

Chairman's Chatter

Riding has rather gone by the board this month. I missed the evening trial as I was away, and the box of bits in the garage that should eventually go back into two Gasgas trials bikes was inaccessible and under a thick layer of dust from building work, so neither Malcolm nor I attended any of the Ockley camping weekend's activities.

I gather that only Danny and Pete decided to stay over in the end; it was clear that camping numbers would be low so we did not bother with a portaloos. It was a shame that there was a fairly low take up for the training because by all accounts the sessions that Sam Connor gave were excellent, and of course with the Club subsidising the cost, something of a bargain.

Very constructive clearing work was done in the woods by those who were having a break from their training sessions and I understand that this should now enable us to use more of this excellent piece of land. Again, entry was low for the trial - something we will discuss at the next Committee meeting. This could just be the normal clash with annual holidays or does it reflect the change of weekend on which we hold the Club trial? If you have any views on this please let a Committee member know.

I am pleased to see that Antony is back out and about; some of his photographs of the Club trial are on the website.

Many of you will know the brothers, John and Brian Worzle. There can be few in the Club who have not had the benefit of their excellent engineering abilities. I have learnt that a few weeks ago an accident at work (an AJS kick-start sheered as John attempted to start it!) left John with a very badly broken leg and the prospect of extensive surgery. Our very best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

The Club's annual camping weekend approaches and the plans are well under way. A reminder that there will be no monthly Club trial this month as we follow the format devised last year. There is of course the last of the three evening trials and you can enter and ride in our South Coast event as long as you provide an observer- at the moment, we are still short of volunteers to help on the day.

Richard Coles

Appeal for help!

As you are possibly aware, RRND are running the August round of the South Coast Group Championships at Betchworth on Sunday 8th August 2010. The white route sections are going to be plotted by Stuart Read and Luke Thomas, I will be doing the blues/Inters and Dick Coles the red route. In order to try and keep things moving we will be aiming to set out 12 or 13 sections which will be lapped three times as this tends to reduce queuing and generally speed things up.

Accordingly we will need observers for each section. We do have some volunteers, but I am appealing for additional volunteers to help at this event.

We shall be observing with scorecards - so no punches and running backwards and forwards in the sections, and no confrontations with stropky riders either! It is a great opportunity to watch some of the best riders in the South East riding in our own 'back yard'.

Please can you let me know if you will be available to observe on the 8th August or help in any other way, either by phoning 01883 650124 or 07879 690766 or email to eric.clarke@btconnect.com.

Club members will be allowed to ride if they provide an observer, or if all sections are manned by the start time. If all sections are not manned by the start time then RRND

members hoping to ride will be expected to observe/ride in conjunction with others. Last year we did not have to resort to this as (thankfully) we had sufficient volunteers.

Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Eric Clarke

Enfields to India Challenge

I would like to invite the members of the Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club to the launch evening of the Enfields to India challenge on 16th September 2010. This is an epic challenge, riding Royal Enfield motorcycles from the UK to Southern India, which is being undertaken to raise money for White Lodge Centre in Chertsey.

All the details are in the invitation below, please do feel free to contact me if you have any queries at all. Can I please ask that those wishing to attend RSVP by 6th September.

With kind regards

Catherine Thurston

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ENFIELDS TO INDIA

ENFIELDS TO INDIA CHALLENGE

In April 2011, 4 adventurous riders will embark on an epic 10,000 mile 2 month journey. They will be riding classic Royal Enfield Bullet motorcycles from their home in the UK to Chennai, South East India. They are undertaking this challenge to raise money for White Lodge Centre.

WHITE LODGE CENTRE

"4 years ago my son Conor had a traumatic entry into this world. The resultant complications with his birth have left him with severe brain damage, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and numerous other physical and developmental problems. White Lodge Centre have helped not only Conor develop to the best of his abilities, but have also supported my family and countless other disabled children, adults their families and carers."

Mark Kirby, Enfields to India Expedition Leader.



CHARLEY BOORMAN

"Good luck with your motorcycle adventure and I look forward to supporting you at your coming events and offer my whole hearted support." **Charley Boorman, June 2010.**



YOUR INVITATION

White Lodge Centre would like to invite you and a guest to join us in celebrating the launch of the Enfields to India challenge.

