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Wessex Gazette

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Any events left in April?					
25th	BSSA	3rd Alan Brown	Timed Trial	Solo, S/car	WCR *
26th	Mendip Vale	Phoenix trial	Trial	Solo, Youth A&B	RTClub
26th	Swindon & Dist	Corinium	Enduro	Solo	WCR *
in May you can ride or watch					
2nd	N Somerset	Charlies Trophy	Timed Trial	Solo	RTClub
3rd	Swindon Adult GT		Grass Track	Solo	WCR
3rd	West Wilts	James Cup +++	Trial	Solo, Youth A&B	WCR *
10th	BSSA	Tuck Cross	Trial	S/car	Open National
10th	Swindon & Dist	Swindonian	LD trial	Solo	RTClub
17th	BSSA	2hour	Timed Trial	Solo, S/car	RTClub
20th	N Somerset	Fowlers Trophy	Timed Trial	Solo	RTClub
24th & 25th	Frome & Dist		Moto-X	Solo(?), S/car, Quad	Open National
25th	Kingswood	Charity Trial	Trial	Solo, Youth A,B,C,D	WCR
28th	Swindon & Dist	Hoult Cup	Trial	Solo, Youth A&B	RTClub
30th	Swindon Youth GT		Grass Track	Youth	RTClub
31st	BSSA	4th Alan Brown	Timed Trial	Solo, S/car	RtClub
31st	West Wilts		Hare & Hounds	Solo	WCR *
on into June (already!)					
6th	N Somerset	Weymouth Trophy	Timed Trial	Solo	RTClub
14th	Swindon Adult GT		grass Track	Solo	WCR
14th	Kingswood	2nd Club Series	Trial	Solo, Youth A,B,C,D	RTClub
20th	Swindon & Dist	Layton Trophy	Trial	Solo, Youth A&B	RTClub
20th	West Wilts		Hare & Hounds	Solo	WCR *
20th	Swindon Youth GT		Grass Track	Solo	RTClub
21st	West Wilts		Timed Trial	Solo	WCR
28th	Wells & Dist	Lawford Trophy	Timed Trial	Solo	RTClub
28th	Frome & Dist		Moto-X	Solo	Open National
WCR * = Centre Championship event				+++ Note Date change	



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Centre News & Info



The April Board Meeting dealt with its routine business.

Pat Richardson had received the nominations for the election of the 2 Director vacancies that will be determined at the May ACU AGM & National Council Meeting, together with the nominations for the vacancy on the T&E C'ttee. The Board resolved to support its nominee, Paul Hearn & Ian Murphy. Its 3rd choice would be Robert Wilson. For the T&E C'ttee it will support Mick Wren, with its 2nd choice being Penny Ludgate.

As neither Frank Sweeting, Paul Hearn or Keith Wooster were available to attend National Council Ken Lywood & Jim Webb volunteered to attend & cast our Vote. Frank Sweeting undertook to ascertain for sure how we could vote. - *afternote: neither Jim or Ken could exercise our Vote (due to the over 70 Rule) so Pat Richardson will attend for us. As the 2 Directors will have different tenures (of 6 months & 2 years respectively) Frank has established that the elected Director with most Votes will take the longest serving Directorship.*

Dave Abbott reported that Youth Grass Track has 7, *yes 7 Ed.*, days of racing this year & proposed that a Centre Championship be established, this was agreed. Dave will "sponsor" one trophy & the Centre will "recycle" some of its Trophies for the class winners.

The Agenda for the National Council Meeting was received after the Board Meeting, The proposed changes to the ACU "Articles", that are, we are told, being proposed to bring them into line with the "Rules", do not obviously do that & will be discussed at the May Board Meeting when our decision to Vote yes/no/abstain will be made. - *Ed.*

West Wilts Notes.

