

# RRND

## Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



### Chairman's Chatter

August seems to have been a very successful month for the Club with excellent feedback from both the South Coast Trial and the Camping Weekend. Just to round the month off, I received an email this week from Hampshire County Council Rights of Way to say that due to an unexpected number of objections to the proposed closure of the byway at Butser Hill the options available to improve/preserve this route were now to be reconsidered. So a big thank you to all of you who helped to make both the Club events a success and who offered objections to the byway closure.

September sees the Beginners trial back at Tilburstow Hill - we hope to see some of you there. Please bear in mind that the parking has to vary with changing conditions and stock in the fields so if the Harts Lane gate is not open check the courtyard at Tilburstow Hill (Pilgrims Harps).

Later in the month the Army run Natterjack Enduro at Weavers Down Hampshire brings a round of the two day British Championship to our doorstep. You would be amazed how accessible the event and riders are and this year there is a very real possibility that David Knight will ride. He is in fantastic form despite two major operations and with no international title to pursue is likely to want to ride as many British events as possible. Add to that the superb riding of Edmonson, Sagar, and other top riders it makes an event you can't miss - and its all free! Malcolm will again be riding, this year in the hotly contested Clubman A class.

And looking ahead to October we have the excellent Witley Long Distance Trial. Starting from Odiham the event covers around 100 miles of green lanes and is open to all road legal off road bikes. Pete and I already have our entry in - I have just got to sort the bike!

**Richard Coles**

### Committee Vacancies

A reminder that all Committee positions are available each year, and Committee members are voted in by the Club membership at the annual AGM.

If you would like to be considered for a place on the Committee, please contact Richard Coles at [diccles221@gmail.com](mailto:diccles221@gmail.com).

### Competition Secretary

The most pressing vacancy is for that of Competition Secretary - since the retirement of Eric Clarke this position has been unfilled, and the task of organising Club events has fallen on Richard Coles, who already has much to do in his position as Chairman.

So that events can start to be planned and venues booked for next year, it is vital that someone steps forward very soon to take on this role. If anyone feels that they would be able to step into the breach, or would like some information about the role before deciding whether or not to volunteer to take it on, please contact Richard Coles as soon as possible at [diccles221@gmail.com](mailto:diccles221@gmail.com).

### Social Secretary

Jo Jenkins has announced that this year was the last year that she will be the Social Secretary and organise the August Camping Weekend. Jo will be a tough act to follow - the smooth running of this year's event is an example of the excellent job she has done.

That means that someone else needs to step forward to organise next year's event. Full

guidance will be available to the person who volunteers to undertake this role, and many many people contribute to making the weekend a huge success, so you would not be alone!

If anyone would like to volunteer for this role, please contact Richard Coles at [diccles221@gmail.com](mailto:diccles221@gmail.com). You could also talk to Jo about what is involved before making a decision on 01883 370045 or contact her via e mail at [jo@threearchgarage.co.uk](mailto:jo@threearchgarage.co.uk).

***The Club cannot run without its volunteer Committee - please put yourself forward if you can assist in any capacity.***

## Next Club Events

### Next Club Night

This is being held on Wednesday 7th September 2011 from 8.30pm at the Dog & Duck at Outwood - see you there!

### Beginner Training Trials

The Beginner Training Trials will recommence after the Summer break on Sunday 18th September at Tilburstow Hill, from 11am.

### Next Club Trial

The next Club trial is at The Old Quarry Betchworth on Sunday 25th September. Volunteers to lay out, sign on and take down are required - please contact Richard Coles at [diccles221@gmail.com](mailto:diccles221@gmail.com) if you can assist in any way.

## Club Trials - General Regulations

Course	Club trials 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>  Club trials are AMCA events run by Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.
Entries	Please download an entry form from the website at <a href="http://www.rmd.co.uk">www.rmd.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>

## 18th Carole Nash Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th October 2011 - Stafford County Show Ground, Staffordshire, ST18 0BD

**Sponsor:** [Carole Nash Insurance - Click here](#)

**Guest of Honour:** Wayne Rainey

What it's all about...  
With the emphasis firmly on motorcycles from the 60's, 70's, and 80's; the Carole Nash Classic Motorcycle Mechanics show is getting bigger and better each year. With more than 30,000 enthusiasts demonstrating the growing popularity in motorcycles from this era it really would be a shame to miss it. Also the amazing Wall of Death will be back, where they will be doing their breath taking shows throughout the weekend.

