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Foreword

Phil Armes



As we head into another year with the spectre of Covid still effecting the way we live our day to day lives it is interesting to note that we once again have a full schedule of events and championships across all the off road disciplines; the provisional calendar is on the Centre website, with just one or two events to be confirmed before we 'lose' the provisional tag. There is no doubt that we still have a major responsibility to run our events with the government and ACU Covid guidelines being adhered to, but equally we still need to get out there and do what we do best – ride our bikes with a smile on our face!

With that in mind, I popped out to Lyng on New Year's Day for the traditional Norwich Viking Trial. No doubt the very mild weather played it's part but there was a superb entry across the full age range, both the riders and the machinery, and I was interested to see the odd sidecar as well. I was invited to try the orange route on my quad, but declined the offer as I felt it would be unfair to show up all the seasoned Trials riders when I went clean through the variety of sections!

With Covid in mind the recent Marshal's seminar due to take place at Hasketon Village Hall was postponed, but hopefully it will be rescheduled when things are a little more settled. And while talking about seminars, Paul Nash has managed to convince the powers that be to allow him to run a trials Clerk of the Course seminar online, similar to the motocross community, full details of which are available on the website.

No doubt there will be many of you who were a little taken aback by the recent hike in insurance rates but it is an inevitable consequence of the world we live in, and with fewer and fewer insurance companies willing to offer cover I suspect that the picture will get worse in subsequent years. For those of you running events you may well have no option but to pass the charge on to the riders, but at grass roots level there is really no other option. The full insurance matrix has now been issued by the ACU so please make sure you are aware of the new rates when setting your entry fees, and making your insurance returns.

All things change in the end, and I am saddened to see the Norfolk & Suffolk Group finally close after many years of running top class events. The officers of the group held their penultimate meeting recently and are keen to track down as many of the trophies and event memorabilia as possible so that they put together a proper archive. If you have, or know of anyone who has, one of the trophies or any interesting articles or items then please contact Vera Hearn via email; jackhverah7@gmail.com

And finally, we are still hoping to run the Centre function so that the competitors can at the very least receive their silverware from the 2021 season. The decision has been made to postpone it for one month so it will now be held on March 19th.



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Open Permit Trial

Sunday 23rd January 2022

Open Trial

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National Grid Reference: TQ 559997

Permit No.: ACU ACU62303

Sign On: 09.30am

Start: 10.30am

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Routes:	Yellow, Red/Blue, White, Beginners
Classes:	Expert, Expert B; Inter, Inter B, Novice, Beginners & Wobblers, Sidecar, Youth A to E
Awards:	None

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Entries Open: 1st January 2022

Entries Close: At Start

Entries accepted on the day

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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny

Going in early December to the motorcycle show at the NEC in Birmingham, I expected to see an onslaught of electric bikes. The last time this exhibition was held in 2019, there were quite a few but I would have to say they were very much in the minority and on a few stands they were mixed with “E- push bikes” which diluted their attraction to a motorcyclist. Not so this year where many of the well known bike firms were showing electrics as part of their new 2022 line-up.

However, what shook me this time was the number of companies displaying their products, again almost entirely electrics, whose names I had never heard of. Was a whole new motorbike industry arising out of the old ashes of the first? As I walked around - fewer people this year for understandable reasons; you had to show your “jabs” card to get in – I began to realise that to a certain extent, this might be true.

So it was reassuring to see the good old names also there and with new models. Norton for instance, who, for the whatever time, went under a year or so ago and now reborn with new models, but on questioning, it will be spring before any bikes are actually available. The situation was much the same for BSA, where a new “Gold Star” was on the stand together with its 1960’s, “cafe racer” grand-dad. The new version naturally has electric start and you don’t have to put a sink plug into the carburetor inlet when you park up. Other British firms were soon to be found – most surprising for me was DOT, who displayed both new and old examples of their competition bikes as well as new models for the road.

I then began to wonder, where were these new bikes made? I started to ask questions and from many of the stands, the staff – some more readily than others – admitted that the bikes might be designed and marketed by firms in this country but the actual manufacture was done in India and China, as well as other overseas locations. However, one company, Maeving, which I initially thought must be oriental, proudly reassured me that their electric bikes were completely built in Coventry - not far from the show site. This little bike had taken my eye simply because it had a decidedly singular “retro” look about it. It could take either one or two lithium batteries, which effectively double its duration and could recharge from any plug socket. When I asked how much interest had they received from the Great British public, I was told their first production run was sold out. The stand rep added that much of the uptake was by people new to motorcycling – fed up with traffic snarl ups, the difficulty in parking cars and not happy with public transport. The good old words of my youth: “ride to work” flashed up in my mind. Mopeds, Lambrettas, and side-valve plodders, all being from decades before - now being replaced by these silent, rideable electrics - quiet and “green.” Caroline Lucas would surely approve.

