

RRND

Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



Chairman's Chatter

Oh dear, I am beginning to think I ought to change the title of this column to "Chairman's Chastisement", because on looking back at previous articles it seems I am always trying to press members into action. This month things are no different as we have a marked lack of response to our approaches to individuals to commit to observing at the forthcoming Star Group Trial on 13th December.

Years ago an individual would join a club and stay loyal to that club for years, riding in a few closed to club events or practices but the trials events he or she would enter would be in the main centre organised and run by the clubs in turn. When it came to your own club to run an event you were required to offer your services as observer.

Nowadays things have changed. Many of our members will belong to more than one club. This may be because they are comfortable riding closed to club events but like to pick and choose venues, or it might be because they ride in other disciplines, such as long-distance trial or motocross. Entries have changed as well, entry on the day giving great flexibility but less security for the organising club.

We have tried to be as flexible as possible. We don't insist members observe and we now permit our own members to ride in the centre events we run if they provide an observer or if we have covered the observer requirement, something that never used to be allowed. But we remain committed to the ACU Star Group events and to the AMCA South Coast Series as through these two leagues our members have access to a much greater range of venues and experience than we could offer as a single club. This is vital if members are going to improve and progress, certainly access our younger and aspiring riders need.

The Old Codger Trial was cancelled last year largely because there seemed to be no enthusiasm for manning the sections even with payment offered to observers. Its future is still under discussion. As a pre 67 trial this has little impact on the bulk of the membership other than loss of income to the Club if the event attracted a good entry. The inability to remain in either the Star Group or South Coast Trials Series will have a much greater impact and if we are to avoid this we must have your support.

Please ring Peter and offer your services for the Star Group Trial on 13th December. You do not need experience; if you can mark your own punch card you can observe. You will find the day enjoyable and educational - it's surprising the different styles you will see at all levels of competition. If you can observe with a partner then this may make things easier and more companionable. The Club will also give you a voucher for a drink and a burger! Go on - ring today and make Pete's day! 01883 370045.

Finally, in case I do not see you all prior to that certain date which is fast approaching, may I wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Richard Coles

Letters

Blacklands Farm Trial 22 November 09

Just a quick note to thank everyone who organized the trial today. Despite my incredibly high score and getting soaked through I enjoyed myself immensely.

Mike Hammond

Meet your Committee

Bearing in mind the changes that have been made in recent months to the Club's Committee, here is the first in a series introducing members of the Club to the Committee. This month, we introduce the latest two recruits - Rob Edwards the Membership Secretary and Carol Dark the Club Secretary.

Your new Membership Secretary

First of all I would like to thank Richard and the rest of the Committee for giving me the opportunity to give something back to the Club.

For those of you that don't know me or my family, my father was originally a member of the Club which I reckon must have been back in the 1950's. We still have most of the parts of his Dot which had a 197 Villiers engine but I doubt if it will ever be in one piece again.

When I was a school boy I joined the RRND Club in the 1970's riding some really ratty old bikes including a Cotton and a Bultaco. My younger brother Peter also joined the Club and soon became slightly better than I was, both of us competing on twin shock, then mono shock Fantic's riding in both Star Group trials and Club trials.

My father became membership secretary and I seem to remember at the time the role included distribution of the Club magazine, which involved most of the family helping to get the magazine in envelopes and posted.

I also had a brief go at sidecar trials with my older brother becoming very good at pushing the Suzuki Beamish outfit up slippery slopes. The last outing on this was at the trial held at the Reigate Priory Sports Festival, which was completely exhausting for both myself and my passenger, so if you are ever thinking of sidecar trials, my advice is don't...

The annual Club camping weekend used to be held at Len Dixon's farm in Charlwood back then, and one of my favourite activities was the motorcycle football, how nobody ever got seriously injured I'll never know.

Remembering all the good times I had trials riding, in March this year I took the plunge and brought trials bikes for myself and my two eldest sons Luke and Ben, wanting them to have the opportunity to experience the same enjoyment that I have had from trials riding. Neither of them had ever ridden a bike before, so a big learning curve for them both.

My two younger boys, the twins Christinan and Alex are also showing signs that they too will get into the sport, having successfully ridden their KTM balance bike over the sofa cushions on the floor many times, but at only two and a half years old they have at least another year to wait. You've probably seen my wife Melanie pushing them around in their push chair at several trials.

After a few trials riding the red routes, now being the wrong side of 40 best to ease myself back into it slowly, I started riding the blue route at the recent Club trial at Hookwoods and had a thoroughly enjoyable days riding. So now I am back at the Club and have enjoyed catching up with a few familiar faces and look forward to getting to know many more of you.

Rob Edwards

Your Club Secretary

Hi

Many Club members probably already know me by face, if not by name. I am regularly seen out supporting my family and often doing the signing on at Club trials together with my daughter Grace.



Trials first began for me soon after I was born. My Dad was a keen rider together with his three brothers. Between them, they competed in trials, scrambles and grasstrack and my Dad and older brother even won a gold medal in the ISDT (International Six Days Trial) in Austria, before I was born. Although my Dad had to give up for a few years due to working away from home, we were back out again when I was a teenager. In those days we were members of Wickham Club and that is how I first met my husband, Chris.

I never actually rode in trials, though I had a bike to ride around on. However, I did ride various road bikes from the age of 16 up until just before we started our family. During this time I used to spend holidays touring around Europe with friends, even going as far as Greece one year.

