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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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(Submissions gratefully received)

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Happy New Year!

Let me wish you all the best for 2023 and keep your feet up!

A big thank you to Andrew for taking on the challenge of the T&T keep sending him all the gossip!

First thing on in 2023 is Lt Bealing - Hope to see some of you there. Anybody who would like to Observe please let me know.

Then we have the AGM we have not held one for 3 years. It is booked for March club night 7th please **let me know** as we have to let the catering know.

It will be at Stanway Rovers football club.

At the AGM I will be standing down after to many years at the top trying to keep you in order, but I will be taking over the President so not disappearing completely.

I want you all to Welcome Chris Chapman to the post of Chairman and wish him luck.

All for now, *Ted*

EFA 2022 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Class	Route	Name	Little Bealings - 9th January 2022	Raydon pit - 27th February 2022	Chattisham - 27th March 2022	Gt Bromley - 22nd May 2022	Ballingdon Grove - 2nd October	Thumpers - Thorrington - 27th November	Boxford - 11th December 2022	Total	Lowest Round score	Final Total
Pre Unit	Hard	Mark Fletcher	10	10	10	10	10	0	10	60	0	60
Pre Unit	Hard	Trevor Baker	9	0	0	9	9	0	0	27	0	27
Unit	Hard	Kevin Hood	0	10	10	10	0	10	10	50	0	50
Unit	Hard	Jim Cammack	10	8	9	0	9	0	9	45	0	45
Unit	Hard	Michael Smith	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	18
Unit	Hard	Mark E Chapman	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	10
Unit	Hard	Stephen Howard	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9	0	9
Unit	Hard	Brdley Woods	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
Two Stroke	Hard	Allan Collier	10	9	0	0	10	10	0	39	0	39
Two Stroke	Hard	Richard Norman	9	10	10	0	0	0	0	29	0	29
Two Stroke	Hard	Trevor Baker	0	8	9	0	0	9	0	26	0	26
Two Stroke	Hard	Terry Thompson	8	0	7	0	0	0	0	15	0	15
Two Stroke	Hard	Tom Norman	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	10
Two Stroke	Hard	Richard Snowden	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
T/Shock	Hard	Kevin Palmer	9	9	10	0	9	0	10	47	0	47
T/Shock	Hard	Graham Palmer	8	10	9	7	4	0	9	47	4	43
T/Shock	Hard	Rob Cameron	5	8	0	8	5	0	8	34	0	34
T/Shock	Hard	Kevin Plummer	7	7	7	0	8	0	5	34	0	34
T/Shock	Hard	Andy Nunn	6	6	4	6	3	0	7	32	3	29
T/Shock	Hard	Stephen Howard	10	0	8	10	0	0	0	28	0	28
T/Shock	Hard	Steve Newman	3	5	5	5	1	0	6	25	1	24
T/Shock	Hard	Gary Baker	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	10
T/Shock	Hard	Craig Crowfoot	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9	0	9
T/Shock	Hard	Richard Norman	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	7
T/Shock	Hard	Andrew Bilbow	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
T/Shock	Hard	Steve Balnd	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	0	6

T/Shock	Hard	Tom Norman	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	6
T/Shock	Hard	Andy Aldhouse	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	4
T/Shock	Hard	Alan Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	4
T/Shock	Hard	Bob Wreathall	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
T/Shock	Hard	Peter Bavin	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2
Pre Unit	50/50	John Daly	10	10	10	10	10	0	0	50	0	50
Unit	50/50	Bradley Woods	0	9	0	8	10	9	9	45	0	45
Unit	50/50	Andrew Prill	10	10	0	0	9	0	10	39	0	39
Unit	50/50	Jim Cammack	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	20	0	20
Unit	50/50	Michael Smith	0	0	0	9	0	8	0	17	0	17
Unit	50/50	John Chapman	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
Two Stroke	50/50	Trevor Hill	10	10	10	8	10	7	9	64	7	57
Two Stroke	50/50	Kevin Plummer	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	20	0	20
Two Stroke	50/50	Greg Radley	0	0	0	0	0	8	10	18	0	18
Two Stroke	50/50	Paul Houghton	0	0	9	9	0	0	0	18	0	18
Two Stroke	50/50	Craig Crowfoot	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9	0	9
Two Stroke	50/50	Bob Clarke	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	0	9
Two Stroke	50/50	Terry Thompson	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	8
T/Shock	50/50	Dave Smith	9	9	8	8	0	0	0	34	0	34
T/Shock	50/50	Trevor Harvey	0	0	10	9	9	0	0	28	0	28
T/Shock	50/50	Chris Skedge	6	10	5	7	0	0	0	28	0	28
T/Shock	50/50	Harvey Newman	2	8	0	6	6	0	0	22	0	22
T/Shock	50/50	Alan Millar	7	0	7	3	0	0	0	17	0	17
T/Shock	50/50	Joshua Brown	0	0	0	5	7	0	0	12	0	12
T/Shock	50/50	Nick Radley	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	11	0	11
T/Shock	50/50	Steve Bland	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	10
T/Shock	50/50	Sam Shaughnessy	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
T/Shock	50/50	Jake Caunter	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	10
T/Shock	50/50	Nigel Ward	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	10
T/Shock	50/50	Charlie Grange	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	9
T/Shock	50/50	Daniel Ward	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	8
T/Shock	50/50	Tim Ford	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
T/Shock	50/50	Ray Buck	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
T/Shock	50/50	Steve Martin	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
T/Shock	50/50	Andrew Bilbow	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	4
T/Shock	50/50	Michael Lilley	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
T/Shock	50/50	Robert Martin	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4