#### DISCOUNTED

##### Online Ticket Prices

Adult One Day	£9.50
Gate price on the day	£11.00
Adult Two Day	£19.00
Gate price on the day	£22.00
Child One Day	£3.50
Gate price on the day	£4.00
Child Two Day	£7.00
Gate price on the day	£8.00
Senior Citizen One Day	£8.00
Gate price on the day	£9.50
Senior Citizen Two Day	£16.00
Gate price on the day	£19.00

#### The Detail...

Date: Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th October 2011

Open: Saturday 9am-6pm/Sunday 9am-5pm

Location: Stafford County Show Ground, Staffordshire, ST18 0BD

Additional Info: With hundreds of trade and autojumble stalls selling all items motorcycle related from complete motorcycles, spares, accessories and literature/memorabilia you are almost certain to find whatever you need. Come see the plethora of motorcycles on display. With nearly 1000 of the best loved motorcycles on display in the clubs and private entries you are bound to see something truly inspirational.

To purchase tickets, see the following link: <http://mortons-media.msgfocus.com/c/11vqLkKS8DG66>

## South Coast Trial 14 August 2011

Thank you to all Club members and friends who helped or observed at our round of the South Coast Group at Ockley in August. Many riders said what a good trial it was. This is in no small part due to those of you who turned out to help, so thanks once again. Full results are on the website at [www.rnd.co.uk](http://www.rnd.co.uk). A report from Eric Clarke follows:

RRND hosted the August round of the South Coast Group Championship on Sunday 14th August at Beare Gill, near Ockley. Most members will be familiar with the ground, which we have used for several Club trials over the last couple of years and which features a small stream running through woodland with sections along the banks and in the bed of the stream. The sections are ideal for a Club trial but we were concerned that there was not really enough scope with just those sections to host a group trial standard event, especially in August with the ground being so dry.

The area south of the sections that we use (further down the stream) has always been available to us and features some deep sided banks (more like a ravine in places) and root infested climbs, but was too heavily overgrown and blocked with fallen trees and branches to be accessible enough to use in the past. However, in the week leading up to the trial a working party of Club members and associates (Stuart and Antony Read, Colin Don, Bob and Joel Collins, Jason Keen, Steve Forrest and myself) armed with chainsaws, loppers and a multitude of machetes cleared two long stretches of the stream and its surrounding banks, and opened up a complete new area with a different feel and scope to the part that we normally use.

The team also discovered two wasps nests which resulted in both Steve Forrest and Stu Read leaping about like lunatics ripping their shirts off as the angry blighters (the wasps that is) took their vengeance out in their own inimitable way!! Even with these nests meaning that we could not use parts of the stream (this time) we still had cleared enough to layout 6 new challenging sections, (especially for the White route riders!).

This gave us effectively two parts of land to use for the trial and thus we ran the trial in a figure of 8 format with sections 1 to 6 using the (northern) part of the land that we have used in the past and then coming out of the woods in the middle, where we normally finish by the car park, and travelling down the lower field to the southern end where sections 7 to 12 ran back up the stream to finish up back near the start. This sounds a bit confusing but actually worked well on the day, once people had got used to the idea of where they were going!

Sunday dawned sunny and bright and even congestion caused by the 'Surrey Classic' cycle race which closed off Dorking and the A25 did not cause a problem to the intrepid RRND team. Club members and their relatives did the Club proud and Antony had signed on a full compliment of observers before even a single rider had signed on, which made our job much easier in planning who was doing what on the day.

The trial was enjoyed by just under 50 riders, which I felt was a good turnout in the current economic climate, and in the middle of the holiday season. There were plenty of notable 'incidents' throughout the day as the stream caught out the unwary - with at least two drowned bikes and several people wet up to their middle. Gary Martin is a very good rider and yet he was caught by a seemingly innocuous drop into the stream at section three with the front wheel of the Repsol Montesa digging in as he bailed out over the handlebars in slow motion, ending up face first in the stream with the Montesa upside down, perfectly balanced on its handlebars and mudguard - still chuffing away merrily!

Section two had the white riders dropping into the stream and then immediately followed by the steep climb on the other side but with a large tree trunk on top of that (Stu Read was the evil plotter here!). I watched several very good riders drop into the stream and take ages hopping backwards and forwards trying to line up before invariably taking a dab or two to get over the tree trunk. Thomas Moss then came along, veered away from the initial drop into the stream and then launched his Gas Gas full throttle in third gear across the gap! His rear tyre splatted onto the tree trunk on the other side and he was over - clean! He won a deserved round of applause for the ride - but I dread to think what would have been the result if it had gone wrong! Oh to be young and fearless (and talented!). Anyway, despite machine problems later on he ran out a very worthy winner of the White route by just a few marks from young Charles Courtney who is still riding a 125 and returning from a bad hand injury.

