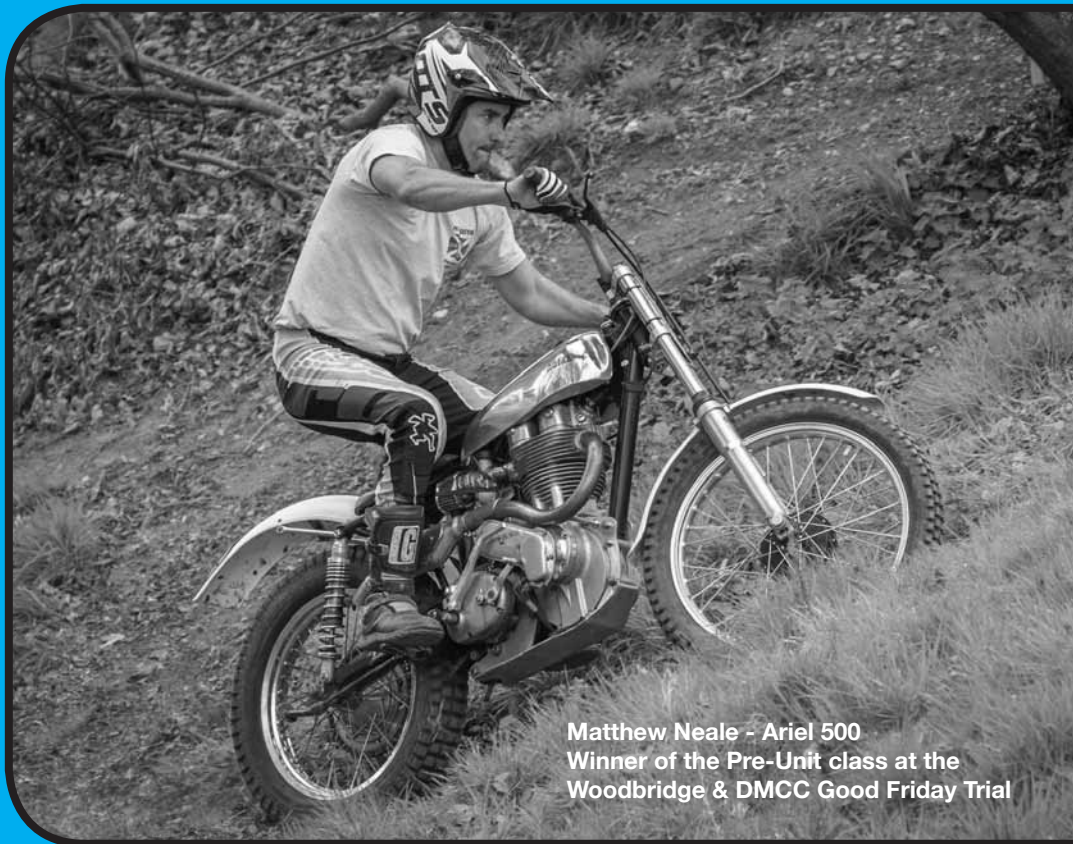


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Matthew Neale - Ariel 500
Winner of the Pre-Unit class at the
Woodbridge & DMCC Good Friday Trial

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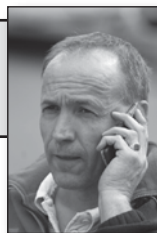
Results, Events Calendar, News, and more



Two rounds into the Centre motocross championship and it's good to see that there are in excess of 35 Expert status riders entering the events. It's been a bit difficult to fill the Expert class in recent years which heralded the introduction of a new championship format, but with full line ups at rounds one and two it's just like the 'old days'... well maybe not quite! And from what I am hearing the racing has been pretty competitive with one or two new names coming to the fore.

Foreword

Phil Armes



Can all Secretary of the Meetings, especially those running speed events, please ensure that they check the ACU 'Stop List' prior to their event, and preferably at the latest possible moment, as there have recently been one or two instances of riders entering and riding at meetings despite being on the Stop List. And it is also important to check riders' licences when they sign on – especially that it is actually theirs. Again we have had the odd instance where a rider is competing under a false name using his 'mates' licence – in one particular occurrence the ruse might have worked better if one of them hadn't fallen off and ended up in hospital, and therefore had to provide his correct details... but think of the personal/family and/or insurance implications if the injuries had proved more serious.

