian Prior  
                  Nancy Morris  
                  Michael Moreland  
                  Kenneth Moreland  
                  Michael Banks  
                  Olive Banks  
                  Don Cuckow  
                  Bob Simcock  
                  Penny Donnachie  
                  Doreen Simmonds

#### Apologies for absence.

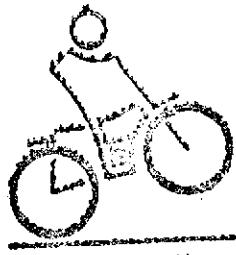
Trevor Dobbs, Dennis Morris.

#### Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.  
Proposed by Mr. M. Banks    Seconded by Mr. B. Simcock.

#### Club Finance

Statement of accounts agreed as a true record.  
Proposed by Mrs. N. Morris    Seconded by Mr. D. Cuckow.



## Kent Youth Trials Club

### Officers Reports.

#### Advertising (Penny Donnachie)

All local newspapers in Kent have agreed to give space to the K Y T C. for reports, fixtures and details of the Winners at our Trials meetings.

#### Competition Secretary (Don Cuckow - Bob Simcock)

Trial at Aylesford Sewage Works:- The boys all rode very well, and the only points to be brought to the attention of the committee were in future strict inspection of the bikes would be carried out, and if after one warning the bike appeared at the next trial with the same fault it would be disqualified from the trial. In future the "No riding rule in the lunch break" would be strictly observed. If it was necessary for a rider to test his machine in the lunch break because of a mechanical fault he would be directed to a particular area in which the bike could be tested. The trial ground was left in a particularly poor condition. i.e. litter. In future the riding members would be made to walk the ground at the end of each trial picking up the litter.

Proposed Trial 24th October 1976.

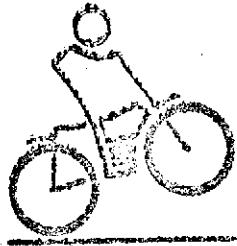
Proposed Practice 17th October 1976. (Mr. Dobbs land if possible)

#### Applying for Membership

It was agreed by the committee to apply for membership to the North Kent Trial Committee. NO

#### Helmet Law

It was agreed by the committee to investigate the details of the new law coming into force on the 1st January 1977. DONE



## Kent Youth Trials Club

### Any other Business.

#### Chairman's Report:

- 1) Committee agreed to adopt the streamlining of the minutes.
- 2) Safety

Committee agreed to accept all proposals out-lined.

- 3) First Aid.

The committee agreed that it was a facility we could not be with-out.

- 4) Membership.

The committee agreed to try and boost class C and class D which will be rather depleted when the boys move into their new classes on November.

- 5) Renewal of Membership

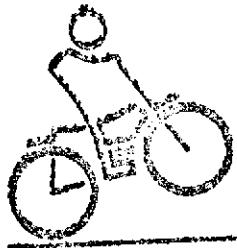
The committee agreed to leave the membership fee at £ 1 . 00 Brian Prior to circulate renewal notices.

- 6) Annual General Meeting

The committee agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting in the last two weeks in January.

#### Social Event

The Social secretary is to investigate the possibility of holding a Christmas Disco for club members. To report back at next meeting.



## Kent Youth Trials Club

### Riding Numbers.

It was proposed by Don Cuckow to have Riding Bibs for each member, and the boys to ride under their own numbers.

Voting:

7 For  
3 Against

Motion Carried.

### Outlay of Expenditure For the making of Bibs.

To be investigated by Don Cuckow and reported back at next meeting.

### 8) Sites.

All committee members have agreed to make an all out effort to obtaining land for holding trials and practices.

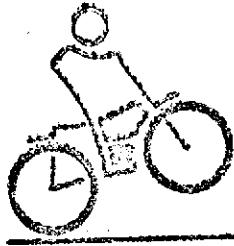
### 9) A. E. U. Conference of Clubs.

Brian Prior stated that if the committee wished he was prepared to attend this conference. The committee accepted.

### 10) A. C. U. National Events 1977

The committee agreed to offer the Clubs facilities to hold a National Event.

Proposed dates, 31st July - 7th August - 28th August - 4th Sept.  
Brian Prior to write and report back to the committee.



## Kent Youth Trials Club

### 11) Essex Schoolboy Trials Club

Brian Prior considered it would be a good idea for committee members to attend these functions to enable them to see how other clubs run their events. The committee agreed to extend an invitation to the Essex Schoolboys offering them a trial against our boys.

Proposed date: 21st November 1976.

### 12) Meeting Place for Committee.

The committee agreed to keep to our present meeting place.

Anchor - Littlebourne.

### Letters of Thanks.

To Gravesend Eagles.

### Date - Time - Next Meeting.

The Anchor P.H. Littlebourne. - 8 p.m. 27th October 1976.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.03 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman.

Date.....

