



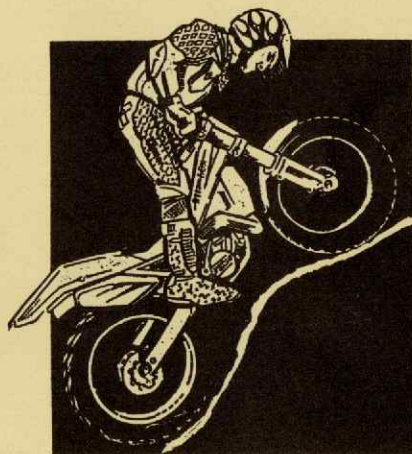
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Kent Youth Trials Club

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CAROLS CORNER

Welcome everyone to our October trial here at Brabourne Chalk Pit. Our sincere thanks to Henry Bowdery and Ashford M.C.C for the use of the ground.

A reminder to all members that our Annual General Meeting will be on December 2nd at 8 pm at The Bull, East Farleigh. Some new committee members are needed, hope to see you all there.

My thanks to Tony Croucher for setting the trial out today, and for the past two years, dedicated hard work. The worst job of all is Clerk of Course; - to try and please everyone is impossible. But he has given time and energy, never letting us down, to set the trial most months. After today he is going to have a break from it all, so we will be looking for a new Clerk of Course and Assistant. Also a new Practise Secretary is needed. So think about it everyone.

I also know that our lovely catering lady, Caroline, is going to have a break, so if anyone out there fancies making tea and coffee at a trial let me know. Any profit goes to club funds, so come on - Somebody must want to do it.

In January we are hosting a North Kent Trials Combine Trial. As we are affiliated to the N.K.T.C. we are expected to put on a trial. Our riders are not allowed to ride as they are expected to observe. Also we will need help from you all. The date is January 8th so put it down in your diaries. I will be looking for observers, help the day before, and maybe some help a couple of weeks before. So don't run away and hibernate, it's your club and to continue to exist, we need your help and co-operation. You cannot expect a dedicated few to keep on organising and working hard to keep Kent Youth going. Many of us older

members will be leaving gradually over the next few years, so others must make the effort to get involved.

My other gripe to everyone is to ask you all, what sort of Awards Evening do you want? Last year the club subsidised the Awards Evening. We only charged £5 per family. We agreed to do this so it gave all of you a chance to see what awards can be won at end of year. Obviously this year we will have to charge properly. Are there enough of you interested in having a good evening, or do you want the awards given out before the start of the January Trial. The choice is yours. Please could you speak to me and let me know, what you want. Please don't ignore what I write, react to it, I am waiting for replies. It all takes organising so I must know soon.

Finally, I would like to thank the Davies Family, Jeremy, Dad Martyn and Mum Lorraine, for all their help and participation within the club while Jeremy has been riding with us. He has now reached the grand old age of 17, so I know you will all join with me in wishing him 'Good Luck' and continued enjoyment in the adult trialling world.

Happy and safe trialling to you all

Keep those feet up

Carol.

TRIALS REPORT

AUGUST - TENTERDEN

Our August trial found us, thanks to Carol using her powers of persuasion and diplomacy, at yet another new venue, Clay Hill near Tenterden.

On a pleasant piece of land, we all had to be on our best behaviour and treat the land with the utmost respect as the land owner, Michael Millen, is heavily into conservation.

Tony and Carol had managed to squeeze 8 sections out of the smallish strip of land and all riders did 5 laps except the beginners who did 4. The total of 25 riders was helped by several 'on the day' entries.

Experts

Simon Bird won again but 'young' Stevie Dunk pushed him all the way with only one mark between them after the first lap. Lap two was not so good for Steven as he lost 12 to Simon's 8 which gave the Gas Gas rider some breathing space.

The couple kept pretty close on scores as the trial developed with Steven matching Simon's best lap of 4 marks lost on his last tour to finish with 10 marks between them 29 - 39.