We are primarily an 'Off Road' centre, with little or no activity on the tarmac since the Snetterton Combine and Newmarket Clubs stopped organising road race events at Snetterton and the odd local airfield. But it's good to know that some of the habits of those bygone days have not been forgotten, and it's really good to hear that my old mate Sooty has decided to ride the National Rally, and for a good cause too. You can read all about it in this issue, and I look forward to hearing about his exploits in the vlogs and blogs he posts along the way.

Can I remind all event Secretaries that the June issue of the gazette will be coming out a week early as I am due to have a small operation on my shoulder at the end of May, and I would like to get the gazette out before I go into hospital. Not sure quite what they are going to do to my shoulder, but I am concerned that with one wing out of action I could be going round in circles for a few days – nothing new I hear you say!



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That's another fine mess I've gotten myself into...

Paul Sewter

It's funny how life has a habit of catching up with you without you noticing. One day you are making a list of things you will do 'when you get around to it', the next, you realise that you have left it too late. When I was younger I always fancied taking on the National Road Rally, which I duly filed in the 'things to do one day' box, and then got back on with day-to-day life. Needless to say, I never did do the rally before selling the last of many bikes and settling down (much to the relief of my mother).

Returning to motorcycling after a break of 30 years, thoughts of the National Rally once again crossed my mind and were duly dismissed as something for the future. Last week I watched a news item on tv about a young child with a terminal illness who was off to Disneyland in Florida. This young lad was trying to cram more into his six years than I had managed in almost ten times as many.

I, like so many others, had enjoyed the things that we all take for granted... days in the park with jumpers for goalposts, teenage angst, the independence afforded by my first set of wheels, my first live music concert, falling in love, getting married, the birth of my daughter, and so many other things that this lad, together with many other young kids, may not be given the opportunity to experience. And so it was that after a quick bit of surfing online with the credit card (the only type of surfing I will ever experience at my age) I found myself entered for my first ever National Road Rally on the weekend of July 1st/2nd - exactly one month before my 60th birthday. I've never done anything gracefully, so I don't see why growing old should be any different.

To tackle the rally purely for self-gratification seemed wholly inappropriate. What many people don't realise is that one of the main aims of the NRR is to raise money for worthwhile causes - I think of it as a London Marathon for people who can't run. I decided that I would like in some small way to help those like the young boy who inspired me to take this on. Many of these children, together with their relatives, are helped tremendously by East Anglia's Children's Hospices. The charity has to raise £16,000 every day in order to offer vital services in Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk & Suffolk. While I would obviously like to raise as much as possible for the charity, I have set myself an initial target of £334 - this being the requirement to run the services for just half an hour! If anyone would like to donate to this cause I have set up a 'Just Giving' page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Paul-Sewter> . You can also donate using your phone by texting BMER60 £* to 70070 (replace the asterisk with the amount you wish to donate)

While searching for information on the rally it struck me that there isn't that much online, with the exception of a very good article by a guy on an RD400. I will therefore be taking the opportunity to document my experiences, including planning the route, hopefully with some video included. Who knows, it may even inspire others in the centre to enter in 2018. How about an over 60's ACU Eastern team?.... now there's a thought.... 'Sidge' Kenny, Ron Greengrass, Charlie Ralph and me... I'd be the youngest one there!



Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC
Sunday 7th May 2017

Spring Trial inc Norfolk & Suffolk Group Championship Rd 3

Open Permit TRIAL
Trials Park, Corton NR32 5LE

Sign On: 9.30am

National Grid Reference: TM 535981

Start: 10.30am

Permit No. ACU 50522

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: tbc

Club Steward(s): tbc

Clerk of the Course: J Newstead (Licence 21726)

Child Protection P.O.C.: A Barrell

Secretary of the Meeting: A Barrell, [REDACTED]

JURISDICTION:

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, these 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 and sidecar machines.

Start / Finish: Trial Park, Corton, Suffolk NR32 5LE

Course: Sand & Hills.

Classes: All adult solo classes. Youth A,B,C,D

Awards: Youth only

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £17.00 for Adults, £14.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to NSJMCC Ltd.

Entries Open: 4th April 2017

Entries Close: At the start

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 Venue: Date of Event:
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Entry declaration: I/we the undersigned apply to enter the event described above and in consideration thereof.