Chairman's Report to the Committee Meeting of 27th September, 1976

1. Committee Organisation I feel that the work of the Committee should be streamlined and to this end I suggest:

- (a) The Minutes be confined so far as possible to:
  - (i) Record of date time and place of meeting.
  - (ii) Those in attendance and apologies for absence
  - (iii) Adoption of previous minutes and matters arising.
  - (iv) Adoption of Officer's reports.
  - (v) Any other business
  - (vi) Time meeting closed
- (b) Wherever possible officers' reports and proposed resolutions to be in writing and circulated before ( if possible) or at the meeting.
- (c) The Committee functions as the management of the Club and should be known as "The Committee".

2. Safety, Etc So far, possibly because of the smallish number attending there have been no problems at events with noise, litter, accidents, etc. With our numbers increasing I feel it is essential that the Committee take a clear stand in regard to:-

- (a) Care must be taken not to leave litter.
- (b) the lunch-break should be a quiet interlude with machines not in use.
- (c) no machines to be ridden in the car-parking area or near the entrance to the site except to get to and from the course.
- (d) No rider to ride the sections except as part of the Trial.
- (e) the Club's Riding Rules will become more strictly enforced, particularly in regard to chain guards, safety of bike and protective clothing.
- (f) Taking of un-registered ( and therefore uninsured) people on pillion will be frowned upon.

3. First Aid Do we really think it necessary to have St. John's personnel at ordinary Club events ?

4. Membership There are 35 registered riding members, of which one, Chris Bank, has dropped out but is likely to be replaced. The remaining 34 are spread over the four classes as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
A	5	10
B	15	15
C	10	27
D	4	22

5. Renewal of Membership Subscriptions Due on 1st November and must be paid by 15th November at latest or membership is terminated automatically. (Article 4 Para 7 sub para (b) of the Constitution ).

I propose to circulate all members in mid-October to invite renewal. The Present Annual Membership Fee is £1 - do we wish to change this ?

6. Annual General Meeting This should be held in the last fortnight of January. Should we combine it with a Social Event? Would the Brands Hatch Clubhouse be too ambitious ? Could arrangements be made for the boys to ride around the course?

7. Riding Numbers I would prefer each Rider to be responsible for his own number. This would save the trouble of preparing, issuing and fixing different numbers at each event. The Riders could then be sent off by Ballot at the Scrutineering assembly - each rider being called out, scrutineered and sent off. ( The machine scrutiny would automatically provide an interval between riders setting off.) According to conditions on the Course Class A could either be first or last . The Committee could specify a minimum size for the Riding Numbers , say 3", although stick-on numbers are available up to 6" high (Letrasign). Riders using numbers on the helmet could be told to have no other stickers.

8. Sites I am continuing negotiations for the Dane Valley Site, Margate and the Chalk Pit at Monkton and on Thursday this week will meet with Mr Hurley of the Thanet Sports Council.

I have also started investigations into the ownership of the old slag heap at the former Chislet Colliery and the disused railway line Whitstable/Canterbury.

## 6 Sites ( cont.)

Approaches made to Mr Partridge Secretary of the Canterbury Sports Council have met with no response. Would a member of the Committee like to follow up?

Would other Committee Members like to make approaches to their local Sports Councils?

9 ACU Conference of Clubs I feel we should be represented and I would be willing to attend at no cost to the Club.

What are the Committee's wishes?

10 ACU National Events 1977 Should we offer? This is a challenge to our faith in the Club.

11. Essex Schoolboy Trials Club They have the following dates:

3rd October, 1976 Trial at Wethersfield Air Base starting at 10.30am After Braintree either take the Cambridge road as far as Sibble Headingham, at "Rippers" Wood Works turn left and follow signs "RAF Wethersfield" or take the B1053 to Wethersfield. To enter Airbase show ESTC membership card in windscreen.

7th November, 1976 Trial at Hepworth Hall (between Halstead and Headingham) at 10.

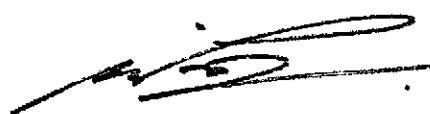
Membership fee for ESTC is £1.50 pa but only 50p is charged for this year to members joining now. The Competition entrance fee is 75p each event.

Essex is a well-run Club and it might help if some Committee Members could attend either or both these events. It would also let the boys see what the competition is like in another club.=

21st November, 1976 Suggested date for an invitation meeting with ESTC with KYTC as hosts. It is unlikely that Essex would achieve a full turnout because of the distance involved but in any case we could restrict the entries from them to say 20? I think we are ready for an event of this nature - it will give us valuable experience for the future and the Essex Club will be sympathetic to any of our shortcomings as they are a new Club.

12. Meeting Place for Committee The Landlord of the Dog Inn at Wingham is now a Member and would welcome the Committee to his room at the Dog Inn.

Shall we make a change?



27/9/76

P.S. Apologies for poor typing and grammar!

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KENT YOUTH TRIALS CLUB.

The next meeting of the General Purposes Committee will be held at the Anchor Public House Littlebourne at 8 o'clock on Wednesday the 27th October 1976.

A G E N D A .

