


#### Abstract

Welcome to the November newsletter of RRND motorcycle trials Club and apologies for the shortened version sent out last month, a combination of holidays, work and getting July's results late for the August newsletter meant that we were running a bit behind schedule and obviously did not want to produce two newsletters within weeks of each so therefore decided to skip October to get back on track.


The recent October Club trial was held at Hanging Wood and as usual we had a healthy entry of riders both young and old tackling what looked like quite tough sections. The weather and general ground conditions were good and although rain was forecast for lunchtime it did not materialise into anything more than a few spots here and there. Unfortunately l've not yet had chance to repair my bike and was not riding, so after signing-on duties I wandered around to take some pictures which hopefully will be on the website by the time you read this, so have a look, they are all hi-resolution and will produce some good quality prints.

On the $11^{\text {th }}$ December it is our turn to host the Star Group trial at Betchworth and as usual any help with observing will be appreciated, I'm sure Pete Jenkins will be asking for volunteers at the November Club trial. Last year many riders commented on what they thought was one of the best group trials of the year, so let's make sure that this year we continue with our reputation of staging a good event. As usual we will be laying out the sections on the Saturday and if anyone can spare an hour or two to help clear and tidy the land, especially around the car park area it will be really helpful. If you can help on the Saturday we will be there from 10.30am onwards.

This month we return to Blacklands Farm on the $27^{\text {th }}$ for the Club trial, for anyone who has not been there before it is an excellent venue that usually has 5 or 6 of the 8 sections using the stream that runs through the land and if you're lucky you get to see someone take an early bath.

David Wooster

This was the trial that was moved back one week. The reason for this was that the original date clashed with the gun club who use the land every other Sunday morning, normally if this happens we lay out on a Saturday, but as many of our Club members had helped all weekend for he Old Codger it was better to move the trial to a day where we could lay out on the Sunday morning.

The weather forecast was not very good but luckily for us it stayed sunny. The sections appeared to be slightly harder than usual especially the white route, which was so tricky even Stuart Read and lan Miller struggled, and they laid it out!

The interesting thing about riding at Hanging Wood is on the first few laps the leaves on the floor make riding tricky. Then as the day goes on the pebbles underneath start to break up and the grip disappears again. This makes for a good trial because no section is the same every time.

This trial did not have a yellow route. If you are a dad who would like to see a yellow


route please feel free to come along two hours before the start and we will hand you a bag with yellow cards in it so you can join our happy laying out team.

Thanks to Keith Cross, John Smewing, Phil and Derek Tickner-Wand for their assistance with the laying out. I would also like to thank lan and Stuart for their superb laying out skills and when Dougie Lampkin joins the Club he will have some challenging sections to ride. In the meantime it may be worth backing them off a small amount until he joins.

The next trial will be at Blacklands Farm, this land has a small stream running through the centre of it. If it rains before the trial we can look forward to lots of deep water hazards. Every year someone falls in the water and I would suggest taking a change of clothes just in case that person is you. It's just like the lottery except the odds are much better.

On the second weekend of December we will be running our own Star Group trial. Don't forget we will need to man 14 sections with observers from our Club. Please phone me if you can volunteer your services.

Pete Jenkins


## other news

## Sun, Sea and Bikes!


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A belated hello to all at the Reigate Club. It's been a while since last wobbling, or footing more like, around the clubs 1 day venues. But as they say there is a story behind everything.


Having visited this Island on several occasions, not only for it's beautiful location, stunning views and fertile vegetation, but the real reason being, it is an unspoilt haven for off road riders. It has everything and I'm informed even mud and water at times. Could this be another of my notorious decisions? Selling up in the UK, buying 7 hectares of land, building a 2 bed bungalow on it and have some loose change left? Tough question! but my front door now opens up to a mountain track, so no double yellows and no neighbours complaining about noisy BSA B40 and new Suzuki 400 DSZ. Although the locals do talk about some loco English man in the hills. However not to be deterred, I look upon myself as a missionary coming from far off lands to teach the joys of
riding 'feet up' and sometimes 'other way up' and the blessings of the enduro spoken word. So I have a purpose in life (all time first).

But seriously folks, at a rough guess the island is travelled by $90 \%$ tracks and $10 \%$ tarmac and being that cars prefer tarmac, it leaves the tracks pretty empty, although once was grid locked by a heard of goats, but didn't bother writing to my local MP about it. Being a $24 / 7$ off roader, I plan to start a track and trail riding holiday haven for riders who want to be in the saddle all day/everyday, have some serious fun, stopping only for the occasional dip in the sea or tavernas. The terrain is likened between the Scottish \& ISDE (true as I have ridden both in the distant past), i.e I can ride from beach to mountains in the pine forest in less than 10 minutes. It's a crime not to share all this with like minded riders. So I would appreciate some feedback from the clubsters, that's you please! and aimed particularly at those who are interested in improving your

between section timings. Those who want to green lane trail maybe wanting to practice towards enduro pace, also road riders who want to learn 'real ride'.