- I declare that I have had the opportunity to read, and that I 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 declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I confirm that I understand the nature and type of event I am 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 confirm that I am not currently suspended from ACU permitted competition or on the ACU Stop List as a result of incurring a Concussion injury.
- I accept that insurance arranged on my behalf by the organisers of events that I may enter specifically excludes liability between the participants. I understand that this form may be used in litigation as evidence that any serious injury will be principally the result of my voluntary decision to engage in a high risk activity.
- 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 confirm that the machine(s) as described below which I shall participate on shall be suitable and proper for the purpose. I confirm that I am eligible to compete on the machines for which I have entered.
- I 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 they will comply with the regulations in respect thereof.
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- I confirm that I have not been refused an ACU Licence, nor have I been excluded from any ACU competition.

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

Don't forget to put Entry Fee here

Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport: I understand that by taking part in this event I am exposed to a risk of death, becoming permanently disabled or suffering some other serious injury and I acknowledge that even in the event that negligence on the part of the ACU, any event organiser, any circuit owner, 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 may suffer, the dominant cause of any serious injury will always be my voluntary decision to take part in a high risk activity.

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Don't forget to sign

Rider's signature: Please tick box if you are 18 years of age and over ☐

If applicable:

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

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Mark's Progress

Sidge Kenny

Now on the ride from South America to the north up the narrow Isthmus towards Mexico, Mark will possibly reflect that this last month may have provided some of the most dodgy episodes in the transit of the Americas.

Returning from the Galapagos Islands, he stayed in Quito

which he found a "relaxed capital", and duly carried on to Colombia. He spent rather too much time trying to source suitable tyres, having previously used Heidenau "Scouts" (a tyre I had not heard of) right from his time in Australia and ridden some 15,000 miles of all sorts of terrain, on them, he was keen to get some more but found this impossible in either Equador or Colombia.

At Bogota, "Bertha", his BMW, was again crated up and sent – surprisingly, by air – on to Panama City. By then Mark had obtained tyres but not the type he wanted and these at a high cost. He himself landed at Panama City and after sorting out customs difficulties, went on to see the famous canal and enjoy the city and the country – which he described as "tame", he then rode on to Costa Rica which he found more interesting. Nonetheless he had to again press on to Nicaragua. And then to make three fairly rapid border crossings to El Salvador and Guatemala. It is this part of the journey which Mark describes a "dodgy" – whether from corrupt officialdom, political unrest or just straight forward banditry, he does not make clear – suffice to say at the time of writing he is now safely (we hope!) in Mexico.

You can follow Mark virtually day-to-day on:- www.facebook.com/RTW4TCT and don't forget this great adventure is done in the aid of Teenage Cancer Trust with contributions taken via:- www.justgiving.com/Mark-Kemp3



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Ipswich MCC
Sunday 28th May 2017

Open Permit TRIAL
Offton, IP8 4SF

Eastern Experts Trial

Sign On: 9.30 am
National Grid Reference: TM 072493

Start: 10.30 am
Permit No. ACU 50523

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward:	A Foskew	Club Steward(s):	R Timm / R Yapp
Clerk of the Course:	D Cordle (Licence 5689)		
Child Protection P.o.C.:	D Cordle		
Secretary of the Meeting:	Mrs P Cordle, 4 Bullen Close, Bramford, Suffolk, IP8 4JE Tel: 01473 462274 email: the.cordles@talktalk.net		

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Start / Finish: Rook Hill Farm, Offton, Suffolk, IP8 4SF

Course: 4 laps of 10 Sections - Woodland.

Routes: Multi routes

Classes: Experts, Expert B, Inters, Inter B, Novices

Awards: To winner

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

Entries Open: 4th May 2017

Entries Close: 26th May 2017

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Bexleyheath & DMCC
Saturday & Sunday 3rd/4th June 2017

Open Permit TRIAL
Heathfield, East Sussex TN21 8XA

Battle of Burwash Pre-65 & Twinshock Trial

Sign On: Sat: 11am Sun: 9.00am
National Grid Reference: TQ 628234

Start: Sat: 12.00pm Sun: 10.00am
Permit No. ACU 50265

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward:	tbc	Club Steward(s):	tbc
Clerk of the Course:	R Fleet (Licence 48571)		
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Secretary of the Meeting:	D Fleet, 10 Penshurst Rd, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 5ES Tel: 01322 446556 email: rodbfleet@gmail.com		

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Start / Finish: Knowle Farm, Heathfield, East Sussex TN21 8XA

Course: 3 laps of 8 sections (Sat) 3 laps of 13 sections (Sun).

