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Stephen Howard tackles a slippery section at the recent Essex & Suffolk Border MCC Autumn Trial

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Foreword

Phil Armes



It is something of a bitter/sweet moment in time as I sit here writing my last Foreword as editor of the Eastern Centre Gazette. I only ever stepped in to cover for my dad when he passed away, but like so many 'jobs' in off road motorcycle sport the interim becomes the normal and I've been at the helm for 10 years!! It will be very interesting to see how the gazette develops over the coming months/years and I am sure it will provide a focal point for all that is happening within the Centre for some time to come.

Putting together my notes to write this Foreword has given me a chance to reflect on my involvement with motorcycle sport, both as a competitor, and subsequently moving into the world of organising and officiating. It was inevitable really given the history of the Armes family within the Centre, over 55 years if I've done my homework correctly. In point of fact it will be a big change in my life as I have actually been involved in motorcycle sport in the Centre since my mum was pushing me around Lyng in a pram. Just a few years later dad was teaching me how to ride a bike, his old BSA Bantam at the same venue; and just a few years after that a certain Dennis Slaughter was teaching me the black art of knocking in stakes and putting up ropes to ACU standards – again at the hallowed ground of Caddes Hill. Given that my start in motorcycle sport was entirely oriented around off road it is a bit surprising that I never really competed in any off road competition. But of course I did have a little go at road racing!

As we all know, it is the Centenary of the Centre this year, and given that we are living in straightened times, and there have been many challenges over the last few years it is heartening to note that during this calendar year we have organised 108 off road events across four disciplines; 25 Motocross, 15 Enduro; 7 Grasstrack; and no less than 61 Trials. And these include everything from beginners/grassroots club events right through to flagship British Championship meetings – something, as a Centre we should all be very proud of. Certainly the Centre Championships have continued to be very well supported, and the motocross discipline has arguably one of the strongest series within the ACU.

If history teaches us anything we must always learn from the past and be ready to take on the challenges of the future. The technological timebomb that has been ticking at ACU head office for a few years is now about to go off and with it the potential to breakdown the Centre structure and management model of the ACU itself. The ACU's new Sport80 website, which is in the process of going live, gives all clubs the independence to deal direct with Rugby on every subject of running events and organising off road motorcycle meetings, thereby making the Centre redundant. So, the new Chairman has an almighty challenge on their hands to restructure the Centre and its services to make it relevant for the current times. It will take a lot of hard work, not just by the new Chair, but by all of you who believe in providing some form of support and cohesion between all the clubs and disciplines that currently operate some of the best events in the UK.

And finally, it would be unforgivable if I didn't say thank you to everyone that has provided me with the support, and at times, good counsel, in the many positions I have held across the Centre – and especially some cracking content for the gazette. It is always difficult to name names as you always fall into the trap of missing someone out, but I cannot leave this seat as editor of the gazette without saying a huge thank you to Paul Sewter, who has had to put up with, and correct, my many, many, many mistakes and inaccuracies over the years and still put together a 'magazine' that had all the right words and forms – in the right order!!!!

In closing, I would like to wish all clubs and organisers the very best for the future, and I look forward to bumping into many of you at one or two events around the Centre in the coming years.

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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



One of the most frightening experiences you can have on a motorcycle, is the uncontrollable oscillation of the front wheel from side to side – commonly known as a “wobble” - or “speed wobble”.

Often, the machine will just give a shake of the handlebars with little deflection from where you are steering. This is something most of us have experienced at one time or another and the bike more or less rides itself out of it. Yet a real head-shaker at speed can be very fearsome and on occasion can

result in a nasty crash. Over the years, several good men have met their end as the result of a speed wobble which got worse. I was once advised if a lock-to-lock wobble did occur, the best way out of it was to wind the throttle wider but rabbit as I am, I always did the other thing and shut off, and have lived to tell the tale.

It appears the worst era for wobbles was pre-war, in the time of rigid rear ends and girder front forks. The evidence being that most motorcycle manufacturers fitted adjustable steering dampers. A factor may have been the engines were getting more powerful whilst frame design fell behind. The advent of the telescopic fork and rear suspension evidently reduced the danger of speed wobbles – though by no means completely. Racing machines often have hydraulic steering dampers connected to the front forks, and it is usually the road rider or road racer, who mostly has to deal with speed wobbles, though an awkward front wheel landing off a jump in motocross can sometimes bring about the start of an equally vicious wobble.

