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It is with great sadness that I received the news that former Centre Chairman, and current Life Vice President, Derek Clampin passed away on Friday October 27th. He was of course, so much more than our Centre Chairman, holding senior positions at the ACU, and a very active competitor and event organiser until very recently. A full obituary will be published in the December issue of the gazette.

## Foreword

*Phil Armes*



Last month I speculated on the outcome of the Centre motocross championship, and the fact that Luke Benstead had one hand on the crown, heading into the final round at Lyng. Well, it was nearly a case of 'commentator's curse', or in this case, 'editor's curse' as Luke suffered a bad knee injury. However, his 8th in the opening moto was enough to clinch the title, and allow him the luxury of sitting out the final two races of the season. Although it wasn't so easy for Declan Whittle and Luke Parker who traded places throughout the three motos before Parker just managed to snatch second in the series. Rheis Morter was duly crowned Junior champion and will no doubt be a force to be reckoned with in the Experts class next year. Full report and results are on the Centre website.

And while I am talking about motocross the world championship dates appear to have been confirmed which has allowed the ACU to finalise the dates for the Maxxis British Motocross Championship. I note that there is a clash of dates with the MX Nationals, and wonder if that is a statement of intent from the ACU after the organisers of the MX Nationals have chosen to work with the MCF as from 2018. No doubt time will tell.

Norfolk & Suffolk Police and the Forestry Commission in East England have conducted a number of spot checks in recent months to stamp out illegal riding in Thetford Forest. There is some good and bad news with regard to the incidence of illegal riding, but the message does seem to be, slowly, getting through. Further information about the efforts to stamp out illegal riding can be found in this issue.

And finally, just a reminder that the Centre AGM and subsequent board meeting will be held at Stanway on November 12th; followed by the dates meeting at Gt Blakenham on November 17th.

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Eastern Fourstroke Association.

# 37th THUMPERS

## BRITISH BIKE TRIAL

(Including round 5 of the E.C Pre 70 Championship, class C)

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2017

Permit No: ACU 51471

Start Time: 10:00 am.

**Clerk of the Course:** Chris Mace (Licence 38767).

**Secretary of Meeting:** June Kent. 30 Clayhall Place. Acton. Sudbury. CO10 0BT  
Tel: 01787 379192 mob: 07891 289645 email: [june17kent@talktalk.net](mailto:june17kent@talktalk.net)

**1. 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.

**2. ELIGIBILITY:** The Competition is open to all adult members of ACU affiliated clubs, riding solo machines of BRITISH MANUFACTURE made before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1969.

**3. ENTRIES:** Entry forms to be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with 1 sae for programme (11cm x 22cm minimum), send another if you want results posted. Results will be on the club website [www.eastern-fourstroke-association.co.uk](http://www.eastern-fourstroke-association.co.uk)

All entrants must show their 2017 ACU trials Registration card when signing on.

Entries open 9th Oct 2017 and close **Saturday, 18th November. No late entries.**

**4. FEES:** Solo £15.00 cheques made payable to: 'EFA'.

**5. COURSE:** Poplars Chase Farm. Station Rd. Thorington. Colchester. Essex. CO7 8HZ.  
3 laps of approx 16 sections, all on private land.

**6. START:** Will be in order of entries received, riders away at half minute intervals.

**7. ROUTES:** Hard: 50/50: Easy. (The 50/50 route is intended to present an increased challenge for middle ability riders not wanting/able to ride the full hard route. Each section start card will be marked by the C of C to indicate if you ride the hard or easy route through that section).

### 8. CLASSES:

A. British Pre-unit construction four-strokes.

B. British Unit construction four-strokes.

C. Rigid Rear / Girder Front single or twin four-strokes.

D. Rigid Rear / Tele Front single or twin four-strokes.

E. Any British two-stroke, sprung or unsprung.

F. Any British 'Special' (machines that the entrant and/or machine examiner do not consider conforming to classes A to E or fail to meet the spirit of pre 70 competition).

**9. AWARDS:** Best performance in each class on the hard route. Also classes C and D who will ride the easy route. Best in class awards subject to a minimum of 5 entries, second in class subject to a minimum of 10.

**10. MARKING:** TSR 22 B (No-stop trial).

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- 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.
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- I confirm that I have not been refused an ACU Licence, nor had an ACU Licence suspended, nor have I been excluded from any ACU competition.

I enclose the entry fee of: £.....

