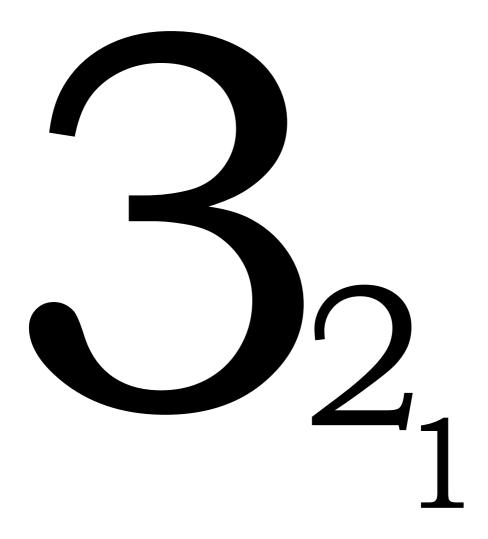
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(Submissions gratefully received)

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EDITORIAL

An open letter to all members of the EFA.

Dear All,

Life changes and with it demands on time also change and with this in mind I am finding it increasingly difficult to produce the club magazine, Trials and Tribulations, to the standard you as members deserve, in a timely manner for club nights and it is not fair on Kevin who has to wait on the T&T being printed before he can distribute it along with the Eastern ACU Gazette.

I am therefore giving notice of three issues (hence the 3-2-1 on the front cover) when I'll hang up my editorial boots on my 135th issue of the T&T.

I will of course give all the support needed to whoever takes up the Editorship, it's almost a 'turn key,' up and running, operation with the EFA laptop, software and resources, so only your personal preferences to change. Give me a call (you might have to leave a message and I'll call you back) if you're interested and want to know more.

Keep yer feet up.

P.S.

If you are willing to take on the website as well that would be fantastic but I'm happy to look after that to make it easier.

TOWARDS "SECTION ENDS"

PART TWENTY FIVE

etiring in any event is a blow. The whole object, be it the hum- "Brynon" He replied proudly, as if blest trial or the most prodigious Grand Prix, is to finish the course. Disappointment overwhelms. Further, if the event is over an arduous long route in remote countryside, a retirement can begin to test the riders survival. These glum thoughts were swirling around in my head when my BSA packed up high in the Welsh hills during the International Welsh Two Day Trial back in 1976. Engulfed in a damp mist, I rejoiced when the 'back-marker', a tall, gangling lad, bare-headed and riding a trials Ossa, emerged from the gloom and rode up to me.

"Hello there - how are you doing?" He inquired cheerfully in pronounced Welsh tones.

I replied with both gratitude at his arrival, and grumps at my bike's failure.

"Won't it go at all?" He asked I assured him it was quite dead. "Oh well - we'll have to leave it here, I suppose" He said thoughtfully. I had already felt that was obvious towing in those surface conditions was not an option. Besides, our lad had no rope. This then left us with two men and a trials Ossa. A debate took place. Gallantly he offered me the seat and like a good trials man, he would stand on the footrests. Away we went - briefly. He was carrying a shoulder bag and over a short run, the bag kept swinging and whacked my face. I called for a stop.

"Whats your name," I asked.

pleased I had asked.

"Brynon – let me take that bloody bag..."

Away we went again. I forget the number of times we fell off or the amount of stream crossings we made, where I had to dismount and follow him as he footed his way through. I was getting more weary and fed up. It was now raining as it only can in the Welsh hills. There was not a single cell or molecule in my body that did not ache, nor was dry. I had to wade through the crossings and then stiffly re-seat myself on the Ossa. Brynon to his great credit, remained eminently cheerful throughout the whole wretched business - it somehow only made me more depressed. "What is in this bag?" I asked irritably, as for the umpteenth time, I

got myself into place.

"Oh, bits and pieces - and some buns my girlfriend made in case I got hungry....." He explained with a soppy grin. There was a long pregnant pause until he added:

"...would you like one?"

I went into that bag with the zeal of a customs officer looking for weed. A small metal box contained a halfdozen or so small neatly made cakes, with little paper cases and tiny, delicate, icing on top. No vicar's tea party would be complete without such finely made eats. Ever the rebel and desperate now, I took two. They were a taste of heaven in those wretched

circumstances.

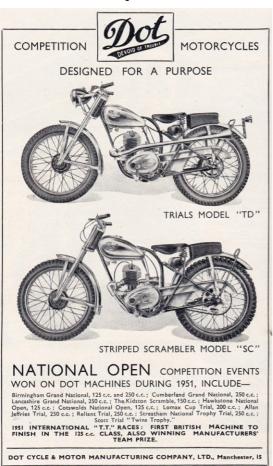
"What's her name?" I asked, as I consumed yet another.

"Caitrin." he replied.

"Marry her -" I advised "- do it tomorrow. Have me at the wedding. I'll make a speech in her honour." "I can't do that..." Young lanky Brynon replied, with a huge grin. "...I dunno if she's any good in bed yet.."

We eventually descended from the hills and got to a farm track and then the farm itself where the check point was sited. Nonetheless it was another couple of hours be-

fore I arrived back, knackered and depressed, at our camp in Disserth. Ian and Bruce had finished on their Wasp outfit and had done well. All the team listened to my story with both sympathy and a little barely hidden amusement. "Well - " declared El Presidente " we'll have to have a rescue party tomorrow to recover Sidge's BSA. Get your maps out and we will be away right after breakfast." I hoped it wouldn't be too early....though it actually turned out to be an interesting and memorable day.



"Right from seeing my first scrambles in the early 1950's, I always wanted a DOT. I was told I must save up for one. It became a joke in my family as my Aunties would give me postal orders at Christmas and birthdays - `..for your DOT, love'.

