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## Foreword

Phil Armes



One of the joys of editing the gazette is that I get to read the excellent Rec-Sec submissions from Sidge Kenny before it goes to print, and more recently it's been lovely to read Charlie Ralph's trawl through his 'Decades of Motocross'. This month is no exception, and both articles have hit a note with me. Sidge's Rec-Sec really struck a chord, as some years after the era he was highlighting, I spent two years travelling across Europe to compete in Formula 1 world championship road race events, and one or two 'International' road races on the outskirts of towns in Belgium and Holland. The particular memory that Sidge evoked, was when I finished in the top ten of the F1 race in Portugal and had to wait until after midnight to collect my prize money, in cash(!), which meant there was enough money to be able to afford some food on the long drive home!! I also had to be back to get to work and I well remember driving up the A140 as dawn broke worrying if I would be able to make it on time.

We said goodbye to Dennis Slaughter in January, and it was a fitting tribute to a man that had given so much to our sport. It was standing room only in the chapel at St Faith Crematorium near Norwich, with many more outside, nearly all of whom met up afterwards at the Holiday Inn. Judging by the number of anecdotes that were being shared, most of which had a humorous side to them, his legacy will live long in the annals of off road motorcycle sport.

The feet up brigade don't tend to stop through the winter months, and there has been a good number of events in recent weeks, but looking at the 2020 calendar, which boasts nearly 120 meetings across the four main disciplines, the speed events will be roaring into action in the very near future. There are one or two organised practice days for the motocross competitors, and this issue of the gazette has the first set of regs for the opening round of the Centre Motocross Championship. Which will once again be sponsored by Bickers Lifting and Stebbings Car Superstore, together with support from Instanda, who we welcome to the sport and look forward to working with as the year(s) progress.

Whilst the off road disciplines are the bread and butter of activity within our centre we also have to remember that we have one of the UK's premier road race circuits on our patch, Snetterton in Norfolk, which will host a round of the British Superbike Championship in the summer and there are also two strong speedway teams, King's Lynn and Ipswich, who will be vying for Premiership honours – to say nothing of local bragging rights.



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**Chelmsford & DMCC**  
**Sunday 16th February 2020**

**Open Permit TRIAL**  
**Codham Little Park Farm, Essex CM7 5JQ**  
**ACU Eastern B Class Championship Round 1**

**Sign On:** 9.00am  
**National Grid Reference:** TL738289

**Start:** 10.30am  
**Permit No.** ACU 58589

**OFFICIALS:-**

**Eastern Centre Steward:** tbc  
**Clerk of the Course:** A Foskew (Licence 25780)  
**Child Protection P.o.C.:** N Ogden  
**Secretary of the Meeting:** N Ogden, 113 Imperial Avenue, Mayland, Chelmsford Essex CM3 6AJ  
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**Club Steward(s):** tbc

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

**Course:** Gravel Bank, Sand. **Routes:** Yellow, 50/50; Red/Blue, 50/50; White; Beginners

**Classes:** All solo **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 Adults and £13.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Chelmsford & DMCC

**Entries Open:** 4th February 2020

**Entries Close:** 14th February 2020

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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.
- I accept responsibility for any items borrowed from the Organiser during the course of the event. These items include but are not restricted to (safety clothing, transponders, accessories). I understand that I am liable for the cost or replacement of any items lost or not returned and non-payment or non-replacement of items borrowed may affect my entry into subsequent events.
- 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: £.....

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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.

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**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)

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

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

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

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

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**Norwich Viking MCC**  
**Sunday 1st March 2020**

**Open Permit TRIAL**  
**East Wretham, Norfolk IP24 1SQ**

## **DRD Cup Trial**

**Sign On:** 9.30am  
**National Grid Reference:** TL921926

**Start:** 10.30am  
**Permit No.** ACU 58590

**OFFICIALS:-**

<b>Eastern Centre Steward:</b>	tbc	<b>Club Steward(s):</b>	J Douglas    P Yarham
<b>Clerk of the Course:</b>	B Douglas (Licence 70441)		
<b>Child Protection P.O.C.:</b>	B Douglas		
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**Start / Finish:** East Wretham, Norfolk IP24 1SQ