**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.

**I have read the above and acknowledge that my participation in motorsport is entirely at my own risk. I agree that I am required to register on arrival by "signing on" at the designated place before taking part in any Practice Session/Race, Trials or Enduro**

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

**FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER AGE OF 18, DECLARATION OF PARENT/ PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

**(COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)** I ..... the parent/person with parental responsibility of the above named participant, hereinafter referred to as 'my child', accept that my child may participate in the aforementioned meeting. I declare as follows: - I have read and understood the "Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport" which appears above. I appreciate the dangers inherent in motorsport which include the risk of death or permanent disablement. The child does not suffer from any physical, medical or mental disability which would make it unsafe for him/her to participate either as a Competitor or for Practice. I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure that the child and I have had the opportunity to read and understand the National Sporting Code of the ACU, Standing Regulations, Supplementary Regulations and Final Instructions subsequently issued and this Entry Form and that he/she will comply with them. I accept that photographs or video films may be taken of my child by officials dealing with safety issues or accident investigations. Photographs may also be taken for promotional purposes and may appear on the ACU website or in ACU publications.

**Signature of Parent/person with parental responsibility:** ..... **Date:** .....

**Address:** .....

**Extract from NSC Article 7.14:** A parent or legal guardian of a rider or passenger participating in a competition requiring consent is deemed to bear mutual responsibility with that competitor.

**Rider's Surname:** ..... **First Name:** ..... **D.O.B:** .....

**Address:** ..... **Postcode:** .....

**Phone No:** ..... **Email:** .....

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

**Machine:** ..... **C.C** ..... **E.C Pre 70 Championship (YES / NO)**

**Class Entered: (circle one) A B C D E F** **Route: (circle one) Hard 50/50 Easy**

.....  
**Contact and phone number in the event of an emergency.**



# **Bickers Lifting ACU Eastern Solo Motocross Championships**

*Charlie Ralph - Motocross Committee Chairman*

Another season now over, and we have had many favourable comments following this year's Eastern Motocross championships from riders, teams and race fans which is appreciated by our sub committee who ask for no reward in attempting to provide good, entertaining race meetings. Following the unfortunate cancellation of round five at Wattisfield, due to waterlogged areas at the circuit, the final two rounds saw the inclusion of the fastest ten junior grade riders from timed practise competing with the experts in the premier class races for the first time this year.

Obviously, we would have preferred to see just experts in the premier races, but having said that, the top junior lads put on a great show at Blaxhall and at Lyng, and were certainly not disgraced.

Super quick Jake Nicholls made his comeback from injury at the final two rounds, putting on a great show. Jake was unbeatable, winning all six races, and it was great to read his comments about the Eastern organisation, circuit preparations etc.

Luke Benstead regained the experts title that he won in 2015, despite riding with a nasty knee injury. Last year's champion, Luke Parker, finished as runner up, which has pleased their sponsors, Gavin Hockey and Steve Finch. New MX Nationals expert champion, Declan Whittle, rounded out a good year for the Herts MX/Danger UK team by finishing third in the series. Declan has gained a lot of fans with his all out riding style. Steve Bixby, Shaun Southgate, and Jason Morland plus many others have all put on a great show this year, and I think that its safe to say that as far as ACU Centre's are concerned, we are the strongest in the UK. Also encouraging is the emergence of several really good youngsters on the expert scene. Tom Grimshaw, Dylan Woodcock, George Grigg Pettitt, Ben Clark, Josh Peters and Calum Mitchell are just some of the names to mention. These lads are truly the stars of the future. Dylan has claimed the MX2 Eastern title this year.

Rheis Morter's story is worth a mention. Leading the Eastern junior championships back in 2012, Rheis broke his femur and retired from the sport. Making a steady come back last year, he has now won the Eastern Junior title and also the MX2 junior award. Aaron Holloway chased Rheis for the junior title this year, but was injured at Blaxhall, which ended his season as runner up. We wish both riders well in next year's expert class, along with the other upgraded guys.

Paul (Wally) Hubbard has won the over 40's trophy this year, just reward for a guy who is so passionate about the sport.

The MX committee extends special thanks to Paul Bickers for his valuable sponsorship this year, and to Simon Eastwell of HRM Boilers for putting up the holeshot money. Both have said that they will continue to support the Eastern Centre in 2018.

Following the Motocross forum, the committee will discuss any comments made when they meet in November to formalise the championship rules for 2018.

Grateful thanks to the marshals this year. We can boast that they are the best bunch anywhere in the UK. Thanks to the various medical services, race officials, the timing team and to Paul Sewter for all his input. The riders numbers scheme raised £3405 this year, this will be split equally between the East Anglian and Essex Air Ambulances plus the ACU benevolent fund.

