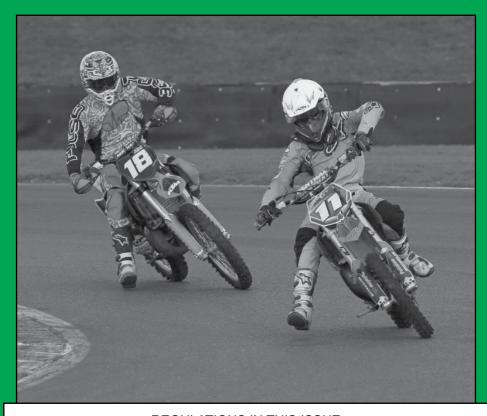


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### **Foreword**

**Phil Armes** 

After a damp start it turned out to be a remarkably sunny day at Snetterton for the GoMotorsport Live event at Snetterton on Sunday October 19th. The Eastern Centre took up the invite from the Motorsport Association (MSA) to promote competitive motorcycle events, and we had our own area with Motocross, Trials, and Road Race machines, competitors, and officials in attendance. We were also given access to the circuit for some 'live' demos which we made full use of with some of our youth motocrossers showing off their skills, (see cover photo), and I managed to wobble around on my Triumph. One of the electric TT Zero machines was also there from Kingston University, and a very impressive piece of kit it is too!!

While in the short term it may not have been successful in attracting more people to our sport, it certainly offered an opportunity to build a relationship with the MSA, which is definitely a positive outcome with regard to the future development and organization of motorcycle sport.

Thank you to all the clubs who have returned their date application forms for next season. I will endeavor to have a provisional fixture list ready for the board meeting on November 9th, and look forward to finalising the dates with you at the 'dates meeting' at Gt Blakenham on November 19th.

At the recent Competitions Committee meeting there was a lot of discussion about next year's Centre motocross championship. There will be some changes for next year with regard to riders number registration, full details to be published in due course; and event secretaries will also have a greater responsibility to provide entry information in a format that is required by the timing team. This will be explained at the dates meeting in November.

I will shortly be producing the 2015/16 Eastern Centre handbook. Can all club secretaries please ensure that I have the correct contact details – email addresses are particularly prone to change so please make sure I that I have the correct one! You can email me with any changes to : permits@easternacu.org .

Cover photo – Youth MX Riders at GoMotorsport Live, enjoying the Snetterton Tarmac! Photo – Vera Hearn

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### **NGR Notes**

Charlie "The Gob" Ralph

The final round of the NGR champioships were at East Hanningfield on Sunday 28th September, which marked the 75th anniversary of the Chelmsford club. Once again only around 25% of the riders had entered to ride in the event, so a disappointing end to the season.



Aaron Hopkins won the first two races, coming from the back in both, but a dnf in the third leg ruined his day. Adam Gordon took the overall win to make sure of the over 30 and overall title, many congratulations to him. With Wally Hubbard spectating with a broken wrist, sustained at Wattisfield, Lee Keyton rode to three third places, ending up the leading over 40 rider on the day, and finishing second overall to Adam, Andy (Herman) Cattermole had his best ride of the year, claiming third overall, and the second best over 30 rider. Steve Gilbev is the over 50 champion, and he and Dave Whitehead battled together all day.

They both finished level pegging on the day, but Dave took the overall win by virtue of his better placed third race. Stephan Palmer had three solid rides for 6th overall, and although Mark Lloyd attended, a knee injury kept him off the bike. There was some closely fought scraps just behind the pair between Mark Nurse, Jason Allen, and evergreen John Smith. Behind them were the father and daughter rivalry of Helen and Steve Morgan, with Helen taking the family honours. Good to see the likable Sean Hodgson having a couple of good results too.

All the results and championship positions are on the NGR2014 website, thanks to Paul Sewter, who has worked hard to keep us all up to date after each meeting, but for those who do not use the web, the top positions for each group are as follows.