The Inter class was won by the evergreen Kevin Nolan riding his twinshock SWM - and boy can he ride it! I watched him come out of the stream at one point and do a flick turn over some tree roots - on an old SWM !!! I couldn't do it on my modern bike! He was closely followed by Phil Martin and Marcus Faulkner who both had too many dabs throughout the day to challenge Kevin.

The best section for the Inters was section 9 - manned by Team Dark - and comprised a sandy climb beside a deep dark pool of water followed by an exit from the stream over two large and awkwardly spaced roots. This section caused problems for many, including Scott Martin who ended up in the pool alongside the initial climb, up to his waist in the water with his Montesa threatening to join him!

Steve Farrell and Chris Brooks both rode the Blue route for the loss of just two marks - which was excellent, with Simon Rye just behind on four marks lost. This might lead you to think that the Blues were too easy, but everyone felt the course was just right, with the best novice - Martin Carter (out on a brand new 2012 Gas Gas) losing 39 marks!

The Red route riders had an enjoyable day with the winner being Clubman rider Russ Kenward dropping 8 marks whilst Chris Neville won the Over 60 class on 17 marks lost. Ralph Charman did well to finish as I had to spend some time with him trying to get his drowned Sherco going at the far end of the stream and in the deepest part of the gully. The old trick of turning the bike upside down and kicking it over to get the water out, followed by draining the carb and a new plug (my best Beta spare!) eventually got him going again - and although he was soaked through he still finished the trial. A lesson for our younger riders there who seem to give up at the first hurdle! I won't say how old Ralph is other than saying he has been getting a free bus pass for years!

Everyone I spoke to said that they enjoyed the day and the chance to ride somewhere new. Two people even said that it was the best group trial that they had ridden for years! The new sections proved very popular and have given this venue a lot more variety, with lots of riders asking if we planned to run Club trials there and could they come along and ride!

All in all a successful day - and very big thank you to all who helped with the venue clearing, laying out the trial, observed, or just took down markers at the end - it certainly made running the event a lot smoother and upheld the tradition of the RRND events being one of the best organised of the year.

Observers on the day were 1) Team Edwards, 2) Mrs Thomas 3) Paul Newman 4) Colin and Matt Don 5) Mark Mills 6) Tony Martin 7) Bob and Joel Collins 8) Trevor Howell 9) The Dark family 10) Nev Lewis 11) Alex Clarke 12) Dick Tugnut. Clerks of the Course - Stu and Antony Read, Bob Collins, Eric Clarke.

Eric Clarke

## Dunsfold 2011

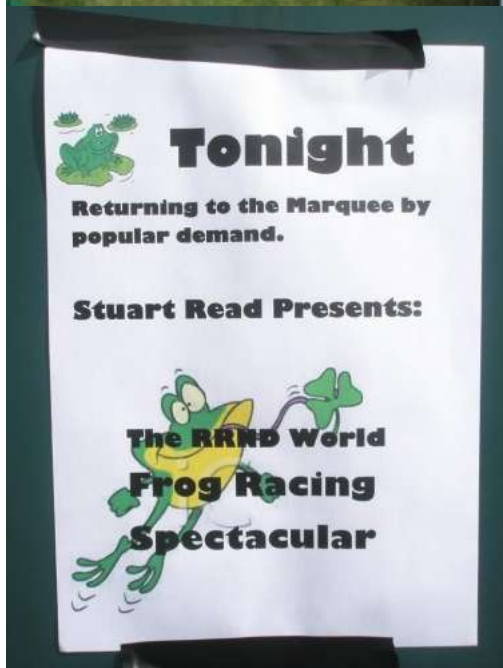
I think for me, the 2011 camping weekend must go down as a vintage year, not for any other reason that it ran like clockwork thanks to the many hard working volunteers that help make this weekend a pleasure to be part of.

It seems that most of you hardy campers want your money's worth now and turn up and pitch Friday afternoon. The usual frenzy of take away menus were passed around and those of you that wanted ate a hearty meal in the marquee. Due to a large bowl of chilli, fine wine, good company and most important of all a very efficient patio heater, the Jenkins clan could not be prized out of our awning that night!)