It all looked very proper and respectable. Good luck to them all. Yet I think I might have given out a little yawn and moved on to see the “proper” bikes. They were all there - the Jap firms with full ranges of road and comp bikes, a fully-packed Triumph stand with an amazing list of various types of machine, and BSA making a welcome return. Royal Enfield, with their extraordinary range of updated motorcycles from their British-made ancestors, which we all know, has now been produced in India for many years. Two equally old and revered names, Harley- Davidson and Indian were duly visited, as well as the BMW stand where their former highly respected and dignified designs were being overlaid by an extraordinary assembly of massive Harley “look-alikes”, plus an electric scooter which reminded me of a low, park bench with wheels.

Of course I’m old fashioned and out of touch with the current trends, however the British motorcycle industry is clearly attempting a revival. Their success or otherwise, will depend on the take up of a buying public much younger than myself. I’ve done most of my miles and at my age a little electric scooter would do nicely for me - but in today’s environment and the one ahead, how much attraction is there for the bigger mile-eaters?



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New Motocross Committee Chairman

Graham Muff

You probably don't know me but I would like to introduce myself. My name is Graham Muff, Eastern Centre motocross Junior grade rider number 261 and in the last month have been voted by the Eastern Centre Motocross committee to be it's new Chairman. As you may know, Charlie Ralph has held this position for many years and has contributed a huge amount in the organisation of the Eastern Centre Motocross

Championship, as well as commentating at race meetings and offering guidance in many other aspects of Motocross in our area, that have allowed people like me to race in the Eastern Centre year in and year out. Charlie decided to step down at the end of the 2021 season and with that, there became a vacancy for the Chair. As some background for you, the Motocross Committee is comprised of 12 committee members with two representatives of each club in the Eastern Centre that organise motocross meetings. The clubs that make up this group are, listed from north to south in location, Norwich Vikings MCC, Norfolk and Suffolk Junior MCC, Littleport MCC, Diss MCC, Woodbridge & DMCC, Halstead MCC, and Braintree MCC. To clear up any confusion, Braintree and Littleport have only one representative each based on size. From that group of 12 people, a Chairman is nominated and seconded. This is then voted on by the rest of the committee. I was honoured to be nominated and very grateful that this was supported by the whole committee. My period of Chairmanship will be for 12 months, along with the re-elected Vice-Chairman, Paul 'Wally' Hubbard from the Diss MCC whom I'm sure some of you will know.

As you can imagine, Charlie Ralph stepping down as chairman of the Motocross Committee leaves a huge gap in experience and knowledge that I am probably not qualified to fill, but with his help and that of the past and current club representatives on the motocross committee, I hope that we can build on the work that he has done over the years. It should not be forgotten that Lyn Ralph has also decided to step down from the position of Secretary of the motocross committee, which again leaves a huge hole to fill considering the many years that she has also be an integral part of motocross and wider motorcycle sport in the region. I would also like to put my appreciation on record for all the work and time that she has put in to help run the sport in the Eastern Region.

So, what of the future? In addition to my election and Paul's re-election, we now have a newly elected Secretary for the motocross committee in Charlotte Cattamole, and I'm sure that she will benefit from Lyn's help, and from other committee members, in the transition of taking on this role. With regard to the 2022 Eastern Centre Motocross Championship, this will be held over

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seven rounds at the tracks we all know and love. There will be some changes to the 2022 championship conditions. First to mention is the reversal of the running order for the meetings with Experts qualifying and racing first in each of the three blocks of races during the day. There will be some small adjustments to the points scoring system and I am afraid that after remaining stable since 2015, the entry fee will rise to £57.00 per rider for championship rounds. There are some other minor changes, the notable one being that there will no longer be manual lap scoring at the race meeting to back up the transponder timing system we have been using successfully for a number of years. In practice, this will mean that it is vitally important that you make sure your transponder number is included in your entry form, so it can be registered on the timing system for the event. We don't have a backup system in place, so the emphasis is on you, the rider, to tell the organisers of your transponder number please.

