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In the March issue of the gazette I cheekily suggested that there might be someone out there willing to be tied to a chair on top of a caravan and coerced into providing commentary at motocross events throughout the Centre. Well I'm delighted to say that a willing volunteer has answered the call, but, and I appreciate this may be a big but, is there another such person who has similarly high skills and knowledge but more oriented towards Grasstrack; if so, please get in touch with Alan Foskew who is Chair of the Centre track racing committee and persuade him you're the person for the job!! You will just need a neck similar to that of an owl, or a chair that rotates 360 degrees!!!

## Foreword

*Phil Armes*



It was good to see the Stebbings Car Superstore/PP Sports Insurance Centre motocross championship get underway with round one at Wakes Colne. There is no doubt the Halstead club have been very busy at the venue and by all accounts the track is back to something like it's former glory – the feedback I received from some of the riders was very complimentary. I'm sure the good folk at Wattisfield will put on just as good an event for round two on May 15th.

Neatly sandwiched in between will be the Revo British Motocross Championship, fuelled by Gulf Race Fuels (to give it its full title) at Caddes Hill, Lyng on May 8th. Always one of the top events in the Centre, this year the club have agreed to give the 85cc big wheel riders the chance to take on the famous former GP venue. If you want to save a bit of money then visit the Vikings' website ([www.norwichvikings.co.uk](http://www.norwichvikings.co.uk)) where you can purchase your tickets online at a discounted price.

In last month's gazette I mentioned about PP Sports Insurance becoming joint title sponsor of the Centre motocross championship. This is something that I was keen to see happen as I feel one of the areas that requires strengthening is our level of personal insurance cover. As someone who managed to spend nearly six months in hospital after a major crash at the Ulster GP I know how important it is to have some form of financial safety net in place to pay the basic bills when you have no income. So part of the package with PP Sports Insurance includes an opportunity to find out more about this kind of policy, and if you buy it through the link on the Centre website we get a commission payment that goes directly into the Centre finances. Further information is in this issue.

I gave a nod to Ryan Vickers last month ahead of his British Superbike campaign this year, so it is nice to hear about another young rider from our Centre who is doing his best to carve out a career on the tarmac. Young Charlie Huntingford, at 14 years old, made his debut at Silverstone in the British Talent Cup in April, and did a mighty fine job in his opening rides, as you can read in the following pages.

And finally, I have to thank Sidge for making me smile with his recollection about the BSA Bantam – a machine I have fond memories of as it was the one I learnt to ride on (and I still have it!!!!!!).

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**Eastern Fourstroke  
Association**

**Open Permit Trial**

**Sunday May 22nd 2022**

**Roger Birch Memorial Trial inc C Class  
Championship**

**Gt Bromley, CO7 7TY**

**National Grid Reference: TM 083262L**

**Permit No.: ACU 63336**

**Sign On: 08.30 am**

**Start: 10.30am**

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<b>ACU Eastern Steward:</b>	tbc
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<b>Child Protection P.o.C.:</b>	John Beasley
<b>Secretary of the Meeting:</b>	John Beasley <i>Tel: 07487 712396 email: john.f.beasley@icloud.com</i>
<b>Start / Finish:</b>	Hall Farm, Great Bromley, Essex CO7 7TY
<b>Course:</b>	4 laps of 10 sections
<b>Routes:</b>	Red/Blue, 50/50; White
<b>Classes:</b>	Pre-70, Pre Unit, Unit, Two stroke, Twinshock
<b>Awards:</b>	None

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# Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



I had forgotten that I was once a member of the Bantam Racing Club. I was turning out some old papers and magazines when I came across their club journal from the early 1970's; type-written on A4 sheets and more than likely, printed and copied on the old-style "Gestetner" stencils. No colour and no photos, but occasionally the odd hand-drawn picture – usually illustrating a technical article. The articles themselves were, to my nowadays older reading, not always embellished with the best Queen's English, but what came off the page was the absolute enthusiasm of the men – and a few ladies - who road-raced, BSA Bantams.

Surely there can be no other motorcycle in the entire manufacturing range around the globe and I include any example of the Jap products - that has appeared in as many guises and in as many sporting disciplines as the Bantam. This is because these little bikes, which were originally sired from the pre-war DKW, were - and are - so adaptable. Some people might argue that another BSA, the "Gold Star" had just as varied a sporting background but the essential point about the Bantam's many variations, was that they were never intended to be a sports bike at all – they were made simply to get people around.