Another 'young' lad Dean Heathfield, finished 3rd on 95 not far in front of 4th placed Luke Paine and 5th finisher Ryan Chapman.

Novices

If Greg Kennedy hadn't had such an awful first lap he may have matched Darryl's score of 23. As it was, he was the only rider over the white route to get a clean lap, his last, to finish on 31. Nick Bullock was next best with 38 with 'desperate' Dan Bullock, still waiting to grow into his big Fantic, on 73.

Clubman

Daniel Hood was on his own in this one with a respectable score of 48.

'C' Class

Jimmy Edwards, in fine form again, only lost one mark which was at section 3 on lap 3. Nicky Dowland was inconsolable as he went the wrong way not once but twice on sections 6 and 7 on the first lap. Adam Goodsell was 3rd, getting more used to the big Honda now. Phillip King was 4th on the TY80 with a good last lap when he had just one dab. Brett Baker was fifth.

'D' Class

Richard Ely was the star of the show losing 2 marks over the 5 laps which included two laps of the blue route. In fact he lost his 2 marks on the easier red route on the first lap. Guy Hadfield held onto 2nd place despite doing his best to give it to Darrel Richards by 'fiving' section 8 on the last two laps. Daz was having his first outing on a Fantic 80 which seemed huge compared to his little TY. Ben Ely had an excellent ride to finish on 22.

Beginners

Well done to young David Hallett who won the 'Best Beginner' award. The young Folkstone rider finished well clear of 2nd placed Ben Wibberley.

Our latest newcomer, Lydia Ingram, making her debut with us was third just one mark ahead of Michael Hollyer. Lydia was so keen that she didn't want to stop after her 4 laps and carried on for another lap just for fun. She showed a lot more enthusiasm than the other lady rider as Lucy retired after 4 sections because she wanted to play with Sadie!

*RIDERS REPORT -
AUGUST TRIAL - TENTERDEN
A & B*

There was a new piece of ground for the August trial. It was loaned to Kent Youth by the Tenterden club so many thanks to them.

The eight sections were set out by Tony and Carol and were of quite a wide variety. They were challenging for all experts and novices, no one found it too hard and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves as the sun shone all day.

Thanks to the clerks of course and to the Tenterden club.

*C+D REPORT
TENTERDEN*

A nice day put everyone in a good frame of mind for the trial. The trial was quite dry and as result it did not seem too difficult for our ever improving c+d's.

*SEPTEMBER TRIAL
OWENS FARM - A & B*

Back to Owens Farm for the September trial. It was set out on the Saturday by Richard Dowland and Dad.

The sections were set out in an anti-clockwise direction around the wood and were not too hard to put anyone off. One of the sections which involved the jumping of a barrel in a stream caused a bit of a 'stir' amongst the expert riders.

It was a good trial with reasonably low scores for most.

Thanks to the clerks of course (no pun intended) and to Mrs Holiday for the use of the land.

NICK

*C+D REPORT
OWENS FARM*

It was quite a wet Saturday so it made Sunday's trial relatively slippery. The sections did not need to be altered during the day and most of the riders had smiles on their faces at the end of the day.

Don

TRIAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER - ORPINGTON

Our September trial saw us back on familiar ground at Owens Farm. The numbers were slightly up again as 28 riders signed on although 7 of these were late entries.

The trial was a first for yours truly and Paul Bullock as we were the joint Clerks of the Course and as this was the first trial we had ever set, we were both a little nervous. Would it be too hard, too easy or too boring? These are questions you ask yourself a hundred times as you deliberate, cogitate and regurgitate each section. By late afternoon when we were both knackered and rain was dribbling down our necks, the last course markers were thrown in the general direction of the sections. We hope you enjoyed it!

'A' Expert

Simon Bird, on 21, had exactly half of second placed Steve Dunk's 42 marks. He only had one 5 which occurred on lap 2 at section 4 which was a jump over a log and sharp right turn in the sludge on the other side. Although Steven almost matched Simon on 'cleans' he had five 5's which did the damage on his card.

