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Ben Alexander in action at the
Dave Roper Memorial Enduro



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I'll be honest, we delayed printing this issue of the gazette by a few days as it was uncertain as to whether any events would be allowed to run, but Boris has given the green light to organised sport for the foreseeable future so I'm pleased to say that you will find regs in this edition. Remember though that all entries are being done online, so you will not find any entry forms.

Foreword

Phil Armes



Unfortunately several upcoming events have been cancelled including the traditional Thumpers Trial run by the EFA. Club chairman Ted Smith provided the following statement, "The EFA are sorry to say there will not be a Thumpers trial this year due to the situation as it is. The work load involved in running the Thumpers without ageing members is going to be a bridge too far. We hope 2021 will be all ok."

And while we are on the subject of dates, the Competitions Committee met online this week and decided that looking forward, the best course of action is to produce a 2021/2022 calendar exactly as we normally do. To this end I will distribute the date application forms w/c 28th September and I would ask all clubs/organisers to complete and return them in the normal manner.

On a far more positive note, and with a timely reminder that there are still some top level motorcycle events being run, it is really good to see young Drew Kemp underlining his enormous potential on the shale. The 18 year old Woodbridge club member retained his British under 19 Speedway title at Scunthorpe on the 19th of September, to go with the bronze medal he won racing for Britain in the under 21 Championships in Denmark. Next up is the British Final at the Foxhall Stadium, Ipswich, where he takes on the big boys on September 26th. Such a shame that due to the recent statement from Downing St, there will be no crowd cheering on their local rider.

The Diss Club once again showed the way it could be done when they ran a highly successful Covid-19 secure motocross at Wattisfield Hall. By all accounts all the relevant measures were adhered to, and everyone had a great day's racing; and as what could be a signpost of the way the sport develops in the future the Centre timing team tested and ran live stream timing during the afternoon, which meant that anyone in the world could keep up with the racing that was taking place on the Norfolk/Suffolk border in real time!!

Whatever you are doing over the coming months please stay safe, and show the same amount of respect for each other; whether you are competing, organising, or making it happen; remember.....

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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny

Crucial to the motorcycle trade are of course, the dealers. The agents and suppliers who sell new and second-hand machines for us to ride – and in many cases they contribute greatly to our sport by supporting riders or clubs to run meetings. Judging by my own local dealer, the trade is enjoying a bit of a boom, predominantly it seems, in lightweight scooters and bikes, clearly for purchasers to get to work and avoid the perils of public transport - though conversely, those who deal largely or exclusively in competition machines, may be counting the cost of the reduction in sporting activity with this wretched Covid.

To old-timers like myself, motorcycle dealerships have changed quite radically over the years. Fifty or sixty years ago, your average dealer's shop would be a slightly dull looking place, usually crammed with a mixture of new and second-hand bikes and a window full of spares, often second-hand. The odd advertising board would be displayed indicating the various manufacturers – exclusively British – wares. A not unpleasant oily aroma floated into your nostrils when you opened the door to go in. This would be followed by a cheerful response from behind a tatty looking counter - loaded with bits and pieces - coming from the receptionist or mechanic or proprietor (often one man was all three) to learn about the nature of your business. Perhaps a new spare part or a possible part-exchange on that attractive bike you had looked at for some time through a slightly smudgy shop window. He would let you look much more closely at the machine of your choice and it would be quite likely if you were a trusted regular, let you have a test ride on it. Then the terms would be discussed. Cash would probably change hands – or a hire purchase agreement entered in to. In the main whatever the deal, the business would invariably be conducted in a good natured, if perhaps a slightly amateurish and relaxed manner.

So different today in the majority of cases. It's rare to hear such premises described as a mere "motorbike shop" Motorcycle dealerships can nowadays vie with the car trade in the glamour of their showrooms and the impact of the gleaming products they wish to sell. Entering many a dealers showroom can be akin to going into a cathedral – and you can be overwhelmed by the variety and sheer attractiveness of the bikes on offer. A well dressed salesman will glide over to you and quietly and authoritatively discuss the many machines on offer. It is far less likely you will get a test ride and in any case, should you purchase a new bike, a pre delivery inspection and service will have to take place first. There is a stricter discipline to the whole business and you have a great deal more signing to do to cover the various financial necessities. There is no doubt that major dealerships today are highly efficient and much more (that wretched word) 'professional'. Yet somehow, I find these developments – these advancements – rather less enjoyable than the slightly grimy, cheerful times of the former motorcycle trade.