Thursday 16th September 2010 from 6.30pm to 9.00pm
to be held in the White Lodge Centre Rendezvous Building

- Enjoy a complimentary welcome drink
- Meet Mark Kirby who will be on hand to chat about all aspects of the challenge
- See the Royal Enfield Bullet motorcycles in all their glory
- Win prizes in the raffle
- BBQ food will be available to purchase

Please confirm your attendance by 6th September 2010
email: events@whitelodgecentre.co.uk, or call: 01932 567131

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Training with Sam Connor

On Saturday 24th July some keen to improve members turned up for training with Sam Connor at Ockley as part of the Club's 75th anniversary celebrations.



There were two sessions lasting two and a half hours each, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. Those who joined the later session spent the morning clearing in the woods, ably lead by Danny and his chainsaw.

Each session started with a talk on technique, covering correct standing on the foot pegs, weight distribution, body position/posture and turning. This was put into practice to begin with by carrying out tight turning circles counter balancing your weight against the angle of the bike and then riding and steering the bike with your left hand behind your back on a route chosen by Sam.

Sam then set out a section with routes to cover varying abilities and after watching each rider he gave tips on how to correctly tackle each obstacle in order to improve. So everyone benefited from individual attention.

The more experienced riders were also jumping over a log ensuring that they punched their front wheel precisely in order to ensure that they gained maximum rebound from the suspension.

At the end Sam showed off some of his skills on the newly made sections in the woods and showed different ways of tackling obstacles, which others found they could follow successfully.



Everyone agreed this was a great day of training given by a really nice guy. It's certainly something that the Club would like to repeat sometime in the future but in the meantime, watch out anyone who wasn't there as there are now members who won't just be opening it up and hoping for the best anymore!

By the Dark family

‘Eight Go Mad In the Alps’ by Alan Ross

I'm at the Channel Tunnel terminal sitting on my Triumph Street Triple; I'm waiting to meet up with Patrick L-J to start our little adventure.

Patrick's 40 minutes late, we have missed the train, and it's starting to rain. I'm thinking, "good start!" Then I hear the sweet hum of a Triumph Triple, Patrick's arrived! He apologised; apparently he had only allowed 30 minutes to get from Carshalton to Folkestone! Optimistic even by his standards.

We caught the next shuttle, and the next thing I know we are heading South through Northern France and the weather is a bit brighter. We had decided that we would keep off the motorways, if possible, so Patrick had worked out a route using mainly D roads and programmed it into his Garmin Sat Nav, great all I had to do was follow.....

The others in the party had left the day before and had taken a more direct route.

They were, in no particular order, Pete Jenkins on a Honda, Keith Cross also on a Honda, John Smewing on a big Suzuki, Danny Haste on his faithful XJR1300, Tim Stone or 'Timbo' on a tasty Vee twin Aprilla, and last but by no means least, Keith Toobey on his Kawasaki Ninja rocket ship.



Pat and I had a nice uneventful ride through some lovely countryside, apart from getting involved in a cycle race, I think they though we were marshalls! We stayed the first night in a nice little motel just outside Bar du Seine. We eventually met up with the rest the following evening, at the Hotel Belvedere on the Petit St Bernard Pass in the heart of the Alps just North East of Bourg St -Maurice. We had a lovely evening with lots of banter and went to bed very tired.

The next day dawned to beautiful sunshine, with the valley below us in cloud. After breakfast we went outside and to my amazement the hotel had laid on chain lube, engine oil, tools and even a hydraulic lift! Unlike any hotel in the UK!!

Unfortunately John, on the Suzuki, had had some bike trouble the day before and was going to stay at the hotel to phone around to try and get the parts he needed. However, the rest of us went for a ride over the Cornet de Roselend to Lac D'Annecy for some R&R by the lake.

We took in the scenery and stopped to have an ice cream; it was just like being on the Riviera.

We got back to the hotel only to find that John had not been able to source the parts he needed and had arranged for the bike to be recovered back to England. He decided that he would go home the next day on the train. A real shame, so eight became seven!

That evening there were a lot of Germans in the hotel and we had to stop Danny from doing his John Cleese impersonation. There were quite a lot of "friendly" conversation about the World Cup and two of them challenged us to a game of pool, but they bottled out, clearly intimidated by our skill and prowess!!

