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Gary Lynch (?) on his 350 B.S.A at Blaxhall just about to plant his feet down to keep the front from looping

The Closest John Kendal Gets to a Five sorry Dave.



Editorial is an anagram of real idiot and I certainly felt like one at the Roger Birch trial when the front brake lever caught in a vine on a tree bringing me to a very sudden halt and a couple of vital organs in too close a contact with the back of the tank! I lost concentration after that for a few sections, well that's my excuse for stalling the C15 anyway.

I suspect there were a couple of others who also felt like a pair of 'editorials' after supping a cup of tea in the sunshine at Bromley Brook then finding themselves locked out of the van and having to break a window to get back in, thereby missing the rest of the trial.

But what another excellent trial, born out by the fact I have no photo's of the day as everybody was too busy enjoying themselves. Roll on the Charity Trial at Bromley Brook again in May, maybe with a splash of rain beforehand or there again maybe not.

Took a ride out to Woodbridge's P70 trial at Blaxhall Pits on Good Friday and had a pleasant day in the

sunshine 'spectatoring' (I've no idea if there's an anagram in there.) Pulled some photo's off (that doesn't sound right!) my sponsors video clips, which you'll find within these pages. Some have come out with a purple 'smurf land' tinge which must be in some sort of sympathy for those of you up in the heather at the Scottish Pre65. Hope one or two of you can bring back a story for the T&T. In fact a few words from anyone on anything of interest is always appreciated. An 'Inters' Tale is coming to it's conclusion, 'Dick's Memoirs' have come to an end and how long before the Dabber moves south? It's your contributions that make the T&T more than a monthly 'what's on' and results sheet. So pen to paper, finger to keyboard and send me your scribble...... I wonder if there's something in 'Rov's Misadventures' there certainly seems to be a trend building there, we'll have to wait until the next trial.

Keep 'um up.

Chris.

Right! Listen up you lot! The time has finally arrived to wheel the toys out after their winter break

The first event of the year will take place on Saturday 14th May and start from the Alma at 3:00pm. It is anticipated that Tim will have no idea where we're going until we set off, ending up at a favourite chippie.

So get cracking with the Autosol and pencil this date in on your calendar.



The Mid Anglia MCC present for your enjoyment

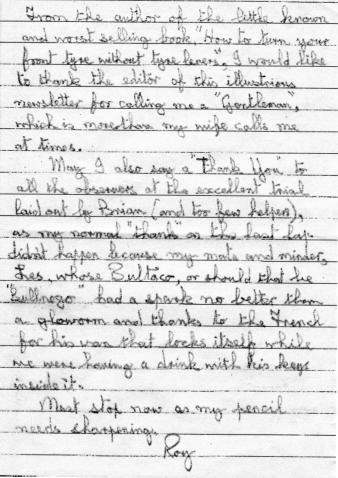


Plonkaround

Raydon Pit, Wades Lane, Raydon, Suffolk (Grid Ref TM043389)
Saturday 28th May 2011
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



<u>An 'Inters' Tale</u>

By IAN PREEDY, PART FIVE.

Tn 1965 Sylvia and I decided to I move from our small terraced cottage in Colchester and buy a larger property where at last I could build a garage and workshop. We chose a little village called Rowhedge just outside Colchester situated by the side of the Colne river. The village was famous for three things. Firstly two people had been killed as a result of a wall falling on top of them during an earthquake! Yes earthquake! All be it a small one. Secondly, during the 1920's - 30's many great ocean going yachts were built there for the wealthy and thirdly it had a butcher who made the best sausages we had ever tasted. We decided on a modern semi-detached bungalow with room to build a garage and great views of the countryside.

We had been in our new home for about a week when one evening there was a knock on the door. When I opened the door it was a neighbour who lived four doors away. To say I did not like the look of him would be putting it mildly and I could tell the feeling was mutual! Before I could say a word he started right in with "I am a retired police inspector and I moved here from London for a quiet life but you and your

motorbikes do not constitute a quiet life and I don't like it!" I surprisingly kept my temper in check and informed him that the only motorbike I was using was a 1955 road going AJS fully legal and that I used it to take me to and from work and I couldn't give a carrot if he liked it or not and shut the door in his face.