On looking back through the whole history of motor bikes and the market which British manufacturers and dealers were trying to attract with their products, you find over the decades, it is an almost continual cycle of: "boom or bust" and the one word that comes to my mind about the entire trade is "fickle". So many factors seem to have to be right to encourage sales – our variable weather being just one. And yet in these uncertain circumstances our industry is now dominated by imported products - mainly from Japan, who seem to consistently thrive How do they do it? - and so successfully for so long?

As far as I can see there are several reasons, some financial, some geographical and some promotional. But in essence let us just say: they took the job seriously – perhaps even ruthlessly - and that was not the British way at all.



Castle Colchester MCC

October TRIAL ACU Permit ACU59762

Thorrington Pit, Station Road, Thorrington,

SUNDAY 11th October 2020

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Castle Colchester MCC will organise an Open event held under the National Sporting Code and the Trials Standing Regulations of the ACU, and any Final Instructions that may be issued. A Trial for classes from Youth b upwards on Trials machines.

OFFICIALS: Clerk of the Course: Gary Wakley 99784

Secretary of the Meeting: Richard Norman 07421 704255 E-mail: rn.glfarm@gmail.com

ELIGIBILITY: Riders must hold a current ACU Trials Registration. No one day ACU licenses/Registrations are available. All machines are to be fitted with Trials tyres only – No other tyre type will be permitted.

ENTRIES: You must not enter this event if you have any symptoms related to the Covid-19 virus – including (but not limited to) a fever, a new persistent cough or a change in or loss of taste or smell. If you develop symptoms after entering – please notify The Secretary of the Meeting by email, text message or by phone. You should not under any circumstances attend the Trial if this applies to you.

By entering this event you will be accepting and agreeing to be bound by the conditions/COVID 19 precautions contained in these Supplementary Regulations, which are to protect you and others.

Entries will be limited to 50 riders and will open Monday 28th September and close 22.00 Friday 9th October 2020. Entry will close sooner if the limit is reached before this date. Entries can only be made via the ACU online entry system (members portal). **It will not be possible to accept entries on the day. Pre-entry only. DO NOT turn up at the venue unless you have received confirmation of entry by email – as you will be asked to leave.**

ENTRY FEE: £16 all classes.

Please note that if the event is cancelled for any reason, including permit withdrawal, the ACU will deduct £3 from the automatic refund. Please do not enter if you do not accept these terms.

COURSE: Will comprise of approx. 10 sections, 4 laps all on private land. Each section will have two routes. All sections will be straight forward with natural hills, tree roots, streams and climbs. All riders should only attempt to ride well within their own capabilities.

START: The Trial will be held at Thorrington Pit. Start time: will be 10.30am.

Observation: we hope to have all sections observed however there may be sections where riders will have to observe each other

CLASSES: The trial is open to all Solo classes.

ROUTES: There will be 2 routes.

White:	Pre 65, Over 50, T\shock, Novice
Red\Blue:	Intermediate, Clubman Expert,

RESULTS: will be emailed to competitors and placed on the Eastern Centre Website
There will be no option for Protest.

COVID-19 restrictions/precautions:

Only one rider permitted to attend in a vehicle unless accompanied by another rider from the same household.

Youth riders (under 16yrs of age) must be accompanied by at least one parent or one legal guardian.

No spectators are permitted.

On arrival, you will be checked in and directed to park your vehicle. When parking - a 2 metre space must be left between all other vehicles. There is no requirement for riders to sign on and you will self-collect your riding number from the Secretary of the meeting

Riders will be spread out over the course maximum 6 per section

Strict Social Distancing (2 metres, minimum) to be maintained throughout the entire time on site, both on and off the bike, including the loading/unloading of machines.

A maximum of six riders, at any one time, are permitted to walk the section before attempting it, whilst always maintaining the Social Distancing rule. It is recommended that any inspection of sections on laps two or three is kept to a minimum. This will benefit the "flow" of the trial and reduce the chance of queuing.

Whilst queuing to enter the section - riders must remain seated on the bike, 2 metres apart, ideally in a single line. Only one rider is permitted to attempt the section at a time. Rider groups should wait until all riders in their group have finished the section before moving (as a group) onto the next section.

PPE. Riders should bring their own face covering/mask (optional) if preferred. All riders, including adults, are to wear riding gloves.

Any rider who blatantly disregards the Covid 19 restrictions or fails to comply with instructions from officials risks being asked to leave and potentially not being allowed to compete at future events organised by the Club.

