

# RRND

Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



## Chairman's Chatter

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather but at the same time it all seems rather strange. No doubt we are set either for a hosepipe ban or the wettest summer holidays on record!

Your Committee met at the Dog and Duck this month as the Home Cottage is undergoing a badly needed refurbishment. We were made welcome and the food was tested and approved by a few so do think about joining us on that first Wednesday of the month. The Committee meeting normally finishes around 9pm so that we can have a chat with the members who attend.

The next trial is at Sparticles Wood on 17<sup>th</sup> April - access via the A23 slip road please. We have volunteers to run the trial. Keep an eye on the fixtures as we are continuing to book venues. On the 26<sup>th</sup> June we have confirmed a booking for Hook Woods - this time using the rarely available right hand side!

If you attend the training trials you will see that in the months June - August they are incorporated in the evening trial and here the yellow route will have completely independent sections to try and encourage members to make that jump from the training trial at Tilburstow to different venues. Please note that there will NOT be a training trial on Easter Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**Richard Coles**

## Aldermaston Nomads Three Stage Trial

If you attended the AGM you will remember I circulated regs for this event. Last year we had persuaded Pete Jenkins to ride in it and I am pleased to report that this year Mark Stubberfield and Rob McKenzie decided to have a go. This really is a good format if you want to try something a little different – it incorporates both speed/time elements and is over a distance of about a five mile lap. Nomads are not the only Club to run it but for them it has become a tradition and they have a very sensible approach to the sections they lay out and the time elements they impose.

To recap for those of you who missed the article last year the event is, as the title suggests, in three stages.



After signing on and scrutineering (quite relaxed) Stage One consisted of two laps of the five mile circuit on which were laid out ten sections. The sections are quite open to allow for almost any type of machine – trials/trail/enduro, but to make things a little more competitive in the trials class there is an extra gate or two in each section for this class. The two laps had to be completed in two hours. Riders had adequate time- this is not intended to take marks, and the sections are marked conventionally. Rob and Mark seemed quite comfortable here, with only one section that had a very loose short climb causing a problem. The distance of the lap was a surprise to them. A short special test (a timed loop) is ridden to decide on any later ties.

Between Stages riders have about half an hour to chat and fuel or fettle the bikes and have a bite to eat themselves.

Stage Two was also two laps. The time limit imposed did not take marks off anyone but the pressure it led to did - because here if you rushed a section and dabbed it would cost you three marks - the scoring changing to 0, 3 or 5. Rob and Mark had no problems with the sections here as the trials gates are removed but the advantage they had riding trials bikes is reduced as the pace increases.



Stage Three was a challenge for all riders. On entering riders had to declare themselves as expert or novice. Now back when there were many of these events an expert was someone who had been placed first or second twice in two years. Now it relies on a sensible approach by riders. Mark and Robbie entered as novices - appropriate I would say. Malcolm entered the large Enduro class as an expert - again an appropriate classification given that this type of event encourages newcomers. Novices had to complete 3 laps in 65mins, experts 4 laps. On this stage there are no penalties for footing- the start gate of each section becomes a check point only and this is all about completing the stage on time. This can be a challenge on a trials bike - but good training for the Scottish or an event like the Scott!



So how did they do? Very well indeed. Rob and Mark took first and second place respectively in trials novice. Malcolm was fifth in the very competitive Enduro Expert class – that saw him lose only six marks and 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> places decided by the special test. Mark has jotted a few thoughts down below.

## Richard Coles

Rob and I attended the Three Stage Trial down at Bagshot. This was our first 3-stager and we found it quite different from the normal trials. I recommend any members who have never had a go to get down to the next one. The pace was fast and challenging, covering about 30 miles during the day. Oh and we came first and second in the trial class - not bad for first-timers!

## Mark Stubberfield

# Next Club Trial

Details of the Club's next Trial are set out below.