Saturday dawned a beautiful sunny day and after a hearty breakfast it was off to Cranleigh to get the BBQ supplies, the meat was collected and Sainsbury's was put under siege by the RRND shopping representatives. Once back at camp and unloaded general socialising and meandering around the site was the order of the day.

A call to arms came around 6pm for BBQ prep, a division of labour when the men went to play with fire around the BBQ and the ladies armed with knives went a chopping (thanks girls and Neville!!)

Food went well then onto evening entertainment, run by Stuart and Antony, the frog racing spectacular which on the surface you would imagine to be a mild mannered gentle affair – not so the mixture of alcohol and gambling took this event to a different level with people making right spectacles of themselves!!



Due to the revelries of Saturday night, Sunday breakfast might not have been as bright and early as Antony would have liked but thanks to the guys it was delicious.

A bike ride was fitted in during the day to the Onslow Arms, which I'm told all but poor Paula enjoyed (unfortunately becoming a little too familiar with a muddy puddle).

Well what can I say about the amazing bonfire, I can honestly say I have never seen one so elegant and tidy. Well done Tom and Dave, many people stayed up to the wee small hours enjoying that one.

Monday it was Carol and Debbie's turn to entertain you with their splendid fun trial, which I'm told went very well and then like all good things the weekend came to an end.

I would like to thank Trevor and Paul in cooks corner, The Reads, Dons and Darks for providing the entertainment, The Charming Charmans for a wonderful bonfire, the extra commis chefs that appear from nowhere instinctively and pitch in and finally Roy Enticknapp for hosting this great event.

**Jo Jenkins**

## Camping Weekend Fun Trials

Here are the results for those of you who rode the laid out sections in the woods at the Club Camping Weekend:

<b>Red - under 16</b>	<b>Lap 1</b>	<b>Lap 2</b>	<b>Total</b>
Joshua	1	0	1
<b>Red - Adult</b>			
Sam Brightman			1
Grace Dark	1	1	2
Dave Charman			2
Paul Newman	3	1	4
Tom Charman	3	4	7
Nigel	5	2	7
Keith Cross	15	5	20
Keith Boys	20	14	34
<b>Yellow – under 16</b>			
Oliver	0	2	2
Jordan	14	9	23
Aaron	14	12	26
Holly	15	15	30

### Arena Fun Trial

Here are the results of the Arena Fun Trial:

<b>Age 12 and under</b>	<b>Minutes/seconds</b>
Oliver	52s
Joshua	55s
Aaron	1m 12s
Holly (& Keith)	1m 40s
<b>Under 16s</b>	
James Dark	57s
<b>Adults</b>	
Stuart Read	39s
Sam Brightman	43s
Matt Don & Alex King	48s
Nigel	54s
Grace Dark	1m

Tom Charman	1m 7s
Paul Newman	1m 19s
Scott Dark	1m 25s
Dave Charman	1m 31s



## Jo Jenkins

I'm sure all Club members will wish to join the Committee in thanking Jo Jenkins for all the hard work she has put into organising and running the Club's Camping Weekends - this year was a testament to her work. Jo - you will be a hard act for anyone to follow!

## Tyneham, Dorset

If anyone is ever on the Dorset coast between Lulworth Cove and Swanage and feels like some peace and quiet then Tyneham Village is definitely worth a visit. There are no shops or pubs in fact only the remains of a beautiful village which was taken over by the army six days before Christmas in 1943, for the expansion of Lulworth tank gunnery ranges.

The whole community was evacuated to other areas, the only consolation being that they had made their contribution to winning the Second World War. The evacuation was carried out in secrecy to provide thousands of acres for the training of American tank crews, who would fight in the Battle of Normandy. They were promised by Winston Churchill's War Cabinet that they could return to their homes at the end of the War but this was never honoured.

Surviving villagers campaigned for many years and eventually in 1975 the Ministry of Defence agreed that whilst they would retain the ranges, coastal paths would be opened up and public access allowed.

Today you can wander round the remains of the village where the history is told in photographs and statements from the former residents. The school house has been fully renovated and the work of the children is on display under glass on their desks. The church also has been renovated and the inside is covered wall to wall in photographs. Services are again held there on occasions.

The walk to the beach (Worbarrow Bay) is approximately 3/4 of a mile and you can also walk to the top of the cliff for fantastic views of the coastline.



The photo of the postman's motorbike and sidecar caught my eye on our recent visit together with the Dons, but it is a place we like to return to whenever we are in Dorset.



Carol Dark