

# RRND

Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



## Chairman's Chatter

The winter weather has played havoc with sporting schedules across the Country but so far RRND events have gone ahead as planned. Those of you who couldn't get to the first Club trial of the year at Ockley should check out the photographs - the day was glorious and although slightly warming conditions meant a bit of a daytime thaw and slippery conditions later, the sections were sensible and a great time was had by all. On the Wednesday after the trial I was back on the green lanes around the Leith Hill area in 4" of snow!

This months training trial was almost as well attended as the Club trial. We are currently accessing this land from Harts Lane as building work progresses at the main house, and this is likely to be the case for a while. There has been quite a lot of stock in the fields so the parking area is quite churned up and it was definitely an advantage to have the overnight snow and frost. As with the Ockley trial the sections got more difficult as the day went on - as did the car park! Fortunately no-one got stuck there- as long as you keep to the right on entering the field you remain on the foundations of an old barn and there is enough parking for everyone. Great to see more new faces and some old ones we haven't seen for a while! A big thanks as always to Bruce who has uploaded the photographs of the day on to the website immediately he got them despite being in France skiing.



I try and take photographs at most events (and am not the only one who contributes them to our gallery pages). I don't worry about editing or cropping the photographs and the ones that go onto the site are of reduced resolution. Should I take any that any of you would like forwarded in full resolution for processing or copying just ask- occasionally I get a good one!



Our next Club trial is to be at Sparticles Wood, Hooley. This is land with good potential but we did not use it in 2009 partly because of access issues. That has now been resolved by access being possible from the A23 Service Road, just south of Deans Lane. As an added bonus we also have access to an additional area. A word of warning though that the date for this event may change to the 28th February along with some rescheduling of other events in our 2010 calendar - this is unavoidable with some juggling of responsibility with Committee changes. Please keep an eye on the web pages and circulations.

That of course leads me to the AGM. Please attend if you can - it's great to have your support and to hear your views. We know not everything we have done this year has met with full approval but the Committee has made the decisions it feels are best for the Club. Remember if you really want to see how things work there will be a space on the Committee as Pat L-J stands down - after a tremendous 19 years! (but don't worry- that's not the minimum term!). Presentations for 2009 will be made and these include the Clubman's Cup and the Committee Cup. In the case of the latter the Committee award goes to the clubman (non Committee member) judged by the Committee to have done most during the year for the Club. In the case of the Clubman's cup we seek your nominations for the award to be presented to the Committee member you judge to have done the most during the year for you. As, sadly, the attendance is fairly low at the AGM I am inviting nominations for this award to be made before the event to the Editor. In the event of a tie, a ballot will be held at the AGM amongst the members present. And if you wish to stand for the Committee please let me know!

**Richard Coles**



## **Club Awards for 2009**

**[2009 RRND Club Championship Winners](#)**

Solo	Eric Clarke
Intermediate	Antony Read
Novice Red	Robert Mckenzie
Over 40	Colin Don
Under 16 Blue	Samuel Brightman
Under 16 Red	Elliott Tickner
Handicap	Robert Mckenzie

### **2009 Individual Handicap Winners**

January	Simon Welch
February	Mark Stubberfield
March	Robert Mckenzie
April	Colin Don
May	Tom Hutchison
June	Robert Mckenzie
July	Luke Edwards
September	Malcolm Coles
October	James Dark
November	Elliott Tickner
December	Samuel Brightman

Congratulations to all the above Championship winners and individual Handicap winners.

All awards will be presented at the AGM - it would be great if all winners could attend along with their family and friends in order to receive their awards.

## **Club Trials 2009**

Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will see the facts and figures

for the past year and previous years. As you will see the figures are very similar to 2008 which given the current climate is a good sign that the Club is still strong.

Over the 11 Sunday Club trials we had 139 different riders enter (173 last year) of which 60 were guest riders, the main drop seems to be with guest riders. This means out of the 123 members: 79 entered a Club event, only one member rode all 11 trials, Mark Stubberfield. Four members rode 10 trials and 4 rode 9. Seventeen members only rode once.

### **Antony Read**



## **South Coast Trials 2009 Championship**

Antony Read retained the 'Best over 50' Championship on the Blue route, Luke Thomas was third in the experts and Stuart Read was fourth. Eric Clarke was fifth in the Inters and Elliot Tickner second in the Youth C.

Note: congratulations from the Committee on your achievements - very well done to Antony in particular!

