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Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



Chairman's Chatter

August - a very busy month for the Club. The evening trial went well last Thursday, but once again heavy rain earlier in the day meant our numbers were down and we decided to forego the barbecue. In the event by the time we assembled to lay out the sun was out and the riders actually found conditions under the trees were quite good. A big thank you to Ben and Luke Edwards for turning out to lay out the reds and yellows, and for Pete J doing the blues. I had a crack at laying out the whites which seem to have been OK. Thanks also to Colin Don who appears to be mending and turned out to assist.

The next important day for the Club is the South Coast Group Trial at Beare Gill on August 14th. We need observers for this please; any volunteers should contact me. It is normal practice for club members to ride their own club trial only if all observers positions are filled or they have provided an observer. Normally at South Coast we manage reasonably well as there is a small group who attend each event just to observe - its paid! I am sure that's not the only reason but South Coast do pay their observers and we have decided to follow that practice so £15 is up for grabs on each section.

If you have ridden Beare Gill in the past you will know that the venue has improved over the last few years having had the benefit of some use and a few working parties. You may not know that up until now we have only used half the stream area available to us. The Southern half will be opened up for this trial offering some excellent sections and should be entertaining to observe. We haven't used this before because some areas require work to open them up. There will be a working party at the venue on Tuesday evening (9th) from approx 6pm if anyone is in a position to assist - bring pruners or saws if you have them and have stout footwear and gloves. Please note that there is still a hay crop in the fields - at all time keep to indicated routes and do not drive in the crop. Any competitors reading this please note that the venue will not be open for sections to be inspected during laying out on Saturday. We have a team to lay out and no more volunteers are required for that - thank you.

August is of course also the month of the camping weekend. The Committee meets this Wednesday to ensure all arrangements are in place. Jo Jenkins is working hard as always to ensure coordination of the event but has put us on notice that this is the last year that she wishes to be involved as main organiser. Jo will be a hard act to follow. If you enjoy the weekend and feel you may be able to put in some effort towards the running of it (although I do realise that many people attending the event are also involved in the running of it) please speak to Jo.

Debbie has been unable to get the newsletter out as she has been waiting for me to write this! But I am aware that she has not been swamped with articles. Perhaps some will appear in the aftermath of the camping weekend - there's normally a story or two to tell. I am afraid you will have to wait a little longer for tales of the Coles fleet - there's just too much to tell at the moment.

Other news - injuries seem to be continuing at the moment with Mark Stubberfield breaking and dislocating a finger at Faygate - our best wishes to him.

And I finish on a sad note. Although I do not know Mick of Micks Motorcycles at Earlswood, I was aware of the shop and his decision to retire. The business has now closed. Unfortunately he is now very seriously ill. All Club members and in particular those who have got to know him and used the shop send him our best wishes.

Richard Coles

For Sale

2007 Beta Rev 3 250cc

Good tyres and C&S, brand new rear mudguard.

Price reduced to £1650, might consider part exchange.



Please call Antony Read on day: 01737 781609 or evenings 01293 783447.
E Mail: antony.read@monotypeimaging.co.uk

Next Club Events

Next Club Night

This is being held this Wednesday 10th August from 8.30pm at the Dog & Duck at Outwood - see you there!

South Coast Trial, Beare Gill, Ockley on Sunday 14 August 2011

We are holding our South Coast Trial at Beare Gill, Ockley on Sunday 14th August.

We are still looking for volunteers to observe on the day - £15 per section is up for grabs! We shall be clearing on Tuesday 9th August, and would welcome any help that could be given on that evening too - including bringing along tools to clear areas on the Southern side which we will be using for the first time. It offers the chance to make some challenging sections for the white & blue riders.

Please note that we have just discovered that the Olympic Trial Road Race (cycling) is taking place on the same day as our South Coast Trial and that the A25 and roads around Dorking will be closed. This should only impact anyone intending to travel from/via Dorking. Those heading from the South on the A24 should be unaffected.

Just as a reminder the venue is at Beare Green, near Ockley and will be signposted from the A29. Directions: If coming from the South on the A24 turn left onto the A29 (Bognor Road) at Beare Green roundabout. After approximately 1 mile heading west on the A29 there is a severe left hand bend with a road junction to the right in the middle of the bend. Turn right here into Henhurst Cross Lane (careful as it is a blind bend) and the venue is approximately 1 mile along this road on the left.