Three nights later came another knock on the door. When I opened it there stood another policeman but this time in full uniform, hat, chrome buttons, size 12 boots and a bicycle leaning on my front wall. Here we go again I thought. "Can I help you?" I asked. "I have come here in my official capacity as village bobby to tell you that I have received some complaints and a petition concerning the noise being made by your motorbike so what are you going to do about it?" by the time he had finished this speech I was incandescent with rage! We had gone to all our immediate neighbours and asked them if they had been disturbed by any noise that I had made, if any at all had contributed their signature to the petition, which I had heard about a day or two beforehand. All answered "Not at all." It was obvious who had encouraged him to pay us a visit

and unable to contain my temper any longer I told him to take the petition and shove it up his "official capacity" as far as possible and then Piss off! Eventually the complainant gave up and life resumed normality and I built the long awaited garage. Oh happy days!

One day, several months later, forks. I drove home thinking about the old days and the further friend and side-car passenger, Bruce, when we got talking about the old days. I asked him if he formula is a several months later, forks. I drove home thinking about the old days and the further had given me. Now a had to do was put it all togeth and train Sylve up for all the pushing she would have to do

knew what had happened to the old Norton I used to roar about on. As far as he knew it had been taken apart and bits were chucked in our friends shed in Bedford. After pondering on this information for a few days I decided to ring the Bedford mate up and ask him about the Norton. "Some of it's here and some of it's gone but if you bring a trailer and a few quid you're welcome to take what there is away."

The next weekend I drove to Bedford to pick up what remained of the Inter with my trailer attached to a second hand MK2 Ford Consul I had just acquired. At my mates house we had a quick cuppa then went down to the shed in the garden.

Inside was an awful mess but I could see a frame leaning up against a wall, then, rooting around on the floor, I found the engine, complete with it's bronze

head, big carb, mag and also the gearbox still without a kick start. Further searching revealed the wheels but unfortunately the old girder forks were missing. Delving about in another shed we found the beautiful Inter tank and the wrap-around oil tank. Also a pair of long Norton tele' forks. I drove home thinking about the old days and the fun the Inter had given me. Now all I had to do was put it all together and train Sylve up for all the pushing she would have to do in the future bump starting it!

To be continued.



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ROGER BIRCH TRIAL

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Thanks to all those who worked the land, set out the trial, observed on the day and a special thanks to Mrs Fletcher.



ANGLIA CLASSIC TRIALS CLUB

Affiliated to the Amateur Motor Cycle Association

Pre 65 & Twinshock

Bromley Brook Charity Trial Bromley Brook, Hall Farm Great Bromley, ESSEX. CO7 7TR

(on the B1029 between Ardleigh & Great Bromley)
Map Reference TM 083264 CO7 7TR

ALL PROFITS WILL BE DONATED TO THE LEONARD CHESHIRE DISABILITY CHARITY

Sunday 22nd May 2011 Start: 10.30am

AMCA Authorisation No: AMCA/CT/2443
Clerk of the Course: Mick Brown

Secretary of the Meeting: Gary Eaves, 22 Bouchers Mead,

Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 6PJ, 01245 460025

Course: 4 laps of 12 Sections. 2 routes, Hard, Easy

Marking: Will be 1,2,3,5, NON STOP.

Classes: Rigid, Pre-unit, Unit, 2 stroke, Twin Shock, Youth (15 to 18)

Entries will be accepted from members of the **EFA** and other invited riders on

the official entry form. £12 adult £10 youth.

A competitor becomes a member of the Anglia Classic Trials Club for the day of the event.

Entries close half hour before start. Cheque's must be made payable to: **ANGLIA CLASSIC TRIALS CLUB** or **ACTC**.

If you are a member of the **AMCA** please quote your membership number.

Notice: The access track to the parking area of this event is also, in part, a public footpath over which we have permission to travel; we also have approval from the local authority providing we comply with the signs that will be displayed on this track. The signs will read:

"CAUTION pedestrians have priority GIVE WAY"

CRASH HELMETS must be worn and it is recommended that you wear other appropriate protective clothing.

Excessively noisy machines will be barred

Please keep to the marked route and **STOP** at the signed **Footpat**h crossings. **All Dogs Must be kept on Leads.**

Observers: Please assist the organisers by bringing with you someone who is prepared to observe. Training given.

ENTRY FORM Charity Trial 22 May 2011

Declaration: Motor Sport can be dangerous and may involve injury or death. You must read and agree to the following declaration and paragraphs below, which are designed to create a legally binding relationship in return for you being allowed to enter and compete.

- 1. I confirm that the information in this entry form and the information and my acceptance to the terms of my competition licence are correct.
- 2. I confirm that I understand the nature of the competition I am entering and I am competent to take part.
- 3. I confirm that any vehicle I use will comply with the regulations and will be safe and fit for use in the competition.
- 4. Before taking part in the event, I will ensure (unless prohibited) that I have inspected the venue, the track and the facilities and geographical features and that I am satisfied that it is safe for me to compete.
- 5. I will not take part if I have any doubt about my ability or the safety of the venue.

