



TENTERDEN TRIALS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hope you all had a great Easter and May bank holiday.

We held our first trial of the year on the 20th April and with the help of Pete, Colin, Dave and Damps, Mario set a fair route expecting showers as forecasted on the Sunday. It was only at 9am on Sunday we realised the forecasted showers were of biblical magnitude so what was a fair test was made somewhat harder.

The apt name for this land is Clay Hill and the venue lived up to its name. We used the traditional sections for this land but managed to carve them out in reverse order so they felt like new sections and we used our traditional one route section "Rashers Ravine". Unfortunately the weather on Sunday morning seemed to limit the number of day entries so we only had 42 riders. Those that sped round quickly certainly had the better riding conditions and this reflected in their results, those hanging back seemed to suffer a little but none the less most of the entries managed to complete the trial.

Conditions such as this are either relished by some or, if like me, dreaded...this is why you see such a vast difference in the scores. Most noticeably was Joan Westbrook who dragged her BSA round for 4 laps determined to finish. As most of you know Joan has not had the best of health over the past couple of years so this was inspirational to see. Sarah Bell also deserves a mention, not only riding an 80cc with smaller wheels she is only knee height to Pete Southcott so finds it even harder to dab when called upon. Sarah won the beginner class so well done.

I would like to thank all those that helped out, mainly the observer as it wasn't a pleasant day, this includes the lads that gave up their rides to help out. Thanks also to the Landowners Michael and Colin Millen plus our Secretary Damps who managed to get the results out so quickly.

Well done Mario for assuming the responsibility of Clerk on a very difficult day for that job. With so many guys flying around it's extremely hard to make some changes to sections during a trial as all riders are on different laps.

Big thanks goes to everyone that hung about after to help clear away, including the Becks and Mr Francis. Another great team effort from the Tenterden Boys, let's hope we have better weather at our next trial on 8th June at Rakins.

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Club Aggregates and EKTC Championship

The next round of the Club Championship and EKTC aggregates is this Sunday at Elmstead. From looking at the current scores I think the Novice class is going to be a closely fought battle all season between “Pot Hunter” Pete Southcott and the “in form” Jack Beck. The Inter class is also very tight and I think Connor is going to have to increase that sponsorship from Henry to make sure Joe stays in second place.

Quaife South East Centre Team Trial – Sunday 1st June – Crowborough

This is one of my favourite events of the year, a “one route” trial on one of the best pieces of land in the South East. We always enter teams and this year I would like to do the same but also enter a youth team. As its one route the standard is around an intermediate standard but with nothing dangerous so any novice riders shouldn't be deterred. The format is you enter with 1 x expert, 1 x Intermediate and 1 x Novice, however we just enter for fun to take part, we leave the winning down to Eastbourne who seem to have Expert Novices every year. You can enter the trial as an individual as per normal but I have to fill out a team entry form. It's also a great way of riding around together and picking up ideas and tips from each other. In summary, it's a brilliant venue with rocky streams and a great fun day out on the bike. Please let me know if you want to be part of the team so I can fill out the forms.

EKTC – Tenterden Alf Austen Trial at Rakins on 8th June.

Only a month away but we will be looking for the same team effort for this trial. Mike Nutbrown will be setting this trial out along with myself and Robbie's better half (Karen) will be the secretary for the meeting. We will be planning to set out on the Saturday 7th June so if anyone can come along to help that would be great. We will also be looking for observers, at the last trial we were short of volunteers so 3 of us gave up our rides to observe. Lastly, helping to clear away at the end is always well supported so if you could all just lend a hand we can all get home and enjoy our dinners on time.

Website

The launch of our new website www.tenterdenmcc.co.uk has gone well. We are now starting to update with regs, results and there is a new calendar option which we are updating on a monthly basis. Again, if anyone rides a trial where either myself or Keith is not present please do a quick report or email me the results so that we can update the website.

The Cornish Dabbers

This weekend a group of us are making the long road trip to Cornwall for a few days riding. This is a repeat of our mini break a couple of years ago which resulted in my altercation with the Aston Martin.. Hopefully the only thing I am going to hit is the Jaffa Cake stash that Mr Francis will survive on for 3 days. Steve Wormley, Franco Jr, Mario and Damps are joining me for some well needed practice.