Over 30's Adam Gordon 1157 points, Aaron Hopkins 1098, Tim Clark 924, Brett Gipp 862, Andy Cattermole 861

Over 40's Paul (Wally) Hubbard 1001 points, Lee Keyton 965, Mark Lloyd 866, Jason Allen 787, Stephan

Over 50's Steve Gilbey 773 points, John Smith 671, Dave Whitehead 580, Mark Nurse 561, Steve Morgan 229

Above results includes each rider dropping their worst six scores

On summing up, well done to the three champions, Adam, Paul and Steve. Interesting fact is that only Adam and Lee Keyton scored points in every race in the series. Most disappointing fact is that although 54 riders initially registered, there has never been full line ups this year, and in several cases, less than 20 riders at a meeting.

Obviously this will make clubs think twice about running an NGR round next year.

There will be an awards and prize-giving afternoon at Walsham Football club on Sunday November 2nd, starting at 2.00pm. A buffet will be provided, and it is hoped that NGR riders will bring along the family and hopefully a forum will take place as well, to ask riders for their views on keeping the series going.

Each rider should have had an invitation by post, with a stamped address envelope, as we need to know how much food to provide.

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## Halstead & DMCC Club Notes

**Kieran Doherty** 

We have once again had an excellent year in the results at both a national and centre level. Lewis Tombs flew the Halstead flag at the national events with a fantastic result in the MX Nationals series coming home 4th in the championship. Meanwhile in the Maxxis Championship it was 10th overall. It just goes to prove consistency is the key.

The final round of the Eastern Centre Championship at Wattisfield Hall saw Brad Tomlin take 5th overall and Jason Morland not to far behind in 6th.In the Juniors it was John Hinz who topped the table with 11th overall.

In the championship the battle for the experts is always very tight but this year it was Jason Morland in 5th followed by Brad Tomlin in 6th. In the juniors again constancy secured Harry Mills with 8th in the championship. Scoring points in all 18 races.

Our trials riders Matt Skeet and Sam Peck were both in the results. In the harvest trial at Pebmarsh Matt finished joint 5th in the intermediate class. Sam finished 6th in the novice group.

At the Braintree club meeting held at Sible Hedingham it was a 6th for matt in the Inters but a fantastic 2nd for Sam with only 3 marks lost.

By the time you are reading this the clubs AGM will have been held and I will keep you up to date with what went on next month.



FASTERN CENTRE ACI	J TRIALS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM				
Event:	Organisers:				
Venue:	-				
Permit No: ACU	Course Lic/Cert No. (where Applicable)				
	-Cycle Union, the Standing Regulations, Supplementary Regulations and any Final				
Instructions issued for the meeting. The ACU National Sporting	ng Code and Standing Regulations are published annually in the ACU Handbook.				
<ul> <li>Entry declaration: I/we the undersigned apply to enter the event described above and in consideration thereof:</li> <li>I/we hereby declare that I/we have had the opportunity to read, and that I/we understand the National Sporting Code of the ACU, theACU Standing Regulations, such Supplementary Regulations as have or may be issued for the event, and agree to be bound by them.</li> <li>I/we further declare that I/we are physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I/we are competent to do so.</li> <li>I/we confirm that I/we understand the nature and type of event I/we are entering and its inherent risks and agree to accept the same notwithstanding that such risks may involve negligence on the part of the organisers or officials.</li> <li>I/we confirm that the machine(s) as described below which I/we compete on shall be suitable and proper for the purpose.</li> <li>I/we confirm that if any part of the event takes place on a public highway, the machine(s) described below shall be insured as required by the RoadTraffic Acts, or equivalent legislation, and that it/they will comply with the regulations in respect thereof.</li> <li>I/we agree that I/we are required to register my/our arrival by "signing on" at the designated place not less than 30 minutes prior to commencement of my/our practice or first competition, whichever occurs first.</li> <li>I/we confirm that I/we are not suspended or my/our ACU Licence has not been suspended/withdrawn from any ACU competition.</li> <li>I consent to details of any injuries I may suffer at this event being passed between all medical services and the Clerk of the Course.</li> <li>I consent to the collection and retention of my personal information by the ACU</li> </ul>					
I/we enclose the entry fee of: £	Don't forget to put Entry Fee here				
<b>Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport:</b> I/we under becoming permanently disabled or suffering some other seri the part of the ACU, the promoter, the organising club, the vertical series of the ACU, the promoter of the ACU, the	stand that by taking part in this event I/we are exposed to a risk of death, ious injury and I/we acknowledge that even in the event that negligence on enue owner, or any individual carrying out duties on their behalf were to be a dominant cause of any serious injury will always be my/our voluntary decision				
Rider's signature: If under 18, state date of birth*:  ### Passenger's signature: If under 18, state date of birth*:  ### For riders under 18 years of age - I accept the above conditions of entry to this event and give my approval:  ### Signature(s) of parent(s) or person(s) with parental responsibility:  ### Riders and Passengers under 18 years of age who cannot produce a valid ACU Competition Licence/Trials Registration must also complete a 'Parental Agreement form (Single Event)' in addition to this entry form.					
	Don't forget to sign				
Rider's Surname:	First Name:				
Address:	Postcode:				
Phone No.:	Email:				
	D: (The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)				
Passenger's Surname:First Name:					
Address:	Phone:				
ACU Licence No: Clul	D:(The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)				
Class Entered (Tick required)					
Expert Expert B Inter	Inter B Novice Pre 70 Twinshock				
Youth A Youth B Youth C	Youth D Youth E Sidecar				
Machine: Make: Engine Size (cc)					
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Southend & DMCC Open Permit TRIAL Sunday 16th November 2014 Poles Wood, Kelvedon Hatch, Essex CM14 5TL SMAC Trophy Trial Inc Rd 7 of B & D Class Championships