Luke Paine lost 78 in 3rd while Steven Craig finished 4th, back from his holiday. Well, his body was back from holiday but I think his brain was somewhere over the Atlantic Ocean as he seemed in a bit of a dream when I saw him!

Novices

Greg Kennedy again cursed his first lap score as he had 11 and Nick Bullock was on only 5. He kept chipping away at Nick's lead and came within 3 points at the finish but Nick held on to the win with 23. Dan Bullock was looking for somewhere to slash his wrists as he was in front of Darryl Jeffery up until the final section of the day where he had a 5 to Darryl's 1. It didn't matter to Dan that it was the first time Darryl had ridden the ex David Gilbert Gas Gas - he could have been riding a Pogo-Stick for all he cared.

'C' Class

It was Jimmy Edward's turn to take a wrong gate this time (rotten course marking, sorry Jimmy) although he did put a tremendous run together in the middle of the trial of 26 sections with the loss of just one mark. It put the pressure on Nicky Dowland but he kept his concentration and held on to win 11 - 17. In 3rd, Adam Goodsell rode well generally but exasperates his dad by cleaning the difficult bits and losing it in the easy bits. I think he does it on purpose just to wind Steve up!

4th went to Richard Inman, riding at his 'home' venue (well, it's the nearest one to London). Phillip King was 5th with Brett Baker 6th.

'D' Class

Poor Daz Richards couldn't make it to Owens Farm as he wasn't very well. This left Richard Ely to win comfortably from Guy Hadfield who had to be separated from Ben Ely by the 'most cleans' rule.

Beginners

Michael Hollyer's retirement left just two beginners in the class. Ben Hoare beat younger brother Ryan 18 - 69.

The trial was the last for Jeremy Davies who turned seventeen on 14th September. He was treated to the ceremonial 'Dunking' in the mud which is traditional for leaving KYTC lads. Good job he brought along a change of undies!

We wish you and your dad, Martin, well and hope you come back and visit us from time to time.

Results of Water Fight

Andy Heathfield - quite wet. Nicky & Jimmy - very wet indeed.



RIDER PROFILE - DAVID GILBERT

It was probably David Gilbert's ability on a bicycle that persuaded him and his dad, Stuart that he should take up motor cycle trials. As a young lad David spent many hours practising his skills and tricks on his bike although he did have early motor bike experience. Stuart took home a Puch 50 MX bike which wasn't too successful as it was far too big for David. This was later replaced with a PW 50 which was raced around their fields but he kept coming back to his 'trick' cycling. There was nothing else for it but to buy a TY 80 and go trialling.

Stuart's trialling experience was limited to the local chalk pit behind his house where he played around with various bikes including Bultacos and Triumphs. He had lots of competition experience though but this was all gained on four wheels or four legs!