T/Shock	50/50	Mick Liley	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
T/Shock	50/50	Ian Barfield	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Pre Unit	Easy	Robert Clarke	9	9	10	8	8	9	9		62	8	54
Pre Unit	Easy	Joe Stollery	7	7	9	0	9	7	10		49	0	49
Pre Unit	Easy	Hugo Rose	10	10	0	9	7	0	0		36	0	36
Pre Unit	Easy	Mark Gibb	8	8	0	0	10	10	0		36	0	36
Pre Unit	Easy	Martin Croker	0	0	0	10	0	0	0		10	0	10
Pre Unit	Easy	Robert Wreathall	0	0	0	0	0	8	0		8	0	8
Unit	Easy	David Rose	9	10	0	9	8	9	10		55	0	55
Unit	Easy	Colin Black	10	9	9	0	9	0	0		37	0	37
Unit	Easy	Martin Croker	0	7	10	0	0	7	8		32	0	32
Unit	Easy	Ken Carroll	8	0	8	10	0	0	0		26	0	26
Unit	Easy	Julian Smith	0	3	0	7	6	0	6		22	0	22
Unit	Easy	Paul Gray	0	2	6	0	7	0	7		22	0	22
Unit	Easy	Phil Smith	0	0	0	0	5	8	9		22	0	22
Unit	Easy	Graham Braybrook	0	0	0	0	10	10	0		20	0	20
Unit	Easy	Chris McKenzie	0	5	7	8	0	0	0		20	0	20
Unit	Easy	Richard Challis	7	6	0	0	0	5	0		18	0	18
Unit	Easy	Adrain Studd	0	8	0	0	0	6	0		14	0	14
Unit	Easy	Peter Caunter	0	1	5	0	0	0	0		6	0	6
Unit	Easy	Brian Cook	6	0	0	0	0	0	0		6	0	6
Unit	Easy	Jake Caunter	0	4	0	0	0	0	0		4	0	4
Two Stroke	Easy	Graham Braybrook	10	10	10	10	0	0	10		50	0	50
Two Stroke	Easy	John Beasley	0	0	0	6	9	9	9		33	0	33
Two Stroke	Easy	Brian Cook	0	7	8	7	0	0	7		29	0	29
Two Stroke	Easy	Scott Chappell	9	0	0	9	10	0	0		28	0	28
Two Stroke	Easy	Colin Black	0	0	0	8	0	8	8		24	0	24
Two Stroke	Easy	Colin Miles	6	5	0	0	0	0	0		11	0	11
Two Stroke	Easy	Joshua Brown	0	0	0	0	0	10	0		10	0	10
Two Stroke	Easy	Phil Read	0	9	0	0	0	0	0		9	0	9
Two Stroke	Easy	Mark Warren	0	0	9	0	0	0	0		9	0	9
Two Stroke	Easy	Terry Thompson	0	8	0	0	0	0	0		8	0	8
Two Stroke	Easy	Phil Read	0	0	0	0	8	0	0		8	0	8
Two Stroke	Easy	Bradley Woods	7	0	0	0	0	0	0		7	0	7
Two Stroke	Easy	Brian Fletcher	0	6	0	0	0	0	0		6	0	6
Two Stroke	Easy	Hugo Rose	0	0	0	0	0	0	6		6	0	6
T/Shock	Easy	Alan Robinson	0	7	5	10	3	0	6		31	0	31