Firstly I want to make it top value for you, thus for 55 euros per day per person and keeping to groups of 3 riders at a time (4 if experienced). All riders to be of about same ability at the time of your holiday. For this you will be couriered too and from Samos airport. Accommodation is 1st class holidays apartments with ample space, but sharing a room to keep cost effective. However own apartment is possible at extra cost. Also included within the 55 euros are the motorcycles. Next, the bikes are trail machines, all recent and well presented. YAM XT's etc. Sorry but my B40 is the only trials iron on the island, all this and not a GAS GAS in sight, but we'll make some trail compatible sections as desired. Also l'll be with you as a guide, coach. teacher as necessary, in fact all round general dogs body that does everything except getting the beers in.

Logistics in a nutshell. Prices stated are out of season. Direct flights from April to October, via Athens from October to April. (Mud season). Transfer to and from Airport 20 euros return. Accommodation \& motorcycles included in 55 euros per person per day. Motorcycle insurance included. Holiday \& medical insurance recommended additional (Carole Nash does). Motorcycle touring insurance at reasonable cost. Food and beers extra.

You need to bring your full UK licence, passport and riding gear and arrange your E111 and tourist insurance. For feedback and further information even if you can't meet the challenge contact me on eurobob44@hotmail. com or mobile +306948159931

Thanks Guys and good luck with your future wobbles.

## Bob Belton



Positions after Hanging Wood trial on $30^{\text {th }}$ October. Championships are run over 12 rounds with only best 9 scores counting.
ExpertStuart Read 96
Ian Miller ..... 87
Pat Lloyd-Jacob ..... 44
Chris Dark ..... 22
Inter
Peter Jenkins ..... 78
Danny Haste ..... 47
Trevor Bolton ..... 30
Over 40
Derek Tickner-Wand ..... 54
Chris Roos ..... 36
John Carrington ..... 24
Novice
Barry Tickner ..... 93
Keith Cross ..... 77
David Wooster ..... 52
Nick Burr ..... 34
David Charman ..... 32
Pre 67
Nick Burr
58

Nick Burr58
Roy Spencer ..... 55
Stan Metcalf ..... 24
Under 16 Blue
Luke Thomas ..... 96
Karl Wooster ..... 66
Lewis Taylor ..... 62
Scott Dark ..... 34
Under 16 Red
Malcolm Coles ..... 82
Matthew Don ..... 70
Michael High ..... 64
Scott Dark ..... 46
Tom Hopkins ..... 36
Handicap
Malcolm Coles ..... 161
Colin Don ..... 159
Barry Tickner ..... 141
Martin Howell ..... 136
Michael High ..... 122
Matthew Don ..... 118
Ian Miller ..... 115
Roy Spencer ..... 109
Andy Pyke ..... 108
Lewis Taylor ..... 107
Richard Coles ..... 101

## club night

# at the Inn on the Pond 

Nutfield Marsh, Nutfield Road, Merstham, Surrey on Friday $2^{\text {nd }}$ December

Join us from 8.00 / 9.00pm at the bar
(Wives, Girlfriends, Partners are welcome)

| Nathan Anthony | 150 | lan Hanness | 145 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Keith Baker | 170 | Roy Harmes | 180 |
| Tom Baker | 180 | Biff Harrison | 175 |
| Nuredin Brash | 135 | Danny Haste | 150 |
| Trevor Bolton | 125 | Nick Herridge | 165 |
| Gordon Brown | 160 | Peter High | 165 |
| Nick Burr (snr) | 170 | Michael High | 170 |
| Nick R.Burr (jnr) | 165 | Jo Holloway | 105 |
| lan Carly | 150 | Gregory Hopkins | 165 |
| John Carrington | 130 | Tom Hopkins | 130 |
| Dave Charman | 150 | Martin Howell | 175 |
| Thomas Charman | 75 | Peter Jenkins | $145 / 190$ |
| Eric Clarke | 175 | Daniel Lambert | 60 |
| Keith Cross | 100 | Neville Lewis | 170 |
| Malcolm Coles | 165 | James Lloyd-Jacob | 160 |
| Richard Coles | 180 | Pat Lloyd-Jacob | 160 |
| Ken Cornish | 165 | Callam Mackrell | 130 |
| Chris Dark | 160 | Graham Mackrell | 170 |
| Scott Dark | 190 | Kieran Mackrell | 165 |
| Coiln Don | 175 | Andrew Mercer | 145 |
| Matthew Don | $160 / 185$ | Stan Metcalf | 180 |
| Ron Dumbrell | 180 | lan Miller | 135 |
| Ken Cornish | 145 | Stephen Mitchell | 100 |
| Chris Drew | 155 | Nick Moreton | 140 |
| Brian Edwards | 180 | Jack Newlyn | 155 |
| Dave Figg | 90 | Brett Norris | 170 |
| Brian Flook | 150 | Ben Northover | 75 |
| Tom Flook | 170 | Rick Parish | 160 |
| Kieran Grimes | 145 | Richhard Perrotton | 155 |

