



# Kent Youth Trials Club

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## NEWSLETTER

The Club continues to grow, slowly but surely. In my capacity as Membership Secretary I was looking through up to date, the membership list a week or so ago.

The up to date statistics which I'm sure you would all like to know are as follows:

Class A - 35 Riders - 11 Experts - 24 Novices

Class B - 40 Riders - 7 Experts - 33 Novices

Class C - 13 Riders - 1 Expert - 12 Novices

Class D - 4 Riders - No Experts - 4 Novices

Whilst I have also felt quality is better than quantity we do need to continue to grow gradually. We have a solid nucleus of regular riders (about 55) who turn up for almost every event, then we have 6 or 7 younger brothers and sisters who have not yet actually got astride a bike, but no doubt will do in due course. And finally we have the remainder who for one reason or another have not been to an event for three or four months, or who only ride very occasionally.

We must try to see what we can do to get them out with us more regularly.

In all we have a total of 69 Family Memberships. That gives us 92 riders:-

Editor

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 24.6.77:

Once again owing to business commitments, I was unable to attend the meeting, my second in succession I'm sorry to say. However, Doreen has given me a list of items which the Committee would like brought to your notice:-

a) Change of Class-i.e. Birthday Entitlement:

The Committee would like it known that they will consider a rider will remain in his class until the 31st. December, unless he applies in writing that he wishes to ride in the next class up when his birthday is due. This is somewhat of a complicated rule and for clarification please seek the knowledge of Brian Prior.

b) Up-Gradings:

The following riders have been up-graded to Expert Class and accordingly we offer them our congratulations they are:- Mark Lemmon - No:43 - To Class A Expert- Curtis Nicholls No 84: to Class A Expert and Timothy Geoghegan No: 53 to Class B Expert.

c) Practice Sessions:

We wish to emphasise the importance of these practice sessions for riders lacking experience. Of late they have tended to become a bit haphazard. In the early days of course when the Club was much smaller Don Cockle and Bob Simcock were able to give each rider individual attention and basically that principle still applies. If you are experiencing any difficulty in a particular manoeuvre please do not hesitate to approach Don and Bob and ask them for their advice and guidance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Some time ago I had a letter from David Burroughs No: 38 - to say that he'd been unable to attend one or two trials because unfortunately, he had had his transport stolen. He asked whether I knew of anyone in the club or could put him in touch with someone who would be able to transport him and his machine to our events. I am pleased to say that I was able to put him in touch with Mr. Geoghegan - father of No: 53 Tim - and I'm pleased to say that David has been back in action with us of late both at Ospringes and the Essex Trial.

I also has a short letter from Mrs Wicken, - mother of No: 70 David - to say that they had been unable to attend recent events because they had been involved with moving home etc., however, they are now settled in their new abode and hope to be coming to the trials again very shortly.

CHRISTMAS DISCO:

The Christmas Disco is to be held at the British Legion Village Hall as last year and if anyone has any suggestions to make the event even more successful on this occasion would they please contact committee members so that the matter can be brought forward for discussion.

THANKS:

As a result of our request for help as a tail piece of the June letter. I am pleased to say and indeed grateful to Mrs Walker - mother of No: 82 and 83 - John and Julie for offering her assistance with typing and cutting of stencils in the production of this Newsletter.

I understand there is also another lady member living in Dartford who has offered her help through our Secretary - Doreen., but I do not have the necessary information to enable me to contact her at this time. Could she please ring me.....THANK YOU.

Essex Trial - 26.6.77.

This event at which we were the guests of our friends from the Essex Schoolboys Trials Club was held at the 'Royal Oak Pits', Danbury, Nr.Chelmsford. It was another excellent pocket handkerchief course, and it was for me and I'm sure other committee members and regular observers a nice change to be free and able to wander around the various sections and see all our riders perform.

SENIORS:- Starting at Section 7.

INTERMEDIATES AND JUNIORS: - Starting at Section 1.

John Banks was No: 1 off - but was having a lot of machine trouble so pulled immediately into the pits - where I saw 'Good old Dad' working frantically to get the 'Borrowed Osso' on the move again. The 'Kawasaki Kid' was next away at No:3 followed by Gary Purbutt at No:10.

David Burroughs was next at No:12, but unfortunately retired after two laps. Then came Chris Cluff, Trevor Miles, Ivor Simmonds and Steve Higgins in quick succession.

Mark Lemmon drew No:25 and my own son Alan was No:28, Andrew Connor and Calvin Gardner were 48 and 51.

Peter Riddell was No:54, but retired after the first lap, probably after young brother Raymond was injured when he collided with a trailer - Not only did he collide - he also tried to eat it!!! Seriously though, he was rather badly cut round his mouth and had to go to hospital for stitches. I understand from Mum - he is still very sore but determined to ride again.

Paul Cuckow also retired, but for a different reason - The engine sounded Sick, Sick, Sick, etc!!!

Steve Garner was No:60 and Anthony Errey No:62 and Shane Edwards making a welcome re-appearance was No:64

From 72 onwards Grant Lemmon to No:81 Mark Purbutt it was all Kent with Michael Moreland

Robert Prior, Peter Cressey, Tim Geoghegan, David Smith and Stephen Sincock in that order.

Joanne was No:73 and did her early retirement act as usual, but at long last she realised an ambition when she met another girl rider Karen Hill from the Essex Club on her Montossa 125. Jo's hoping she will see Karen again in November when the Essex Club are to be our guests in a return dual.

86 and 87 were the Legge brothers and Russ Edwards and Sean Cuckow were our final riders.....