Wednesday morning, Pat and Dan got up early to take John to the railway station in Bourg St-Maurice, and Pete had sorted us out with a fantastic route, taking in the ski resorts of Tignes and Val D'Iserre. We then went over the Col De L'Iseran at 2770 metres. If you

haven't ridden on these roads you have just got to do it! There is nothing to compare in the UK and there is hardly any traffic it's motorcycling paradise.

We then continued over the Col De la Madeleine, it just got better and better, hairpin after hairpin!

It just goes on and on, fantastic roads and fantastic scenery.

On the way back to the Hotel we went to Villandry, a ski resort in the Les Alps area, where some of us went skiing earlier in the year, but that's another story! It was strange to see how different the area looked without the snow. We rode our bikes on some of the routes we had skied on.

The next day was more of the same; we went through a beautiful valley at the Vanoise National Park. Some of the lads had a paddle in the stream, and they nicked Pat's boots.

While he hobbled around we laughed and enjoyed the moment.

Friday morning we had to leave the Hotel Belvedere, as we were going to another hotel near Grenoble. The day started with a ride up the Petit St Bernard pass, up to the Italian border. We stopped here to take pictures and tough old Pete and Dan fell in love with a St. Bernard puppy!

We retraced our steps back down the mountain, back over the Col De La Madeleine, in the opposite direction, and then over the Col Du Glandon, all wonderful routes.

We continued to travel through some dramatic gorges, to the Hotel Le Marronnier, in the tiny village of Rencurel. This Hotel was like an oasis, we jumped in the swimming pool, it was just bliss! Just south of this hotel is the Col De Rousset, and I was informed by some of the other members of our group that this is a road that cannot be missed! So true and just a little further to the South West is the Ardech Gorges a paradise!

Unfortunately, our time was up and on Saturday morning we had to head North, back to reality but leaving us wanting to come back again.

I would like to thank all the lads in the group for a great holiday, good company and good laughs. I would especially like to thank Pete for organising it all.

So this is my attempt at travel writing, here's to the next time!

Alan Ross

August Bank Holiday Camping Weekend

Our traditional August Bank Holiday camping weekend, will once again be taking place this year.

Camping is permitted from Friday evening, 27th August to Monday evening, 30th August.

An evening meal will be provided on the Saturday and a cooked breakfast on Sunday morning.

Entertainment will be arranged for Saturday evening in the marquee, and the traditional Sunday night bonfire will be held. There will not be an open trial on the Monday, but if wanted, sections will be laid out for those who have camped to tackle, and the fun arena event may be run, following its success last year.

We hope as many members as possible will come along - this is truly a great weekend.

A booking form will be sent separately shortly, and will also be available to download from the website at www.rrnd.co.uk. When received, your completed form should be sent to Jo Jenkins as quickly as possible, with your full remittance in order to book your place.

Festival 1000 bikes - Whats that?

Organised by the Vintage Club a weekend of bikes and biking at the Mallory Park race track, a chance over the weekend to take your vintage (including Japanese) bike around the track. You go out in groups of 25/30 and go as fast as you like for 10/15 minutes. I took the Triton (Triumph engine in Norton frame) that I built from a box of bits bought from one of our old members Ingam Gavan.

It is fully marshalled and supervised. There is a pre 65 trial and vintage grass track, also sessions of riders like Fogarty giving it large and the new Norton Rotary Team.

This event is not new to some of our members such as Fred Pidcot and Jerry West but if you have not been it is well worth a visit.

In June, Trevor Bolton and I went to the Isle of Man for the TT races. You should definitely put that in your diary of things to do and places to visit as it's a great experience - just ask Tom Shea or Chris Roose, Pat Lloyd-Jacobs, Danny Haste, Rick Parish, etc

Neville Lewis

Redtread

Why am we contacting you?.....It's all to do with motorbikes, so please read on!

Redtread is owned by Ian Burgess and Sally Keelan, 2 private individuals. We have been in business in Southern Spain for 8 years and are the longest standing Off-Road company in Spain. We have been a partner to Honda (UK) Motorcycles for 3 years and we use their CRF250X's and CRF450X's. In total we have 26 Honda CRFX's.

Please have a look at the link below which shows Redtread on the Honda (UK) website, just so you know we are for real!