Any Final Instructions will be sent via email the day before the trial and/or posted on the notice board in the parking area.

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Charlie's Chat

Charlie Ralph



Our young speedway whiz kid, Drew Kemp, has been in the news recently. After celebrating his 18th

birthday, Drew rode for Britain in the under 21 final in Denmark, scoring five points and winning a bronze medal.

News is that Drew has been chosen to line up in the British final on his home circuit at Ipswich. Latest news is that Drew retained his British under 19 title at Scunthorpe putting on a great performance to take the title with ease.



Now that off-road sport is starting to emerge again, many of our club members have been in the enduro, motocross and trials results in September. At round three of the MX Nats at Cusses Gorse, Jake Nicholls managed a 5th place in the pro 450 class, despite riding with a face injury and hurting his thumb in the first moto. Young Tom Grimshaw rode to a fine 2nd overall in the pro 250 group, and Shaun Southgate had four good rides over that weekend to claim 3rd overall in the supporting MX1 experts class.

At the Sudbury club's Pebmarsh enduro, Toby Morley teamed up with former National trials ace, Jack Sheppard to finish in 4th place in the Championship class, and Josh Peters, who was runner up at the August Wakes Colne motocross meeting, was 5th at Pebmarsh. Ben Alexander was 7th, with the pairing of Ollie Brader and Travis Frost in 8th, and Dean Smith was 9th.

In the experts class, Fred Stearn rode well for 3rd place, followed by Dan Cummings in 4th, and Chris Ballard 5th. Jake Suskins rounded out a good day for the Woodbridge club, taking 2nd place in the clubmans group.

The well supported Kenton enduro saw Toby Morley with Jack Sheppard in 7th, and Shaun Southgate and Charlie Jordan in 10th place. Former National grade motocross star, Matt Harvey, having a ride after being off a bike for many years, teamed up with Jason Taylor to claim 3rd place in the experts class, with Dan Cummings 4th, Dan Rose 5th, and Fred Stearn in 6th place. Will Kerry, partnered by Andy Cattermole decided to try riding an enduro as opposed to motocross and did well for 10th place, and Matt Cummings/Ben Holmes were 12th.

Our Lowestoft based club member, Carl Honeywood, had a great day, taking the win in the busy clubmans group, and Chris Ballard/ Lewis Holmes were the 4th best clubman team, with the Woods brothers riding well for 9th place.

The Kenton Saturday trial saw National motocross star, Jake Nicholls taking his Gas Gas to 2nd place on the expert red route, losing just 7 marks, just one better than David Woods. David's dad, Paul, was a clear winner on the twinshock white route, and Alan Miller was runner up on the novice route.



The Diss club managed to run a long awaited motocross meeting on the 20th at their lovely Wattisfield Hall venue, and it was good to see everyone taking notice of covid19 rules. Shaun Southgate was in great form, winning all three of his races. Also in the A group, Dean Smith and Sam Arbon rode well all day, finishing 9th and 10th overall. New expert, Ollie Brader, also fought hard, and claimed 11th overall. In the B group, Lewis Holmes and Andy Cattermole were 5th and 6th on the day, and our top rider in the C group was Ty Atkins, who was 5th overall. Our club member, Jack Urso took the win in group D, with Jack Noon riding well for 4th overall. It was good to see riders in action again, just a pity that no spectators were able to watch a good, well organised meeting.

Latest news on former Eastern motocross champion, Luke Benstead. Luke has had a long term knee problem, and finally went under the knife recently. He is reported to be doing well, and will be raring to go in 2021.

Hopefully our motocross meeting at Blaxhall on October 11th will still go ahead as planned, and we are praying that the covid19 situation will not worsen. Unfortunately, we have been advised by our local council to not allow spectators, but have the go ahead to allow each rider two extra passes. Riders MUST follow all of the rules set out for this meeting, as we all want our sport coming back strong next year.

Our trial at Blaxhall on the 25th for pre 70 and twinshock bikes must also follow strict rules, and once again, spectators will not be allowed

Finally, the club may host an enduro meeting, probably in November, more news on that later. Meanwhile, please use our facebook page for club info, and not forgetting the very useful easternacu.org website.



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Sup Regs for the Blaxhall Motocross Meeting – 11th October

To enter this event if you have purchased a race number from the ACU Eastern reserved number scheme you must use that number, Riders without a number will be given a random number for this event.

