

RRNDnews

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Club Trial at Blacklands Farm

This venue, which was recently used for the South Coast Group trial, features a rock bottomed stream with steep banks on either side. This feature provides the rare opportunity to ride over rocks in the South East, and the chance for riders to get their feet wet.

The bright but chilly day encouraged just over 40 riders to compete, and it may have been more if the main road to the venue had not been closed for roadworks just before the start! The chilly wind blowing across the start area disappeared once you dropped down into the sections, and the warm sunshine meant plenty of discarded jackets!

On the White (expert) route Eric Clarke returned to his winning ways beating younger rival Stuart Read for the first time in over a year. Eric rode at the front of the trial in order to get home for a family commitment and this seemed to have paid dividends as the sections got more slippery as the day wore on. Although every section was cleaned at least once during the day the climbs out of the stream at section 8 took marks on the later laps. Chris Dark had an excellent ride to clean this section on his fourth lap – the only white rider to do so.

The Inter riders compete over a 50:50 route of white and blue sections. This is supposed to be the four easiest white sections but on Sunday some scores were a little on the high side, so either all the whites were tough or the wrong sections were picked! However, the evergreen Danny Hastey made light work of them to end the day as a clear winner from Pete Jenkins. Lewis Taylor is improving week by week and whilst he found the going tough on Sunday did well to complete this difficult route.



The blue route was won overall by Scott Dark with the loss of 28 marks, but not far behind was Mike Blackman on his Beta. It was nice to see Mike riding again as he is returning to the sport after a few years layoff and will soon be back to his best. Good to see Dad back out again too! Another fast improving youngster, Karl Wooster, tied with Mike on 33 marks lost just ahead of (the not quite so young) Brian Flook and Chris Roos.

The red route was won by J. Yardley but with Stan Metcalf, on his Cub, not far behind. The youngsters also battled it out on this route with Emma Thompson just pipping Michael High. K Saxby just beat another youngster, Alex King, to take victory on the Yellow route.

All in all another great days sport provided by the RRND club, with a route for everyone and smiling faces at the end of the day. Nice to see the youngsters improving in every category and getting higher up the results. Hopefully this will bode well for the future of the club.

South Coast Group Trials

As many of you will have read in last months magazine a motion was proposed and passed at the AGM that we (RRND) formally become a member club of the South Coast Group. As a rider who has ridden these trials in preference to Star Group, for several years, I have been asked to write a small piece on what the differences are and why people might be interested in riding their events.

Firstly, I'm sure people are going to ask why bother travelling further to events when the Star Group trials are organised so much 'closer to home'. Well, the answer to that depends on where you live! I live in Woldingham, which is near Junction 6 on the M25 and possibly one of the northernmost locations for club members, and find that my travelling times to most group events is normally between 30 minutes and an hour depending on the venue. The closest venue (for me) is probably at Don Barretts (yes the South Coast Group run a trial there) and the furthest would be either near Eastbourne or Elsted (near Petersfield) which is down the A3. In my experience this is not significantly different to travelling to Star Group venues, and at the end of the day what is an extra 10 minutes driving time when all things are taken into account?

The second question is likely to be 'what is the attraction of South Coast events?'. There are lots of answers to that one and a lot of it depends on what are your reasons for riding in trials?. Personally I enjoy a challenging course and find that the South Coast events tend to be harder than Star Group. I would recommend that anyone riding a South Coast event for the first time rides down a grade to what they would ride at our club trials. ie. If you ride whites at club events then ride the blue route, if you ride blue then ride red, and

if you ride red then stay with red as these tend to be sensibly laid out and cater for all levels. There is also a green/yellow route for beginners too. The trials are nearly all enter on the day and thus it is quite normal for people to get there a bit early (usually 10:30 start but check in T&MX News) check out the sections and decide which route to ride before entering.