Don't forget the rearranged James Cup Centre Championship Trial at Beckie Addy on May 3rd. It's unfortunate that some Centre riders will be up in Fort William relaxing before the first day of the Scottish but we hope to have a good entry nevertheless. Our first Hare & Hounds, a Centre Enduro Championship Round, go ahead at Naish Hill on 31st May. Recognizing that this venue can become a bit of a physical challenge - especially for sportsmen - in bad weather, we've added a class which will run for just 2 hours, with a lower Entry Fee. We've also decided not to accept



More of Frank & Phyllis's Holiday pictures.

Sometimes you just feel small don't you He's a big guy isn't he? Phyllis is sitting on his toes. He's got 3 siblings as well. Do you know where they are? Hint it's abroad & they have speedway leagues there.

All photography in this issue by Frank who asserts his rights to them all

entries from riders who are younger than 16. Regs are on the Club website www.wwwwmc.co.uk

I know this one is a bit more in the future but our 2nd H&H, another Centre Champ Round is at Steeple Ashton on Saturday 20th June AND the Sunday (the 21st) sees us with a 2hour Time Trial at the same place - so we hope to see all the Centre Timed Trial specialists then.

Go West Wilts: Adam Norris, Mark Cameron & Scott Cameron in the WWMC Team at the SSDT, and Dan Beavan, Freddie Broadway & Tyson Maytom-Jones in the WWMC Team in the British Enduro Championships. Good to see all these guys "waving the Club flag" at events far from their home patch. Frank

A BACKWARD LOOK

I understand that the readership was decidedly unimpressed with Old Malers Quiz. There was only one entry from that oracle of Motorcycle Quizzes: Brian Newbury. He was largely correct with his answers but declined the First Prize. As there was no Cash alternative he did it for fun.

I will obviously have to either make the Quiz simpler *or come up with a more appealing First Prize.*

Trials Section markers have recently received lots of coverage with no doubt good intentions but how long will the present recommendations last. It's all been discussed many times in the past. I recall way back in what today's competitors must think is prehistory. A ruling was made that everything used for section markers should be displayed at the START. That rule died the death and I suspect the present recommendations will eventually go the same way.

It's all very well and high-minded to say, "Events should be run in a PROFESSIONAL Way". That, of course, opens a whole new 'can of worms'. Meaning for Monetary Gain and every trial organiser that I ever knew did it as an AMATEUR - 'FREE GRATIS AND FOR NOTHING'. Trials were better that way, and for the Clerk of the Course, a damned sight easier to lay out. There was a time when I was prevailed upon to allow an expert competitor to set out the sections at WORMINSTER FARM. It turned into a fiasco where on continuous 'subs' the ends/start cards were so positioned that if a rider failed in the first 'sub' it was quite impossible to get to the remainder. The resultant chaos caused the biggest hold ups since brassieres were invented. To top it off they hadn't bothered to set out any sidecar sections or even to give out the Observers Cards.

Oh yes! They were long on theory but short on practicality. That has a familiar ring to it, doesn't it? A competent C.of.C. can ensure that every rider enjoys a day's sport without the need for multiple routes. It's all an attitude of today's thinking or use the modern jargon a 'mind set'.

Every rider these days is equipped with better hardware than at any time in the past but still they want 'easy' routes. I exclude Andy Blacker from that last statement. Always cheerful and STILL riding his Whitehawk which compared to the rest of the entry would be classed as vintage. He once said to me that he rode for pure pleasure. Not for the possibility that he would win a class award. He never received assistance from an indulgent Daddy. Just did it his way. Many years ago whilst he was still a schoolboy, his father Dan, would drop him off at the start and then go on to work. Andy would go wherever he was asked without a quibble and alone. Good Luck to him I say. He's a real enthusiast. (Put my cheque in the post Andy!)

I know one youngster who was offered a trials iron but declined the offer because the bike was already 3 years old. I should have been so lucky - OK then, All together now - STOP GRIZZLING

I'll Sithee, MALER

Editors Note: *Andy's got an entry in the pre-65 Scottish, but not on the Whitehawk, but a BSA C15 I'm told.*

FIVES for disappointment. CLEANS for pleasure.

