



Kent Youth Trials Club

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The National Trial was a roaring success.

I feel we must thank our Chairman Brian Prior for having the foresight and energy in raising the KYTC to national prominence. I understand the ACU stewards report was stated in glowing terms and we are hopeful that we may be granted a National Youth Championship round to stage next year.

Thanks must also go to Don and Bob for demizing a real test of ability and endurance for riders of national standard. The first hand reports I received from prominent competitors were most complimentary.

May I mention fellow committee members who also put in time and effort to ensure success; and also include the regular helpers Sandra and Maureen; and those who never fail to come forward to offer to observe, plus the work squad that attended for best part of the day on Saturday cutting out and marking sections.

There was a minor moan about route marking to the trial, and a small grumble about our

decision to enforce the ACU ruling on chainguards.

The big disappointment I felt was the lack of support on the Sunday from club members in providing sufficient observers and helpers for all the sections, so that we were forced to ask our guests for the day to man and observe sections for us. It would have been nice for them to be able to have a day off to watch their offspring perform on new ground. Those of you who went over to Danbury for the Essex Trial will know what I mean.

Lodge Lees Trial 21st August

My family and I rushed back from our rainy holiday on the Norfolk Broads only to find rain again at Lodge Lees. The sort of weather normally reserved for Tibbs Court!!

The weather, of course, spoilt the trial. Good sections became near-impossible, and indeed getting between sections made heavy going for many of the younger competitors and there must have been a record number of retirements. Some of the newer members must have wondered what they had let themselves in for! Don't worry lads, it can only get better!! Keep at it.

Steve Higgins won Class A Experts with Anthony Dobbs and Mark Lemmon runners up. James Smith was an unlucky fourth. I think he must still be dubious about dislocating his shoulder again after his unfortunate fall at Ospringe earlier in the year.

Calvin Platfoot won the B Experts with Timothy Geoghegan and Steve Simcock following up in that order.

Gordon Cook won Class A Novices, Gary Parbutt was second, in only his third ride with the club. Previously he'd finished 6th, and 4th in the class, so some of you other lads better watch out.

Grant Lemmon won Class B Novices, another steadily

improving rider, followed by Paul Cuckow and Peter Cressey. Two Hondas in the first three - can't be bad!!

Regular Class C winner Sean Cuckow this time was pipped by Tim Douglas for first place in the class, which in a way is good because it heightens the thrill of competition in that class. However, in fairness, I point out that Tim 'missed' twelve sections to Sean's three. Jason Legge was third by one point only and must be wondering when his turn to win the class will come. All I can say Jason, is keep trying hard. Do your very best, don't worry about the opposition, let them worry about you!

Litter

There was a great amount of litter left at Lodge Lees and because of it committee members had to go round in the pouring rain after the event cleaning up. This should not be necessary. Remember we do quite enough to ensure the success of the club without having to wait "hand and foot" on you. If we are not tidy we may lose land as a result. Remember the slogans - "Please take your rubbish with you" (that includes that old Kawasaki of yours Gordon - yea - the one that's too wide for 4" planks!.) and "Keep Britain Tidy".

Car Parking

In future parking at Lodge Lees will only be allowed at the barn. That is the turning to the left just before the trial ground. The signing-on point will also be at the barn. Don't think you can work a fast one by coming late and

parking on the road. Your rider will not be allowed to start. Bikes will be transported to the ground by lorry.

Found at Lodge Lees.

One heel of a ladies leather boot. Will a lady with a limp please see Mary Morris!

One Gordan chrome-vanadium opened spanner 5/16" w and 1/4" w. See me.

Observers

As a result of the appalling conditions and lack of observers and helpers at Lodge Lees, I received the following letter from Mrs. Jill Cressey, I quote:

"Dear KYTC,

Where, in our very first wet soaking muddy trial, were all the strong helpers??? I had to yell and scream for aid from the observers either side of me, as it is impossible for any lad, big, small, expert or novice to get an upturned bike down a hill when no one can even stand up. One lad had to do his own screaming. Did you hear him in your warm dry car or van. I did, I had to scramble out of my section and go and find help. The St. Johns stuck it out, where were you??

What about the riders of the observers family, we'd feel a lot easier if we knew help was there. We help your riders, help ours. Even on a dry trial. If you are there and someone is in trouble, even if he has a helper, Give a hand, we don't mind!"

