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Editorial

Thank you for all the words of encouragement and general approval of my efforts, I'm glad Trials & Tribulations has come out somewhere near the mark.

Not many photographs this month as I'm tight on space but if you do take any photos at trials and don't mind them being included within T&T, I will gladly accept an emailed copy as my 'photographer' does the odd bit of observing. Even 'video' clips are welcome as I can extract photographs from them good enough for the newsletter.

A few points of house keeping. The thanking of observers at the end of a trial has been a bit lacking recently. We know you're all a bit excited from having had a good trial at the end of the day but a quick "Thanks for observing" on your last pass through a section doesn't take too much effort but means a great deal to those who have given up their Sunday for your enjoyment. It's also been noticed that one or two are stretching the meaning of 'safe riding' through public areas of the course, especially when specific request have been made at the pre-trial talk - there's a time and place to show your riding skills. Last one ('ish); it's becoming more common that riders are requesting an entry form at the start of a trial and not using those printed in Trials & Tribulations. This causes a big hassle for the secretary of the meeting and has meant trials have started late, having the correct money is also a big help. If it persists the Revolutionary Council could very well bring in an extra charge for this.

Is there anybody out there who would like to volunteer to organise a

'tame' demo trial? Dick Hobart runs a 'It's Show Time' in August, all for a very good cause supporting Little Havens Children's Hospice. The club did one once before for the show and by all accounts it was quite successful, if you'd like to give it a go please see Mick Brown or Chairman Ted.

The Crab & Winkle Trial at Wivenhoe is still on the cards for the future but as has been said before the land requires a lot of work, it's been mentioned that it could well be a Saturday trial.

The club had a good ACU report back from the Thumpers event with monies being donated to the Donkey Sanctuary and Cancer Research.

The wife of the late Jim Mason is very kindly donating an award to be presented, at the AGM, to the best Two Stroke riding the Red Route over two or three trials, one of them being the forthcoming Snaque Pit trial. So for those of you who ride these old stink wheels you last chance to impress is coming up.

The club is still desperately in need of a new Club Secretary. Someone really does need to step forward to take on this position. The club cannot function without this post and 170 members enjoyment rely upon it. There must be somebody from our 170 members whose willing to give it a go.

Had a bit of an incident at the recent Plonkeround where one of my footrests broke off, there was a suggestion that I ask Peter Eaves to weld it back on, who retorted back it might be better he give me an article on dieting!

Regards
Chris

The Mid Anglia MCC
present
for your enjoyment



Plonkatound

Raydon Pit, Wades Lane, Raydon, Suffolk (Grid Ref TM043389)

Saturday 19th February 2010

Gates will open at noon.

Trials practise for:

Pre 65 solos • Pre 65 sidecars • Twin Shocks
Youths/Juniors • Twin Shock sidecars

For further information contact:

Mike Harden 01473 310537

email: mikeharden@mypostoffice.co.uk

A PLEA FROM SOUTHEND MCC

COULD YOU PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PRE 70 TRIAL AT THE ROYAL OAK PITTS,
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CLUB SECRETARY REQUIRED



YOUR CLUB The Eastern Fourstroke Association **URGENTLY REQUIRES A CLUB SECRETARY** to take over from Peter Sigournay at the AGM, to be held **IN MARCH**. Peter is having to give up the post due to family commitments. For further details regarding this position please contact Chairman Ted or Peter Sigournay.



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The closing date for all articles and adverts is ideally the 25th of the month preceding publication.

COME 'N ANDY

Hello again, first of all I have to apologise, it seems that some people were offended by my suggestion to 'go and have a poke behind the bench'! What I actually said was 'have a poke around behind the bench'. Well let's hope some of you have and have let the editor into the secrets of your 'come 'n andy stock'? No, well you should have, as having a good look at machines at Little Bealings and Raydon recently it was obvious a lot of 'come 'n andy' has been put to good use. Some of this has ended up as part of some very smart machinery and other bits, I'm afraid, has ended up as part of a 'lash up', not very kind you may say, but it has to be said.

