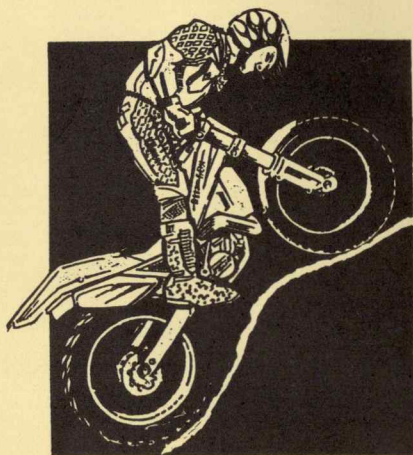




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Simon Bird, Nick & Dan Bullock

CAROL'S LAST CORNER

Welcome, everyone, to the November trial here at Nico Pit. Our most grateful thanks to all members of Gravesend M.C.C. for allowing us to join them here today.

Many thanks to Paul Bullock, Richard Dowland and Roger Thompson for setting the trial out and also to any members of Gravesend who may have joined in as well.

To enable us to join in with Adult Clubs easier, we are changing the route colours for all classes at our trials. Experts will now ride the WHITE ROUTE, 'C' class the RED ROUTE, 'D' class YELLOW + RED ROUTES, Beginners YELLOW ROUTE only. At the last club trial it seemed to work very well. Oops sorry...novices ride the BLUE ROUTE.

A reminder to you all about the Christmas Trial at Greenfields Gun Club. Observers who want to decorate sections, let Nigel know. Don't forget those decorated helmets as well. Let's keep the tradition going, just a little bit of extra effort is all that's needed.

The Awards Evening is on Saturday January 14th 1995 at Newington Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets will be on sale today and at the Xmas trial. Anyone not having purchased their tickets by the December trial will not be able to attend. We have to know the numbers by then. Anyone having End of Year awards could you please return them to me by the December trial for engraving. Thank you.

As many of you already know, we are hosting the January North Kent Trials Combine in Sussex. I know many of you have already volunteered to help either observing or cutting out and clearing. Just keep the date in mind, January 8th, start 10.00 am.

We do need as many of you as possible to help run this event.

Many thanks to all riders and parents who turned up to ride against Crowthorne for the Annual Challenge with them. It was a very last minute arrangement, so many of you wouldn't have known it was on. Our team did very well, almost clinching it back but not quite. There's always next year to try again, when they come back to us. We'll try then.

Finally, as this is my last Carol's Corner, (I am stepping down as Chairman next month) I would like to sincerely thank all the Committee Members I have worked with over the past two years, for their support and help. Also to Club Members who have also shown and given their help and support when I asked for it. Although Stephen is just 14, we will still be around for a few more years, I am still going to remain on the Committee, but in a lesser role (HOORAY - I can hear you all shout). Having been in Kent Youth for about 12 years, I have seen many riders come and go. I have met and made friends with so many very nice people, and watched many riders gradually improve their riding skills to become extremely good.

I only hope that I have managed to put a little back into the Club, like so many others have done for my sons over the years.

I would like you all to give your continued support and help to the new chairman, whoever that may be. I will still be in the club when we celebrate out 21st Birthday, so I am offering now to help and organise Kent Youth's 21st Birthday Trial and Celebration. It will give me something to think about and keep me quiet.

(O.K. Carol, the jobs yours!!!.Ed)

Happy and safe trialling to you all - keep those feet up.

Carol.

RAFFLE PRIZES

Our raffles that we hold at club trials have always been a 'nice little earner' for the KYTC vaults but, due to the decreasing numbers at our events these days, they don't make as much as they used to.

We still have to hold them though because we have to be grateful for any income we can generate for the club. So, if you have anything you can donate for a raffle prize, we would be pleased to have it. Anything will do, like the bottle of 'Billingsgate at Dawn' after-shave that Granny bought you last year, (and you don't even shave yet!). Or the 5th packet of hankies you've got. What about that unopened bottle of Jack Daniels Dad's put to the back of his drinks cabinet - he won't miss it.

