

# Editorial

Almost the middle of the year already! Won't be long before the evenings draw in and we will be starting to think about the trials season which is the main sporting activity of this club. Until then we have Tims Tours to keep us amused whilst the scramblers amongst us have their regular outings to look forward to.

Our latest recruit to the Harley chapter, Pompous Norman, may not be too well known amongst the EFA for his inability to find his way to places. In fact it is reckoned that he runs our El Presidente a very close second in this field of human conflict. Well, Norman has got a bit of the latest 'Yuppy' equipment fitted to his Harley so that he doesn't get too lost - he has fitted a GPS navigation system! I suppose that the leather cap and chain members of the chapter will now have to follow suit. Mind you, it could save El Presidente its initial cost by providing him with lower fuel bills due to the reduced mileage that would be travelled.

Seems that Tims Tour with a Difference went of very well for most of the entry or should I say participants. I gather that some of the route for the 'deviants' was a bit on the wet side. Yes - there were deviants taking part! The route was arranged so that in places it was possible for those who had the desire to 'go colonial' to tackle a green lane deviation instead of Mr MacAdams patented tar surfacing. This worked well for most as I understand it but it has been reported to me that Peter Sigournay suffered water in the works of his Ariel's magneto - the mag being made by the Prince of Darkness. In this instance Joe Lucas should have been renamed to the Prince of No Lightning!

I make no apology for including a photograph of a Twin Shock rider competing in a 'modern' trial because I feel that the achievement of this rider (who is known to many of us) is 'just out of this world'. Paul Garrett, a Southend member, competed in the SSDT on his 'blue' Bultaco and finished. Now that really is some achievement. Paul is quite unique in some respects. I don't know when he started riding but it was some while ago and his first machine was a Greeves. However, his second machine, a '72 Bultaco has been his regular mount up until the last couple of years when the 'more modern' blue Bultaco was added to the stable. He must be quite unique in the number of machines he has owned and ridden over such a lengthy trials career. Anyway, I feel sure that we all congratulate Paul on his achievement.

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# *The June Plonkers*

Raydon Pit, Wades Lane, Raydon, Nr Ipswich, Suffolk

Sunday 20th June 2004

Start 10.30am

A trial for:

Pre 65 solos • Pre 65 sidecars • Twin Shocks

Youths • Twin Shock sidecars

I have got a little bit out of control of the advert situation in the magazine. This is due, in the main to my being 'in another place' for quite a lot of the past year. If I have missed your advert, put it in late, or cocked it up in any other way then please accept my apologies and if it is still needed for publication then please send it in again. Adverts received at clubnite I am afraid do carry the risk of being mislaid so please if you want an advert in the T&T it is best to send it to me by any of the accepted means to arrive near the deadline date which is published in every issue.



*Southend member Paul Garrett in the SSDT - photo by Roy Ayres*



*X rated ! The swamp monster aka Ray Gibb comes into view.  
Photo by Russell Lee - [www.sport-pics.co.uk](http://www.sport-pics.co.uk)*

The Leonard Cheshire Home at Great Bromley is organising a 50s day on Sunday 6th June. You are cordially invited to attend especially if you can bring a 50s bike, 50s car, or wear 50s clothes OR just come along and enjoy the nostalgia, fun and music.

We shall be returning to the Leonard Cheshire Home again on Saturday 3rd July for what is becoming an annual occasion. This time, Mick Brown is organising a table sale to supplement the trial, the BBQ and the entertainment. Sad to say, the Belly Dancers may be missing this year - could be a blessing in disguise for El P and his blood pressure! Please note - this event will be taking place before next club night.

The time has arrived for the June edition of the Plonkers trial, this time at Raydon. I am looking forward to attending! It will make a change as Plonkers for the last year have coincided with me being in internment or in recovery mode. So, all you non-scamblers, the place to be is Raydon on the 20th June.

Yet another plea for articles. I print over 150 copies of Trials & Tribs so I am sure that out there somewhere are many



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stories or reports that may be of interest to our readership. As Chairman Ted said when I took over the editor's chair, if there is a call for knitting patterns then include them - so to our knitting readers . . .

Long distance trials seem to be the in thing at the moment. Elsewhere in this magazine you will find an item explaining the thoughts for the attack on this year's Arbuthnot Trial. I understand that Don Daly, in a weak moment, has agreed to undertake the task of team manager for teams emanating from this part of the world. Work is also progressing on plans for an Eastern variant of the Arbuthnot. It is my view, however, that 'our' trial is more likely to be similar to the OWLS Long Distance Trial. Am I right in this assumption?

