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It's that time of year when we head into the meeting rooms and Village Halls to organise our sport for the forthcoming 12 to 18 months, and brush up on our knowledge of the rules/regulations as required to renew our licences; whether they be Technical, Clerk of the Course, Steward or whatever. Over the last 18 months or so many licences have been extended without the requirement to attend a seminar but that will be different from now, and going forward. Details of forthcoming seminars for officials in all disciplines are detailed on page 11 of this gazette, and will be kept updated on the Centre website.

As is usual the Centre AGM, and subsequent board meeting will be held on Remembrance Sunday, November 14th at 1pm at the Parish Rooms at Gt Blakenham; can the club delegates please try and make every effort to attend as there are a few subjects to cover which will affect the running of the Centre over the coming years.

And finally, on a similar theme, can all organisers/secretaries of meetings of all disciplines please make every effort to attend the Dates/Organisers meeting on November 17th, same venue but evening kick off! As part of the drive to make the Centre more efficient, and hopefully save time, effort and money for all concerned we will be running through some of the changes that we would like to make so that the application/issuing of permits and administration are completed totally online. This is your opportunity to put forward your ideas as to how it could be made easier; we can't promise to have a one size that fits all – but we will do our best!!!

## Foreword

Phil Armes



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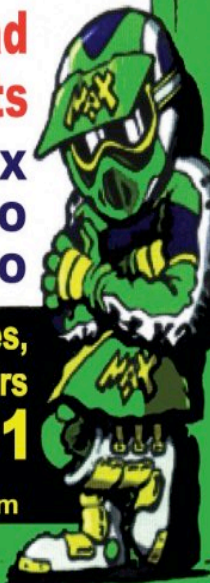
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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

Open to riders in the following Centres of the ACU:  
Cornwall, South Eastern, Eastern, Southern, South Western,  
South Midland, East South Wales, West South Wales,  
Southern Territory of Mid Wales, Midland Centres.

## **Southern Experts Trial**

Poles Wood, Essex CM15 0LA

**National Grid Reference: TQ 559997**

**Permit No.: ACU 61877**

**Sign On:** 09.00am Riders must sign AND sign off

**Start:** 09.30am

### **OFFICIALS**

**ACU Eastern Steward:** tbc  
**Club Steward(s):** Stephen Smith Roger Higgs  
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**Start / Finish:** Poles Wood, Ongar Rd, Kelvedon Hatch, Essex CM15 0LA  
**Course:** 3 laps of 12 sections; Woodland & Pit  
**Routes:** Red/Blue ; Yellow; White  
**Classes:** Expert; Clubman/Expert; Clubman; Youth A  
**Awards:** Southern Experts Cup for best performance on A route;  
First Three-Expert; First Three-Clubman/Expert;  
First Three -Clubman; First Three- Youth

### **JURISDICTION**

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult and Youth members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding solo and sidecar machines.

### **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 £25.00. Cheques to be made payable to Southend & DMCC

**Entries Open:** 1st November 2021

**Entries Close:** 17th November 2021

### **No Entries on the day**

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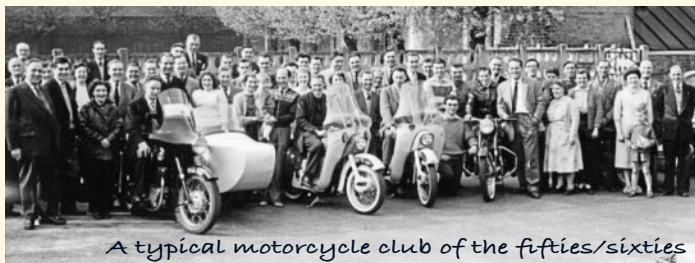
*Sidge Kenny*



Our chairman, Phil showed commendable foresight when he called a meeting in September to discuss “Sustainability” with regards to our sport and indeed the future of the Eastern Centre (Region) itself. The main issues which came out of this meeting were: a lack of younger people coming in to take on the organisation and administration of the sport, the reducing number of accessible sites with suitable land for the various types of events the Centre currently runs and the effects of local authorities and their demands over public and environmental safety.