Routes: Hard or Gentleman

Classes: Pre65; Twinshock; Aircooled Monoshock

Awards: All classes

Entries: Entry for this event is via the ACU online entry system - Go To <https://members.acu.org.uk> LOGIN or REGISTER then go to 'Search for an Event'; find the event and follow process to enter. As an option, entries may be made on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £20.00 for one day, or £25.00 for two days. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques to be made payable to Bexleyheath & DMCC Late Entries + £20.00

Entries Open: 4th May 2017

Entries Close: 26th May 2017

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Camping available F.O.C. from 2nd to 4th June. Free toilets & water. No food van.
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ACU Eastern Trials Committee

On 6TH April the first meeting of 2017 of the Trials Committee was held at Great Blakenham, although full minutes will be available on the Eastern Centre website under Useful Information, the following points are of significance to all trials riders and organisers.

1. Generally the appointment of Stewards in 2017 has improved, but clubs are reminded that for each 2017 A or B class championship trial they run they will need to supply a steward for another club's events.
2. The Braintree LDT scheduled for 2nd April will now take place on 1st October.
3. The Chelmsford trial scheduled for 13th May will now take on 6th May.
4. The committee is still concerned that sections in some trials, specifically A Class championship rounds, are too hard and this is causing more riders to compete as Expert B or Intermediate B.
5. There is still interest in starting an ACUE Trials FaceBook page if anyone wants to volunteer to organise.

Braintree & DMCC
Sunday 4th June 2017

Open Permit MOTOCROSS
Hatches Farm, Stisted CM77 8AA
Jack Hubbard Trophy Motocross Inc NGR Champs, EVO & Pre 1990 Series

Sign On: 8.30am

Practice: 10.30 am

Start: 11.30 am

National Grid Reference: TL 783235

Permit No. ACU 50412

OFFICIALS:-

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Course: Traditional Natural Undulating Pastureland.

Classes: MX1, MX2, NGR, Pre 1990, EVO, Twinshock, Pre-65

Awards: Jack Hubbard Trophy to best EC MX1 rider; Prize Fund subject to entry

Entries: Entry for this event is via the ACU online entry system - Go To <https://members.acu.org.uk> LOGIN or REGISTER then go to 'Search for an Event'; find the event and follow process to enter. As an option, entries may be made on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £48.00. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques to be made payable to Braintree & DMCC.

Entries Open: 4th May 2017

Entries Close: 31st May 2017

NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY NO TRANSPONDER REQUIRED - MANUAL LAPSCORING; TEAR OFFS NOT ALLOWED. 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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Bickers Lifting ACU Eastern Solo Motocross Championships

Charlie Ralph

The Bickers Lifting sponsored Eastern Motocross championships have had two very successful rounds so far, with closely fought racing in all classes. There has been a good response from expert graded riders, in as much that the premier class has consisted of experts only, therefore the intermediate class has effectively become the junior championship races.

The premier group has seen several different winners, and the centre has a very strong expert line up, probably the strongest batch of riders in the country. Apart from the usual top lads in the region featuring closely fought racing, it is promising to see several new young riders in the mix.

Round one at Wakes Colne saw a decent sized crowd watching some good races, with Essex youngster, Dylan Woodcock taking the overall win from Halstead favourite, Brad Tomlin. Brad Woodroffe was on the pace with third overall, from Luke Benstead, Declan Whittle and 2016 champion, Luke Parker. Current British youth champion, George Grigg Pettitt was also on the pace in his first year in the adults, with 7th overall.

The junior championship races were also hotly contested with Rheis Morter coming out on top. Much improved Aaron Holloway was 2nd, from Dexter Wharton and Sam Harwood.

Round two at Mildenhall, hosted by the Littleport club, saw some really close racing with Kent youngster, Mitchell Lewis taking on the local lads, but it was Luke Benstead who came out on top, followed by Shaun Southgate, who rode very well, considering that he has been under the weather of late. Luke Parker was next, from Brad Woodroffe, Mitchell Lewis and sixteen year old Hertfordshire lad, Tom Grimshaw.

Newcomer to the series, James Wayman, had two wins and a fourth place in the junior races, to win overall, from Alex Hornsby, Rheis Morter, Aaron Holloway and vet, Tim Clark.