Also, if you are coming to the Awards Evening, we ask that everyone brings a prize with them to make the raffle on the night a success.

Thanks for your help.

TRIAL REPORT

OCTOBER - BRABOURNE

(or The trial that was - then wasn't - then was again)

Due to our wonderful weather, the October trial at Brabourne Chalk Pit was in real danger of being cancelled. Heavy rain on the Saturday and all Saturday night had made the uphill approach road into the quarry like a skating rink. In fact, on the Sunday morning, the rain was still pissistantly falling so early arrivals didn't attempt the climb, turned round and directed later arrivals to the pub at the bottom of the hill where we all met in the car park.

A scouting party of Tony Croucher and Colin Edwards, who along with Carol, had set the trial out the previous day, went back up the hill to see if it was possible to get the cars and transporters up the lane. They came back shrugging their shoulders and agreed that if we could get the vehicles in then the trial would probably be O.K.(ish). We were all asked what we wanted to do and most people thought that as by now it had stopped raining and having got so far, we might as well 'give it a go'. Anyway, John Bird had arrived with his trusty little four wheel drive and a long piece of string so we had no worries had we?

Eventually, everyone was pushed or pulled into the parking areas and a few cocky gits made the climb without any assistance. Thanks to John and all his willing little pushers - I'm sure some of them enjoyed that part of the day more than the trial.

Thanks must also go to Henry Bowdery from the Asnford Club for the use of the land and to Carol for using her feminine charms on him so we could have yet another different venue to ride at. We have certainly had a variety this year!

EXPERTS

There were really two trials in this class, one for Simon Bird and one for the rest. The boy wonder lost 61 marks over the 5 laps and although this was more than usual for him, the extreme conditions of steeply cambered, wet mud and chalk made the going atrocious. Just 13 marks separated the next four riders with Luke 'long legs' Paine having his best finish for a while when he took second place with 127. Just 5 marks behind came Steve Dunk on 132 with the other Steven (Craig) 4th, a further 6 marks adrift. Dean Heathfield, although 5th on 140, was second only to Simon on the amount of cleans he had ridden.

NOVICES

Easily the best rider of the day over the blue route (this used to be white) was Nick Bullock. The only rider to lose under 100, Nick finished on 88. Another very happy rider was Paul Howe who has only recently been riding in this class. His perseverance paid off when he finished in a strong second place with 108 marks. Next best was Darryl Jeffery on 126 although he was far from happy with the conditions. Dan Bullock and Greg Kennedy were within 2 points of each other at the end finishing with 137 and 139.

'C' CLASS

Surprise package of the 'C' class was Daz Richards having his first crack at more difficult stuff and riding up from 'D' class. He really attacked the sections with some gusto in the slippery conditions and in fact was leading the class after 2 laps from Nicky 'Dabber' Dowland who had a nervous start. On the third lap, however, Daz had a disastrous run when he 'fived' sections 3, 4 and 5. This let Nicky in who finished the trial strongly to lose 16 in total.

Daz eventually finished with 39 while Jimmy Edwards was having his own personal nightmare in 3rd. Poor Jimmy just couldn't do a thing right and finished on 60 which just goes to show that even the best of us can have an off day sometimes. As usual Adam Goodsell was fastest round the course and finished an hour before anyone else. I think Steve ought to invest in another back tyre for the poor little mite cos the one he has wouldn't look out of place on a vintage sidecar.

'D' CLASS

With Richard Ely sidelined with an injured arm and Daz riding up a class, just two riders contested the 'D's. The more experienced Guy Hadfield got the better of Ben Ely 55 - 73.

BEGINNERS

Well done to Ryan Hoare for winning the 'best beginner' award. Brother Ben was 2nd with Andy Heathfield's protégé, Terry Smith improving all the time in 3rd. Rick Marshall was 4th.

So that was the October trial and most agreed that we were right to go ahead with it and we were lucky it stopped raining when it did. It was also the last trial for our intrepid C of C Tony Croucher. He has done stirring work over the last few years turning out on his day off in all sorts of weather to set out our trials. He is going to take a well earned rest. With all that spare time you will have on your hands, you don't fancy doing the magazine do you Tony?