In short, the need is for more people to get involved with running of things at Centre level and during the debate, Phil raised the query: “Is a Centre necessary at all in these times?” No motions were put before the delegates and all went away, to discuss these topics within their respective clubs and perhaps produce some ideas or even volunteers to fill the position vacancies – not the least being that of Centre Secretary - as our redoubtable Lyn has given notice that she is to retire next year.

How did things get to a need for such a meeting? As archivist, I can see how the Centre and indeed the sport itself has fundamentally changed over the decades. Perhaps the most telling clues are in the pages of this very journal - our Eastern Centre Gazette. If I open a copy of seventy years ago, admittedly a long time ago, the Centre, already thirty years in existence, was picking itself up after the six-year shutdown due to World War 11. Looking through the report of 1950, I see that the Centre then comprised of 36 clubs and ran 121 permitted events – not so very different from the pre- Covid tally of recent years and moreover at a time when petrol was rationed after the War. Additionally, there was no junior sport in those days. What is different is the copious reports in the Gazette of club activities, and this shows that the majority of motorcycle clubs had many functions going on besides sporting events. There would be road runs out to various destinations, sometimes in support of their riders at sporting events, dart matches, dances, dinners, quizzes and treasure hunts. All taking in club members of both sexes and which the majority were not competitors in any sporting discipline at all. It was simply the enthusiasm for riding motorbikes and enjoying “club life” of great variety. The social scene obviously attracted active young people, both men and women. Probably many a marriage was put on the launch pad at the local motorcycle club. Yet every member of a Centre club would (or should!) have been an affiliated member of the ACU by virtue of their club subscription. Therefore, the sheer numbers would have easily exceeded our current strength and also filled the ACU coffers. It is plain to see that there was a real pride in their club and a great willingness to get involved and stuck in whenever a club staged any event, sporting or otherwise. The word: “enthusiasm,” simply wafts off the yellowing pages of these old copies.



Not that I am critical of today’s clubs. They do their best in a difficult environment. These are totally different times and for enthusiastic young people, there are so many more outlets for their leisure-time. Added to that, there are indisputably more pressures to confine and reduce our sport, both directly and indirectly. Another factor is that we in the Eastern Centre are within one of the more populated areas in the country which can make our sporting activities even more vulnerable. Proof of that is in the high loss of sporting venues Essex itself has suffered over those long years from the 1950’s. On the whole however, whilst we might not be seeing a red light nowadays, it is looking increasingly amber.



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## CHAMPIONSHIP

Team	Sudbury Foxborough 11th April	BSE Hawkedon 18th July	Sudbury Halstead 25th July	Diss Walsingham Cancelled	Stowmarket Kenton Cancelled	Sudbury Pebmarsh 19th Sept	Sub Total	Minus Low Score	TOTAL POINTS
Ben Cole Luke Parker	15	20	20				55	0	55
Toby Morley Jack Sheppard		15	17			17	49	0	49
Ross Taylor Dan Willis	13	11	15			13	52	11	41
Jamie Roper Craig Roper	20					20	40	0	40
Lewis Bond Joseph Hall	10	13	13				36	0	36
Paul Hunt Dan Hunt	8	8	8				24	0	24
James Colwell Dan Cummings	17						17	0	17
Tom Braddock Tim Rose		17					17	0	17
James Hockenhull Jake Nicholls						15	15	0	15
Stevie Roper Ian Parker	11						11	0	11
Chris Basick Mark Sharman			11				11	0	11
Ian Parker Stevie Roper						11	11	0	11
Jamie Roper Rob Blackman		10					10	0	10
Michael Ridge Syd Bales			10				10	0	10
Will Hughes Mitchell Beagrie						10	10	0	10
Ben Alexander Jack Sheppard	9						9	0	9
Adam Ranson Mark Chapman		9					9	0	9
Jamie Roper Ben Roper			9				9	0	9
Paul Hunt Adam Tufton						9	9	0	9
Travis Frost Oliver Brader	7						7	0	7
Stevie Roper William Packer		7					7	0	7
Steve Finch Gary Drage	6						6	0	6
Phil Burton Lewis Tombs	5						5	0	5
Steve Mason Julian Mair	4						4	0	4
Tjack Youngs Edward Jay	3						3	0	3
Myles Saunders Tommy Clark	2						2	0	2



