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*Could it be Bill?
Or
Could it be Ben?
No
It's Ted on his
Bantam!*

(I'll get my coat.....)

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For the 21st
South Midland Classic
British Bike
&
Twinshock Trial
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(Submissions gratefully received)

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S IPAD

Well the club has been ticking along in the low season. The new venue for club meetings has proved to be a hit with everyone who has come along + the Beer is cheaper. Bromley turned out to be a good trial after all the years of wet. The track held out which was a bonus. Weeting was HOT, we went on the Wednesday as we had no idea what to expect as nobody has done anything for three years. It turned out to be not too bad a bit of hedge trimming and some extended chainsaw work was needed (if you want your hedge cut don't call us we are very expensive). The most dangerous mower in the land took over. Its got a Honda engine, the owner told me started first pull which is more than can be said for his bike when the time came, the Ukraine's soldiers would love it. Big thanks to Brian and Geoff. We had a good show of bikes, lot of interest on Friday and Saturday, Sunday was poor for spectators it was just too dam hot. But it was nice to be back and catch up with people even Phill the commentator remembered us.
Langford is the next one, hope it's not so Hot.

Ted.

PS the chairman job is still up for grabs anyone who is interested please get in touch.

EDITORIAL

A bit late this one, which will have Kev spitting feathers as he'll probably have to send out a second post to those who take the eastern gazette as well, sorry Mr Membership Secretary. September's T&T might also be a bit late but that's no excuse for not sending in a few words and pictures of

what you've been up to, bike builds? Trials afar? Anything you'd like to share really.

Keep yer feet up.



Front Cover

President Ted at the Weeting Show
Photo by Mark Gibb

TOWARDS “SECTION ENDS”

PART TWENTY FOUR

The second day of the 1976 ‘Welsh Two Day Trial’ (nowadays an Enduro) provided much the greater challenge of the two days. It must be remembered that sidecars also shared the route and the attrition rate for them was very high. Riding my converted BSA, I thought I was reasonably fit but before long and after sundry falls and frequently getting stuck, my energy began to sag. Ominously, the bike began to play up as well, starting to misfire and most particularly being an absolute swine when trying to restart after the multitude of stops and falls. However I pressed on, determined to finish. Riders who started whole hours after, were now passing me and it was obvious I was never going to make the awards. None-the-less, “Perge” (my motto in Latin!).

I was told later that it was the very source of the mighty River Severn, where I finally stopped - the BSA simply expiring. It was on a very narrow sheep's path high up in the hills, so high that I was enveloped in a thick mist. Feverishly, I struggled to get the bike restarted, changing plugs, investigating the wiring - including that wretched little 2MC Lucas capacitor - but of sparks, there was none. Riders passed me, one or two kind enough to ask if I needed anything - all aware that they could not afford the time to help me. I had to shake my head. It was all up for me. I swore loudly into the fog. After a while it was obvious the whole field

had gone by. I was now on my own. What now? Formerly bathed in sweat, I was getting cold - very cold. I left the bike and cautiously walked along the pathway. Besides the cold, it was totally silent. Solitude can be alarming. (I feel I must add to younger readers that this is in the age of no mobile phones.)

I was totally on my own - and who knew it, or where I was? I imagined that my colleagues would, when returning to the start, or later, back at our camp, would raise the alarm and a search would begin. But how long would that take? It clearly could be many hours - since they would need to see from which check-point I had last passed. I felt hugely depressed - and anxious. I was shivering and walked further along the path simply to keep warm. I came on to a funny little stone and timber hut. I was told later they sheared the sheep up there. I went in. It was pretty devoid of comfort but I thought I might well have to spend the night in there. To keep warm and to avoid cramp, I decided to walk a counted two hundred yards further and then come back, making the hut my base. The mist still swirled thickly. I could hear the odd sheep bleat but nothing else. Like a long-distance Grenadier from Buckingham Palace, I walked back and forth, aware that I must not deviate off the route.

It might have been a couple of hours or so when I heard in the far distance the “pappity-pap” of a

two-stroke being ridden slowly. The sound came and went but over the long minutes, it was gradually coming nearer. Of course! The organisers had catered for a "back marker" - this being a rider dispatched some time after the last competitor for the very purpose of "mopping up" those, like me, who have stopped or come off along the route. Foolishly, I yelled out but at last, emerging

from the mist, came a young man on an Ossa trials bike. Apart from my wife on our wedding day, I was never so pleased to see anyone - ever.

Yet there was more to come. Two men - one bike, OK - but this was a mini-seat trials bike. The remaining journey was memorable, lengthy - and a very uncomfortable one.



" This is something a bit different! No body lean here - but did ever a human being tuck himself in so completely on a 50cc racer? Ralph Bryans riding a works Honda 50. down Bray Hill. From a technical viewpoint, I found the 50cc TT races the most interesting of all - what those tiny engines could do, was amazing."

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TIM'S "5 MILES FROM ANYWHERE" TOUR

A blazing hot day, probably why we had a disappointing response, Dave Norman the only person who joined Geoff, Daph & myself.

