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Expert Veteran Class winner



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Expert Class winner

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It's always good to see riders from our Centre enjoying success on the National platform, so congratulations to Declan Whittle on winning the MX Nationals Expert class. It was a close run thing, just pipping fellow Centre rider Luke Parker (last season's champion) to the title by a mere 2 points; and not forgetting that Shaun Southgate was right up there as well, finishing fourth in the final standings. It will be interesting to see how they fare next season as we have one or two youngsters that are being upgraded to Expert status, and may well be in the mix for National championship honours.

Closer to home the final round of the Centre MX championship will take place at Lyng on October 8th. Luke Benstead looks to have one hand on the crown in the Expert class, but Declan Whittle could snatch it if Benstead fails to score; similarly Rheis Morter enjoys a healthy advantage in the Junior class, but still requires a handful of points keep Aaron Holloway from the stealing the glory.

With my permit secretary's hat on I have issued the date application forms this week for next year's calendar. If there are any club secretaries who have not received the forms please let me know and I will forward them on. The closing date for applications will be October 27th, and the annual dates meeting will be held at Gt Blakenham on November 15th.

And while I am on the subject of meetings, the Trials forum will be held on November 2nd at Gt Blakenham, full details of which are in this issue of the gazette.

Finally, many of you have commented on the updates we have been publishing about Mark Kemp's epic journey around Australia, Tasmania, and the America's. He has completed some 70,000 miles over the last 20 months and by the time you read this will be back home. Apart from the fact that he has accomplished a lifelong dream, Mark was also raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust, and is close to hitting ten thousand pounds – if you can spare a few quid it would be great if we could get him over that five figure target.

Foreword

Phil Armes



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

Don't forget to put Entry Fee here

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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.

Don't forget to sign

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

If applicable:

Passenger'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.

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:
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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 ☐

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:

Ipswich MCC
Sunday 22nd October 2017

Open Permit TRIAL
Bramford, Suffolk IP8 4AY

The Dave Bickers Trophy Trial - B Class Championship Rd 4

Sign On: 9.30am

National Grid Reference: TM 128476

Start: 10.30am

Permit No. ACU 51617

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: A Penny

Club Steward(s): G Timms

C Smith

Clerk of the Course: D Cordle (Licence 5589)

Child Protection P.O.C.: D Cordle

Secretary of the Meeting: P Cordle, 4 Bullen Close, Bramford, Suffolk IP8 4JE

Tel: 01473 462274 (eve) email: the.cordles@talktalk.net

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Start / Finish: The Pit, Papermill Lane, Bramford, Suffolk IP8 4BY

Course: 3 laps - 12 sections. **Routes:** multi route

Classes: All solo classes and Youth A, B, C **Awards:** To winners

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

Entries Open: 4th October 2017

Entries Close: 20th October 2017

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Woodbridge & DMCC
Sunday 29th October 2017
John Easty Memorial Trial

OPEN Permit TRIAL
Rendlesham Forest, IP12 3NF
C Class Championship Rd 4

Sign On: 09.00am
National Grid Reference: TM 358578

Start: 10.00am
Permit No. ACU 51616

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: J Hearn
Clerk of the Course: I Barfield (Licence 123652)
Child Protection P.O.C.: T Andrews
Secretary of the Meeting: T Andrews, 9 St Johns Meadow, Metfield, Harleston, Norfolk IP20 0LY

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Start / Finish: Gate 4, Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, IP12 3NF

Course: Woodland Sections. **Routes:** Multi Route

Classes: Pre-70, Pre-Unit, Unit, Two Stroke, Twinshock **Awards:** None

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £18.00 for adults, and £16.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Woodbridge & DMCC.

Entries Open: 4th October 2017

Entries Close: 24th October 2017

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Firstly congratulations to Jason Morland for retaining the ACU Eastern Centre Championship in 2017. The Lyng club held a very successful and most enjoyable NGR , EVO & open meeting in August. Some very close racing between Overall Allcomers solo winner Luke Parker 2nd Dylan Woodcock & a well deserved 3rd place to Halstead club rider Jason Morland. Luke Benstead had his usual tussle with Luke Parker finishing with a 2nd, DNF & a 1st in the last race for 4th overall.

Halstead Club Notes

Paul H Payne

The EVO guys were really flying of which Chris Bastic seemed to come from the back of the pack in race 3 to take his Quota to three race wins. Halstead club member Jake Chambers finished with a 2nd, 3rd & 2nd. There was plenty of old "Legends" riding in this class to name a couple Jon Barfoot, Gary Gladwin most unlucky of all Paul Aldridge with a seized engine in the first race after only 2 laps.