## EXPERT

Team	Sudbury Foxborough 11th April	BSE Hawkedon 18th July	Sudbury Halstead 25th July	Diss WaE sfield Cancelled	Stowmarket Kenton Cancelled	Sudbury Pebmarsh 19th Sept	TOTAL POINTS
Adam Durkin Tom Sargent	20	20	15				55
Jake Roper Phil Roper	17	17	20				54
Ben Grice Jack Grice	9	11				13	33
Michael Ridge Steven Revett		13				15	28
Shaun Palfrey Toby Rogers	15		11				26
Jack Austin Thomas Batts		15	10				25
Adam Saunders Ed Pooley	4	7	9				20
Matt Hockenhull Shaun Leggett						20	20
Fred Stearn Shaun Leggett	10	9					19
Finlay Jarvis Joe Phillips			17				17
Adam Sparkes Joe Smith						17	17
Jack Edwards Albert Van Dyke		5				11	16
Chris Bastick Mark Sharman	13						13
Shaun Leggett Matt Cummings			13				13
George Eustace Duncan Eustace	11						11
Joe Phillips Cullen Hawkins		10					10
Jono Jones Charlie Nicholls						9	9
Adam Tutton Ian Tutton	8						8
Graham Lazzari Paul Spurgeon		8					8
Albert Van Dyke Bruno Van Dyke			8				8
Chris Hart Mark Waller	7						7
Chris Ballard Ben Grice			7				7
Dan Lee Rob Aldridge	6						6
Toby Rogers Joe Fanthorpe		6					6
Andrew Blackman Rob Blackman	5						5
Jack Austin Jake Rackham	3						3
Joe Phillips Stu Phillips	2						2
Philip Gilder Daryl Gilder	1						1

## CLUBMAN

Team	Sudbury Foxborough 11th April	BSE Hawkedon 18th July	Sudbury Halstead 25th July	Diss Walsfield Cancelled	Stowmarket Kenton Cancelled	Sudbury Peabmarsh 19th Sept	Sub Total	Minus Low Score	TOTAL POINTS
Barnaby Knight / Archie Gunton	20	17	20			20	77	17	60
Lloyd Barker / Luke Barker	17	13	17			15	62	13	49
Will Belton / Paul Belton		10	15			17	42	0	42
Oliver Brinkley / Dale Brinkley	6	8	11			13	38	6	32
Raymond Otaka / Colin Brand		9	9			11	29	0	29
Jason Ager / Simon Davies	3	3	10			10	26	3	23
Georgia Potter / Michael Wilson	8		13				21	0	21
Gus Oblein / Ronnie Day		20					20	0	20
Nigel Ross / Graham Mays	15						15	0	15
Joe Henthorn / Michael Wilson		15					15	0	15
Andrew Arden / James Arden	11					3	14	0	14
Daniel Wright / Max Monk	13						13	0	13
Evan Herbert / Billy Sargeant			7			5	12	0	12
Jason Green / Luke Womack		11					11	0	11
Wayne Barker / Simon Clark	10						10	0	10
Jeff Sharpe / Tim Ford	9						9	0	9
Kyle Betts / Macauley Betts		5	4				9	0	9
Michael Wilson / William Turtle						9	9	0	9
Stuart Phillips / Joe Henthorne			8				8	0	8
Archie Peters / Morgan Plaskett			6			2	8	0	8
Thomas Clark / Jack Janes						8	8	0	8
Richard Squirrel / Clive Smith	7						7	0	7
David Woods / Andrew Woods		7					7	0	7
Danny Street / Mason Miller						7	7	0	7
Bryce Hagger / Scott Dearman	4	2					6	0	6
John Roach / John Carsboul		6					6	0	6
Aaron Barkshire / Matthew English						6	6	0	6
Adam Kempster / Keith Potter	5						5	0	5
Mason Miller / Danny Street			5				5	0	5
Russell Kenward / Jonathan Masters		4					4	0	4
Max Day / Adam Botting						4	4	0	4
Tom Starling / Tim Warnes			3				3	0	3
Martin Gunton / Matt McCulloch	2						2	0	2
Clement Leworthy / Callum Clark			2				2	0	2
Chris Collins / Fraser Arden	1						1	0	1
Chris Ballard / Lewis Holmes		1					1	0	1
Don Blackman / Phil Roberts			1				1	0	1
Paul Owen / Graham Mays						1	1	0	1

