



# *The Eastern Centre* **GAZETTE**

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# Foreword

Phil Armes

Here we go for a new season, and I would immediately like to bring to all organisers' attention the fact that there may well be some fake competition licences in circulation, thanks to the fact that they can apparently be bought on ebay!! I'm sure you are all diligent when checking the licences at signing on, but this season it might be worth having an even closer look!

You will find in this edition of the gazette some information about the upcoming seminar for Trials & Enduro officials; and a forum for the motocross discipline. Remember, this is your chance, as an active rider, organiser, volunteer etc to have your say on the way motocross is organised and run within the Eastern Centre. So if you have a positive idea, or would like to get actively involved in running and developing motocross in our area, then get yourself along to the forum. The other side of that argument, is of course, if you can't be bothered to go to the forum – don't moan when some of the rules and/or conditions are changed and you don't like them!!

With any luck, and a fair wind, the new Centre handbook and fixture list will be available at the board meeting on January 18th. Full information about how to order, and the cost, will be sent out to all clubs in the first week of January by email. If you do not have email, or don't receive the info by Friday 9th January please get in touch and let me know.

And finally – don't forget that the annual Centre award function is at Great Blakenham on February 14th – what better way to treat your loved one on Valentine's Day than a night out with the stars of the Eastern Centre!

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**Lowestoft Invaders MCC**  
**Sunday 15th February 2015**

**RESTRICTED Permit TRIAL**  
**Aldeby**

**Jubilee Trophy Trial inc A Class Championship Rd 1**

**Sign On:** 8.30am

**National Grid Reference:** TM 465945

**Start:** 10.30am

**Permit No.** ACU 43214

**OFFICIALS:-**

**Eastern Centre Steward:** Paul Fenn  
**Clerk of the Course:** C Grice (Licence 38892)  
**Child Protection P.o.C.:** MJ Frost  
**Secretary of the Meeting:** MJ Frost, 8 Park Close, Thurton, Norwich NR14 6A  
*email: michaeljifrost@talktalk.net*

**Club Steward(s):** R Greensides & R Tozer

**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 & Youth members of the Eastern Centre of the ACU riding solo machines..

**Start / Finish:** Pond Farm, Aldeby, Norfolk NR34 0BY

**Classes:** Expert, Intermediate A & B, Pre-70, Novice, Youth A,B,C

**Awards:** Jubilee Trophy for best performance (youth or adult)

**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 £13.50 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Lowestoft Invaders MCC Ltd. (Not paid into the bank before 16th February 2015)

**Entries Open:** 4 January 2015

**Entries Close:** 11th February 2015

**NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY - EXPERT CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS - 1ST LAP NON SCORING**

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

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 Venue: ..... Date of Event: .....  
 Permit No: **ACU** ..... Course Lic/Cert No. (where Applicable) .....

*This event is held under the National Sporting Code of the Auto-Cycle Union, the Standing Regulations, Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions issued for the meeting. The ACU National Sporting Code and Standing Regulations are published annually in the ACU Handbook.*

**Entry declaration:** I/we the undersigned apply to enter the event described above and in consideration thereof:

- 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, the ACU Standing Regulations, such Supplementary Regulations as have or may be issued for the event, and agree to be bound by them.
- 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.
- 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.
- I/we confirm that the machine(s) as described below which I/we compete on shall be suitable and proper for the purpose.
- 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 Road Traffic Acts, or equivalent legislation, and that it/they will comply with the regulations in respect thereof.
- 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.
- I/we confirm that I/we are not suspended or my/our ACU Licence has not been suspended/withdrawn from any ACU competition.
- 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.
- I consent to the collection and retention of my personal information by the ACU

• I/we enclose the entry fee of: £ ..... **Don't forget to put Entry Fee here**

**Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport:** I/we understand that by taking part in this event I/we are exposed to a risk of death, becoming permanently disabled or suffering some other serious injury and I/we acknowledge that even in the event that negligence on the part of the ACU, the promoter, the organising club, the venue owner, or any individual carrying out duties on their behalf were to be a contributory cause of any serious injury I/we may suffer, the dominant cause of any serious injury will always be my/our voluntary decision to take part in a high risk activity.