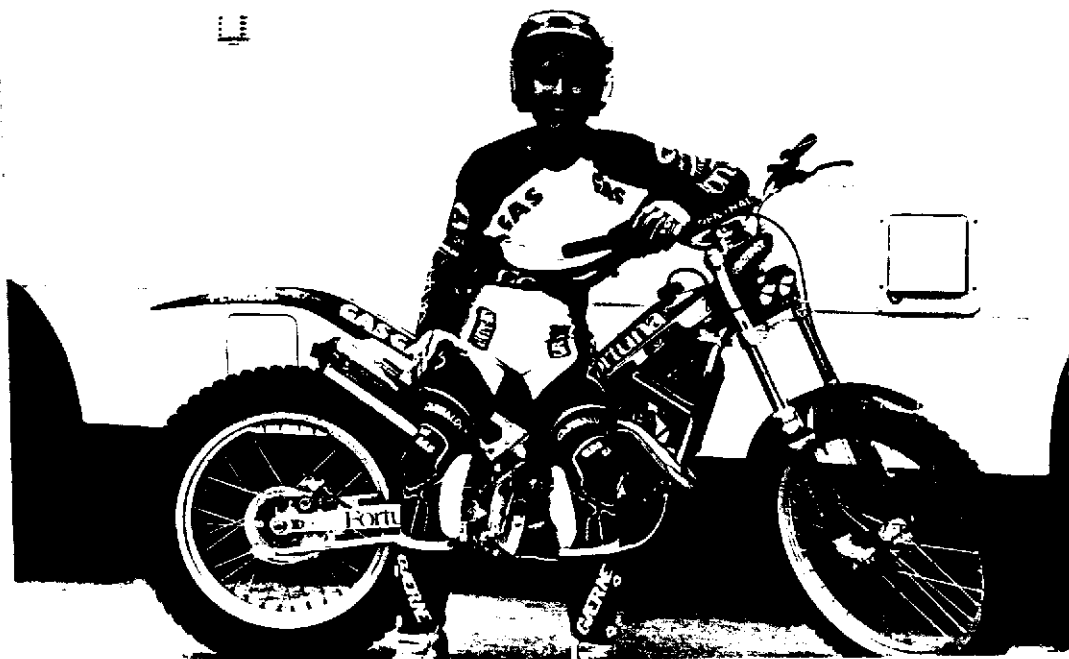
In the early 70's, Stuart was a successful Drag Racer. To the uninitiated, this is not a bunch of blokes running 100 metres in frocks, but a form of motor sport which involves getting along a measured, straight piece of track in the shortest possible time. Obviously enormous power is required if you are to be competitive in this sport and one of Stuart's cars was a 'Street Machine' called Malibu Warrior. This was powered by a 5600 cc, V.8 Chevvy engine! Not really much in common with trialling here, in fact, the two disciplines must be at the opposite ends of the spectrum.

Stuart then changed tack (and track) slightly and had quite a successful time racing at stock car meetings with a Super Rod.



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This was in the early '80's and he became a top driver for a spell beating the then British Champion, Stu Donald, on many occasions.

Stuart owned his own horse and being a competitive animal (Stuart, as well as the horse), he competed in various equestrian events including cross country, show jumping and dressage.

Probably the discipline involved with these horse events had more in common with trialling than his motor racing had!

Anyway, cometh the hour, cometh the man and David's hour came when he was 10 years old. He entered the TY80 at the KYTC Christmas Trial at Tibbs Court and managed to win the Beginners Class after which he went straight into 'C' class. There then followed a succession of trials bikes that Sammy Miller would have been envious of.

The TY80 was replaced with a Fantic 80. This in turn was replaced by another more up-to-date Fantic 80, the orange model. A series 7 Fantic 125 was next, then a K-Roo 125 Fantic which was one of only two in the Country.

The family got fed up with buying Fantics so they started on the GasGas range with a Red 160 followed by a Yellow 160. David's current bike is a GasGas 250 JT Fortuna model and if you've seen him perform on this bike you will see that he has really made progress with it.

David lives in Newington, with Dad, Mum Anne and 18 year old sister Jane. As well as having his Dad for a Team Manager, mechanic,

driver, sponsor, mentor and tea maker, he is fortunate enough and appreciates backing from Jason Finn who imports the range of Garibaldi trials clothing. John Shirt helps with the GasGas and spares and Pheonix Tooling provide him with boots.

David has had many trials successes over the last 5 or 6 years but one of his most memorable rides and one that also gave him most satisfaction was at 'The Butts' up in Derbyshire in 1992 when at the YMSA 2 day trial he came 2nd to Dan Clark by just one mark. The scores were - Dan 12, David 13 with the 3rd finisher losing over 30.

1992 was a good year for him, for as well as the usual wins at club level, he finished 1st in another YMSA event, the 6 day.

1993 saw him finish an excellent 7th in the Scarborough 2 day International and this year, amongst his numerous successes, he led the South Eastern Centre lads to a brilliant 2nd place in the Inter Centre Youth Team Trial.