- 1) Apologies for absence.
- 2) Minutes of the last meeting.
- 3) Matters arising.
- 4) Club Finance.
- 5) Competition Secretary.
- 6) Advertising (Press Officer)
- 7) Membership.
  - a) Committee discussion.
  - b) Applications from applicants already members of adult or other clubs.
- 8) Any other business.
- 9) Date - Time - and venue of next meeting.

M I N U T E S .

The minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 27th October 1976 at 8 p.m. at the ANCHOR Public House Littlebourne.

Present.

Brian Prior  
 Nancy Morris  
 Dennis Morris  
 Michael Moreland  
 Kenneth Moreland  
 Michael Banks  
 Olive Banks  
 Don Cuckow  
 Bob Simcock  
 Penny Donnachie  
 Trevor Dobbs  
 Doreen Simmonds.

Apologies for absence.

None.

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.  
 Proposed by Mr. M. Banks. Seconded by Mrs. N. Morris.

Matters Arising.

## (First Aid)

It was noted that if the club wished to purchase their own stretcher, the cost would be £45.00. It was agreed by the committee to review this item of equipment again at a later date. Doreen Simmonds reported she had received a letter from the North Kent Combine refusing our application. Although the committee expressed regret in their decision, they were concerned with a few inaccuracies in their reply, that suggested they were not fully conversant with the club.

Club Finance.

Mr. M. Banks reported that the final balance of the accounts would take place on the 31st October 1976. It was agreed by all committee members that Mr. M. Banks should report back to the next meeting what he considers was the best method to adopt for having this year's books audited.

Advertising (Penny Donnachie)

Penny reported that she was very satisfied with the publicity the club was receiving.

The committee felt that we must be careful not to advertise events that seem to be encouraging spectators to attend, because of the insurance problem. Penny noted these comments and will use her discretion when advertising future events.

Competition Secretaries. (Don Guckow - Bob Simcock)

Trial at Boxley: They were very pleased with the turn out of 23 riders as it has beaten our previous record. The only criticisms they had to make were a large number of riders forgot to sign off, also if they retired they did not inform the control point. Members of the committee expressed concern with the lack of male personnel at the more difficult sections. This oversight was noted by Bob and Don and will be remedied at the next trial.

New Land Lodge Lees: Bob and Don wished personally to thank Nancy Morris for her efforts in obtaining the use of the land. They were very pleased with the prospects this land has to offer. The committee decided to arrange for a working party to attend on the 5th December to prepare the site for a trial on the 12th December. Some committee members expressed concern regarding parking facilities, but Nancy Morris stated the land - owner did own another field further down the road which he would lay at our disposal.

NYTC - EBONY SCHOOL BOYS. - Trials 21st November.

Bob reported that he would have a board attached to his car indicating where the control point was, riders would then be able to distinguish where they signed on or off more easily. That A.M. sections would be more easy than P.M. sections which would be risk changed in the lunch break. Different observers cards would be in use.

Awards Would be donated by Mr. M. Banks.

First Aid Host Also Mr. M. Banks.

Proposed Trial Lodge Lees 12th December.

Future Winter Trials

10 a.m. Start to Noon

one hour lunch break

1 p.m. Start 3 p.m. Finish.

Chairman's Report.1) Land - a, b, c, d, e, f,

Agreed.

2) NCU Youth Division Elections

Proposed by Mr. M. Banks  
 Seconded by Mr. D. Morris  
 Carried Unanimously

3) Gift of Four Awards

Letter of thanks to Mr. &amp; Mrs. I Odisho

4) Gift Annual Award

Agreed

5) Gift of bibs from Shell U.K. Oils

Committee very pleased with donation.

6) Expenses of Club Officials

Don Cucklow & Bob Simcock declined any financial assistance with the travelling expenses incurred this year, they wish this to be their contributions to the club. They consider that next season they would like the case reviewed.

Committee agreed.

Social Event. (Social Secretary)

Nancy Morris reported she had written to several halls, pavilions etc for our proposed Christmas Disco on the 18th December and unfortunately not one had replied. The committee decided as time was short that Michael Banks and Doreen Simmonds would be co-opted to help Nancy find a rendezvous and report back to the next meeting.

Letters of Enquiry. To East Kent Combine.Letters of Thanks

Mr. & Mrs. I. Odisho  
 Mr. D. Goddu  
 Mr. L. Goddard  
 Mr. R. Carte

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Date - Time - Next Meeting.

The "ANCHOR" P.H. Littlebourne, 8 p.m. 25th November 1976. (E)

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting  
at 11.10 p.m.

#### (e) Expenses of Gift Outlays

(yesterday P.M.) Chairman, Frank Lloyd

Signed .....  
Date .....  
Next meeting.

Letter To East Kent Company. Letter To Master.