**Course:** 5 laps of 8 sections.    **Routes:** Red/Blue; White; Beginners; Sidecar

**Classes:** Inter B, Expert B, Inter, Novice, Pre-70, Twinshock, Beginners, Youth A to E, Sidecars    **Awards:** None

**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 £16.00 Adult solo; £13.00 Youth; £20.00 Sidecar. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques to be made payable to NVMCC Ltd

**Entries Open:** 10th February 2020

**Entries Close:** At the Start

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# Recollection Section

*Sidge Kenny*

In motorcycling terms, “The Continental Circus” was the race-to-race seasonal pilgrimage to various circuits in Europe – including behind the Iron Curtain - which some adventurous road racers undertook for many years, after the Second World War and well into the 1960’s. There were many instances of riders doing much the same before then but the intervention of the War did seem to bring more aspiring racers; particularly those from overseas, to try their luck at the various race tracks around the Continent.

The point here is that mainly the riders who comprised the “circus” were not of the top, “works” men but of competitors who were good enough to come reasonably well up in the finishing results and thereby could actually earn a modest living from their racing. Some regulars might also count on: “start money” as well. Not for these hardy types, a hotel to stay in with a comfortable bed and breakfast in the morning. They would invariably turn up to the circuit paddocks in an old van, unload the bikes and sleep in the back. For the days of practice and racing they would literally camp at the circuit. They also did their own maintenance and race preparation and often would be accompanied by a wife or girl-friend. Glamorous it was not – but an exciting and adventurous life-style, it certainly was. Over the years, promising circus riders were taken up by works teams and made their name almost to household status, from Fergus Anderson to Jim Redman, Jack Finlay, Mike Duff, Hugh Anderson - and many others.

This nomadic way of life tended to taper off as the sport became more sophisticated, particularly in these days of the highly organised, “Moto GP” presentation of international road racing. Riders now enjoy a much higher status, the vans have now turned to massive articulated trucks, with all mod-cons for accommodation in comparative luxury. The sight of seeing the riders themselves pulling apart engines or gearboxes in the paddock, has gone with the advent of the works-allocated garage populated with hordes of smartly dressed mechanics - and complete with drop-down doors when privacy has to be kept. The “Continental Circus” in its former guise, has slowly given away to a greater “clean hands” acceptability to project the sport as a world-wide entertainment product. .

A similar situation also took place in early scrambling – or to give it the proper European title of the times: “Moto-cross”. Riders would go over to continental meetings – many also staged separately from the premier World Champion events - to contest events run at circuits all over Europe. The names which come to my mind are: Bryan Leask, John Harris and Bryan Goss but a good number from our Eastern Centre also went on these expeditions. Names such as Dave Bickers, Andy Lee, Jim Aim, Tony Howe and Jack Hubbard. All covered vast distances over Europe to compete in these meetings and very often came away with the major prizes. For those riders who also held down a job a typical “European Week-end” could be a physically demanding business quite apart from the actual racing. Tony Howe once told me he would finish work at his garage on Friday night, load up his Austin A55 pick-up and then drive to Dover to take the ferry. On European soil, he would then have to smartly beetle off to which ever country the event was held – get there for Saturday practice, race on Sunday - and then, on Sunday night, rip off to catch a late-night ferry back home. He would duly report for work - on time - on Monday morning! Draining at least – but some had even more difficulties to overcome when well away from home. Andy Lee, then another youthful rider trying his luck on the Continent, recalls traveling with Jack Hubbard, when Hubbard - who was also competing in a meeting way down in France - sustained an injury to his arm. Andy could not drive so Jack had to get them back to England somehow - which he did. Later it was found out Jack’s arm was broken...

They certainly made them tough in those days!



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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 understand and accept that if the Supplementary Regulations state the insurance cover for this event is "Basic" there is no Personal Accident cover and Liability cover in respect of any claim made by third parties is limited to £10 million and £5 million for Medical Mal-practice.**
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- I/we enclose the entry fee of: £.....

