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(Submissions gratefully received)

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Well all, my first Chairperson's post.

It was a great disappointment that my first decision was to cancel the Chattisham Trial but we have plans to run it with better weather.

Kevin Plummer, his Lordship, is planning a Trial at Badwell Ash in June and will be a "enter on the day" with the ACTC/AMCA, this will also be an invitation Trial.

I would like to welcome you all to help at working party in May 21st 9:30am the weekend before the Trial.

It was great to see some of you in Scotland, more in next Month's T&T.

Many Thanks all, *Chris*

A message from Ted

Well AGM went off very well as we had not had one for three years. Most of the Trophies were able to be presented very able by Sylvia thank you and most of the food devoured.

A big Thank You for my gift much appreciated! Any body take any pics please forward to the Editor. We have Chattisham coming up all ways a popular venue Richard has been busy with his gang on the sections. Looking forward to getting the road bike ready for the Felixstowe run this year. Hope to see you soon.

Ted

Badwell Ash Father's Day Trial

AMCA Open to Club members and invited guests - all Trials bikes welcome.
10:30 Start, Sunday 18th June.
Sec of meeting and clerk of course is Kevin Plummer.

Roger Birch Memorial Trial

Pre 65 Champ Round 2 at Bromley 28th May

Online Entry now open, closing 24th May on SPORT80 - any problems with entry please contact sec of the meeting Mr John Beasley.

All non Championship riders **can enter on the day** £20 (includes non champ classes & twinshocks) Full Details inside - Entry forms on the day.



ANGLIA CLASSIC TRIALS CLUB
Affiliated to the Amateur Motor Cycle Association
Badwell Ash Father's Day Trial
All Trials Bikes Welcome
Sunday 18th June, Start 10:30 am.



AMCA AUTHORISATION No.: AMCA/CT
VENUE: Badwell Ash, full location and map to follow - **SEE IMPORTANT INFO***
CLERK OF THE COURSE: Kevin Plummer,
SECRETARY OF THE MEETING: Kevin Plummer, Bradgate House, Crown Lane, Ixworth, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, IP31 2EH. Mobile: 07774 277144

COURSE: Approximately 4 laps of 10 or 12 sections - multi route course - all on private land.
MARKING: Will be 1,2,3,5 - Non-stop basis.
ENTRIES: OPEN to EFA Members and invited guests.
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM forwarded to the Secretary of the Meeting. Fee of **£20.00** correct cash in an envelope only, CHEQUE'S WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. 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 CLOSE: TBC - Please try to enter in advance so we are aware of numbers
CLASSES: Rigid, Pre-unit, Unit, 2 Stroke, Twin Shock, Mono & Youth.
ROUTE: Hard / 50/50 / Easy / Veterans
NOTICE: **Helmets must be worn** & it is recommended that you wear other appropriate protective clothing. Excessively noisy machines will be barred. Riding over the field and any other prohibited areas is forbidden and any rider seen doing so will be disqualified. Instructions will be given at the start indicating these areas. Please keep to the marked route. NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED and please FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES AND ALL DISPLAYED NOTICES WHILST AT THE EVENT. Thank you.

*IMPORTANT INFO: Please only use the main entrance, which is 200 yards past the pub on the Walsham-Willow Road - NOT the back road next to the pub.

TIM'S TOURS 2023



Right you lot, we are off on our travels Saturday 20th May.
Meeting at the Bungalow Cafe Marks Tey at 2:15pm.
The route will be approx. 40 miles, with a comfort stop en route. The destination is Braintree.

All welcome, any queries for information phone company headquarters,
01206 735520/ 07761 822223
Tim Bradshaw

ENTRY FORM

Badwell Ash Trial

18th June 2023

Declaration: Motor Sport can be dangerous and may involve injury or death. You must read and agree to the following declaration and paragraphs below, which are designed to create a legally binding relationship in return for you being allowed to enter and compete.

1. I confirm that the information in this entry form and the information and my acceptance to the terms of my competition licence are correct.
2. I confirm that I understand the nature of the competition I am entering and I am competent to take part.
3. I confirm that any vehicle I use will comply with the regulations and will be safe and fit for use in the competition.
4. Before taking part in the event, I will ensure (unless prohibited) that I have inspected the venue, the track and the facilities and geographical features and that I am satisfied that it is safe for me to compete.
5. I will not take part if I have any doubt about my ability or the safety of the venue.
6. I accept that the competition in motor sport may involve the risk of injury or death and I agree to take part at my own risk.
7. Before taking part in the event, I will read and be bound by and comply with general regulations, any supplemental and final instructions issued by the AMCA, the organisers and the circuit owners and the regulatory body.
8. I will not participate whilst under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating drugs and that if I am taking any prescribed medication, I will inform the event organiser and seek approval to participate before taking part.
9. I consent to the collection and retention of my personal information by the AMCA.

Riders Signature: _____ **Date** _____

***Date of Birth (if under 18)** _____ **AMCA Membership No.:** _____

Riders Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ **Post Code:** _____

Telephone: _____ **email:** _____

Class Entered: _____ **Route:** _____ **Machine:** _____ **CC:** _____

***Parent/Guardian Declaration and Agreement:** to allow the applicant to enter the competition you must agree to the matters set out below, which are designed to create legal obligations on you. Sign below only if you agree.

I (print name) _____ I am the parent/legal guardian.

I have read the entry form and declaration completed by the applicant and confirm the answers are true.