I appreciate Jill's feelings, she's out there in pouring rain observing a section, physically unable to assist fallen riders, worrying whether her lad is also prostrate on the course with a machine on top of him and wondering if the lack of hefty male assistance is as scarce there as it is on her section.

I would respectfully remind all adult members that one of the conditions of joining the club is that all "parents or guardians are expected to help marshal and observe the events".

In the case of new, very young members, I can understand that dad and mum might wish to walk round and help push their son out of sections, and brush him down when he falls, but after half a dozen trials he should have made a few friends that he can ride round with and then they can help each other. Your committee does not wish to form a rota to ensure that everyone does their bit, but it may come to that unless we have more willing assistance.

As a matter of interest, I asked Maureen Simmonds to let me have a list of observers at trials for the year so far and the top of the table looks like this:-

Mrs. Jill Cressey	7 trials
Mr. George Grant	7 trials
Mrs. J. Moreland	6 trials
F. Barsby	6 trials
Mr. Jim Geoghegan	5 trials
Mrs. Pam Garner	5 trials
Mr. Jim Smith	5 trials
Mrs. P. Connor	4 trials
Mr. Platfoot	4 trials
Miss S. Connor	3 trials
Mr. Pearson	3 trials
K. Delves	3 trials

so you can see who the regulars are. How about getting your name up there.

Kent Youth Spectacular

Our appearance in the arena at Detling on the 10th of this month turned out to be the highlight of the show. There were some very good contributions from other organizations such as baton-twirling, gymnastics and football, etc., but they lacked the noise and excitement of the bikes; which was augmented by an excellent commentary by Martin Legge. A two lap parade of machines, followed by two laps of riding round and over obstacles with all riders taking part, was followed by a demonstration by budding "wheelie-kings", Matt Parbutt, Jason Legge, Andrew Soamson, Mark Lemmon, Alan Coulter, Gordon Cook and Stephen Higgins. After that "tinies" Keith and Tim Morgan leapt off a small ramp over their dad and the whole 20 minute show was climaxed with both Gordon and Steve leaping off a higher ramp over four male bodies and 'volunteer' Doreen Simmonds.

Lost

One aluminium framed chair. If you have one in your van which does not belong to you, you may have inadvertently picked up one at the National Trial which belongs to Ken Moreland. He would be grateful for its return.

Thanks

To our chairman, Brian Prior, for supplying free of charge the die for the club's new enamel badge. The badges at 40p a time make an excellent addition to any boys' school jacket.

I hear that:

Peter Cressey has had his Honda bored out to 150 cc.

Gordon Cook is to take lessons from Olga Korbet!

Steve Simcock beat his Dad by 18 marks at a recent Gravesend Eagles club trial. Funnily enough Dad didn't mention it!

"Whilst typing this news sheet I find we have a gap, so I am putting in a little comment of my own.

Boys

I should just like to say how much I enjoyed the display you put on at Detling, I was very proud that our eldest son was taking part and that we, as a family, are all members.

The British Legion members certainly seemed to think it was an exciting display, and one lady, who said she was on the committee organising the British Legion trial later in the year, said she was looking forward to seeing you all again. It was most complimentary.

Don't go getting 'big heads' though, as we want you all to go on trying hard at the future trials, not think it's all so easy."

Pam Garner.

There is still a gap left, which Brian Prior asks me to point out that gaps like this await contributions from "motorbike riders" or anyone else with a comment or criticism to put forward, so how about it?

FORTHCOMING EVENTS1977

SEPT. 18th: Trial
 OCT. 9th: Practice
 16th: Royal British Legion Youth Trophy
 Trial - 10.30 - Venue to be announced.
 NOV. 6th: Practice
 20th: Greenwich Meridan Schoolboy Trial 10.00
 Brands Hatch for all Class A and Class
 B Experts.
 27th: Practice
 DEC. 4th: KYTC/ESTC Trial 10.30 near Ospringe,
 Faversham
 17th: Christmas Party - British Legion Village
 Hall

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JAN. 15th: Practice
 22nd: Trial
 29th: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, British Legion
 Village Hall
 FEB. 12th: Practice
 19th: Trial
 MAR. 12th: Practice
 19th: Trial
 APRIL. 9th: Practice
 16th: Trial
 MAY 7th: Practice
 14th: Trial
 JUNE 11th: Practice
 18th: Trial
 JULY 16th: Practice
 23rd: Trial
 AUG. 13th: Practice
 20th: Trial

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