T/Shock	Easy	Bob Wreathall	9	0	9	0	0	0	10		28		0	28
T/Shock	Easy	Paul Bilbow	5	5	3	3	2	0	5		23		2	21
T/Shock	Easy	Joshua Brown	0	10	10	0	0	0	0		20		0	20
T/Shock	Easy	Graham Waddelow	2	3	4	4	6	0	0		19		0	19
T/Shock	Easy	Bruce Davie	10	0	0	0	7	0	0		17		0	17
T/Shock	Easy	Ray Buck	0	8	0	9	0	0	0		17		0	17
T/Shock	Easy	Charles Grange	0	9	0	0	8	0	0		17		0	17
T/Shock	Easy	Kevin Bownes	0	6	8	0	0	0	0		14		0	14
T/Shock	Easy	Nick Hodgetts	0	0	0	0	5	0	8		13		0	13
T/Shock	Easy	Nick Radley	0	0	0	0	10	0	0		10		0	10
T/Shock	Easy	Colin Sadler	0	0	0	0	9	0	0		9		0	9
T/Shock	Easy	Mark Gibb	0	0	0	0	0	0	9		9		0	9
T/Shock	Easy	Gary Smith	7	0	2	0	0	0	0		9		0	9
T/Shock	Easy	Steve Martin	0	2	7	0	0	0	0		9		0	9
T/Shock	Easy	Alan Farmer	0	0	1	8	0	0	0		9		0	9
T/Shock	Easy	Kevin Davie	8	0	0	0	0	0	0		8		0	8
T/Shock	Easy	Chris McKenzie	4	0	0	0	0	0	4		8		0	8
T/Shock	Easy	Dan Wright	0	0	0	7	0	0	0		7		0	7
T/Shock	Easy	Sidge Kenny	1	0	0	5	1	0	0		7		0	7
T/Shock	Easy	Peter Teager	0	0	0	0	0	0	7		7		0	7
T/Shock	Easy	Luke Gray	0	0	0	0	4	0	3		7		0	7
T/Shock	Easy	Joseph Knight	0	0	0	6	0	0	0		6		0	6
T/Shock	Easy	Chris Chapman	0	0	6	0	0	0	0		6		0	6
T/Shock	Easy	Alister McFarquhar	6	0	0	0	0	0	0		6		0	6
T/Shock	Easy	Joe Knight	3	0	0	0	0	0	2		5		0	5
T/Shock	Easy	Kenneth Carrol	0	4	0	0	0	0	0		4		0	4
T/Shock	Easy	Gary Smith	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		1		0	1
T/Shock	Easy	Ed Hardy	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		1		0	1
Mono	Easy	Alfred Eaves	9	9	10	0	0	0	0		28		0	28
Mono	Easy	Alan Farmer	10	10	0	0	0	0	0		20		0	20

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TOWARDS "SECTION ENDS"

No one could ever suggest our former: "El Presidente" - the sadly missed Ian Preedy - of being a lightweight, either in stature or achievement. His record speaks for itself. Winner of countless Eastern Centre sidecar trials and an eventual champion. Winner and gold medalist of a major and gruelling international two-day events, in a discipline which became the fore-runner of Enduro - and added to all of that, the builder of various special machines, not least of which was: "Little Eric," a solo motorcycle, - where Ian put forward the argument for the use of side-valve engines in trials competition - in this case, a 250cc BSA - and the resultant machine proved both unique and successful. But that was by no means, the end of it. Ian was also a founder of the EFA itself and before that, over 50 years ago, was instrumental in devising: "moped speedway."

The 1950's and 60's saw a great increase in the use on the roads of powered two-wheelers. The majority being from British makers but added to by an influx of motor scooters, usually from Italy. Along with these were masses of the more basic: "mopeds", hardly more structured than a bicycle and powered by 50cc engines which were invariably two-strokes. These were essentially the most economic "ride-to-work" bikes and over the years, the second-hand market be-

came over-packed with these little machines and therefore they could be obtained for just a few pounds. It was probably inevitable that someone saw the opportunity to set up a sport using these and here in the middle to late 1960's, was where Ian stepped in. The formula was simple. Get your moped - do all the tuning you wanted to, put on a larger rear sprocket if required and take off all the unnecessary bits. Even the road tyres were retained - any other type were simply not available. Of course, stout clothing and helmets were donned and occasionally goggles, should there be any dust. Usually racing was over an oval grassed circuit, with the straights limited to 30 to 40 yards. Races could be over any number of laps and occasionally there were races of one hour's duration, which entailed pit stops. The whole thing was immense fun, with races closely fought and many a young man, who later took to bigger bikes and wider circuits, went off the start line for the first time in moped speedway. Alan Fermer being the most famous. I might add the races were not restricted to the lads - girls rode as well.. At that time there were no specific permits to be issued for such events. Like Radio Caroline, their status was as "pirates."