My second reason, and one which I feel is the major one which people should consider is the land which the South Coast Group have available to them. This months trial (April) is being held near Elsted which is a large open course on the South Downs with massive climbs up and down the side of the downs. The ride between sections is difficult to beat in the South East and worth the trip alone. If you have never used fourth gear in a dry section before then this is your chance! Other venues include some familiar to club members - Dons, Blacklands Farm, Faygate tip (although I don't recommend the latter!) and some great tracts of land available through the Eastbourne club which may not be as familiar. My favourite of these is the Horne Farm venue at Crowborough which is also used for the ACU SE centre club team trial. Those club members who have ridden in that event, or came along to watch will remember the lovely rocky stream sections that run throughout this venue.

Finally, the thing that I enjoy is the atmosphere of these events. With an average entry of 50-60 riders, and these fairly evenly distributed between the routes, there is always someone to ride around with and a lot of banter going on at the sections. The events tend to attract some of the Centres better riders and it is great to be able to watch them in action. Sam Connor rode the first round

at Crowborough, in January, on his new Beta and gave a fantastic display to remain feet up on the White route. Other 'regulars' are Steven Foord, Adam Farley, Andy Blackman and Derek Tickner-Wand.

There will always be a few faces that you should recognise, myself, aforementioned Derek TW and son Phil and Bob Collins who

often rides in our club trials. Next months trial (May) is held at Rome Woods and is the only South Coast Group which requires you to pre-enter. Entry forms are available on the Horsham Riders web site (www.hrc1.org) so hopefully I might see you there.....

Eric Clarke

| South Coast Dates | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Date | Club | Venue |
| January | Eastbourne | Horne Farm,Crowborough |
| February | Carshalton | Blacklands Farm |
| March 12 | Eastbourne | Durrants Farm |
| April 9 | Bognor | Elsted |
| May 14 | Horsham Riders | Rome Woods |
| June 11 | Crawley | Birchanger,Nr Handcross |
| July 9 | Brighton | Iford, Nr Lewes |
| August 13 | Bognor | |
| September 10 | Southern Trials Club | Frensham Vale |
| October 8 | Eastbourne | |
| November 5 | Eastbourne | |
| December 10 | Brighton | Colgate Woods |
| Classes/Routes | | |
| White Route | Blue Route | Red Route |
| Expert | Novice | Clubman |
| Intermediate | Over 40 | Over 50 |
| S/Boy A | Over 50 | S/Boy C |
| | S/Boy B | |

AGM

Low turn out for AGM?

Just read the latest club magazine, and saw that understandably there are quite a lot of people who were very disappointed over the low turn out for the AGM.

Can we firstly say that we really appreciate everything the committee does, and that RRND is a great, friendly, encouraging Club to belong to.

We would however suggest that far from being due to apathy, a contributing reason for the low attendance at the AGM, may have been that the date was slap bang in the middle of half term week, when many people (ourselves included) were away from home!

Perhaps next year, if the dates do not clash with the school holidays, the turn out may be greater?

