

# Editorial

Did you enjoy the AGM? A funny question but I think most of us attend for the culinary delights served up by 'mine host' rather than to listen to Chairman Ted giving his revue of the year. Our licensed timekeeper, Bob Drane, this year has 'gone digital' - yes, a digital stopwatch. I haven't as yet determined whether it is a time and motion version where the minutes are divided into a hundred seconds. However, suffice to say that our chairman failed to break any records this year.

You should be aware that club subs are due or are you one of those who paid up at the AGM. Our new membership secretary, June Kent, is eager to receive your payment and a supply of suitably sized and stamped envelopes if you require the newsletter and/or Eastern Centre Gazette sent you. Please ensure that the envelopes you provide are of sufficient size to accommodate the contents - there is nothing more soul destroying than to have to stuff things into envelopes that are too small. Don't forget that the first class postage rates are going up in the near future.

Whilst on the subject of envelopes I feel that I must comment on the number of self seal envelopes that are supplied with entries that no longer have any stiction. It seems that it is normally the same people who each time send envelopes that need sellotape to keep the postman out. We have been using and supplying to our customers envelopes of peel and seal type for several years now and the manufacturers expect a shelf life of five years for them. I strongly advise that you consider using this type of envelope instead of the self seal type.

Our friends in the government or to be more precise DEFRA have come up with a real corker. They would appear to be dead set on destroying ALL motor sport as we know it. You may well be aware that the farming subsidy payments system is being changed. Well DEFRA, in its wisdom, has waited until five minutes to twelve before publishing the guidelines applicable to claiming the payments. There are claims that the guidelines were published by a junior officer of DEFRA without first getting his superiors approval but published they have been but published late at night without many people concerned with the guide lines being aware of its publication. As you might expect, the ACU are taking things very seriously and to keep you up to speed with the way things are going I have included a fairly hefty article on the subject. I urge you to read it so that you will be able to understand why some events may no longer take place and others be much more expensive to enter.

I have it on good authority that one well known club may well have to cancel many of its events this year due to it not being possible to come to an acceptable accommodation with their landowners and tenants.

Firstly, apologies to those who appeared in the results for the Gentlemen's route when it would seem that they were riding the 'harder' route. When collating the results, I went on, what has been a well tried and satisfactory technique of relying on the route that normally is recorded by at least one observer. However, this, at first sight, would appear to have let me down this time.

For Snake Pit read Chattisham. Yes, the Chattisham Challenge will take place on the 17th April. We were worried that

# *The April Plonkaround*

Raydon Pit, Wades Lane, Raydon, Suffolk

Saturday 16th April 2005

Gates will be open at noon.

Trials practise for:

Pre 65 solos • Pre 65 sidecars • Twin Shocks

Youths/Juniors • Twin Shock sidecars

Chattisham would be missing from this year's fixture list but thankfully successful negotiations have taken place with the landowner and we will be making another visit to this small but popular venue.

I never managed to get to the Red Marley Hill Climb when I lived in the wilds of Worcestershire as I always went 'home' to Devon over the Easter weekend. I know that it was always very popular and it witnessed the appearance of several factory specials over the years. Probably the best known was the

monoshock B40, or was it a C15, in the early sixties. This really was years before its time. What would Chairman Ted say if someone turned up on such a beast in our events!

Our April club night sees the first occasion that we shall have the opportunity of meeting our new landlord at the Alma. Let us hope we can carry on with the good relationship that we have had over many years.

Best wishes,

*Jim*



The management announces the commencement of our first outing of the new season to take place on Saturday 7th May leaving the Alma at 4 o'clock.

More details to follow in the next edition of this magazine.

**By order of the Management**

# Secretarys Scribblings

Must start off with an apology to Colin Sadler for sending him from hero to zero in the Snaque Pit Results. Revised results are printed below with Colin where he should be - top of the shop.