RIDERS REPORT - Brabourne Pit.

A & B

Yet another new ground was awaiting Kent Youth for their October Trial. Brabourne Chalk Pit was the venue, it was another piece of ground which Carol had poached. Many thanks to the Ashford club for this.

It was to be Tony's last event as a 'clerk of course' so everyone was hoping for a good day! The 8 sections were set around the pit and were challenging for all expert and novice riders. The sections were well set out but the rain made them very greasy. The most spectacular section of the day had to be the final one of the lap, for the experts. It was more like a British round section than one you would expect to see at a Kent Youth trial.

Thanks to Ashford club and Tony, we will be sad to see you go (well, some people will). A most enjoyable day, kind of!

BRABOURNE PIT C & D

NICK

The trial didn't start off to well because of us not knowing if we could get up the slippery hill after heavy rain fall overnight to get to the trial. Eventually everybody managed to get up the hill with John Bird towing some cars up.

Just as we started the trial it started raining but it soon stopped. Most people found the going very tough but a few riders managed to get round on fairly low marks.

A tricky but enjoyable trial

dan

RIDER PROFILE - NICK BULLOCK

Considering that Nick Bullock's dad, Paul, has been a motor cycle 'freak' for as long as he can remember and is the owner of no fewer than 16 motor bikes, it's surprising that Nick had to wait until he was 11 before he first rode a bike. Paul bought a TY80 Whitehawk from Terry Lynch and Nick, along with younger brother Dan, tried the bike with a view to take up trialling.

Paul had competed in several long distance trials so knew a bit about the sport. He had also raced an Austin Healey 3000 and an 'E' Type Jaguar at various race tracks competing in the modified Sports Car class. Amongst Paul's collection of bikes, he has several vintage machines and regularly rode in events like the London to Brighton Pioneer run.

When children come along though, your world invariably revolves around their activities. In Paul's case he has to juggle his time between taking the lads to athletics meetings, scouting activities and trials meetings. He also tries to run a KYTC practise once a month. Long suffering mum, Glyn, has to work on alternate Sundays but one bonus of this is that she misses half of the trials!

Nick was 12 when he went to his first trial on a Yamaha Majesty 200. It was at Sturry in 1991 and he remembers it well because Carol Dunk and Roy Bridges struggled round with him. It was no fairy tale debut as he didn't manage to finish but he enjoyed it enough to want to compete regularly.

Nick was rapidly growing now, (as kids do) so after a few trials the Majesty was replaced with an immaculate TY250R on which he has slowly but surely made steady improvement trial by trial.

Memorable moments he has had in his short career include winning the Best Sportsman award at the Sheppey Club's HEAT trial in 1993 and when he won his first 'Novice Premier' award. This year he has sewn up the KYTC 'A' Novice Rider of the Year title with two rounds still to go and has had a good year doing the North Kent Combine trials.



"Oh No! Not 'bubble & squeek' again dad"
3½ year old Nick in 1982

Nick's favourite venues are Canada Heights and Nico Pit and his ambitions are quite modest as he would be quite content if he made Adult 'Expert' status some day.