Peter Burwood ..... 170
Max Peters ..... 150
Fred Pidcock ..... 170
Adam Purchase ..... 100
Andy Pyke ..... 175
Antony Read ..... 150
Stuart Read ..... 175
Richard Richardson ..... 165
Chris Roos ..... 170
John Smewing ..... 50/170
Graham Stratford ..... 165
Craig Stewart ..... 170
Tom Shea ..... 120
Roy Spencer ..... 145
Luke Thomas ..... 190
Ian Thompson ..... 170
Barry Tickner ..... 175
Elliott Tickner ..... 90
Graham Tickner ..... 160
Richard Tickner ..... 140
Ian Taylor ..... 150
Lewis Taylor ..... 150
Derek Tickner-Wand ..... 115
Tony Tutt ..... 165
David Wooster ..... 150
Adam Wooster ..... 190
Andrew Wooster ..... 150
Karl Wooster ..... 180

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## Number One Fell Over?


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That's the crash over then $\qquad$ my left pannier was clattering in the wheel making that noise playing cards made when we used to put them on our pedal bikes to make them sound like motor bikes. The trouble was my pannier had all the tools in it and the bracket that holds it was busted, well and truly busted. We couldn't leave it behind.


first, we would probably have a crash, two, we would definitely get lost and three, we might become ill. Well cheers rick the crash is out of the way, the sun had just come out too!

Pete and Rick left a few days before me and went to the French grand prix at LeMans, I couldn't get the leave (bloody fire brigade). I left later and we met up in a rainy northern France had a beer and a steak, then lay awake all night


The first time the trip was mentioned, Pete said that he had a mate that had bought a bed and breakfast place in Morocco, well, now we had big tough GS1150's we had to go .. didn't we? Pete and Rick (who crashed into my pannier) are both, er how can i put this? well established bikers. We have been mates for quite a while and we all should know better. When we discussed the trip we never thought we would get anywhere near north Africa, but we agreed on one thing, well three things really,
in a cheap B \& B taking it in turns to say 'have we forgotten anything' and 'are you asleep yet'?

Monday morning. The rain had stopped and we were getting into the swing of the journey, Pete looked right and went, I looked right and nearly went, Rick looked right and went too! CRUNCH... no one hurt, but that pannier mount was a mess. 'Well if we put that tent there and that bag there', etc. etc. After it was sorted, off we went to find a BMW
dealer... er it's a bank holiday. A fantastic BMW dealer in Bern fixed it for us the next day, using parts from his used bike stock (imagine that happening in the UK). Like I said the crash is out of the way.

Time to get lost now... or ill... or both. We had a good ride through France, a blinding ride through Spain, (if you haven't ridden in Spain its really cool) but Morocco, now that is something else, it beats Box Hill! To get into Morocco you have to go through this sort of midnight express border crossing, there are people everywhere shouting at you in Arabic, the documents you need are many and varied (and you cant read any of them!) and if you're not carrying a gun or drugs they make you feel like you are, (or should be!). On the road we passed through all the greats,Marrakesh, Casablanca and Tangier. (Newlands corner will never be the same). It's not really the place for heroics, the insurance is suspect, and we saw vultures, goats, camels and locals in the road ALL ON THE BLOODY RACING LINE!

I can't spell most of the places we went
to, Spain is fantastic, Morocco is scary, it's so different, its like being in an Indiana Jones film.

I know it's a short flight away but it's a long fantastic ride. If you get the chance try a GS1150 it's addictive and if you've got a big tough bike... well... ask her, mine said yes.

Number one fell over? It's a joke about a faith healer and a bloke on crutches ...its not a great joke but on a beach in Morocco with two good mates and your bike, well it's the best joke I ever heard, two, yeah we got lost (they were the best bits) and three, none of us were ill, but my bum hasn't recovered yet.

Flooky.

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Venue:
Date:
Start:
Entry:
Course Clerk:

Blacklands Farm
Sunday $27^{\text {th }}$ November 11.00am 18 and over £10.00 Under 18 £7.00
Pete Jenkins

Directions: Take M23 south to junction 10 and take the first turning towards East Grinstead (A264). At the second roundabout take third exit signposted Turners Hill. Go through Turners Hill and fork left after half a mile signposted Sharpthorne and West Hoathly and turn left at next crossroads. Blacklands Farm is three quarters of a mile on the left hand side..

Course: Five laps of eight sections with a break after two. It is preferred that riders ride the course as laps starting at which ever section they prefer and not keep riding a section continuously.

Sections: This trial will have four routes and there will be a break after two laps when sections may be changed.

General: Please note all Parents/Guardians are responsible for under 18 year old riders and it is required that you sign their entry form. Also schoolboy/girl riders do not have personal insurance cover, only third party. For safety reasons it is preferred that riders do not ride around the course alone but in small groups observing each other in the sections. Always check that the section is clear before entering and no practicing before or during the trial in the sections, if caught practicing you may be disqualified.

Helmets are optional but you are strongly advised to wear one. All under 17 riders MUST wear a helmet!

This is an AMCA event run by Reigate \& Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.


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| 27 | Club trial Blacklands Farm, start 11.00am |
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| 27 | Club trial Don Barret's, start 11.00am |