# Officials Seminars 2021 - 2022

## Motocross

The ACU Motocross Department will be delivering online training to ensure that all officials can renew their licences and be conscious of rules changes and important updates in readiness for the start of the 2022 racing season.

Registrations for the ACU Regional Motocross Clerks & Stewards Seminars (Renewals) are now open.

### Online Webinars - held via Zoom

**Monday 15th November** - 6.30pm - Regional MX Renewal

**Saturday 20th November** - 09.30am - Regional MX renewal followed by Off Road Tech for those attendees that need both licences

**Monday 29th November** - 6.30pm - Regional MX Renewal

**Saturday 4th December** - 09.30am - Regional MX Renewal followed by Off Road Tech for those attendees that need both licences

**Thursday 16th December** - 7pm - Regional MX Renewal

To register for a place please email [sonia@acu.org.uk](mailto:sonia@acu.org.uk) indicating which date you wish to book in for. The webinars will be restricted to a maximum of 10 participants.

A few more dates will be added for January/February to also include New Applications Seminars and National Seminars so please don't panic if a date or time above doesn't suit you.

## Trials

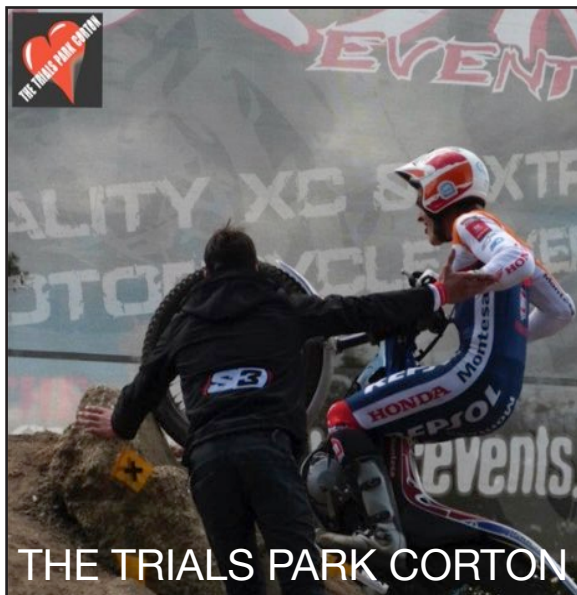
Regional Clerk of the Course & Steward seminar will be on Saturday December 18th at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms, commencing at 10.00am. Tristan Robinson will be delivering the seminar.

For those who would like to attend please contact the Centre Secretary; [lynralph@outlook.com](mailto:lynralph@outlook.com)

## Enduro

The date/venue for the Enduro officials seminar have yet to be confirmed but they will be in January 2022. Tristan Robinson will be delivering the seminar.

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The final round of the 2021 Eastern Centre Motocross Championships, sponsored by Instanda and Stebbings Car Superstore, was held at Lyng on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Hosted by the Norwich Vikings club, the Cadders Hill circuit was in prime condition, and a bumper entry of 200 riders competed at the iconic hillside track.