Now come on, let us all in on your favourite 'trick of the trade', spill the come 'n handy beans! Tell us about the time you used a plumbing connection and a bit of vacuum cleaner hose to couple up your carb. to the air cleaner.

I think that's enough of that, now here are a few pieces of come 'n andy information that you should know. The EFA was set up many years ago as an ACU club to provide sensible and competitive trials for the pre-65 enthusiast, and after years and many ups and downs with the powers that be, has become one of the best clubs of its type in the country.

Recent problems with the local powers brought about the re-formation of the Anglia Classic Trials Club to run events under the AMCA banner. This allows much more flexibility in running events as they are not tied into a fixture list. The ACTC events are open to members of the EFA and

invited guests. These guests are encouraged to sample our type of event, but are also encouraged to join the EFA if they like what they see. Members of the EFA are welcome to bring along friends to try out our unique form of motorcycling sport and if they like join the club.

Currently the EFA is seeking a new secretary, the ACTC however has just acquired a new one in the person of Kevin Davie who is keen to promote the novice & beginners scene. Kevin can be contacted on 07801 138769.

'Keeping Track!' This fixture list compiled by Mick Brown is intended to assist riders and organisers to plan their sporting year. After a year the feedback Mick received proved that most people found it useful and if & when Mick moves west he plans to compile a South West version of 'Keeping Tracks!'. So! We have here another job vacancy! It can't be too difficult, if Mick compiles the national fixtures all you have to do is to add in the Eastern fixtures. Now! They never come at you in a hurry! At the time of writing we are still waiting for the ACU dates for the Eastern Centre, the AMCA clubs usually advise the T&Ts on a monthly basis. If you want a copy of 'Keeping Tracks!' or take the job on, contact Mick on 01206 250462 or at his NEW email mbrown21@btinternet.com

Well that's it! Keep those 'Come 'N Andy' ideas being sent to Editor Chris. *(Nothing much yet. I reckon they're having too much fun having a poke behind the bench to send me anything in. Ed)*

Handy Andy

EFA Club Championships 2010



SNAQUE PIT 14/02/10	LITTLE BEALINGS 28/02/10	WRABNESS 07/03/10	CHATTISHAM 28/03/10	ROGER BIRCH 18/04/10	WRABNESS 29/09/10	THUMPERS 28/11/10	BOXFORD BASH 12/12/10	TOTAL	POSITION
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PRE-UNIT

Mark Fletcher		10	10	9	10	9	10	10	68	1st
Trevor Baker	10	9	8	10	9	10	8		64	2nd
Chris Mace	8	7	7	8	7				37	3rd
Alan Farmer		8	6		8				22	
Graham Braybrook	9								9	
Sam Appleton						9			9	
Tony Woods		6							6	

UNIT

Colin Sadler	8	10	8	10	9	9	9	10	73	1st
John Kendall	10		10		10		10		40	2nd
Trevor Hill	7	9		9		10			35	3rd
Alan Robinson		7	9	8	8				32	
Gordon Blackburn		8							8	
Colin Rose						8			8	
Bruce Davie						7			7	
Chris Canham						6			6	

TWO STROKE

Dave Spurgeon	10	10	9					10	39	=1st
Graham Braybrook		9		10	10		10		39	=1st
Roger Finch	8		10	8	9				35	2nd
Mike Smith	9	7		9				8	33	
John Kendall		8				10		9	27	
Brian Fletcher				7		9			16	
John Beasley			8						8	
Adrian Parker					8				8	
Greg Radley				6					6	



Eastern Fourstroke Association

Pre 1965 Trials Club

Affiliated to the Eastern Centre Auto Cycle Union

PRE 65 AND TWINSHOCK TRIAL

DATE: 13th February 2011

Start: 10:30am

VENUE: SNAQUE PIT, BELCHAMP, NR SUDBURY, SUFFOLK

ACU PERMIT No:

OFFICIALS:

CLUB STEWARD: TBA

CLERK OF THE COURSE: Brian Fletcher (license No. 38513)

SECRETARY OF THE MEETING:

Nik Beavins

**60 Stablecroft, Springfield,
Chelmsford, CM1 6YX**

JURISDICTION: Held under the NSC and the Standing Discipline Regulations of the ACU and the EASTERN CENTRE, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to ACU affiliated members of the Eastern Fourstroke Association riding Pre-65 Solo machines, invited EFA members riding Twinshock machines and EFA Youth members..