I must thank Roy Ayres for sending me some photos of the Scottish Trials, both 'Ancient and Modern' and I have included a couple of them in this issue. The photograph at the foot of this page is 'quite unique'. We don't often have the privilege of seeing Clive Dopson undertaking some serious footing!

Thanks to Mick Brown, I have received some photos taken at the 'Frating Trial' by Russell Lee of Sport Pics who has copies for sale - see his website.

Best wishes,

*Jim*



*Clive Dopson striking an unusual pose (for him!) i.e. footing*

*Photo by Roy Ayres*



# *Secretarys Scribblings*

Must start by putting the record straight concerning Jim's Get Well Card. In last month's Newsletter I was credited with organising this but Peter Eaves beat me to it. By the time we got to Clubnite he had already got a card circulating amongst Club Members so it's thanks to Pete the card was sent.

Can't let the opportunity pass without giving a mention about Stebbing on Sunday 2nd May. It was a stroke of genius to combine the Dunmow Club and the Pre 65 Moto Cross Club to celebrate 50 years of Scrambling in the village. A nice touch in the Programme was the reproduction of a set of Regs from a 1954 edition of the Eastern Centre Gazette plus a couple of programmes from the same era. We saw a lot of faces from yesteryear amongst the large crowd of



*Alan Farmer*

spectators, the racing was superb and the sun shone all day - brilliant.

Incorporated in this meeting was the third round of the Greeves Only Championship and several Club Members are doing quite well in this series.

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namely, Brian and Mark Fletcher, Tim Bradshaw, Paul and Michael Eustace, Chris Mace and Alan Farmer along with Mike Meadows and Kevin Plummer - well done to them.

On 8th May a group of us on a variety of machinery gathered at the Leonard Cheshire Seven Rivers Home, Great Bromley for Tim's Tour with a Difference. Mick Brown, Pete Sigoumay, Ian Mephram and Dick Hobart were doing the route with Off Road diversions while the rest of us took the tarmac alternative, meeting up at pre-arranged places after each diversion. Mick had produced a very neat Route Card and after a brief, explanatory chat we set off from Great Bromley on a circular route with the promise of tea and cakes waiting for us when we got back. Mick's route took us out towards Ardleigh, Langham, Stratford St. Mary, Thorington Street, Shelley, Raydon, Hintlesham, Chattisham, Copdock, Bentley, Brantham, Lawford, Little Bromley and back to our starting point, a distance of approx. 40 miles, through some very lovely country lanes. Thanks to Mick, his wife Ann and the Helpers from Leonard Cheshire who made this Tour possible.



*Sam Appleton*

### **Sunday 6th June**

Triangle (Ipswich) Motorcycle Club Treasure Hunt Contact Tony Cole, Tel. 01473 425170 if you fancy having a go at this one.

Knebworth Classic Motorcycle Show. At Knebworth Park, Stevenage, Herts and is sponsored by Classic Bike Magazine so might be interesting.

### **Wednesday 16th June**

Charity Bike Show, Meldreth Manor Riding School for Disabled Children near Royston, Herts from 6pm

### **Sunday 20th June**

Pre-65 Motocross Club Scramble at Marks Tey

### **Saturday 26th June**

Tim's Tour With A Difference No. 2. Further details can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter but in an effort to keep everyone together a bit better we thought we'd try and run along the same lines as the Vintage Club and Maldon Brit.Bike Club. Their road runs are organised on an "end over end" basis and consist of a 'Leader' and a 'Tail Ender' who stay the same the whole way through. Each time the 'Leader' gets to a junction, the person immediately behind him positions themselves in a safe place where they can be seen by the following Riders (not behind a hedge or telegraph pole!) Like this everyone knows which direction has been taken by the 'Leader'.

This person then slots back into line in front of the 'Tailender' and so on until we reach the end of the Run, hopefully still all in one Group. Rog will be happy to answer any queries or questions you might have.

Woodbridge & District MCC Evening Trial at Blaxhall starting at 4.30pm. Details from Trevor Andrews on 01379 586303.

### **Saturday 3rd July**

Leonard Cheshire Charity Trial, BBQ and Table Top Sale - further details can be found elsewhere in the Newsletter Entry Forms available tonite, closing date Thursday

24th June. Entry fee includes cost of BBQ. Please let us also know if you require extra BBQs for Family and Friends. These can be paid for on the day but we do need to have some idea of how many people to cater for. If you have had a clear out and would like to book a Table to sell all those spare bits and bobs you no longer require please give Mick Brown a ring - 01206 250462. Timetable for the day is:

2pm - 4pm Table Top Sale

4pm - 7pm Trial

7pm Onwards BBQ + Entertainment

### **Sunday 4th July**

Classic Bike Show and Jumble, Battlesbridge.