After the timed qualification sessions, the fastest 40 riders competed in the premier class, with the remaining competitors separated into four support groups.

## ACU Eastern Motocross Championship



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Current champion, Suffolk's Lewis Tombs, came to Lyng with a 24 points advantage over Norfolk ace, Luke Parker, in the experts' class, but with 75 points up for grabs, everything was to be decided on the day. Race one saw Tombs leading, chased hard by Parker throughout the twenty minute long race. Kings Lynn's Calum Mitchell was pushing hard in third place, followed closely by former champion, Luke Benstead, and

Newmarket youngster, Sam Nunn. At the finish, Tombs took the win, with Parker only yards behind. A mistake by Mitchell had dropped him to fifth place, with Benstead crossing the finish line in third, just ahead of Nunn. Tom Murphy rounded out the top six.

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With the junior grade riders scoring separately, series leader, Callum Murfitt, increased his championship lead. The seventeen-year-old was the leading junior rider, finishing in 11th place, therefore collecting maximum points in his class. His nearest rival, Ryan Gardiner, had earlier had machine problems, which effectively meant that the junior title was settled after the first race. Chelmsford teenager, Liam Bennett, was the second junior to finish in 13th place, just ahead of the young Norfolk ace, Bayliss Utting.

Race two of the premier group saw local ace, Parker, charging to the front on his Kawasaki, this time Tombs was the chaser, and the crowd witnessed some very fast close racing at the front. Tombs made his move on lap six to take over the lead, and despite a strong challenge from Parker, held on to record his second win. Behind them, Benstead held third place for ten laps, until Tom Grimshaw made a strong pass with two laps remaining. Ben Cole and Sam Nunn were involved in a battle for fifth place, with Nunn getting the verdict at the finish. Murphy rode consistently again to take 7th, with Todd Ritchie just behind him.

Murfitt was again the leading junior grade rider in a fine 10th place, after a closely fought battle with Bennett. Ben Gillett rode well for third best junior, just ahead of two more up and coming youngsters, Thomas Harris and Jake Rackham.

The third premier class race saw Parker taking victory, leading each lap. Tombs held second place, content in the knowledge that he had held on to his title, and Grimshaw held off his under 21 British team mate, Sam Nunn, for third place. Mitchell was fifth, chased by Tom Murphy. Murfitt celebrated his junior title win with a fine 9th place, with Adam Reeve next best junior in 11th, followed by Harris and Rackham in 12th and 13th places.



The supporting A group saw overall victory going to lady rider, Kathryn Booth, who was second in the first two moto's, and made sure of the overall by winning the third race. Local rider, Robert Baldry won the first race, followed by a 4th and 3rd place to claim second on the day, with Joshua Deadman putting in three good rides for third overall.

Charlie Dormer won the first two races in the B group, but struggled in his third race for third overall. Consistent riding from Bailey Jackson, and veteran Steve Atkins saw them 1st and 2nd on the day.

In the C supporting group, Nathan Moulton won all three moto's, chased home each time by fellow Norfolk rider, Scott Goodson. Ty Atkins was third each time, for 3rd overall, and three wins by Andrew Webster in the D group saw him easily the overall winner.

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## Final Round Eastern Centre Championships Results

### Premier class experts overall.

- 1st Lewis Tombs Honda
- 2nd Luke Parker Kawasaki
- 3rd Sam Nunn Yamaha
- 4th Tom Grimshaw Husqvarna
- 5th Tom Murphy Gas Gas
- 6th Todd Ritohie KTM.

### Premier class juniors overall.

- 1st Callum Murfitt KTM
- 2nd Thomas Harris KTM
- 3rd Adam Reeve Kawasaki
- 4th Ben Gillett Yamaha
- 5th Jake Rackham Honda
- 6th Liam Bennett Husqvarna

### Support group A

- 1st Kathryn Booth KTM
- 2nd Robert Baldry KTM
- 3rd Joshua Deadman KTM
- 4th Craig Heslop KTM
- 5th Ben Watling Kawasaki
- 6th James Rowsell KTM.