**I/we have read the above and acknowledge that my/our participation in motorsport is entirely at my/our own risk.**

**Rider's signature:** ..... If under 18, state date of birth\*: .....

*If applicable:*

**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:** .....

**ACU Licence No:** ..... **Club:** ..... (The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)

**Passenger's Surname:** ..... **First Name:** .....

**Address:** ..... **Phone:** .....

**ACU Licence No:** ..... **Club:** ..... (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) .....

**Entrant (if different from rider)**

**Company / Name:** ..... **Entrant's Licence No.** .....

**Address** .....

# Halstead & DMCC Club Notes

Kieran Doherty

Where has the time gone? It does not seem possible that in just over 3 months time we will be holding the first event at Wakes Colne for the 2015 season. As long as the weather does is not too bad we will be running a practice day in March. We then start racing on the 12th of April with the eastern centre championship. Following on from this is our evening meeting which this year has changed to a Friday night and once again we would like to thank GH Motorcycles for sponsoring the meeting on the 19th of June.

Into the second half of the season and it's the Richard Fitch Trophy meeting on the 12th of July. As it is the 10th anniversary we will be making it into a big meeting. We once again close the season with the British Sidecar-cross Championship.

We hope you all had a good Christmas. See you next month.

## Moto Cross Forum

**Wednesday 4th February 2015 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms  
commencing at 7.30pm.**

The itinerary will be as follows:

1. To elect a committee to serve for one year.  
*NOTE: The committee shall consist of a maximum of 9 (NINE) elected members plus a non-voting Secretary. The Chairman shall then be elected from the elected committee.*  
*The committee shall consist of members of organising moto cross clubs only, to a maximum of 2 per club.*  
*This criteria was recommended at the last competitions committee.*  
*If necessary, a private paper vote will take place.*
2. To confirm the rules for the Eastern Centre Championship 2015,
3. Club Championship rules for 2015.
4. To discuss sponsorship (hole shot award).
5. Electronic Timing issues.
6. Any Other Business (time permitting)



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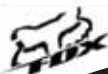
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**Diss MCC**  
**Sunday 22nd February 2015**

**OPEN Permit ENDURO**  
**Santon Downham**

***GH Motorcycles Husqvarna Eastern Centre Championship Rd 1***

**Sign On: 7.30am**  
**National Grid Reference: TM 820880**

**Start: 9.00am**  
**Permit No. ACU 43213**

**OFFICIALS:-**

**Eastern Centre Steward:** RG Hearn  
**Clerk of the Course:** A Waters (Licence 95651)  
**Child Protection P.O.C.:** Mrs B Chapman  
**Secretary of the Meeting:** Mrs B Chapman, 2 Riverside Cottages, Worthamling, Diss, Norfolk IP22 1SU  
*email: santon@dissmcc.co.uk*

**Club Steward(s):** R Snowden & A Taylor

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**Start / Finish:** Ride 22 off A134 Thetford to Mundford Rd      **Course:** 12 miles of Forestry Commission land.

**Classes:** Championship, Expert, Expert Vets, Clubman, Clubman Vets, Clubman SuperVets, Sportsman

**Awards:** In accordance with Championship Conditions

**Entries:** Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £53.00. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Diss MCC Ltd. (Not paid into the bank before 16th February 2015) Late Entries + £7.00

**Entries Open:** 4th January 2015

**Entries Close:** 14th February 2015

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## **Enduro Awards Presentation & Forum**



**The annual presentation of awards, and forum, for Enduro will be held on 12th January at 8pm at the Limes Hotel, Needham Market.**

**The awards will be presented for:**  
**Dave Barkshire Motorcycles 2 Man Championship**  
**GH Husqvarna Solo Championship 2nd and 3rd places**  
**Bar Meals will be available**

**For more Information please contact:**  
**Jack Hearn on 07774 801205 or 01449 721042**



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- 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.
- I/we confirm that I/we are not suspended or my/our ACU Licence has not been suspended/withdrawn from any ACU competition.
- 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.
- I consent to the collection and retention of my personal information by the ACU
- I/we understand and accept that if Supplementary Regulations state the Insurance cover for this event is "Basic" there is no Personal Accident cover for Competitors and Liability cover in respect of any claim made by third parties is limited to £10 million and £5 million for Medical Mal-practice.**  
**Premium Insurance will be assumed unless clearly stated otherwise in the Regulations.**

- I/we enclose the entry fee of: £.....

