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EDITORIAL

“*Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to Bromley, A beautiful day.....*” Yes, for a change, the weather was superb and plenty of compliments for the course laid out, everything from a clean to high double digits, just about covered all the bases. Many thanks for those who travelled from far and wide to clear the sections, set the course out and not forgetting the observers and clearer uppers.

Congratulations to Chris and Sarah who tied the knot at the end of April to become Mr and Mrs McKenzie, ones good a taking the odd photo at a trial (I luv the sense of motion Sarah captures in her photographs) when not picking up an observers board and the other has fun riding an old bike in the mud, hold on, didn't I see Sarah on a tidy looking motorcicle at Bromley, how long before we see Sarah tackling the sections and giving Chris a run for his money?

A very photo-centric edition this month, if you'd like more words to read then the betting is so would the majority. Got something to say, good or bad, long or short, you know what to do, pen to paper, fin-

ger to keyboard and send a bit of prose in, doesn't have to be just about trials, all is much appreciated.

A bit of a lull in stuff coming up before the Diss MCC run round three of the Class C champs, then the club stands at the Weeting Steam Fair in July followed by Langford in August and Copdock in September, if you'd like to bring a bike see the corresponding person in the ad. towards the back of the T&T.

Are we still wanting a Chairman Ted? Have you been sending in your nominations? Yes but.. No but..

I suppose I should be writing more relevant stuff to do with trials - the club - etc. etc. but a cup of tea is more appealing at the moment after spending four hours tiling underwater, it's more of a struggle than you might think when the old blubbery body just wants to pop to the surface like a cork. Time to get the C15 out for a bit of a work out and then you can thank me for moving you all up one place in the standings. Can't be many fish in Bromley Brook as I didn't see Bob diving in after one for his tea, but I am told he's handy with a Hoover....

Keep yer feet up.



CLUB CHAIRMAN NEEDED

A vacancy has arisen within the revolutionary council for the position of Club Chairman. If you would like to put yourself forward, nominate someone or find out what would be involved please contact Ted.

Front Cover

The Roger Birch Memorial Trial at Bromley Brook.

Photo by Marcus Watkins

TOWARDS "SECTION ENDS"

PART TWENTY THREE

The organisers give you a chance to work on your bike in the big multi-day events and the 1976 Welsh Two day trial was no exception. I think we had about twenty or thirty minutes allocated and it is astonishing what can be done in that comparatively short time. I've seen complete clutches, forks and brakes all replaced with great skill - and calm nerves! Indeed, in the earlier events, doing some set task of repair on the bike was often a feature within the competition itself. Usually it was something like changing and refitting a tyre or chain, or rear sprocket - again, the objective of going back to the time of manufacturers wishing to use these meetings to fully test their products.

It was noticeable how well supported these meetings were by institutions such as our three military services as well as the police and similar organisations from across the world. I recall the Hong-Kong Police sent a team, their red emblazoned T-shirts being a distinct sight in the Parc Ferme. I wonder if that region is in any position to send a similar team nowadays?

My riding number was immediately behind a Police team rider in the shape of Sgt. Dave Minskip, quite a well known off-road performer in his day. Nonetheless, I thought I would soon see him off. I have never ever met Dave, though I would like to have done and truth

to tell, I saw very little of him at that meeting! On a specially modified Triumph, he rode with due consideration on the road, yet very quick and when we got on the rough - oh my dear! I never ever saw him! - only when he was waiting quietly at the check points as I caught breathlessly up. Since that time, I have had the greatest respect for the Police riders - if you want to see superb, close-disciplined, slow-speed control of motorbikes, watch the parade through the London streets at Princess Diana's funeral.

I had found the first day relatively easy and had only lost a few marks on time and was therefore beginning to think I might win a medal. However, the organisers, headed by Roger Maughfling - who had former links to the Castle (Colchester) club - had a policy of giving us all an easy ride on Day-one and reserved the fireworks for Day-two. It certainly came to pass. I even had problems at the start. I had of course checked the bike during the work period and had no particular worries but as I had noticed an occasional misfire and sensing the famous Lucas 2MC capacitor which I had fitted, might be playing up, replaced the spark plug by one with a reduced gap. You were allowed one minute to start when your particular time to go arose and it was signalled by the drop of a flag. Failure to do so pro-

duced a penalty of 60 marks. A fair crowd gathered around the Llandridrod Well's lake to watch the proceedings. I gave them some entertainment as I kicked and kicked. Nothing. Panic of course, arose. Frantically, I viciously thrust the kick-starter only to have a feeble kick-back and a gentle "chuff" from the exhaust. I believe I used – loudly – a very bad word, which the onlookers received with great jollity – the Welsh humour. But they were on my side, for the next

kick, the BSA fired up and there was a resounding cheer. Sweating and hugely embarrassed, I stabbed into gear and departed, mere seconds ahead of the minute allowance. Riding along to the first check point on the road, enabled me to relax – but not for long. It was going to be a memorable day – but for the wrong reasons....

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" A cracking shot of a rider easing into a section in the 1952 Clayton Trophy trial. Rock country sure enough - but surely that number plate is from Essex?"

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TIM'S "THE BORDERS" TOUR

From Ted's Plaice to Monks Eleigh for a cuppa via Stoke by Nayland....



....On to Lavenham, Cavendish, Clare, The Belchamps, Gestingthorpe,....



.....And then to Earles Colne Chippy.
(can you guess what we're doing?)
Just over 50 odd miles and a good time had by all.

ROGER BIRCH MEMORIAL TRIAL

Photos by Marcus, Sarah, Terry & Chris.



Continued over





MARK GIBBS SCOTTISH PRE '65





AND A COUPLE FANTIC 200'S AT THE SSDT



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contact Ted on 01206 841519.

Langford Bike Meet. August 7th
contact Don Daly on 01787 477045.

Copdock Bike Show. September 4th
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JULY 2022

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June 5th			Weeley Auto Jumble, CO16 9AG
June 7th	EFA		Club Night at Stanway Rovers FC Club House, The Hawthorns, 50 New Farm Rd., CO3 OPG
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July 15/ / 16 /17			Weeting Country Show
July 30th	Diss MCC	ACU	Wattisfield, Class C Champ Rnd 3
August 7th			Langford Bike Meet
September 4th			Copdock Bike Show
Oct 2nd	EFA	ACU	Snaque Pit Trial
Oct 30th	Woodbridge & DMCC	ACU	TBC Class C Champ Rnd 4
Nov 27th	EFA	ACU	Ian Preedy Mem Trial, Thorrington, Rnd 5 Class C
Dec 11th	ACTC / EFA	AMCA	Boxford Bash Trial, Boxford Scouts Spinney
Dec 27th	Woodbridge & DMCC	ACU	Butley, Class C Champ Rnd 6

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