Venue	Sparticles Wood				
Start	11am on 17 April 2011				
Laying Out etc	White Stuart Read	Blue Rob Evans	Red Trevor Howell	Yellow Mike Hammond	Signing on Rob McKenzie
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	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>  This is an AMCA event run by Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.				
Entries	Please download an entry form from the website at <a href="http://www.rrnd.co.uk">www.rrnd.co.uk</a> (under What's on) and bring fully completed to save time when signing on, together with the correct money. <b>Please remember to bring your Membership Card. If you cannot produce a current Membership Card, you will be charged as a guest rider - it is not the responsibility of the volunteer(s) undertaking the signing on to check whether you have renewed your membership.</b>				

# Next Beginner Training Trial

The next Training Trial will be held on the 15th May 2011 at Tilburstow Hill, starting at 11am. This is an AMCA event run by the Club, and the same terms and conditions apply as for the normal Club trials.





Photo from March 2011 Training Trial

## For Sale

2007 Beta Rev 3 250cc. Good tyres and C&S, brand new rear mudguard, £1750. Please call Antony Read on day: 01737 781609 or evenings 01293 783447.



## Welcome to New & Returning Members

Welcome this month to:

Matt Gibbins and Clive Waiton, both new to the Club.

Welcome back to:

Peter, Charlie & Bernie Hyett and Paul & Toby Stubberfield.

**Rob Edwards**

## Current Championships

Championships are run over 11 rounds with best 8 scores counting

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
<b>Expert</b>				
Eric Clarke	10	11	11	32
Luke Thomas	12	12		24
Stuart Read	11	10		21
Scott Dark		9	12	21
Matt Don			10	10

**Inter**

Samuel Brightman	12	11	10	33
Jake Pope		12	11	23
Chris Dark		10	12	22

**Novice Blue**

Alan Stanley	12	12		24
Tom Charman	11		12	23

**Over 40 Blue**

Pete Jenkins	11	10	11	32
Antony Read	12	8	9	29
Rob Edwards	10	7	8	25
Danny Haste		12	10	22
Robert McKenzie		9	12	21

**Novice Red**

David Cutler	11	11	9	31
Luke Edwards	8	10	5	23
Dave Charman	12		10	22
Trevor Howell	9	5	7	21
Phil Powell		9	12	21
Martin Howell		7	8	15

**Under 16 Red**

Ben Edwards	12	12	11	35
Lewis Farmer			12	12

**Handicap**

Eric Clarke	14	21	20	55
David Cutler	23	11	17	51
Luke Thomas	22	22		44
Dave Charman	22		21	43
Trevor Howell	20	1	22	43
Chris Dark		23	18	41
Scott Dark		10	25	35
Alan Stanley	25	9		34
Ben Edwards	14	6	14	34
Paul Brightman	18	6	9	33
Stuart Read	15	17		32
Luke Edwards	11	13	8	32
Antony Read	24	4	1	29
Keith Cross	18		11	29
Pete Jenkins	20	7	1	28
Samuel Brightman		24	4	28
Jake Pope		17	10	27
Grace Dark		1	25	26

**Results from March 2011 Club Trial at  
Blacklands Farm**

Route/Class	1st	2nd	3rd
White Expert	Frazer Cannon* - 12	Scott Dark - 29	Eric Clarke - 31
Inter	Chris Dark - 46	Jake Pope - 54	Samuel Brightman - 81
Novice Blue	Louise Cannon* - 89		
Blue Over 40	Robert McKenzie - 77	Pete Jenkins - 84	Danny Haste - 86
Blue Under 16	Tom Charman - 121		
Red	Phil Powell - 31	Toby Robinson - 33	Dave Charman - 35
Red Under 16	Lewis Farmer - 42	Ben Edwards - 75	
Yellow	James Dark - 40	Gordon Cumberland* - 47	Mike Hammond - 62

\* = Guest Rider

## Editor's Plea

This edition of the E News is very late this month, and I make no apologies for that. The reason is that I had no articles to include!

Thanks to Richard & Antony who did provide me with some items, and thank you also to Mark for his contribution.

The E News will be a very short and boring publication unless ALL of you make the effort to contribute items once in a while. It only has to be a few lines and don't worry about spelling, punctuation etc. It doesn't have to be very fancy - just pop a few lines in an e mail to me at: [debbie.don1@btinternet.com](mailto:debbie.don1@btinternet.com).

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