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Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



Chairman's Chatter

September was a very busy month in the Coles household. Somehow my wife and I squeezed in a visit to Norfolk before returning to ferry my daughter and what seemed to be a lifetime's belongings to Plymouth to start university. Frances has had a gap year so we have had some months to prepare - it must be chaotic to have to organise things in just a few weeks between results and placements. Of course the digs are in the city centre with virtually no car access just to make things more interesting!

Malcolm rode enduros on three successive weekends, two South-Eastern events sandwiching the two day "Natterjack" round of the British Enduro Championship.

The bike needed to be prepared for the first event and then tyres changed and everything set for the Natterjack with little prospect of much time for any repairs before the final SE event of the year which would decide placing in the SE Championship. Unfortunately a nasty ankle injury in the first event and the thought of two days riding the following weekend meant a DNF but Malcolm redeemed himself at the Natterjack being well placed in Clubman A and picking up a Gold Award. This was a particularly good result as few of the "clubmen" ride that class on home rounds; most ride expert or even championship. An even better result came last weekend with another Gold Award and second place in Clubman A, and a third place in the SE Championship. An excellent result for his first full year – but it does mean that he will now ride Expert in future SE events.

Photographs of Malcolm, David Knight, Ross Noble and all the other riders of the Natterjack can be viewed at <http://www.teamsnapper.co.uk/> where Malcolm even has a dedicated page!



Malcolm has ridden a YZ125 this year. He now intends to purchase a 250 for some of the events that have more open going. As a result we have for sale a 2008 YZ125 (a spare/practice bike) if anyone fancies taking up enduro or

even motocross.

With classic Coles timing we sold the speedboat that you may have seen gracing the website "For Sale" pages- just as we had the hottest and calmest week of the year! We had towed the boat to Norfolk with the intention of using it there only to tow it home without even putting it in the water thanks to Hurricane Katrina!

As a result of being in Norfolk I missed the last Committee meeting but I am sure you will all have picked up on the fact that we are to try some different venues in the hope that we will find one that is more family friendly and also encourage more members to attend for social purposes. The next Committee meeting is to be at The Red Lion PH at Betchworth where there is a downstairs room where we can show DVDs etc. Let us know if you can think of any other venues that may be suitable.

Thanks to Rob Edwards and family for covering the training trial whilst I was away. Unfortunately these seemed to have clashed with every SE enduro this year and I will not be able to run the October one as I am actually riding in an event myself! Pete and I are riding the Witley Long Distance Trial and I shall be riding a 250 Husqvarna I purchased via ebay in April - and have just got going! I know how to pick them - you'll be able to read all about it in the next newsletter!

Richard Coles

New Members

Welcome this month to new Member Steve Moore and his daughter Hannah and son Casey. A picture of them is below.



Casey and Hannah are both riding in schoolboy trials championships & cycle trials too. Steve holds an ACU clerk of the course certificate for the Surrey Schoolboy Trials Club and he is an experienced rider having competed in 32 SSDT's and many British & World Championship Rounds during his career.

I'm sure all members will make Steve, Casey and Hannah welcome.

Survey Results

Thank you to all of you who responded to the recent Survey, intended to aid whoever is next year's Competition Secretary in deciding where and when to book trials - some 25 of you responded, so the results are of some value.

The top three favourite venues were:

1. Blacklands Farm (8 votes)
2. Beare Gill, Ockley (5 votes)
3. Shamley Green (Reel Hall Farm) (5 votes).

The top three least favourite venues were:

1. Old Quarry Betchworth (6 votes)
2. Sparticles Wood (3 votes)
3. Beare Gill, Ockley and Dunsfold (Sethern) (2 votes each).

Saturday Trials

The vast majority of you would ride a trial if held on a Saturday - 21 voted for and only 4 against.

Club Nights

Revamped Club nights - overwhelmingly you were favour of this, with 17 of you saying you would attend. See later in this E News for details of the new Club nights!

Other Comments

In addition to the votes above, some great comments were received, which the Committee will be following up on, so watch this space!

BMF Individual Membership

Is anyone interested in individual membership of the BMF?

The BMF have started a scheme to attract new 'individual' members to the organisation in order to strengthen the membership base and give the BMF more stability. Individual members have many added benefits over an affiliated member (which all Club members currently are through our affiliation). One advantage of individual membership is the receipt of the

'Motorcycle Rider' magazine which is one of the main communication routes to members.

Membership is currently £26 per year but there is now a discount of £5 when an affiliate member converts to an individual member, reducing this to £21 for the first year. In addition to this discount, the Club will also receive a payback of £5 to be used in reducing affiliation fees for the forthcoming year.

