

# RRND

## Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



### Chairman's Chatter

Malcolm and I have just returned from a very soggy Tilburstow Hill and the October Training Trial. We were rather concerned that we might not see anyone this morning, as it was certainly wet and dreary, but to our relief eight hardy souls showed up to ride and young Nathan Richardson got in the Halloween mood and set out to scare us with some spectacular fishtails on the wet ground - which of course ended up with him dumping the bike in big style on a number of occasions. Never mind though, he just got up to do it again – he's obviously been watching Stuart! The Training Trials continue to attract new members and we had a visit today from a prospective rider who wanted to see what it was all about and talk about bikes.



November's Club Trial is at the ever popular Blackland's Farm. Volunteers are required to lay out and if you are not able to do that please ensure you assist with the clearing up afterwards - it's even more important with the dark evenings. I make no apology for repeating the request for observers for the Star Group Trial on 12th December. We have a few volunteers – thank you – but more are still needed.

This month has seen riders heading off in different directions to other events. I know Chris Roos has been down to Spain on his road bike, Mark Stubberfield has competed in the Lakes Two Day Trial and Pete Jenkins entered and thoroughly enjoyed the Witley Long Distance Trial. I think Danny Haste, Pat Lloyd Jacob and Peter also did the Edinburgh LDT this month.

Eric has been working hard to produce the events calendar for next year. Unfortunately he has not been able to devote the time to the Competition Secretary's role that he had hoped and pressure of work means that he has decided to stand down at the next AGM. There may be other changes of which I am not yet aware but if any of you enjoy what you get from this Club and are able to devote some time to its running and would consider joining the Committee please let me know.

**Richard Coles**

## **Pete's Jottings**

It's been a very busy month for me. We began with a trip up to Buxton to ride another long distance trial. This was called the Edinburgh Trial but it runs round Derbyshire! The usual crew of Pat Lloyd Jacob, Danny Haste, Alan Ross and I rolled up to start at 2 am. I was already covered in Dan's two stroke oil from an earlier luggage related incident! All went well through the night and by the afternoon things were looking good for a top result. Then at the end of a long steep climb, Pat's engine dumped its oil out of every orifice and that was his trial over. Luckily for Pat our wives were spectating at that section so the "service van" was nearby for a speedy recovery back to the Hotel. If you go to the Edinburgh Trial web site photos you will find an excellent set of shots, one with my Jo in the foreground just before Pat's engine let go. Look closely for the blue haze behind the bike. The rest of us rode on to the finish at about 4pm. Unfortunately we did not win any awards as the last 5 sections had been very badly affected by the heavy rain the day before. They turned into the sort of sections where you just give it full throttle and hope you don't get spat out. The main objective is to get to the finish so we were all very pleased with our efforts. Thanks to the team for a top weekend of riding.

As I enjoyed riding my Suzuki DRZ400 so much, I then entered another long distance trial run by Witley Club. This trial only covered 85 miles with no night riding. Sounds perfect! The only other rider I knew was Mick Husband also representing good old RRNDMC. The day was nice and sunny and really quite warm by midday. The format was mainly riding on tracks, paths, rocky gullies and a few country roads to join them all up. Every now and then there was an easy section thrown in to make you think. The finish was a big field with a track laid out to do one lap of as fast as possible as a tie breaker. Excellent fun on trials tyres that slide like mad on cut up grass. Overall I did quite well and came 51st out of 170 riders. I am looking forward to my next LDT as soon as I can find another one to enter.

**Peter Jenkins**

## **The Natterjack Enduro**

The Natterjack is the last round of the British Enduro Championship. Like the other series events it is a two day enduro, but I believe that it is unique in that it allows Sportsmen to enter. As this was his first two day enduro Malcolm decided that he would enter that class to get a feel for the event.



The event is based around Longmoor camp and utilises Weavers Down as well as some live firing ranges either side of the A3 not normally open to other events. Over the years the routes on the ranges have become notorious for the “whoops”, hollows and dips that have developed and are now some 5’ deep and separated by not much more than a bike length. If taken fast the peaks can be ridden on the back wheel, skipping over the dips, but get it wrong and you risk riding into the face of one of the peaks or bottoming out on the top of one.

