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Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



Chairman's Chatter

The evening trials are with us and no doubt many of you are looking forward to that burnt sausage or burger with the unmistakable tang of two stroke oil that is a feature of the Club trial!

Barbecues were very much on my mind last weekend. For some years we have used a gas barbecue at home that is past its best, looks decidedly tatty, and if left for a while grows an impressive amount of penicillin in the lid. Robert Dyas had an offer on so we decided to take the plunge and boost Anthony Worrall-Thompson's pension fund and buy a new one.

Now I was rather wary about this as the old one had come in so many bits that to start with it looked like someone had had a sweep up in the foundry and dumped everything in a box but it was a Canadian marque and the instructions were thorough even if the build time was shown in days rather than hours. The new one was clearly in a different league. The box was huge and we were assured that assembly was easy and with a box that big it must surely be complete with just the legs or something to put on. Good job there were two of us though - it all weighed so much AWT himself must surely be in there to give a cooking lesson when it's all together!

Home we went - via the shops to get the BBQ meat - and I was told that we would use the new device that night so I was under starters orders! This was where things got interesting - you see I was already working under something of a handicap. Clearing an old stable I had managed to put my left hand in a wasp's nest. The resultant swelling qualified me to enter a fancy dress competition as Lobster Man - he with the massive claw and reddish hue - and putting a bolt in anything would be like sewing with boxing gloves. With a bit of cursing I finally managed to tear the polystyrene from the box and the contents were revealed. It was immediately apparent that we had the wrong box. Someone somewhere had packaged up one of the new Queen Elizabeth aircraft carriers in kit form and in trying to smuggle it to the Libyans we had ended up with it!

Laid out as instructed to check all was there it filled the drive. The only preassembled part was the hinge on the lid and nothing, absolutely nothing, was labelled to give you a clue what part was which. Made in China it said on the bottom of the instructions, and the translator clearly had a sense of humour. Not to worry - I set to and found that generally there was two of everything and most bits were symmetrical. Supper deadline was moved back and moved back and only once did I have to strip and rebuild the frame to swap the legs around. As it got dark I announced that we would be able to eat in a moment - just the sauce shelf to click on the front and the gas bottle to put on. Hang on a moment - the holes for the sauce shelf aren't there - they're on the back! So that bits not symmetrical - never mind we never used the shelf on the old one and I am not dismantling the whole thing. Pass the gas bottle - hang on the regulators the wrong size? Not to worry I'll swap the regulator from the old one - just check - but this is for propane - the old one is butane. That's why the regulator doesn't fit - no we haven't got any propane - anyone for fish and chips? Still it was a bargain - just as well as we had to put a deposit on a different cylinder and buy the propane!

Now let's get back to the Evening Trial - last year it was decided that the Club needed a new BBQ. Pete kindly offered to source and purchase it and in due course the new one turned up and is now in use. It just appeared with no comment as to assembly or word of complaint - but you can bet your life Pete spent a morning assembling it - so as you eat your burger make a point of thanking Pete for the work we all took for granted!

Richard Coles

Redhill and Reigate Sports Festival

This years festival took place in Reigate Priory on Sunday 1st May. The event is run by the Redhill and Reigate Sports Council who are a partly Council funded organisation who promote sport in the Borough. The event was joined in the Priory by the YMCA Fun Run which consisted of a number of races of different lengths and age groups.

Following last years torrential rain I collected the Club gazebo from Richard Coles before the day, but luckily this year was the exact opposite and the gazebo was welcome shade from the sun.

Thomas came up with an idea to take some logs with us to stand our bikes on. This worked well and our stand looked really good complete with Club info booklets supplied by Rob Edwards.



My oldest daughter joined us this year as she was involved in a display with her gymnastics club later in the day.

A steady flow of visitors stopped at our stand throughout the day with a few past members who had either moved on to less active sports such as archery and bowls or were with their families looking at the stalls or the arena events. Most of these remembered Dave Figg and were glad to hear he is still active in the Club. One guy left me a card for his bike shop Bol D'Or Motorcycles in Pulborough, his web site is worth a look or even a visit if you are passing - he has some nice bikes for sale.