Two lads Calvin Platfoot and Andrew Soameson were down as Essex members although they do belong to both clubs as indeed a few other Kent boys do.....

I thought the performance of the Essex boy D.Hill in winning the premier award with a loss of only 2 marks was fantastic as it was when I realised that the result of Steve Higgins was clean all the way except for what can only be classed as a 'stupid five' at the fourteenth section - first time round, I suppose little did he think that the loss would cause him the major award. It just goes to show you how important it is to concentrate all the time.

Anyway - Congratulations Steve in winning the 1st. in the senior - in what can only be described as an excellent effort.

Congratulations to Shane Edwards for this third place in the Intermediate class. Most of the other hardware went to the Essex lads, but a number of our lads won consolation awards - Jubilee Crowns - well done lads!!! Those I can remember are:- Timothy Geoghegan, Timothy Dobbs, Grant and Mark Lennon and Russ Edwards - Again my sincere apologies to anyone I have failed to mention.

My thanks are due to Don for his assistance at Essex when Alan had a bit of ignition trouble. Don had the necessary tools near to hand to enable him to complete the course - Thanks Mate!!!

MORAL..... Do as I do - That is when walking round the course - always carry one or two small spanners 8-14 m/m, two size plug spanner, a small piece of emery cloth and a small wire brush.

It's amazing the number of lads I've helped on their way with 'On the spot' repairs..... Who was it said 'Give us the tools and we will do the job'

a) The setting out of Trials:

Don and Bob have asked for volunteers to help them lay out sections on the various trials venues on the Saturdays prior to the Sunday events. I think adults only can be considered for this task, and that of course does not mean that you can bring 'Sonny Jin' along with his bike and allow him to practice while you are working.

c) Raffle Prizes:.....

Please note that the raffle prize at the Ospringe Trial was not claimed. The number if you still have your ticket handy was 146. Please contact Nancy Morris. Incidentally the committee would like to thank Mrs Cressey and a friend who donated the raffle prizes and the observers prize on that occasion. Also, if anyone else would like to get in the act by donating either raffle or observers prizes here again would you please contact Nancy Morris.

OSPRINGE TRIAL - 19.6.77.

This I thought was the best trial we had so far and once again the weather was fine. Like Boxley it offers a variety of sections but has the advantage as far as I'm concerned in that it is relatively flat when it comes to walking between sections. Some of the sections were, I thought very hard for our Class C & D riders and indeed some of the smaller and new Class B. riders. This was confirmed when some of the parents spoke to me about it. It will be discussed at committee level and I'm sure you will find that at the next trial at Tibbs Court where we will have easier sections for the younger riders.

But for a pocket handkerchief of course, I thought Don and Bob did extremely well in cutting out a variety of sections. I walked right round the course and saw a number of excellent clears and spectacular falls.

Mark Lemmon got the first in Class A-Novice, closely followed by the 'Green Meanie' being Gordon Cook; who seems to be improving with every ride, as indeed is Ross Browning who came in third.

Class B Novice winner was Neil Thompson - he's obviously getting in plenty of practice around the Essex countryside. Congratulations 'Tommo'. In second spot was Tim Geoghegan amongst the winners again whilst Andrew Soameson and Anthony Errey came in 3rd and 4th respectively.

Peter Cressey once again scraped in for an award in 5th Place.

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Don Smiths Trials School:

I understand that the KYTC is well represented for the July course and if anyone is interested in attending the course which Don will be running in August that is the 16th, 17th and 18th., will they please contact Brian Prior who has the necessary application forms available. I'm sorry if you think I'm plugging Don Smith to much - It is not true that I got 10% commission !!!

Having known Don for a number of years and having high regard for his riding ability, as surely his results over the years must show, I can only say that any boy who attends a course and fails to learn something about the art of trials riding must be an extremely good rider. The course, of a cost of £50.00 I suppose is quite expensive but does really represent value for money.....

BRING AND BUY.....

For sale: HONDA TL - 125 P. Reg. Millermods, Dixon pipes, lights and Bellstar suit £250.00 o.n.o.  
Tel: Claypits 346.....

Mrs Cressey - Mother of No:12

1 pair Dunlop trial wellingtons - in good condition - £3.50 - any offers..

WANTED:

Mrs Connor - 35 Freemans Road, Minster, Ramsgate  
Tel: Thanet (0843) 821594 - Still requiring a  
• bike trailer please keep your eyes open on her behalf.

THANKS.....

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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- July 24 - TRIAL - Tibbs Court - 11.00am  
Aug. 14 - Practice - Ospringe - 11.00am - 3.00pm  
21 - TRIAL - Lodge Lees - 11.00am  
Sept 4 - KYTC NATIONAL TRIAL - Peters Pit, Woudham  
10 - KAYC Sports Show - Detling  
11 - Practice  
18 - Trial  
Oct. 9 - Practice  
16 - Royal British Legion Youth Trophy Trial  
Nov. 6 - Practice  
20 - ESTC/KYTC Annual Trial - Ospringe, Kent  
27 - Practice  
Dec 4 - Trial  
17 - Christmas Party - Royal British Legion  
Village Hall, Aylesford

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- Jan 15 - Practice  
22 - Trial  
29 - Annual General Meeting - British Legion  
Village Hall, Aylesford.  
Feb 12 - Practice  
19 - Trial  
Mar. 12 - Practice  
19 - Trial  
Apr. 9 - Practice  
16 - Trial  
May 7 - Practice  
14 - Trial  
June 11 - Practice  
18 - Trial  
July 18 - Practice  
23 - Trial