Quite what causes these evil and luckily rare effects, is not clear. Normally motorbikes are very stable machines and yet some adverse and unexpected effect can induce the sweetest steering bike to flick into wobble mode. Tyre pressures or unbalanced wheels might well be a reason and I remember when the first Triumph “Bonnevilles” came on the road – a potent machine at the time - some riders complained of wobbly steering at speed in the bends, which they put down to inadequate rigidity at the swinging arm pivot.

I have seen riders deal with wobbles, most particularly on the Isle of Man, where speed, power and the road surface can all combine to cause steering problems. In one case, the bike, cavorting all over the place, came within an inch or two of the kerb in Kirkmichael at well over the ton. The gallant rider wrestled to regain control and gamely pressed on, seemingly unaffected - though I noticed he slightly altered his line on the succeeding laps!

My own worst experience of suffering a wobble at speed was years ago, riding a 500cc Ariel which went into a wicked lock-to-lock shake at around 70 mph. I held on to it – just - and found out later that it occurred on a stretch of road which had “ripples” - little bumps, more or less equally placed. A scientifically minded friend of mine declared it was: “simple harmonics” and that it would only ever occur at that precise speed, meaning the machine would have steered perfectly normally at a higher or slower pace but from then on, I tackled that stretch of road anyway with greater - and slower - caution. I was also well pitched off and slightly injured when my trials, “Tiger Cub” got into a lock- to-locker and threw me over the front, in of all things, a trial when riding hard in a special and timed test. I think I just hit something off-balance and that set it off. These things happen...

I don't suppose that any motorcycle or two wheeled vehicle would ever be quite immune from wobbling or mis-behaving steering effects of one way or another. We do only have two wheels – placed fore and aft and the very fact we stay upright at all is due to the mysterious force of gyroscopics.





The end of the Gazette?

Paul Sewter

Judging by the emails and phone calls I have received in the last few days the comments made at the recent board meeting regarding possible changes to the format and/or frequency of the gazette, or if it even had a purpose any more, seem to have unfortunately caused a fair bit misunderstanding. To the best of my knowledge no decision was made on the future of the gazette, merely that decisions would have to be made in the future. That is why, when asked by the incoming Chairman if I would be prepared to continue putting the gazette together, as I have for more than a decade, I agreed.

Unfortunately many took comments about the gazette being online in future as a sign that the paper gazette was being discontinued, but would remain in its existing format on the Centre's website, and at least two large clubs (possibly three) have contacted me to say they would no longer require printed gazettes, and would recommend their members access the online version. The online version of the gazette is a byproduct of the production of the printed version. Hence, if there is no printed gazette the online version in its current format will also cease.

Since the introduction of online entries for the various disciplines, great efforts have been made to improve the readability of the gazette with more editorial content. The adoption of full colour printing three years ago has also helped make it more visually appealing, and I am proud that we have a publication that is a good archival record of events within the region.

However, without the clubs distributing the paper gazettes it is difficult to see how it will be economically viable, quite apart from the logistics of delivery. Given that it is therefore a possibility that this could be the last issue of a magazine that has served those in the Centre for over sixty years I could not let this event pass without thanking those who have supplied content for inclusion over the years, and paying tribute to those who have come before me.

Having only been actively involved with the Centre for about 20 years I do not have an in-depth knowledge of those that have come before this time. Knowing how technology has developed within the printing industry during the life of the gazette I can only marvel at the achievement of those who managed to produce and distribute it in those early days. Mention Roneo machines, stencils or Cow Gum to anyone under 30 years old and you are liable to be met with a blank look.

I initially stepped in to help Colin Armes prepare the gazette for print in the latter stages of his terminal illness, and somehow continued for a further 10 years after his son Phil took over the reigns as editor. I believe Roger Chaplin may well have been at the helm at one point, and thank him for his regular contributions since. His able 'apprentice', Paula Day, has stepped into his shoes admirably in the past couple of years with regular enduro reports, always accompanied by some cracking photos. Charlie Ralph has been a regular competitor on the subject of his greatest love (sorry Lyn, it's not you, it's motocross!.... but I think you come just ahead of Spurs). Obviously I cannot mention the gazette without paying tribute to 'Sidge' Kenny for his reminiscences in the Recollection Section, the first file I open and read every month when assembling the gazette. If I have not mentioned you by name please accept my apologies, and be assured that I have been grateful for every article or report received. Ron Greengrass has been involved with the Eastern Centre Gazette as long as I can remember, handling the advert sales, distribution and financing, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his unwavering service.