We left the Sarecen's Head at Newton Green & reached Clare where we took the B1063 road towards Newmarket stopping for a cuppa in The Star at Lidgate, a charming older world pub. Reaching Newmarket we rode along the A142, turning onto the A1123 to Wickham Fen (remember the windmill.) From here it was a short distance to our destination, 'The Pub 5 Miles From Anywhere' at Upware. We were enjoying a very pleasant alfresco lunch. But wait! Who should be there to greet us it was

Mr. N.J.B. who was holidaying in the area.

After enjoying the scenic River Cam & the many boats passing, we bade farewell to Norman & Company, returning via the B1061 to Sturmer, after which it was homeward bound.

A good day out, with a surprisingly less than 100 miles in distance.

Perhaps we'll reprise this event in the future?

The Management.





THE E.F.A. AT WEETING

PHOTO'S BY MARK GIBB





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TIM'S TOURS 2022

NOW HERE THIS.

The management are planning an outing to take place on the 3rd September, (Saturday) leaving at 2.30 in the afternoon from Ted's Plaice.

Further details will be published on the E.F.A. website at a later date, or contact head office on 07761822223.

The Management.

**The 21st South Midland Classic British Bike & Twinshock Trial
Organised jointly by Kenton and Kingsbury and Wycombe Clubs at
Frank Lyons Farm Nr Colliers End Herts SG11 1ES
Sun 18th September 2022. 10.30 am. Open permit No ACU 63967
Meeting Sec: Mick Clarkson Email: bsamickey@gmail.com**

Officials: Club Stewards I Reynolds, J Cox.

Clerk of the Course; S Dowling. License Number 80715

JURISDICTION. Held under the National Sporting Code and the Standing Regulations (trials) of the ACU. These Supplementary Regulations and any final instructions which may be issued.

ELIGIBILITY. Open to all members of clubs affiliated to the ACU riding solo machines of "British manufacture" & Twinshock Machines.

ENTRIES. Via ACU Online Entry system only. Entry fee £20. Limited to 100 riders.

NO POSTAL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED & NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED ON THE DAY.

Entries close: Thursday 15th September 2022 at 8pm or when full.

COURSE - All on private land and will consist of 3 laps of 12 sections plus a separate timed section on the 1st Lap only.

CLASSES - (A - British Bike Hard Route) (B - British Bike Easier Route) (C - Twinshock Bike Hard Route) (D - Twinshock Bike Easier Route) (E – Gentlefolk -Any British Bike/Twinshock). PLEASE NOTE. **Gentlefolk class will only ride two laps of the white route for no award. All other classes will ride 3 Laps.** MARKING. Will be as in TSR22 B. (no stop). Awards- Premier award. Best British Bike performance on the red route. (Name on the Minnie Glenfell trophy, plus a replica). Best British Bike performance riding white route (Name on the Cyril Smith trophy, plus a replica). Awards - The Jack Rees Trophy for the best performance on the red route riding a Triumph (To be held for one year)

GENERAL - Sections will be laid out with two alternative routes. Expert Route - Red Markers. Easier Route – White Markers. The onus of following the correct route lies with the rider! When signing on you will be issued with a colour coded riding number, you will not be able to change your selected route during the event!!

TIES - Will be decided by a separate "timed" section on the 1st Lap.

No riding of bikes before or after the Trial. Riders are not allowed to deviate from the marked course.

All ACU Covid Guidelines at the time of the event will be adhered to. Anyone breaching the rules will be immediately disqualified & asked to leave the venue.

A Catering Van will be in attendance.

Food vouchers will be issued to all Officials & Observers.

All riders will be eligible for free food & drink up to a max value of £5 dependant on the rider showing their riding number to the Catering Van. (Madalina)

All profits from the Event will be donated to The Brain Tumour Charity.

NB: No toilet facilities at the venue.

BRUISYARD BIKE SHOW

BRUISYARD VILLAGE HALL IP17 2DX

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12 NOON - 6PM



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FORTHCOMING SHOWS BEING ATTENDED BY THE E.F.A.

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

Copdock Bike Show. September 4th
contact Don Daly.

Kempton Park Bike Show & Auto Jumble. December 3rd
Contact Don Daly.

Anyone interested in showing their bike/s please contact the above people in GOOD TIME as passes have to be organised. Passes cannot be obtained at short notice.

VACANCY CLUB CHAIRMAN

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.

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AUGUST 2022

KEEPING TRACK!

Club Fixture List & some other classic events in East Anglia

Aug 7th			Langford Bike Meet
Sept 4th			Copdock Bike Show
Sept 6th	EFA		Club Night at Stanway Rovers FC Club House, The Hawthorns, 50 New Farm Rd., CO3 OPG
Sept 18th	South Midland	ACU	Classic British Bike & Twin Shock Trial, Colliers End
Oct 2nd	EFA	ACU	Snaque Pit Trial
Oct 4th	EFA		Club Night at Stanway Rovers FC Club House, The Hawthorns, 50 New Farm Rd., CO3 OPG
Oct 30th	Woodbridge & DMCC	ACU	TBC Class C Champ Rnd 4
Nov 1st	EFA		Club Night at Stanway Rovers FC Club House, The Hawthorns, 50 New Farm Rd., CO3 OPG
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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