Well done to all concerned and to Andrew Hay for controlling this excellent scheme.



## 2017 Expert Championship Results

Pos	No.	Rider	Pts
1	190	Luke Benstead	307
2	1	Luke Parker	276
3	417	Declan Whittle	271
4	155	Steve Bixby	225
5	302	Brad Woodroffe	224
6	301	Shaun Southgate	202
7	606	Dylan Woodcock	184
8	3	Jason Morland	182
9	499	Benjamin Cole	164
10	33	Bradley Tomlin	155
11	861	Tom Grimshaw	154
12	45	Jake Nicholls	150
13	817	George Turner	121
14	12	George Grigg-Pettitt	110
15	188	Adam Day	106
16	18	George Ellis	86
17	48	Benjamin Talbott	84
18	172	Connor Hughes	78
19	605	Steven Lenoir	75
20	773	Luke Norris	60



# BICKERS LIFTING ACU EASTERN SOLO MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2017 Junior Championship Results

Pos	No.	Rider	Pts
1	932	Rheis Morter	378
2	137	Aaron Holloway	279
3	441	James Wayman	235
4	448	Joe Salmons	213
5	228	Benjamin Alexander	183
6	282	Connor Baldry	182
7	122	James Suckling	165
8	844	Harvey Thomas	157
9	914	Alexander Hornsby	154
10	241	Jack Youngs	119
11	505	Simon Daniels	106
12	416	Ashly Campbell	98
13	603	Aaron Framingham	91
14	125	Paul 'Wally' Hubbard	85
15	192	Gareth Lane	78
16	501	Timothy Clark	76
17	123	Jae Jeffries	72
18	901	Ryan McDonnell	71
19	189	Joseph Golding	68
20	139	Joe Eaton	67

## 2017 ACU Eastern Club Motocross Championship

Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total
Woodbridge & DMCC	134	139	121	139	-	124	119	<b>776</b>
Norwich Viking MCC	97	102	86	70	-	110	123	<b>588</b>
Halstead & DMCC	106	96	87	65	-	88	43	<b>485</b>
East Anglian SSC	42	92	91	70	-	90	89	<b>474</b>
Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC	87	37	54	56	-	46	90	<b>370</b>
Diss & DMCC	24	74	52	61	-	33	50	<b>294</b>
Sudbury & DMCC	42	38	30	35	-	10	15	<b>170</b>
Braintree	0	0	0	0	-	18	3	<b>21</b>
Lowestoft Invaders MCC	0	0	5	0	-	0	2	<b>7</b>
Stowmarket & DMCC	0	0	0	4	-	3	0	<b>7</b>

### Motocross Officials Seminar

A seminar has been arranged for moto cross officials and technical officials for Saturday 27th January 2018. The venue is The Parish Rooms Gt Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP6 0NJ.

The Clerk of the Course/Stewards seminar will commence at 9.30am with the Technical Seminar commencing at 1.30pm.

Officials who are due to renew their licences will be contacted by ACU Rugby and anyone wishing to attend the seminars for the first time will be very welcome.

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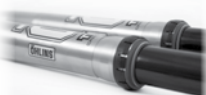
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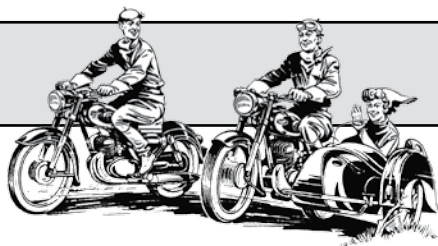
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# Recollection Section

*Sidge Kenny*



To a large proportion of followers of our sport, it must seem that quads have been with us for ever. Described not inaccurately as “four-wheeled motorbikes”, they have a place well established in the motorcycling sporting scene and at times will share and feature on the same race program as the bikes.

However, to anyone around my age, the initial definition of, “quad” was of a four-wheel drive military vehicle, usually a lorry type or a recovery vehicle and I - perhaps wrongly - tend to associate them with the Thorneycroft company. The fact is that until the 1970’s quads as we know them did not exist - nor anything like them. Indeed the fore-runner of the quad was a three wheeler - a motorised version of a kiddies tricycle and manufactured by Honda. Known then as an “ATC” (All Terrain Cycle) I think the first time I saw one was when Dave Bickers brought an example back from the USA. I particularly recall the balloon tyres, very large and very round and covered in pimply rubber nibs. I assumed it was intended for use on soft sandy surfaces - perhaps the beaches to impress the Californian girls and I think we in the UK passed them off as simply being a clever and wacky gimmick, displaying the innovation of the Japanese - in much the same way as the tiny, “monkey bikes” had done a decade or so earlier.