The NGR boys were not hanging about either Aaron Hopkins taking the overall win with 2nd, 1st & 1st from 2nd overall Liam Walker & 3rd Tim Clark. On the 27th August I ventured up to the Hockham track for the NSJMCC two day Meeting. These young lads & girls certainly enjoy themselves with races for the Auto's, jun 65's, small wheel 85's, Big wheel 85's & schoolboys. Halstead rider Harry Peck gaining a 3rd overall & to note I did capture him getting a hole shot.

Sunday the 3rd September we held the Maxxis British Sidecarcross Championship rd 5 at our Little Loveney Hall circuit. The track was looking the best Its looked for a long time. Many thanks to those members who helped prepare the track in the months leading up to the meeting, the start crew, officials, marshals & of course the riders. Some small course changes were carried out mainly for the medic access at the bottom of the track before the table top jump. Also the sidecars were rerouted back up the slope around the first start corner. The dust was again kept down by the track watering team.

The large spectator in Attendance witnessed some fast racing put on by the top UK & Irish teams. Stuart Brown & Joe Millard got the overall win with three race wins. 2nd overall went to Brett Wilkinson & Dan Chamberlain with three second places & 3rd overall Gary Moulds & Steve Kirwin 6th, & two 3rd placings.

In the NGR races we saw some close racing between Liam Walker & the unlucky Aaron Hopkins with Liam coming out on top with a 1st, 2nd & 3rd for overall 1st. Aaron finished 2nd, 1st & dnf due to coming off on the wave section whilst leading. Tim Clark 2nd overall & Adam Gordan 3rd overall.

The Allcomers A group racing saw Shaun Southgate totally dominate the three races with three wins. Connor Hughes finishing 2nd overall & a couple of Halstead riders Brad Tomlin & Jason Morland 3rd & 4th overall.

The Allcomers B group was an overall win for Halstead club member Mark Relland with three race wins. James Wilkinson 2nd overall & Jake Robertson 3rd overall.



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Chelmsford & DAC
Sunday 29th October 2017

OPEN Permit TRIAL
Codham Little Park Farm, CM7 5JQ

ACUE Championship A Class Rd 7

Sign On: 9.30am
National Grid Reference:

Start: 10.30am
Permit No. ACU 51624

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: D Cordle
Clerk of the Course: A foskew (Licence 25780)
Child Protection P.o.C.: D Ogden
Secretary of the Meeting: D Ogden, [REDACTED]

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Start / Finish: Codham Little Park Farm, Beazley End, Braintree, Essex CM7 5JQ

Course: Banks & Ditches.

Classes: All solo classes **Awards:** None

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £15.00 for Adults, and £12.00 for Youth. Late Entries + £5.00. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Chelmsford & DAC.

Entries Open: 6th October 2017

Entries Close: 24th October 2017 Championship Classes

Entries Accepted 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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Mark's Progress

Sidge Kenny

This is to be the last report of Mark Kemp's epic 20 month motorcycle journey around Australia, Tasmania and virtually the whole of the Americas – where he weaved in a west to east, south to north and back again in a double bounce!. By the time this report is published Mark will be home and having to pick up the threads of a normal life.

Along this immensely long ride (70,000 miles) on his faithful 800cc BMW "Bertha", he has endured all kinds of weather, from grilling heat to abject bitter cold - to bone dry and drenching rain. He has ridden all manner of road surfaces from motorways to virtual scramble courses – in all sorts of traffic conditions from grid-lock to sharing the roads with wild life only. And to his everlasting credit, he has never fallen off! He did end up in a Peruvian ditch after being knocked by a taxi, but his helmet-cam recorded no fault was his. and damage to Bertha was very minor. Along the way, he has been followed – certainly by me, to the great expansion of my own knowledge of world geography, but also by scores - possibly hundreds - of others, either along the route or by the media tool of "Facebook". In those episodes, Mark has been given both greetings, support and sustenance - and at times, welcome contributions to the fund raising effort for Teenage Cancer. I must personally congratulate him for the planning which he obviously put in to the undertaking, for he seemed never at a loss as to:- "where to next?" and always, if asked by me through E-mail:- "How is it all going?" his summaries were informative and to the point.



BMW's have always had a high reputation for reliability and Bertha continued that trait with honours. There were of course, needs to service and repair plus the odd replacement. I could understand tyres, brake pads, oil and filters being necessary but was surprised that steering head and front wheel bearings had to be replaced – even on a journey of this magnitude. The load of equipment the bike was carrying, admittedly did increase the stresses on the frame and once, some re-welding was needed. In many cases the local BMW dealer gave Mark priority to keep him rolling and some even did it for free. At no time did he come to be in danger of being out in the desolation of the desert roads or the arctic circle tracks, through a breakdown. His worst moment may have been having to repair a front wheel puncture alongside the busy freeway into Sydney – I imagine it to be similar to a breakdown on the A12 or M25!