**Don't forget to put Entry Fee here**

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**I/we have read the above and acknowledge that my/our participation in motorsport is entirely at my/our own risk.**

**Rider'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 of parent or person 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 Numbers**

**Landline (inc. area code):** ..... **Mobile:** .....

**Email address:** .....

**ACU Licence No:** ..... **Club:** .....

*(The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)*

**Tick Class Entered**

Championship ☐ Expert ☐ Expert Vets ☐ Clubman ☐ Clubman Veteran ☐ Clubman Supervet (+50) ☐

**Machine:** ..... Other ..... ☐

**Make:** ..... **Capacity (cc)** .....

**Sponsor (if applicable)** .....

If TWO MAN, Partner's Name ..... **SEPARATE ENTRY FORM REQUIRED**

**PLEASE INDICATE WHO WILL BE RIDING FIRST** .....

# Provisional Dates for 2015 Eastern Centre Championships

## JANUARY

11th	Wymondham	Trial	RES	GT Ellingham	Nfk & Sfk Group Rd 1
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## FEBRUARY

1st	Ipswich	Trial	RES	Raydon	Nfk & Sfk Group Rd 2
15th	Lowestoft	Trial	RES	Aldeby	A Class Rd 1
22nd	Diss	Enduro	OPEN	Thetford Forest	GH MCs Husqvarna ECC Rd 1

## MARCH

8th	Braintree	Trial	OPEN	Spansies Wood	B Class Rd 1
15th	Ipswich	Trial	OPEN	Bramfield	B Class Rd 2
22nd	Woodbridge	Enduro	OPEN	Butley	GH MCs Husqvarna ECC Rd 2
29th	Wymondham	Trial	OPEN	Middleton	A Class Rd 2

## APRIL

3rd	Woodbridge	Trial		Blaxhall	C Class Rd 1
5th	Southend	Trial	OPEN	tbc	D Class Rd 1
12th	Halstead	Motocross	OPEN	Wakes Colne	ECC Rd1
12th	Norwich Viking	Trial	OPEN	Holt	A Class Rd 3
12th	EFA	Trial	RES	Gt Bromley	C Class Rd 2
19th	Es&S Border	Trial	OPEN	Raydon Pit	B Class Rd 3
19th	NSJMCC	Trial	RES	Gt Ellingham	D Class Rd 2
26th	NSJMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt Hockham	ECC Youth Championship Rd 1
26th	Woodbridge	Motocross	OPEN	Blaxhall	ECC Rd 2
26th	Bury St Edmunds	Enduro	RES	Hawkedon	Dave Barkshire MCs 2 Man Champ Rd 1
26th	Castle Colchester	Trial	OPEN	Thorrington	B Class Rd 4

## MAY

17th	Norwich Viking	Motocross	OPEN	Lyng	ECC Rd 3
17th	Ipswich	Trial	OPEN	Offton	A Class Rd 4
17th	Sudbury	Enduro	OPEN	Foxborough	GH MCs Husqvarna ECC Rd 3
24th	NSJMCC	Trial	OPEN	Westleton	B Class Rd 5
31st	NSJMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Mildenhall	ECC Youth Championship Rd 2

## JUNE

7th	Bury St Edmunds	Trial	RES	Hawkedon	B Class Rd 6
14th	Sudbury	Enduro	OPEN	Home Farm Hadham	GH MCs Husqvarna ECC Rd 4
14th	Littleport	Motocross	OPEN	Mildenhall	ECC Rd 4
21st	Nfk & Sfk Group	Trial	OPEN	Corton	Nfk & Sfk Group Rd 3
21st	NSJMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt Hockham	ECC Youth Championship Rd 3

## JULY

19th	Woodbridge	Enduro	OPEN	Blaxhall	Dave Barkshire MCs 2 Man Champ Rd 2
26th	Bury St Edmunds	Trial	RES	Hawkedon	Nfk & Sfk Group Rd 4
26th	Chelmsford	Motocross	OPEN	Chippenham	ECC Rd 5