### Support group B

- 1st Bailey Jackson Honda
- 2nd Steve Atkins Honda
- 3rd Charlie Dormer KTM
- 4th Sam Browning Yamaha
- 5th Paul Hubbard Honda
- 6th Oakley Harrison Suzuki.

### Support group C

- 1st Nathan Moulton KTM
- 2nd Scott Goodson KTM
- 3rd Ty Atkins Honda
- 4th Kevin Gore Honda
- 5th Jay Peperell Kawasaki
- 6th Ryan Goode Kawasaki.

### Support group D

- 1st Andrew Webster Yamaha
- 2nd Shaun Copland
- 3rd Nicholas Seabright KTM
- 4th Matthew Herring Honda
- 5th James Hendry KTM
- 6th Kai Ryder Yamaha

## Final Championship positions

### Experts

Lewis Tombs	446
Luke Parker	419
Ben Cole	294
Declan Whittle	243
Will Farrow	230
Luke Benstead	229

### Juniors

Callum Murfitt	434
Ryan Gardiner	336
Archie Fisher	274
Connor Bunkle	241
Tommy Clark	219
Matt french	185

**Best expert rookie for 2021** Will Farrow.



**ACU Eastern  
Motocross  
Championship**

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Open Permit Trial

Sunday 28th November 2021

## **Ian Preedy Memorial Thumpers British Bike Trial inc ACU-EC C Class Championship**

Thorrington, Essex CO7 8HZ

**National Grid Reference: TM 085211**

**Permit No.: ACU 61968**

**Sign On: 08.30am**

**Start: 10.30am**

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**Start / Finish:** Poplars Chase Farm, Station Rd, Thorrington, Essex CO7 8HZ  
**Course:** Woodland, Banks & Ditches  
**Routes:** 50/50; Red/Blue; White  
**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)

**Awards:** Best Performance in each class on the hard route. Best performance classes C & D who will ride the easy route; Best in class awards subject to minimum of 5 entries and second in class subject to a minimum of 10 entries

### **JURISDICTION**

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### **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 - £17.00

**Entries Open:** 1st November 2021

**Entries Close:** 23rd November 2021

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## Charlie's Chat

*Charlie Ralph*

As they say in the film business, "it's a wrap" when it comes to the end of the 2021 Eastern Centre Motocross Championships.

Unfortunately, due to date clashes, fuel problems etc, the Halstead club's round at Wakes Colne was a no go, so the series concluded at Lyng. Surprisingly for the time of the year, the Vikings entry almost topped the 200 mark, and the finale was one of the best meetings of the year.

Andrew and Val Hay, plus the rest of the crew, put on a very efficient meeting of 15 races, all running on time. Big Congratulations to all of the new champions.

Premier expert, Lewis Tombs, Premier junior, Callum Murfitt, Expert rookie, Will Farrow. Callum and Will will also collect the MX2 trophies in their respective classes. It is not just about the champions however, as we have witnessed some good racing this year, and pleased to see many good young riders emerging as future winners. At least eight of them will start 2022 as expert grade riders.

However, not all can be winners, so to the faster expert riders, right down to the slowest rider in the bottom support group, big thanks for supporting the Eastern Championships this year.

At the presentation at Lyng, it was great to see Luke Parker receiving the Dennis Slaughter trophy, which was so apt, because Dennis helped this fine young rider during his early years on the bike. Big thanks to Anthony Skerry for presenting the awards, all of the club's really appreciates the sponsorship provided by his company, Stebbings Car superstore.

Lyn and myself were very pleasantly surprised on receiving a lovely thoughtful gift from all of the Eastern Centre's clubs, plus the NGR crew. It was very emotional to receive dozens of good wishes from so many people involved in the sport. We are taking a step back, but will still follow the sport, even though we will not be present at race meetings. As far as Lyn is concerned, apart from all of her secretarial duties, I have been totally amazed at how she manually lap scores forty riders bunched together, then when lapping takes place, still managed to record every single rider's positions.