If anyone would like to know more please look at the BMF website www.bmf.co.uk for full details and benefits of individual membership. To qualify for the £5 discount you must complete one of the special application forms which I will be pleased to forward to you. Please e mail me at cdark@ntlworld.com or phone me on 01737 767007. Your application must then be returned to me for onward transmission to the BMF.

Carol Dark

New Bike Channel on Sky TV

The following Press release has been received:

Following the success of online motorcycle site Bike Channel, it's now being launched on Sky TV Channel 203 as from Monday 10th October at 7.30pm.

The Bike Channel was first launched on the internet in 2006 by Alan Rawlings, who after working in TV for many years realised there was a gap in the market for an interesting motorcycle programme covering Sportbikes, MX and Stunt Riding.

Five years on and the Bike Channel now produces bike reviews for Auto Trader, the Independent, Fast Bikes Magazine, Ace Café, Motorcycle Dealers & Tyre Companies to name a few.

The Bike Channel show will have an up-to-date approach into the Motorcycle World appealing to viewers of all ages and interests. We'll be reviewing the latest bikes & gear, motorcycle events, interviewing riders, attending race & stunt schools, etc. Presenters will be set challenges and famous riders will also be joining them to make the programme as informative and interesting as possible.

Presenter Suzy Taylor, herself an MX rider, will be fronting the Bike Channel show along with Luke Wilkins, an ex-Kerrang radio DJ who gained a following through his enthusiastic motorcycle diaries on the web.

Results from September Club Trial at Old Quarry Betchworth

We had a great turn out at this venue - some 44 riders signed on, making using this expensive venue cost effective for the Club.

Best on the day were as follows:

Route/Class	1st	2nd	3rd
White Expert	Luke Thomas - 7	Scott Dark - 10	Eric Clarke - 25
Inter	No completed cards		
Novice Blue	Pete Jenkins - 7	Antony Read - 10	Rob Edwards - 20
Blue Over 40	Danny Haste - 18	Mark Stubberfield - 36	Martin Howell - 87
Blue Under 16	No riders		
Red	Toby Robinson - 3	Ricky Burrows* - 9	Grace Dark - 20
Red Under 16	James Dark - 107		
Yellow	Mike Hammond - 5	Bob Miles - 28	Curtis Howell - 35

* = Guest Rider

Thank You's

Laying out - thanks to Mike Hammond, Keith Cross, Eric Clarke, Pete Jenkins, the Edwards family and David Cutler.

Taking down - thanks to Jim Howell and Jon Yendell (both guest riders), Scott and James Dark, Mark Stubberfield and Sam Brightman.

Thank you also to those of you not mentioned specifically above, who helped to make this a successful trial.

Latest Championship Standings

Championships are run over 11 rounds with best 8 scores counting

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Sept	Total
Expert									
Eric Clarke	10	11	11		10	10		10	62
Stuart Read	11	10			12	12	12		57
Scott Dark		9	12		11	11		11	54
Luke Thomas	12	12			12			12	48

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	12	72
Tom Charman	11		12	12					35

Over 40**Blue**

Rob Edwards	10	7	8	9	10	12	12	9	77
Pete Jenkins	11	10	11	10	11	10		12	75
Antony Read	12	8	9	12		10		11	62
Robert McKenzie		9	12	11	12				44
Mark Stubberfield		6	7			8	11	8	40

Novice**Red**

Trevor Howell	9	5	7	9	10	5	9	9	63
David Cutler	11	11	9	10		12		8	61
Toby Robinson			11	12	12		12	12	59
Luke Edwards	8	10	5	5	6	10	8	6	58
Martin Howell		7	8	11	5	8	10		49
Stuart Hescott		6	6	8	11	11			42
Keith Cross			3		8	9	11	10	41

Handicap

Trevor Howell	20	1	22	15	13	7	19	17	114
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Rob Edwards	10	12	1	20	14	21	21	13	112
Ben Edwards	14	6	14	5	19	24	15	9	106
Keith Cross	18		11		16	20	22	18	105
Luke Edwards	11	13	8	9	18	23	16	4	102
Alan Stanley	25	9			9	22	20	13	98
Pete Jenkins	20	7	1	21	10	14		21	94
Grace Dark		1	25	22		18		25	91
Antony Read	24	4	1	25		14		19	87
Scott Dark		10	25		20	17		15	87
Eric Clarke	14	21	20		12	9		9	85
David Cutler	23	11	17	12		16		5	84
Stuart Read	15	17			21	12	17		82
Mike Hammond	9	1	7	17	23	10		13	80

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.

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.

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. 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.

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 now being held on Wednesday 12th October 2011 from 8.30pm at the Red Lion at Betchworth - see you there!

Beginner Training Trials

The next Beginner Training Trials will be on Sunday 16th October at Tilburstow Hill, from 11am.

Next Club Trial

The next Club trial is at Blacklands Farm on Sunday 23 October. 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.

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