The Don family

| Name | Class | Lap 1 | Lap 2 | Lap 3 | Lap 4 | Lap 5 | Total | H/Cap |
|-------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|
| Eric Clarke | Expert | 31021001 | 01010000 | 01011101 | 02010202 | 10011102 | 28 | 198 |
| Stuart Read | Expert | 10015321 | 00001001 | 32100103 | 03211303 | 03211303 | 48 | 223 |
| Chris Dark | Expert | 22321103 | 21052005 | 15110211 | 13320020 | 31101105 | 64 | 224 |
| Ian Miller | Expert | 35331513 | 12231303 | 33325205 | 33335303 | 35133212 | 105 | 225 |
| Danny Hastie | Inter | 30200100 | 20212200 | 10511500 | 20201201 | 00200301 | 44 | 194 |
| Pete Jenkins | Inter | 50505500 | 52510500 | 53105500 | 53505500 | 51505501 | 103 | 243 |
| Lewis Taylor | U16 Inter | 51503301 | 55255210 | 55303331 | 50515501 | 52515500 | 113 | 233 |
| Mike Blackman | Novice Blue | 03002311 | 11210000 | 11000101 | 00100000 | 13003303 | 33 | 203 |
| Martin Howell | Novice Blue | 33201113 | 02202003 | 12100013 | 31200302 | 12101001 | 48 | 148 |
| Colin Don | Novice Blue | 23115001 | 53101001 | 13252120 | 11103001 | 12002100 | 53 | 153 |
| David Chairman | Novice Blue | 35055011 | 12202103 | 55100210 | 32110003 | 12110200 | 62 | 202 |
| Dave Wooster | Novice Blue | 23102002 | 52005313 | 53035101 | 53155101 | 31103121 | 80 | 250 |
| Keith Cross | Novice Blue | 55235113 | 55332213 | 25113203 | 03505301 | 03335511 | 104 | 219 |
| Mick Tickner W | Novice Blue | 51305503 | 31505101 | 51100101 | 01100101 | Retired | | |
| Phillip Tickner W | Novice Blue | 51505500 | 30505000 | 50001000 | 02105100 | Retired | | |
| J Carrington | Over 40 Blue | 35021315 | 33331553 | Retired | | | | |
| Brian Flook | Over 40 Blue | 32132001 | 10001102 | 32100000 | 10000103 | 22001102 | 36 | 171 |
| Chris Roos | Over 40 Blue | 11002201 | 25103000 | 13000100 | 01000205 | 21500200 | 41 | 211 |
| Rob James * | Over 40 Blue | 10110103 | 00003101 | 12203001 | 53005105 | 11013100 | 47 | |
| Richard Coles | Over 40 Blue | 32020303 | 30110001 | 50203502 | 33103101 | 03003101 | 56 | 161 |
| Stephen Mitchell | Over 40 Blue | 52050202 | 32153211 | 51100101 | 01003201 | 35003100 | 62 | 177 |
| Scott Dark | U16 Blue | 51005002 | 21012001 | 01010101 | 00000102 | 00000001 | 28 | 203 |
| Karl Wooster | U16 Blue | 03002501 | 22001302 | 30000101 | 50000000 | 00001100 | 33 | 213 |
| Matthew Don | U16 Blue | 21125000 | 02111002 | 01012003 | 11050000 | 11000021 | 37 | 167 |
| Maccolm Coles | U16 Blue | 55102105 | 511005302 | 51101105 | 52303102 | 02103203 | 76 | 186 |
| J Yardley * | Over 40 Red | 01010050 | 00020000 | 00030000 | 00010000 | 00010000 | 14 | |
| Peter High | Over 40 Red | 01033100 | 52000015 | 22050000 | 30021051 | 20052010 | 52 | 202 |
| Ken Cornish | Over 40 Red | 15131033 | 12032022 | 20022512 | 00010100 | 12033011 | 56 | 201 |
| Keith Baker | Over 40 Red | 10051032 | 23052011 | 22032011 | 20032010 | 20052013 | 58 | 228 |
| J Redman | Over 40 Red | 33233032 | 35333253 | 22353353 | 33323323 | 25235231 | 117 | 197 |
| Nigel Blackman | Over 40 Red | 53353113 | 55555555 | 35555555 | Retired | | | |
| Stan Metcalf | Pre 67 | 00011001 | 05010000 | 00000000 | 00051000 | 00032000 | 20 | 200 |
| Mick Holloway * | Pre 67 | 00051000 | 05035000 | 00052012 | 00050000 | 00050000 | 39 | |
| Roy Spencer | Pre 67 | 30052110 | 10505000 | 00001020 | 01051110 | 20053010 | 46 | 186 |
| Dave Figg | Pre 67 | 35553555 | Retired | | | | | |
| Emma Thompson | U16 red | 00050200 | 01150005 | 00051050 | 00050000 | 00050500 | 45 | 195 |
| Michael High | U16 red | 33355052 | 00023010 | 20051051 | 20002020 | 10052020 | 62 | 232 |
| Thomas Chairman | U16 red | 03052302 | 01151251 | 50050010 | 22052010 | 22153210 | 75 | 165 |
| Jake Pope | U16 red | 53053053 | 23053000 | 53053053 | 30055013 | 10053035 | 95 | 245 |
| K Saxby | Novice Yellow | 51111111 | 30000002 | 51122002 | 50100001 | 50000005 | 47 | |
| Alex King * | U16 Yellow | 00010052 | 00113055 | 20005110 | 50150100 | 20035110 | 56 | |