Sign On: 9.00am Start: 10.30am

National Grid Reference: TQ 561995

Eastern Centre Steward: A Foskew Club Steward(s): D Woolnough M Spurgeon

Clerk of the Course: P Nash (Licence 39376)

Child Protection P.o.C.: P Nash

Secretary of the Meeting: Julia Nash, 33 Cherry Orchard Southminster Essex CM0 7HE Tel: 07947 215648 (day) 01621 773131 (eve) email: nap148@aol.com

JURISDICTION:

OFFICIALS:-

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and the EASTERN CENTRE, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult & Youth members of the ACU riding solo or sidecar machines.

Start / Finish: Poles Wood, Kelvedon Hatch Course: Wood & Sand Pit.

Classes: Expert. Inter. Novice. Youth & Sidecar

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £15.00 for Adults and £12 for Youth, and £18.00 for Sidecars. Include one 9x4 SAE. Checques/POs to be made payable to

Southend & DMCC. (Not paid into the bank before 17th November 2014)

Entries Open: 4th November 2014 Entries Close: On the day

All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current Licence/Trials Registration when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

> **ENVIRONMENTAL MATS - USE THEM or you may lose your ride** Entries on the day do not count for championship points



Ms Lyn Berwick 23 Tymmes Place Hasketon Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6JD Please reply to: East Anglian Air Ambulance Whitehouse Distribution Centre Whitehouse Road Ipswich Suffolk IP1 5NX

Telephone: 01473 745007

26th September 2014

Dear Lyn,

### Eastern Centre Numbers - 2014

I wanted to write to thank you and all involved so very much for choosing to support the East Anglian Air Ambulance at your recent above mentioned event. I'm glad Sunday went well at Wattisfield. I know Ted, Nick, Maggie and Christine thoroughly enjoyed it.

I am delighted to acknowledge safe receipt of the very generous donation of £2,000 and a further £68.36 was donated on the day.

I also have the pleasure in enclosing a certificate highlighting the £2000 only as requested.

Thank you once again for supporting us in this way, it really is greatly appreciated. Please accept this letter as your receipt and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Kind regards

Catherine Sheppard

Fundraising Co-ordinator

Drespard

Email: Catherine.sheppard@eaaa.org.uk

The East Anglian Air Ambulance now runs two fully medically equipped helicopters (code-named Anglia One and Anglia Two) serving the people of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Between the two helicopters they are able to provide a life-saving resource reaching patients quickly and if required, transporting them to hospital within minutes

### Sidcup and District Motor Cycle Club Ltd.

## 25th JACK THOMPSON BRITISH BIKE TRIAL

A South Eastern Centre Championship Round for Pre '67 Sidecars.

Canada Heights, Button Street, Swanley, Kent, BR8 8DX

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2014. Permit No: ACU 42764 Start Time: 9:30 am.

#### OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course: Alan Clarke. Lics 74650

Secretary of Meeting: Peter Burrell, 40 Annandale Road, SIDCUP, Kent, DA15 8EL

Telephone No: 020 8300 5572 Email: pj.burrell@btinternet.com

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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  regulations of the ACU, Trials Regulations of the S.E. Centre, these Supplementary Regulations, and any
  final instructions that may be issued.
- ELIGIBILITY: The Competition is open to all adult members of ACU clubs, riding solo or sidecar machines of BRITISH MANUFACTURE made before 31December 1966.
- 3. ENTRIES: To be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting. Send 1 stamped self-addressed envelope (11cm x 22cm or bigger) with entry for the programme and another s.a.e. if you want results posted to you. Results will be on the Sidcup Club website 24 hours or less after the trial. All entrants must show their 2013 ACU trials Registration card when signing on and state the number on the entry form. Entries are open now and close Saturday, 28 November or before, if full. Limited to 120 entries. If a non-starter it is required that you explain your absence to the promoting club. Failure to do so is a breach of the Rules. For a refund an admin fee of £5.00 will be charged.
- 4. FEES: Solo £17.00; Sidecar £20.00. Solo entries on the day of the meeting: £20.00. Cheques and postal orders made payable to: <u>Sidcup & District MCC Ltd</u>. Foreign riders who do NOT have a document from their own FMN stating they have insurance to FIM level must pay an additional £12.00 per person.
- COURSE: Canada Heights Motocross Circuit, Button Street, Swanley, Kent, BR8 8DX. (All on private land).
   Triple sections with different coloured cards. White hard route, Red easy route, Blue C class & Sidecars for award, Clubman for no award.
- 6. CLASSES: All entries will be taken but awards will be subject to a minimum of 6 in each class.
  - A. Pre-unit construction single cylinder fourstrokes plus twin cylinder fourstrokes (sprung).
  - B. Unit construction fourstrokes (sprung).
  - C. Rigid framed machines with single or twin fourstroke engines and having girder front forks.
  - D. Rigid framed machines with single or twin fourstroke engines and having telescopic front forks.
  - E. Any British two-stroke, sprung or unsprung.
  - F. Any British two-stroke with rigid frame, telescopic or girder forks.
  - G. Any British Sidecar, or Twin shock sprung or unsprung (a South Eastern Centre Championship Round for Pre '67 Tw Sidecars, subject to a minimum entry of 6).
- 7. AWARDS: Jack Thompson British Bike Trophy to Best Performance of Class A, C or D riding the White (hard) route. Vinall Trophy to the Best performance in Class D riding the red (easy) route. The Burlingham Challenge Cup to Best Performance of Class G (Sidecar). Best Performance in each class, first 10% 1st Class Awards and next best 10% 2nd Class Awards.
- MEDICATION: It is your responsibility to declare at signing on if you are taking any drugs, you may be tested.
- LATE START: One mark will be added for every minute late, after 30 minutes rider will be deemed to be a non starter.

**MARKING:** TSR 22 B – i.e. "old fashioned" rules (Non-stop), 0 1 2 3 5 & 10 for missing a section, no bunny hopping, rolling backwards or balancing stationary will apply.

## **ACU BYMX Team Event**

Rick Blyth

The second weekend in October saw the ACU BYMX Team Event take place at the sandy Blaxhall Circuit near Woodbridge in Suffolk. With some rain leading up to the event, the venue was in great condition ready for the two days of action to start on Saturday morning.

With eight teams competing for the title from across the country, including some of the country's best youth and adult riders, the racing was action packed both days. Saturday started with each of the classes having one practice session each before the racing started.

In the 65cc class saw young Charlie Heyman on his KTM from the Cambridge Juniors Scramble Club (CJSC) dominate the class by taking five strong race wins across the weekend to secure the individual honours in the 65cc class. Charlie Palmer from the Warley Wasps club rode consistently to secure a solid second overall after finishing the weekend with two second places and three third place finishes. Third overall went to Oliver Barr from the Cumbria club, with his two team mates finishing fourth and fifth overall.