Are Sporting Trials missing the point? or Even losing the plot? At our recent trial one of the parents, congratulated the club on "setting out" a decent trial for his youth rider. Thank you Sir. It seems that at a recent 'youth' trial in another Centre, he felt that the organising club should have had an ambulance on site!!

Well, is there a danger of this happening? Just think of the costs! No entries on the day!. Events cancelled because not enough entries.

There has been a small increase in the numbers entering trials, we must not cause newcomers to depart the sport through poorly thought out sections. For our survival we must encourage riders to enjoy our sport.

The aim of Club and Group Trials should be in the interest of the rider, out for an enjoyable day. To find a World Champion is a dream for all of us, but without the riders the odds are less!

The object of a trial should be, to count the number of smiling faces at signing off. Not counting up the retirements.

There are a great number of National Trials each year and several trials where the severity is known and expected. Therefore do not set the standard for local trials too high and pretend that we are meeting the need for even harder trials. Set local Trials for the enjoyment of the many.

It should be remembered that riders need to enjoy a day's sport and got to work on Mondays! The way to progress, is to seek out the more challenging events.

Let us remember the lessons of the past, when riders left the sport, not willing to break their newly acquires motorcycle, or their bones; the sport must be an enjoyable experience.

FIVES equal misery. CLEANS equal an enjoyable event.

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The View from Ba House

The Mendip Traders went off alright. It was held at their new venue, on the Belmont Estate, which is next door to Tyntsfield House near Wraxall. The course was laid out to be far easier this year, so there were a lot of low scores posted throughout the entry. Still with a new piece of land you've got to go gently to begin with, although everyone I spoke to said they thought that it was still a brilliant trial.

They've certainly landed on their feet with Belmont, because the whole estate lies below a broken ridge and there's some seriously rocky ground under all those leaves. What really impressed me was the huge size of the wood, it seemed to go on for ever, and the starting area was really up-market, right next to the big house. I think it's got great potential and, when run in, could be every bit as good as their old course at Shipham.

The Scottish entry this year has almost all of the usual suspects, apart from David Luff and Andy Noad, who didn't enter due to work commitments. They'll probably all give a good account of themselves, as usual, but for me the best chance of one of our locals being on the Winners-Rostrum lies within the ranks of the pre-65 trial, for two of the finest riders of old-fogey bikes have at long last had their entries accepted. I speak of course of John Adams and Andy Blacker.

John must be the fittest man I know. He regularly takes part in Triathlons and thinks nothing of running or cycling for hours on end. He's been brought to his peak at just the right time by his

trainer and publicist Colin Noad and they are both quietly confident of success. The only concern for me would be the unreliability of his beloved Triumph twin, for after a recent overhaul it only managed two subs before expiring yet again minus sparks, thanks mainly to Joseph Lucas's, (The Prince of Darkness), awful ignition system.

Andy, on the other hand, is likely to be a safer pair of hands. He's been riding trials bikes for ever and he's a dab hand at preparation, so he should find the trial a walk in the park. He'll be riding a BSA C15, and I expect it'll just fly round trouble-free, given a bit of luck.

Meanwhile for anyone watching the proper trial I have it on the best authority that the Loch-Shiel sections will "definitely" be included this year, on the Monday's course. So if you can spare the time it's got to be one of the best sections of the week, well worth that little bit of extra effort. To get there go to Glenfinnan car-park, take the Boardwalk way over the river onto the lochside and then walk towards the head of the loch along the wide track. It's a wonderful section and it won't be crowded. Hope to see you there.