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**Don't forget to sign**

**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:**

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

## Phone Numbers

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

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

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

**Tick Class Entered** ..... (The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)

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**Sudbury MCC**  
**Sunday 8th March 2020**

**Open Permit ENDURO**  
**Foxborough Quarry, Essex CO9 3AN**

***Foxborough 4 Hour Team Enduro***

**Sign On:** 8.00am  
**National Grid Reference:** TL 794325

**Start:** 10.00am  
**Permit No.** ACU 58591

**OFFICIALS:-**

<b>Eastern Centre Steward:</b>	tbc	<b>Club Steward(s):</b>	R Chaplin
<b>Clerk of the Course:</b>	R Roper (Licence 70315)		
<b>Child Protection P.o.C.:</b>	Mrs S Mays		
<b>Secretary of the Meeting:</b>	G. Mays, 55 Alan Way Colchester Essex CO3 4LB		
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Held under the NSC and the Standing Enduro 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 & Youth members of the ACU riding solo machines.

**Start / Finish:** Foxborough Quarry, Sible Hedingham, Essex CO9 3AN

**Course:** Natural terrain covering open fields, ditches, and woodland. Lap length approx 3 miles..

**Classes:** Championship, Expert, Clubman, Novice

**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 £49.00 Adult; £30.00 Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Sudbury MCC Ltd.

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# Motocross Memories

## Part 3 - Charlie Ralph

Continuing with the 1960's motocross scene, there was some great racing on many circuits in the Eastern Centre. Freddie Mayes, Jim Aim, John Pease, Pete "Tomba" Smith and Norman Messenger were probably the leading

riders of the time, but many others, including John Louis, Dennis Howard, Chris Ginn, Trevor Harvey, John Gibbons, Adrian Yallop, Dave Cordle and Freddie Keyton were always battling up at the front, along with "Shrimp" Davey and several others. So many memories, much too many to mention, but a few live in the mind forever. The hastily put together at very short notice meeting by the three Chaplin brothers of the Sudbury club. The BBC live TV meeting was on a Saturday in November 1962 at Great Cornard, and despite hardly any notice, it was a cracking event. I remember when World Champion Joel Robert rode at an International meeting at Wakes Colne. Always a playboy, Robert reportedly was partying at a Colchester nightclub, and arrived at Wakes Colne in the early hours of the Sunday morning and proceeded to roar around the paddock in his car. Apparently, landowner, Mr. Des Crooks was not impressed, and threatened to ban him from the meeting.

Another memory was when Dave Bickers jumped the infamous ditch at Stebbing. No one had been brave enough to do it at previous events, but Dave weighed it up and easily cleared the ditch. The problem was that others who were not so experienced, tried it as well, and soon there was carnage, with riders and bikes strewn all over the ditch exit.

Freddie Mayes won the 250 British title on a Greeves in 1966, but with Dave Bickers now the importer of the Czech CZ, many riders were switching from the British twostrokes, and most of the leading riders were now armed with both 250 and 360 machines.

I remember Norman Messenger always had immaculate machinery, even his Ford Capri and the trailer matched the colour of his CZ bikes ! Norman's Dad was his spannerman, always wearing a suit and tie, and puffing away on a cigar. John Gibbons raised a few eyes too, as he arrived at meetings with his father's white Rolls Royce pulling the trailer.

Around that time, a young man called Stuart Nunn, armed with a pair of CZ's, arrived on the scene and completely dominated the junior grade entry. The first time that I saw him in action was at Hevingham Hall in North Suffolk, where he easily won the junior grade races, then gave the established experts a hard time in the allcomers races. There were so many circuits in the Eastern Centre at the time, Lyng was the top Norfolk track, and in Suffolk, there was Shrubland Park, ( later at Hintlesham), West Stow Heath, Herringfleet Hills at Somerleyton, Great Cornard, Bentley, and over in the West, there was Little Wratting, to name a few. In Essex, Wakes Colne was one of the top circuits in the UK, also a great venue was at Hadleigh near Southend, Friday Woods at Berechurch, and many more.