In the slightly rearranged words of a stand-up comedian, if you like what you see in the Eastern Centre Motocross Championship tell your friends, if you don't, please tell me or your club's motocross committee representatives. As an active rider in the motocross championship, all be it considerably slower than most of you, I want this to region continue to be the success it has been over the years, and I welcome your comments, be it good or bad, as to how we are doing. Myself and the committee may not necessarily agree with you or be able to change things overnight, but if we don't know what is making the riders who compete in the center motocross championship un-happy, then we can't do anything about it. If you want to get in touch, please email me at xxxxxx@xxxxx or via the Eastern Centre gazette. You can also come and find me in the paddock at one of the Eastern Centre Motocross Championship rounds, or keep an eye out at the back of the pack and you will probably see me!

Have a great 2022 season and I hope to see you at a motocross track in the near future.



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Open Permit Trial

Sunday 13th February 2022

Open Trial inc D Class Championship Rd 1

Poles Wood, CM14 0LA

National Grid Reference: TQ 559997

Permit No.: ACU ACU62304

Sign On: 09.30am

Start: 10.30am

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Entries Close: At Start

Entries accepted on the day

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The Ian Preedy Memorial ('Thumpers') Trial

'Sidge' Kenny

The 40th anniversary running of the "Thumpers" trial for British classic trials machines, has been renamed as the "Ian Preedy Memorial (Thumpers) Trial" – this in honour of the former President of the EFA, Ian Preedy, who sadly passed away last September.

The event is considered one of the most important events catering for the older British machines and in earlier days, featured sidecar entries which increased the variety but nowadays is no longer featured with this side of the sport declining in entries. It was also a round in the Centre classic class championship.

Fifty four riders started the trial at the usual venue of Poplars Farm, Thorington, on the last Sunday in November. They were set three laps of a sixteen section course over a circuit of tricky and muddy undulations, tight turns and climbs. The course comprised a "hard" white route for experts and an "easy" route following card-indicated deviations. Some sections contained green entry cards for riders who wished to perform in the third "50/50" route and on those, they would follow the "hard" route. The weather was dry and largely sunny but with a bitter northerly wind which kept riders cool and observers frozen. Some sections improved during the day – others got considerably worse.

A relatively large number of ten retirements cut the amount of riders to carry on to the finish indicating the arduous going but Clive Dopson had an excellent ride on a Francis-Barnett over the hard route to submit a mere 32 marks.

Richard Snowden, riding a Suffolk-made Firefly, took the 50/50 route win on 13 marks lost and veteran Graham Braybrook on his Royal Enfield dominated the easy route, winning on 11 marks lost and a clear 21 mark margin to second place.

The Centre Championship classes also caters for machines equipped with girder forks and rigid rear wheels and this was won by Mark Gibb on his BSA C11, with a very creditable 47 marks lost.

Special mention however, must be made of Braintree's Matthew Mortom who battled his elderly Ariel 500 over the course, losing 113 marks – but displaying the very best sporting attitudes of :- "Getting it to the Finish!"



"One of the more unusual machines to compete in the recent 'Thumpers', was this Panther, 350, ridden by Robert Cox, from Gravesend.

Larger versions were frequently hitched to sidecars and were well known for their "plonk" and ability to haul at low revs"

Notes from ACU Eastern Trials Forum Call December 2021

The 2021 Trials Forum on December 9th via Teams was attended by 13 riders or organisers representing 8 clubs, the full minutes will be posted on the ACU Eastern website, here are some points of note.