The 85cc small wheel class would see Cumbria rider Ryan Thompson take the overall win in the class, after securing two wins and a fifth on the opening day, but would have to settle for a second and third place finish on the Sunday. On the Sunday it was Drew Anderson from CJSC who took both race wins, but his opening race result on the Saturday limited him to second overall, ahead of local rider Josh Peters. Norfolk and Suffolk rider Peters took one race win on the Saturday to help him hold off the challenges from Cumbria rider Sam Donnan in fourth and Norfolk and Suffolk team mate Sam Nunn in fifth.

In the 85cc big wheel class it was to be Gest Hastings rider Brett Pocock on his KTM machine who dominated the class all weekend long. With this being Pocock's last race on the 85cc machine he produced five stunning rides to take a clean sweep of race wins across the weekend. Dan Bewley from the Cambria team stormed to the front of all the races on his Kawasaki and collected three second places finishes, along with a third and a eighth to



secure second overall in the class. CJSC's Tom Grimshaw took a well-earned third overall with Norfolk and Suffolk's Ben Clark and Max Bickers in fourth and fifth places.

The Youth Open Class saw the CJSC club dominate the results with all four of their riders finishing within the top 8 overall. Overall it was Henry Williams who took four out of the five race wins across the weekend. Fellow CJSC rider Declan Whittle took a well-earned race win while on route to second overall ahead of Jon-Joe Wright from Cumbria in third. Fourth and fifth places overall went to Jake Edey and Jake Ford.



Some of the closest and most exciting racing of the weekend came in the Adult class with Honda rider Dan Arnold from the Gest Hasting club taking the overall victory with two race wins and three second place finishes over the weekend. Second overall went to Shaun Southgate on the Honda taking consistent top three finishes in all races including a race win in the final race of the weekend. Third overall on the weekend was Cumbria rider Brad Todd on the KTM with Jack Rowland and Luke Parker rounding out the top five overall.

During the weekend the battle for the ACU BYMX Team title was firmly between reigning Champions CJSC and the Cumbria team with Warley Wasps just behind in third. As the races passed on the Saturday it was CJSC who took the early lead but were soon pegged back by the Cumbria team. When racing resumed on Sunday morning, CJSC opened a



small gap but once again Cumbria closed the gap and briefly to the lead in the standings with only a handful of races left. In the final races of the weekend CJSC were able to retake the lead and open a gap to claim the 2014 ACU BYMX Team Event title ahead of Cumbria and Warley Wasps in third. Fourth place in the standings went to the Norfolk and Suffolk B team while the Norfolk and Suffolk A team finished in fifth place ahead of the MCUI, Mid Sussex and Gest Hastings teams.

### **Timekeeper Required**

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- Transport of all equipment to and from meetings
- Liaising with meeting secretaries prior to events and entering riders and race schedules onto the system.
- Installing and testing equipment prior to racing
- Issuing hire transponders as required (together with responsibility for all hire fees)
- Recording qualifying sessions and preparing rider lists and gate picks in timely fashion based on results
- · Recording races and posting printed results at the event
- Uploading results to MyLaps website
- Preparing results for uploading to Eastern Centre website
- Supplying printed results as required by officials

If you are interested, please contact the motocross committee
Geoff Brace (chairman)
Lyn Berwick (secretary)



### **ACU Ben Fund**

To keep members aware of the current actions of the ACU Ben Fund, and help to clarify the financial pressures, please find below the July statement of income – this information is also available on the ACU website. ALL info re individual payments is strictly confidential between the claimant ACU trustees and the local officer.

There are currently 25 requests for payment (one Eastern Centre) totaling approx £7850. As can be seen from the report below the level of requests VASTLY exceeds income.

Therefore if anyone has any good ideas on how to raise money for the fund please let me know.