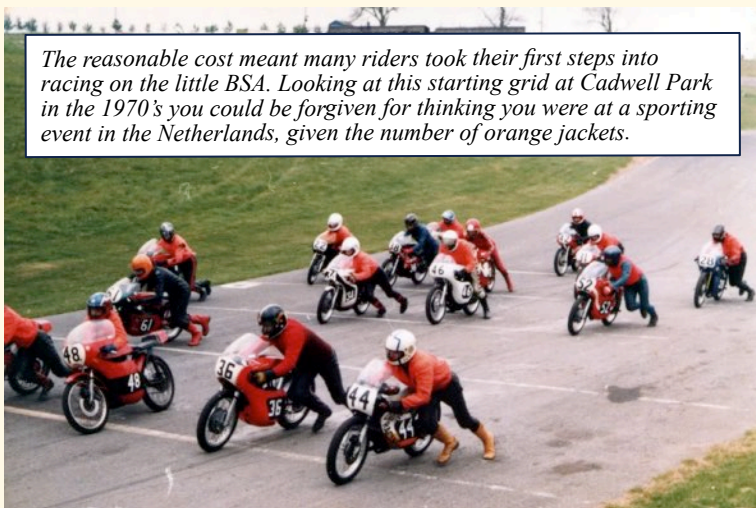
However, BSA soon cottoned on to their trials potential early in their production and in the 1950's, Brian Stonebridge tuned them into becoming a very successful scrambles machine before he turned his attention to Greeves. The Bantam had over this period also been introduced into road racing at the highest level of domestic meetings,

including the T.T., where later, at the 1974 125 race, a Bantam was timed going through the speed trap at 106 mph !

Recalling my time in the Bantam racing club, I must come clean and admit that in the races, at various circuits, I would turn up on a 125cc TSS Bultaco, once

ridden by Phil Read and tuned by Frank Sheene. The bike therefore had a pedigree and four gears and my opposing Bantams had only three. My Bultaco would go up to well over ten thousand RPM, sometimes eleven – much more I suspect, than the highest tuned Bantam. Accordingly, I would arrive on the starting grid with a great big leer on my face, I could smell the meat of victory over the little chicks even before the start flag had fallen. Yet it never worked out that way. I was much practised in the old, "push and leap on" starts. The bike fired immediately, therefore vaulting on to

*The reasonable cost meant many riders took their first steps into racing on the little BSA. Looking at this starting grid at Cadwell Park in the 1970's you could be forgiven for thinking you were at a sporting event in the Netherlands, given the number of orange jackets.*





the seat and tucked under the screen, I was well on my way with just the horizon and the first bend in front of me. But.....there is such a thing in road racing as cornering - and with that, "entry speed." I would duly approach and prepare to take the on-coming corner. It would then appear that all my Bantam-mounted opponents were indoctrinated in Kami-kasi or simply desperate men who cared not to live. I would gain whole furlongs on the straights only to have a half-a dozen Bantams whizz past me in the corners - time and time again. Back on the straight, I would gobble them up and as I cranked over for the next turn, they would be all round me once more. Indeed, I did feel like a mother hen with her little Bantam chicks, for they never left me, or rather more accurately, I never left them. I would finish the races way down the field and go home totally shell-shocked yet with the greatest respect for these fellows, who I was convinced were the offspring of Battle of Britain fighter pilots.

Hailwood, Rossi, Marquez - all have made history with their racing achievements. But during my time in that club I think I saw many a potential world champion who has never been heard of. And that was the other great thing about the Bantam Racing club and the brave little bike it was founded on. It was cheap – and immensely cheerful.

*While Sidge and Phil Armes may have fond memories of the BSA Bantam, having marshalled at many road race meetings during the 70's and 80's I view the racing Bantam through less rose-tinted specs. I was first introduced to Bantam racing by the late Martin Coleman who asked me if I wanted to go to Snetterton for the 'farting fleas'. One of my happiest memories of the many hours spent waiting for the 'fleas' to complete their races was when I won the Bantam Sweepstake. This took place at endurance meetings where races were over 26 laps of Snetterton. All of the marshals on our corner (usually Riches) put their £1 marshalling fee in the hat and took a guess at how many of the bikes would take the chequered flag. On the day I won, if memory serves me correctly, there were seven finishers.*