COURSE: approx 4 laps of 10 sections - multiroute course - all on private land.

MARKING: As per TSR 22B - Non-stop basis.

ENTRIES: To be made on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and forwarded to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of **£12.00** (adult), **£8.00** (youth) which includes Insurance Premiums, Licence Subscription and all levies.

Please make cheques payable to EFA.

ENTRIES CLOSE: One hour before the start.

CLASSES: SOLO, Rigid, Pre-unit, Unit, 2 Stroke, Twin Shock, Youth.

ROUTE: Hard/ Middle/Easy

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
Eastern Fourstroke Association
TRIAL Snaque Pit, Belchamp

Closed to Club
DATE . . 13th February 2011
ACU PERMIT No.

This event is held under the National Sporting Code of the Auto-Cycle Union, the Standing Discipline Regulations of the ACU and the Eastern Centre, Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions issued for the meeting.

Entry declaration: I/we the undersigned apply to enter the event described above and in consideration thereof:

- I/we hereby declare that I/we 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/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 or officials.
- I/we confirm that the machine(s) as described below which I/we compete on shall be suitable and proper 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 in respect 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 commencement of my/our practice or first competition, whichever occurs first.
- I/we enclose the entry fee of £

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 that 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 in motorsport is entirely at my/our own risk.

Rider's signature: Date: DOB (under 18)

For riders and passengers 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 and Passengers 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.

RIDER

Surname: First name(s):

Address:

Postcode: Tel: Email:

ACU Licence/Registration No: ACU Affiliated Club :
(of which I am a member)

Class/Grade Entered: Route

MACHINE

Make: Capacity: cc Stroke: mm

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**OPEN****Southend & District Motor Cycle Club****DATE . 27th February 2011****TRIAL Royal Oak Pit, Danbury, Essex****ACU PERMIT No.**

This event is held under the National Sporting Code of the Auto-Cycle Union, the Standing Discipline Regulations of the ACU and the Eastern Centre, Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions issued for the meeting.

The ACU National Sporting Code and Standing Regulations are published annually in the ACU Handbook.

Entry declaration: I/we the undersigned apply to enter the event described above and in consideration thereof:

- I/we hereby declare that I/we 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/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 or officials.
- I/we confirm that the machine(s) as described below which I/we compete on shall be suitable and proper 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 in respect 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 commencement of my/our practice or first competition, whichever occurs first.
- I/we enclose the entry fee of £

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 that 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 in motorsport is entirely at my/our own risk.

Rider's signature: Date: DOB (under 18)

Passenger's signature: Date: DOB (under 18)

For riders and passengers 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 and Passengers 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.

RIDER

Surname: First name(s):

Address:

Postcode: Tel: Email:

ACU Licence/Registration No: ACU Affiliated Club :
(of which I am a member)

PASSENGER

Surname: First name(s):

Address:

Postcode: Tel: Email:

ACU Licence/Registration No: ACU Affiliated Club :
(of which I am a member)

Class/Grade Entered: Route

MACHINE

Make: Capacity: cc Stroke: mm



Southend & District Motor Cycle Club

Affiliated to the Eastern Centre Auto Cycle Union

PRE 70 AND TWINSHOCK TRIAL *(including round 1 of EC Pre 70 Championship)*

DATE: 27th February 2011

Start: 10:30am

VENUE: ROYAL OAK PIT, DANBURY, ESSEX

ACU PERMIT No: TBA

OPEN PERMIT

OFFICIALS: TBA

CLUB STEWARD: TBA

CLERK OF THE COURSE: Martin Cross (license No. 30279)

SECRETARY OF THE MEETING:

Margaret Spurgeon
Magrathea, East Hanningfield Rd,
Sandon, Chelmsford
Essex, CM2 7TQ

JURISDICTION: Held under the NSC and the Standing Discipline Regulations of the ACU and the EASTERN CENTRE, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to ACU affiliated members of the Eastern Centre.