- a) I confirm that he/she is competent to take part in the event and that any vehicle which he/she will use is safe and fit for competition.
- b) I will, before allowing him/her to take part, satisfy myself that the course and the facilities are safe and will inspect same.
- c) I also AGREE that if the applicant should sustain any injury from any cause whilst taking part in the event and as a result bring a claim for compensation against you or the organisers or officials or sponsors or entrants or owners of the venue. I WILL INDEMNIFY AND PAY BACK TO YOU any sum which you may be required to pay as a result of such a claim.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

PHOTOS BY MARK GIBB

BLAXHALL APRIL 2023



TOWARDS “SECTION ENDS”

My road racing career was pretty much a failure but I am ever grateful that I tried it.

From early teenage years I wanted to race in the T.T and from the moment I first swung my leg over a motorbike, in the middle-fifties, that was my aim. The man of the time was of course Geoff Duke - though I suspect many readers of the T & T may not, after this long passage of time, have even heard of him.

Duke was the most outstanding motorcycle racer in the post-war period - perhaps others may say Les Graham - the first 500cc World Champion - ran him close. The big factor about Geoff Duke, was his performances on the new “Featherbed” framed Nortons, which won him both TT races as well as World Championships. Later, he rode both Gilera and BMW. His style of riding was precise and neat, his lines through corners, fast and consistently accurate - on the T.T, circuit they had to be. A great example was on the sweeping left hand bend just past the Ginger Hall hotel, where Duke used every inch of the road at high speed and well cranked over, had to tilt his head sideways to avoid bashing his helmet on an inconveniently placed telegraph pole. His lap times were almost minutes quicker than his rivals. Yet his riding was as smooth

as Bird’s custard and he rarely fell off. A good man to emulate.

The thinking in the motorcycling world at the time, was that what ever your ultimate ambitions were and which discipline you wished to concentrate on, at least a season or two to begin with should be in trials. Duke himself started this way. Indeed he rode works Nortons in trials and won major events such as the trade supported “Victory” trial in the early 1950’s. However, before that, there had been a War and Duke served in the Royal Signals as a dispatch rider, as well as a member of their famous display team. As an aside, I heard it from his own lips that his technical knowledge of signals and communications had meant that more than once he was offered promotion in his regiment but always turned it down as he wanted remain on the motorbikes.

This formula of budding road racers cutting their teeth on the rough before going on to road racing, is seemingly not followed quite as closely nowadays and I suspect the specialisation required in each discipline has made this requirement either unnecessary or unhelpful. You certainly don’t see the “all-rounder” in motorcycle sport these days, such as Ron Langstone of Ariel and Norton fame and who secured top results in all the major versions of the sport, including

sidecars. Nonetheless and in those far off times, I saw “off-road first”, as the way to go and started my competition career in trials. Actually that is not quite true. Through having been offered a suitable bike, I took the opportunity to enter two grass track meetings before I rode in a trial. - And actually, that is not quite true either! My bike, through the most bizarre or reasons, would not run at the first meeting I attended in August 1959 and there-

fore I had to wait another month to get under the starter’s flag. However that event went quite well and I came second in the handicap race. Well pleased! Nonetheless, trials was the initial focus in getting under way and gain experience, with also – hopefully - some proficiency. After all these years, I have plenty of the former – but alas, rather less of the latter.....Still trying however...

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OPEN to all members of ACU AFFILIATED CLUBS

Roger Birch Memorial Trial

PRE 70 SOLO AND TWINSHOCK TRIAL

(Including Round 2 of the E. C. Class C P70 Championship)

Sunday May 28th 2023, Start 10:30 am.



TRIAL:

VENUE:

WHAT 3 WORDS

ACU PERMIT No:

CLUB STEWARD:

CLERK OF THE COURSE:

SECRETARY OF THE MEETING:

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COURSE: Approximately 4 laps of 12 sections - multi route course - all on private land.

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

ENTRIES: Entry for this event is via the SPORT80 online entry system for Championship - Entries close 24th May.

Enter on the day possible for non championship. 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
For non Championship Riders, entry is on the day. Fee: £20.00, non-championship classes inc. Twinshocks welcome.

CLASSES: SOLO, Rigid, Pre-unit, Unit, 2 Stroke, Twin Shock & Youth. All solo.

ROUTE: Hard Championship, 50/50,
Easy & Rigid/Veterans

KEEPING TRACK!

2023

Club Fixture List & some other classic events.

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|-------------------------|-----|------|---|
| May 28 th | EFA | ACU | Bromley Trial |
| May 28/29 th | | | East Anglia Transport Museum - anyone wishing to enter their bikes please contact Don Daly Home 01787477045 Mobile 079324238718 |
| Jun 18 th | EFA | AMCA | Badwell Ash |
| Oct 21 st | EFA | | Ballingdon Grove |
| Nov 26 th | EFA | | Ian Preedy Memorial Thumpers Trial |

For Sale

- R1956 Francis Barnett trials bike (the one that I rode before being forced into retirement) its in fine fettle and ready to ride please call for full details (yes it does have a V5)
- 1971 Yamaha YDS7 250cc twin 2t very very good condition and totally original (14000 miles)
- I also have spares for sale for 6e/8e ie complete gearbox with kickstart/gear levers, barrel, 4 cylinder heads plus other bits and pieces
- For 9e/32a 1 complete gearbox, 1complete S25 carb/with air cleaner, (and one in pieces) another air cleaner, 1 inlet manifold, 1 pair crankcases plus other small parts
- 1 alloy trials tank some dents ??? suit Bantam/cub etc
- 1 pair Triumph 4 stud Triumph forks (originally in a trials cub)complete with original Triumph alloy yokes
- 1 Complete 8e engine/gearbox assy ready to drop into any machine that had a Villiers engine

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Eddie Hood

WORLINGWORTH CHARITY BIKE SHOW

Worlingworth Community Centre IP13 7HX

SATURDAY AUGUST 12TH 2023



12 NOON – 6PM

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