## AUGUST

9th	NSJMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt Hockham	ECC Youth Championship Rd 4
16th	Diss	Enduro	OPEN	Wattisfield Hall	Dave Barkshire MCs 2 Man Champ Rd 3
23rd	Ipswich	Trial	RES	Offton	Nfk & Sfk Group Rd 5
30th	NSJMCC	Trial	OPEN	Santon Downham	Nfk & Sfk Group Rd 6
30th	Woodbridge	Enduro	OPEN	Butley	GH MCs Husqvarna ECC Rd 5
30th	Norwich Viking	Motocross	OPEN	Lyng	ECC Rd 6

**SEPTEMBER**

6th	Lowestoft	Enduro	OPEN	Tunstall	Dave Barkshire MCs 2 Man Champ Rd 4
13th	Woodbridge	Motocross	OPEN	Blaxhall	ECC Rd 7
20th	Stowmarket	Enduro	OPEN	Kenton	Dave Barkshire MCs 2 Man Champ Rd 5
20th	Wymondham	Trial	OPEN	Middleton	B Class Rd 7
27th	Sudbury	Enduro	OPEN	Chappel	Dave Barkshire MCs 2 Man Champ Rd 6
27th	Braintree	Trial	OPEN	Purles Hill	A Class Rd 5 & Eastern Experts
27th	Diss	Motocross	OPEN	Wattisfield Hall	ECC Rd 8

**OCTOBER**

4th	Castle Colchester	Trial	OPEN	Alphamstone	A Class Rd 6
11th	NSJMCC	Trial	OPEN	Corton	D Class Rd 3
11th	Ipswich	Trial	OPEN	Bramford	A Class Rd 7
18th	E&S Border	Trial	OPEN	Raydon Pit	B Class Rd 8
18th	Norwich Viking	Trial	OPEN	Corton	D Class Rd 4
18th	Sudbury	Enduro	OPEN	Cornard	Dave Barkshire MCs 2 Man Champ Rd 7
25th	Chelmsford	Trial	OPEN	Beazley End	A Class Rd 8

**NOVEMBER**

1st	Woodbridge	Trial		tbc	C Class Rd 3
22nd	EFA	Trial	National	Thorrington	C Class Rd 4

**DECEMBER**

6th	Lowestoft	Trial	OPEN	Corton	B Class Rd 9
13th	Norwich Viking	Trial	OPEN	Lyng	Nfk & Sfk Group Rd 7
27th	Woodbridge	Trial	OPEN	Butley	C Class Rd 5

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Dear All

The ACU have been made aware that fake ACU competition licences are being produced and sold on eBay.

The ACU will be seeking legal advice with a view to taking some action against those selling the fake licences on eBay and those who have knowingly purchased the licence in full knowledge that it is not the true article.

This is a fraudulent act which the ACU intends to take action on immediately.

I would be grateful if you would give this information a wide distribution within your Local Centre.

The attached document shows the fake ACU licence being produced.

Kind regards

Gary Thompson MBE BEM  
General Secretary  
Telephone: 01788 566414  
Fax: 01788 573585  
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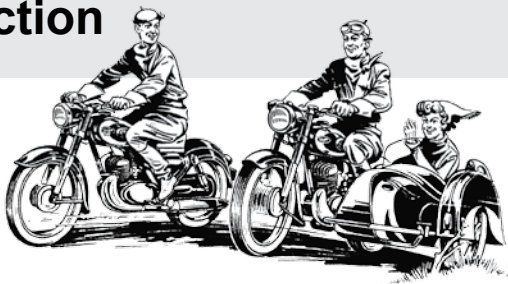
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# The Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny

It is not always easy to compare the "good old days" with the circumstances of today. Memories are fallible and we tend to recall the furthestmost extents of either good or bad. I have always felt our sport was fairly cheap to get in to and compete – you could spend lavishly of course, but if you had to watch the pennies, then



there were ways and means of doing things on a shoestring – (what ever that is). Certainly the entry costs of competition at Centre level were very lightweight. In the pre-decimal 1960's, a trial could be entered for 7/6d (37.5p) and a scramble, 10/- (50p). Not only that but a typical scramble prize money offering was generous enough for even Junior riders like me to occasionally come home after a Sunday scramble with more money than I had in my weekly wage-packet. Like-wise, the trials organisers gave prolific awards – cups and trophies, nicely engraved and a memorably good token of a successful week-end. This does not happen today in the same manner, nor at the same level and today's young riders really have to progress much higher up the competitive ladder to receive any recognition at all; much less the likelihood of them ever recouping any of the associated financial outlay. Of course most will say – as we said in those far-off days – they do not enter in our sport simply to receive prizes. Yet in a world where top sport of any kind seems to generate celebrities and millionaires, it does appear that something might be going wrong with ours. The crucial factor is that entry levels over recent year are lower – and still reducing.