Trials for me was a family tradition and continues to be, with Scott, Grace and James all interested. These days I am happy to settle for taking the photos!

**Carol Dark
Secretary**

Club Info

RRND Club Nights

These are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Home Cottage PH, Redstone Hill, Redhill, Surrey (off the A25) from 8.30pm onwards. All Club members are welcome to come along, socialise and chat with other members, and make their views known to the Committee (who hold their monthly meeting earlier on the same night).

Click the following link to the Club's website for dates at <http://www.rrnd.co.uk>.

Photos on Club's website & in the E-News

A reminder that photos may be taken at trials and other events which are used in the E-News and on the Club's website. Parents or guardians who do not wish their child's photo to appear should make this clear to the photographer, and to the trial or event organisers.

Contacts

Committee contact details can be accessed by clicking the following link: <http://www.rrnd.co.uk/Contact.html>

Club Diary

The Club Diary can be accessed on the website by clicking the following link: http://www.rrnd.co.uk/whats_on.html

Sunday 18th October: Hoggin' The Bridge

It was a bit of a frosty start as the sun was rising slowly in the East and I set off with some mates from the top of Reigate Hill. We were going eventually to Chepstow in Wales for the 10th annual Hoggin' The Bridge which is a charity fund raising event organised annually on the 3rd Sunday in October by the Harley Davidson 'Riders of Bridgewater' chapter. It is great fun and open to all motorcyclists.

As predicted by the weatherman it was warmer and sunny by the time we got to Membury Services on the M4 for coffee and then positively lovely at the Aust (Severn View) Services on the M48 from where the procession started this year. Over the years it has started at different services, gone over different bridges and finished in different towns. But this time, like last year, we rode over the Severn Bridge, on a short stretch of motorway which was good as it spread us all out a bit, and then along country roads lined with happy well wishers, a bit like the veteran car run - (no jokes about the age of the Harley or me



please)!

As ever the ride through the Welsh countryside was a bit stop and start in places but it was a great thrill to ride with thousands of other motorcyclists. It was also good fun to 'High 5' some of the thousands of spectators lining the route but you have to be careful as some of the more energetic youngsters can get a bit too enthusiastic!

As before Chepstow had opened its car parks and streets to bikes only for the day and by carefully positioning our bikes we were able to park up ok between the old castle and the river. There were some biker stalls, food bars, many pubs, a band or two playing in the town centre and the opportunity to collect Tee shirts and pins had they been ordered online before the event – make a note for next time! This event seems to grow every year and I'm not sure if we'll all fit into the same services or Chepstow next year.



After lunch we headed back to ride as much as possible off the Motorways - most of the time on the old A4. The traffic was light, the scenery was good and it certainly made a nice change from the M4 which is I think one of the most boring, albeit necessary, roads in the country! Eventually we stopped off in the centre of Marlborough at a quaint old tea house for drinks and cake. Then as the sun slowly sunk in the West we continued on our way arriving home at dusk.

If you'd like to have a go at riding with loads of other bikers then I'd recommend Hoggin' The Bridge 2010!

Steve Whitmore

Club Trial at Ockley 18 October 09

Some 28 riders signed on for the October Club Trial at Ockley. Best on the day were:

Class	1st	Marks lost	2nd	Marks lost	3rd	Marks lost
White	Eric Clarke	17	Scott Dark	20	Chris Dark	39
Inter	Pat Lloyd-Jacob	8	Matt Don	15	Danny Haste	22
Blue Over 40	Rob Edwards	37	Colin Don	49	Joe Beard	52
Blue	James Lloyd-Jacob	72	Josh Paterson*	87	Keith Cross	103
Blue Under 16	Samuel Brightman	45				
Red	Robert McKenzie	20	Mark Stubberfield	22	Bob Collins*	32
Red Under 16	Elliott Tickner	61	Grace Dark	97		
Yellow	Luke Edwards	6	Ben Edwards	7	James Dark	19

Full results are available on the Club's website.



Training Trial 31 October 09

Here are the results from the training trial held in October, with photos courtesy of Richard Coles:

Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
M Hammond	Yellow	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	21
Jack Thompson	Red	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8		
Rob Edwards	Red	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Luke Edwards	Red	0	3	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	33			
Ben Edwards	Red	1	5	3	1	1	1	0	5	3	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	50				
Richard Osborn	Red	5	5	3	5	0	5	0	3	1	2	0	3	0	2	5	1	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	63			
Cliff Stark	Red	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	20				
Paul Newman	Red	0	3	1	5	0	1	2	5	0	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	31			
Billy Stark	Red	3	5	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	5	0	5	0	1	0	0	5	56			



Club Championships 2009 after October trial

Championships are run over 12 rounds with best 8 scores counting.

Solo

Stuart Read	68
Eric Clarke	66
Scott Dark	59
Malcolm Coles	55
Luke Thomas	46

Inter

Antony Read	58
Matt Don	46
Pat Lloyd-Jacob	36

Over 40

Richard Coles	58
Colin Don	51
Danny Haste	35
Peter Jenkins	33
David Charman	30

Novice Red

Mark Stubberfield	84
Robert Mckenzie	84
Andy Hutchison snr	59
Paul Brightman	58
Graham Tickner	41

Under 16 Blue

Tom Charman	58
Samuel Brightman	48

Under 16 Red

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