David usually does well on his trips North as his favourite venues are places where big rocks or steps are used, which is just as well as his ambitions are just as big. In short he wants it all - British Champion, European Champion and World Champion. He also wants a contract with a motor cycle factory (GasGas would do nicely if they were good enough in the future!)

We probably won't see much of David and Stuart at KYTC events next year as they want to go further afield to work towards David's worthy ambitions. They plan to compete in the adult South Eastern rounds and, depending on David getting an International licence, would like

to do some Euro Rounds. Also, all the Youth National Rounds have been pencilled in to their crowded calendar.

Of course David is realistic enough to realise that his ambitions may not be fully achieved, so is presently working hard at Borden Grammar in Sittingbourne where he hopes that his favourite subjects of art, spanish and technology would help achieve a job as a technical designer, preferably with engines, bikes or cars.

His heart is set though on being a professional trials rider and realises that it takes not just riding ability but single minded determination which is apparent in his advice to anybody starting trials:

"Practise hard and don't be disheartened by the fact that it seems that you are not getting anywhere. Keep at it and gradually your hard work will be rewarded".

Wise words, and having already tasted success at local adult trials and considering he is still only 15, I think it won't be too long before David's own hard work will be rewarded and, quite possibly, in a very big way!

RIDER OF THE YEAR POINTS

AFTER 9 TRIALS

Expert 'A' Class

115	S. Bird	134
90	L. Paine	102
54	S. Craig	77
75	R. Chapman	59
77	D. Gilbert	36
	T. Sparks	18
3	R. Thompson	6
63	G. Stone	4

'A' Novice

10	N. Bullock	142
68	G. Kennedy	72
51	J. Davies	44
42	N. Lynch	9

Expert 'B' Class

28	S. Dunk	162
94	D. Heathfield	26
55	B. Smith	9

'B' Novice

95	D. Jeffery	144
9	D. Bullock	85

'C' Class

37	N. Dowland	129
43	J. Edwards	124
7	S. Thompson	43
46	R. Inman	36
19	D. Latter	32
83	A. Goodsell	27
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	144
74	G. Hadfield	98
92	D. Richards	97
53	B. Ely	15

North Kent Trials Combine

Two rounds of the NKTC have been held to date, both at a marvellous piece of land at Crowborough called Hourne Farm and hosted by the Bexleyheath and the Kent and Sussex clubs respectively.

At both trials there was a sad lack of schoolboys, so few in fact that a certain Mr Andy Heathfield entered as a schoolboy, beating Dan by just 11 marks!. However Dan is currently leading the class as no one else has entered, come on you 'B' class riders who live in the area.

Simon Bird who is riding adult experts is showing superb form to come 2nd in one trial and first in the next, well done Simon. If you want details of the Combine Trials, both East and North Kent, please ask a Committee member, these trials are open to A and B riders.

Paul.

MISNOMERS

It's always amusing to read the trials results in TMX and MCN and see some of the mis-spelt names of our lads. Having once seen in MCN Steve Dunk called S. Dunnit, it was fun to see the 30th September issue of TMX really excell themselves with Brian Fowler's report of the S.E. Centre round at Cowbeach.