Regarding that letter I wrote ages ago, which was reprinted in last month's Gazette. It was quite a surprise to see that I've been moaning about trials rules for so long. You would have thought by now that even I would have got the message and stopped whinging, but no, the penny just never dropped. It's a mystery which I put to my personal mentor, at a club meeting recently, and I think he might have found the root cause, "You're an idiot". I'd go along with that. **Ba**



Kingswood MCC's Avery Cup 2009. **Victoria Payne** in action with CofC **Pete Culliford** in the background. Same event & an "arty" shot of who? reaching for the sky & jumping out of the quarry



Another picture from this years Avery Cup.

A determined looking Will Culliford attacks a "D" class section.

Result?

Best performance in class with 42 marks lost.

Current Wessex Centre Trials Championship Placings

Wessex Centre Championship 2009 - A Class

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Total
Colin Crease	15	15		10	12						52
Craig Talbot	12	12		6	1						31
Ricky Wiggins				15	15						30
Lee Hassall	5	8		5	2						20
Gary Marshman		10			8						18
John Luff	8				10						18
Andy Blackman				12							12
Ben Bramwell				8	4						12

Frank says: If Ricky were able to ride all our Rounds Colin would be seriously challenged & at Mendips Traders, Craig & Lee continued their personal duel but found themselves at the tail end of the points scorers

Wessex Centre Championship 2009 - A/B Class

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Total
Jason Hamblin	10	15			6						31
Ross Thurlow	15	12		2							29
Jason Atwell				12	15						27
Rob Scott	12	10			2						24
Ian Wakeford				15							15
Craig Comer				3	12						15
Chris Mitchard	6	8									14
Ian Cobb				10	4						14
Gavin Moore	8	3			1						12
Henry Pym					12						12
Trevor Ashford				4	8						12

Frank says: Jason(A) looks like the man if he rides enough Rounds? Jason (H) is still gaining experience but still picked up useful points at the Traders which saw good rides from Craig & Henry.

Wessex Centre Championship 2009 - B Class

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Total
Adam Colburn	8	12		8							28
Sam Harding				15	12						27
Andrew Shave		10		10	5						25
Gary Harding		8			15						23
Tom Pike				12	8						20
Steven Fogg	6	5		5	3						19
Dan Udall	12	6									18
Peter King	15										15
Richard Cairns		15									15

Frank says: Still all to play for, the winner may be whoever rides most Rounds?

Wessex Centre Championship 2009 - C Class

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Total
Paul Drake	15			8	15						38
Wayne Holmes	10	15			10						35
Stuart Simpson	4	10		10	4						28
Gary Dando	12			15							27
Terry Potts	8	4			15						27
Andy Willcocks	2	6		6	3						17
Shaun Sweeting		8			8						16
Duncan Thompson				12							12
John Harding		12									12

Frank says: This Class looks pretty open still, Stuart Simpson hasn't had a win but he's scored in every Round

Wessex Centre Championship 2009 - Over 40 Class

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Total
Tim Wheeler	15	15		12	15						57
Colin Bennett	12	12		8	12						44
Chris Wrigley	10	10		4	8						32
Bill Bailey	5	8		3	10						26
Hedley Ashford				15							15
Dave Cottle				10	5						15
Pete Penton	6			6							12

Frank says: When's Colin going to put one over on Tim?

Wessex Centre Championship 2009 - Over 50 Class

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Total
Martin Strang		15		15	15						45
Phil Marsh	15	6			10						31
Ray Pekala	12	8									20
Richard Taylor	5			10	3						18
Keith Ring				12	6						18
Graham Lavis	8	5									13
Dave Fry					12						12
Dai Clothier		12									12

Frank says: Stranger enters, Stranger has best performance, good to see these guys enjoying themselves!

Criteria for inclusion: 12 or more Championship points gained



Mendip Vale MC & LCC's Traders Trophy 2009
Above: it's Richard Fogg on section 22, &
in the same section Ian Fortune (73) & Tom Pike
(91)





Charity Trial

Kingswood Motor Cycle Club Ltd

Mon 25th May 2009

Permit No ACU25501

Held under the NSC of the ACU & the Wessex Centre trials rules.
Open to paid up members of Wessex Centre clubs, driving solo machines.