## What are South Coast Trials?

For those of you who have not entered a South Coast Trial or are not familiar with them, they are run on the second Sunday of each month (except Nov run on the first) and run by a group of clubs of which RRND is a member. They are run under AMCA and with the exception of Horsham in May are all enter on the day. They are held at some very interesting pieces of land and some are on the South Downs with some long climbs that make some very good sections. There are three routes, whites aimed at good Experts that can turn on a sixpence, (I know I am showing my age!), jump over huge tree trunks, leap up vertical banks and have no fear (ie Stuart & Luke). The blue route is for experienced riders and up and coming young riders, it includes an O40 and O50 class. The red route is for those not wishing to tackle anything too hard but still requires skill and is not aimed at beginners. There is also the option of riding 50/50 between red & blue or blue & white. At some trials there is a beginner route but check in advance. Anyone who rides the Blue route at our Club trials or drops very few marks on the Red should find the Red route at South Coast to their liking. Details of dates/venues for this year can be found later in this E News, or on our website.

**Antony Read**

## Letters Section

Debbie, although as my letter to the magazine said last month that I personally prefer the old printed news letter as opposed to the new email edition, I must say a thank you for letting the members know regarding the postponement of the group trial. I was due to ride in it, so here we go a moan last month regarding the news letter and a thank you this month, just goes to show you there is a use for all things.

Also a very interesting article from Carol Dark on the history of the club, look forward to the continuing story.

Neville (Lewis)

## Club Trial at Ockley 17 Jan 2010

Twenty one riders handed in score cards at the first of this year's Club trials at Ockley. Judging by the scores, it must have been a hard trial - perhaps one (or more) of the riders could write in and let us know! The best on the day were as follows:

	1st	Marks Lost	2nd	Marks Lost	3rd	Marks Lost
Experts	Stuart Read	23	Eric Clarke	37	Malcolm Coles	79
Inters	Pat Lloyd-Jacob	40	Antony Read	76	Mike Husband	86
Novice Blue	Robert McKenzie	39	Robert Edwards	73	Keith Cross	102
Over Blue	40 Pete Jenkins	59	Mark Stubberfield	66	Richard Coles	76
Red	Bob Collins*	40	Ken Cornish	86	Graham Jung	88

\* Guest rider

Full scores are available on the website at [www.rnd.co.uk](http://www.rnd.co.uk).



## World Indoor Trials Round 2010

Malcolm and I went to Sheffield on the 9<sup>th</sup> January to watch the first of the indoor trials rounds. We had never been before so this is just some pointers that might be useful to you if you also decide to go. This isn't a write up of the trial which has been well reported - or best of all get the DVD!

Route - the most straightforward and normally the quickest is via M25/ M1. A word of caution - there are four major long term sets of roadworks on the route so you need to pick your time carefully to avoid peak traffic. Leave the motorway at junction 34 and you are right by the arena - this is easier than the signposted route from J33.

The weekend of the trial was right in the middle of the period of snow although ironically it made things easier for us. Door to door the return was completed in 3hrs 20 mins - over Sunday lunch time. The motorways were clear and no-one was venturing out as all the routes off the motorway at each end were very badly affected by snow. We had originally planned to go by train but the cheapest fare we could find was £150 each! In any case the weather had brought the rail network to a virtual standstill.

Parking can be an issue at the arena. You pay for parking on top of your ticket but I have heard that a well attended event can take several hours to get out of the car park (you may want to find somewhere else if you are travelling straight back). This was not a problem this time as someone had taken the decision not to open the car parks because they were snowy! We envisaged chaos but there is a park and ride car park across from the arena which seemed to take the cars. This is at the rear of a large cinema complex with loads of eating places. Because of the parking away from the arena these were probably busier than normal but there is plenty of choice.

We had decided to avoid all parking and eating problems by staying overnight at the Arena Premier Inn. There are two Premier Inns within walking distance of the arena, both with good parking facilities if you arrive in reasonable time. We ate at the Inn in the evening and had breakfast (full English - but from hot plates so had an institutional feel) and our bill came to £110, rather more than the prices you see quoted. The cheapest hotel close to the arena is the ETAP but the rooms here are much smaller and parking is not always available.

The event was great - it is well laid out and the activity moves around the floor from section to section. You can normally see what is going on, or there is a large screen if you can't, and at some point you will have the activity of at least two sections right in front of you. The sections had to be seen to be believed and we were both impressed by the plucky ride of Alexz Wigg. As the lowest rated rider he went first and had the misfortune of gaining the top of the first section only to have his throttle fall apart. No pressure there then! On the night Bou triumphed and showed the skill that has put him in number one slot. The event didn't fully come alive - the arena was only two-thirds full and the weather had obviously kept some people away and a new knockout format was difficult to explain and not popular with the riders (leading to a threatened boycott at later rounds). Still - a great experience and one I would recommend that you do at least once!

**Richard Coles**

## **Committee Vacancy**

As Richard says in his Chatter section above, there is a vacancy available on the Committee, and you are invited to put yourself forward for nomination. Please contact Richard if you would like to consider joining the Committee.