Riders Signature:

- 6. I accept that the competition in motor sport may involve the risk of injury or death and I agree to take part at my own risk.
- Before taking part in the event, I will read and be bound by and comply with general regulations, any supplemental and final instructions issued by the AMCA, the organisers and the circuit owners and the regulatory body.
- 8. I will not participate whilst under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating drugs and that if I am taking any prescribed medication, I will inform the event organiser and seek approval to participate before taking part.

Date

Date of Birth (if under 18)AM	CA Membership No
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Trevor Hill on his Triumph about to miss the gate at section 12 on the hard route at Blaxhall

Kevin Hood (?) on his 250 Sprite taking a dab at section 12 on the hard route at Blaxhall





Dave Spurgeon on his Greeves at section 12 on the hard route at Blaxhall, does he or doesn't he? Graham
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John Kendal on his Ariel twin taking a dab at section 12 on the hard route at Blaxhall

Matt Neal, 500 Ariel, on his way to cleaning section 12 on the hard route at Blaxhall



"DICK's MEMOIRS WW2"

FROM THE DIARY OF CHRIS BYFORD-SMITHS UNCLE PART THREE

11th April 1942. We are supposed to be in port 05.00 tomorrow! Went to bed at 21.00 and were awakened at 23.15 by a terrible noise alongside. Two seconds later all hell was let loose with alarm bells ringing and men running. We all followed on deck most of us in our underwear. We found that we had collided

with another ship and she was sinking fast, we all went astern but lost sight of her, went back to bed 01.45.



Our Bar None bike ready for racing



A bit of fun on parade

12th April. Woke up about 05.00 and went on deck and saw that the ship we had collided with was beached on land not far away. There were three boat loads of survivors in the sea, struggling against the wind which was very strong. The waves were big and they were having a job to row against the heavy sea. A shark was following the second boat and they finally made it to us. After they are all aboard we move off very slowly and have a list to port. I think we have taken in some water, but everything is all right. We are now 9 hours behind, the time is 11.30.

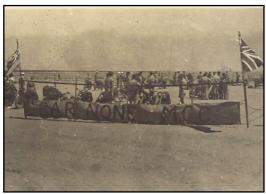
Fire breaks out on board all kit bags are on fire and all thrown overboard to get it under control. Arrive in port about 16.00 and have to disembark in barges we are all put on trains and travel for one and a half hours.

The train stopped in the middle of the dessert, and we are told to get off and get onto a lorry which took us out to a camp beside a lake. It's a lovely place apart from the flies drive you crazy. We arrived at camp about midnight and slept in tents.

13th April. All meals are corned beef and the sand gets everywhere, had a bit of a sand storm and the tent catches on fire! I have found out where I am posted and go for a walk round.



Lining up



At the start

14th to 18th April. Issued with shoes and found out we have to leave at 08.00 tomorrow. We are put on Lorries and travel all day to an air

strip where we are put up for the night. Next day we are up early and are taken to a Station and go to Alex and onto Adoukir. We stayed until the next day and I bought a pair of trousers. We moved off early the next morning in Lorries and go towards the Western dessert, along dirt roads for about 6 hrs and arrive at a new camp in the middle of nowhere. We put up tents and are told we have to build a camp. Worked very hard with no water!

Dicks notes end here, but I have a few papers and the photo's that he took for the next three years. He joined a motor cycle club called the Bar None MCC and I believe that all officers and men were equal whilst competing on the old despatch riders bikes.

It looks as though they had organised races and Hill climbs. The photos tell the rest of the story. Dick lived to be 75 and died in 1995.

Chris



A chat afterwards

DABBERS DIARY

What beautiful weather we are having, as I write this it seems that half of the

Eastern Centre are heading for the highlands to witness the running of the 100th Scottish Six Days Trial, I do hope the weather holds fair for them and they have a great week. The Roger Birch Trophy Trial appeared to be enjoyed by everybody, even those who were excluded on time, it appears that some were enjoying a leisurely lunch in the sunshine and got a bit behind! It was also a big day for celebrations with two riders reaching OAP status and the Clerk of the Course celebrating a 'Big' wedding anniversary. The trial had a good entry and the results look about perfect, with winners of both routes going clean and nobody going into the three figure score bracket. For me, the only dark cloud on the day was the loss of the Pre 70 championship status for the second year running! What are the centre officials doing? Is there a plot to scrap this championship in favour of the twin-shock class? Why can't the two classes be run as one event? Ah! I suppose there are a few riders who want to complete in both classes, but surely the centre board would not go along with this, would they?