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|----------------------|----|-----------------------|-----|--------------------|---------|
| Solo | | Tom Hopkins | 12 | Tom Hopkins | 130 |
| Eric Clarke | 23 | Jake Pope | 9 | Martin Howell | 120 |
| Stuart Read | 23 | | | Mike Husband | 140 |
| Pat Lloyd-Jacob | 22 | Handicap | | Peter Jenkins | 130/190 |
| Ian Miller | 18 | Thomas Charman | 71 | Daniel Lambert | 60 |
| Chris Dark | 10 | Stan Metcalf | 49 | Neville Lewis | 170 |
| | | Martin Howell | 45 | James Lloyd-Jacob | 130 |
| Inter | | Keith Cross | 44 | Pat Lloyd-Jacob | 150 |
| Danny Haste | 34 | Danny Haste | 43 | Callam Mackrell | 130 |
| Lewis Taylor | 29 | Stephen Mitchell | 42 | Graham Mackrell | 170 |
| Nathan Anthony | 22 | Matthew Don | 32 | Kieran Mackrell | 165 |
| Peter Jenkins | 20 | Peter High | 32 | Andrew Mercer | 180 |
| | | Richard Coles | 31 | Stan Metcalf | 180 |
| Over 40 | | Ken Cornish | 31 | Ian Miller | 120 |
| Richard Coles | 31 | Nick Burr | 30 | Steve Mims | 180 |
| Brian Flook | 24 | Lewis Taylor | 27 | Stephen Mitchell | 115 |
| Antony Read | 12 | Colin Don | 26 | Nick Moreton | 160 |
| Derek Tickner-Wand | 11 | Nathan Anthony | 25 | Jack Newlyn | 160 |
| Chris Roos | 11 | Nick Moreton | 24 | Brett Norris | 170 |
| | | Steve Mims | 23 | Rick Parish | 160 |
| Novice Blue | | Jonathan Redman | 23 | Richhard Perrotton | 155 |
| Martin Howell | 24 | | | Fred Pidcock | 170 |
| Keith Cross | 23 | Rider Handicap | | Jake Pope | 125 |
| Colin Don | 20 | Nathan Anthony | 150 | Adam Purchase | 100 |
| James Lloyd-Jacob | 18 | Keith Baker | 170 | Andy Pyke | 170 |
| David Charman | 17 | Tom Baker | 180 | Antony Read | 190 |
| Peter Jenkins | 12 | Mike Blackman | 170 | Stuart Read | 175 |
| Dave Charman | 12 | Nuredin Brash | 135 | Jonathan Redman | 90 |
| Mike Blackman | 12 | Trevor Bolton | 125 | Robert Richardson | 165 |
| David Wooster | 11 | Gordon Brown | 160 | Chris Roos | 170 |
| | | Nick Burr (snr) | 165 | Kerry Saxby | 150 |
| Novice Red | | Nick R.Burr (jnr) | 165 | John Smewing | 50/170 |
| Peter High | 31 | John Carrington | 130 | Graham Stratford | 165 |
| Ken Cornish | 24 | Dave Charman | 140 | Craig Stewart | 170 |
| Andy Pyke | 23 | Thomas Charman | 110 | Tom Shea | 120 |
| Keith Baker | 17 | Eric Clarke | 170 | Roy Spencer | 140 |
| Gregory Hopkins | 12 | Keith Cross | 105 | Ian Taylor | 155 |
| Tom Baker | 11 | Malcolm Coles | 110 | Lewis Taylor | 120 |
| Graham Tickner | 10 | Richard Coles | 120 | Luke Thomas | 190 |
| Jonathan Redman | 9 | Ken Cornish | 145 | Ian Thompson | 100 |
| Nick Moreton | 8 | Chris Dark | 160 | Emma Thompson | 150 |
| Nigel Blackman | 8 | Scott Dark | 175 | Julie Thompson | 150 |
| | | Coiln Don | 120 | Kevin Thompson | 180 |
| Pre 67 | | Matthew Don | 145 | Barry Tickner | 175 |
| Stan Metcalf | 24 | Ron Dumbrell | 180 | Elliott Tickner | 90 |
| Nick Burr | 22 | Chris Drew | 155 | Graham Tickner | 175 |
| Roy Spencer | 10 | Brian Edwards | 180 | Richard Tickner | 140/190 |
| | | Dave Figg | 90 | Derek Tickner-Wand | 120 |
| Under 16 Blue | | Brian Flook | 145 | David Wooster | 150 |
| Scott Dark | 36 | Tom Flook | 170 | Adam Wooster | 190 |
| Karl Wooster | 22 | Kieran Grimes | 145 | Andrew Wooster | 150 |
| Matthew Don | 20 | Ian Hanness | 145 | Karl Wooster | 180 |
| Malcolm Coles | 20 | Biff Harrison | 175 | | |
| Macolm Coles | 9 | Danny Haste | 150 | | |
| | | Nick Herridge | 165 | | |
| Under 16 Red | | Peter High | 150 | | |
| Emma Thompson | 35 | Michael High | 150 | | |
| Thomas Charman | 30 | Jo Holloway | 105 | | |
| Michael High | 22 | Gregory Hopkins | 165 | | |