The bad news at Mildenhall was the injury to Dean Smith, who clipped a bank with his leg, ending up with two spiral fractures in his tibia. We all wish him well. Also , best wishes go to James Miles, who recently took a knock as well.

The Eastern MX committee extends its congrats to Rheis Morter and Aaron Holloway, for obtaining enough grading points to be promoted to expert status in the near future. They have both decided to take the option of still competing in the 2017 junior championships, but obviously will ride as expert graded riders in other events.

All the results and current standings for the Eastern championships can be found on the website, easternacu.org

The HRM Boilers sponsored holeshot winners from the first two rounds are as follows:
Experts: Shaun Southgate (2), Luke Parker, Brad Tomlin, Luke Benstead and Brad Woodroffe all have one each. **Juniors:** Aaron Holloway (4), Rheis Morter and Tim Clark, one each.

It is not very often that the unsung heroes get a mention for all the valuable work that they do week in, week out, for our sport. Val, Andrew and Lyn , the timing team. The marshals who always turn up, whatever the weather. The officials from various clubs who can always be relied upon to help out at meetings. the hard working race secretaries that have to deal with the entries, and Paul Sewter, who keeps us all informed via the website. There are many more of course, so well done to you all.

Norwich Viking MCC
Sunday 25th June 2017

Open Permit MOTOCROSS
Cadders Hill, Lyng NR9 5QZ

Bickers Lifting ACU Eastern Solo Motocross Championship Rd 4

Sign On: 8.00 am

Practice: 10.00am

Start: 12.00pm

National Grid Reference: TG 068175

Permit No. ACU 50368

OFFICIALS:-

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Club Steward(s): D Kingsnorth / D Mills

Clerk of the Course: A Hay (Licence 22472)

Child Protection P.O.C.: V Hay

Secretary of the Meeting: V Hay, 27 Tizzick Close, Norwich, NR5 9HG

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Course: 1402m undulating land & natural hillside, primarily sand..

Classes: As per championship conditions

Awards: As per championship conditions

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Entries Open: 16th May 2017

Entries Close: 20th June 2017

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TOP FIFTEEN EXPERT & JUNIOR RIDERS AFTER TWO ROUNDS

EXPERT CHAMPIONSHIP

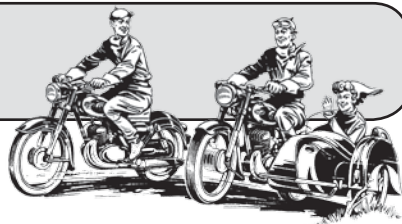
Pos	No.	Rider	Pts
1	190	Luke Benstead	128
2	302	Brad Woodroffe	107
3	1	Luke Parker	104
4	417	Declan Whittle	91
5	33	Bradley Tomlin	90
6	301	Shaun Southgate	86
7	12	George Grigg-Pettitt	75
8	606	Dylan Woodcock	65
9	188	Adam Day	65
10	155	Steve Bixby	58
11	499	Benjamin Cole	56
12	47	Mitchell Lewis (Jnr)	45
13	861	Tom Grimshaw	42
14	817	George Turner	40
15	981	Jordan Moxey	37

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Pos	No.	Rider	Pts
1	932	Rheis Morter	131
2	137	Aaron Holloway	121
3	914	Alexander Hornsby	102
4	505	Simon Daniels	73
5	901	Ryan McDonnell	71
6	441	James Wayman	68
7	741	Sam Harwood	61
8	448	Joe Salmons	57
9	139	Joe Eaton	53
10	377	Dexter Wharton	51
11	501	Timothy Clark	50
12	123	Joe Jeffries	48
13	228	Benjamin Alexander	41
14	191	Joe Cornwell	39
15	416	Ashly Campbell	37

Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



It is a skilled business – if not an art – in laying out good sections for a trial. The essential requirement for any working party engaged in this task, is to provide a degree of challenge to the competing riders yet at the same time, not to present them with “killer” aspects. It can be a tricky business, for what was a perfectly rideable section set out on a dry, sunny Saturday, can be rendered an impossible morass by overnight rain for the Sunday meeting. Rapid revision on the Sunday morning is sometimes necessary. To add to the section designer’s difficulties, his undertaking is made all the more problematic as season follows season, with the ongoing technical improvements to trials bikes and also the increasing skills of the top riders. The gap between them and that of the ordinary clubman on his faithful old twin-shock, grows wider with each passing year. The former days of “single route” trials events could not possibly embrace the variances in both machinery and riding ability. Thus, the introduction of “multi-route” was of course the obvious answer, seen from today’s perspective. Yet when it was first proposed some thirty or more years ago, there was great resistance – not the least of which, was from the Eastern Centre Competitions Committee. However, over time, the system was duly adopted and has become the normal. No one to my knowledge, has ever assessed exactly how much “multi-route” has benefited the overall sport of trials riding but my guess is, it might well have saved it from possible extinction, at least on the “newcomers” side. The sport needs a healthy intake of novice riders who will not be put off by an excess of “impossible” sections. As it is, in most trials today, any section might well have two or three different routes - four even - if sidecars are included.