Paul Sewter



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Sunday May 29th 2022

## Eastern Experts

Rook Hill Farm, IP8 4SF

**National Grid Reference: TM 072493**

**Permit No.: ACU 63337**

**Sign On:** 9.30 am

**Start:** 10.30am

### OFFICIALS

<b>ACU Eastern Steward:</b>	tbc
<b>Club Steward(s):</b>	G Timms
<b>Clerk of the Course:</b>	D Cordle ( <i>Licence 5689</i> )
<b>Child Protection P.O.C.:</b>	David Cordle
<b>Secretary of the Meeting:</b>	Mrs P Cordle <i>Tel: 01473 462274 email: the.cordles@talktalk.net</i>
<b>Start / Finish:</b>	Rook Hill Farm, Offton, Suffolk, IP8 4SF
<b>Course:</b>	4 laps of 10 Sections - Woodland
<b>Routes:</b>	Yellow, 50/50; Red/Blue
<b>Classes:</b>	Experts, Expert B, Inters
<b>Awards:</b>	None

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**Entries Open:** May 1st 2022

**Entries Close:** May 27th 2022

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# 2021 Awards Photos

These photos taken at the ACU Eastern Awards Presentations at Needham Market on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## TRIALS AWARDS

Presented by Alan Penny



### Top row, left to right:

Chris Edwards Trophy, Intermediates, Fraser Arden / Triangle Trophy, Pre unit, D. Carter / Paul Thomas Trophy, A. Wakefield / Sidecar, J. A. Hazelwood Trophy, Scott Ryan

### Middle row, left to right:

Roy Bannister Trophy, Novice, S. Martin / Southend Trophy, Units, G. Baker / The Sheppard Douglas Observers Award, M. Snailman / Ipswich Motors Champion Club Award, Ipswich MCC, collected by David Cordle

### Bottom row, left to right:

Palmer Woodmason Plate, Pre 70's, c. Colins

## GRASS TRACK AWARDS

Presented by Alan Foskew



### Left to right:

Frank Copesake Shield, Upright Solos, Graeme Brown / GT140, The Foskew Trophy, Ian Clarke / Alf Hagon Trophy, 250cc Solos, Tim Greig

## ENDURO AWARDS Presented by Jack Hearn



### Top row, left to right:

Jack & Vera Sprocket Trophy, Super Vets Over 50, John Hilton / Brian Bowers Cup, Best Over 40 Clubman, Jason Naruszewicz / GH Motorcycles Championship Rookie Shield, Daniel Willis / Jim Aim Trophy, Championship Winner, Luke Parker

### Bottom row, left to right:

Revetts Stowmarket Clubman Shield, Joe Henthorne / Ranson Racing, Expert Vets Over 40, Paul Spurgeon / Bavin Shield, Best Expert, Jacob Roper

## MOTOCROSS AWARDS Presented by Graham Muff



### Top row, left to right:

The Ralph Trophy, Over 40's, Matt French / Youth MX65cc, Joshua Wyer / RG Hadler Trophy, MX1 Juniors, Callum Murfitt / J. Costin & Sons Champion Club Trophy, Woodbridge DMCC, Trevor Andrews

### Bottom row, left to right:

Andy Crawford Trophy, MX2 Juniors, Callum Murfitt / HRM Boilers Expert Rookie Championship, Woodbridge Trophy, William Farrow / MB Mullee Trophy, Lewis Tombs / Autos, Blake Booth

## SPECIAL AWARDS



### Left to right:

Lyn Ralph in recognition of her hard work within the Centre / Dick Williams Lifetime Achievement Award, Charlie Ralph / Bill Spurrell Cup, Keith Weavers



## ENDURO CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

These photos taken at the Awards Hight at Needham Market on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022



### Top row, left to right:

Dave Barkshire 2 Man Enduro Championship Expert class winners Adam Darkin & Tom Sargent  
 Dave Barkshire 2 Man Enduro Championship Clubman class winners Barnaby Knight & Archie Gunton (absent)  
 GH MCs Husqvarna Enduro Championship Clubman class 2nd place Barnaby Knight  
 GH MCs Husqvarna Enduro Championship Rookie class 2nd place Ben Cole

### Second row, left to right:

Dave Barkshire 2 Man Enduro Championship Championship class 3rd place Dan Willis & Ross Taylor (absent)  
 GH MCs Husqvarna Enduro Championship Super Vets class 3rd place Graham Mays  
 Dave Barkshire 2 Man Enduro Championship Expert class 2nd place Jake & Phil Roper  
 GH MCs Husqvarna Enduro Championship Expert class winner Jake Roper