<http://ww1.honda.co.uk/motorcycles/DispatcherServlet?hidActionDetail=viewproductlist&hidAction=Lookup&hidMSGID=1&hidMSGCode=ADVENTURE&hidMSGName=Adventure>

We have just started our new Off-Road Dirt Bike business in Morocco which is called Redtread Honda Morocco (oddly enough!).

Using our own funds, we have for you 11 shiny new CRF450X's, all new riding gear from head to toe plus all the necessary safety equipment and back up vehicles to do the Tours properly.

Riding in Morocco is a fabulous experience and is available to riders of all abilities....novice through to expert.

Here are the links to our websites...

<http://www.redtreadhondamorocco.com>

<http://www.redtreadhonda.com>

Kind regards,

Ian and Sally

Club History continuing into the 1950s

One of the greatest successes of the early 1950s had to be the RAC/ACU Training Scheme. The Scheme, which included riding tuition as well as lectures on road safety, the Highway Code and also mechanics, was started in 1950 and each course, lasting about 3 months, was followed by an examination.

There were four instructors in the Club, Mr Sherlock, Mr Whiting, Mr Moon and Mr Hollingsbee and another member handled the administration side of things. In the beginning the Club had only one machine for this but later a BSA 250 was obtained, both machines being maintained by Mr Barrett. The Scheme was supported by the local Police and the Council who allowed the use of 'The Cleansing Dept.' for training. The lectures were held at the Clubhouse to begin with but later at Redhill Technical College. The courses were popular with places being booked up well in advance. The pass rate was high. In the first 12 months 60 out of 67 pupils passed and in October 1952 RRND was announced the top Club in the country for the Scheme!

At this time also a junior section of the Club was started for 16-18 year olds. It was run by Mr Whiting whose son was the first junior member. Extra events were put on for these new members including cycle trials and a separate Club night held, but this was later combined with the existing Club night.

In addition, at a Committee meeting, someone raised the question as to what the position was with regard to ladies in the Club and after discussion it was decided that "every effort be made to encourage them along"!

But once again it wasn't all plain sailing. With lots of social events such as the subsidised dinner dances, regular film shows, local visits and trials where awards were always given, the Club's bank balance was suffering. Some members felt that trials riders were taking more from the Club than other members. To overcome this, trials members had to start paying for their Gazettes rather than pay higher subs as some had wished. Members also ran fund raising events such as: Bring and Buy sales, Whist Drives, an Old Time Dance and a 'Sausage and Mash' evening to boost the funds. Also free membership for introducing new members was stopped and small charges were made for other entertainment.

The search for a new and cheaper club room was ongoing and still unsuccessful. However, the landlord of the Greyhound agreed to reduce the rent. He also put up a notice board outside denoting it as the Club Headquarters and so it was to remain.

Trials were still strong in the Club and there was now a winning team representing the Club in team trials. It consisted of the same riders each time until they showed loss of form when they would be replaced by the next up and coming rider! Trials grounds included Frith Hill, Halls Sand Pits, Bagshot Heath, Weavers Down and for practising, the Sand Pits, Gatton Park, Worms Heath and Nutley.

Carol Dark

MSL Tours Spanish Pyrenees and Costa Brava Tour

Bob Collins has written a great piece which is on the Club's website under 'What's New?' - please take time to read this.

Return of Godzilla?

As soon as you enter my garage you can feel the malevolent force. Somewhere, lurking in the dust and gloom at the back of the garage she waits brooding. If Stephen King wrote about trials bikes this would be his role model. And now she is really, really miffed because after returning from Norfolk, I crept up behind her, lifted her fender and airbox and whipped off her exhaust - and left her revealed to the World for a month. Worse - I had every intention of never putting her back together and to use the items in an attempt to rebuild Malcolm's 250 so badly damaged at Hook Woods.

In my last article about Godzilla, I suggested that perhaps at last she was learning to control that nasty temper? Ok, so I would have to ignore the oil she was determined to squeeze pass those fork seals when on the trailer, despite only a few hours use since they had been changed. But perhaps she had changed? Now I may give her a reprieve! It was something that Malcolm said having used her to lay out the evening trial and being particularly pressed when it became obvious that Stuart was not going to be there in time to lay out the whites. He said that he relied on her and she came through for him! I nearly cried. He said that if you ignored the constant whining (possibly a Welshman trapped in the gearbox) it was actually a reasonable engine producing good power! This was Godzilla he was talking about! Perhaps I had misjudged her- or perhaps I am just too tight to chuck her away? So when a second hand exhaust came up on ebay for Malcolm's bike I went for it. All I need now is a dozen tubes of sealant to reassemble the airbox and his bike could be good as new and Godzilla back on the trials scene - you have been warned!