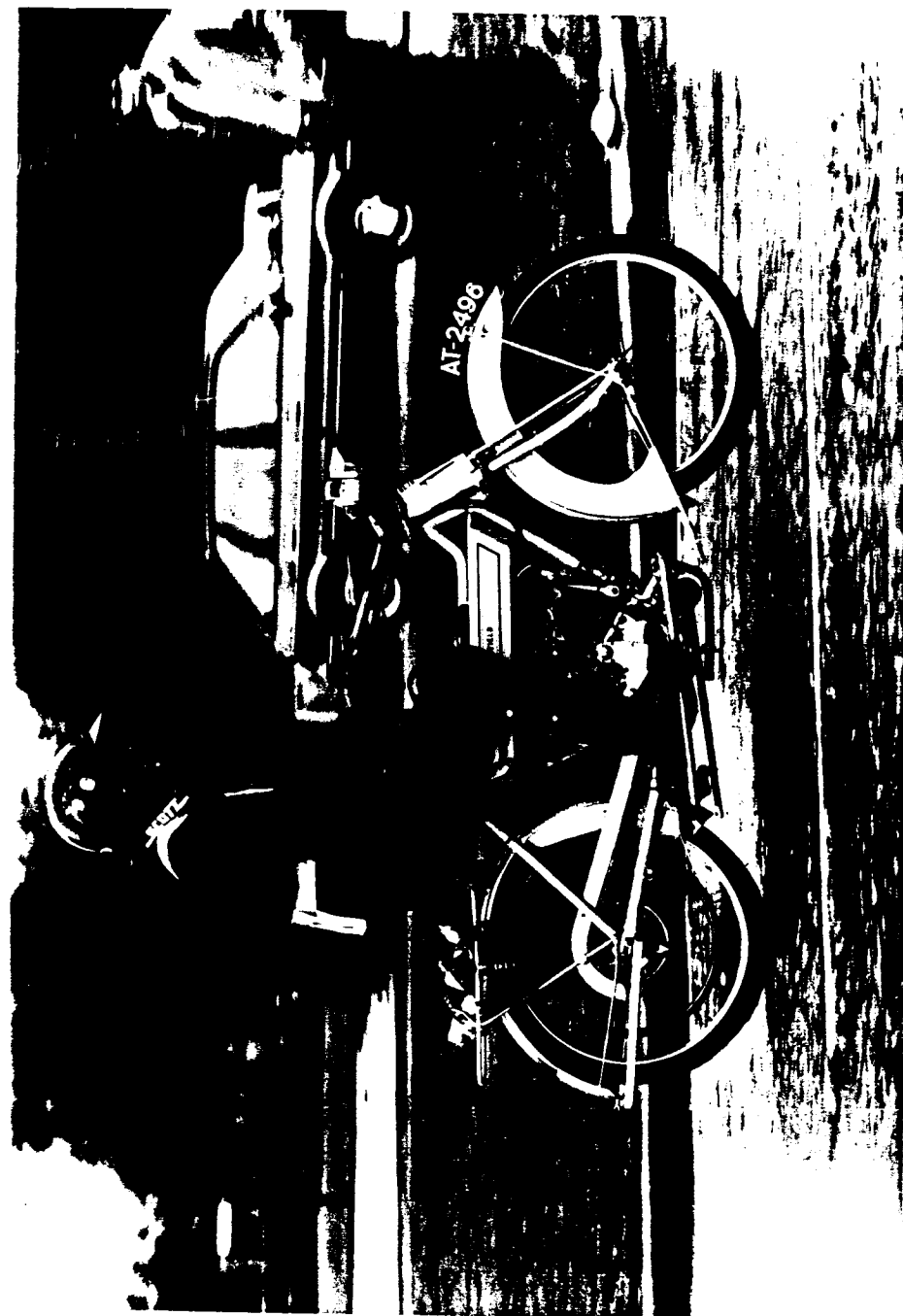
His advise for a beginner would be; "When you first start riding the trials, concentrate on what you are doing. Don't worry about other people who you think may laugh if you fall because they won't. Everyone has to start somewhere".

Nick rather admires Rob Crawford and Bruno Camozzi as they are both quite big chaps and he can identify with them as he himself is no shorthouse.

Although he hasn't a clue what he wants to do when he leaves school, Nick is presently studying at Oxted County School where his favourite subjects are Geography, Business Studies and Art Graphics. He just has to do well in his mock exams coming up soon as Paul reckons he won't qualify for his new bike (he wants a TYZ) if he flunks them.

Other activities he enjoys are playing football, cross country running, riding his 'Monty' and also takes in the odd football match and as he supports Crystal Palace he probably sees lots of 'odd' football!