Chairman's Report to the Committee - 27th October, 1976

1. Land (a) Congratulations and thanks to Nancy & Dennis Morris for getting us the land near Lodge Lees.  
(b) Thanks also to Trevor Dobbs for obtaining use of his farmland at Tibbs Court for Practice.  
(c) Mr Andrew Stainton has agreed that we can use parts of his land at Crundale Downs for one Trial so long as we choose a Sunday with no morning service at the Church ( alternate Sundays) and he would limit the number of cars parking on the meadow land to four or five for officials, Other would park at the Church and riders would have about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of flat meadows to ride to get to the Woods.  
(d) I have heard verbally that the Thanet District Council have agreed to issue the Club a licence to use the old tip site at Dane Valley Margate for Practice  
"That the Chairman be authorised to conclude an agreement with the Thanet District Council to enable the Club to use land at the old tip site at Dane Valley in Margate at a fee of £5 pa."  
(e) We are still pushing our application for the Monkton Chlak Pit.  
(f) We still need land and we must continue our efforts to get more - farmers die, farms get sold, Councils revoke licences, conditions change, etc...
2. ACU Youth Division Elections I suggest that KYTC votes for the following candidates:  
3. David Carter, 4. J.J. Davidson, 6. Keith Dopson, 7. E.G. Hawker,  
8. Brian G. Leney, 11. Tom Woodward and 12. Peter Wraith.

" That the Chairman notifies the ACU that the KYTC votes for the following candidates for the Youth Division Committee....."

3. Gift of four Awards

Four awards have been donated to the Club by:  
Mr & Mrs Isaac Odisho,  
66, All Saints Avenue,  
Margate, Kent.

Does anyone else know of successful sportsmen/women with a cupboard full of unengraved cups/awards ?.

"That the General Secretary writes to Mr & Mrs Odisho a letter of thanks and appreciation for the gift of four trophies"

4. Gift of Annual Award Mr Barry Homewood on behalf of Don Godden Motorcycles has promised to give before the end of this year a major trophy to be awarded annually from 1977. We shall have to decide (a) what to call the award and (b) the rules for winning it.

" That Committee members put forward proposals for the Annual Don Godden award at the next committee meeting".

5. Gift of bibs from Shell UK Oil I have obtained free from Mr Keith Callow, International Competitions Dept, a set of 150 Plastic numbered bibs, some scrutiny stickers and other stickers. There is a possibility that the Shell Caravan may be available for 21st November.

6. Expenses of Club Officials The Competition Secretaries often spend half the day before a Trial travelling to and from the site and setting out the sections. Clearly this also involves them in additional travelling expenses, which in my view the Club must re-imburse.

" That travelling expenses be paid by the Club to the officials who set out the sections on the day before a Trial at the rate of 10p per mile". *W.C. 11/10/76*



Brian R.L. Prior,  
Chairman

27th October, 1976

Acting Membership Secretary's Report to the Committee - 27th October, 1976

1. (a) Layout of Membership form  
(b) Introductory remarks about the Club

I propose to print as soon as possible as per attached specimens.

2. Associate Membership This is intended for those adults interested in the Club who do not qualify for inclusion in a family membership. I propose that the Committee fixes (a) Entrance Fee at Nil  
(b) Annual Subscription at £1 per annum

3. Membership applications from riders belonging to other Clubs

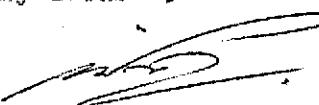
I propose that the General Secretary writes to all adult Clubs in Kent as per attached letter.

4. Present registered Membership

32 families, less one notice of non-renewal = 31 families comprising 42 riders classified as follows:

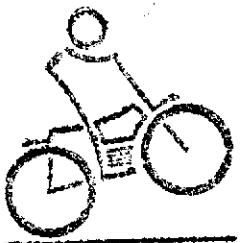
	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Class A	9	16
Class B	19	18
Class C	11	7
Class D	3	1

I feel the Club should seek ways to increase the numbers involved in the two younger classes - any ideas ?.

  
Brian R.L. Prior  
Acting Membership Secretary

27th October, 1976

Membership Secretary:-



# Kent Youth Trials Club

## Application for Family Membership

We, the undersigned, hereby apply for Family Membership of the Kent Youth Trials Club and agree to abide by the Constitution and Rules of the Club. In consideration of acceptance of this our application we hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified The Kent Youth Trials Club, the Auto-Cycle Union (including the owners and/or lessees of any land or buildings used for the Club purposes) and their respective officials, servants, representatives or agents and each and every one of them from and against all actions, claims costs, expenses and demands in respect of death, injury, loss of/or damage to the person(s) or property of ourselves howsoever caused or arising out of, or in connection with, our taking part in or associating with any function of the Club and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, servants, representatives or agents.

Names of Riders	.....	.....
Dates of birth	.....	.....
Types of Bikes	.....	.....
Signatures of Riders	.....	.....

	<u>Names</u>	<u>Signatures</u>
1. Parent/Guardian	.....	.....
2. Parent/Guardian	.....	.....

Address..... Tel.No.....

Please state the names of any other Motorcycle Clubs to which you belong.....  
.....

Date of application.....