1. For 2022 the format of all centre trials championships will remain the same as 2021, except for youth riders, see point 3 below.
2. There appears to be very few Expert A riders competing in championship trials, the average over the four 2021 rounds was less than 3 riders per event. It was agreed that unless Expert A entries in A Class championship rounds increase in 2022, for 2023 it is proposed that only one Expert class will be included in A class championship rounds, the section severity to be between the current yellow and red/blue routes. Clerks of courses are reminded that a yellow route is not required on all sections if the number of entries and/or the available land does not justify it.
3. For many years the centre has attempted to run a Youth A championship and a Youth B championship, but due to a lack of youth riders and inconsistency in the routes ridden by the age groups it has not always been possible to present the trophies. After discussion it was agreed for 2022 the championships would change to be known as Youth-Expert and Youth-Novice. Both are to be incorporated in ACU-EC A Class trials with Youth-Experts riding the red/blue route and Youth-Novices riding the white route. Both classes will be open to all Youth riders, but results should show the youth age group of each rider, e.g., YA, YB etc
4. It is not possible to present the 2021 Club championship due to missing information of which clubs riders were competing for. For championship rounds secretaries of meetings to be reminded to ensure results show club names and riders to ensure that when using the on-line entry system that their ACU-EC club name is used.
5. To assist with collating championship positions it is critical championship classes are clearly identified and therefore for A and B class championship rounds. at least, all championship classes to be detailed in regulations and individual classes and routes to be shown on on-line entry system.
6. Some riders have self-promoted themselves to ride in A Class rounds when entries were limited, after discussion it was agreed that at least for ACU-EC championship rounds these riders should remain in the higher level.
7. The 2021 Intermediate champion Fraser Arden is promoted to Expert from 1/1/22.
8. At the recent centre board meeting there was request for any reports of trials for the gazette and/or the website, it was said that all contributions would be appreciated and the forum would like to encourage anybody to think about contributing.
9. For the 2022 Trials Forum it would be preferred if a face-to-face forum could be arranged if rules and circumstances allowed. The secretary pointed out that this year's Forum was delayed due to lack of responses from committee members.
10. The session, arranged by Lyn Ralph on 18th December, for licences to be renewed for Trials Clerks of Course and Stewards, has unfortunately had to be cancelled. Another date will be announced in due course and the consequences of any licences that will be needed before the rearrangement will be clarified.
11. Mr D Cordle announced he was resigning as Centre Recorder after 35 years in the role, the meeting gave him a vote of thanks for all his efforts. Mr R Snowden volunteered to take on the role and was accepted unanimously.
12. For 2022 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.

Obituaries

'Sidge' Kenny

Paul Smart

I was very sorry to hear of the death of well known racer of the 60's and 70's, Paul Smart, in a tragic road accident on his bike. Perhaps more so, for I met him at the very beginning of his very successful road racing career – and mine - but with me, you must vigorously delete the word: “successful”.

It would be February 1965, when we both somewhat nervously stood around in the paddock at Brands Hatch, having enrolled in the Beart-Mortimer racing school. Charles Mortimer senior, began with instructions to us pupils and then in turn, we went out on the circuit mounted on two Greeves RCS racers. Whilst we were waiting, we all chatted about our work and background and I'm pretty sure, Paul said he was a boat-builder. He and I were also exactly the same age with April birthdays. I had my laps before him – at 7/6d (37p) per lap – and I remember the circuit in its “short” guise was a little damp – care to be taken. After my stint, which I thought went quite well, I was able to watch Paul. Oh my goodness! He went like the wind! - it was obvious even then, that he was something special and so it proved, with a racing career which had him gain early support, many race wins and eventually, works backing. We never met again but naturally I followed his progress. He was particularly unlucky on the Isle of Man but won many races and became a top international runner in his day and with it, world fame. Back in the 70's, I once asked a Japanese Yamaha racing mechanic, who his favourite rider was, “Pull Smat” he answered immediately. Of course, he meant Paul – who at the time, wasn't even riding for Yamaha.



Brothers in Arms - Paul Smart and brother-in-law Barry Sheene at the Silverstone John Player Grand Prix, which was largely marshalled by officials from this region, thanks to Colin & Marie Armes.

John Phillips

Another sad announcement was the passing, back in November, of trials rider, John Phillips. Formerly of the Southend and EFA clubs, John died from cancer. A tall and very affable man, he was better known for riding the bigger four-stroke British bikes, though for a while he also possessed an Ariel 250cc twin cylinder two-stroke, based on the road going Arrow.

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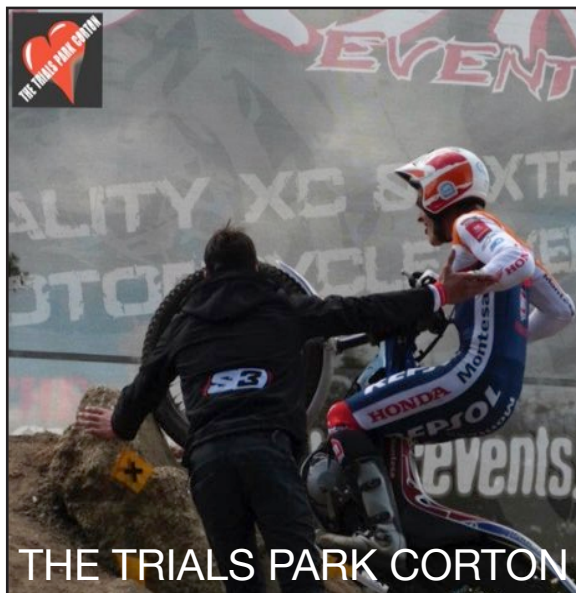
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EXTREME