I find it particularly sad that this may be the end of the gazette when recent months have seen contributions from a wider variety of people, with most disciplines covered. My other concern, given comments by one club that they will concentrate their efforts on promoting their events via social media, is that I will also receive even less information for the website, thus also eventually rendering that redundant, at which point the demise of the Centre risks becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy.



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Ipswich MCC

Open Permit Trial

Monday 26th December 2022

Boxing Day Trial

Raydon Pit, IP7 5QP

National Grid Reference: TM 042389

Permit No.: ACU 64676

Sign On: 9.30am

Start: 10.15am

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward: tbc
Club Steward(s): R Timms
Clerk of the Course: D Cordle (*Licence 5689*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: D Cordle
Secretary of the Meeting: P Cordle
Tel: 01473 462274 email: thecordles@talktalk.net

Start / Finish: Raydon Pit, Wades Lane, Raydon Suffolk IP7 5QP

Course: 4 laps of 10 sections

Routes: Yellow; 50/50; Red/Blue; White;

Classes: All adult solo; Youth A & B

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.

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 Adult £18.00 Youth £12.00

Entries Open: 1st December 2022

Entries Close: 22nd December 2022

No Entries on the day No Postal Entries

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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Autumn Trial, Sunday 6th November

Paul Fenn



What weather to run a trial in. The day dawned with steady drizzle, but remembering an old country saying "rain before 7 fine by 11" we thought this will not be too bad, how wrong we were. Heavy rain came as we were signing on and with water running down the hills an effort was made to ease some sections.

With the weather easing a little and observers in place we started on time. Having set out 12 sections we dropped 2 and settled for 4 laps of 10.

The sections did ride remarkably well, walking them was often the most difficult part. Although the scores were higher than planned for but generally it was the series of dabs rather than paddling through or failures that added up.

First five sections accounted for most marks with intermediate route section two & three not cleaned at all & four only cleaned by the class winner Neil Fenn.



It was nice to see all the youth completing the event and youth "C" Daniel Adcock on his Beta 80 finishing on a remarkable 24 beating all Novices & achieving white route second-best score of the day

Class winners

Expert: David Woods

Inter: Neil Fenn

Novice: Arron Richardson

Twinshock "A" :Stephen Howard

"B": Richard Snowden

Youth "C2" :Daniel Adcock

We must thank all observers for standing out in miserable weather helping put this event on.

Photos:

Left - David Woods

Above: Richard Snowden



Woodbridge & DMCC

Open Permit Trial

Tuesday 27th December 2022

Laurie Bird Memorial Trial inc ACU-EC C Class Championship

Butley, IP12 3NR

National Grid Reference: TM 365505

Permit No.: ACU 64649

Sign On: 9.00am

Start: 10.00am

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward: A Penny
Club Steward(s): W Harvey A Miller
Clerk of the Course: I Barfield (*Licence 123652*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: T Andrews
Secretary of the Meeting: T Andrews
Tel: 07803 270853 email: tvjandrews@btinternet.com

Start / Finish: Butley, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 3NR
Course: Woodland & Sand sections
Routes: Yellow; Red/Blue; White;
Classes: Pre-70, Pre-Unit, Unit, Two Stroke, Twinshock
Awards: Laurie Bird Cup - Best Woodbridge Club Member

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ENTRIES

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Entries Open: 5th December 2022

Entries Close: 22nd December 2022

No Entries on the day

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Sudbury MCC

OPEN Permit Extreme Enduro

Sunday 27th December 2022

Foxborough Extreme Enduro

Foxborough Quarry, CO9 3AN

National Grid Reference: TL 794325

Permit No.: ACU 64595

Sign On: 9.00am

Start: 10.00am Adult 12.30pm Youth

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward: tbc

Club Steward(s): tbc

Clerk of the Course: G Hockey (*Licence 18929*)

Child Protection P.O.C.: S Mays

Secretary of the Meeting: G Mays

Tel: 07906 092513 email: grahammays787@gmail.com

Start / Finish: Foxborough Quarry, Sible Hedingham, Nr. Halstead CO9 3AN

Course: Natural terrain and extreme sections

Classes: Pro, Expert, Clubman, Trials

JURISDICTION

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.