1 ANNOUNCEMENT; WOODBRIDGE & DMCC LTD will organise a Motocross Meeting at Blaxhall Circuit, Near Woodbridge, on Sunday October 11th

Permit number: ACU **59674**

TCC 20/002

2 SECRETARY OF THE MEETING

Debbie Blyth, mob no 07963 118917, Email motocross@woodbridgemcc.co.uk

3 COURSE

The course is situated north of Woodbridge, approximately about 1 1/2 miles off the A12 between Lt Glemham & Stafford St Andrew, on the turning for Park Gate Farm (IP17 1LG), postcode for the track is IP12 2DU this postcode will take you though the local villages and is not the preferred route, please follow road signs for the track from the A12.

WHEN LEAVING THE CIRCUIT PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS AND DO NOT TAKE THE SHORTCUT THOUGH LT GLEMHAM VILLAGE.

4 JURISDICTION

The meeting is held under the National Sporting Code of the ACU, Motocross Standing Regulations 2020, these Supplementary Regulations and any final Instructions or Official Announcements made on the day

5 OFFICIALS

Stewards Centre

Club Stewards

Clerk of Course

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ANDREW & VAL HAY

6 ELIGIBILITY

Riders holding a current 2020 ACU Adult licence, and members of the ACU club. Day licences are available (Photo ID will be require upon entry to the venue) Machines as per the 2020 ACU Handbook.

7 NUMBER OF RIDERS ALLOWED

Solo 160 Races: 1 Prize Fund Dependant on Number of riders Entered

8 ENTRIES & WITHDRAWALS

ENTRIES ARE ONLY ACCEPTED ONLINE VIA THE ACU WEBSITE. THE CLUB RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY WITHOUT GIVING A REASON.

THE ENTRY FEE IS £50

NON-PARTICIPATION IN A MEETING

RIDERS WHO DO NOT INFORM THE ORGANISERS BY 5PM ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE EVENT OF THEIR INABILITY TO ATTEND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR A REFUND OF THEIR ENTRY FEE.

HOWEVER, A £5 ADMINISTRATION FEE WILL BE APPLIED TO RIDERS WHO WITHDRAW FROM THE EVENT PRIOR TO THE ABOVE RULING.

IN THE EVENT OF CANCELLATION, REFUNDS WILL BE MADE LESS £5.00 ADMINISTRATION FEE.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE EITHER WHEN FULL OR AT 5PM ON THE THURSDAY EVENING BEFORE THE EVENT

TRANSPONDERS WILL BE USED AT THIS MEETING, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE YOU CAN HIRE ONE AT THE TIME OF ENTRY. THERE WILL BE A CHARGE OF £10 PER DAY.

9 INSURANCE

The insurance cover for this event is "BASIC" there is no Personal Accident cover for competitors and Liability cover in respect of any claim made by third parties is limited to 10 million and 5 million for Medical mal practice.

RIDER ARE STONGLY RECOMMENDED TO PURCHASED THEIR OWN ACCIDENT COVER

10 TECHNICAL CONTROL and SIGNING ON 7.45am- 9.15am

Competitors are required to produce their machine, helmet and body armour to Technical Control. When more than one motorcycle is entered, they must be present to Technical Control at the same time. No competitor will be permitted to practice or race unless the Technical Official has passed their machine, helmet, and seen their body armour, as per the ACU guidelines. Please ensure you have the correct colour plates and numbers on your bike as you will be refused entry to the meeting.

11 SOUND CONTROL

Random or spot check noise testing may take place by an ACU Sound control official

12 PRACTICE at 9.30am

PRACTICE SESSION: 5 MINS FREE PRACTICE, FOLLOWED BY 10 MINS TIMED PRACTICE. PRACTICE WILL BE AS PER RACE ORDER

13 RACES

The Number of races will be 12

14 PROGRAMME

As per Race Schedule issued on the Day. All Riders will get 3 races each.

15 METHOD OF START

The start will be live engine, clutch type.

No one except **RIDERS** and **OFFICIALS** shall be permitted into the area of the starting gate. **Riders are advised that the club have a concrete start and that under no circumstances is there to be any grooming or soil added to the concrete area of the start gate.**

Once a rider has taken his position at the start gate, he cannot change it. A rider is deemed to be under starter's orders having been called to the start line, when all the riders are on start line the starter will hold up a green flag from which moment the riders are under his control. The starter will hold up a 15 second board for a full 15 seconds, at the end of the 15 seconds, he will hold up a 5 seconds board and the gate will drop between 5 and 10 seconds after the 5 second Board is shown.

16 FINISH OF RACE

Riders must complete at least 50% of the distance of the winner and pass the chequered flag to be classed as a finisher.