### Third row, left to right:

GH MCs Husqvarna Enduro Championship Championship class winner Luke Parker  
 Dave Barkshire 2 Man Enduro Championship Clubman class 2nd place Lloyd & Luke Barker  
 Dave Barkshire 2 Man Enduro Championship Championship class winners Luke Parker & Ben Cole  
 Dave Barkshire 2 Man Enduro Championship Clubman class 3rd place Will & Paul Belton

### Bottom row, left to right:

GH MCs Husqvarna Enduro Championship Over 40 Vets class 2nd place Paul Belton  
 GH MCs Husqvarna Enduro Championship Over 40 Vets class winner Paul Spurgeon  
 GH MCs Husqvarna Enduro Championship Over 40 Vets class 3rd place Phil Roper  
 Dave Barkshire 2 Man Enduro Championship Championship class 3rd place Ross Taylor & Dan Willis

Vera Hearn was presented with a bouquet of flowers for her hard work in enduro in the Centre.





Lowestoft Invaders

Restricted Permit Trial

Sunday May 29th 2022

## Spring Trial

Sotterley, NR34 7UH

**National Grid Reference: TM 461882**

**Permit No.: ACU 63338**

**Sign On: 9.30am**

**Start: 10.30am**

### OFFICIALS

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<b>Child Protection P.O.C.:</b>	R Greengrass
<b>Secretary of the Meeting:</b>	R Greengrass <i>Tel: 01502 563566 email: rjg@rongg58.plus.com</i>
<b>Start / Finish:</b>	Jays Hill Lodge, Sotterley, Beccles NR34 7UH
<b>Course:</b>	Woodland and Pits
<b>Routes:</b>	Red/Blue, White, Beginners
<b>Classes:</b>	Intermediate B, Novice, Youth A to E
<b>Awards:</b>	Secretary's Award to best performance by Youth with Electric Bike

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**Entries Open:** May 4th 2022

**Entries Close:** May 26th 2022

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## Debunking The Myths of Personal Insurance

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The 2022 ACU Eastern Motocross Championship will be joint title sponsored by PP Sports Insurance, (along with Stebbings Car Superstore), so who better to ask how the two different levels of insurance cover the participants, and what is available to make up any difference.

### **What is the difference between Basic and Premier Insurance, and how do I know what level of cover is in place for any event I enter?**

The primary difference between Premier and Basic insurance is that there is no Personal Accident cover for competitors at events that are run under Basic insurance. The regulations for the event will state which type of insurance the event is being run under.

### **Do competitors really need any extra cover, and does it cover them for being off work, which is when most would really need financial support.**

The Precise Protect Sports Injury Insurance Plan gives you peace of mind so that if you have an accident while taking part in a sport that results in a fracture, hospitalisation, disability or even death, you will have a financial safety net when you need it the most.

### **Is there a minimum age?**

The multi-benefit plan, which has five levels to choose from, is specifically designed for sports people, aged between 18-61, providing cover regardless of whether they have pre-existing health conditions, or not.

### **Is this just an opportunity for PP Sports Insurance to sell more insurance policies?**

That is one of our aims, yes, but we are very keen to help with developing and supporting young riders. We have set up Team PP Sports, which has been operating for over three years, and currently offers support via branded kit and rider training sessions.

### **Where can I find out more, and how easy is it to set up a policy?**

Paul Shorter from PP Sports Insurance will be at all ACU Eastern Motocross Championship rounds.; and many other non-championship events throughout the year. He can also be contacted on 07854 210026.

As part of the agreement with PP Sports Insurance you can also find out more, and sign up for a policy via the ACU Eastern website ([www.easternacu.org](http://www.easternacu.org)) where there is a direct link. All policies raised through this introduction will see the Centre receive a commission payment, all of which will be re-invested into off road motorcycle sport in the Eastern Centre.