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 of Adult £52.00

Entries Open: 4th December 2022

Entries Close: 23rd December 2022

No Entries on the day

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The insurance cover for this event will be BASIC (limit of liability £10m) and Medical Malpractice insurance (limit of liability £5m) is included. There is NO Personal Accident Insurance for Competitors. Competitors are strongly recommended to purchase such cover.



General Secretary and Competitions Secretaries Required

The current Centre Secretary who has been in post and provided excellent service for many years is retiring at the end of 2022 and the Centre need to appoint a new person to the position.

The Current Secretary has actually filled the two secretarial posts but ideally we would like to appoint two people to split the workload.

Have you, or somebody you know got administrative experience and an interest in motor sport? If so you may be one of the people that we are looking for.

Both Secretary's are responsible for distributing agendas and taking minutes of meetings, four each year for the Centre Secretary and up to six each year for the competitions Committee; distributing incoming correspondence which is mostly by email and other administrative duties.

Assistance and guidance will be provided to help new appointees understand the role.

Both positions carry an honorarium payment and both could be suitable for job sharing.

If you are interested in either role or know of somebody who may be interested then please contact the incoming Chairman Chris Keeble by email at Keeble.chris@btinternet.com or by telephone on 07540 095676



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Norwich Viking MCC

Open Permit Trial

Sunday 1st January 2023

Open Trial

Lyng, Norfolk NR9 5AL

National Grid Reference: TG 066174

Permit No.: ACU 64587

Sign On: 09.00am

Start: 11.00am

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
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, 50/50; White; Beginners
Classes: Inter; Inter B; Novice; Beginners, Twinshock; Pre-70; Youth A, B, C, D, E; Sidecar
Awards: None

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ENTRIES

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Entries Open: 20th December 2022

Entries Close: 30th December 2022

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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Charlie's Chat

Charlie Ralph

Firstly, with a certain amount of sadness, Phil Armes is standing down from all of his duties relating to the ACU Eastern Centre. We all owe Phil a tremendous amount of gratitude for everything that he has done and achieved in his time as Centre Chairman, Comps chairman, permit officer, gazette editor, and many other jobs, including his role as peacemaker!

Phil will be the first to admit that he has had a great deal of help and support from his "right arm", Paul Sewter. In any organisation, the man in the engine room is so important, and Paul deserves a lot of credit as well. Hopefully, he will continue to look after the website going into 2023, and will obviously need input from Organising clubs to keep readers informed as to what is happening around our region.

With my other half, Lyn, standing down from her many roles she has held over many years, there is a vacancy for a few roles, including the Centre secretary.

As far as 2023 is concerned, obviously there is concern as to competitors' numbers, as we all face increases in the cost of living, hopefully, it will not affect our off road sport too much.

Finally, to all gazette readers, I wish you all a happy festive season.



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ACU's New Sport80 Members' System and Club Management Platform

Briefing document to provide clarity for licence holders

Since we announced the imminent arrival of our new Members' System and Club Management Platform, we have received some questions from ACU licence holders about the adjustments to our sport's administration system and how it will affect their membership experience.

Therefore, we are issuing this Q&A to clearly explain why a new-look administration system is needed to realise new efficiencies and to support the collective effort to build a bright and successful future for motorcycle sports in the UK.

If you still require further clarity after reading this document, please contact the ACU House team directly.

Q: Why are you changing the licencing system?

A: The current system is 10 years old and has become outdated. We therefore decided more than a year ago to make a significant investment in an alternative system that harnesses futureproof technology, is purpose-built, user-friendly and brings new administrative efficiencies.

Q: Why have you chosen Sport80 to deliver this Cloud-based software platform?

A: Sport80 is a world-renowned provider of sports management systems and works with more than 60 national sporting governing bodies, both in the UK and internationally.

Q: Will the platform be easy for licence holders to use?

A: We've conducted a full review of the system – which has taken close to 18 months to build – and we firmly believe it's more user-friendly, intuitive and simpler to use. We are happy that it will enhance the membership experience.

Q: Will I be able to access any help when using the new members' system?