*Chris Mace*

*Heather*

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## **Arbuthnot 2004**

Yes ! Its that time of year again, the regulations for the Arbuthnot will be out shortly and if the rumours are correct the EFA should be able to field two if not three teams! To cope with this anticipated demand a Team Manager has been appointed!

If you are thinking of competing and would like to ride in a team, please contact Team Manager, Don Daly on 01787 477045, preferably evenings after 6pm but before 9pm (we all need our beauty sleep, you know!).

If possible we would like to field a team (three in a team) of Colonial riders (i.e. rigid with road tyres), a competition rigid team and a pre- unit springer team or maybe a mixed class team.





***Please Note:***

The closing date by which all articles and adverts to be included in the July issue of Trials & Tribulations should reach the editorial office is Wednesday 29th June.

Material for inclusion in the magazine may be supplied in the following forms:

handwritten • typed • computer hard copy • fax • email • floppy disc

If providing computer hard copy, a font size of 12pt minimum is preferred whilst articles supplied on floppy disc should be saved in text format.





The management invites everyone interested to participate in our Tour of the Borders leaving the Alma at 4 pm on Saturday 26th June.

We will be passing through Sudbury en route and terminate at our 5 star approved chippy after traveling approximately 42 miles.

May I take this opportunity to thank Mick Brown for the recent success of his Tims Tour with a Difference. This was much appreciated by the good attendance of those people who took part. We look forward to the continuation of this at a later date .

***By Order Of The Management***

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## Updated Music from the 60s

Some of the artists from the '60s are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate their aging audience. This is welcome news for those feeling a little older and missing those great old tunes . . .

***Herman's Hermits***

***The Bee Gees***

***Bobby Darin***

***Ringo Starr***

***Roberta Flack***

***Johnny Nash***

***Paul Simon***

***Commodores***

***Marvin Gaye***

***Procul Harem***

***Leo Sayer***

***The Temptations***

***ABBA***

"Mrs Brown, you've got a lovely walker"

"How can you mend a broken hip"

"Splish, splash, I was havin' a flash"

"I get by with a little help from dependents"

"The first time ever I forgot your face"

"I can't see clearly now"

"Fifty ways to lose your liver"

"Once, twice, three times to the bathroom"

"I heard it through the grape nuts"

"A whiter shade of hair"

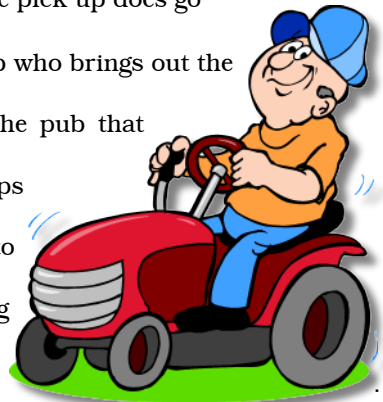
"You make me feel like napping"

"Papa's got a kidney stone"

"Denture Queen"

# THE TRACTOR BOY THESAURUS OF COMPUTER TERMINOLOGY

- **Log On** - Make the barbecue hotter
- **Log Off** - The barbecue is too hot
- **Monitor** - Keeping an eye on the barbecue
- **Download** - Get the firewood off the pick up
- **Hard drive** - Trip back home without any cold tinnies
- **Floppy Disc** - What you get lifting too much firewood at once
- **Keyboard** - Where you hang the pick up and bike keys
- **Window** - What you shut when it's cold
- **Screen** - What you shut in the mosquito season
- **Byte** - What mosquitoes do
- **Bit** - What mosquitoes did
- **Mega Byte** - What Tumstall mosquitoes do
- **Chip** - A bar snack
- **Micro Chip** - What's left in the bag after you have eaten the chips
- **Modem** - What you did to the lawns
- **Dot Matrix** - Old Dan Matrix's wife
- **Laptop** - Where the cat sleeps
- **Software** - Plastic knives and forks you get at MacDonalds
- **Hardware** - Real stainless steel knives and forks from Asda
- **Mouse** - What eats the food stored in the shed
- **Mainframe** - What holds the shed up
- **Web** - What spiders make
- **Web Site** - The shed or under the verandah
- **Cursor** - The old bloke who swears a lot
- **Search Engine** - What you do when the pick up won't go
- **Yahoo** - What you say when the pick up does go
- **Upgrade** - A steep hill
- **Server** - The person at the pub who brings out the bar lunch
- **Mail Server** - The bloke at the pub that brings out the bar lunch
- **User** - The neighbour who keeps borrowing things
- **Network** - When you have to repair your fishing net
- **Internet** - Complicated fishing net repair method
- **Netscape** - When the fish manoeuvres out of reach of the net
- **Online** - When you get the laundry hung out