Actually as it turned out I never owned one.

Sorry Aunties....."

All the best,

Sidge

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S IPAD

Langford Show

Well what a show this Year the most Bikes I have ever seen + people. Don done a great job organising everybody. Answering question on his bikes which kept him happy, the bikes just kept coming I think we had 17, a record. We also had star a 7R not quite sure who it belonged to what a bike! It had a note on it which said (Went to Kempton park AJ for some bits came back with an 7R). Nice to see Sylvia who brought a long one of Ian's Autocycles, I think it was a New Hudson, caused a lot of interest. We were busy all day, nice to sit down and have a cup of tea and a bit of Edies cake.

Ballingdon Grove

Some of you will have herd that the Club has acquired the use of Ballingdon Grove it is a fantastic piece of ground, first used for the East Anglian trial in the 1970s. Last used by the club in 1984. It was through the good luck of one of our c/m who met the land owner and did the negotiations well done Graham!!!

Copdock Bike Show

A another Don Daly promotion, he has moved the stand this year so we are in with the Pre 65 motor cross club. We will also have some sections to ride with a bit of luck. Hope or see you there.

Ted

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

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary.

She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds."

I bought her some bathroom scales.

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EASTERN FOURSTROKE ASSOCIATION

THE BALLINGDON GROVE TRIAL

PRE-65 AND TWINSHOCK TRIAL

Sunday October 2nd 2022 Start 10:30 am.



VENUE: Ballingdon Grove, Middleton Rd,

Ballingdon, Sudbury, Suffolk,

CO10 7LJ

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CLUB STEWARD: TBA

CLERK OF THE COURSE: Kevin Plummer
Licence No.38774

SECRETARY OF THE MEETING: Robert Clarke, 07729317711

JURISDICTION: Held under the NSC and the Standing Discipline Regulations of the ACU and the EASTERN CENTRE, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to members of the Eastern Fourstroke Association riding Pre-65 solo machines, twinshock machines and EFA Youth members only.

COURSE: Approximately 4 laps of 10 sections - multi route course - all on private land.

MARKING: As per TSR 22B - Non-stop basis.

ENTRIES: Entry for this event is via the ACU online entry system - Go To https://members.acu.org.uk LOGIN or REGISTER then go to 'Search for an Event'; find the event and follow the process to enter. Entry Fee; £17.00, Entries open 10th September and close 29th September. Any entry queries please contact the Secretary of the Meeting or Club Secretary, Richard Challis. If you require the results to be posted to you please supply a S. A. E. Alternatively results will be posted on the EFA website at; www.eastern-fourstroke-association.co.uk Refunds to online entry trials are available if you are unable to make the trial BUT only if you give the secretary of the meeting adequate advanced notice

ENTRIES OPEN: 10th September

ENTRIES CLOSE: 29th September or when entry full

CLASSES: SOLO, Rigid, Pre-unit, Unit, 2 Stroke, Twin Shock

& Youth. All solo.

ROUTE: Hard / 50/50 / Easy

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et Geoffrey Cornes



Petite histoire du Trial Pré 65 de MONS, par Christian Caucheteur.

(A short history of the MONS Pré 65 Trial, by Christian Caucheteur.)

1964, the last year the Matchless trial with separate gearbox (gearbox bolted to the frame, not to the engine) was marketed. At the same time, Sammy Miller had developed a trial version of the Bultaco Sherpa, much faster and lighter. Trials would never be the same again!

But our English friends continued to organise trials "the old fashioned way": the Trial Pré 65 was born.

In 1982, I was part of the organising committee of the 25th Trial du Mont Panisel (and my very young friends Charles-Olivier Descamps, now President of the Club, and Jérôme Degreef, now Administrator, were already involved!) To celebrate the anniversary, I proposed to add a pre-65 trial to the programme, as our French friends had done a few months before. It was a success: 16 riders, including 4 French, came to revive the memories of the first trials.

By popular demand, the Pre-65 Trial was repeated in 1983 (37 participants, including 5 English!) and our organisation very quickly became the reference in this field.

Other Belgian, French, German and Dutch clubs followed suit. Hence the idea of creating a Euro Cup. An ambitious project, even too much so: the competitive spirit of some took precedence over the friendly atmosphere and the concern to respect the authenticity of the bikes... Mons withdrew.

What makes the success of the Trial Pré 65 of Mons, is first of all a dynamic club, able to gather a hundred of volunteers to ensure the reception, the administration, the controls, the work on the ground... The non-stops route respects the limits of old motorbikes: no too tight turns, nor ground clearance problems. Three courses: difficult, medium and easy, according to the abilities of each rider. And 5 categories of motorbikes, to highlight the real vintage bikes.

The competitors each have their own motivation: the connoisseurs can admire superb vintage bikes; there are also slightly improved vintage bikes; other bikes, whose main parts are not all original, have their place in the "Light and Special" category.

I think it is impossible to find a jury capable of checking the conformity of each bike, so I say that in Mons, everyone comes to look for what they want to find. The public will judge.

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.

ELIGIBILTY. 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 1^{st} 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.

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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.

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Sept 18th	South Midland	ACU	Classic British Bike & Twin Shock Trial, Colliers End
Oct 2nd	EFA	ACU	Ballingdon Grove Trial, Middleton Rd, Ballingdon
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 12th 13th	Royal Mons Auto Club		Trial du Mont Panisel Pré65, www.rmamc.be
Nov 27th	EFA	ACU	Ian Preedy Mem Trial, Thorrington, Rnd 5 Class C
Dec 6th	EFA		Club Night at Stanway Rovers FC Club House, The Hawthorns, 50 New Farm Rd., CO3 OPG
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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