An appeal from Matt Don (junior Club rider)

I am a junior Club rider for RRND and a pupil at the Warwick School in Redhill and am looking to raise money for a trip to Tanzania in the summer of 2007.

The purpose of the trip is to:

- Expand the School's links with the charity Raincatcher, which funds the building of underground water tanks in the area of Tabora, Tanzania;
- Undertake aid work, to help construct the tanks which will hopefully allow the people of the Tabora region to have access to clean running water.

I have to fund-raise to cover the cost of the trip myself, and am asking whether anyone would be prepared to sponsor me at this year's first evening trial in June - either by giving a set amount, or by donating an amount per clean I ride!

Sponsor forms will be available at signing-on.



If you would like more information about the Raincatcher charity visit www.raincatcher.org.uk (registered charity no 1110696).

I hope you will support me!

Matt Don

For Sale

Ideal for the camping weekend. Super little two berth Elldis Wisp 350/2 caravan with virtually everything. All original instructions, large awning, new leisure battery and spare wheel, dual gas cylinders (one new) mains lead, step, cassette loo, burglar alarm, fresh water and waste water containers, large gas, 12V, and mains electric fridge, even comes

with new and unboxed extension mirrors for your tow car etc.

The reason for sale is we are packing up, but we shall miss this really comfortable, easy to tow and store van. £1250 ono with everything. (Can even deliver) . Don Morley. 01737 763765 or 07906 100351 anytime.

Hazlemere Star Group trial 12th March

This trial is always harder than all the other group trials. So the night before most of us went to the dinner dance to prepare ourselves for a hard days ride. Luckily the trial was quite well laid out so I only scored 93. In the past I've always scored well over 120, and I'm not the only one as the red route is also rather hard. The weather on the day was dry but very cold. If it had rained then the scores would have mostly been 5's as the sections had no room to change to an easier alternative. Here are the scores of the brave RRND boys who took the challenge.

John Carrington over 50 red = 124.

