

RRND

Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



Chairman's Chatter

They say as you get older time seems to fly by even quicker. They are not kidding - but perhaps that feeling is heightened by publishing regulations for the Police Club's February Enduro and already having to book a venue for the November Enduro! I am not the only one who has been busy; Colin has started as he means to go on and in anticipation of his new role as Competition Secretary has scheduled the first few months of the RRND calendar (which you will find on the web site and later in this E News), and is working on some good ideas for the rest of the year.

Another date for your diaries is that of the AGM in February. Please make the effort to come along and support the Committee and applaud last year's trophy winners. Even better give some thought to how you can support the Club and whether you could take a place on the Committee - I believe the Chairman's position may still be up for grabs!

Last years Long Distance Trial "The Exeter Trial" run by the Motor Cycling Club was cancelled as we were in the grip of ice and snow. As I write this, this weekend sees the 2012 Exeter - an event that has been running since 1910. Pat LJ, Pete J, and Danny H are again entering and hopefully we will see an account of their experience in the newsletter in due course. I have no doubt that the rain of the last week will make things interesting. Check out the excellent MCC website for details of the event and photos of the three in previous events. We wish them good fortune this year.

Happy New Year to you all.

Richard Coles

A Proper Club Trial!

Thanks to all that laid out the Christmas Club trial at "Dons" sorry Betchworth Quarry. The trial was absolutely spot on - a proper Club trial, we had various new riders and the yellow route perfect for them. The reds again perfect - that then allowed some of the normal red riders to ride the blues, that is what club trials are all about.

Also would like to thank the two ladies Debbie and Carol for laying on mulled wine and warm mince pies very much appreciated.

The whole day was excellent and very well run it was good to see some old members and would be good to see them riding again.

Once again thanks to all including the youngsters helping to clear up afterwards.

Neville Lewis

Christmas Club Trial at Old Quarry Betchworth

A very good turn out of 49 riders for the Club Christmas Club Trial - however, 22 of

those riders were guests! Where were the rest of the Club members to enjoy the mulled wine & mince pies?

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

Best on the day were as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd
White/Expert	Luke Thomas - 5	Frazer Cannom* - 11	Jolyon Walters* - 29
Inter	No riders		
Novice Blue	Tom Horsburgh* - 14	Louise Cannom*-19	Ash Deacon* - 27
Blue Over 40	Pat Lloyd-Jacob - 15	Danny Haste - 21	Pete Jenkins - 46
Red	T. Robinson - 0	Stan Metcalf & Keith Cross - 2	Trevor Howell - 5
Red Under 16	James Dark - 6	Hannah Moore - 10	Morgan Watmore* - 14
Yellow	Brian Walpole - 5	Izzy Watmore* - 15	Brian Cohen* - 32

* = Guest Rider

Next Club Events

Next Club Night

This will be held on Wednesday 11 January 2012 at The Red Lion PH Betchworth. Please come along and socialise with other members. We will be in the downstairs room. The Committee meets from 8pm, and will join you all once the meeting is finished.

We hope to see you there!

Next Club Trial

The first Club trial of the New Year is on Sunday 22nd January 2012 at Shamley Green. Volunteers to lay out sign on and take down are required - please contact Colin Don on 07768058411 or by e mail to debbie.don1@btinternet.com if you can assist in any way.

Other Trial Dates

Club Trial 26 February - Blacklands Farm

Club Trial 25 March - Faygate Tip

Club Trial 15 April - Sethern, Dunsfold

Club Trial 28 October - Blacklands Farm.

Further dates/venues will be announced as soon as these are booked.

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	<p>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. 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.</p> <p>Club trials are AMCA events run by Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.</p>
Entries	Please download an entry form from the website at www.rnd.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.

Our Ockley Star Group Trial in December '11

Here is a description of the Star Group trial held at Ockley for all those who could not attend or were manning a section and could not see what was going on elsewhere.

A small "elite" team of layer-outers went to the venue the day before the trial to lay out a competent trial that everyone could do no matter what the weather. We avoided any muddy long climbs as these can go horribly wrong if it's too dry or too wet.

Section 1 had a steep drop in to the stream for everyone but the yellows. The way out to the end had 4 different routes for the red riders. This worked really well as most chose the hardest and most direct route on the first lap and lost marks accordingly.

Section 2 was nice and straightforward for all but the white riders. Their route looked impossible but some managed to clean it - others however fell in the stream when it all went wrong!



Section 3 all riders had to cross the stream at least 3 times - generally the blues had the hardest time here. Section 4 had some very steep drop ins and climbs out. The reds had the easiest time here.