COURSE: approx 4 laps of 10 sections - multiroute course - all on private land.

MARKING: As per TSR 22B - Non-stop basis.

ENTRIES: To be made on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and forwarded to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of **£14.00** (adult), **£11.00** (youth) or **£16.00** (sidcars) which includes Insurance Premiums, Licence Subscription and all levies. Please make cheques payable to SOUTHEND D.M.C.C.

ENTRIES CLOSE: One hour before the start.

CLASSES: SOLO, Rigid, Pre-unit, Unit, 2 Stroke, Twin Shock, Youth & Pre '65 Sidcars

ROUTE: Hard/ Middle/Easy

This entry form to be used only by the members of the Eastern Fourstroke Association riding non-championship routes.

Little Bealings Trial Sunday 9th January 2011

No	Rider	Machine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	total
Hard Route - Pre Unit Machines													
22	Guy Stanley	Royal Enfield	1001	3301	3200	1113	1000	0000	0000	3300	3000	0000	30
32	Mark Fletcher	Royal Enfield	0000	0000	1000	1000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	2
47	Graham Braybrook	Royal Enfield	0000	2010	3311	2311	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	18
Hard Route - Unit Four Strokes													
6	Chris Canham	BSA C15	1310	3320	3335	2533	0000	0000	0000	1130	1000	5510	57
35	Colin Sadler	Triumph Cub	1000	2302	3132	3521	1000	0000	0000	2000	5010	5000	42
40	Trevor Hill	Triumph 250	1000	3101	3335	2232	0000	0000	1000	2010	1105	5533	56
48	Gordon Blackburn	Triumph 350	0000	3012	2000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	3000	11
Hard Route - Two Strokes													
3	Jason Sigournay	Firefly	2100	3323	5115	5113	5000	2000	1100	1000	1000	1100	49
5	Greg Radley	Greeves Anglian	3000	1101	1100	5112	0000	1000	0000	0000	0000	3000	21
9	Dave Godley	Firefly	2120	1130	1213	3222	0000	0000	0000	1500	3000	5003	43
37	John Kendall	Ariel 250	0000	2000	1000	1000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	4
41	Ryan Hyde	BSA Bantam	2		1	3	1						Ret
42	Dave Spurgeon	Greeves 250	1000	5000	3000	1121	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	14
44	John Beasley	Greeves 250	1000	3313	5223	3132	1000	0000	1000	3010	1000	1010	41
46	Terry Sewell	Greeves 250	2310	2321	2123	3333	0000	0000	0000	1030	0000	5000	43
50	Mike Smith	Secret !	1000	1000	3303	1021	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	1000	16
Easy Route - Pre Unit Machines													
28	Kevin Goldsmith	Royal Enfield	1000	3215	1100	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	2000	0000	16
30	Geoff Challis	Ariel 500	0000	1000	3000	0000	0000	2000	1000	0000	0000	0000	7
33	Brian Fletcher	Royal Enfield	0000	1001	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	1000	1000	4
34	HRH Ted Smith	Royal Enfield	1102	2012	1000	0000	1000	1000	1000	1005	3010	0000	23
38	Tony Woods	Matchless	1500	3210	0000	0000	0000	0000	1001	0000	3350	0000	25
Easy Route - Unit Four Strokes													
1	Keith Fitz-John	BSA C15	5000	2151	3311	0000	0000	1000	1330	5000	5100	5000	46
7	Steve Morris	BSA C15	5121	1515	3112	0000	5000	3101	5202	5030	3113	5000	63
13	Mick Brown	Triumph Cub	3100	3213	0000	0000	1500	1000	1000	0000	2000	3000	26
19	Mark Gibb	BSA C15	0000	1100	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	1000	0000	0000	3