Nick Burr pre 67 red route = 101.

Stan Metcalf pre 67 red route = 52.

Keith Cross nov red route = 109.

Peter Jenkins inter blue route = 93

Late entry (*no points for the club unfortunately*)

Peter Penton expert white route = 78

Dave Radford over 50 red route = 26

Quite a few of the sections were the sort where one small mistake or dab on the loose sandy soil would result in a 5 as the bike broke traction and instantly dug a massive hole with the back wheel. On section 14 a nice spectator filled in such a hole for me after the previous rider dug a good 2 footer on a steep climb that was already nearly impossible without the hole!. Strangely this was the only section I could do really well where no one else could get up the first climb. This only goes to prove that a Beta 270 with an IRC tyre can get more traction on loose surfaces than most other bikes. These tyres are available at Finns Motorcycles and in my opinion they are very good on most surfaces but rocks do cut them up a bit.



Club trial Blacklands Farm

Good turn out as expected as this land is very popular. Several good rides and a few bad ones looking at the scores. This weeks top guns were Eric Clarke, Danny Haste, Mike Blackman, Colin Don, Brian Flook, Scott Dark, Karl Wooster, Mathew Don, Richard Coles, Martin Howell and Thomas Charman. Good to see that many riders that have moved up a route this year are not giving up when it gets hard and are still trying and hopefully improving rather than packing in early all upset ! Keep up the good work.

Next trial is at Don Barretts land so see you all there.

Pete Jenkins

Venue: Don Barrett's, Betchworth
Date: Sunday 23rd April
Start: 11.00am
Entry: 18 and over £10.00 under 18 £7.00
Clerk: Pete Jenkins

Directions: Follow the A25 from Reigate to Dorking, at the Betchworth roundabout go straight across. After half a mile there is a row of cottages on the right, the entrance is beside that last house. Follow the unmade road under the railway bridge.

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.

To save time when signing on, entry forms can be downloaded from www.rrnd.co.uk and submitted on the day.

Stop Press

I'm delighted to tell you we have been accepted into the South Coast Group. This means members now have a greater choice of trials to ride. These trials are on the same day as Star Group but our entries over the past year have been very low considering the number of members we have. South Coast is run under AMCA and apart from the May event run by Horsham at Rome Woods (one of our club trial venues and very local at Rusper) all are entry on the day.

These trials are harder than Star Group and the red route will be suitable for our Club trial Blue route riders and the better riders on our red route. *(for further details on entry to the May event along with routes/classes, see Eric Clarke's write up on page 5).*

Antony Read - Club Chairman

23 April

Club Trial, Betchworth, Start 11.00am

3 May

Club Night, Inn on the Pond, Nutfield from 9.00pm

21 May

Club Trial, Faygate, Start 11.00am

1 June

Club Night, Inn on the Pond, Nutfield from 9.00pm (*Thursday*) 8.00pm for ride out.

8 June

Evening Club Trial, Betchworth, Start from 6.00pm

18 June

Club Trial, Birchanger, Start 11.00am

5 July

Club Night, Inn on the Pond, Nutfield from 9.00pm, 8.00pm for ride out.

13 July

Evening Club Trial, Betchworth, Start from 6.00pm

23 July

Club Trial, Turners Hill, Nr Crawley, Start 11.00am (**NEW VENUE**)

2 Aug

Club Night, Inn on the Pond, Nutfield from 9.00pm, 8.00pm for ride out.

10 Aug

Evening Club Trial, Betchworth, Start from 6.00pm

25/28 Aug

Club Camping Weekend, Dunsfold

28 Aug

Club Trial, Dunsfold, Start 11.00am

17 Sep

Club Trial, Betchworth, Start 11.00am

22 Oct

Club Trial, Rome Woods, Start 11.00am

19 Nov

Club Trial, Blacklands Farm, Start 11.00am

31 Dec

Christmas Club Charity Trial, Betchworth, Start 11.00am



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