Section 5 was hard for everyone as it had steep climbs and horribly slippery banks to get out. Section 6 had all the usual elements to take marks out of riders who like to dab their way round a section!

Section 7 had some near vertical climbs for the whites and blues to tackle, any hesitation resulted in a 5. Section 8 was a nice ride along the stream only spoiled by several boulders in the water to tip riders off, simple but effective!

Section 9 was OK for reds and yellow but the blues and whites had a really hard time to get out clean. This was a great section to see how good the experts really are.

Section 10 had some nasty turns in the stream to take marks but most riders made it through no problem, but most red riders dropped a lazy dab coming out of the stream.



Overall an excellent trial run to an expert standard by all the volunteers from RRNDMC. Thanks to all who helped on the day as I know all free time is a very precious commodity these days. The final scores look spot on for the standard of the trial. Thanks again

Pete Jenkins

Notice of Awards Evening and AGM

All awards for the 2011 Championships will be given out at the Awards Evening and AGM which will be held on Wednesday 15 February 2011 in the downstairs room at the Red Lion, Betchworth.

The formal notice for the AGM part of the evening follows:

'NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of

Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motor Club

and

Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club

To be held on Wednesday 15 February 2011

at

The Red Lion Public House, Betchworth, Surrey

7.30pm.

Please arrive early so the meeting can start on time. It will be held in the

downstairs function room.

Nominations for the following positions in both Clubs and motions for the agenda of each AGM should be sent to the Club Secretary in writing at least 10 days prior to the meeting. All motions must be seconded and all nominations must also be seconded and signed by the nominee. If you are unsure of the procedure please contact a member of the existing Committee.

Committee Positions:

Chairman

Club Secretary

Membership Secretary

Social Secretary

Treasurer

Competition Secretary

Editor

Assistant Competition Secretary

Committee Member (x 3)'

The Club Secretary's contact details for sending nominations & motions for the agenda are as follows:

RRND Club Secretary

Mrs Carol Dark

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You are strongly urged to attend and have your say in the running of your Club

Changes in the Committee

You will have seen from last month's E News, that our Chairman, Richard Coles, will be standing down at the AGM, although thankfully he will be remaining on the Committee to offer his expertise.

Malcolm Coles will also be standing down from his role on the Committee.

After a vacuum last year, when the position of Competition Secretary remained vacant and the gap had to be filled by Richard Coles, Colin Don has agreed to become the Competition Secretary for 2012 - unless someone else would like to volunteer for this position.

You will also recall that Jo Jenkins decided to step down as organiser of future August camping weekends. We are pleased to announce that Neville Lewis has agreed to step into the breach and organise the event in 2012. Neville does not wish to join the Committee, but is happy to act under their authority. I'm sure all members will join in with our thanks to Neville for taking on this role.

Volunteers/nominations are required for the vacant positions on the Committee. Please advise any member of the current Committee if you would like to step forward and help make the decisions about the running of the Club.

Exeter Trial 2012

Well here I am in the shed, fettling the Cheney for the forthcoming Exeter Trial, which starts on the 6th of January and finishes the next day. At the moment the weather is very mild but I will be very surprised if it stays that way.

For those of you that don't know, The Exeter Trial is one of 3 long distance classic trials that have been run by "The Motor Cycle Club" every year barring wars and foot and mouth for over a hundred years.

The Exeter trial is held in January, the Lands End is at Easter and the Edinburgh trial which is held in the Peak District is in October.

My first experience was in 1967 when a number of us from the Croydon Club entered the Lands End. I think we all finished. If I remember rightly Dick was on a BSA B40, Len was on either an Ariel or a BSA A10, Chris Riddles was on a Triumph 21, Richard Legg was on his Jawa, can't remember what Mick Caddy was on. I was on a Greeves Scottish. Apologies if I have missed anyone out.

I though it was fantastic and we carried on doing the various trials for quite a few years until girl friends, houses and babies just seemed to take over!

So I will now fast forward to 2005 and I happened to meet up with Pat Lloyd- Jacob of the RRND at a mutual friend's 50th birthday party. We ended up talking Motorcycles as you do and the Lands End Trial came up. Pat told that he had been going to watch the action at a Section called Crackington and that he wouldn't mind having a go. Needless to say the following Easter there were two Triumphs on the start line.

About a year later Pat talked his mate Danny Haste also of the RRND into having a go. So as there were now three of us we decided to enter as a team. So the "Southern Softies" was born. Since then another RRND Member Peter Jenkins has

joined for some of the events.