As ever, Ian had his own methods. I think his `special` was based on a Puch `Maxi` and he had naturally

breathed on the engine and frame in a radical manner. The resultant bike was very low, I recall. His method of starting was also unique. Having no manual clutch, he would simply get an assistant to hold the rear of the bike off the ground whilst he wound the throttle to, 'full bore'. When the flag went down or the tapes went up, the spinning wheel was dropped and the little projectile duly launched. It took a good man to catch him on the short straights or in the bends, though there were frequent tussles for "track position". The intensity of the racing was equal to any of the

big stuff, bearing in mind it was on such tight circuits. The worst injury I recall was a sprained wrist – and even then, the rider, duly bandaged, returned for the last race.

The sport attracted a lot of people and was at times featured as an attraction at fetes and carnivals. I remember particularly one for the Walton Carnival. How that was run is a story in itself and was certainly my only time, along with the other competitors - including Ian - where we had money placed on us – just like the horses in the Grand National...



Moped speedway - St Osyth Fete 1970's

All the best,
Sidge

KEEPING TRACK!

2023

Club Fixture List & some other classic events.

Jan 8th	EFA	AMCA	Bealings Trial
Jan 29th	Talmag	ACU	TALMAG PRE 65 TROPHY TRIAL 2023
Feb 11-12th		Telford	Classic Dirtbike Show
Feb 19th	TBD		Snape Pit Trial
Mar 7th	EFA		AGM at Stanway Rovers around 7:30-8 CO3 0PG - Send Email to Ted if coming

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2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM



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If you would like to join us please complete and detach the enclosed Membership Application Form and return it, with the correct fee, to the Membership Secretary at the following address:

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EMAIL:

TELEPHONE No:

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I have read and agree to abide by the Eligibility Rules of the EFA and enclose a membership fee of (please delete whichever does not apply):
£14 / £3 / £12 (additional if taking the Eastern Centre Gazette)

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EFA Youth Membership (under 18 yrs and NO Trials & Tribulations club magazine) £3.00

and apply to be elected a Member of the EFA.

When you submit your personal information you understand and agree the club (EFA & ACTC) may process your information in order to record and support your participation in the club activities you select. We may also share it with the A.C.U. and A.M.C.A. when you participate in events organised by the club that are regulated by these bodies.

Please make cheques payable to “Eastern Fourstroke Association”

Signed: Date:

Parent or Guardian:(Youth members only)



PHOTOS BY MARK GIBB

PHOTOS FROM THE PRE-65 SCOTTISH IN THE LATE 1980'S & OTHERS FROM RAYDON AND SNAQUE PIT AT AROUND THE SAME TIME.





PHOTOS BY MARK GIBB
WOODBRIDGE CLUB BUTLEY TRIAL





ANGLIA CLASSIC TRIALS CLUB
Affiliated to the Amateur Motor Cycle Association
THE LITTLE BEALINGS TRIAL
PRE-70 & TWINSHOCK TRIAL
Sunday January 8th 2023
Start 10:30 am.



AMCA Permit No:

AMCA/CT/

Venue:

IP13 6LT. (Nearest, trial entrance is just by the level crossing)

Clerk of the Course:

T.B.C.

Secretary of the Meeting:

T.B.A?

Course:

Approx 4 laps of 10 sections - multi route course, all on private land.

Routes:

Hard / 50/50 / Easy / Veterans*

Classes:

Rigid, Pre-unit, Unit, 2 stroke, Twin Shock, Youth (15 to 18),

Marking:

Will be 1,2,3,5 Non-stop basis.

Entries:

Will be accepted from members of the EFA ON THE DAY
£15.00 adult, £10.00 youth, **cash** no cheque's. A competitor becomes a member of the Anglia Classic Trials Club for the day of the event. **If you are a member of the AMCA please quote your membership number.**
Results will be posted on the EFA website at;
www.eastern-fourstroke-association.co.uk

Entries:

Half Hour Before the Start, **entries on the day only.**

NOTICE:

Helmets must be worn & it is recommended that you wear other appropriate protective clothing.

Excessively noisy machines will be barred.

Competitors parking on the hard car park outside the gates must not start their machines until they are pushed well inside the Spinney.

Vehicles of any kind must not be driven on the grass field.

No Dogs.

*A **Veterans** route will be run between the beginnings and end cards with a couple of yellow gates to keep you away from trouble. It will be **open to anyone**, suitable for those looking for a gentle, enjoyable ride around the course, beginners and those with old, heavy, big bikes.

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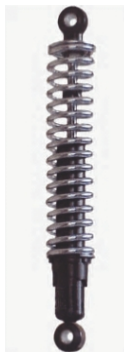
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