ENDURO

28th December 2021

Words & Pictures by Paula Day

With weeks of rain on the heavy ground at Foxborough Quarry in Hedingham, the going was always going to be hard work however the passage across it was made be: it on foot 2 wheel or 4 wheel drive ! However with a full entry card of riders from across the country for the seventh running of the only Eastern Centre Extreme Enduro, the day was an endurance test for marshals and competitors alike testing their fitness strength & determination providing much entertainment to the 400 strong hardened spectators who braved the weather to enjoy the days sport.

With four classes Pro, Expert, Clubman & Trials, the staggered Le Mans Start meant that the Pro riders got a flying start after a short sprint to their cold bikes, with North Somerset MCC winner of the last 6 events Charlie Frost taking the lead over Ben Wibberley from Sidcup Club before the first bank and continued to battle it out for the 2 hour race over some 25 obstacles and individual efforts in deep mud with added rain to help Frost finish on a final lap score of 15 over Webbely's 13 with Ipswich's Jack Sheppard finishing on a hard fought and respectful 11 laps.



In Expert Class winner Sudbury Clubs own Stevie Roper started as he meant to continue pulling away in first place and holding his position over his final 10 laps with Lincolnshire's Jonathan Pearson taking a final position of 2nd after a results change with 8 laps and Chris Salt in 3rd making his journey from his home North Derbyshire club worth the drive with 6 laps.

In Clubman Class, Halstead's Michael Lyons who has enjoyed an extremely successful year on two & 4 wheels over many tracks and terrains certainly benefitted from waiting for the prize giving where he took podium after finishing on 8 laps in front of Sudbury's Keith Maude on 7 laps and the youngest rider in the adult event Callum Hughes from Northamptonshire who finished on 6 laps giving the older riders a lesson in agility over some of the more complex parts of the course.

The Trials section had Ryan Crisp finishing with a lap in hand on 5 Laps over Ryan Vickers and Colin Brand both on 4 laps but Brand finished some time later after a hold up on one of the many challenging obstacles.

RESULTS:

Pro

- 1st Charlie Frost
- 2nd Ben Wibberley
- 3rd Jack Sheppard
- 4th Jamie Roper
- 5th Luke Parker

Expert

- 1st Stevie Roper
- 2nd Jonathon Pearson
- 3rd Chris Salt
- 4th Lee Brinkworth
- 5th Paul Martin
- 6th Andrew Hutchinson

Clubman

- 1st Micheal Lyons
- 2nd Keith Maude
- 3rd Callum Hughes
- 4th Gus Oblein
- 5th Terry Griffiths
- 6th Adam Tutton

Trial

- 1st Ryan Crisp
- 2nd Ryan Vickers
- 3rd Colin Brand
- 4th Jason Green
- 5th Chris Reed
- 6th Arran Powley

Photos:

Prev. page top: Luke Parker

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This page: Colin Brand



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Chas / Tony Chaplin at the age of 84 on the 26th December. A long time Sudbury Club member holding positions on the committee including Vice Chair and Chairman and up to his passing Vice President. He will be remembered for competing in many scrambles sporting trials and later Grass track racing till Enduros and trail cross came about. Thoughts go out to his family and friends.



**Essex & Suffolk
Border MCC**

Open Permit Trial

Sunday February 20th 2022

Open Trial inc Norfolk & Suffolk Group Championship

Tattingstone, IP9 2LS

National Grid Reference: TM133390

Permit No.: ACU ACU62305

Sign On: 9.30am

Start: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward: tbc
Club Steward(s): Malcolm Keeble
Clerk of the Course: Chris Keeble (*Licence 79377*)
Child Protection P.O.C.: Neil Fenn
Secretary of the Meeting: Neil Fenn
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Start / Finish: Crag Pit Farm, (Land adjacent Hubbards Hall) Tattingstone, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP9 2LS. Signposted from the A137.
Course: Event consisting of approximately 10 observed sections laid out over trees, ditch, banks and stream.
Routes: Red & Blue main route, Yellow deviation for harder route, White deviation for easier route.
Classes: All adult & youth solo classes
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

All entries must be via the ACU on-line entry system. The entry fee is £18.00 for Adults, and £16.00 for Youth .