It seems that sticking an engine in a single front wheel layout of a tricycle unleashes a factor of instability which evidently caused so many accidents that the ultra-safe American legislators banned them. If any one seriously thought that setback would present any lasting obstacle to the ingenuity of Japanese designers they were quite wrong. They were swiftly back to the drawing board and soon came up with a new product which, perhaps obviously, was a four -wheeled version: the ATV

It would be therefore around the early 1980’s when I was phoned quite out of the blue, by the sales manager of a major garden machinery distribution company who I dealt with.



"Can you take a day-off next week?" he enquired. I asked why. "I would value your advice and opinion on something new thats coming into our trade". I was intrigued and questioned him more on what it was. "Well, I suppose its a four-wheeled version of a motorbike and they are aiming it at the forestry, farming and horticultural market. They are made by Suzuki so you will obviously be a good man to come along and judge them."

I duly took the agreed day off and we journeyed to a farm in Oxford where the demonstration took place before a good many dealers, farmers and other interested parties. To my recall there were just three models and I think the smallest was a 80cc, followed by a 125cc - and I think, a 250cc version was the biggie of the day. The machines were clearly designed for utilitarian use with grid steel stowage trays fore and aft. I was impressed with the incorporation of proper, "Ackerman" steering and as ever with the Japanese, the attention to detail was exemplary. The engines of course, were familiar motorcycle units adapted for the purpose. I rode all three over a fairly testing off-road course with one or two steep gradients and soon got used to the four wheel layout - and I was impressed with all three quads stability.

Obviously on the long drive home, the sales manager asked me my opinion. Should his company take them on? "Very nice - " I replied, " - but I cannot see what a farmer, who will probably already have a Land-Rover and several tractors, would want to use them for? Frankly I can't see a future for them..."

But in the event he ignored my advice and they took on the agency to great success and very many sales. And we have subsequently seen quads in all sorts of arenas - both commercial and sporting. They have made their mark and since then I have actually had to service a few over the years. Ruefully, I suppose it just shows what my opinion is worth - but I think I can declare with a degree of confidence that four-wheelers - of all types - are probably here to stay.....



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**Address:** .....

..... **Postcode:** .....

**Phone No.:** ..... **Email:** .....

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

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

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**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 ☐

**Sponsor/Machine Make:** ..... **Engine Size (cc)** .....

**Indicate your preferred route:** Yellow ☐ 50/50 ☐ Red/Blue ☐ 50/50 ☐ White ☐ Beginners ☐

Contact and phone no. in the event of an emergency:





# Sudbury Club Notes

## Roger Chaplin

Congratulations to Sarah and Lee on the birth of their son George on 21st September 11.53am.

At the October Committee Meeting plans were drawn up for our Extreme Enduro on Saturday 30th December, regs should be in the November Gazette if not the December issue also online so please enter and/or pass the word around. While mentioning the Gazette it is thanks to the Editor Phil Armes for publishing photos of the six Class winners of the Centre's Enduro Champions and it was an honour to have one of my photos on the front page also last century I had a photo of myself on the front page.

In the Grass Track world Stephen Green keeps on winning full house at Gosbeck. While in the MX side the only meeting I was able to source was Lyng and Harry Clark in the Premier Class had a DNF, 15th, 17th and 19th overall.

Our Dave Roper Memorial Event at Tye Farm Great Cornard was a double header. First up was the Youth Hare and Hounds which we managed to get 10 entries, 2 riders were elsewhere and three had the cheek to ride in the following Two Man with Max Day riding with his Dad Carl while Joe Phillips and Archie Gunton teamed up together and finished 9th in the Clubman Class. Back to the Youth Race Jake Roper once again was unbeatable and finished 4 laps ahead of Will Belton after the hour session. Jake will be 15 in December and cannot wait to ride in Adult events he is also the rest of them have set their sights racing against their Seniors. Of the ten entries we had four of them were girls so if they progress it will be interesting to see how they get on.