## **SNAQUE PIT TRIAL - SUNDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2005**

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14	Kevin Plummer	343 BSA	1000 0111 0000 3010 0200 0000 0000 0001 0000 3015	20
22	Alan Robinson	350 BSA	3221 5100 0001 2200 1010 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000	21
18	Jason Sigournay	250 BSA	01--5--10--00--55--01--50--00--10--	Ret

Thanks to Jim Mason for the box of caps which he donated to the club to help keep our observers heads warm.

Another good turnout at the AGM. The evening went off very, well with more than enough food to go round and proper plates to eat it off. The "Business" took approximately 13 minutes according to the digital stopwatch.

Really enjoyed the Bromley Brook Trial. What a lovely piece of land. Obviously the sections didn't appear by magic and we owe a debt of thanks to everybody who gave up their time over several days to cut them out, especially Mick Brown who found the land in the first place.

Lost and Found - Did you lose a watch at Bromley ? One was found by Andy Spreadbridge so if it's yours let me know and we can arrange to return it - 01621 892606.

Spent a rather chilly, dusty afternoon at the Pre-65 Motocross meeting at Marks Tey on 20th March. There was an impressive turnout of riders and some good racing but a lot of people seemed to be suffering machine problems, hope you'll have them back in action before the next one which, according to our calendar, is on 10th April.



Looking ahead to July, the Leonard Cheshire Charity BBQ Trial is taking place on Saturday 2nd so let's have a good turnout to make it all worthwhile.

Chris Bater tells us this year's rally is on 16th, 17th and 18th July. As we've said before it's a really good weekend so why not put it in your diary and give it a try. More details to follow nearer the time.

*Heather*



## A.W.O.L HUBBY

A man left for work one Friday afternoon. But it was payday, so instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend partying with the boys and spending his entire pay packet!

When he finally appeared at home on Sunday night, he was confronted by his angry wife and was barraged for nearly two hours with a tirade befitting his actions.

Finally his wife stopped the nagging and said to him, "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?"

He replied, "That would be fine with me."

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results. But on Thursday, the swelling went down just enough where he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye . . .



# Bromley Brook Trial

I hope you all enjoyed your day out at Great Bromley and enjoyed your paddle in the brook. Let us hope that we can come to a suitable arrangement with the landowner so that this venue can be used on a regular basis.

I feel almost embarrassed that a lady wins the gentlemen's route and that she was riding injured! Well done Joan.

Our local land agent is very good at finding land suitable for sections but I don't think I will employ him as a car park attendant!

EFA trials used to be full of Henfields - now the fashion seems to be taking a turn for something different - you ain't nobody unless you ride a 500T Norton! How many were made? No doubt Don Daly can tell us.

When we use the venue in future a close watch will be taken on the footpath so that there will not be a recurrence of the riding violations that took place even though the riders involved were advised that it was forbidden.



*Don Daly - 500T Norton photo by Mick Brown*



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

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

Two fat blokes in a pub, one says to the other "Your round."  
The other one says "So are you, you fat bast\*\*d!"

Hi,

Just a short note to thank you all for your patience during the take-over, especially to Heather for all her help. I would like to remind anyone who has not renewed their membership that it is now overdue, and if not renewed this month, this will be the last magazine you get!

*June*  
Membership Sec.

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## **FUNDRAISING EVENT IN AID OF THE THUNDERSLEY LITTLE HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOSPICE - SUNDAY 21 AUGUST 2005**

The event held in 2004 at the Museum of Power, Langford, was extremely successful and Tony Turner and I felt it was the best show we had put together. We had many requests from visitors and exhibitors to do it again, but we have had to change the venue because the museum wanted 50% of the gate money, as well as keeping what they took on the train and in the tea room.

This year's event will take the format of an Olde Tyme Rally, but with a bit extra. There will be the usual displays of vintage cars, motorcycles, farming/horticultural engines and implements, tractors, etc. Also, dog agility displays, live music, craft, charity and sales stalls. For the younger visitors, train rides, bouncy fun and animals to look at. Adjoining the rally field is a three acre garden for visitors to wander round and the owners extensive collection of bygones will be on display as well, with exhibits ranging from gas masks and ration books to bicycles and tools. It will be held at the new venue of New Acres, Burnham Road (B1010), Althorne on Sunday 21 August from 10am to 5pm. Richard will be stewarding the motorcycle section and will welcome all owners of vintage motorcycles, though pre-entry would be appreciated on 01245 473359.