Over a seventy year period, I have some really good, treasured memories of riders, events etc, from grand prix's all the way to local centre meetings. I have had the pleasure of commentating for over forty years, including a couple of grand prix, numerous British Championships, the odd television meeting, and hundreds of Eastern Centre meetings. However, I have always loved the local scene, and have been a staunch follower of the grass roots of the sport ever since I was a young lad. I found it great to follow the fortunes of youngsters, and watching their progress, some who made it to the very top of the sport.

I have also met some really great people, too many to mention personally, although I must mention the late Albert Carter and Dennis Slaughter, who did so much for the sport, both locally and nationally.

Once again, from Lyn and myself, thanks for many happy memories, and we wish all of our friends, riders and everyone involved in motocross, the very best in the future.

Finally, a big well done to Andrew Hay for once again looking after the rider's numbers scheme. Thanks to all the riders, as £3750 was raised this year, and the Essex/Herts and East Anglian Air Ambulance, plus the ACU Benevolent fund will each receive an equal share. Over the six year period, £21000 has been raised for these worthwhile causes.



**Norwich Viking MCC**

Open Permit Trial

Sunday 5th December 2021

## **December Trial**

Lyng, Norfolk NR9 5AL

**National Grid Reference: TG 066174**

**Permit No.: ACU 61969**

**Sign On:** 09.00am

**Start:** 10.30am

### **OFFICIALS**

**ACU Eastern Steward:** tbc  
**Club Steward(s):** J Douglas G Huxtable  
**Clerk of the Course:** B Douglas (*Licence 70441*)  
**Child Protection P.o.C.:** B Douglas  
**Secretary of the Meeting:** B Douglas  
The Old Cottages, The Moor, Reepham, Norfolk NR10 4NL  
*Tel: 01603 871811 email: barbara.douglas@hotmail.co.uk*  
**Start / Finish:** Caddes Hill, Lyng, Norfolk NR9 5AL  
**Course:** 5 laps of 8 sections; Sandy Climbs & Tree Roots  
**Routes:** Red/Blue; White; Beginners  
**Classes:** Inter; Inter B; Novice; Beginners, Twinshock; Pre-70; Youth A, B, C, D, E; Sidecar  
**Awards:** None

### **JURISDICTION**

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### **ENTRIES**

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**Entries Open:** 19th November 2021

**Entries Close:** 2nd December 2021

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Date	Club	Discipline	Status	Venue	Championship
07 November 2021	E & S Border	Trial	Open	Raydon	"B" Class Trials Champs
21 November 2021	Southend	Trial	Open	Poles Wood	Southern Experts
21 November 2021	Diss	Enduro	Open	Thetford Forest	Solo Enduro Champs
28 November 2021	Eastern 4 Stroke	Trial	Open	Thorrington	"C" Class Trials Champs
05 December 2021	Norwich Vikings	Trial	Open	Lyng	Norfolk & Suffolk Group
12 December 2021	NSJMCC	Trial	Open	Santon Downham	CANCELLED
18 December 2021	ACU Eastern	Trials Forum	n/a	Gt. Blakenham	C of C Seminar
19 December 2021	Braintree	Trial	Open	Beazley End	
26 December 2021	Ipswich	Trial	Restricted	Raydon	
28 December 2021	Woodbridge	Trial	Open	Butley	"C" Class Trials Champs
28 December 2021	Sudbury	Ext. Enduro	Open	Foxborough	
<b>2022</b>					
1 January 2022	Norwich Vikings	Trial	Open	Lyng	
2 January 2022	Eastern 4 Stroke	Trial	Restricted	Little Bealings	
16 January 2022	Wymondham	Trial	Open	Great Ellingham	
6 February 2022	Castle Colchester	Trial	National	Pebmarsh	
13 February 2022	Eastern 4 Stroke	Trial	Restricted	Little Bealings	
27 February 2022	Diss	Enduro	Open	Thetford Forest	



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