Hope this helps to answer questions re the Ben Fund, but should there be any specific questions please contact me on email: xfamily@nildram.co.uk

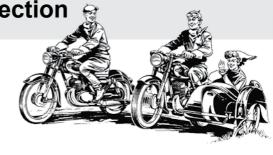
#### Martin Cross

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Mat Buckley	Proceeds from growing vegetable plants	100.00	Midland
Friends & Family	In Memory of Kevin Eric Graham		South Eastern
South Eastern Centre	In Memory of Mary Wood	250.00	South Eastern
Teignbridge MotoX Club	Rider Donations		South Western
Dartmoor MCC	Rider Donations		South Western
South Hamms MCC	Rider Donations		South Western
Chard MotoX Club	Rider Donations	38.00	South Western
South West Off Road	Rider Donations	46.00	South Western
ACU Staff	Non Uniform Day 4 July	14.00	-
	DONATIONS TOTAL	€ 925.86	
Misc: Fines			
Classic Racing Motorcycle			
Club - European Open	3 Riders - Non Production of Licences	30.00	
Hottrax Motorsport	Donnington GP 28 June	50.00	
Fibiliax Motoraport	Donnington GP 28/29 June - Non		
Hottrax Motorsport	Production of Licence	5.00	
Allan Jefferies Trophy Trial	Non Production of Licence	10.00	
Middlesborough & DMC	Various Fines	60.00	
Maxxis Round 5	Whitby 29th June 2014	50.00	
	MISC TOTAL	£ 205.00	
	JULY 2014 - TOTAL	£ 1,130.86	

The Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny

Our trials riding girls are on a high. Not only has Emma Bristow –already a champion - won the individual Ladies Trials World Championship, the U.K. team – (including, Emma) also fought off a strong challenge from the Spanish team to win The



FIM Women's Trial des Nations . Many congratulations to them all and I trust this may be the continuation of an evolution – perhaps more aptly, "revolution" – in our sport, of high- performing women. Judged, say, on other sports such as football, cricket and cycling, this female expertise is in parallel and as equally newsworthy on the national front – yet -as ever – motorcycling has scant coverage on the general media. It is a scandal!

Nonetheless women and motorbikes have been together since the first bicycle-framed, "pop-pop" fired up well over a hundred years ago. And they have also competed in all aspects of the sport. I personally witnessed the first female solo T.T. competitor: Beryl Swain in 1962 – the T.T. being seemingly the final bastion of "male-only" start-lines. I have to admit, apart from Fay Taylor in the 1920's, I cannot bring to mind any other female speedway riders - though I'm quite sure they have long made their debut. Nearer home, we in this Centre have had several memorable girls compete in trials – outstanding being, surely: Joan Westbrook, who has graced the sections for decades I think it would probably be during the riders usual, "up-and-down and kick-a-stick" inspection of a trials section when I first met her. Enthusiastic and ever- cheerful and often in the awards, her trials career must rank of national eminence and to add to her qualities, she has at times suffered injury and set-back, yet remains as keen as ever.

Going further back, the first lady rider I can recall when I was a newcomer to trials, was Valerie Wiffen, who, as the daughter to the redoubtable Ernie – a trials winner himself, representing the Barking and East Ham club - would often compete accompanied by her proud dad. In those mainly "helmetless" days, Valerie showed good female commonsense by sporting an equestrian helmet when competing on her Triumph "Tiger Cub". Another lady I remember from around those times but who rode in a "proper" helmet, was: Rene Bennett, though she went much further by riding in an all-pink Barbour suit, which really caught the eye – certainly before the muddy sections were encountered.!

I have mentioned female solo performers yet when we look at the sidecar sector — then the female tally increases manifold and there have been, and are currently, many highly successful male and female teams. Many of our own Centre "chairmen" have employed women over the third wheel with great success. Perhaps most particularly is the Hornby family, with Alan at the helm but being partnered over the years in his many successes by ladies very often related to him. It must be in the genes! Inevitably it seems, the girls occupy the sidecar, so I will stick my neck out and state that I have not as yet learned of any top-flight, "ladies- only," combinations in any of the sidecar disciplines - but that eventuality is surely only a matter of time.

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### Lowestoft Invaders MCC Sunday 7th December 2014

Restricted Permit TRIAL
Trials Park, Corton NR32 5LE

The Ted Armes Trophy Trial Inc Rd 8 of the B Class Championship

Sign On: 9.00am Start: 10.30am National Grid Reference: TM 535981 Permit No. ACU 42927

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: J Read Club Steward(s): R Tozer R Greensides

Clerk of the Course: C Grice (Licence 38892)

Child Protection P.o.C.: M Frost

Secretary of the Meeting: M Frost, 8 Park Close Thurton Norwich NR14 6AU

Tel: 01508 480447 email: michaeljfrost@talktalk.net

JURISDICTION:

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and the EASTERN CENTRE, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult and Youth members of the Eastern Centre of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding solo machines.