17 FUEL

All fuel used during an event must comply with 2020 ACU Fuel Regulations

18 TEAR OFFS

THE USE OF TEAR OFFS AT THIS EVENT IS PERMITTED BY THE CLUB

THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MATS AT THIS MEETING WILL BE ENFORCED, THIS ALSO INCLUDES UNDER GENERATORS

The riding in the paddock of pit bikes or minibikes is not permitted.

Please take any rubbish home with you, Take used tyres away with you as it is an offence not to dispose of in the correct manner and costs the club money, please place waste oil in the bin provided in the paddock for us to dispose of properly.

Dogs must be kept on leads at all in the paddock and around the track.

Hope you have a great days racing.



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Additional Covid-19 Instructions

All riders, please ensure you read and fully comply with these additional instructions. The ACU National Sporting Code will be applied to any rider or support crew not complying.

- 1) Entries and cash - As handling of documentation and cash must be minimised, all entries, one day licences and hire of transponders must be on-line.
- 2) Nature of event – Four groups of riders and each group to be selected at random for the Practice/Qualifying session. After Qualifying you will be groups into the following Groups A/B/C/D for your three races.
- 3) Prize Money will be awarded on the Overall positions for Group A and will be subject to the success of the meeting.
- 4) Fitness to be at the event - Riders must not enter or attend the event, nor must any other person with Covid-19 symptoms. If you start to show symptoms at the event, you must not report to Medical staff or the first aid centre. Go home, self-isolate and call 111 if your condition deteriorates.
- 5) Travel and support crews - Riders should travel to the event in accordance with Government and ACU Covid-19 restrictions for social distancing in force at the time. The event is non-spectator and the number of support crew is currently limited to rider plus two. If you cannot maintain social distancing in your vehicle and your support crew is from a different household, they must travel in a separate vehicle. If required, you must be able to supply the details of the name and contact details of your support crew/mechanic.
- 6) Overnight camping: There will be no overnight camping
- 7) Pit entrance gate: Any riders with additional people over the rider plus two limits, will be refused entry to the site. – No refunds will be given for non-compliance.
- 8) Temperature checks may be taken.
- 9) Signing on - They will be no physical signing on. Your attendance will be marked off by the Secretary of the Meeting before you enter the Paddock. You will be identified by your ACU licence or Valid Photo ID for a Day Licence.
- 10) Parking – You will be parked in the Paddock by a Club Official and maintaining at least 2 metres between vehicles. There will be no parking in groups allowed.
- 11) Scrutineering – The rider must personally present their machine for scrutineering with their race numbers on the machine. The rider will be instructed to demonstrate that brakes, throttle and footrests etc. are all working. Technical Officials will visually inspect the rider's helmet for signs of damage and the presence of a gold stamp without handling the item.
- 12) Transponder
 - a) If you need to hire a transponder, you must pay online in advance.
 - b) If you have hired a transponder, you must collect it from the timing hut. You will be required to place one of the following (ACU licence, driving licence or credit card) in an envelope provided by the timekeepers which will be located in the transponder case, together with the appropriate transponder number. Please seal the envelope and replace it in the same slot as the transponder has been taken from. You must also provide a mobile number to the timekeepers in case there are any issues that need to be followed up.
 - c) For transponder returns the procedure is reversed.
 - d) If your transponder falls on the day for any reason, you can purchase using cash from the timekeeper, but you must provide the correct amount of £10.00.
- 13) Start holding area - The start control area has been divided into two separate sections spaced out with 2 metre spacing. Area 1 is a new holding bay at the rear of the start line where riders 1 to 20 will be held. Area 2 in the normal holding bay where riders 21 to 40 will be held. Both areas will provide 2m social spacing.

When in the Holding Areas your helmet must be worn at all times – Strictly just riders permitted in the Holding Areas.