*Stuart Nunn aboard the CZ*

The newly formed Woodbridge club held their first meeting at Blaxhall in 1966, and winner of the first ever race was Trevor Harvey, riding a Greeves. Dennis Howard won race two, closely followed by Chris Ginn. It was Dennis, riding a Spanish built Bultaco, who won the allcomers final, and to this day, he always reminds me of his win! Incidentally, Trevor Harvey still competes at trials events, as keen as ever, as does Dave Cordle. The norm at most centre meetings saw riders who had two bikes, ride in six races on the day. An up to 250cc heat and final, over 250cc heat and final, and then an allcomers heat and final, although the races were shorter, mostly a four lap heat, and six lap finals.

Apart from Dave Bickers, Jim Aim was the crowd favourite in these parts. Jim stayed loyal to fourstroke machinery, and the crowds loved to see him battling with the hordes of twostroke mounted riders.

I recall a National meeting at the Southend's Hadleigh circuit where Jim beat all of the National riders, including World Champion, Jeff Smith, and the commentator, which possibly was the larger than life character, Slim Barker, willing on "flying" Jim. I was actually in the paddock after the race, and overheard Smith asking, "who is this bloody flying Jim?". "Tomba" Smith was another rider who was hugely popular with the fans with his spectacular riding style.



*John Banks*



*Jim Aim competes in the last race held at Shrublands in 1965*

The "Baron", John Banks, as with Dave Bickers, was seldom seen at Centre events, as they were among the leading World class riders, and we were so lucky in our region, to have so many top riders. John Banks was so unlucky not to have won a World title, and along with Dave Bickers, must be regarded as one of the best all time British riders. Apart from the Husqvarna's and CZ's, the Bultaco was also very competitive, and several of the region's riders, including Pete Smith, Dennis Howard and Freddie Keyton all had success with the Spanish machine.

I recall that the late Malcolm Davis came to Hintlesham Hall at a National event and took victory over Banks and Bickers, riding a Bultaco.

Towards the end of a great era for motocross, "tiger" John Louis switched to speedway, very successfully, and shortly after that, the lovely character, Tony "Shrimp" Davey followed suit. Stuart Nunn was starting to dominate in the Centre, but he had a new name to contend with. Ivan Miller came over from New Zealand, and made his way to Ipswich to get a ride on one of Dave Bickers CZ's. On the Sunday he showed his potential at West Stow Heath, and, although he then became a Surrey resident, he competed mainly in the Eastern centre. Ivan later rode KTM machinery, and his battles with Nunn on the Eastern circuits were a joy to watch. Meanwhile, waiting in the wings were a number of young riders who would soon be taking over, as the 70's beckoned.

**Braintree & DMCC**  
**Sunday 8th March 2020**

**Open Permit TRIAL**  
**Spansey Wood, Essex CO9 1PB**

**ACUEastern B Class Trials Championship Round 2**

**Sign On:** 9.00am  
**National Grid Reference:** TL 798304

**Start:** 10.30am  
**Permit No.** ACU 58592

**OFFICIALS:-**

**Eastern Centre Steward:** tbc  
**Clerk of the Course:** S Butcher (Licence 18396)  
**Child Protection P.O.C.:** S Butcher  
**Secretary of the Meeting:** A Parker, Park Field, Beazley End, Essex, CM7 5JJ  
Tel: 01371 850508 email: [adrian@belletrailers.co.uk](mailto:adrian@belletrailers.co.uk)

**Club Steward(s):** P Read

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

**Start / Finish:** Spansey Wood, Gosfield, Essex CO9 1PB

**Course:** Woodland.

**Classes:** All classes. B Class Champ, Youth Electric Bikes **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 £10.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Late Entries + £5.00. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Braintree DMCC

**Entries Open:** 4th February 2020

**Entries Close:** 6th March 2020

**Entries Accepted on the day (non champ class only). 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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Sunday 22nd March 2020

Open Permit MOTOCROSS  
Chatteris, PE16 6TA

### Open Motocross

**Sign On:** 8.00am

**Practice:** 9.30am

**Start:** 10.45am

**National Grid Reference:** TL381856

**Permit No.** ACU 58414

**OFFICIALS:-**

**Eastern Centre Steward:** J Nickerson

**Club Steward(s):** T Malloy & N Nixon

**Clerk of the Course:** P Grantham (Licence 9938)

**Child Protection P.o.C.:** J Grantham

**Secretary of the Meeting:** V Hay, 27 Tizzick Close, Norwich NR5 9HB  
Tel: 07900 691827 email: valerie.hay@btinternet.com

**JURISDICTION:**

Held under the NSC and the Standing Motocross 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 members of the ACU riding solo machines.