Richard Coles

Results from Training Trial held 18 July 2010

Twelve riders came to take part in July's training trial.

Results from those who finished & submitted score cards were as follows:

Yellow

Casey Newman - 19

Red

Richard Osborn - 51, Paul Newman - 57, Luke Edwards - 58

Red U16

Ben Edwards - 73

Results from Ockley Trial 25 July 2010

It was a great pity that so few members turned out for this trial, but this is the way that events seem to be going - an issue that is to be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Full results and photos are available on the Club's website, but best on the day were as follows:

Route/Class	1st	2nd	3rd
White	Stuart Read 21	Scott Dark 32	
Inter	Sam Brightman 43		
Novice Blue	Pat Lloyd-Jacob 13	Danny Haste 25	Pete Jenkins 56
Blue Over 40	Rob Edwards 65	Mark Stubberfield 94	Keith Cross 145
Red	Paul Newman 19	Stan Metcalf 24	Luke Edwards 32
Red Under 16	Ben Edwards 35		
Yellow	James Dark 84	Casey Newman 89	





Handicaps & Championships as at July 2010

Club Championships 2010

Championships are run over 12 rounds with best 8 scores counting

Expert

Stuart Read	83
Scott Dark	54
Malcolm Coles	37
Eric Clarke	32

Inter

Antony Read	43
Pat Lloyd-Jacob	35
Samuel Brightman	33
Danny Haste	23
Mike Husband	20

Novice Blue

Robert McKenzie	72
Keith Cross	20

Over 40 Blue

Rob Edwards	76
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Pete Jenkins	65
Mark Stubberfield	44
Colin Don	38
Andy Hutchison S	31

Novice Red

Luke Edwards	57
Paul Newman	57
Paul Brightman	38

Under 16 Red

Ben Edwards	68
Grace Dark	33
Tom Hutchison	24

Handicap

Ben Edwards	149
Luke Edwards	135
Stuart Read	130
Mike Hammond	95
Samuel Brightman	92
James Dark	85
Robert McKenzie	77
Scott Dark	74
Rob Edwards	70
Paul Newman	69
Malcolm Coles	68
Pat Lloyd-Jacob	68
Tom Hutchison	68

Evening trial 11 August 2010

This will be held at Sparticles Wood. Starts 6pm and will be followed by a BBQ.

Remember, the cost of the evening trials this year is lower than that at our weekend trials at £10 for adults and £6 for children. Don't forget to bring some money for the BBQ. Burgers etc will be available at £1 each.

For those of you who are new to the Club, we hold three evening trials over the summer months which are relaxed events, and a great opportunity to socialise with other members, so bring the family along.

We hope to see lots of you there for the last evening trial of 2010!

Other Forthcoming Events:

4 August - Club Night at Home Cottage PH, Redhill from 8.30pm

8 August - RRND South Coast Trial at Old Quarry Betchworth. **OBSERVERS REQUIRED!**

22 August - Beginner Training Trial Harts Lane South Godstone. Start 11am

27-30 August - Club Camping Weekend at Rams Lane, Dunsfold, Surrey.

See website at www.rrnd.co.uk for details.

For sale / wanted

A reminder that you can place ads on the Club's website for free! The following are the latest entries:

2005 KTM EXC 200

Good example of a 2005 KTM exc 200 enduro bike, the bike is currently SORN as I only ride in enduros.

The bike is well maintained for competition use, it is fitted with barkbuster handguards and come with full KTM folder and manuals, full road kit including spare rear lighting system with indicators, horn, chain covers so ready for any use!

When I purchased the bike it was fitted with black plastics and John Player Special graphics, I changed the rad shrouds and front fender back to orange as can be seen in the picture on the website, so spare plastics include the black rad shrouds, orange rear fender, orange headlight surround, and a black front fender so there are complete black and complete orange plastic sets.

£1850 ono.

Call Malcolm on: 07796955824

And finally....



Here are a couple of our RRND ladies - all glammed up for their leavers ball - does anyone recognise them away from the crash helmets and mud?