Talking about the Eastern Centre wasn't it nice of the gazette editor to celebrate Bill Brooker's retirement and publish his picture on last month's front cover. Only problem with that was that the photograph caption tells us that Bill was pictured by Peter Godwin tackling a section in the 2009 Roger Birch Trial. Wrong on two counts I am afraid! Yes that is Bill, on his Cub, but photographed by yours truly, and he is riding in the Bromley Brook Charity Trial! This as we all know is an event run with an AMCA permit by the Anglia Classic trials club! But thanks must go to the Editor

of the gazette for the publicity, let's hope he puts the record straight this month!

Now May is Charity Trial Month, kicking of with the Dabber's event on May 8th at a new venue at Stretham, south of Ely, more details on their web site (www.dabberstrialsclub.co.uk) It sounds like a good site with a decent ride around, a great lunch break with food provided by the Farmer, his Baked Spuds are reputed to be the best in the land! All profit to go to Cancer Research UK.

Next we have own Grand Charity Trial at Bromley Brook on May 22nd, as usual all profit from the trial will go the Leonard Cheshire Disability, we are not actively seeking sponsorship this year, but any donations will be welcome and we will have collecting boxes at the event. We will have a refreshment van in attendance, please support them, observers will get a lunch voucher. Also I will be running a short auction at the start of the event to win Bill Brooker's Autographed crash helmet, his boots and a brand new pair of riding jeans, by Hebo. I am taking bids now, so give me a ring, 01206 250462, remember all funds to the Charity.

Trials are getting very popular these days, the Dabber's are having to limit entries to 70 at most of their trials next season. The AMCA have announced the formation of a new twin shock trials club in the area, could this be the work of our old chubby mate, the Blobby one? This highlights the popularity of our sport and the support of the riders, but who is doing all the donkey work and organising all these events? Well it is the old donkeys, who are not getting any younger, most are of pensionable age and while they enjoy what they do, they will not go on for ever! So come on lads, you obviously enjoy your sport, so put a bit back and help with the DONKEY WORK.

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May - July 2011

FIXTURE LIST OF CLASSIC MOTOR CYCLE EVENTS IN EAST ANGLIA & some further afield

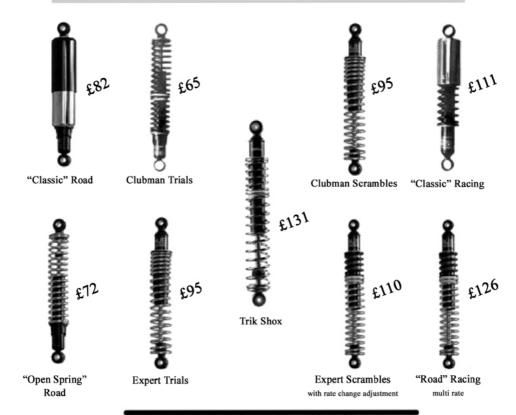
Date	Club	Auth'ty	Venue & Event
May-03	EFA/ACTC		CLUB NIGHT at THE ALMA
May-08	Dabbers	AMCA	Charity Trial, Stowbridge Farm, Nr Ely
May-14	EFA/ACTC		Tim's Tours, 3 o'clock at the Alma
May-15	Stratford upon Avon	ACU	SMP, Sam Cooper Trial
May 21&22	Bexleyheath DM-CC	ACU	Battle of Burwash Trial, Kent
May-22	ACTC	AMCA	Charity Trial, Bromley Brook
May-29	P65MX	AMCA	Marks Tey
May-30	Bank Holiday		
June-7	EFA/ACTC		CLUB NIGHT at THE ALMA
June 11&12	Somerton Classic	AMCA	British Bike Trial, Priddy, Mendips
Jun-19	P65MX	AMCA	Marks Tey
Jun-19	Sunbeam MCC	ACU	Dick Little Trial, Bagshot Heath
June 25/26	Dabber's	AMCA	Ashdon, Nr. Saffron Walden
Jul-03	Westmorland MC	ACU	SMP, Crabtree Cup Trial
July-5	EFA/ACTC		CLUB NIGHT at THE ALMA
Jul-10	East Midlands RA	ACU	Inter Centre P70 & T/S Team Trial
Jul-15,16 & 17			Weeting Steam Rally
Jul-31	P65MX	AMCA	Marks Tey
Jul-31	Ilkley & DMC	ACU	SMP, Yorkshire Dales Pre65 Trial
Jul-31	Sunbeam MCC	ACU	Billinghurst Novice, Pre 67 & T/Shock Trial
Aug-07	Norwich	ACU	Trial, Westleton
Aug-18	Essex VMCC	VMCC	100 mile Byway run

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