There is no one particular reason for this. Many factors are to blame. The present cost of competition certainly come in to it. Yet on a comparison from prices of the 1960's with today - we would find that the motorcycles themselves are not much dearer now than they were then; nor is the fuel that they burn. In fact, it is getting cheaper. What has gone up however, are the ancillaries such as riding kit. The 50/- (£2:50) "Cromwell" ACU approved helmet and similarly priced ex firemans boots have given way to the more decorous and efficient top and bottom gear of today and ex-army battledress would probably not be acceptable now for a variety of reasons. Likewise, getting to the meetings is a different proposition to those days of Austin and Morris pick-ups and Ford "Thames" vans. Nowadays, the venues themselves have to be suitable to park up the current transporters of immense proportions.

Nonetheless the major increase in competition costs are initially borne by the organising clubs. Medical requirement have now to be paid for – no simple "blanket collection" by the jolly uniformed ladies of dear old St John. Paramedics and multiple ambulances add to these setting up costs, as well as enhanced safety measures and extra marshals who also require payment – albeit as merely an "expenses" token. I could go on about how clubs and club members themselves have altered over the years.

However none of this would be much of an obstacle to providing a cheaper prospect – most particularly in the "racing sports", if one major element could be counted on as it used to be much more in the past. And that is a paying public gate. Yet that aspect is so fickle nowadays that the organiser can only - and then not always – guarantee to cover his costs from the entry fees levied to the riders themselves. We must be thankful perhaps, that a greedy Government is not also imposing an "Entertainment tax" of the type which virtually bankrupted speedway in the 1950's.

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# Sudbury MCC Club Notes

Roger Chaplin

Now the New Year has arrived I wonder what 2015 has in store for us all, I hope it is nice and good.

Our AGM date has been fixed it is on the 2nd February 2015 at the Dolphin Bradwell start time 8pm. Our Annual Dinner and Awards Night follow on Saturday 7th February. Before that we are running an Extreme Enduro at Foxborough Quarry Sible Hedingham Essex on Sunday 4th January 2015. This event was in its early stages at the beginning of November so I did not mention it in last month's Gazette, however between the committee meetings of November and December things moved on very quickly. A lot of work has been done over the last six weeks on the layout of the course which will consist of besides the natural terrain covering extreme sections of tyres, concrete slabs logs and mines, don't ask what are the mines I don't know. The event starts at 11am, runs for two hours nonstop, Classes are Pro, Expert, Clubman and Trials and many Marshals are needed to help on the extreme parts. Hope the weather is kind for us so why don't you come along and blow the Christmas time cobwebs away.

I must say how well run and organised the last round of the 2014 British Enduro Championship in Thetford Forest and great credit must go to the Diss Club and to all those that helped and it was nice to see amongst the entries a lot of Eastern Centre riders. It was the 14th Enduro in the Centre that I have filmed this year and the nine videos are available to watch. Our Club members enjoyed themselves and had some success and the first name I will mention is Hockey, no not Chris but his elder brother Gavin who not only co-sponsor the meeting with Steve Finch he finished SECOND in the Clubman Veteran Class and I managed to get Anthony Ridge photo of him in two local papers. Other members in the same Class were Gareth Young 14th, Mark Green 17th, Nigel Ross 18th, Jason Carboult 23rd and Dean Curry 24th. Andy Mason was 4th in the Clubman Super Vets with Paul Davis 6th while in the Sportsman Class Dean Southernwood 3rd, Martin Baker 5th, Peter Barltrop 6th, John Austin 7th, Paul Webb 11th, Philip Barltrop 12th and John Roach 14th. In the Clubman Class Darren Nicolaou 17th (sub class 8th), Phil Roper 20th (3rd), Ben Ramus 28th (8th), Jack Arnold 37th (8th), Richard Walters 39th (4th), Paul Belton 44th (6th), Terry Hadwen 50th (3rd), Jim Funston 56th (8th) and Lewis Roper 60th. Stevie Roper was 10th (4th) in the Expert Class, Craig Roper 14th (3rd) and Steve Mason 20th (10th). In the Championship Class Jamie 14th with Chris Hockey 15th (6th and 7th in their sub class.