Where does that leave the “Section Plotters” who now have to consider a variety of elements in any particular section they wish to set out? Overwhelmingly in my experience, they rise to the job in hand and they have my admiration. Usually going in and coming out of the same “begins” and “ends” cards, they manage to arrange what goes on in-between, over what is a comparatively short distance, a testing course which in its various routes, can be ridden –or attempted to be ridden - by the leading men on the latest bikes, or the youngest novice riders - and also by silly old sods like me. I have often wondered how these folk who set out the sections, approach the problem. Do



“I know there’s a rider in here somewhere”

they look at the ground and devise the basic, “easy-route” section first and then, add in some tricky extras to provide the top level challenge - or do they do it the other way round and make “easements” in a section primarily laid out for the top guns? How ever they achieve it, most riders get to enjoy a good day’s sport – and accordingly the entries come in for meeting after meeting.

My personal experience of laying out sections, goes right back to the less complex days of the 1960’s. And “single route”. If we ever looked at a proposed section, trying to figure out if it would be too hard or too easy, we had a guiding motto, which ran:- “- they’ll always forgive an easy trial...” - which was perhaps not so much of a guideline as more of a comment on human nature...

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

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Eddie Cordle

There may have been more successful trials riders than Eddie Cordle, whose sad passing occurred last month after a short illness, last month - but there were none more remarkable – certainly not in this Centre. Born in a motorcycle related family and survived by his brother, Dave, Eddie's early entrance into motorcycle sport may also have been kindled by working with Denny Reeve – an experienced competition rider – at Revetts motorcycles in Stowmarket. His career in trials came at an interesting time, perhaps to be described as on the “cusp” of the swing from British machines to the foreign makes. After his debut rides on a Triumph “Tiger Cub”, his emerging talent, earned him attention and support from various home companies such as BSA, James and Cotton. By the mid 1960's, he was a leading rider in Centre trials competition regularly picking up major awards and had the occasional outings in scrambles (motocross). He was also picked to represent the Centre in the National, “Inter-centre” team trials – a major event in its day - though he commented he did not relish riding on rocks. As the “Spanish Invasion” came - again in the 1960's - Eddie carried on with his winning ways on both Bultaco and Montesa bikes – preferring the latter. His contests with two other up-and-comers: John Kendall and Alan Collier, for top honours, would be resumed Sunday after Sunday.

To many however, his greatest achievements were on the early Italian Fantic machines imported by Roy Carey, who had the foresight to engage Eddie's services early on. His ability to get these little bikes – starting with the 125cc version – up the steepest climbs, was unbelievable and gained him a great reputation and a following. Over the 1970's and 80's he was also able to influence the development of these machines and sold them from his shop set up in Bramford Road Ipswich – in later times, to cater for mobility scooters.

In a sport where specialisation and image was being portrayed more and more, Eddie was an unlikely trend-setter. He did not allow his trials to prevent him enjoying a good social life. If he turned up to a meeting without his boots or with a broken clutch cable – it mattered not. He would often walk to examine a section, having lit up a cigarette. Nonetheless, he carried on winning. If other riders appeared more fit and agile – or took their riding more seriously than Ed – no matter again. When he was on the job, he was most decidedly on it – and his approach to the technical requirements of successfully tackling sections was totally unique.

“Their like will not be seen again” - is often said at times like this. The phrase could have been coined especially for Eddie Cordle.