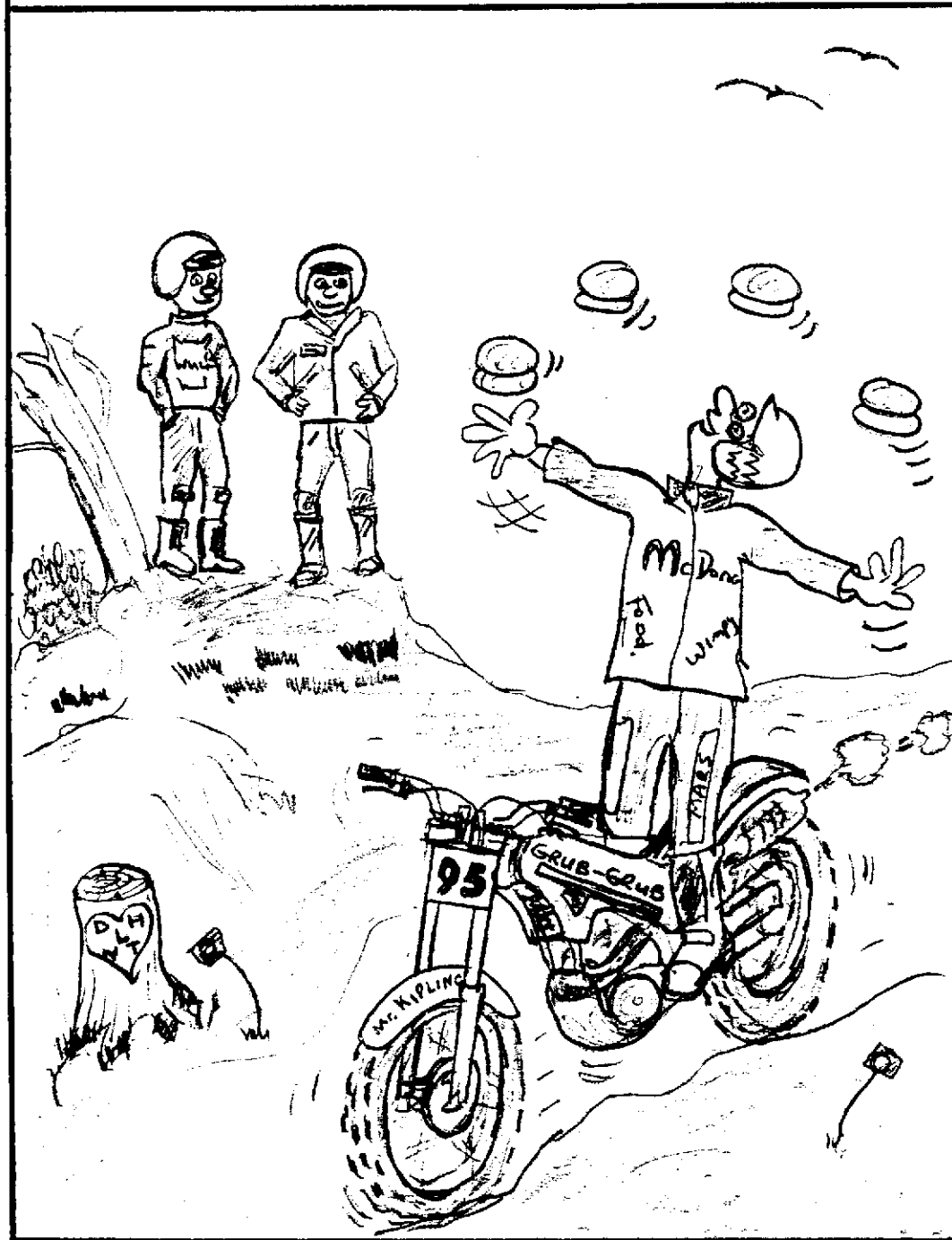
As well as some minor errors, such as Darren Jeffries and Paul How, they renamed quite a few people. They gave us Barry Baker, Dave Richards and Robert Ely. But my real favourite, although I'm probably biased because he's some sort of relative of mine, is the one and only Mick Dorling!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Many happy returns to the three club members who celebrate birthdays this month.

Jonathan Batholomew was 10 years old on the 10th October. Dean Heathfield is getting old as he was 14 on the 18th (hope dad bought you a razor) and Michael Hollyer will be 9 on the 24th October.

So Darryl's really going for the interview with Zippis then?



W E L C O M E

A very warm welcome to our new member this month, Lydia Ingram. Lydia is 7 years old and rides a JR50 Suzuki which she was lucky enough to get for a birthday present.

She has taken to the bike really well and already competed in two of our trials.