Now bring on 2015.



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# Woodbridge & DMCC Club Notes

Charlie Ralph

Happy new year to all readers of the gazette, and whether you are competing, organising, or spectating, i hope you all have an enjoyable and successful 2015.

I had a senior moment in the previous gazette regarding our membership costs. For standard membership with a monthly newsletter, the cost is £10 for the year. For those requiring a monthly gazette as well, the cost is £25.

A reminder that you can get your license and Woodbridge membership via the ACU online service if you are a current license holder. Alternatively, you join via the entry central online site, or downloading a membership form from the Woodbridge MCC website.

2015 promises to be an exciting year for motocross at World and British level, and we wish our local star, Jake Nicholls, all the luck in the world. With over twenty four top riders entered for the MXGP rounds, it is going to be hard getting into the top ten, so fingers crossed, we hope he remains injury free. James Cottrell is hoping that he has better luck in 2015, and will be trying hard in the European MX2 championships.

Both of these guys will also be riding in the British championships, and once again, the series is stacked with top British and European riders.

Meanwhile, on the local front, the Eastern Centre series is increased to eight rounds at six different venues, Lyng (twice), Blaxhall (twice) Wakes Colne, Wattisfield, Mildenhall and Chippenham.

There will be a couple of new items hopefully to add a little spice to the Eastern series, such as holeshot awards to the expert and junior at the end of the season, and a new way to allocate the club championship points to make it fairer to clubs.

Most importantly, it will be compulsory to purchase a race number for the year, mainly to streamline and help the timing team. It only costs £5, and, as usual, all monies from the numbers scheme will go to the Air Ambulance.

Our dates at Blaxhall, March 29th, April 26th (round two E/C champs, June 28th (round five British champs), August 2nd (plus NGR's), Sept 13th (round seven E/C champs).

The Eastern Enduro champs could see several National riders visiting our region to spice things up. Deb Harvey has confirmed three dates for our club events, 22nd March at Butley (round two E/C champs), 19th July at Blaxhall ( two man team event) 30th August at Butley (round five E/C champs).

The pre 70/twinshock trial dates, April 3rd at Blaxhall, November 1st,venue to be confirmed, and December 27th at Butley. All the trials events are "C" class championship rounds.

So it will be another busy year for our club, and we hope club members will muck in to help our hard working committee.

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11th	Wymondham	Trial	OPEN	GT Ellingham	N&S Grp - all solo adult Yth A,B,C
18th	BOARD MEETING			STANWAY	
25th	Ipswich	Trial	OPEN	Raydon	Nfk & Sfk Group

## FEBRUARY

1st	Ipswich	Trial	RES	Raydon	Nfk & Sfk Group
8th	Castle Colchester	Trial	NAT	Alphamstone	
15th	Lowestoft	Trial	RES	Aldeby	A Class Round 1
15th	EFA	Trial	RES	Raydon Pits	
22nd	Southend	Trial	OPEN	Danbury	
22nd	NSJMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt Hockham	
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22nd	Diss	Enduro	OPEN	Thetford Forest	GH MCs Husqvarna ECC Round 1
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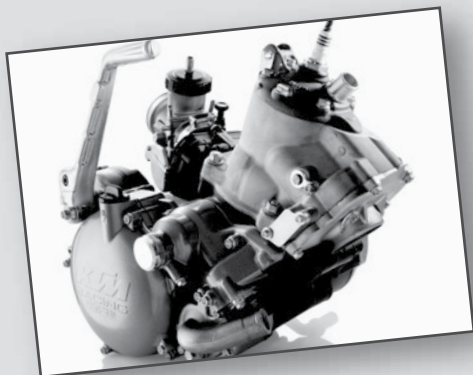
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