Sudbury Club Notes

Roger Chaplin

Upcoming events 14th May Round 3 G H
Motorcycles/Husqvarna/ACU Eastern Solo
Enduro Championship at Foxborough Quarry

Sible Hedingham being run on the Hare and Hounds format (Round 2 on the week before at Hawkendon) and Round 4 is on 18th June at Hadham a time card event. Looking even further ahead our Annual Dinner and Awards Night will be returning to the Stoke by Nayland Hotel and Golf Club and the date we have been allocated is Saturday 27th January 2018, details will appear later in the year.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Eddie Cordle one of the great Eastern Centre Trials riders, he also did a bit of Scrambling and later became a very good Golf player. I have several memories of Eddie one of them is travelling with him in 1970 to the Scottish Six Day Trial in which he rode and I helped at the event, we had a good laugh. Another memory was in 1971 when I was asked to organise a Trials Demonstration for Anglia Television and Eddie kindly agreed to appear. Rest in peace Eddie you were a great rider, a pleasure to watch, you made me smile and laugh.

What a lovely and great day it was for Round 1 of the Dave Barkshire Motorcycles Two Man Championship the sun shone all day and the temperature reached 26C. The venue was at Strait Mill Bocking and this was the first time we used it. A superb course was laid out, it became a little dusty later on but in the morning with the dew still on the grassy bits saw a few riders falling off, too much brake, and I managed to capture some of this on film.

There was some great riding and battles between the various teams in all Classes. In the Championship it was a win for Rick and Jamie Roper on 45.83 laps followed by Sam Mitchell/Brendan Mayers 45.67 laps and Harvey Mutton/Toby Morley 43.67 laps. Kevin Palmer who won the Clubman Class last year stepped up to the Experts and was partnered by Ben Grice and they took the win on 43.00 laps. Second were Mark Mitchell/Joe Marsh 42.83 laps, 3rd Lewis Weller/Lee Monger 42.67 laps and 4th Daniel Wright/ Alex Barkshire (hope Dad was pleased) 41.33 laps. There was a tie on net laps in the Clubman Class both teams completing 41.17 and the verdict went to Paul and Daniel Hunt as they had the better Special Test time and Matt Smith/Marc Norton had to be contented with second place. Third were Andy Blackman/Gary Vines 40.17 laps, 4th Will Nice/Ben Marsh 40.00 laps and 5th Kyle Betts/Aaron Barkshire (hope Dad was pleased again) 39.67 laps.

This was a great venue and I understand Braintree will be staging a Trial later this year which reminds me of my first visit to Strait Mill which was last century I was Centre Steward at a Braintree Trial. Since then more houses have appeared around the site which has been designated for more houses in the future.



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Woodbridge Club Notes

Charlie Ralph

Our club organisers have had a busy time of late, also our club riders. Early April saw our first mx race meeting at Blaxhall this year, and a good sized crowd saw some fine racing in all classes. Steve Bixby was our top expert with 2nd overall, and Luke Benstead, despite only finishing in two races, was 3rd on the day. Young George Grigg Pettitt was 5th overall, Sam Mitchell 8th, and Josh Keeble was 10th. It was good to see Sam Arbon back in action, after being out of racing for around 14 months. The best club junior grade rider was Aaron Holloway, who was 2nd overall, with Rheis Morter 3rd. In the NGR over 30's round one championships, Jake Morphey was 5th, Lee Keyton 6th, and Andy Cattermole 11th.

Well done to John and the track crew, who ensured the circuit was again in prime condition.

The NGR lads were at Badby, Northamptonshire, for round two, where Lee, Jake, Andy and Steve Bottoms all scored good points. Our South Midland resident, Mike McClurg, was the top expert, and Sam Harwood was the leading junior rider. At Toddington

for round 3 of the NGR's, Steve Bottoms was our club's top scorer, with Jake and grumpy Lee all adding points to their tally, with top eight places.

Round one of the Bickers Lifting sponsored Eastern championships saw the Halstead club putting on an excellent meeting, with loads of our club members in the results. Luke Benstead had a win, and was 4th overall on the day, GGP was 7th, Steve Bixby 9th, and despite feeling under the weather, and a puncture, Shaun Southgate was 10th. Connor Hughes is now back on his beloved two stroke, and rode well for 11th overall, just ahead of stylish Adam Day.

In the Eastern junior championship races, Woodbridge club riders filled the first four places. Rheis Morter was again in great form, taking two wins and a 3rd, to lead the series. Second overall with three great rides was Aaron Holloway, Dexter Wharton was 3rd overall, ahead of our South Midland member, Sam Harwood. Allrounder Ben Alexander, was down in 15th place in race one, but two good 6th places saw him finish 8th overall.