- 14) Start line – A maximum of 40 riders will be permitted on the start line. When authorised to go to the gate:
 - a) Ensure your gloves and goggles are on.
 - b) Every other gate is marked with Black and Yellow Tape. If you choose a gate with Black and Yellow tape you may go fully up to the gate. If you choose a gate not marked, you must initially hold back 2m from the gate so that all riders are staggered. When the 15 second board is displayed, you may move up to your gate and line up normally against the next rider.
- 15) On track activity
 - a) Rider/mechanic/rider's assistant only to recover machine with authority from the Clerk of the Course (C of C).
 - b) If a rider is injured, the C of C will arrange to recover the machine with protective PPE being worn.
- 16) Medical and injuries:
 - a) Do not report to Medical staff if you have, or start to display, any signs or symptoms that look to be Covid-19 related i.e. high temperature, persistent cough or loss of taste or smell. Immediately go home, self-isolate and dial 111 should your condition deteriorate.
 - b) Please do not go to the Medical staff for minor cuts and bruises.
 - c) Please bring your own first aid kit to deal with minor cuts and injuries.
- 17) Timing and results
 - a) The timing hut officials will not deal with any queries during the event. The secretary of the meeting is the principal point of contact.
 - b) Start gate position will be determined by Practice Times for the first race and race positions for the following races (2nd and 3rd Race)
 - c) Results will be displayed on My Laps Speedhive Live Timing Results (being trialled at the event). Hard printed copies will not be posted at the event.
- 18) Toilets and personal hygiene:
 - a) Please bring your own hand sanitiser to the event.
 - b) The club will be providing someone to clean the toilets at regular intervals
- 19) Catering: - Catering facilities will be available as a takeaway. Please maintain social distancing.
- 20) Litter - Bin Bags will be provided, please take all your own litter home. It is important for club officials not to touch litter.
- 21) Social distancing:
 - a) Applies at the event in terms of parking, scrutineering and signing on, paddock area, start line, toilets and catering.
 - b) When you have finished your race, go straight back to your vehicle in the paddock. Do not stop for any reason to talk to friends or fellow riders.
 - c) The wearing of masks will be encouraged.

Please help the club make this work by abiding by the instructions, as we are trying to get the sport up and running again.

Thank you.

Covid-19 Responsibilities

The ACU issued the latest versions of the Covid-19 Risk Assessments on 14th/15th September and the covering email had a statement, in red text, highlighting the fact that ALL organisers need to make their local authority aware of any events that they are planning to run. For many clubs this will be a new undertaking and may cause some worry in that their events have 'gone under the radar' for many, many years and alerting local council Safety Advisory Groups (SAG's) may present a situation where these events could be stopped by officials who have little or no knowledge of our sport. In order to alleviate these worries, and provide support to the clubs, the ACU have produced a 'covering letter' which gives a brief description of the various off road disciplines, and more importantly, explains that all ACU permitted events have a normal Risk Assessment and an additional Covid-19 Risk Assessment, and are considered Covid-19 secure events.

The letter also covers the aspect that ACU permitted events have full insurance cover, and that there may be Stewards assigned to an event to assist with the implementing of the sport's rules and regulations.

This letter is downloadable from the ACU website or from the Covid-19 Information Section of the centre website www.easternacu.org

It is however, the clubs' responsibility to inform the local authority and probably local Police that an event is planned, and where and when. To achieve the least possible extra work and comply with local authority procedures a central database of SAG's and local Police contacts will be created and held by the Permit Secretary.

Most SAG's require at least 28 days notice, and some up to 6 weeks notice, so please make sure you get your paperwork completed in time. Most have an online form that requires to be completed the answers to which are undoubtedly in the risk assessments you already have for your event so there is unlikely to be too much extra work required.

All clubs are also strongly advised to put together a short, probably only two paragraphs, information sheet about their club and the venue they use. Specifically highlighting how the long the club has been affiliated to the ACU and what events and disciplines they have run over the years; and how long they have been using a particular venue, or venues. If you can include a good quality photo or two within the information sheet, then so much the better.

So, as reminder, as an organising club you will be required to inform your local authority/constabulary up to 6 weeks prior to an event and it is recommended that you provide the following:

- Normal Event Risk Assessment
- Covid-19 Risk Assessment
- Covering Letter
- Copy of the Permit
- Information Sheet About Your Club and Venue
- Set of Regs and any final instructions to riders; especially any specifically reminding competitors of the Covid-19 instructions



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Trials Committee Notes

Clive Dopson

Notes from ACU Eastern Trials
Committee Call September 17th 2020

On September 17th the Eastern Centre Trials Sub-Committee had its third call of the year. This note does not cover all the discussions, the other subjects will be in the complete call minutes issued in the normal way.