# Seven Rivers

Hall Road,  
Great Bromley,  
Colchester



# 50's Day

Sunday 6th June 2004



Classic American Cars

Majorettes

Staff rendition of Grease

Jive Demonstration

BBQ

Hula hoop competition

Barbershop Group



*Best Dressed 50's Style*



Some Photos in this issue of Trials & Tribs have been supplied  
courtesy of Russell Lee's Sport Pics Sporting Photography.  
Photographs taken at the 'Frating' Trial can be viewed and/or  
purchased at [www.sport-pics.co.uk](http://www.sport-pics.co.uk)



# Ar' Arf' Arbuthnot

Those of you who took part in the first 'Tim's Tour' of the season will now know a little more of the type of event that is proposed we, the EFA, run. We completed a forty mile route, and some hardy souls rode a few green lanes, we passed some sites of possible sections and this was half of the proposed mileage.

What the revolutionary council now need is some feed back and support. If this event is going to be run next year the planning must commence soon, with the first task to distribute some 'flyers' at the Arbuthnot in September. These will encourage Arbuthnot competitors to contact us and get put on a mailing list for regulations.

The club would encourage all riders with suitable machines to compete in our event and other regular riders to help with observing and course marking.

So if you fancy taking charge of a group of sections (three maximum), carrying out some route marking, being Clerk of the Course, course opener or back marker, time keeper, starter, machine examiner or just a general handy-person! Let us know. With plenty of help it will not be a difficult event to organize, and if the Arbuthnot is anything to go by, a great day out for all involved.

Please contact Mick Brown, on 01206 250462, who is acting as liaison officer for the event and has already started to contact landowners and check out the status of rights of way etc.

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## Suffolk Show



A man took his wife to the Suffolk Show and one of the exhibits was that of breeding bulls. They went up to the first pen and there was a sign that said: "This bull mated 50 times last year."

The wife poked her husband in the ribs and said, "He mated 50 times last year."

They walked a little farther and saw another pen with a sign that said: This bull mated 120 times last year." The wife hit her husband and said, "That's more than twice a week! You could learn a lot from him."

They walked farther and a third pen had a bull with a sign saying: "This bull mated 365 times last year." The wife got really excited and said "That's once a day. You could REALLY learn something from this one."

The husband looked at her and said: "Go up and ask him if it was with the same old cow."

The husband's condition has been upgraded from critical to stable and he should eventually make a full recovery.



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# **Charity Barbecue Trial**

**Saturday July 3rd 2004**

at

Seven Rivers, Hall Road, Gt Bromley, Colchester, Essex  
(on the B1029 between Ardleigh rail crossing and the Old Courthouse P.H.)

Table Top Sale from 2pm

'A chance to clear the shed of bike bits'  
(book your table with Mick - see below)

Trial starts at 4 pm

Followed by Barbecue and entertainment from 7 pm

Sponsors still required for sections - £25 shares or £100 per section.  
Plus advertising in programme, on sections, and in the press

Contact Mick Brown for further details 01206 250462



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and Country Show*

*Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
16th, 17th, and 18th July 2004*

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More information from:

*Chris Bater - 01473 622550*

# Irish Confession



"Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose woman."

The priest asks, "Is that you, little Tommy Shaughnessy?"

"Yes, Father, it is."

"And who was the woman you were with?"

"Sure I can't be tellin' you, Father. I don't want to ruin her reputation."

"Well, Tommy, I'm sure to find out sooner or later, so you may as well tell me now."

Was it Brenda O'Malley?"

"I cannot say."

"Was it Patricia Kelly?"

"I'll never tell."

"Was it Liz Shannon?"

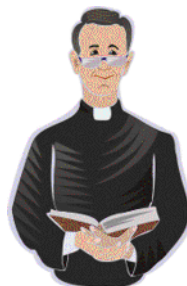
"I'm sorry, but I'll not name her."

"Was it Cathy Morgan?"

"My lips are sealed."

"Was it Fiona McDonald, then?"

"Please, Father, I cannot tell you."