21	Gary Lynch	BSA B40	5000	533	1020	0000	5500	3552	2111	2000	5333	5000	70
23	Brian Cook	BSA C15	0000	3331	2010	0000	5000	5110	5020	5000	3303	5000	51
26	Chris Byford Smith	Triumph Cub	1100	1000	5500	0000	1000	1000	0000	0000	0000	0000	15
39	Colin Rose	Triumph Cub	0000	3200	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	1000	0000	0000	6
49	Roy Bannister	BSA C15	1300	2002	1301	1000	0000	1100	0000	0000	3010	5000	25
Easy Route - Two Strokes													
10	Albert Dove	Banvil 225	205	2331	3003	0000	0000	0000	2000	5000	3302	5000	42
12	Richard Leggett	Greeves 250	1500	5505	0000	5000	3000	0000	0000	0000	0000	300	32
14	Robert Bond	BSA Bantam	1001	2110	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	2000	0000	0000	8
27	Dave Kent	Greeves 250	2020	3325	0000	0000	1000	1100	2000	1000	2101	0000	27
29	Chris Chapman	Wasp 250	0000	3322	1010	0000	0000	1000	1500	5230	3120	0000	35
Easy Route - Twin Shocks													
2	Trevor Isaal	Honda 125	0000	5310	2001	0000	5000	1000	3200	0000	1223	5000	36
4	Dale Clutterham	Honda 125	2530	1211	3112	1000	0000	3211	1001	1000	3113	5000	46
8	Donald Cox	Yamaha 175	55	30	33	50	55	5	5	0	0	3	Ret
11	Sidge Kenny	Suzuki 325	0000	1100	0000	1000	0000	0000	0000	1000	0000	0000	4
15	Andy Tym	Yamaha 175	5200	2000	110	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	11
16	Colin Teager	Yamaha 175	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	5100	6
17	John Sadler	Yamaha 175	5210	3103	1000	1010	5000	1000	1000	3000	0000	0000	28
18	Glyn Hill	Bultaco 250	0000	5102	2000	1000	1000	2510	1200	0000	0000	5000	28
20	Chris McKenzie	Ossa 250	3130	5231	1321	0000	3000	5100	2200	3300	3033	1000	53
25	David Parker	Honda 185	0000	3100	0000	0000	1000	1000	0000	0000	1000	0000	6
31	Dave Field	Yamaha 175	1000	1501	1000	0000	0000	0000	1000	0000	0000	0000	10
36	Mark Teager	Yamaha 175	0000	1020	0000	1100	0000	0000	0000	1000	0000	0000	6
43	Robert Clarke	Montesa 250	0000	2201	1100	2000	0000	1101	0000	3010	0000	0000	22
45	Richard Challis	Fantic 156	1000	1000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	2
Easy Route - Youth													
24	Stephen Parker	Honda 125	1000	1200	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	4

This is not an eye test and I will have a magnifying glass for hire on club night, just short of space to fit things in. Never the less Bealings was another excellent trial and much much drier than last year! Thanks must go to the observers and all those who set out the sections allowing the rest of us to have an enjoyable days sport. P.S. It would be very helpful if sec. of the meetings could sort by results if supplying in 'mac' format - *I thought I'd won, ha.* Thanks.



The EFA/ACTC 2011 AGM will be held at "The Alma" next clubnight, the 1st March. Proceedings will start when Chairman Ted is ready!

A buffet of chilli, sandwiches and nibbles will be laid on as an encouragement to attend.

The AGM is usually one of the best, if not the best, attended club night of the year. The majority of clubs of whatever discipline must be envious of our AGM attendances - is it perhaps the way the Revolutionary Council is constructed?

So, if you want a plateful of chilli, to collect one of our awards, or just to see and heckle the winner of the 'Po' then "The Alma" is the place to be on the 1st March.