**Braintree & DMCC**

Open Permit Trial

Sunday June 19th 2022

## Open Trial

Gosfield  
CO9 1SW

**National Grid Reference: TL 798304**

**Permit No.: ACU 63339**

**Sign On: 9.00am**

**Start: 10.30am**

### OFFICIALS

<b>ACU Eastern Steward:</b>	N/A
<b>Club Steward(s):</b>	P Read
<b>Clerk of the Course:</b>	Stephen Butcher ( <i>Licence 18396</i> )
<b>Child Protection P.O.C.:</b>	Stephen Butcher
<b>Secretary of the Meeting:</b>	Adrian Parker <i>Tel: 01371 850508 email: adrian@belletrailers.co.uk</i>
<b>Start / Finish:</b>	Russels Farm, Russels Rd, Gosfield, CO9 1SW
<b>Course:</b>	Woodland
<b>Routes:</b>	Multi-Route
<b>Classes:</b>	All solo classes and youth electric
<b>Awards:</b>	None

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**Entries Open:** May 10th 2022

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# ACU Eastern 2 Man Enduro Championship

Round 1

Paula Day

## ACU Eastern 2 Man Enduro - Halstead Hills, 3rd April 2022



DAVE BARKSHIRE  
MOTORCYCLES

It was glorious day of bright blue sunny skies with a keen wind for the first round of the Dave Barkshire 2 man enduro round at Halstead Hills organised by Sudbury MCC. With a full entry card the 128 starters enjoyed some perfect conditions over the fast undulating course. The track got faster as the day progressed with some 20 seconds per lap being knocked off lap times by the faster riders. Others punctuated their laps with close encounters with trees in the wooded section or unexpected rests as the bog & several ditches claimed a breather for those who may have momentarily lost concentration. The lunch break gave some respite briefly before the course was reversed in the afternoon with no let up on speed as the course was drier and provided perfect corners for those wishing to throw up some dust. The 64 pairs of riders clocked up as many laps as time allowed.

With Luke Parker defending his championship title win last year newly paired with George Ellis for this season, it was down to the timings of the special test which divided the top 2 placings, but with a busy motocross schedule and several dates clashing later in the year seasoned enduro riders may have the advantage as the year progresses. Newly upgraded riders to championship class held their own with good placings for Sudbury Clubs Joe Henthorne partnered with Braintree & Districts Will Hughes coming in third and Sudburys own Joe Phillips and Jake Roper last years British Clubman champion in fourth place, all of whom are off to Devon for the first rounds of the British Championship this weekend. In Expert Class seasoned regular Paul Spurgeon overcame a heavy night and pulled 21 laps over the day with partner Chris Ballard to take the podium position and newly upgraded pairing of Archie Gunton and Barnaby Knight last years winner of the Dave Barkshire Eastern Centre 2 man Clubman championship took second losing out on first place by less than .5 of a penalty.

**Photo: Luke Parker**



As always a massive thanks to all our landowner and hardworking committee members & supporters who spent the best part of their weekend working on the track. Looking forward to Sudburs next Solo Enduro event at Foxborough on the 8th May.

### **Championship Class**

1st George Ellis & Luke Parker  
2nd Lewis Tombs & Philip Burton  
3rd Joe Henthorn & Will Hughes  
4th Joe Phillips & Jake Roper  
5th Craig Roper & Jake Rackham  
6th Lewis Bond & Joe Hall

### **Expert Class**

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5th Andrew Blackman & Paul Owen  
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5th Dale Brinkley & Oliver Brinkley  
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The Sudbury Club look forward to welcoming everyone back to Foxborough on the 8th May for the third round in this 6 race Eastern Region championship series.

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## Circuits in the Eastern Centre