Please offer your time to help, either on Tuesday clearing, or on the Sunday observing a section. Contact Richard Coles at diccles221@gmail.com.

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 if you can assist in any way.

Camping Weekend

This is fast approaching - please get your form (available to download at www.rnd.co.uk) and payment to Jo Jenkins as soon as possible and in any event by the 19th August 2011.

Ouch!

Having not ridden since February, (due to having a parachute course in April, and a cruise for our 25th Wedding Anniversary in June - and not wishing to have any injuries for either event!), I was really looking forward to the Club's evening trial at Beare Gill, Ockley in July.

You will recall that the weather had been filthy leading up to this event, but it had been decided to go ahead and run it anyway, albeit without the customary BBQ afterwards. The weather on the evening was actually quite good.

I started my first lap with enthusiasm, and had some good rides, but I was obviously a bit rusty after my prolonged lay off.

On the last section of my first lap disaster occurred - and it would have to be down at the stream! The route involved entering the stream followed by a tight left turn up a muddy bank about 4-5ft high. As I went up the bank I lost traction and slipped back towards the stream. I tried not to fall off but failed ending up in the stream on my bottom. I think I may have stuck my arm out in a futile attempt to stay dry!

I picked the bike up out of the stream and rode out of the section, marking a 5 on my punch card. At the time I thought I had aggravated the tendon in my elbow and carried on with the next lap. At the end of lap 2 my elbow was causing me some considerable discomfort and I decided to strap it up with duct tape - sometimes a compression bandage helps!

The duct tape enabled me to finish the trial, but my elbow was massive next morning after an uncomfortable night. X rays at A&E proved I have a radial head fracture. These days they do not put such fractures in a cast, so it is just grin & bear the pain, and do the exercises to try and maintain elbow mobility - ouch!

Hopefully I will be back riding soon - just not this side of September as I am hopefully parachuting again then. The wife says I should stick to parachuting - it's far safer!

Colin Don

Serious Threat to our Sport - please take action!

The following is an extract from the LARA website - please read and take action asap to help save our sport:

The Government has published an *Issues Paper* which states that motor sport events (trials, moto-cross, etc.) give rise to 'significant concerns', and invites comments and views on changing the '14/28 Day Rule' under which most off-road sport is organised. Everyone involved in the Sport needs to reply to this consultation now.

Early in 2011 the Government announced a review of the 'Use Classes Order'. This order is a Statutory Instrument made under the provisions of Town and Country Planning legislation, and the review was stated to address the difficulties in changing the use of premises from (for example) business use to residential use. That has no bearing on land use for motor sport.

When the *Issues Paper* was announced to the press and then published for consultation (late June 2011) it became clear that the Government is looking beyond just the Use Classes

Order, and is also inviting comments on the General Permitted Development Order, which is the Statutory Instrument regulating temporary changes of use of land. The General Permitted Development Order (GPDO) is the basis of the '14/28 Day Rule', under which the great majority of car and motorcycle events in the countryside are operated.

Under the 14/28 Day Rule an event organiser does not have to apply for planning permission for the 'change of use' of the land, on the day of the event, from agricultural to motor sport. To have to so apply would be an enormous burden on clubs, farmers and planning authorities for no real benefit.

This *Issues Paper* is simply seeking comments, but it is the premise in the *Issues Paper*, that motor sport causes problems, that we have to tackle straight away.

This is what the *Issues Paper* says:

8. Are the current permitted development rights relating to the temporary use still appropriate?

If not, how do you think they should be amended?

- Permitted development also grants a general planning permission for the temporary use of land for up to 28 days in any calendar year, subject to a number of restrictions and conditions e.g. these provisions do not apply to the temporary use of buildings or to the use of land for advertisements. For some other uses, such as motor sports and markets, the permitted development rights are limited to not more than 14 days in total in the calendar year.
- These provisions can provide an important flexibility which enables many small-scale commercial and community activities, in both urban and rural areas, to go ahead without the cost and delay of obtaining planning permission. This benefits the local economy and, particularly in the case of activities on farm land, often constitutes an important source of revenue at the margins.
- However, we are aware that some temporary uses, for example, car boot sales and motor sports, even where they are operated for only for a relatively few days in the year, can give rise to significant concerns in some areas.
- The last review of these temporary use provisions took place almost 10 years ago.