See you there!



I had an email from Dick Hobart who wanted to publicise a couple of the VMCC events he's responsible for as featured in Mick Brown's 'Keeping Tracks' and very inviting they sound to.

On Friday April 15 - Essex VMCC Essex Way byways run. This is a 120 mile run - 60 in the morning and 60 in the afternoon with a lunch stop at Andrewsfield (where else!) - including a long stretch of the Essex Way and numerous other byways. The run will start and finish at the Museum of Power at Langford, near Maldon leaving at 9.30 sharp. There is ample parking for vans and cars and trailers. EFA members on suitable trail bikes will be more than welcome, all we ask in the interest of maintaining a decent image with other byway users is that there are no modern enduro machines. We use the 'end over end' system - which will be explained at the start - so every individual can go at their own pace.

Then on Sunday April 17 - Essex Bluebell Run. Again starting from the Museum of Power from 9.30 this is an event for over 25 year old road machines. The route, which will be by a route card, will be 90 miles with a mid-morning coffee stop and a lunch stop. On the route will be a number of treasure hunt style clues to solve, a number of checkpoints with motorcycling questions and the option of riding 'road bike friendly' byways to gain extra bonus points. Being mildly competitive there are a few awards up for grabs. Again, EFA members will be more than welcome, although I do realise that this unfortunately clashes with the Roger Birch trial. Every year I try my best to avoid this clash but once again, despite my best efforts it's happened again!

However, if you fancy doing something a little different, please come along. The byways run is just a matter of turning up in good time; the Bluebell Run is a bit more formal and will involve an entry form and a fee of £5, plus £3 day membership for anyone who is not a VMCC member. Further details and forms from Dick Hobart, email dickhobart@hotmail.com or tel 01245 473359 .

An 'Inter's' Tale

BY IAN PRREDY. PART TWO.

It is now autumn 1956 and I am on my way from Tottenham to Bedfordshire to collect a 1934 Norton International, always referred to as an "Inter." I had no means of transporting it so I would have to repair it in situ and then ride it home. At this time I did not know the extent of the damage it had received when it had hit the kerb and injuring my friend.

The plan was to straighten it out as much as possible, stay overnight

then set out early the next day for London. Arriving at my friends house I was greeted with a welcome cup of tea then taken down the garden to a grotty old garden shed. When the door was prized

open I looked inside, it contained the usual old rubbish, a selection of flowerpots, an old wooden wheel barrow which seemed to have been attacked by every wood boring insect known to man, broken lawnmowers, half empty

paint tins and an old garden rake whose handle had been broken and repaired so many times it would only be of use to a gardener of extremely restricted growth!

In the corner propped up on half a brick was the "Inter." It still managed to look impressive although battle scarred from its recent prang. With some difficulty we pulled it out of the shed into the daylight. A quick look over it revealed that it was not as badly

ly damaged as we had thought. Just bent brake levers and footrests. My friend and I set about tightening up all the loose nuts and bolts, quite a few in fact, and brake levers and footrests



roughly straightened. Only two problems remained. One being everything was covered in oil and the second we couldn't stop the petrol dripping from the huge racing carb. Not being in a position to rectify these problems

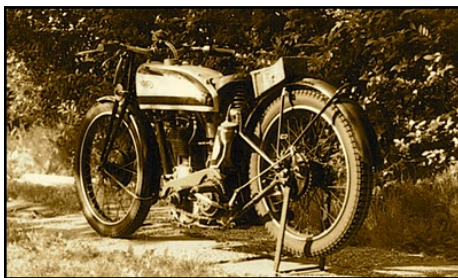
there and then. I decided to make a dash for home.