Note Together with the Entrance Fee of £5, the Annual Subscription of £1 and a large Stamped self-addressed envelope, please return this form to the Membership Secretary:-

This Club was formed in the Spring of 1976 and specialises in Motorcycle Trials and associated activities for young people between the ages of six and seventeen years. The Club aims to hold a Competitive Trial once a month. The Trials and Practice Sessions take place of private land kindly loaned to the Club. The riders take their machines over various hazards - ditches, banks, rocks, logs, holes etc - the course being defined by markers. Only one rider at a time tackles each section and the object of a Trial is to ride without incurring penalty points.

The motorcycles are purchased by the riders ( or generous parents ! ) and can cost several hundred pounds when new. The Club advises parents and prospective riders to visit a Trial before buying a machine. The Club only permits the use of machines in good order and also ensures that riders wear suitable protective clothing. Safe riding is the Club's top priority and riders are always under supervision. Members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade are often on hand at a Trial in case of need.

Not all riders have ground available for practice and the Club organises practice sessions on different dates between Competitions. Members cannot, however, ride on the land made available to the Club except at practice sessions or competitions organised by the Club.

The KYTC is a family club and the parents or guardians are expected to help, marshall and observe the events and participate in all aspects of running the Club. The Club is affiliated to the Youth Division of the Auto-Cycle Union under whose rules competitions are organised. Members of the KYTC are entitled to a reduction of £1 p.a. in their annual subscription to the R.A.C.

The Entrance Fee of £5 cover the cost of processing the application for membership and the Annual Subscription ( at present £1 pa ) covers the cost of providing the membership cards etc. There is an entrance fee for events which covers the cost of organising those events and providing trophies. The Club's membership year is from 1st November to 31st October. The Club is intended to be self-supporting and non-profit making.

The Club issues a Newsletter which gives details of forthcoming events, sales and wants and other news items.

Membership Secretary:-

Draft letter to adult clubs

The Kent Youth Trials Club was formed in the Spring of 1976 to specialise in Motor Cycle Trials for those between the ages of six and seventeen years. The Club is affiliated to the Youth Division of the Auto-Cycle Union.

From time to time the Club receives applications for membership from youths who are already members of the Youth Sections of adult Clubs. The KYTC is most anxious to maintain good friendly relations with adult Clubs and therefore our Committee has asked me to write to you to ask if your Club has any objection to any of your Youth Division members joining our Club.

I would also appreciate receiving from you the list of your 1977 Trials fixtures so that, when preparing our own calendar we might avoid where possible dates which could clash with your own Trials.

- Date to file and venue of next meeting. (9)
- Any other business (8)
- Chairman's Report (7)
- Accepting (Please off record) (6)
- Correspondence Secretary (5)
- Club Finance (4)
- Minutes certifying the meeting (3)
- Minutes of the last meeting (2)
- Apologies for absence (1)

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The next meeting of the General Meeting will be held at the AMONON Public Library at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, the 29th November 1976.

M I N U T E S .

The minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Thursday 25th November 1976 at 8 p.m. at the Committee room, Anchor Public House, Littlebourne.

Present.

Brian Prior  
Nancy Morris  
Doreen Simmonds  
Michael Banks  
Olive Banks  
Don Cuckow  
Bob Simcock  
Michael Moreland  
Kenneth Moreland

(1) Apologies for absence.

Trevor Dobbs  
Dennis Morris

(2) Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Michael Banks  
Seconded by Olive Banks

(3) Matters arising.

Nothing to report.

(4) Club Finance.

Michael Banks reported that an audit would be carried out by Hopes & Co, Accountants for the sum of £ 5.00

(1)

(5) Competition Secretary.

Don Cuckow reported he was very pleased with the boys performance at the Trial with Essex School Boys. He would like to extend thanks to Brian Prior for all the administration involved with the Essex School Boys meeting, Michael Banks for providing the Trophys, Mrs Cuckow and Mrs Simcock for totalling the results, and all people who helped to make it such a successful day. He was disappointed to see, that after his observations on Chain guards bikes were still turning up with-out the necessary safe guards, he will still be very strict concerning the inspection of the bikes, and if an experienced rider turns out to ride with any irregularity he would be unable to compete. He would like it stressed in the News - Letter and to the boys to necessitate for signing off if they retire. He also considered that at the next Trial it would be helpful if the observers could add up each score for each boy before they hand it in to the scorers.

Number System.

The committee agreed no change to be made, but it would be reviewed at a later date.

(6) Advertising (Press Officer)

Nancy Morris reported on behalf of Penny's Write up sent to the Kent Messenger and to Lionel Barlow of the Motor Cycle News concerning the meeting with the Essex School Boys.

Brian Prior reported he had disputed the age groups in the Motor Cycle News "Schools Out", he has since had a reply and he will be publishing their new ruling and comments in the News Letter. Also he asked consideration to be given to separating the " For Sale Trials Scramble Bikes " section. Brian Prior stated, that he would like to have seen the Essex School Boys interviewed and the results sent to their local News papers.

(7) Chairman's Report.