A: Yes. The system is designed to be very user-friendly, video guides are also available to view by using the link below. Club officials can also speak directly with ACU staff to access support.

<https://express.adobe.com/page/NUimngkFoyRHG/>

Q: When and how can I apply for my competition licence?

A: You can apply for your licence online from 28th November 2022. When the new platform launches, you will be sent an email that includes a link to set a password and access your account.

Q: What information will I need to take out a new licence?

A: You will need to have a current and valid club membership and medical questionnaire to ensure your ACU licence is valid. These items are due to expire on 31st December 2022, so you must renew them early in the new year.

Q: Will my old licence information appear in the new system?

A: Yes. Your ACU licence records will migrate across to the new platform. You will therefore see that several areas of your account are already populated with your details when you log in.

Q: Will I receive a plastic licence as in previous years?

A: No. You will receive an e-l licence that can be added to your Apple or Android smartphone wallet. If you don't have a smartphone, a PDF version of your licence will be provided and you can download this and print it off.

Q: How secure is the personal data on the new system?

A: Security is our top priority so that's why state-of-the-art data security, storage and back-up arrangements are provided by world-leading IT service management company Amazon Web Services.

Q: What happens if an event is cancelled and how will refunds be made?

A: Event entry fees will be refundable subject to any deductions as considered reasonable by the Organising Club.

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Notes from ACU Eastern Trials Forum

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Notes from ACU Eastern Trials Forum November 3rd 2022

The 2022 Trials Forum on November 3rd at Great Blakenham Parish Rooms, was attended by 23 riders or organisers representing 10 clubs, the full minutes will be posted on the ACU Eastern website, here are some points of note.

1. For 2023 the format of all centre trials championships will remain the same as 2022, except for youth riders, see point 2 below.
2. The change for 2022 to Youth Expert and Novice, irrespective of age, seems to be working well. There was a proposal to move the Youth Classes to B Class rounds. After discussion this was agreed for the main reason that in B Class Youth Expert could be on Red/Blue, Youth Novice on White route, and potentially a new class of Youth Intermediate on the 50/50 route. This was thought to help Youth progression and Mr Cordle kindly offered to supply an award suitable for Youth Intermediate.
3. As the average number of Expert A entries has risen from 2.8 per event in 2021 to 6.4 per event in 2022 it was decided not to change current classes.
4. After discussion it was agreed to remove the option for the first lap for Expert A riders in A Class rounds to be non-counting. It was noted that if there were any issues of Expert A delaying completion of events then this option could be reconsidered.
5. Riders are reminded that any rider who wants to ride a route lower than any of those available for their class can ride lower routes as Clubman class.
6. There are still issues with results not accurately showing the ACU-EC club or riders, not confirming if they are a member of an ACU-EC club. After discussion it was agreed that riders should be encouraged to ensure their online entry data is accurate and complete and clubs should ensure that all available data is included in results, even if this means asking riders at signing on.
7. Arrangements were made to get perpetual trials wards back to Mr Hay for engraving for presentation, it was decided to do this by class, A Class Mr Cordle, B Class Mr Snowden, C Class Mr Dopson. Trophies required to Mr Hay before 1st January latest.
8. There is a potential that the annual multi discipline awards presentation may not take place in early 2023. If this was to happen it was decided to organise a standalone Trials awards presentation evening in a central location. The event would be need to be simple without any food or central funding. Volunteers to organise were Mr Cordle, Mr Plummer and Mr Snowden.
9. At a recent trial a group of regular observers has requested would it be possible to make it a rule within ACU-EC trials that all riders should have two riding numbers. After discussion this was agreed to start in 2023, one number on the front of the machine and one fitted to the rear of the rider's helmet. Note riders are responsible for the method of attaching the rear number and ensuring it did not affect the function of their helmet.
10. As there were two nominations for the Observers award, it was decided by a show of hands to make the 2022 award to Ron Greengrass. The award to be presented at the annual awards presentation or a local trial if more appropriate.

11. There was concern that observers were being distracted to tell riders their recorded scores, observers are reminded that their main task is to observe the riders and do not need to answer questions from riders.
12. Clubs are reminded that they can have additional classes, e.g., air cooled mono-shock, and if there is sufficient demand in the future additional or replacement championship classes may be considered.
13. Riders and clubs are reminded that information about classes and routes is on the ACU-EC website under Useful Info, Competition Conditions, Trials.
14. For 2023 the trials committee will be Paul Nash (Chairman), Clive Dopson (Secretary), Alan Foskew (Stewards Coordinator), Richard Snowden (Recorder), Kevin Hood, Paul Fenn, Eddie Hood, Matthew Neale, Nick Ogden, James Newstead, Andrew Barrell and David Cordle.