One embarrassing moment he remembers is this year up at Houghton Tower for the World Round. He was standing at the last section which was really crowded and he noticed a Spanish beauty keep glancing in his direction. He thought his luck was in and his adolescent hormones were working overtime when someone pointed out that the lady was Mrs. Jordi Tarres and he had been madly honking his fog horn in her ear.....oops!





Nick plans to do pretty much the same trials next year as he has this which are all KYTC events, the North Kent Combines, some S.E. Centres and, if he can, some other selected trials that take his fancy. He is not particularly looking forward to the S.E. Centre rounds though, as he will be an 'expert' and at the moment it seems that the youth riders will have to ride alongside the adult experts which could be extremely difficult for him. However, I'm sure he will give it a go in his own usual 'laid back' style. We wish him well.

RIDER OF THE YEAR POINTS

AFTER 10 TRIALS

Expert 'A' Class

115	S. Bird	152
90	L. Paine	115
54	S. Craig	86
75	R. Chapman	60
77	D. Gilbert	36
	T. Sparks	18
3	R. Thompson	6
63	G. Stone	4

'A' Novice

10	N. Bullock	160
68	G. Kennedy	81
51	J. Davies	44
36	P. Howe	13

Expert 'B' Class

28	S. Dunk	180
94	D. Heathfield	39
55	B. Smith	9

'B' Novice

95	D. Jeffery	162
9	D. Bullock	98

'C' Class

37	N. Dowland	147
43	J. Edwards	133
92	D. Richards	110
7	S. Thompson	43
46	R. Inman	36
83	A. Goodsell	33
19	D. Latter	32
40	C. Stoddard	22
26	P. King	16
61	A. Stephenson	15
17	B. Baker	7
1	J. Soper	4

'D' Class

52	R. Ely	134
74	G. Hadfield	116
53	B. Ely	28

BRITISH CYCLO TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 3

On Saturday 24th September, an early start was made up the A1 to Yorkshire. After a long drive we got to Bingley and booked into a very nice hotel only a short way from the trials ground. After lunch, we made our way to Ilkly Moor for an afternoon of practise on the large rocks so common in this area. A pub meal was followed by a fairly early night, unless you happened to be in the Andy Heathfield party where the older lads went nightclubbing!

After breakfast on Sunday morning, we made the short run to the trials ground owned by the Crosswaite family. Penny Ludgate, her family and helpers from Essex club had already set out a good set of sections using the ground to it's full potential. The wet and slippery rocks were a new experience for most of our riders and there was a good turn out of local lads also.

Congratulations to Steve Thompson who came third on the day but finished second overall in the British Championship and to Dean Heathfield who came sixth on the day and sixth overall in his age group.

There will be an Inter Centre Team Trial at the Scout Camp, Thriftwood, Essex on Tuesday 27th December. This is a very good trial with a lot of time and effort put in by the Essex club. This trial is open to everyone who wishes to ride and well worth watching if you don't. Our team manager is Andy Heathfield who is looking for as many teams and riders as possible. So why not come and try it out and work off that Christmas dinner.

Roger Thompson

EASTBOURNE CLUB

If you fancy an extra ride on a Saturday afternoon, the Eastbourne Club hold their trials at various venues and pay particular attention and usually give instruction to newcomers on TY80's. If you would like more info on these trials speak to John Bird today or you can phone him on 0580 860559.

NORTH KENT BEGINNERS & WOBBLERS

2 Trials coming up: -

November 27th ... Kent & Sussex

at Hourse Farm, Crowborough.
Contact J. Excell 0892 516680

December 26th Sidecup & District Boxing
Day Trial at Brailsham
Farm, Heathfield.

Contact Dick Dickinson on
081 856 7720

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Many happy returns to those members with birthdays during November.