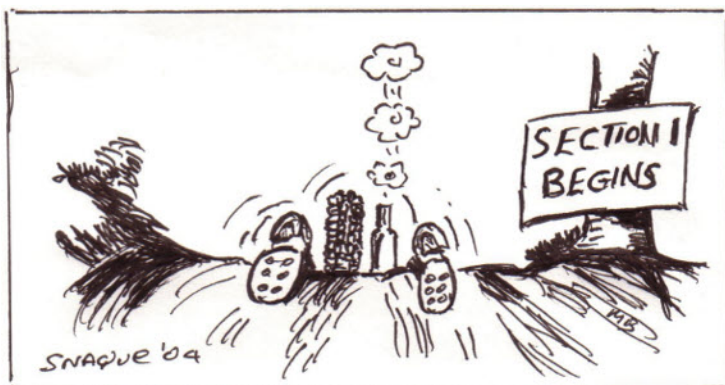


The priest sighs in frustration. "You're a steadfast lad, Tommy Shaughnessy, and I admire that, but you've sinned and you must atone. You cannot attend church for three months. Be off with you now."

Tommy walks back to his pew. His friend Sean slides over and whispers, "What'd you get?"

"Three month's vacation and five good leads", says Tommy.

**WANTED** Bantam rear hub - Jason Sigournay 01245 267088



## The Wit of Tommy Cooper R.I.P.

Tommy Cooperisms. . . . . to brighten up the day.

I was doing some decorating, so I got out my step-ladder.  
I don't get on with my real ladder.



### *A View from the Saddle by Mick Brown*

This mid-week resurrected event run in association with Mallory Park and the Poachers Section of the AJS and Matchless owners club was held on 3rd March. Mallory Park provided the land free of charge and the Poachers provided the organisation. In fact Poacher Errol Gowshall appeared to be Secretary of the Meeting, Clerk of the Course and Observer, a true Jack of all Trades.

The whole event seems to focus on fun, but some riders certainly looked serious and intent on winning, and the organisers seemed intent on only relieving you of as much cash as possible. All the cash going to charity.

To illustrate the fun and cash element here are two extracts from the regulations.

'The event will be for pre 65 machines - although the organisers may allow twin shocks if we are bribed enough (profits to



*Mick Brown about to kill an ant*

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charity) or you are an attractive woman or indeed bring an attractive women.'

For some reason several riders have expressed an interest in receiving a copy of results after the event, exactly why is unclear. But we are happy to oblige, and if you are one of those strange individuals enclosing a £5 note (profits to charity) will ensure you get a set'

Also bribes would be accepted and to ride the special test it would cost you a quid, all profits to charity, of course!

The press was well represented by the Mortons Motorcycle Group, Richard Rosenthal was riding an Excelsior, and yours truly! I did not recognise any other biker paparazzi! The trade also appeared scarce but Pre 65 supremo Sammy Miller was there as was Mr. Amal Carburettors, Neville Lewis of Surrey Cycles.

Ok off we go! Four laps, 8 sections plus an expensive special test. Other competitors included possible winner Mick Ash, Peter Gaunt on a beautiful ex Peter Gaunt 98cc Jawa, loaned by Andrew Johnstone of Edinburgh & DMC, a gentleman on a TY80 Yam, called Kevin Theobold, who I am told is also a sprinter, on a TY80? Plus another hero on a standard looking modern Royal Enfield. I also spotted Tim Britton, joint organiser, Pete Robson on his lovely old Levis, gorgeous Sara Carter on a BSA and another Mike Jackson riding a DOT. A cheerful bunch of observers welcomed us to what were eight challenging, if nadgery sections. However, two riders went clean, Mick Ash and Cris Denny with Sammy back in fifth, losing three.

Now the awards, which I am told by the organisers are chosen by the reliable 'random pin' method are as follows:

Overall winner- Duncan Burton (lost 31 marks! Even I beat 'im on 14, must 'av parted with a lot of brass!)

Fastest time in the special test- Mick Ash (third year running, bribery?)

Best Crash- Steve Goodman- (over the bars into a gully and under the bike, bet it cost 'im)

Best Excuse- Phil Turner (Phil had entered and was seconded to do a 'Which Bike' test a couple days before the trial, hope his bonus went to the charity!)

Well, the day ended in a presentation of awards and a wonderful buffet tea, we had all been presented with a commemorative 'T' shirt so as the saying goes, 'I read the Regs., rode the Trial, got the 'T' shirt.'

Finally as a bonus it was a test day for the road boys, an opportunity to wander freely around the pits, these boys don't go racing cheaply these days do they! My lasting memory will be watching a couple of Super Moto boys mixing it with the

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## **End Thought . . .**

I will never put off 'till tomorrow what I can forget about forever