1. Competitors are required to supply their own riding number which should be communicated to them via the On-line entry system. It is going to be requested that a PDF file be made available on the ACUE website in "Useful Info".
2. Competitors, when using the ACU On-line entry system, may need to change their default club, if their default club is not invited to a specific trial.
3. Everyone needs to be aware that under current ACU Trials Covid-19 Risk Assessment, unless a club specifically arranges for spectators to be at a trial, the only people allowed are competitors, officials, one observer per section and one accompanying parent/ legal guardian for each youth competitor.
4. It has been decided not to organise a 2020 ACUE Trials Forum, the situation will be monitored when circumstances allow.
5. The conditions for 2020 ACUE Trials will carry over for 2021, the 2021/22 ACUE calendar setting process will soon start as usual, but will be reviewed every three months.
6. It is assumed that all 2020 ACUE Trials Sub-Committee members will stay in role for 2021.
7. It is proposed, even after Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, that all ACUE championship trials will only accept entries via the ACU On-Line entry system, feedback is requested before the end of October to, as first choice, dopson_boar@msn.com or if that is not possible to 07932624522.



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**Woodbridge and DMCC Limited
John Easty Memorial Trial
Blaxhall Circuit
25th October 2020
ACUE C Class Championship Round**

Blaxhall Circuit**25th October 2020****Start: 10.00 AM****ACU59676****Open Trial**

The Woodbridge and DMCC Limited will organise an Open Trial event for solo machines to be held under the ACU Trials Standing Regulations and the National Sporting Code of the ACU, these following Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which may be issued. The event starts at : Blaxhall Circuit, IP12 2DU

OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course	Ian Barfield	Centre Steward	TBC
Licence Number	123652	Club Steward	Wilf Harvey
		Secretary of the Meeting	Trevor Andrews
		M: 07803 270853	
Event Safety Officer	Phil Levermore	Need help – eMail;	tjandrews12@sky.com
		Results Secretary.....	Trevor Andrews

ELIGIBILITY

All riders must hold a current ACU Trials Registration, open to Adult and Youth.

INSURANCE

The event will be covered by the ACU's premier insurance.

ENTRIES

All entries must be via the ACU on-line entry system. Entry fee is **£17.00** for adults, **£15.00** youths. Maximum 100 riders. No entries on the day. No postal entries. Strictly first come first served with Championship class riders having priority if entry limit exceeded before the closing date. All riders must be a member of an Eastern ACU affiliated club.

Opening date: Monday 5th October 2020. Closing date: Thursday 22nd October. Or when full.

Maximum no. of entries: 100

REFUND OF ENTRY

Entries will **not** be refunded unless the entry is refused, or a Doctor's certificate is provided. In the event of cancellation refunds will be made less £2 to cover administration costs.

LOCATION AND START

Blaxhall Circuit, Wickham Market, Suffolk, IP12 2DU

EVENT

Trial event consisting of 12 observed sections laid out around the pit and utilising trees, hills and banks.

ROUTES

Three routes: Red & Blue, with an easier White Deviation and harder Yellow Deviation.

RESULTS

Will be published on Eastern ACU Website. No paper copies will be posted.

CLASSES

Pre 70 --- Pre-Unit

Pre 70 --- Unit

Pre 70 --- Two-Stroke

Twin-Shock

C class Championship	Pre 70 A	Yellow route
	Pre 70 B	Red and Blue route
	Pre 70 C	White route

AWARDS

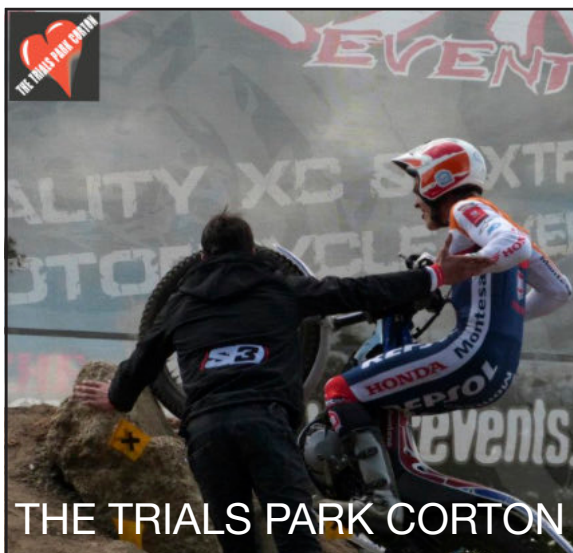
'John Easty Memorial Shields' will be awarded to the best Woodbridge club member on each route.

"SIGNING ON"

Sunday 25th October from 9.00 AM and in accordance with ACU COVID – 19 Trials Risk Assessment. There will not be a physical signing on process. Competitors will register their entry with the Secretary of The Meeting in the 'Scrutineering Shelter'.