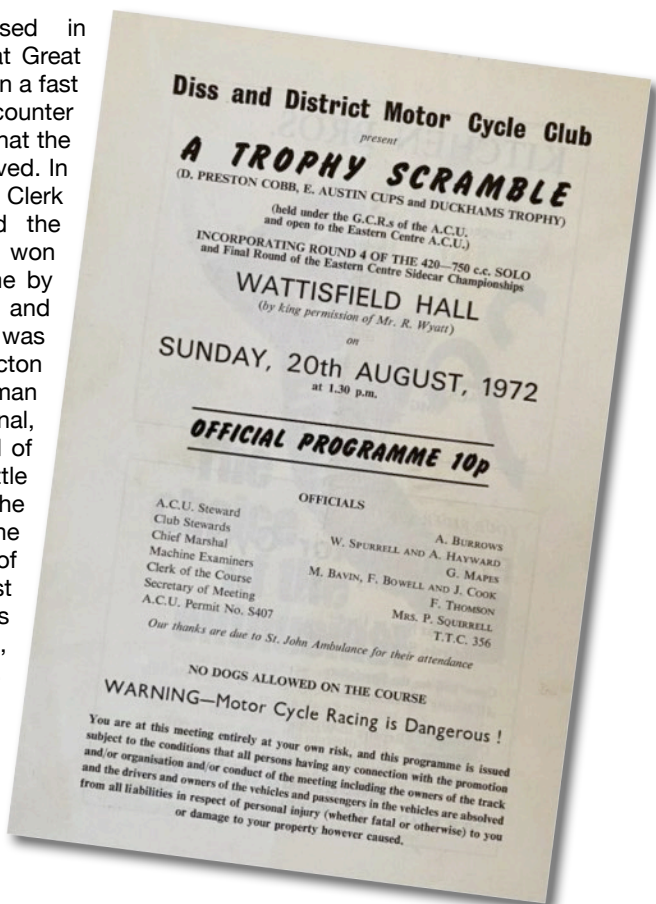
### Part 4

Charlie Ralph

As mentioned in previous gazettes, the county of Suffolk saw at least 30 venues during a 70 year period, and this edition completes the list with race meetings at Wattisfield, Little Wratting and Great Cornard. The Diss club has been hosting events at one of my favourite circuits at Wattisfield for over six decades, and in the early years, the start area was near to the entrance of the venue. I remember that Fred Thompson was the man in charge, and the likeable Mike Bavin was also involved, along with hard working Diss members. I began commentating there in the early 1980's, and over the years have seen some great meetings,

including Championship sidecar racing and the Haynes fourstroke events. I note that a certain Andy Waters was often in the results at that time, Andy nowadays of course, the leading light in the club that organises top enduro events at Thetford forest. I was recently looking at a 1970 programme, where the allcomers winner was Brian Atkinson, riding his immaculate Kirby Metisse, followed by Jim Aim, Trevor Harvey and Chris Ginn. The popular Wednesday evening meetings has always seen a good crowd watching the action, proving that the quick four lap heats, and six lap finals is still a favourite formula for race fans.

The Stourbourne club, based in Haverhill, held their meetings at Great Wilsey Farm at Little Wratting, on a fast grassland circuit. My first encounter there was in 1970, and I recall that the Brown family were heavily involved. In fact, Mr. R. Brown was secretary, Clerk of the course, and also did the commentating! Freddie Mayes won the Murco trophy, chased home by Londoner, Brian Atkinson, and Richard "Tubby" Hughes. It was interesting to note that the Clacton tomato grower, popular Norman Messenger, won the junior final, followed by the late Mick Baird of the Halstead club. Events at Little Wratting continued during the 1980's, where we saw the emergence of a new wave of young talent, including the fast Jim Dormer, Mark Mitchell, Chris Watts, Martin Crees, Matt Skeet, and a whole host of new talent. Another new name on the scene was a young Norwich lad, Mark Goodson, armed with a Slaughter Suzuki. Over recent years, Mark has made a comeback, racing in the NGR series in the over 50's group!



Finally in Suffolk, I must mention the Sudbury club's meetings at Tye Farm, Great Cornard. Mr. Pat Keyes and the Chaplin family, along with a great crew, organised some excellent race meetings, watched by large crowds. The likes of Freddie Mayes, John Pease, Norman Messenger, Peter "Tomba" Smith and crowd favourite, Jim Aim, thrilled the crowds back in the day. The great John Giles, riding the factory Triumph, would also visit the circuit regularly, battling with our Eastern stars. The club were asked to hastily arrange a televised meeting, given very little notice, but somehow they managed to achieve this, and we saw several national grade riders in action, including the Greeves factory youngsters, Arthur Browning and Brian Wade, on a cold Winter Saturday. Unfortunately, housing development crept nearer to the circuit, and we lost one of the most popular venues in our Centre. The club now concentrates on hosting top quality enduro events nowadays, but occasionally the sound of bikes still echoes around the Tye Farm circuit, when the Dave Roper memorial event takes place.

Moving into the county of Essex, there has been several venues over the years, but unfortunately, only the Halstead and the Braintree club's are still organising race meetings, apart of course from the pre 65/70 events at places such as Marks Tey and Maylandsea.

The Southend club were one of the leading organisers back in the day, putting on national and regional meetings at their Hadleigh, Essex venue, overlooking the Thames estuary. Race goers would flock to the circuit at British Championship and British sidecar events, and I also remember attending a televised meeting at the venue. The club eventually lost this fine circuit, and moved down the road to Lainden during the 1980's, but in my view, the Hadleigh circuit was always one of the best in our Centre.

Part five in the next edition, will continue with other circuits in the county of Essex.