Start / Finish: Trials Park, Corton

Course: Woodland & Rocks.

Routes: Multi Routes

Classes: Expert, Inter A & B, Novice, Twinshock, Pre-70 & Youth A,B,C

Awards: Ted Armes Trophy for best performance of day & Class Awards (min 3 starters)

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £15.00 for Adults and £12.50 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Checques/POs to be made payable to Lowestoft Invaders MCC Ltd. (Not paid into the bank before 8th December 2014)

Entries Open: 7th November 2014 Entries Close: On the day

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# **Sudbury MCC Club Notes**

Roger Chaplin

First up this month the last two rounds of the Dave Barkshire Two Man Enduro Championship, round four being organised by the Stowmarket Club at Kenton. The last time I was in the parish of Kenton was in the mid 1970s for a Moped Speedway Challenge Meeting between Stowmarket and Sudbury and I won't tell you who won only it was a club starting with 'S'. It was nice to meet the Squire of Kenton Denis Howard after all these years. A very good event, nice to see some of those Moto Cross lads riding and our best result in the Championship Class was 6th being Paul Belton & Phil Roper. It was back to winning ways for Glenn Walsh & Ian Tutton in the Expert Class also clinching the 2014 Title. Alex Walton/Andy Quorn finished 2nd while Jack & Darren Nicolaou managed 9th and Jeff Sharp with Duncan Griffin were 10th. Sudbury members in the points for the Clubman Class were Jeff Turner/Dean Curry 6th, Adam Kempster/Keith Potter 7th, Ian Head with Phil Levermore 9th, Peter & Phil Barltrop 14th and Paul Webb/Trevor Scott 15th.

We organised the last round of the Two Man at Tye Farm Great Cornard and after doing the preview of the event for my videos I took the opportunity to drop in on the Moped Speedway boys which is still being staged at Tye Farm now for over 40 years. I was told World & British Speedway Champions have either ridden or helped there also World, European, And British and Centre Champions in Scrambles (Moto Cross), Trials and Enduros have graced the Tye Farm complex. We had rain Saturday afternoon and frost early Sunday morning which put the course in tip top condition and all eyes on the day were on Ben Alexander/Tom Fazah and Robert Aldridge/Ed Pooley who at the start of the round were equal in every way in the Clubman Class. It was a ding dong battle between these two teams both in the morning and afternoon sessions, only .04 seconds separated them in the special test and in the end it was a win and the Title for Rob & Ed by .33 laps. Having won the Championship Class Title for the second year running Tom Braddock and his this year's partner James Potter could take it easy and on the day finished 4th. The battle for first place was between Jason Morland/Julian Harvey and Jamie & Craig Roper and in the end it was a victory for Jason & Julian with Jamie & Craig 2nd and in 3rd place were Glenn Walsh/lan Tutton (2014 Expert Class winners) chancing their hand in readiness for next year. Paul Belton/Phil Roper to their own admission have struggled in the Championship Class however their 7th place on the day has given them second place overall in the Contest which was a very good achievement. With Messrs Walsh and Tutton out of the way Alex Walton/Andy Quorn took the advantage with their first win in the Expert Class Contest, Martin & David Stevens were 2nd and Dale & Gary Gladwin finished 3rd. The Stevens brothers have secured second place in the Expert Contest this year equalling their second place in the Clubman Contest last year.

I would like to thank everyone who helped, put up with me during my filming of all the Championship Events both Solo and Two Man. I have not decided whether I will be doing this next year as I have suffered some pain and discomfort during and after the events however what is pleasing getting the previews and reports of the events in the media, nationally, local and websites which our Sport deserves.

Finally our Annual Dinner and Awards Night is on Saturday 7th February 2015 at the Stoke by Nayland Hotel and Golf Club and the limit is 110 guests.



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# **Woodbridge & DMCC Club Notes**

### **Charlie Ralph**

Hi folks, firstly, there is quite a lot of speculation and rumours regarding the grass track situation at the Woodbridge club.