No doubt many of us in the Centre will get to talk to Mark over the next weeks and months and discuss his great achievement. Appearances on local TV and Radio are surely to come and he most certainly has enough memories and material to produce a book. Nonetheless, probably the most satisfying response I guess he would wish for, would be some more: "glad to have you home" contributions to Teenage Cancer Trust: a most worthy charity and can be reached on: www.justgiving.com/Mark-Kemp3 Currently he is nudging £Ten grand – lets get him over the line.

Finally, Mark's ride concluded with a run from the deep south of the USA, riding north east up the Blue Ridge Parkway (Highway) to Washington and then up the east side – now virtually coastal - to Philadelphia, which city he much enjoyed but going northwards to New York, he did not like the

dense traffic the he did include a visit to the famous 'Orange County Choppers' just upstate of the city. The coast did then feature - Two days in Cape Cod, before going into Maine and then west for a visit to Niagara Falls, ostensibly his last major sight seeing – though he hoped he might quickly nip off to Detroit – before Bertha is to be shipped from Toronto. No doubt Mark's transition home will be quicker by air

His overall thoughts on the great adventure are of roads of all kinds, scenery sometimes stunning but always interesting and people of all colours and creeds, invariably kindly and supportive. It has been a lifetime experience and he has accomplished a teenage dream.

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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

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 31st 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

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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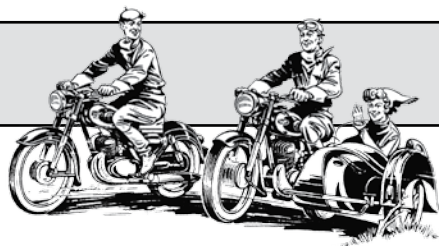
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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



I first saw James Shanes in action some years ago at a National Under-21's grass track championship meeting held at Ugley.

I am not one to over-utilise modern technology but he was so impressive that I took some video of him doing his stuff. Right away it was evident that here was a young man who could ride a motorbike exceptionally well and moreover, in racecraft, had what it takes to get to the top. Like most of our leading riders today, he had come up with encouragement from his parents and via the worthy "youth route" - yet he undoubtedly possessed that "something extra" as he went on to be Under 21 British Champion in 2014 and then win the British Masters Challenge the same year. In 2015 and 2016, he became British Masters champion (500cc) and both 2016 and this year, James has taken the European Grass Track title. Further, for 2017, there has also come a World Longtrack round win which helped to lift him into fourth place overall after the final meeting in September.. Add all of that to a speedway career currently with Poole Pirates and add championship wins on the sand and you get some idea of the talent of this young man of just twenty years of age.

I don't think I had been so impressed by a visiting rider since the late Chris Pusey literally burst on to the scene some fifty years ago, when the Castle club ran National Grass Track meetings at Aldham. Pusey was to my recall, somewhat older – though not by much – than James Shanes and again from memory, I think he was already riding in speedway for Belle Vue when he came down from Liverpool to compete in this Centre. I had not heard of him but it was clear from his first practice laps that here was a most spectacular performer, who flung his bike full chat and in speedway-style broadsides on a far from level field at Aldham. "He wont keep that up!" declared Don Godden - who of course, was no slouch himself. But to the delight of a large crowd, Pusey did keep it up in tremendous form and so made his mark on the meeting – definitely "Man of the Match"- that he received a standing ovation as he circulated in a well-deserved lap of honour. at the end of the proceedings. I am a little hazy and stand to be corrected but I think Chris Pusey did not quite reap the full value of his undoubted talent during his career – what the reasons were I cannot say – but after fifty years, I still recall his Eastern Centre debut as one of my all-time motorcycle memories.

I am fairly certain James Shanes will, barring anything unfortunate, prosper both in victories to come and hopefully financially from his brilliant career so far. He has many seasons ahead and I get the feeling there is a good organisation behind him. His machinery from what I saw, is top rate and rapid and at the Ugley meeting, his bike seemed geared to perfection. Grass track racing, even less than moto-cross and trials, does not get the national coverage it deserves and to most, is indeed a "hidden" sport. But with a youthful personality and star performer such as James Shanes to attract the media - it might just get the break it needs.