Part two of the double header was the last round of the Dave Barkshire Motorcycles Two Man Enduro Championship. What glorious weather we had, the mist burnt off and the sun shone with great riding what more could you ask for. The final provisional results shows a win for Sam Mitchell/Brendan Myers over Harvey Mutton/Toby Morley in the Championship Class and like the rest of this information is subject to official confirmation, Sam & Brendan wins the 2017 Title. In the Expert Class both Myles Saunders/George Eustace and Tommy Clark/Jack Berry finished on 75 net laps with the win going to Myles & George by ONE second on the special test. Class leaders Kevin Palmer/Ben Grice finished 4th and this was enough to give them the 2017 Class Title. There was another battle in the Clubman Class with Dan & Paul Hunt winning from Shaun Palfrey/Toby Rogers and Matt Smith/Marc Norton. Unlucky day for Will Nice who came off and broke his leg so had to retire as he was with Ben Marsh leading the Clubman Contest by one point from the Hunt brothers who have taken the Title this year. Sorry about the times on the first set of results, this is the first time the system was used for a Two Man without a lunch break however our IT guru went through the whole of the timings and sorted everything out, I am told just small schoolboy error. The system is good and works very well and it is a question of usage to make it more perfect, just think it is only used six times a year and the format is different at each event. Lastly at this event I managed to get a reunion of some past riders etc being Freddie Mayes, Tony Crouch, Trevor Andrews, my brothers Chas aka Tony, Barry also Jim Aim. Barry was the original course builder at Tye Farm he was 18 at the time.

***Finally 26th September had second cataract operation, I write this just finished week two of four putting drops in the right eye four times a day, optician appointment in week five can buy glasses this time then week six check up at the Essex County Hospital Colchester – great staff***





## GH MOTORCYCLES HUSQVARNA ACU EASTERN ENDURO CHAMPIONSHIP

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TIM ROSE	4	17	13	13	15	13	75
MATTHEW POPE	7	9	17	17		11	61
CRAIG ROPER	2	15	10		13	10	50
BRENDON MAYERS	8		15	15			38
RICHARD ROPER	5				17	15	37
BEN CLARK			11			20	31
SAM MITCHELL		13	9	8			30
HARRY CLARK		7	8		10		25
JAMES YEARLEY	1	6		9	7		22
JOE WOOTEN	20						20
WILLIAM HUGHES				11		9	20
LEWIS BOND					11	7	18
LUKE PARKER	17						17
ED POOLEY		10		7			17
TOBY MORLEY	3	8			6		17
JAMIE ROPER	15						15
ROB BLACKMAN		5			9		14
HARVEY MUTTEN					8	6	14
STEVE MASON					4	8	12
ROGER HOLLAND	11						11
ADAM RANSON		11					11
JON HUNT	10						10
DANIEL VAN ZILL				10			10
GAVIN HOUSON	9						9
CHARLES EVANS	6						6
BEN ALEXANDER					5		5
LEE WHITNEY		4					4
RICHARD ELY	3						3
ALEX RAMPTON					3		3

### Enduro forum - Monday, 27th november 2017

Plus Dave Barkshire 2 Man Awards Presentation.

Also 2nd and 3rd GH Motorcycles Husqvarna Championship Awards

**Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket IP14 2AJ**

**8.00pm**

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**Lowestoft Invaders MCC**  
**Sunday 3rd December 2017**

**The Ted Armes Trophy Trial Inc Rd 6 of the B Class Championship**

**Restricted Permit TRIAL**  
**Trials Park, Corton NR32 5LE**

**Sign On:** 8.30am  
**National Grid Reference:** TM 535981

**Start:** 10.30am  
**Permit No.** ACU 51830

**OFFICIALS:-**

**Eastern Centre Steward:** A Penny  
**Clerk of the Course:** C Grice (Licence 38892)  
**Child Protection P.O.C.:** R Greengrass

**Club Steward(s):** R Tozer S Turner

**Secretary of the Meeting:** R Greengrass, 58 Dell Rd, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, NR33 9NS  
Tel: 01502 563566 email: rjg@rongg58.plus.com

**JURISDICTION:**

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**Start / Finish:** Trials Park, Woburn Farm, Stirrups Lane, Corton NR32 5LE

**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 (Adult or Youth)

**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 £13.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Lowestoft Invaders MCC Ltd.

**Entries Open:** 4th November 2017

**Entries Close:** 28th November 2017

No Entries 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

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

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

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## Thetford Forest – Stamping out Illegal Riding - £5K fine!

Norfolk & Suffolk Police and the Forestry Commission in East England have conducted a number of spot checks in recent months to stamp out illegal riding in Thetford Forest. Checks have been targeting hot spots and a considerable number of Section 59 notices (using a vehicle in an anti-social manner) have been issued, including in some cases motorcycles seized.