Well we have done every Trial since then, with varying degrees of success, a few Medals and retirements thrown in - a lot of Medals in Pat's case! He has won the Baddeley award for the best motorcycle performance of the year twice - a remarkable achievement.

But the icing on the cake for me was that in 2011 the Southern Softies won the Best Team of the Year Award, which was great because I think camaraderie between the riders and all of the banter that is thrown in is what makes it special.

Alan Ross

The following information is taken from the MCC Website:

Triple Award

"The Club's Triple Award will be presented to any competitor who achieves a Gold medal award in the Exeter, Lands End, and Edinburgh trials in the same season." (MCC SSR 2009 - G)

How blandly this extract from the [Standing Supplementary Regulations](#) sums up what most consider **the ultimate award in trialling**. To do this the winners will have travelled some 1500 miles, attempted about 40 observed sections, and not put a foot wrong once. In a good year for the Club - remembering the ethos of "Competitor versus the Club" - there will be a handful of Triples, probably no more than three or four; in a good year for the competitors this number may creep into double figures - there were 15 Triples awarded in 2003. The current Triple Award is a signpost with arms pointing to the three destinations of Exeter, Lands End, and Edinburgh, but the Award has taken other forms in the past.

Baddeley Championship Awards

"Two awards (one Motorcycle and one Car) are given for the best performance by a MCC member in the Exeter, Lands End and Edinburgh Trials in the same season, calculated from the Final Official Results for each season. To be eligible a competitor must be classed as a finisher in all three events." (MCC SSR 2009 - G)

Winning one of the Baddeley awards is generally considered as the-icing-on-the-Triple-cake although they are given - for the two best performances - irrespective of whether the winners have also achieved Triple Awards.

We are pleased to advise that Pat Lloyd-Jacob won for 2011, both a Triple Award and the Baddeley Championship Award! Well done Pat!

Boxing Day Enduro

The last event of the year for us was the Boxing Day Enduro held by the Witley Club at Weavers Down, Hampshire. Whilst the RRND Club stalwarts were making their way to Betchworth to lay out the Christmas Trial, Malcolm had already signed on, been scrutineered, and his bike was on the start line for the 340 rider event.

In 2010 the snow and ice made the event very difficult. Whilst no less popular in 2011 the event received virtually no entries from pit bikes and the novelty class who may have decided to give this year's event a miss. In fact this year an event that is always hotly contested became more so with a prize of £200 being given by sponsors "Teamsnapper" for the top Championship rider.

Get a bog crossing wrong and your day was over!



Malcolm moves up to the Expert Class in 2012 and had decided to run as an expert for this event. The Championship riders were set off to the noise of a rocket at 1100 followed by the Experts a minute later. The event is a Le Mans style run to the bikes and although Malcolm managed not to fall over this year he did not have the quickest of starts. Nevertheless he put in an excellent ride and managed 7 laps over the next three hours of a difficult and in places very boggy course to finish as 12th Expert and 34th overall.

Malcolm (17) leaving an early corner:



Not so clean 2 laps later!



If one is not riding, the event is always an opportunity to catch up with friends from the off road motorcycling world. A few faces from RRND were there this year including Cliff Stark and family and friends, and Charlie Harris, who was supporting former ISDT veteran John Knight, the latter riding a twin shock KTM.

Check out the Witley and District website for results or the excellent "teamsnapper" site for photos of this and other enduro events. Malcolm is a "teamsnapper" featured rider.

Richard Coles

Final Championship Positions for 2011 Season

The full details will be available on the website at www.rrnd.co.uk, but congratulations to the following - please come along to the AGM in February where you will be presented with your awards:

Expert: Stuart Read

Inter: Chris Dark

Novice Blue: Alan Stanley

Over 40 Blue: Pete Jenkins

Novice Red: Toby Robinson

Under 16 Red: James Dark

Handicap: Trevor Howell

There are also individual monthly handicap awards - come along and see if you have won!

Membership Renewal

A reminder to renew your Club membership.

A form can be downloaded from the web site at www.rrnd.co.uk (click on RRND Membership on the left hand index) and once completed sent to Rob Edwards at the address shown on the form with payment.

In order to keep Club costs down and cut down the effort required by the membership sec, please include a self addressed envelope if you would like your membership card for 2012 posted back to you.

Those of you who wish to obtain/renew an ACU licence - you will need firstly to renew your Club membership. Then contact our Club Secretary Carol Dark for a 'unique code' for insertion onto your ACU renewal form or for use online.

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