The money raised at the rally (after what we hope will be minimal expenses) will be donated to the Sponsor a Nurse Scheme at the Hospice. The Hospice has to raise £1.4 million each year to provide the dedicated care needed and deserved by the children and only receive 2% from the Government purse.

Janet Hobart - Show Co-organiser

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## **Actual Headlines from Newspapers in 2004!**

### **Miners Refuse to Work after Death**

*[no-good-for-nothin' lazy so-and-sos!]*

# CORPORATE LINGO

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**I TAKE PRIDE IN MY WORK:** I blame others for my mistakes.

**I'M PERSONABLE:** I give lots of unsolicited personal advice to co-workers.

**I'M EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL:** I carry a Day-Timer.

**I AM ADAPTABLE:** I've changed jobs a lot.

**I AM ON THE GO:** I'm never at my desk.

# **OVER THE HILL . . . . .**

## **OR THE CRAZY WORLD OF**

### **ARTHUR BROWNING**

After a couple of Easters thinking about it and encouraged by Team Gibb I finally decided to enter the Red Marley Hill Climb on Easter Monday. With a Pre-65 Trial on the Sunday afternoon it seemed to have the makings of a good weekend.

Those who knew better discouraged our plans to camp at the track due to the angle of the available parking so we went for more civilised accommodation courtesy of the Hundred House Hotel and very nice it was too.

You could see the "Hill" long before you saw any direction signs for the event so first job was to go and take a look at what I'd let myself in for. Whilst there I was also able to get a taster of what was in store at the trial hmmm.

After checking in at the hotel we spent what was left of Saturday having a look round Bewdley and the Severn Valley Steam Railway.

Ray and Mark Gibb, Dave Wharton, Chris Cook and Dave Field had also decided to spend Easter in Worcestershire and we saw Ray, Mark and Dave at breakfast on Sunday morning.

After stoking away enough grub to last us the day we headed off to sign on for the trial. I wanted to get there early as Heather had agreed to observe so I could get a free entry (neat eh!) Almost the first people we saw when we got there were Linda and Jim Patey who had come to see what it was all about.

The AJS & Matchless Club had laid out 15 sections to be visited three times. The gates of the sections were marked with red and blue cards but the easy deviations were thru' yellow and green gates and the easy route riders had yellow numbers so there was no doubt who was supposed to be riding which route. Not being what you'd call a dedicated solo trials rider I felt the sections were a bit on the tight side, more suited to Cubs and Bantams, so just rode the ones I liked the look of. After all, the main reason I was there was to have a go at the "Hill".

Didn't go for the full monty breakfast on Monday morning as I wasn't on a 650 Triumph Metisse, only the poor old 500 Triumph in trials trim. We were shepherded into a superb parking spot right by the start line so could see all the action and went off for scrutineering and to sign on. As I sat on the line looking up at the "Hill" for my first practice run I really didn't know what to expect - would I make it or have to abandon ship halfway up? No going back now, I've just been waved away, pull away in second, up to third, now fourth. The bike's jumping about all over the place, taking off on some of the ridges. Unfortunately when I landed off the last ridge before the summit the bike lost all grip and ceased to go forward. Luckily I was able to jump off and push it over the top (good job I didn't have the full English!) Well, I'd made it after a fashion, not fast but we'd got there. On the next practice run I made the clutch work a bit harder and got over the top on the bike, not beside it, brilliant.



We were split into classes for the races, Pre-1950 Rigid Frame, Pre-1971 up to 350cc and Pre-1971 Over 350cc and then All-Comers. We left the line four at a time from a motocross style metal start gate. Spectators were treated to some close racing on the "Hill" with riders pinching each others lines and even some coming together when two riders both wanted the same patch of ground. The start line saw its fair share of acrobatics when over enthusiasm caused the machine to loop up and over instead of grip and proceed forward.