- 1) Annual General Meeting . Date: 23rd January 1977  
at British Legion Hall, Aylesford.  
Proposed by Mr. M. Banks  
Seconded by Bob Simcock  
Carried unanimously.

- 2) Observers

Michael Banks to select observers,  
Bob Simcock to allocate sections to the observers.

- 3) Expert & Novices.

Agreed to adopt proposal for next trial.

4) Entries for Trials

Agreed to continue receiving entries in advance.

Proposed by Nancy Morris  
Seconded by Bob Simcock

5) ACU YDR 12 - Age Groups

To amend our club rules from 1st January 1977.

Proposed by D. Cuckow  
Seconded by M. Banks

6) S.E. Centre Trial - 2nd January 1977

Agreed by committee to ask for volunteer observers  
in the next News Letter.

7) Kent Show 1977

Committee decided to give 1977 a miss.

8) Donation of Awards

Letter of thanks to Keith Ridge - Brian Chapman.

Proposed by Don Cuckow  
Seconded by Bob Simcock

9) Land for Trials

Committee agreed to a Wet Trial

(8) Any other business

Acting Membership Secretary's Report.

Annual Awards

Proposed by Michael Banks  
Seconded by Bob Simcock

Observers Cards

Committee agreed to purchase more observers Cards

Proposed Programme 1977

Committee agreed to adopt

Invitations to Clubs Christmas Disco

Committee expressed their wish to send personal invitations  
to Gravesend Eagles - Sittingbourne Club to join us for our  
Christmas Disco.

Letters of Thanks

To Essex School Boys Secretary.  
Thanking the boys for their co-operation and accepting  
their invitation for a return meeting.

Christmas Party

Music to start at 8 p.m.  
Nancy Morris to welcome guests  
Roy Simmonds to act as Doorman.  
Presentation of Annual Awards.

Stationery

Prices to be obtained by the Secretary for two colour  
paper work.

Date - Time Next Meeting

The Anchor P.H. Littlebourne, 8 p.m. 15th December 1976.

There being no other business the Chairman closed  
the meeting at 11.00 p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman

Date .....

Chairman's Report to the Committee - 25th November, 1976

1. Annual General Meeting The British Legion Village Hall has been booked for Sunday, 23rd January, 1977 at 3.00pm for the Annual General Meeting. The General Secretary will send a letter to all members inviting them to send to her by 12th December, 1976, nominations for candidates willing to be elected to the Committee.

Resolution: "To hold the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 23rd January, 1977 at 3.00pm in the British Legion Village Hall, Aylesford, Maidstone"

2. Observers The Trial on 21st November, 1976 proved that getting volunteer observers could become a problem. Those who in the past have been happy to volunteer are now, perhaps, more reluctant as they see others not participating.

Suggestion: When accepting a riding entry the entrant can be advised that for that Trial an observer must be provided by the rider's family, for a certain specified section. A Rota can be maintained so that allocation is not only fair, but seen to be fair.

3. Experts & Novices As the Club grows and the more experienced members improve it becomes more difficult for the new or less experienced riders to tackle sections suitable for the better riders. There is a risk that some riders will become discouraged when faced with seemingly 'impossible' sections, while the more experienced will get bored with sections made too easy if a compromise is made.

Suggestion: To declare before the January Trial certain proven riders as "Experts" and the others as "Novices" and to organise Trials next year so that there are fifteen sections. The first five being simple, the next five more difficult and the last five challenging. Novices would ride the first and second groups of five, while Experts would ride the second and third groups of five. To gain promotion from Novice to Expert a rider would need to gain three awards, one of which would be a first.

4. Entries for Trials I suggest that we continue the system established for the last Trial of receiving entries in advance of the event. In this way we know who and how many are riding.

5. ACU YDR 12 - Age Groups The ACU General Manager has advised per attached letter the revision of YDR 12.

"Resolution" To amend the KYTC Riding Rules to reflect the new wording of YDR 12 with effect from 1.1.77.

6. S.E. Centre Trial - 2nd January, 1977 The Invicta Club will hold its 'Garden of England' Trial on 2.1.77 near Canterbury starting at 10.30am. I suggest that our membership be advised and asked to volunteer as observers. Once we know how many are willing we could offer in advance to provide "X" number of observers for this event. ( The Invicta Club already co-operates with the Kent Schoolboy Scrambles Club )

7. Kent Show 1977 Do we want to do anything at the show ?. A Trials Demonstration ? Display team ?

8. Donation of Awards Two of our members, Keith Ridge and Brian Chapman who are partners in Blean Service Station, have donated a cheque for £20 on behalf of the Blean Service Station to help pay for awards at the December Trial.

"Resolution" Letter of thanks from the Secretary.

9. Land for Trials Trevor Dobbs has kindly obtained permission for the club to use woodland at Tibbs Court for a Trial. The woods have a stream of some half mile in length. There is space for parking in the orchards above the wood.

Suggestion: That we hold a "wet" trial at Tibbs Court in January - all the sections could be in and over the stream.