This trial is being run in aid of Leukaemia Research.

OFFICIALS - Clerk of the Course: Chris Fear, Pete Culliford (Assistant). Sec of the Meeting: Mrs J Taylor, 60 Vayre Close, Chipping Sodbury, South Glos. BS37 6NU. Tel 01454 325485. Centre Steward: M Bracey.

ENTRIES - On the form below to the secretary of the meeting by FRIDAY 23rd MAY. Entry Fee is £15.00 (Adults), £12.00 (Youth).

AWARDS – There will be an award for the best performance on each course.

START – Court Farm, Latteridge Road, Iron Acton, Bristol, BS37 9JT at 11:00 AM. One lap to be completed before a lunch break, then one or two afterwards, depending on weather conditions.

COURSE – Three routes, all entirely on Private Land, classes as detailed on entry form below:

TIES & PROTESTS - In accordance with the NSC of the ACU

RESULTS POLICY – It will be assumed you will take results from the club website – www.kingswoodmcc.co.uk - if you have not addressed an envelope at time of entering.

There will be a barbecue and raffle, so please support this worthy cause!

Donations of prizes are very much appreciated!

KINGSWOOD MOTOR CYCLE CLUB LTD

ENTRY FORM

MONDAY 25TH MAY 2008

CHARITY TRIAL

Permit Number ACU25501

Entry Declaration: I/we, the undersigned, apply to enter the event described above in consideration thereof:-

- I/we hereby declare that I have had the opportunity to read, and that I/we understand the National Sporting Code of the ACU, the ACU Standing Regulations, such Supplementary Regulations as have or may be issued for the event and agree to be bound by them.
- I/we further declare that I am/we are physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am/we are competent to do so.
- I/we confirm that I/we understand the nature and type of event we are entering and its inherent risks and agree to accept the same notwithstanding that such risks may involve negligence on the part of the organisers/officials.
- I/we confirm that the machine(s) as described below which I/we compete on shall be suitable for the purpose.
- I/we confirm that if any part of the event takes place on a public highway, the machine(s) described below shall be insured as required by the Road Traffic Acts, or equivalent legislation, and that it/they will comply with the regulations inspect thereof.
- I/we agree that I am/we are required to register our arrival by 'signing on' at the designated place not less than 30 minutes prior to the commencement of my/our practice or first competition, whichever occurs first.

RIDER Name.....		E-Mail Address.....				
Address.....		Club sub for 2009 enclosed YES / NO				
.....		Entry fee enclosed:				
Postcode.....Tel.....		MACHINE				
ACU Licence No.....		Make.....				
		CC.....				
Course Application	Main Route	Expert (A)	Youth Expert	Clubman Expert (AB)	Clubman (B)	Over-40
	Alternative Route	Novice (C)	Youth A	Youth B	Youth C	Beginner Pre65 Over-50
	Separate Route	Youth D				

Circle class(es) entered

Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport: I/we understand that by taking part in this event I/we are exposed to a risk of death, becoming permanently disabled or suffering some other serious injury and I/we acknowledge that even in the event of negligence on the part of the ACU, the promoter, the organising club, the venue owner or any individual carrying out duties on their behalf were to be a contributory cause of any serious injury I/we may suffer, the dominant cause of any serious injury will always be my/our voluntary decision to take part in a high risk activity.

I/we have read the above and acknowledge that my/our participation is entirely at my/our own risk.

Rider's signature..... **If under 18, state date of birth**.....

For riders under 18 years of age – I accept the above conditions of entry to this event and give my approval:

Signature of parent or person with parental responsibility.....

Riders under 18 years of age who cannot produce a valid ACU competition licence/trials registration must also complete a 'Parental Agreement form (Single Event)' in addition to this entry form.