Lydia certainly has a busy lifestyle as she also does gymnastics and swimming as well as being a member of her local Brownie Pack.

She has a 15 month old brother called Robert who is fascinated with her motor bike as he tries to get to it in the garage at every opportunity!

A pupil at Graveny Primary School in Faversham, Lydia lives at Whitstable but due to her dad working we won't see her for a few trials. In any event, we wish her and her family a long and happy association with the club.



TRIAL STARTING TIME



During the darker winter months, where daylight hours are all too few, the Committee have decided to start our club trials at 10.00 o'clock.

This will start from our November trial at Nico Pit until further notice.

While on this subject, if you really can't enter the trial before the day, we will still be pleased to see you, but please get to the trial early to get signed on as the extra paperwork on the day can delay proceedings.

Practice Days

Two practices were held at Sheppey recently, the first on the 24th September attracted six members who in the afternoon rode a few sections which had been set out. It is good to see Ben and Ryan Hoare improving so much and always looking cheerful which is how you are meant to look, after all you are meant to enjoy yourselves!

The second practice was also held at Sheppey, at the beginning of October, this time attracting eight members, including another two of the missing practice contingent, Ben Wibberley and Chris Stoddard. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves apart from Brian Stoddard who got eaten by the giant Sheppey mosquitoes. The biggest smile of the day was on the face of newcomer Daniel Strudwick from Eastbourne who rode very well, even cleaning some of the practice sections.

The next practice will be held on Sunday 27th November, at 10.30 am, please note the earlier start time as winter is now here!

Paul



Many thanks to Linda Inman for the superb Logo design pictured above. We are at present costing the printing of the design on 'T' shirts and sweatshirts.

ANSWERS TO SEPTEMBERS BRAINTEASERS

1. The two bus drivers are husband & wife.
2. The day was Sunday.
3. Josephine is 10 and her mother is 40.

PALINDROMES

A palindrome is a word that reads the same both forwards and backwards — like pop. Can you find the palindromes from these clues?

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| 1. A woman living in a convent. | 12. A female sheep. |
| 2. A young dog. | 13. More blushing. |
| 3. Midday. | 14. Part of a helicopter. |
| 4. The same height all along. | 15. A seed found in a fruit. |
| 5. Child's chin-cloth. | 16. An Eskimo's canoe. |
| 6. When night draws near. | 17. Gives someone the kiss of life. |
| 7. A small child. | 18. Two-wheeled one horsed carriage. |
| 8. To muzzle. | 19. Another name for a Granny. |
| 9. The hole in a needle. | 20. A Swedish pop group. |
| 10. To the very least. | |
| 11. Polite formal address to woman. | |

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QUIZ

1. Which bear lives with the Browns and likes marmalade?
2. After being defeated at the battle of Worcester in 1651, in what kind of tree did Charles II hide?
3. In which sport are hoops and a mallet needed?
4. Which Queen of England was the daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn?
5. In Walt Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" what were the names of the seven dwarfs?

FORTHCOMING DATES

November 6th Combine Day
13th NO TRIALS Remembrance Sunday
20th K.Y.T.C. Trial. Nico Pit.
10.00 am - Eccles. Signed
from Bluebell Hill. A229.
27th K.Y.T.C. Practise. Sheppey.

and finally.....

Just a line to say 'thank you' to Andy Heathfield and his helpers - wife Carol, Tony Croucher, Paul and Glyn Bullock for the final South East Centre Round at Sheppey on the 16th October.

Whatever you thought of the trial itself, you had to enjoy the après trial awards and presentation (not forgetting the burger bar). The 'bubbly' for the winners was also a nice touch. Andy's enthusiasm is infectious and his genuine interest in seeing EVERYONE enjoy the day is to be commended.

Unorganised?, maybe, but doesn't he put the FUN back into trialling!

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 !

SCHOOLBOY TRIALS SPECIALISTS

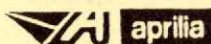
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