Away from the Forum the 2022 Novice Champion, Aaron Richardson, is promoted to Intermediate from 1/1/23



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Start: 10.30am

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Clerk of the Course: Matt Neale (*Licence 10981*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: D Glover
Secretary of the Meeting: D Glover
Tel: 07990 555406 email: drgbodyshop@gmail.com

Start / Finish: Hill House Farm Gt Ellingham, Norfolk NR17 1AQ
Course: Banks & Ditches
Routes: Red/Blue; White; Beginners
Classes: Expert, Inter, InterB, Novice, Pre-70; Twinshock, Youth A, B, C
Awards: None

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.

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 Adult £13.00 Youth £13.00

Entries Open: 12th December 2022

Entries Close: 12th January 2023

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What's on



NOTE: All dates are provisional, and subject to change.
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| Date | Club | Disc. | Status | Venue | Championship |
|--------|---------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|--|
| 04 Dec | Southend & DMCC | Trial | OPEN | Poles Wood | ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Champs R6 |
| 11 Dec | Norwich Viking MCC | Trial | OPEN | Caddes Hill | Norfolk & Suffolk Group Champs |
| 18 Dec | Braintree & DMCC | Trial | OPEN | Beasley End | |
| 26 Dec | Ipswich MCC | Trial | Restricted | Raydon Pit | |
| 27 Dec | Sudbury MCC | Extreme Enduro | OPEN | Foxborough | |
| 27 Dec | Woodbridge & DMCC | Trial | OPEN | Butley | ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials Champs R6 |
| 01 Jan | Norwich Viking MCC | Trial | OPEN | Caddes Hill | |
| 08 Jan | Eastern Fourstroke Assoc. | Trial | Restricted | Little Bealings | |
| 15 Jan | Wymondham & DMCC | Trial | OPEN | Great Ellingham | |

The much discussed dinner to celebrate the Eastern Centre's formation in 1922, took place on the 21st of October at the prestigious Stoke by Nayland Golf club. Some seventy guests attended the function which included many past riders and officials. The guests of honour were ACU Chairman, Roy Humphrey and his wife Pam. Also invited but unfortunately struck down with Covid and unable to attend, were Gary Thompson - perhaps better known nowadays for being the TT races 'Clerk of the Course' - and his partner. However his absence was admirably made up by the presence of Nieve Holmes, who just a few days after the function, won the Women's European Enduro Championship, with a final and confirming win in Germany. Master of Ceremonies, Charlie Ralph, welcomed the guests and celebrities before the gathering were seated to enjoy a meal of a standard equal to the venue's reputation.

Prior to the address by Roy Humphrey, Charlie Ralph asked the guests to stand for a toast: 'To the King'. President of the Centre, Alan Penny, then called for a second toast, this time: 'To the Eastern Centre.' Charlie then introduced Roy Humphrey who congratulated the Centre on its hundred years and then went on to recount his earlier competition career, in sidecar motocross, both in his visits to the Eastern Centre venues and his European expeditions to France Belgium and Germany. He then went on to describe how the ACU was recovering from the previous adverse effects of Covid on the ACU, its aims for the future, the personnel and the sport in general. Despite the set-backs, he saw a bright future for the sport and described new developments including an "app" now available for trials observers.

The formal proceedings now completed, many guests remained on to renew old friendships and re-live former meetings. Some stayed overnight. The dinner committee should be congratulated. The function had proved a most enjoyable and satisfactory celebration of the Centre's hundred years, which involved the membership and contribution of thousands of sporting and non-sporting motorcyclists with well over a hundred and thirty clubs during its long and varied history.



Left to right: Richard Snowden - Dave Cordle - Dave Clampin - Alan Day



Left to right: Richard and Alison Norman - Neil and Janice Kemp - Les and Penny Johnson



Left to right: Alan Penny - (?) - Chris Hockey - Jack Hearn - Nieve Holes - 'Sidge' Kenny - Pam Humphrey - Roy Humphrey



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