Arthur Browning won the Over 350cc Class and Allcomers Class with a new record time below 20 seconds but hero of the day as far as I was concerned, was Leigh Owen who made it through the Allcomers heats to finish second on a 500cc Jawa Grass Bike in the final.

It was a great weekend and I'd recommend everyone to have a go if you can.

## *Roger and Out*

*Editors Note:*

*On looking at Red Marley Hill on the web I came across what was effectively an advert for it on the Saga website! Yes, it would seem that Saga are aware that us wrinklies are interested in Pre 70 bikes and racing.*

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## **This months Picture Caption Competition**

kindly supplied by Chris Huxtable



Send your entry or an amusing photo to the Editor in time for the next issue of T & T.

What about "Anyone for a BUM(P) start" to set you off on the right lines

## **THE FUTURE OF OUR SPORT IS THREATENED BY DEFRA GUIDANCE ON LAND USE**

This title has been placed at the head of a letter/Email received in the last few days from Neil Hellings, the CEO of our governing body, the ACU. I have included a precis of his letter together with the salient points from the DEFRA press release regarding their guidance 'notes'.

Dear all,

I write as a matter of urgency and at a time when the very future of our sporting activity as we know it is under the gravest of threats. Late on Tuesday of this week (29 March), the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs posted on their website a document outlining what activity could continue on agricultural land that has been registered for the new agricultural subsidy. This new subsidy, known as the Single Payment Scheme, significantly alters the way our farmers receive financial support from the Government. Out goes the amount per tonne and in comes a payment per hectare regardless of how much, or how little crop that hectare produces. However, in order to receive this payment that varies from approximately £20 per hectare to several hundred pounds, the farmer has to abide by a number of regulations, the so called Cross Compliance list.

Attached to this letter is the DEFRA Guidance on the non agricultural use of land. You will see that at paragraph C, motorsport is the only specific activity that has been judged as inconsistent with a farmer receiving his subsidy and the DEFRA website makes it clear that there are heavy penalties for any breaches of Cross Compliance. As such, all our off road sport that previously took place on agricultural land is under threat. Those events that take place on dedicated sites, or upon land which the farmer indicated he was not seeking any subsidy for when he registered for the Single Payment Scheme, are not in the firing line. We estimate that between ourselves, the AMCA & the BSMA, the number of events threatened is likely to be the majority of around 4000 off road events organised each season.

I fear that compensating the farmer for the loss of his annual subsidy will be inevitable and as such, the cost of our sport will increase to enable clubs to meet this additional cost, but per rider the amount is not one that would win any external support or sympathy. However, I firmly believe the cost increase is not the issue we should focus upon as it is not the greatest threat. The majority of farmers have already registered their land for the Single Payment Scheme and for clubs to now use any part of that land, the farmer will have to go through the same administrative burden all over again in order to take the

specific area out of the subsidy scheme. I fear that few if any landowners will voluntarily submit themselves for the pain of this process when in return there is a very small amount of money to be derived from a single or small number of events each year.

Had the motorsport organisations known of the intention of DEFRA ahead of farmers registering their land, Clubs could have been advised to negotiate with the farmer to remove specific areas out of the scheme at the time of initial registration. In most instances it is now too late to do this, but all clubs are urged to call their landowner and ask if he has finished his registration for Single Payment Scheme; if he hasn't, try and negotiate with him now before it is too late. As I said, land that has already been registered can be withdrawn, but the administration is burdensome and likely to dissuade anyone from doing so.

I am seeing both Alun Michael, the DEFRA minister, and Richard Caborn MP, the Minister of Sport next Wednesday (6 April).

N J G HELLINGS  
Chief Executive  
Auto Cycle Union Ltd

## ***GUIDANCE ISSUED ON NON-AGRICULTURAL LAND USE***

(compiled from [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk) news)

Defra has today published guidance on the types of non-agricultural activities allowed during the ten month qualifying period for the Single Payment Scheme.