Most other visitors were families who were interested in the bikes. I handed out the leaflets and invited them to come and visit us over the summer at one of our trials. I am not sure if any will take up the offer but most liked the idea of coming along to watch at the evening trials.

Just before midday Sallie and Sarah arrived with lunch and then shortly after it was time for the girls to take part in their Gymnastics display in the arena, which was very good and appreciated by the spectators who had gathered to see a number of displays from around the Borough.

Things began to quieten down mid afternoon so I packed away the bikes and gazebo and headed home having had a successful day in the sun.

During the day I did discuss with the organisers the possibility of a trials display next year, but the main sticking point is the head park keeper who is worried about us damaging his grass. The organisers are planning a bigger event next year for

the run up to the Olympics and said they will try to persuade the Priory to let us ride our bikes. If so this will probably be a demonstration in the arena with some logs and barrels to ride over.

Dave Charman

Next Club Trial

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

Venue	Hookwoods Will be run on the rarely used more natural right hand side, so come along and enjoy this piece of land				
Start	11 am on 26 June 2011				
Laying Out etc	White Volunteer Needed	Blue Volunteer Needed	Red Volunteer Needed	Yellow Volunteer Needed	Signing on Volunteer Needed
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. Helmets are optional for adults but you are strongly advised to wear one. All under 18 riders MUST wear a helmet. This is an AMCA event run by Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.				
Entries	Please download an entry form from the website at www.rrnd.co.uk (under What's on) and bring fully completed to save time when signing on, together with the correct money. 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.				

Please contact Richard Coles if you can assist at this trial.

Lands End Trial - Update!

You will recall I wrote a piece last month about the Lands End Trial. The results are now through. Our team of Danny, Pat and Alan did very well and won the team award as the best team. Individually we also did well with only Alan not receiving a Gold. This was probably due to a marking error by the observers, as we didn't see him make any mistakes. Only 42 Golds awarded out of 564 entries gives you some idea of the achievement.

Peter Jenkins

Results from Club Trial at Dunsfold on 22 May 2011

Route/Class	1st	2nd	3rd
White Expert	Stuart Read - 5	Mike Powdrell* - 7	Scott Dark - 22
Inter	Matt Powdrell* - 26		
Novice Blue	Tom Horsburgh* - 30	Alan Stanley - 68	Peter Steer* - 78
Blue Over 40	Rob McKenzie - 34	Pete Jenkins - 47	Rob Edwards - 56
Blue Under 16	No riders		
Red	Toby Robinson - 45	Stuart Hescott - 53	Trevor Howell - 57
Red Under 16	No riders		
Yellow	James Dark - 9	Mike Hammond - 10	Casey Newman - 18

* Denotes Guest Rider.

Full results are on the website at www.rnd.co.uk

Latest Championship Standings

Name	Total
Expert	
Eric Clarke	42
Luke Thomas	36
Stuart Read	33
Scott Dark	32
Inter	
Samuel Brightman	43
Jake Pope	35
Chris Dark	33
Novice Blue	
Alan Stanley	36
Tom Charman	35
Over 40 Blue	
Pete Jenkins	53
Rob Edwards	44
Robert McKenzie	44
Antony Read	41
Danny Haste	22
Novice Red	
David Cutler	41
Trevor Howell	40

Toby Robinson	35
Luke Edwards	34
Martin Howell	31
Stuart Hescott	31

Under 16 Red

Ben Edwards	47
Lewis Farmer	12

Handicap

Trevor Howell	71
Eric Clarke	67
Robert McKenzie	66
Luke Thomas	63
David Cutler	63
Pete Jenkins	59
Luke Edwards	59
Ben Edwards	58
Chris Dark	58
Rob Edwards	57
Mike Hammond	57
Scott Dark	55
Antony Read	54
Stuart Read	53
Samuel Brightman	52
Dave Charman	51
Jake Pope	50