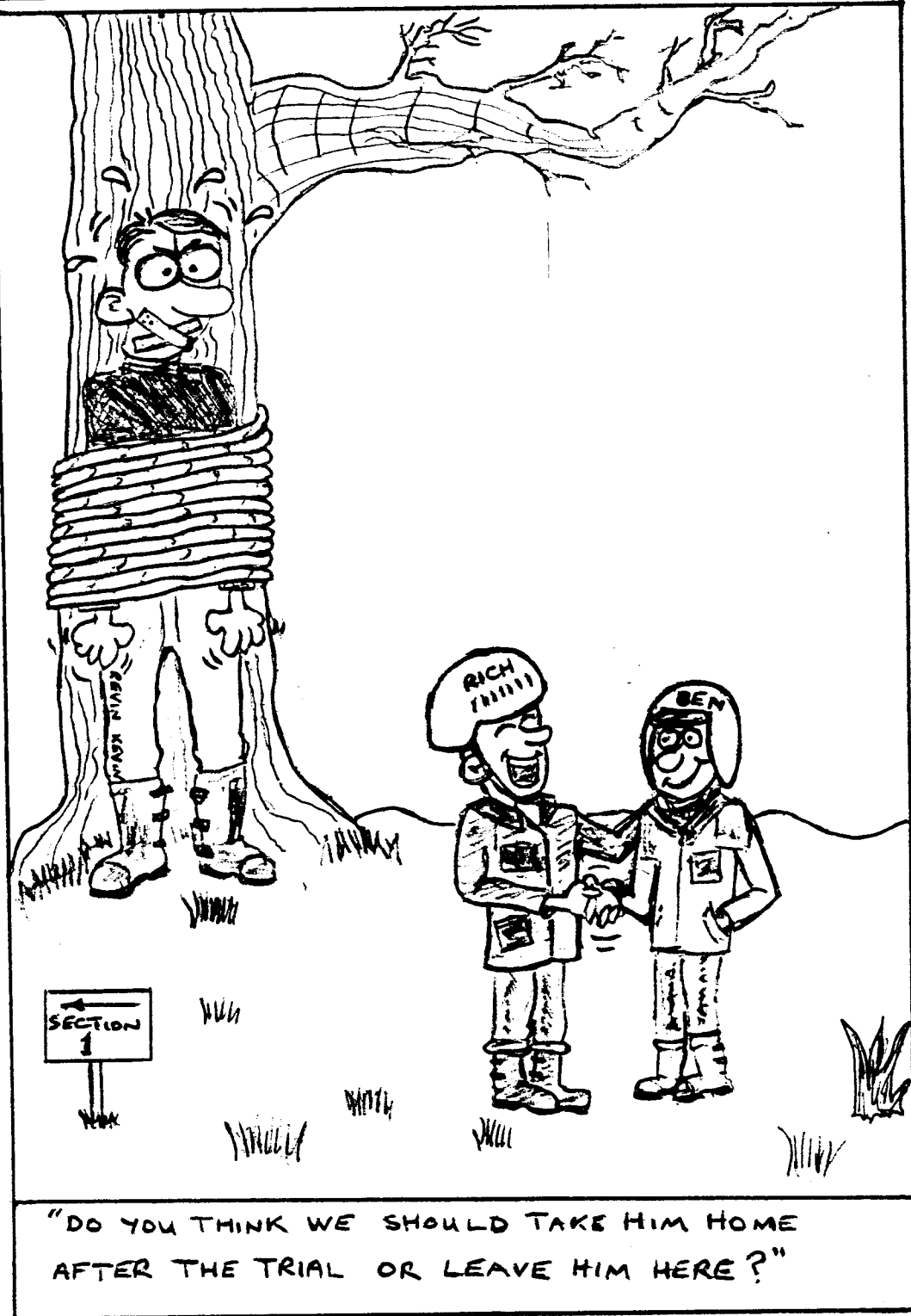
Nick Lynch 16 on the 1st
Dan Bullock 13 on the 11th
Adam Goodsell 10 on the 12th
David Gilbert 16 on the 14th
Guy Hadfield 9 on the 17th

W E L C O M E

One new member this month. He is 8 year old Danny Struĉwick from Langney, Eastbourne. He has a lot to live up to as he is from a family well known for good trials riders. We welcome him and his family and hope they all enjoy their time with KYTC.