Although the subject of finance, and the viability of continuing to host grass track meetings has been discussed at our committee meetings, no decision has been made to curtail this branch of the sport, which has been a part of our club for many years.

For quite a few years, grass track meetings has seen a large drop in entries in the Eastern Centre, and indeed, nationally. Some of the reasons given, are lack of riders and lack of club organisers, date clashes with other area's, of which some meetings pay better prize money than others, and the fact that youth riders tend to move into the speedway scene at a younger age nowadays.

Enduro and motocross meetings are still relatively healthy in our region, despite rising costs for competitors and organising clubs, and the trials scene, of which we host pre 70 bikes and twinshocks, is still proving popular.

It's that time of the year where we all have to sort our dates for events in 2015, and our various club secretaries are busy trying to fix dates. The enduro and trials dates have provisionally been discussed, however, we await the date for our British motocross championship round. As soon as the ACU can release the dates and venues, we can get moving to sort out the rest of the calendar. We may hold two rounds of the Eastern Centre championships next year, purely because there could be a lack of suitable venues.

There is also the possibility of a meeting consisting of youth and adults at Blaxhall, hopefully this will be confirmed soon.

At the recent Kenton two man team enduro, Jake Nicholls had an outing, teaming up with Michael Ridge, and won the premier class. Great to see #45 back in action. Our best expert team ,Damian Long and Paul Spurgeon were 6th in class, and versatile Ben Alexander was 3rd best clubman.

The Eastern motocross champs were decided at a muddy Wattisfield meeting, and huge congratulations to teenager, Connor Hughes, for winning the junior championships. Apart from Connor, Sean Avory was 3rd, Adam Day 4th, Sid Evans 5th, Dean Smith 7th, James Miles 9th, and Mark Hunt 10th.

In the experts class, Luke Benstead was runner up, Shaun Southgate 3rd,Syd Bales 4th, and Aaron Pipon 9th, and well done to all our other club riders who scored points.

At Hanningfield, Connor was 3rd best overall in the allcomers group, and Lee Keyton was 2nd overall in the NGR races. Andy Cattermole had a good day, finishing 3rd overall in the NGR's, which gave him 5th place in the over 30's group. Grumpy Lee scored points in every race in 2014, giving him 2nd place in the over 40's class.

For 2015, Connor and Adam Day, along with Sean Avory and Dean Smith, are upgraded to expert status, which hopefully will swell the ranks of experts in our Centre.

Finally, well done to all the riders for purchasing riding numbers in 2014, and thanks to Paul Sewter for looking after the numbers scheme, £2000 was raised for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

#### **Norwich Viking MCC** Open Permit TRIAL Sunday 14th December 2014 Cadders Hill, Lyng, Norfolk NR9 5AL Tillett Cup Trial Inc Rd 8 Nfk & Sfk Group Championship

Sign On: 9.00am Start: 10 30am Permit No. ACU 42708

National Grid Reference: TG 066174

OFFICIALS:-Eastern Centre Steward: tbc

Clerk of the Course: R Brooks (Licence 110826)

Child Protection P.o.C.: B Douglas

Secretary of the Meeting: B Douglas, The Old Cottages, The Moor, Reepham, Norfolk NR10 4NL

Tel: 07775 600382 (Day) 01603 871811 (eve) email: barbara.douglas@hotmail.co.uk

Club Steward(s): J Douglas

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Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult and Youth members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding solo machines.

Start / Finish: Cadders Hill. Lvng Course: Banks & Rocks 4 laps of 8 sections.

Classes: Expert, Inter, Novice, Twinshock, Pre-70, Youth A,B,C,D,E Awards: None

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £15.00 for Adults, and £12.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Norwich Viking MCC Ltd.

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A record number of you reserved your number this year, enabling the Centre to make a donation of £2,000 to this most worthy of causes.

Once again there were a handful of riders who decided they would be able to ride with the same number all year without making a donation, a situation that will hopefully not be allowed to continue.

I have been asked if I will continue to administer the reserved number scheme in 2015, and I am more than happy to do so in order to support such a vital service.

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Once again, thanks to all riders who have donated. Here's hoping you give me even more work to do next year.





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