Jake Nicholls took the overall win at round two of the British championships at Lyng, watched by a big crowd. Jake leads the series, much deserved after putting in the hours. Luke Benstead rode well against a stacked field of top riders, and again scored points in both moto's. A big well done to Andrew and Val Hay of the Vikings club for a great effort at Lyng.

Latest news is not so good. Jake was at round five of the World rounds in Italy, and has dislocated his hip during race two. We are all



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gutted for Jake and the team, and at the time of writing this, I do not know the extent of the injury. We sincerely wish him a speedy recovery.

Our first enduro event at Iken will have taken place by the time these notes are published, more news in the next issue. At round one of the Dave Barkshire two man team event at a new venue near Braintree, the Sudbury club were the hosts. Sam Mitchell, with his team mate Brendon Mayers were 2nd overall in the premier class, with Harvey Mutton and Toby Morley having a good day in 3rd place. Will Kerry, along with Kiwi Hockey were 5th.

The feet up lads were at Little Bealings recently, with Daniel Carter 2nd behind Eastern veteran, Mark Banham. David Woods had a good day, finishing 3rd in the inter group.

Our trial at Blaxhall on Good Friday saw a good variety of sections, with Daniel once again our top club member, winning the Kenny and Margaret Shield. A good entry of around 70 riders gave up their hot cross buns to compete. David Woods was 5th best twin shock rider, with his brother Andrew, and Mark Teager four and five places behind him.

Father Paul Woods was 4th best inter route twin shock rider, one ahead of Alan Miller. I must mention 79 year old trials legend, Doug Theobald, who won the easy route group, what a guy ! At the other end of the age generation, 6 year old Alfred Eaves also enjoyed his day with some good riding.

The next Woodbridge event will be round three of the Eastern Motocross championships at Blaxhall on May 28th. In the words of dear old Frank Carson, " it will be a cracker".

Finally some very sad news, learning of the passing of Eddie Cordell. As most of you will know, Eddie was a trials legend in this Centre for many years, and was probably the best Eastern Centre rider of all time, along with Mr. Theobald. Anyone who saw him riding would marvel at the man. The Woodbridge club sends its very sincere condolences to his family, and to his brother David.



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7th	NSJMCC	Trial	Open	Corton	Nfk & Sfk Group Trials Champs Rd 3
7th	Bury St Edmunds	Enduro	Open	Hawkedon	ACU East'n Solo Enduro Champ Rd 2
7th	Norwich Viking MCC	MX	National	Lyng	MX Nationals
14th	500cc Sidecar Assoc.	GT	Open	Hylands House	Youth National Championship
14th	Essex & Suffolk Border Trial		Open	Raydon	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (A) Rd 3
14th	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Foxborough	ACU East'n Solo Enduro Champ Rd 3
14th	NSJMCC	MX	Open	Gt Hockham	
20th	Southend	Trial	Open	Poles Wood	
21st	Diss	MX	Open	Wattisfield Hall	NGR & EVO
28th	Ipswich	Trial	Open	Offton	Eastern Experts
28th	Woodbridge	MX	Open	Blaxhall	Bickers Lifting ACU Eastern MX Rd 3

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4th	Braintree	MX	Open	Stisted	NGR & EVO
10th	Ipswich	Trial	Restricted	Bramford	
18th	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Home Farm	GH MC Husqvarna ACUE Enduro Rd 4
18th	NSJMCC	MX	Open	Gt Hockham	
24th	NSJMCC	Trial	Open	Rendham	
24th	Braintree	Trial	Open	tba	
25th	Norwich Viking MCC	MX	Open	Lyng	Bickers Lifting ACU Eastern MX Rd 4
25th	Nfk & Sfk Group	Trial	OPEN	Corton	Nfk & Sfk Group Trials Champs Rd 4

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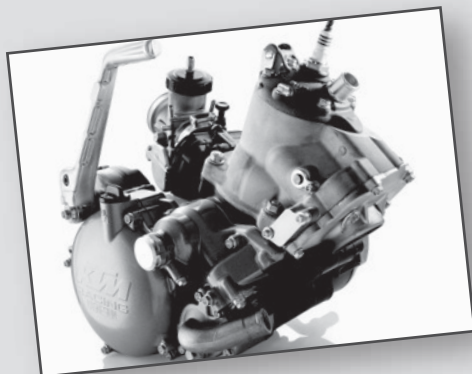
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