While this review found that the provisions remained appropriate and that no changes were required at that time, it would be helpful to know whether this remains the case or whether changes should be made to grant more or restrict freedoms for the temporary use of land.

LARA's view

In 2002 our rigorous investigations found no well-founded 'significant concerns' arising from

properly run motor sport events, authorised by LARA Member Organisations. We have no evidence to suggest that this position has changed.

What does the Sport need to do now?

LARA is taking up the matter of the evidence that DCLG has regarding the alleged 'significant concerns'. In the meantime, the Issues Paper says:

23. We are not offering firm proposals for comment. Rather we want your thoughts and views on how change of use is currently handled through the planning system and areas for possible changes. A number of questions have been set out below to help focus responses and we would welcome your views on these in particular. We would also welcome more general views and evidence on issues that arise in respect of changes of use and the planning system, particularly any ideas on how the process of considering changes of use could be made less burdensome.

Anyone can reply to the *Issues Paper* before 1 September 2011. The address is:

David Wilkes, UCO Review Team, Planning Development Management Division, Department for Communities and Local Government, 1/E2 Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU, or email to: UCOreview@communities.gsi.gov.uk

LARA's advice is that everyone who has an interest in off-road motor sport should make a response at this stage, stressing that Permitted Development Rights are essential to the continued running of a sport that now has over 100 years of tradition in the countryside, with over 5,000 events a year in England and Wales, which are run to strict safety and environmental rules, and which cause few if any problems. Simply, there is no evidence-based reason to change the current system.

Motor Club Chairmen (and anyone else) could usefully write to their own Member of Parliament (or go and see him or her) and ask their MP to take their concerns to the DCLG Minister responsible for this consultation: the Planning Minister, Mr Greg Clark (who is also the MP for Tunbridge Wells).

It would be helpful to have a copy of your letter or email to LARA at:

LARA, PO Box 142, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5YP, or email to laragb@mac.com

For more information contact Alan Kind on laragb@mac.com

Latest Results

A meagre 17 riders signed on for the July Club Trial at Faygate on 24th July, and 4 of those were guest riders!

Best of the very few riders on the day were as follows:

Route/Class	1st	2nd	3rd
White Expert	Stuart Read - 29	Simon Mepham* - 54	
Inter	No riders		
Novice Blue	Phillip Tickner-Wand* - 18	Sean Staker* - 19	Joe Beard* - 46
Blue Over 40	Rob Edwards - 36	Mark Stubberfield - 38	

Blue Under 16	No riders		
Red	Toby Robinson - 17	Keith Cross - 44	Martin Howell - 53
Red Under 16	No riders		
Yellow	Hannah Moore - 10		

* Denotes Guest Rider.

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

Current Championship Standings

Championships are run over 11 rounds with best 8 scores counting

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Total	
Expert									
Stuart Read	11	10				12	12	12	57
Eric Clarke	10	11	11			10	10		52
Scott Dark		9	12			11	11		43
Luke Thomas	12	12		12					36
Inter									
Samuel Brightman	12	11	10	10					43
Jake Pope		12	11	12					35
Chris Dark		10	12	11					33
Novice Blue									
Alan Stanley	12	12				12	12	12	60
Tom Charman	11		12	12					35
Over 40 Blue									
Rob Edwards	10	7	8	9	10	12	12		68
Pete Jenkins	11	10	11	10	11	10			63
Antony Read	12	8	9	12		10			51
Robert McKenzie		9	12	11	12				44
Mark Stubberfield		6	7				8	11	32
Novice Red									
Trevor Howell	9	5	7	9	10		5	9	54
David Cutler	11	11	9	10			12		53
Luke Edwards	8	10	5	5	6	10	8		52
Martin Howell		7	8	11	5	8	10		49
Toby Robinson			11	12	12			12	47
Stuart Hescott		6	6	8	11	11			42
Keith Cross			3		8	9	11		31
Handicap									
Rob Edwards	10	12	1	20	14	21	21		99
Luke Edwards	11	13	8	9	18	23	16		98
Trevor Howell	20	1	22	15	13	7	19		97
Ben Edwards	14	6	14	5	19	24	15		97
Keith Cross	18		11		16	20	22		87