24th November, 1976

  
Brian R.L. Prior.

All previous members, with the exception of one family, have renewed, although I have not yet received the renewal fee and form of Gordon Cook. His mother promised that he would bring these to the Trial on 21st, but he did not show.

There are now 34 family memberships accounting for 48 registered Riders classed as follows:

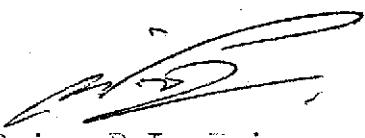
A 12            B 19            C 12            D 4

It is no longer possible to predict accurately what the breakdown will be next year as the age group rule now allows riders to chose to go up on their birthday.

Proposal: To advise Riders of the change in the age rule and to say that the Club will continue to regard them as in the same class unless they advise the Secretary in writing on or before their Birthday that they wish to go up to the next group. Riders should also be made aware that going up during the calendar year could affect their chances of winning an annual award.

Enquiries    We continue to receive many enquiries from a variety of sources, throughout the County and from as far afield as Surrey.

24th November, 1976



Brian R.L. Prior  
Acting Membership Secretary

Proposed Programme - 1977

- 9th Jan    - Practice
- 16th Jan    - Trial at Tibbs Court
- 23rd Jan    - A.G.M.
- 6th Feb    - Practice
- 13th Feb    - Trial
- 6th Mar    - Practice
- 20th Mar    - Trial
- 10th Apr    - Practice
- 17th Apr    - Trial
- 8th May    - Practice
- 15th May    - Trial
- 12th June    - Practice
- 19th June    - Trial
- 26th Jun    - Suggested for us to ride with Essex
- 17th Jul    - Practice
- 24th Jul    - Trial
- 7th Aug    - Committee on Site for National Trial
- 14th Aug    - Practice
- 21st Aug    - Trial
- 4th Sep    - National Trial
- 11th Sep    - Practice
- 18th Sep    - Trial
- 9th Oct    - Practice
- 16th Oct    - Trial
- 30th Oct    - Committee on site for 20/11 Trial
- 13th Nov    - Practice
- 20th Nov    - Trial ( Annual ESTC/KYTC ?)
- 27th Nov    - Practice
- 4th Dec    - Trial
- 17th Dec    - Christmas Party

Results of Trial on 21st November, 1976 - ESTC/KYTC - Basildon

Position	Points	Class	Rider's No	Name	Essex	Kent
		Lost				
1	35	B	16	Adrian Whiting	1	
2	39	A	14	Chris Chapman	2	
3	47	A	51	David Simpson	3	
4	55	A	53	Kevin Taylor	4	
5	60	B	15	Antony Dobbs		1
6	63	A	30	Chris Lurcock		2
7	70	A	9	Jeremy Wright	5	
8	72	B	37	Curtis Nichols	6	
9=	93	B	85	Michael Crowder	7	
9=	93	A	38	David Burroughs		3
11	94	C	94	Robert Geeves	8	
12=	98	C	50	David Eley	9	
12=	98	A	54	Tim Streatfield	10	
14	104	A	41	Alan Coulter		4
15	105	B	17	Mark Kemp	11	
16	109	B	2	Calvin Platfoot	12	
17	125	C	8	Timothy Pendle	13	
18	136	B	18	Stephen Simcock		5
19	172	B	5	Robert Lawrence	14	
20	184	A	63	David Allen	15	
21=	194	A	26	Ivor Simmonds		6
21=	194	A	64	Stewart Austen	16	
23	206	A	36	Duncan Pearson		7
24	214	C	31	Terry Wilson		8
25	215	B	19	Lance Wright	17	
26	222	B	7	Mark Ridge		9
27	232	B	23	Peter Riddell		10
28	239	B	13	Martin Tilling		11
29	241	B	10	Paul Cuckow		12
30	253	B	6	Michael Moreland		13
31	262	A	20	Gordon Banks		14
32	282	A	91	Eric Monk	18	

Copy letter received from Mrs Jan Towns, Secretary, ESTC

23rd November, 1976

Dear KYTC,

May we thank you very much for your hospitality on Sunday 21st November.

We all had a very enjoyable day and have had phone calls asking me to thank you all from David Simpson, David Carty and Andrew Neville.

Praise must be given to the layout of the sections, but at the same time not forgetting those who made us feel welcome including your Social Secretary who introduced herself to most of us.

As you know we would like to have invited you to our next trial at Royal Oak Pits, Danbury on 23rd January, but as this clashes with your AGM, please accept our invitation to the same venue on June 1977, when we hope to make you feel as welcome as you did us.

Once again many thanks from us all,

J. Towns,  
(Sec.ESTC)

K E N T   Y O U T H   T R I A L S   C L U B .

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The next meeting of the General Purposes Committee will be held at the Anchor Public House Littlebourne at 8 o'clock Wednesday the 15th December 1976.

A G E N D A .