### **The Guidance Note**

The Guidance Note, which is available on the Defra website at [www.defra.gov.uk/farm/capreform/singlepay/land/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/capreform/singlepay/land/index.htm), makes clear that it is the responsibility of those using the land to ensure that whatever activity takes place, all the requirements of the cross compliance regime are met throughout the year. It does however set out an indicative list of activities, as follows:

#### **A) Generally permitted activities**

These activities should be permitted without restriction and include:

- Walking\*
- Bird spotting
- School or university nature or farm visits
- Horse riding along bridleways for which no charge is made\*

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**Bumper Stickers**

If you think I'm a lousy driver, wait until you see me putt

- Bicycle riding along defined paths or bridleways for which no charge is made\*
- Fishing
- Hedge laying competitions, local ploughing competitions or other cultivation demonstrations within the applicable GAEC rules (excluding events where trade stands are present - these would fall under category B)
- Shooting (game)
- Deer Stalking
- Drag hunting

(\* metalled or surfaced paths or bridleways would in any event be considered ineligible land)

## **B) Activities with greater restriction**

Activities in this category will be permitted up to a 28 day limit. Examples are:-

- Shooting (clay)
- Car boot sales
- Car parking whether associated with any of the activities listed in this note or not.
- Country fairs and shows
- Farm auctions and sales
- Equestrian activities (including horse riding generally except along recognised bridleways for which no charge is made)
- Paragliding, hand-gliding, ballooning etc
- Festivals and events
- Scout or guide camps or similar
- TV and film locations
- Caravan sites (for periods of more than 28 days, the affected area should not be used to support a claim. This need not affect a whole field.)

## **C) Activities that are inconsistent with the land being considered as remaining in agricultural use**

These include:

- All motor sports (this does not include static car events)
- Where the principal purpose of the land is for recreational activities, such as a golf course, other permanent sports facilities or gallops.

## **Special provisions for land used for military training:**

In some cases, land will be subject to use by the Ministry of Defence for military training. This is regarded as in the national interest and will be permitted without affecting the farmer's ability to claim the Single Payment. But cross compliance conditions will still apply.

3) This is a new scheme and this is new guidance. It will, therefore, be kept under review to ensure that it is having the desired effect.

## Further Notes:

- The limits apply to the number of days on which a non agricultural use occurs, not a number of 24 hour periods to be divided over a larger number of days.

These rules will be reviewed at the end of 2005 in the light of experience and in discussion with stakeholder representatives.

29 March 2005

The following are my contents regarding the above.

Am I being rather cynical in regarding this as 'a good time to hide bad news'. By the time you read this 'Our Tone' may well have called a General Election. This effectively silences all legitimate opposition to these guidelines until after parliament is recalled after the election, probably about six weeks in the future. Calling the election causes sittings at the House of Commons to be suspended thus no public questioning of the relevant ministers or departments. Does this not smell especially following the 'egg on face' the government has received following the ill thought out legislation regarding fox hunting. In this instance it would appear that instead of a law restricting motor sport they have used a 'ministerial instrument' where I understand it does not have to be approved by parliament as such before the guidelines (regulations in reality) come into force. Many of us were a bit on the naive side when we thought the government would be after other sports/activities before attacking us - how wrong we were!

Sadly it has come to my notice that the ACU is being criticised (by people who should know better) for not looking after our interests. I refute this in the strongest terms. The staff at Rugby have been unable to get advance information regarding these 'guidelines'. What make of crystal ball do these detractors use?

Finally, it would appear that 'our' trials will not necessarily be too much affected as we use mainly non-agricultural land. However the Phil King, most motocross, scrambles and enduros together with ALL grass tracks WILL come under the hammer.

Just think on it - election day may not be too far away - not that I would in anyway want to affect the way you wish to vote.



P.S. Perhaps we should all learn hedge laying - now that could really create a lot of enjoyment and of course we would be giving the ramblers some added excitement during their weekend breaks from metropolitan Britain. We could of course then be accused of damaging the hedgerows! You will never win!

### ***Please Note:***

The closing date by which all articles and adverts to be included in the next issue of Trials & Tribulations should reach the editorial office is the 25th of the month preceding publication.

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.