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Open Permit Motocross

Sunday June 26th

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Cadders Hill, Lyng

**National Grid Reference:** TG 068175

**Permit No.:** ACU 62812

**Sign On:** 07.30am

**Practice:** 09.30am

**Start:** On Completion of Timed Qualifying

### OFFICIALS

**ACU Eastern Steward:** Alan Foskew

**Club Steward(s):** tbc

**Clerk of the Course:** Harold Nickerson (*Licence 183179*)

**Child Protection P.O.C.:** Val Hay

**Secretary of the Meeting:** Val Hay

*Tel: 01603 734700 email: andrew.hay10@icloud.com*

**Start / Finish:** Cadders Hill, Lyng, Norfolk NR9 5QZ

**Classes:** As per championship conditions

**Awards:** As per championship conditions

### JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Motocross Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult members of the ACU with an appropriate licence 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 £57.00

**Entries Open:** 7.00pm May 16th 2022

**Entries Close:** June 20th or when full

### 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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### **Frequently asked questions relating to ACU-EC Trials (or Trials generally)**

Having been firstly Chairman and then Secretary of the Eastern Centre Trials Committee for nearly ten years I have been asked many questions about details of how trials are run generally, or more specifically how Eastern Centre trials are run. I believe most of these questions, and especially the questions asked more often, are answered in either the ACU Standing Trials Regulations (STRs) or the rules of the ACU-Eastern Centre, found on ACU-EC website at Useful Info, Competition Conditions, Trials Competition Conditions (TCC). I thought it might be interesting and useful to make the answers more widely available to members of the centre, so in no particular order:

1. **Are ACU-EC Championship Trials "Stop Allowed or No Stop"?**

Answer from TCC section 3

- a. All Trials championships except pre-70 and sidecars to run TSR22A, 'stop allowed'.
- b. Pre-70 and sidecar championship rounds to run TSR22B, 'no stop'.
- c. For non-championship trials clubs should include in the permit application if "No-Stop" or "Stop Allowed" rules will apply.

2. **Why are there gaps in the ACU-EC Trials calendar and yet on some Sundays there is more than one trial?**

The trials calendar for each year is agreed at the Trials Forum, an open meeting generally in November each year, based on applications for dates made by each club. Sometimes clashes cannot be avoided and clashes of championship class events are generally not permitted. The impact of date clashes is considered based on location, classes accepted in each event and often the demand on volunteer observers available in an area. Clubs are requested, if possible, to supply an alternative date, it would help the process to define the calendar if all clubs could offer alternative dates.

3. **Are you allowed to cross your own tracks in a section without penalty?**

In 2022 TSR 22 shows for both Stop Allowed and No Stop methods of marking, one of the definitions of a failure, i.e., a five, is "The motorcycle crosses its own track with either wheel".

4. **When I enter a trial using the ACU Online system, when my entry is accepted, I may see it listed but I am not informed, why is this?**

The ACU system automatically sends the entry acceptance e-mail based on the rider's e-mail address shown on the ACU licence system. If this is not an e-mail address you check regularly it would be good if you changed your e-mail address on the ACU system. Even if the secretary of the meeting knows the e-mail address you use most frequently, the ACU system automatically sends the e-mails.

5. **Why do entry lists often list riders' clubs from outside the centre, making it difficult for Club Championship points to be accurately calculated?**

When using the ACU Online entry system this depends on what information is contained in the section "Entry Details", if the organising club does not ask a specific question such as "Please enter the ACU Eastern Centre Club you are affiliated to" it is important that the section "Club riding for" reflects the Eastern Centre club you are a member of and expect to score club championship points.

6. **Why is it important we start at the section for our class requested by the organising club?**

There are many reasons why this is important as, currently in most of our trials, riders are sent to several sections to get the trial under way to reduce the time volunteer observers are waiting. The specific section is important to allow ties to be resolved, to give all those in a specific class sections that may improve or deteriorate equally, and to allow the clerk of the course potentially the chance to change a section after the first lap if needed.

7. **Which classes count in each ACU-EC championship round?**

Answer from TCC section 3, this also specifies the route to be ridden by each class:

- A Class, Expert, Expert B, Intermediate, Intermediate B, Youth-Expert and Youth Novice
- B Class, Novice, Twinshock A, Twinshock B and Twinshock C
- C Class, Pre 70 A, Pre 70 B and Pre 70 C
- D Class Sidecars

(Different for 2022) In A Class Championship rounds all youth riders can decide to compete on Red/Blue route as Youth-Expert or on White Route as Youth-Novice.