- 1) Apologies for absence.
- 2) Minutes of the last meeting.
- 3) Matters arising therefrom.
- 4) Club Finance.
- 5) Competition Secretary.
- 6) Advertising (Press Officer)
- 7) Chairman's Report.
- 8) Any other business.
- 9) Date, time and venue of next meeting. *Thursday*

D.A. Simmonds

Secretary.

M I N U T E S .

The minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 15th December 1976 at 8 p.m. at the "ANCHOR" P.H. Littlebourne.

Present.

Brian Prior  
Nancy Morris  
Dennis Morris  
Kenneth Moreland  
Michael Banks  
Olive Banks  
Don Cuckow  
Bob Simcock  
Penny Donnachie  
Trevor Dobbs  
Doreen Simmonds

Apologies for Absence.      None.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Nancy Morris.      Seconded by Don Cuckow.

Matters Arising - Letters.

The Secretary reported she had received replies from Sittingbourne Club and Gravesend Eagles in response to the club's invitation to the Christmas Disco. The Sittingbourne club secretary was unable to accept because of previous commitments, but the Gravesend Eagle secretary would be attending with his wife and three sons.

Christmas Disco

The committee agreed to serve the Buffet from 9.30 p.m. until 10.00 p.m. The awards would then be presented by Brian Prior, Bob Simcock and Don Cuckow. 130 people to be catered for.

### Club Finance.

Michael Banks reported that the books are being audited by the accountant, a balance sheet will be presented at the next meeting.

### Competition Secretary.

Don Cuckow stated that the 15 sections experiment at the trial at Lodge-Lees was a great success and would be adopted for future trials. The only criticisms were from the observers who observed the expert sections, as we have at the present time a limited number of experts the time gap between riders was quite considerable, and they were inclined to become bored waiting. The only solution for future trials is to make sure the observers who observed the expert section at the last trial were given the novice section to observe.

### Novice and Expert Riders.

Don Cuckow reported that he would like to re-assign Ross Browning to the Novice riders.

David Smith to be left in the Novice riders for the time being. Otherwise he was very happy with their allocating of riders into the Novice and Expert sequence.

### Grading.

To be able to enter the Expert grading the committee agreed that a Novice rider must be an overall winner of all three classes and obtain two other awards.

(Notification to go out in News Letter)

Don Cuckow also expressed concern over the starting system used, it lead to the riders becoming confused, and 12 riders left with-out having their bikes checked or being given the official start. The committee agreed to add the item to their next agenda to give it the full benefits of full committee discussion.

Bob Simcock was concerned with the lack of parking facilities, and the additional hazard of some riders riding on the Public Highway. The committee agreed for this item to be drawn to the attention of the riders in their News Letter.

### Next Practice at Lodge-Lees.

Brian Prior stated that we must obtain written permission from the owners of the land before we could allow our boys to practice, as it was one of the clauses of our insurance policy. Nancy Morris to obtain written permission from Mr. Goddard and report to secretary when obtained.

### Clearance of Ground to provide Parking Area - Lodge-Lees.

Mr. R.K. Simmonds agreed to provide a machine to clear an area suitable for a car park free of charge, but the club would have to bear the cost of transporting the machine from Maidstone to Canterbury and back (approx £60.) A resolution to spend money for the Car Park was proposed by Bob Simcock and seconded by Ken Moreland

Competition Entry Forms.

Bob Simcock has agreed to undertake the receiving of future trials entry forms as from the 13th February, also to send out the results in the week following a trial. Notification of the change of personnel to be printed in the News - Letter.

Advertising.

Nancy Morris reported that all the papers had been informed with all the club's news and future functions.

Brian Prior reported that Lionel Barlow had been informed of the results of the trial at Lodge - Lees.

Chairman's Report.

No report.

Trial at Tibbs Court.

Don Cuckow agreed to set out the sections with Trevor Dobbs prior to the trial.

Sittingbourne Club.

Bob Simcock would like us to observe for this Club's trial, but it was pointed out that the club had already made its fixture list and we could not cancel any of our dates as they had been circulated to the riders. Bob Simcock stated that in the circumstances we should send a letter of apology if we were unable to send observers. Don Cuckow agreed to contact Doreen Simmonds to inform her if the dates clashed, and if it was necessary for her to send a letter of apology.

Monkenton Chalk Pit.

Brian Prior reported no good news at present.

Dane Valley.

Brian Prior reported that we had now received permission to use this site.

Date - Time - Next Meeting.

The "ANCHOR" P.H. Littlebourne 8.p.m. 20th January 1977.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.20.p.m.

Signed..... Chairman.

Date.....

KENT YOUTH TRIALS CLUB

The next meeting of the General Purposes Committee will be held at the "ANCHOR" P.M. Littlebourne at 8 o'clock on Thursday the 20th January 1977.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.

P.4. Tony. Newell - New branch?

P.4. David Waller -

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes to regulate on holding a branch

3. Matters arising

Minutes - progress with leg

4. Numbering system

5. Club Finance

6. Competition Secretary

7. Advertising (Press Officer)

8. Chairman's Report

9. Any other business

10. Date - Time and venue of next meeting.

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