The Army have certainly got the organisation of the event down to a fine art. They laid out a thirty mile lap in the shape of a clover leaf, one leaf being on the North side of the A3 on the ranges, the other two leaves to the South and incorporating two special tests, one with some manufactured obstacles and walls, and the other a huge motocross type test on a large sand area. It was impressive to see that it was possible to check the time schedules and know when each class was due at the tests, and to see (provided they remained on time) that they were able to ride it without being baulked by slower riders. The timing was instantaneous with results being displayed on screen and being posted on the internet immediately. The Championship Class were truly spectacular in the tests and it was a great opportunity to see riders such as Edmonson, Sagar, Bolter, up close – it’s worth checking out the You-Tube videos.

I don’t know if the Army had also arranged the weather but heavy rain on the Thursday gave way to sunshine for the event and the weather only broke with a torrential downpour as we drove home on the Sunday evening.





The Sportsman Class timing proved reasonably comfortable for Malcolm to maintain and the bike ran well. He covered the 120 miles without time penalty so the class was decided on the four special test times. Here the YZ125 was perhaps not the most competitive with some of its power being sapped by deep loose sand, nevertheless good times meant a very creditable fourth in class.

**Richard Coles**

## Club Trial at Sparticles Wood 24 October 2010

Thirty one riders signed on for the October Club Trial at Sparticles Wood.

Best on the day were as follows:

Route/Class	1st	2nd	3rd
White Expert	Stuart Read - 35	Scott Dark - 41	Eric Clarke - 58
Inter	Samuel Brightman - 49	Antony Read - 71	
Novice Blue	Robert McKenzie - 32	Alan Stanley - 94	Keith Cross - 114
Blue Over 40	Pete Jenkins - 9	Rob Edwards - 18	Mark Stubberfield - 25
Red	Paul Newman - 19	David Cutler - 29	Bob Collins - 32
Red Under 16	Tom Hutchinson - 38	Ben Edwards - 43	Grace Dark - 60
Yellow	Brian Walpole - 21	James Dark - 40	Mike Hammond - 56

Full results are on the website - [www.rrnd.co.uk](http://www.rrnd.co.uk)

## Club Trial at Blacklands Farm 28

## November 2010

Venue	Blacklands Farm
Start	11am on 28 November 2010
Clerk	Eric Clarke
Laying Out	Yellow: Mike Hammond. All other routes - volunteers required
Course	May be either five laps of eight sections or four laps of ten sections. In both cases there will be a break after the second lap. It is preferred that riders ride the course as laps starting at whichever section they prefer and not keep riding the same section continuously.
General	<p>Please note that all parents/people with parental authority are responsible for under 18 year old riders and it is required that you sign their entry forms. Under 18s do not have personal insurance cover, only third party. For safety reasons do not ride around the course alone but in small groups observing each other in the sections. Always check a section is clear before entering and no practising in the sections before or during the trial. If caught practising you may be disqualified. <b>Helmets are optional for adults but you are strongly advised to wear one. All under 18 riders MUST wear a helmet.</b></p> <p>This is an AMCA event run by Reigate &amp; Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.</p>
Entries	On the day.

## Beginners Training Trial

The next beginners Training Trial is on the 21st November 2010 at Harts Lane, South Godstone. Start time 11am.

## Club Championships

**Club Championships 2010, showing best 8 from 9**

**Championships are run over 11 rounds with best 8 scores counting**

### Expert

Stuart Read	95
Scott Dark	65
Eric Clarke	42
Malcolm Coles	37

<b>Inter</b>	
Antony Read	54
Samuel Brightman	45
Pat Lloyd-Jacob	35

<b>Novice Blue</b>	
Robert McKenzie	96
Keith Cross	41

<b>Over 40 Blue</b>	
Rob Edwards	90
Pete Jenkins	88
Mark Stubberfield	64
Andy Hutchison Snr	40

<b>Novice Red</b>	
Paul Newman	87
Luke Edwards	76
Paul Brightman	49
Richard Osborn	48
Bob Collins	44

<b>Under 16 Red</b>	
Ben Edwards	92
Grace Dark	53
Tom Hutchison	48

<b>Handicap</b>	
Ben Edwards	161
Luke Edwards	146
Samuel Brightman	135
Stuart Read	131
Mike Hammond	114
Rob Edwards	113
Robert McKenzie	112
Pete Jenkins	105
Paul Newman	103
Bob Collins	102
Mark Stubberfield	97
James Dark	91

**Antony Read**