**Start / Finish:** Buttercup Farm, Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, PE16 6TA

**Classes:** Allcomers, NGR

**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. Entry fee £50.00

**Entries Open:** 10th February 2020

**Entries Close:** 16th March 2020

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

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**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)

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

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

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## Local Riders compete in Portugal

Six riders from the ACU Eastern region travelled to Portugal to take part in the FIM Enduro Vintage Trophy held in conjunction with the ISDE six day event at the Autodromo Internacional do Algarve Portimao.

Terry Allen, Martin Baker, Gary Drage and Gavin Hockey from Sudbury MCC, Steve Finch from Braintree MCC and Paul Whitehead from Castle MCC were all excited to take on the challenge of the event.

Running concurrently with the last three days of the six day event, it is no walk in the park with the riders competing alongside former world champions; Maurizio Casartelli, Giovanni Sala, Mario Rinaldi and Stefano Passeri.

To take part the bikes needed to be vintage bikes in either the C72, C76, C79, C82 or E86 (Evo) class.

Vintage riders started on Thursday 14th November (which was Day 4 of the six day event), ending with a Motocross on the final day Saturday 16th November.



*Photo above: Last-minute checks for Gary Drage (798) & Martin Baker (795)*

Gavin Hockey, Managing Director, GH Motorcycles said "Thursday's weather was familiar to us Brits – dull, raining and windy. Conditions to the first test at Marmeleite were wet, slippery and technical with lots of very big hills and steep descents. The going continued to be tricky taking

us to the second test at Hotel which was hard pack and dusty despite the rain. Then we were off on really rocky and mountainous paths, to the final test of the day. All vintage riders were late back to the final test due to errors with the time allocated for the checks."

Terry Allen had to retire early due to carburetion problems, but the other five riders all finished the day. The day had taken its toll on the bikes with clutch problems for Gary, Steve with a burst water pipe and Gavin losing his fork oil. There was great team spirit with Eastern Centre Riders with everyone lending parts to each other, to help ensure they could all start the next day.

Terry managed to start the second day but unfortunately he and Gary had to retire early on due to more bike problems. The four remaining riders continued, covering completely different terrain from day one, which was hilly fast and dusty. Check times were tight with very little time to refuel, but all four riders finished on time.

The final day was a Motocross test with all remaining riders from the Six Day and Enduro Vintage events competing in 20 heats throughout the day. Only 89 of the original 150 vintage riders finished the Motocross with 8th place for Paul, 12th for Steve, 22nd for Gavin and 58th for Martin.

Over the whole event Gavin was the fastest Brit rider with Paul, Steve, and Gavin all Gold medal finishers in the Top 10 of their class and Martin finishing a very worthy 17th – an amazing result for his first ISDE.

It was a great road trip and all riders and helpers were grateful for the extra fuel provided by Mark Hughes and his Big Bear Cider Mill! And most importantly all six original riders returned home safely ready to take on the next challenge! Italy 2020?

**Halstead & DMCC**  
**Sunday 5th April 2020**

**Open Permit MOTOCROSS**  
**Wakes Colne CO6 2BH**

***Bickers Lifting ACU Eastern Motocross Championship Round 1***

**Sign On:** 8.00am

**Practice:** 10.00am

**Start:** 11.30am

**National Grid Reference:** TL890314

**Permit No. ACU 58571**

**OFFICIALS:-**

**Eastern Centre Steward:** A Foskew

**Club Steward(s):** R Game & M Mitchell

**Clerk of the Course:** A Wright (Licence 187442)

**Child Protection P.o.C.:** M Relland

**Secretary of the Meeting:** K Beadle, 6 Fastnet Close, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 0LL

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**JURISDICTION:**

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**Start / Finish:** Little Loveney Hall, Wakes Colne, CO6 2BH **Course:** Undulating grassland with man made jumps.