The good news is a lot of checks on byways have found riders to have legal machinery and aware of their responsibilities. In fact some areas have now seen a significant reduction in illegal riding. Conversely, some riders still haven't got the message and checks conducted early October 2017 have resulted in a further 6 Section 59 notices being issued. Some of Forestry land and the pits riders have been illegally riding are very sensitive from a conservation perspective. In addition, to a bike being seized, an offence can now carry a fine up to £5,000!

During the autumn and winter months checks will continue. Members of the public using the forest, local residents and Diss MCC are being very proactive in assisting the police and forestry with this exercise.

The only places in Thetford Forest where off road riding is permitted is at authorised tracks such as Hit the Dirt at Swaffham or the Norfolk and Suffolk Schoolboy Track at Hockham. Even then riding in at these venues is only permitted when they are open for an event or authorised practise day. All other areas of forest including locations such as Two Mile Bottom or where the Diss Club run enduro events, is strictly no go. If you are trail riding – you **must be road legal and you must not** deviate from authorised green lane routes. Prepared to be stopped.

Ignorance is not an excuse.

Diss MCC

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

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**Norwich Viking MCC**  
**Sunday 10th December 2017**

**Open Permit TRIAL**  
**Cadders Hill, Norfolk NR9 5AL**

**Rd 7 Nfk & Sfk Group Championship**

**Sign On:** 9.30am  
**National Grid Reference:** TG 066174

**Start:** 10.30am  
**Permit No.** ACU 51831

**OFFICIALS:-**

**Eastern Centre Steward:** tbc  
**Clerk of the Course:** B Douglas (Licence 70441)  
**Child Protection P.O.C.:** B Douglas  
**Secretary of the Meeting:** B Douglas, The Old Cottages, The Moor, Reepham, Norfolk NR10 4NL

**Club Steward(s):** J Douglas R Brooks

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

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**Start / Finish:** Cadders Hill, Lyng, Norfolk NR9 5AL

**Course:** 5 laps of 8 sections.

**Classes:** 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 £16.00 for Adult, and £12.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Norwich Viking MCC Ltd.

**Entries Open:** 20th November 2017

**Entries Close:** On the day

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## NOVEMBER

<b>5th</b>	<b>E &amp; S Border</b>	<b>Trial</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Raydon</b>	<b>ACU Eastern Trials Champs (B) Rd 5</b>
12th	Remembrance Sunday	AGM & Board Meeting 13.00			
<b>19th</b>	<b>Southend</b>	<b>Trial</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Poles Wood</b>	
19th	Diss	Enduro	National	Thetford Forest	British
<b>26th</b>	<b>EFA</b>	<b>Trial</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Thorrington</b>	<b>ACU Eastern Trials Champs (C) Rd 5</b>

## DECEMBER

<b>3rd</b>	<b>Lowestoft Invaders</b>	<b>Trial</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Corton</b>	<b>ACU Eastern Trials Champs (B) Rd 6</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>Norwich Viking</b>	<b>Trial</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Lyng</b>	<b>Norfolk &amp; Suffolk Group Rd 7</b>
17th	NSJMCC	Trial	Open	Gt Hockham	
17th	Braintree	Trial	Open	Beazley End	
26th	Triangle	Trial	Open	Raydon	
30th	Braintree	Trial	Open	Twinstead	
31st	Woodbridge	Trial	Open	Butley	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (C) Rd 6

## JANUARY

1st	Norwich Viking	Trial	Open	Lyng
7th	EFA	Trial	Restricted	Little Bealings
7th	Sudbury MCC	Extreme Enduro	OPEN	Foxborough
14th	Wymondham	Trial	Open	Gt Ellingham
28th	Ipswich	Trial	Restricted	Raydon

Events shown in bold - Reg in this issue

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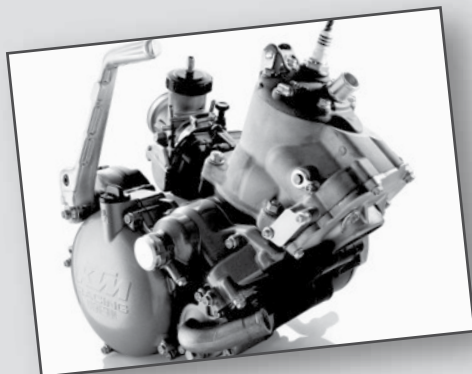
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