COVID – 19 SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS (as per ACU COVID 19 Risk Assessment)

- Only one competitor per vehicle, unless from the same household.
- Minimum 3 metres distance between parked vehicles.
- On-line entries only. No cash. No entries on the day.
- Maximum 100 competitors.
- Social distancing minimum 2 metres must be observed at all times.
- Observers will choose a vantage point minimum 2 metres from section.
- Observers must not be approached (2 metres) under any circumstances.
- It is rider responsibility to replace dislodged markers. Observer must not enter section or touch section markers.
- Riders must observe minimum 2 metre social distancing at all times.
- No more than 3 riders to walk a section at any one time.
- No signing on. Attendance noted by Secretary of the Meeting.
- Catering will be provided.
- Toilets will be provided.
- If you have symptoms of COVID 19, or have been in contact with anybody who has in the last 14 days, please do not enter or attend this event.
- Clerk of the Course will strictly impose these requirements. Non compliance will result in being asked to leave the event.



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Essex & Suffolk Border MCC
Open Trial
Raydon Pits, Raydon, Suffolk, IP7 5QP
1st November 2020
Eastern Centre B Class Championship

Raydon Pits**1st November 2020**
ACU59700**Start: 10.30AM****Open Trial**

The Essex & Suffolk Border MCC will organise Open Trial event for solo machines to be held under the ACU Trials Standing Regulations and the National Sporting Code of the ACU, these following Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which may be issued. The event starts & finishes at Raydon Pits, Wades Lane, Raydon, Suffolk, IP7 5QP

OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course Alan Penny
 Licence Number 6849

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 Club Steward Chris Keeble
 Secretary of the Meeting Neil Fenn
 T 01473 839933 M: 07834 691385
 Need help - eMail: fenn_neil@hotmail.com
 Results Secretary.....Neil Fenn

Event Safety Officer Paul Fenn

ELIGIBILITY

All riders and passengers must hold a current ACU Trials Registration and be aged 16 years or over.

Insurance

The event will be covered by the ACU's premier insurance.

ENTRIES

All entries must be via the ACU on-line entry system. The entry fee is **£17.00**.

Maximum 40 riders. No entries on the day. No postal entries. Strictly first come first served.

Priority will be given to Championship entries in the event that the entry limit is exceeded before the closing date. All riders must be a member of an Eastern ACU affiliated club

Opening date: 1st October 2020.

Closing date: Thursday 29th October 2020. Or when full.

Maximum no. of entries: 40

REFUND OF ENTRY

Entries will **not** be refunded unless the entry is refused, or a Doctor's certificate is provided. In the event of cancellation refunds will be made less £2 to cover administration costs.

LOCATION AND START

Raydon Pits, Wades Lane, Raydon, Suffolk, IP7 5QP

Continued overleaf

EVENT

Trial event consisting of approximately 10 observed sections laid out around sand pit utilising banks, hills and trees.

ROUTES

Two routes: Red & Blue, with an easier White Deviation.

Results

Will be published on Eastern ACU Website. No paper copies will be posted.

CLASSES

Experts – May ride, but there will be no separate expert route. **

Experts will ride the Red & Blue route. **

Inter A – Red & Blue route. **

Inter B – White Route. **

Novice – White Route.

Twinshock A – Red & Blue Route.

Twinshock B – White Route.

** Entries will only be accepted where the B Class Championship class's entry limit has not been exceeded.

“SIGNING ON”

Sunday 1st November 2020 from 09.30AM and in accordance with ACU COVID-19 Trials Risk Assessment.

There will not be a physical signing on process. Competitors will register their arrival with the Secretary of The Meeting at the venue entrance.

COVID-19 SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS (as per ACU COVID-19 Risk Assessment)

- Only one competitor per vehicle, unless from the same household
- No guests. No spectators.
- Minimum 3 metres distance between parked vehicles.
- On-line entries only. No cash. No entries on the day.
- Maximum 40 competitors.
- Social distancing minimum 2 metres must be observed at all times.
- Adults only. No youth competitors.
- Observers will choose a vantage point minimum 2 metres from section.
- Observers must not be approached under any circumstances.
- It is rider responsibility to replace dislodged markers. Observer must not enter section or touch section markers.
- Riders must observe minimum 2 metre social distancing at all times.
- No more than 3 riders to walk a section at any one time.
- No signing on. Attendance noted by Secretary of the Meeting when entering the venue.
- No catering will be provided.
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- If you have symptoms of COVID 19, or have been in contact with anybody who has in the last 14 days, please do not enter or attend this event.
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