**Classes:** As per Championship Conditions **Awards:** As per Championship Conditions

**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. Entry fee £50.00

**Entries Open:** 17th February 2020

**Entries Close:** 30th March 2020

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## Charlie's Chat

Charlie Ralph

With the season rapidly approaching, kicking off with the Hawkstone International in early February, a few of the Eastern region riders have entered at this iconic venue. Jake Nicholls on

the 450 Buildbase Honda, and in the MX2 class, Calum Mitchell on the SF Stebbings KTM, and teenager, Sam Nunn, who will be making his debut on the Rob Hooper Yamaha. It will be a good test for our local riders, as there is a stacked entry of Grand Prix riders entered. Other news from Eastern national grade riders is that Elliott Banks-Browne is continuing on

the Geartec Honda, and glad to write that Eastern champion, Lewis Tombs has found a ride with the Lancashire based Verde KTM team for 2020. After a good season last year, filling in to ride for the Buildbase Honda team, Lewis fully deserves a chance to compete again at national level.

The region's first adult race meeting sees the Littleport club going to a new venue at Buttercup Farm, Chatteris on the 22nd of March. The meeting is for allcomers, (expert and junior grade), plus round one of the NGR over 30's series. Before that, riders will have the chance of dusting away the cobwebs at Blaxhall for a practise day on Saturday 7th March. The busy Norfolk and Suffolk club are kicking off their year at Hockham on February 23rd, which is also round one of the Eastern youth championships.

The 2020 Eastern Motocross committee was formed earlier in January, which includes members from all clubs who organise race meetings during the season.

For anyone who needs advice and info for the forthcoming season, the committee members are as follows.

- **Norwich Viking MCC**  
Andrew Hay and Paul Aldridge
- **Halstead & DMCC**  
Martin Beadle and Keith Weavers
- **Woodbridge & DMCC**  
John Blyth and Charlie Ralph
- **Diss & DMCC**  
Paul Hubbard and Danny Mayhew
- **Norfolk and Suffolk Junior MCC**  
Donna and Mark Secker
- **Littleport & DMCC**  
Paul Grantham
- **Braintree & DMCC**  
Aaron Smith
- **Elected chairman** Charlie Ralph
- **Vice chairman** Paul Hubbard
- **Riders rep** Danny Mayhew
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# What's on



## February

2nd	Lowestoft Invaders	Trial	Restricted	Aldeby	
2nd	EFA	Trial	Restricted	Raydon Pit	
9th	Castle Colchester	Trial	National	Pebmarsh	
<b>16th</b>	<b>Chelmsford</b>	<b>Trial</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Beasley End</b>	<b>ACU Eastern 'B' Class Trials Championship</b>
23rd	NSJMCC	Trial	Open		
23rd	Diss	Enduro	Open	Thetford Forest	GH MC's ACU Eastern Enduro Champs
23rd	NSJMCC	Motocross	Open	Gt Hockham	ACU Eastern Youth MX Championships

## March

<b>1st</b>	<b>Norwich Viking</b>	<b>Trial</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>East Wretham</b>	
7th	Woodbridge	Practice	Open	Blaxhall	
<b>8th</b>	<b>Braintree</b>	<b>Trial</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Gosfield</b>	<b>ACU Eastern 'B' Class Trials Championship</b>
<b>8th</b>	<b>Sudbury</b>	<b>Enduro</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Foxborough</b>	<b>Endurothon</b>
15th	NSJMCC	Motocross	Open	tbc	
15th	Southend	Trial	Open	Poles Wood	ACU Eastern 'D' Class Trials Championship
15th	EFA	Trial	Restricted	Chattisham	
22nd	Ipswich	Trial	Open	tbc	
<b>22nd</b>	<b>Littleport</b>	<b>Motocross</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Chatteris</b>	<b>NGR</b>
29th	Wymondham	Trial	Open	Middleton	ACU Eastern 'B' Class Trials Championship
29th	Sudbury	Enduro	Open	Halstead Hills	Dave Barkshire 2 Man Enduro

## April

5th	EFA	Trial	Open	Gt Bromley	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials Championship
5th	NSJMCC	Trial	Open	Westleton	
<b>5th</b>	<b>Halstead</b>	<b>Motocross</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Wakes Colne</b>	<b>Bickers Lifting Solo MX Champs</b>

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