STOLEN BIKE

A friend of mine has had his 260cc Beta TR34 stolen from his shed in his back garden in Catford over the weekend of 12/13th November. It is a 1989 'Stripey' model with a red back mudguard, blue front mudguard, blue forks, glass float chamber, white frame and blue topped tank. An unusual feature on the exhaust is an elbow in the tailpipe to direct the exhaust to the side. If anyone spots the bike would they please phone Phillip on 081 690 5993.



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PALINDROMES

1. NUN 2. PUP 3. NOON 4. LEVEL 5. BIB.
6. EVE 7. TOT 8. GAG 9. EYE 10. MINIM
11. MADAM 12. EWE. 13. REDDER 14. ROTOR
15. PIP 16. KAYAK. 17. REVIVER 18. GIG 19. NAN
20. ABBA.

QUIZ.

1. Paddington Bear. 2. An Oak. 3. Croquet.
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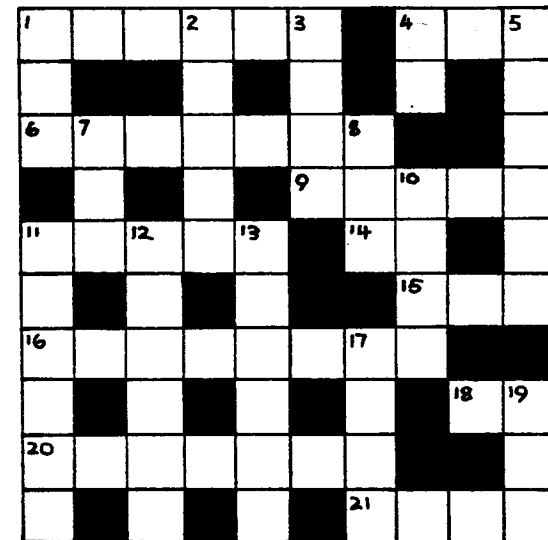
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Clues Across

1. A small insect (6)
4. Cutting tool with pointed teeth (3)
6. The taste of something (7)
9. Part of electric lights (5)
11. One hundred pence (5)
14. A refusal (2)
15. A covered vehicle (3)
16. To direct a ship on course (8)
18. A singing note (2)
20. Get these when you are cold or frightened (7)
21. A fastening made with string (4)

Clues Down

1. A mischievous working fairy (3)
2. To have made cloth from threads (5)
3. Slang for food (4)
4. Spell sew a different way (2)
5. To become worse (6)
7. Fifth sign of the zodiac (3)
8. Move quickly (3)
10. To adore someone (4)
11. To make a guilty person suffer for what they have done (6)
12. Remove a cover from a statue (6)
13. Machine for turning soil over (6)
17. An elephants long tooth (4)
19. Perform on stage (3)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- November 27th KYTC Practise, Sheppey
- December 11th Combine Day (NKTC - Nico Pit)
- 18th KYTC Christmas Trial, Greenfields
10.00 am Sturry
- 25th New bikes for 'good boys'
Christmas Day.
- 27th Essex Bike Trial Club - Team Trial
See Roger. At Thriftwood Scout
Park. Get your bikes out -
All welcome.
- January 1st New Years Day
- 8th KYTC Host Combine. All Members
needed for helping Saturday and
Sunday. Mayfield, Sussex.

Directions - Sturry

From Canterbury take the A28 to Sturry then A291.
Top of hill turn left.

The Ten Golden Rules

- 1) *You must wear, Helmet, Boots, Gloves, Long Sleeves.*
- 2) *Your bike must be fitted with, Chain Guards, Kill Button
Self Closing Throttle, and be Silenced.*
- 3) *Your bike must be scrutineered before signing on*
- 4) *You and your parent must sign on.*
- 5) *No riding before signing on.*
- 6) *No riding in the Car Park.*
- 7) *Do not carry your punch card in your mouth.*
- 8) *Do not argue with the observer.*
- 9) *Stick to the marked route between sections.*
- 10) *Sign off, then no more riding.*

IF IN DOUBT - DON'T DO IT !

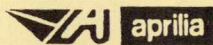
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