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## **Championship Rules, Classes, Routes, Eligibility etc**

The Revolutionary Council has made a change to the rules regarding the gaining of points towards the club championship. At Bromley Brook it was pointed out by one of last year's award winners that it was possible to win the club championship even though only a minority of events had been entered as a member of the EFA. Your RC decided that the rules should be changed so that it is necessary to enter the event as a member of the EFA to gain championship points. This should mean that riders have to decide which club's championship they wish to gain points for.

Please can ALL observers make a mark on the observers sheet to indicate the route ridden by the rider on his/her first lap. Problems with riders believing they were riding a harder route than that indicated on the observer card/s chosen to determine the riders actual route. There are many riders who do change their route after initially signing on. I don't think we want to go down the road of insisting that once a route has been chosen then that route MUST be ridden for all the trial, an option that has been suggested.

The thorny topic of eligibility has raised its head again. As usual the main topic of concern appears to be the use of Mikuni carburettors. As far as I can determine, the Revolutionary Council is not too fussed about what takes place on the Gentlemans route as long as the machine resembles something that could have existed Pre 70 or thereabouts, but to gain points towards the club championship the machine must comply with the club's rules on conformity.

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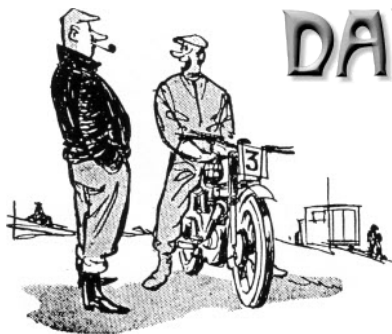
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# DABBERS DIARY

I hope all of you who attended the Bromley Brook Trial enjoyed it; I certainly did, although not riding it was nice to see so many smiling faces! When I visited the main landowner shortly after the event he was happy with what we had done and saw no reason why we should not return for another event, especially after all the hard work that had been put in. But, a word of warning,

there are several things that could affect our return. Not the least factor is that the legal department of the head office of our old friends the Ramblers Association are still interested in the illegal placement of the Motocross practice circuit on a public footpath. If the landowner is able to purchase additional land and move the practice track he may keep the walkers happy, but he then has to go through the planning procedures and keep the local residents happy, will keep you posted!

## STOUR VALLEY TRIAL - 8 May 2005

Now, things are really hotting up for the Stour Valley Trial, all the main officials are appointed and the regulations are published and going out like hotcakes, so if you require some regs. contact Heather Gulliver, but remember the classes that this trial will cater for, briefly, any rigid with either trials or road tyres, any pre-unit springer fourstroke with either trials or road tyres, competition s/car rigid or springer and any two-strokes that fit these criteria. So you see this is an event dedicated to machines like 'Big Eric' and the one shown in the accompanying picture. I know I should have chosen 'Eric' but you've all seen him, any rate this jockey is far more attractive! Unfortunately I don't think that 'Eric' will be competing, as our event this year clashes with the Scottish week and may affect our entry, but remember this was not our preferred date, better luck next year.

So, what do we need now:

- Entries from club members and friends (EFA day membership available), I reckon that should bring in a dozen plus riders.





*Joan Westbrook - 'best gentleman' at Bromley Brook*

- A few more observers, you can observe all day, before lunch only or after lunch, remember this is something different, good fun guaranteed.
- If you want a change from observing then why not man a check point or help with the route marking and picking up afterwards on your modern trail bike. If you want to help we will find you a job!

There will be refreshments available before the 0930 start, at lunch time and at the finish.

Help us make this event a success as any profit the trial makes will be donated to the Leonard Cheshire Charity who have generously allowed us to use their site as the start venue, we also hope to have a couple of sections here as well.

For more advice contact either Heather Gulliver (01621 892606) Mick Brown (01206 250462) or Don Daly (01787 477045)

### **Advance notice**

The Charity Barbeque Trial has been booked for July 2nd put this date in your diary, more fun ensured! The dancers have been requested, keep your fingers crossed!

*Dabber*

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## **End Thought . . .**

All those who believe in psycho-kinesis, raise my hand.