## **Peter's Ponders**

Hi one and all from Peter, your outgoing Comp Sec. This coming year has a few treats to look forward to. One idea we have dreamt up for June or July time is a camping weekend at our Ockley venue. This won't have many of the niceties of the Dunsfold camping weekend, but hopefully we will be able to have an expert trials coach to come along to teach us how to ride better. Depending on numbers we would like to keep the expert busy all day with small groups of riders of similar skill levels. Then a proper Club trial on the Sunday for us to put our new skills to the test! Please contact me so I can judge what interest there is in this new idea.

### Other news:

As you may be aware Pat and Danny from our Club ride classic long distance trials, and they managed to talk me into entering the Lands End trial in April. Having no suitable bike was no problem as luckily for me, in the back of one of Pat's workshops was an old unloved 1985 Yamaha XJ600 Tenere.

Once back at home, I cleaned out the carbs and fuel tank of old fuel and to my amazement it fired up after half a dozen kicks. I then discovered a huge oil leak from the rocker box pouring onto the exhaust pipes. To repair this properly the engine had to come out and a chewed up allen bolt was successfully drilled out of the top of the rocker box. Once the rocker box was removed I found loads of damage where a screwdriver had been used as a wedge to lift it off before all the bolts had been removed, not a pretty sight!

When in doubt, look on Ebay - three complete heads to choose from, all at sensible money, plus a sump guard that was missing on the original bike - result! Once all back together, the engine ran up with no oil leaks and I was able to run the bike around the garden as a test. This is a big heavy old lump not at all like a nimble trials bike. The carbs then had another clean out as I was not happy with them. They are still not perfect at low revs pick up, so if any of you have any ideas please give me a call. I've heard of ultrasonic cleaning but who has this equipment locally? Or am I expecting too much from an old bike using capacitor discharge ignition?

Today I will buy a new battery as the kick start is so extreme in its operation I've now pulled a large muscle in my leg trying to start it!

More news next month!

See you at the AGM if not before.

**Peter Jenkins**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motor Club and Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.**

**To be held on Wednesday February 17th 2010 at The Home Cottage Public House, Redstone Hill, Redhill, Surrey (off A25) 7.30 - 8.00pm start.**

**Please arrive early so the meeting can start on time. It will be held in the function room at the back of the Pub.**

**Nominations for the following positions in both Clubs and motions for the agenda of each AGM should be sent to the Club's Secretary in writing at least 10 days prior to the meeting. All motions must be seconded and signed by the nominee. If you are not sure of the procedure please contact a member of the existing Committee.**

### Committee Positions:

**Chairman**

**Club Secretary**

**Membership Secretary**



**Social Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Competition Secretary**

**Editor**

**Assistant Competition Secretary (2)**

**Committee Member (3)**

Please try and come along - awards for the 2009 Championships and Handicaps will be given out, food will be provided, and it will be a great opportunity to socialise with other Club members.

## 2009 Facts & Figures

Month	Venue	Tot Entry	Club Mem	Guest	Retired	Ave Loss
Jan	Ockley	25	25	0	2	65
Feb	Blacklands	34	30	4	3	42
Mar	Shamley Green	41	31	10	2	37
Apr	Old Quarry	35	31	4	5	27
May	Hookwoods	48	32	16	7	70
Jun	Faygate	46	37	9	10	45
Jul	Old Quarry	30	24	6	4	24
Sept	Hookwoods	30	22	8	4	59
Oct	Ockley	28	24	4	0	45
Nov	Blacklands	42	37	5	8	53
Dec	Old Quarry	44	31	13	16	50
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Averages	2009	37	29	7	6	47
	2008	38	28	10	4	49
	2007	39	26	13	7	44
	2006	40	33	7	7	53
	2005	41	33	8	6	42
	2004	40	32	8	7	49
	2003	28	20	8	4	49
	2002	29	24	5	6	53
	2001	31	26	6	10	57
	2000	28	25	3	5	63
	1999	25	23	2	6	71
	1998	29	25	4	8	

## Full List of 2009 Championships

The Championships were run over 11 rounds with the best 8 scores counting.

**Solo**

Eric Clarke	86
Stuart Read	79
Scott Dark	79
Luke Thomas	58
Malcolm Coles	55

**Inter**

Antony Read	82
Matt Don	57
Pat Lloyd-Jacob	47

**Over 40 Blue**

Colin Don	70
Richard Coles	58
Danny Haste	47
Peter Jenkins	44

**Novice Red**

Robert Mckenzie	92
Mark Stubberfield	91
Paul Brightman	66
Andy Hutchison snr	60
Graham Tickner	41

**Under 16 Blue**

Samuel Brightman	59
Tom Charman	58
Andy Hutchison jnr	22

**Under 16 Red**

Elliott Tickner	93
Grace Dark	50
Andy Hutchison jnr	47

**Handicap**

Robert Mckenzie	182
Mark Stubberfield	158
Eric Clarke	125
Stuart Read	121
Antony Read	114
Phil Powell	114
Elliott Tickner	112
Scott Dark	108
Tom Hutchison	108
Eric Clarke	104
Danny Haste	102

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