Clerk of the course seminar

This is now arranged for Wednesday 4th June. For anyone wishing to undertake the course, this will allow you to take responsibility for a trial. A number of us already hold a valid ticket but its always good to have as many as possible so that the burden can be spread amongst many and not a few. There will be a seminar, held at Blindley Heath, in the Spring, anyone wishing to attend please let me know. We already have a couple of lads that will be doing it (Pete Southcott, Duncan Moore and Michael Nutbrown) but the more the merrier.

Practice Trials at Hook Woods Trials Centre on 4th Saturday each month 2014

A perfect opportunity to bring in new people to Motorcycle Trials Riding. Open to Youth & Adult - Total beginners and Sidecars are welcome with 5 routes available to suit all abilities of riding.

Gate open at 10.00am - sign on until 1.00pm, Refreshments and Toilet facilities on site

Have a go - for anybody who has a friend or member of family who would like to try riding a bike there will be a section of the field made available free of charge. This is subject to the signing of a disclaimer form and the wearing of a suitable helmet and protective clothing.

Local clubs are invited to provide details of themselves (including membership forms) and these details will be displayed at the signing on point. The Practice Trials are all about local clubs that wish to support them. Clubs can incorporate a small conducted trial of their own within the duration of the day if they so wish.

Practice Trials at Hook Wood on 4th Saturday each month 2014. As follows

May 24th, June 28th, July 26th, August 23rd, September 27th, October 25th, November 22nd, December 27th

Costs - Beginners will be FOC, All other adult riders £15 for the day, Juniors £10

Beginners and Wobblers

For those that are not aware, anyone wanting to ride in the beginners and wobblers events run by North Kent Trials Combine are allowed to do so. These are great events for anyone wanting to just practice and ride alongside other guys of similar ability without the pressure of competition.

Classifieds

My 2009 Gasgas TXT250 Pro is still for sale at Inta Motorcycles in Maidstone – anyone interested please speak with Austin on 01622 688727 or call me on the numbers below

Upcoming Events (all 10.30am starts)

11th May – Ashford MCC – EKTC Trial Elmstead, Nr Hastingleigh, Nr Ashford

– All routes inc beginner – speak with Pete Walsh 01233636179 or see the SM for more details

18th May – Folkestone MCC – Dave Weller Trial at China Farm, Harbledown nr Canterbury. China Farm, Harbledown CT2 9AR – This is a South East championship trial for all routes, there is no beginner route – speak with Steve Rankin 01304 201 657

26th May – Eastbourne DMCC – Lighthouse Trophy Trial at Squirrel Wood, Magham Down, Nr Hailsham BN27 1PX – This is a South East championship trial for all routes, there is no beginner route – speak with Gloria Moss 01435 830749

1st June – Kent and Sussex MCC – Team Trial at Crowborough – enter as normal and let Dave Luck know so he can complete the team entry. One Route trial at Intermediate standard

8th June – Tenterden MCC – EKTC Combine and club championship at Raikins – Karen Lorimer will be secretary 07980 528166, entry details are in the April edition of the SM.

11th June – Sidcup MCC – Evening Trial at Canada Heights – starting at 5.00pm just turn up and pay on the day and enjoy the whole site for practicing.

29th June – Owls MCC – Whitley Mill Trial at Penshurst – South East Championship trial for all classes except beginner. See SM for full details

See SE Website for all details

Regs for above can be found in Jan 2014 “The Sporting Motorcyclist”

A full list of trials in the south east for 2014 for all levels can be found at

<http://www.southeasttrialscombine.org.uk/>

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Membership forms can be downloaded from our website www.tdmc.co.uk or by getting in contact with Dave and he can email you through a copy.

There are lots of useful links on the site to help set up in trials and to maintain your bike. Along with these there are a number of sites that also contain lots of information about the sport both locally and nationally.

For more information about our centre, Beginners Trials and the Practice Trials at Hook Woods visit ...

www.SouthEastTrialsCombine.org.uk