Norwich Viking MCC

Open Permit Trial

Sunday July 3rd 2022

## Open Trial

Santon Downham  
IP27 0TX

**National Grid Reference:** TL 838871

**Permit No.:** ACU 63340

**Sign On:** 09.00am

**Start:** 10.30am

### OFFICIALS

<b>ACU Eastern Steward:</b>	N/A
<b>Club Steward(s):</b>	Jamie Douglas Graeme Huxtable
<b>Clerk of the Course:</b>	Barbara Douglas ( <i>Licence 70441</i> )
<b>Child Protection P.O.C.:</b>	Barbara Douglas
<b>Secretary of the Meeting:</b>	Barbara Douglas <i>Tel: 01603 871811</i> <i>email: barbara.douglas@hotmail.co.uk</i>
<b>Start / Finish:</b>	Little Lodge Farm, Santon Downham Norfolk IP27 0TX
<b>Course:</b>	5 laps of 8 sections
<b>Routes:</b>	Red/Blue, 50/50; White, Beginners
<b>Classes:</b>	Inter, Inter B, Novice, Beginners, Twinshock, Pre-70, Youth A to E, Sidecar
<b>Awards:</b>	None

### 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 Adult solo £18.00 Sidecar £25.00 Youth £15.00

**Entries Open:** June 4th 2022

**Entries Close:** July 2nd 2022

### No Entries on the day

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# Charlie Huntingford



We don't often get to know much about the local road racers, they seem to be a shy bunch(!), so it is great to hear about 14 year old Charlie Huntingford from Stowmarket. He is the son of Simon Huntingford, who is a co-owner of Mototechniks Motorcycle shop, and has been competing in the FAB racing events for three years picking up a host of podium finishes as he progressed through the capacity classes.

This year the Debenham schoolboy has stepped up to the Honda Talent Cup which runs on the British Superbike package at the headline circuits in the UK, and is one of the support races at the British Grand Prix. It's a major step up in class but with backing from the WMS group he is committed to take on the full series in a field of 36 up and coming youngsters looking to make the breakthrough to Grand Prix motorcycle racing.

There can't be too many more famous venues to make your debut at this level of racing than Silverstone but Charlie didn't take too long to get to grips with the circuit and qualified a superb 22nd as one of the quickest rookies for his opening race. After a rather exuberant start, which saw him run wide at Copse corner, he found himself at the back of the field, almost a minute behind the trailing pack. Over the next 22 laps, after some first-class riding, he managed to catch the tail and began to overtake the other riders one by one, finishing in 22nd.

Race two (on Sunday) was less eventful, with Charlie starting again in 22nd place on the grid and, after some more exceptional riding, finishing in 16th place which is a terrific start against a host of more experienced riders all on similarly mounted machinery. He now heads off to the second of the eight round series which is at the challenging Oulton Park venue in Cheshire.

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# What's on



Date	Club	Disc.	Status	Venue	Championship
01-May	Southend & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Poles Wood	ACU Eastern 'D' Class Trials R2
01-May	Halstead & DMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Wakes Colne	NGR
08-May	Norwich Viking MCC	Motocross	International	Cadders Hill	MXGB
08-May	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Foxborough	ACU Eastern Enduro Champs R3
14-May	500cc Sidecar Assoc.	Grass Track	OPEN	Chelmsford	
15-May	Essex & Suffolk B'dr MCC	Trial	OPEN	Raydon Pit	ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials R3
15-May	Diss MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Wattisfield	ACU Eastern Solo MX Champs R2
15-May	500cc Sidecar Assoc.	Grass Track	OPEN	Chelmsford	
21-May	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Beazley End	Essex Oset Cup - Youth Only
22-May	N&S Junior MC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt Hockham	
22-May	Eastern Fourstroke Assoc.	Trial	Restr - Centre	Gt Bromley	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials R2
29-May	Ipswich MC & LCC	Trial	OPEN	Offton	Eastern Experts
29-May	Lowestoft Invaders MCC	Trial	OPEN	Sotterley	
11-Jun	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	tbcc	Essex Oset Cup - Youth Only
12-Jun	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Hadham	ACU Eastern Enduro Champs R4
12-Jun	N&S Junior MC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt Hockham	ACU Eastern Youth MX Champs
19-Jun	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Gosfield	
19-Jun	Woodbridge & DMCC	Motocross	International	Blaxhall	MXGB
26-Jun	Norwich Viking MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Cadders Hill	ACU Eastern MX Champs R3
29-Jun	Diss MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Wattisfield	



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