Essex & Suffolk Border
Sunday 5th November 2017

OPEN Permit TRIAL
Raydon Pits, Suffolk IP7 5QP

B Class Championship Rd 5

Sign On: 09.30am

National Grid Reference: TM 041388

Start: 10.30am

Permit No. ACU 51618

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: E Hood

Club Steward(s): C Keeble

Clerk of the Course: A Penny (Licence 6849)

Child Protection P.O.C.: A Penny

Secretary of the Meeting: N Fenn, 8 Old Rectory Close, Barham, Suffolk IP6 0PY

Tel: 01473 839933 email: fenn_neil@hotmail.com

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 machines.

Start / Finish: Raydon Pits, Wades Lane, Raydon IP7 5QP

Course: 4 laps of 10 sections - sandy hills and climbs.

Classes: All adult & youth solo classes **Awards:** First in class, subject to minimum of 5 entries per class

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. Late Entries + £5.00 (paid to charity). Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Essex & Suffolk Border MCC.

Entries Open: 4th October 2017

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Sudbury Club Notes

Roger Chaplin

Well done to Gavin Hockey and Gary Drage for their efforts in the ISDE Classic Class in France. From memory Gavin finished 5th and although he didn't ride on the last day

Gary was credited with 38th. I don't have a lot of MX news to hand however I read that Harry Clark had a 6th place at Wakes Colne in September while Ryan McDonnell tells me he has gained enough points to be upgraded to Expert, shame he had to miss a few events due to a nose dive as he would have been further up. Stephen Green has added ACU South Midland 500cc Upright Title to his 2017 collection.

In the BEC standings Jack Nicolaou is 25th overall in the Clubman Class and 13th in the E2 sub Class, while Richard Walters is 13th in the Clubman E1/2 sub Class and Jack Berry is 13th in the Clubman E3 sub Class. At the third round of the Dave Barkshire Motorcycles Two Man Championship at Wattisfield organised by the Diss Club Craig Roper/Steve Mason were 3rd in the Championship Class. In the Expert Class Graham Mays/Nigel Ross were 4th with Jeff Sharp and partner Tim Ford were 11th and Ben Roper teamed up with Kieren Hibble in the Clubman Class and finished 11th.

Well what a day of drama and suspense at the last round of the G H Motorcycles/Husqvarna/ACU Eastern Enduro Championship at Butley staged by the Woodbridge Club who laid out an excellent course. The drama was between our own Myles Saunders and Kevin Palmer (Diss) in the Expert Class, after the three Special Tests Myles was 2nd and Kevin 7th and if that finished that way Myles would take the Title by three points. One bit of luck for Kevin Alex Walton had to retire which put Kevin up to 6th now the gap was 2 points. Both Myles and Kevin completed the last lap with penalties then 5th place rider was a minute late now Kevin was one point behind Myles then 4th place rider was also one minute late pushing Kevin into 4th place which gave him the 2017 Title by one point, what a suspense. We had two members scrapping for the Clubman Class Title James Barker who won all the three Special Tests and Lee Monger losing seconds by trying too hard which on the day let in George Eustace to take 2nd place on the day. Provisionally the Class Title goes to James with Lee 2nd and George 3rd. Paul Davis making a rare visit to the UK from The Netherlands won all three Special Tests in the Clubman Super Veteran Class however dropped a minute on the last lap which gave Andy Mason the win and the Class Title for the 4th year running with Graham Mays runner up. In the Championship Class Rick Roper was 2nd, birthday boy Craig Roper 6th and Steve Mason 8th. Gavin Hockey was 3rd in the Expert Veteran Class while in the Clubman Veteran Class Dean Curry was 2nd, Jeff Sharp 4th, Andy Peck 8th and Martin Greenaway 9th.

By the time the October Gazette comes out hopefully my cataract operation on my right would have taken place which will lay me low for a while.



Andy Mason
Clubman Super
Veteran Class winner



Jason Morland
Championship
Class winner



James Barker
Clubman Class
winner

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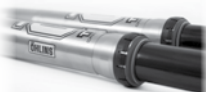
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8th	Lowestoft Invaders	Trial	Restricted	Westleton	
8th	Castle Colchester	Trial	Open	Alphamstone	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (A) Rd 6
8th	Norwich Viking	Motocross	Open	Lyng	Bickers Lifting ACU Eastern MX Rd 7
8th	500cc SC Assoc.	Grass Track	Open	Hylands House	Youth National Championship
15th	Nch New Stars	Grass Track	Restricted	Frettenham	Club
22nd	Ipswich	Trial	Open	Bramford	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (B) Rd 4
22nd	EFA	Trial	Restricted	Snaque Pit	
29th	Chelmsford	Trial	Open	EA Trials Park	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (A) Rd 7
29th	Woodbridge	Trial	Open		ACU Eastern Trials Champs (C) Rd 4
29th	NSJMCC	Trial	Open	Westleton	

NOVEMBER

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

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