Entries Open: 1st February 2022

Entries Close: Midnight 17th February 2022

No Entries on the Day. Maximum 45 riders. Strictly first come first served.
All riders must be a member of an Eastern ACU affiliated club. As this is a relatively new piece of land, we request that riders do not enter 4 stroke pre-65 machines.

All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current Licence/Trials Registration when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

ENVIRONMENTAL MATS - USE THEM or you may lose your ride

Depending on COVID restrictions at the time, there may not be a physical signing on process. Competitors will register their arrival with the Secretary of The Meeting at the venue entrance. All riders, and any people attending the event need to be aware that there are still government guidelines in place re COVID - 19, and as such there is a personal responsibility on everyone for their own safety and a need to exercise judgement as appropriate. Note, that any Government or ACU restrictions imposed after regulations have been issued will also need to be complied with as applicable.

EXTREME YOUTH



Local Lads take top three spots !

In a well fought race on a testing track with deep mud hampering great speed, the initial leader Will Turtle pulled away in front on his 125cc and held the lead for the first few laps with twelve year old Eddie Belton in his first Sudbury youth race close on his rear wheel on the smaller nippier 85cc bike with a fierce tussle over the first three laps.

Will was resigned to not being able to take the corners as quickly as Eddie & settled for a solid second as Eddie with grim determination powered on taking every corner as fast as he could eating up the ground with fearless jumps off banks and carefree exuberance on corners and the deep going., clearly spurred on having seen older brother Will Belton finish 8th in the earlier Clubman class.

In Stanly's first ever race on his Husquvana 85 after a great summer practising he held his line and confidently proved he has an exciting season ahead of him competing with his neighbours as the top three live within 5 miles of each other in Hedingham and Halstead, the next few youth races will see them regularly taking on each other and seeing if the places will change in due course.

It was lovely to see Kristina Brinkworth representing the girls and finished in an honourable 5th place after watching her father battle out the Expert Class for 2 hours and finish 4th with a couple of finishers medals in the bag for their long drive home to Andover Hampshire making the journey well worth it.

Right: The Brinkworth family celebrate Katrina completing the enduro.



Final Results

- 1st Eddie Belton 20 Laps
- 2nd William Turtle 18 Laps
- 3rd Stanly Delaney 14 Laps
- 4th Jake Tansley 12 Laps
- 5th Kristina Brinkworth 10 Laps
- 6th Henry Belton 7 Laps



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What's on



NOTE: All dates are provisional, and subject to change, in consideration of government guidelines and subsequent ACU advice re Covid 19 restrictions. Always check events are still on before travelling at www.easternacu.org.

Date	Club	Discipline	Status	Venue	Championship
1 Jan 22	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	OPEN	Caddes Hill, Lyng	
9 Jan 22	Eastern Fourstroke Assoc.	Trial	Restricted	Little Bealings	
16 Jan 22	Wymondham & DMC	Trial	OPEN	Gt Ellingham	Norfolk & Suffolk Group
23 Jan 22	Southend & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Poles Wood	
27 Jan 22	ACU Eastern	Committee	n/a	Zoom 7.30pm	Competitions Committee
6 Feb 22	Castle (Colchester) MCC	Trial	National	Pebmars	
13 Feb 22	Southend & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Poles Wood	ACU Eastern 'D' Class R1
20 Feb 22	Essex & Suffolk Border	Trial	OPEN	Tattingstone	Norfolk & Suffolk Group
27 Feb 22	Eastern Fourstroke Assoc.	Trial	Restr.- club	Raydon Pit	
27 Feb 22	Diss MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Santon	ACU Eastern Enduro Champs R1
6 Mar 22	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	OPEN	North Walsham	Norfolk & Suffolk Group
6 Mar 22	N&S Junior MC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt Hockham	ACU Eastern Youth MX Champs
13 Mar 22	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Foxborough	ACU Eastern Enduro Champs R2
13 Mar 22	Southend & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Poles Wood	ACU Eastern 'B' Class R1
20 Mar 22	Wymondham & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Middleton	ACU Eastern 'B' Class R2
24 Mar 22	ACU Eastern	Committee	n/a	Zoom 7.30pm	Board Meeting
26 Mar 22	Woodbridge & DMCC	Motocross	Practice	Blaxhall	
27 Mar 22	Eastern Four Stroke Assoc.	Trial	Restr.- club	Chattisham	
27 Mar 22	Littleport MC	Motocross	Open	Chatteris	NGR
31 Mar 22	ACU Eastern	Committee	n/a	Zoom 7.30pm	Competitions Committee



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