As I was travelling alone and in case of a breakdown I carried a small rucksack containing oil, a length of wire, some old spanners and some rope in case I needed a tow. It was a bright morning and my trip back to London was cross-country taking in the beautiful Dunstable Downs and surrounding countryside. I would have liked to have checked my speed as I seemed to be going at quite a fast rate but a combination of pot-holes, extreme vibration and the unfamiliar racing position whilst fighting with the poorly adjusted controls made it impossible to focus my eyes on the speedo! The trip should have taken about

three hours. After an hour I decided to stop as the clattering from the engine seemed to be getting worse. A check over revealed

that most of the engine oil had left the engine and was now liberally sprayed over my nice black leather boots! After topping up with oil I prepared to restart my journey. With fingers mentally crossed I pushed the

“Inter” along the road, after a few yards it burst into life and I was off again. This procedure was repeated several times through the remainder of the journey until I arrived home, oil splattered and exhausted! As our house was terraced with no side entrance all work on motorbikes was done on the pavement outside the front door. The distance between the kerb and front of the house was about five feet so things were a bit cramped. Only minor jobs could be completed there, occasionally interrupted by curious neighbours and disgruntled passers-by tutting loudly as they tip-toed carefully through a collection of spanners and old motorbike bits. Larger pieces of work like



frames, wheels and cylinder heads had to be taken through the house by way of the front door, along the hallway, through

the living room, then the kitchen, out into the garden and finally into the shed. During these procedures I tried to be as inconspicuous as I could. But needless to say they did not go unnoticed by my parents and were

accompanied by various protestations involving the state of the wallpaper, paintwork and carpets! The shed, all five feet square of it, took up at least half of the garden! This innocent looking small green construction appeared to be quite normal until you opened the door. Where upon your nostrils were attacked by the



heady aroma of ancient engine oil, Gunk and dog piddle! The latter being supplied on a regular basis by “Spud” the family dog. It is fair to say that Spud would never be considered for Crufts as his two main interests in life were – if it moved, attack it and if it was stationary, piddle on it. The last action also included people! When Spud greeted you as a friend he would wag his tail and then circle around you. At which point it was wisest to keep on the move or risk a shoe full of excited relief!!

To be continued.....



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KEEPING TRACK!

February - April '11

FIXTURE LIST OF CLASSIC MOTOR CYCLE EVENTS IN EAST ANGLIA & SOME FURTHER AFIELD

This Fixture list is intended to assist riders and organisers to plan their sporting year. It is not comprehensive and if you know of an event that warrants inclusion, or spot any errors, then please let Mick know. For more information or to include an event in 'keeping track!' contact Mick Brown on :- 01206 250462 or email:-

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Provisional dates are shown in 'Normal Type'. Firm dates in '**Bold Type**'.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Auth.</u>	<u>Venue & Event</u>
February 6	Castle Colchester	ACU	Phil King Trial
February 6	Dabbers	AMCA	Little Lodge Fm. Santon Downham.
February 6	CSMA	ACU	Red Tape Trial, Bagshot Heath
February 13	EFA	ACU	Snaque Pit Trial
February 27	Southend	ACU	Danbury Trial, Pre70 Champ
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March 5/6	Jersey Classic	AMCA	Jersey Classic Two Day Trial
March 13	ACTC	AMCA	Wrabness Trial
March 13	P65MX	AMCA	Marks Tey
March 20	Dabbers	AMCA	South Runcton, Downham Market
March 26	Clocks go Forward		
March 27	EFA	ACU	Chattisham Trial
March 27	Ipswich	ACU	Bramford, Pre70 Champ
March ?	VMCC Brooklands	ACU	Jack Lilleie Trial (Date & Venue TBA)
April 3	Braintree & DMCC	ACU	Stisted Long Distance Trial
April 3	P65MX	AMCA	TBA
April 15	Essex VMCC	VMCC	Essex Way byway run
April 17	EFA	ACU	Roger Birch Trial, Great Bromley Essex Bluebell Run
April 17	Essex VMCC	VMCC	
April 22	Good Friday		
April 22	Woodbridge	ACU	Blaxhall, Pre70 Champ
April 22/23	MCC	ACU	Lands End Trial
April 25	Easter Monday		
April 29 & 30	E&DMC	SACU	Pre 65 Scottish

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