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(Submissions gratefully received)

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CHAIRMAN'S Wattlings

Just some information for you all, the AGM will be at Stanway Rovers FC, 50 New Farm Road, Colchester CO3 0PG, Tuesday March 5th
There will be food for you hungry mob. Start time for your information Terry is 7.30pm for 8pm start.

Also our next trial will be at **Raydon pit** February 18th with a 10.30am start, this will be a AMCA event sign on the day.

Any volunteers for signing on would be most welcome, it would give the others a break.

We will be having a working party Feb 17th 9.30am anyone interested let me know.

Many thanks,

Chris

From the Secretary

On behalf of the committee, thank you to Chris for sorting Little Bealings and switching to AMCA. We'd also like to thank the Observers for their dedication in the cold weather and for the working party.

Kevin

Shout out from the Editor

Thank you to everyone who in 2023 was involved in the Club including the riders, spectators, observers, caterers, land-owners, committee members and those who contributed to and read the T&T.

Lastly, here is a shout out to my Dad, Paul Bilbow, for his phenomenal ride at Little Bealings! It goes to show that the more bikes you buy the better you get!

Andrew

KEEPING TRACK!

2024

Club Fixture List & some other classic events.

20 th Jan	Stowupland Village Hall	ACU	Eastern Centre ACU Awards - Raffle, light refreshments, nibbles and bar - 7:30pm
28 th Jan	Richard Greensides Trophy Trial, Alderby	AMCA	Lowesto Invaders MCC, 10:30am Start, ACU
18 th Feb	Raydon	ACTC	EFA Enter on the Day, 10:30am Start
5 th Mar	EFA AGM		Stanway Rovers FC, 50 New Farm Road, Colchester, CO3 0PG, 7:30 - 8:00pm start

Little Bealings New Dawn Trial		Eastern Fourstroke Association										07 January 2024			
No.	Rider	Machine	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	
				Harca/Red Route											
				50/50 Route											
34	Mark Fletcher	Ariel 500	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
20	Joe Butcher	Norton 500	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
4	Gary Baker	Triumph Cub 200	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
56	Stephen Howard	BSA C15	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
3	Kevin Hood	Royal Enfield 250	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
15	Jim Cammack	Triumph Cub 200	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
45	Mark Chapman	BSA/Greeves	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
59	Richard Snowden	Firefly 250	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
17	Trevor Baker	James 250	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
2	Graham Palmer	Yamaha 175	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
52	Craig Crowfoot	200 Fanic	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
18	Kevin Palmer	Aprilia TX 320	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
69	Kevin Plummer	Fantic 240	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
14	Andy Nunn	Honda TL R200	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
50	Richard Rogers	Fantic 300	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
53	Andrew Bilbow	Fantic 240	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
65	Andy Aldhouse	Honda TL R200	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
68	Steve Newman	Bullaco 340	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
60	Guy Stanley	Honda 200	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
6	Mark Teager	Fantic 240	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
70	Andy Last	Sherco	Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
50/50 Route															
43	John Daly	Matchless 400	Pre 70	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
13	Andy Prill	BSA 340	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
51	Michael Smith	Triumph Cub 255	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
54	Trevor Hill	BSA Bantam 175	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
27	Kate Clarke	BSA Bantam 185	Pre 70	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
21	Kate Butcher	BSA Bantam 175	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
31	Terry Thompson	BSA Bantam 185	Pre 70	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
64	Greg Radley	Greeves Anglian 250	Pre 70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
40	Chris Skedgie	Fantic 200	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
41	Bred Woods	Aprilia TX 240	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
42	David Smith	Fantic 200	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
39	Ian Barfield	Fantic 212	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
30	Alan Millar	Yamaha 175	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
61	Tim Ford	Fantic 300	Twin Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57

Thank you to all who put the effort in for this weekend's EFA trial at Sunfield Farm, Little Bealings ably set out by our Kevin Plummer (CoF&C) & Team, and thank you to all the Observers: Strawb, Christine, Collin, Derrick, Ray, Aaron, Colin, Kevin, Allie & Brian for making another successful day!
Thank you again to Steve for the perfect trials setting.

TOWARDS “SECTION ENDS”

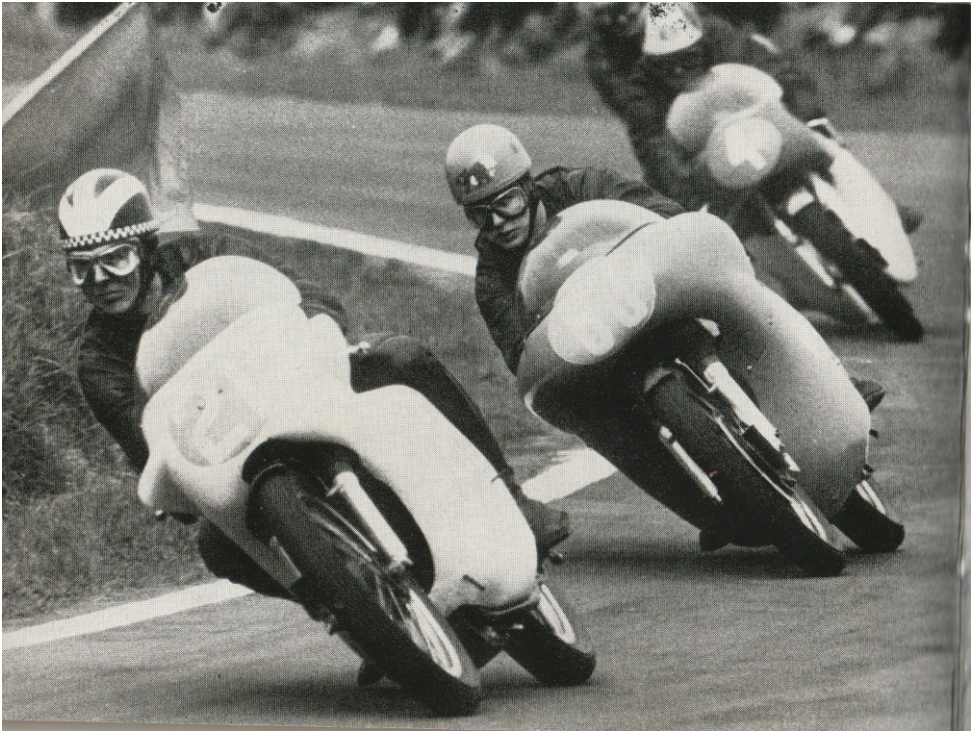
In racing terms, perhaps to anyone wishing to see the most revealing motor sport in one day, I would guess the weekday practice sessions at Brands Hatch, gave the best value. These took place in the 1960's and were divided into three groups, each taking twenty minutes per session. It was thereby an opportunity to see solo motorbikes, sidecars and racing cars, all circulating within an hour. The other factor added into this variety, were the eminent personalities who attended these sessions and to anyone seriously interested in motor sport on a fuller canvas, it was probably as interesting as an actual race meeting – without the crowds or the entry costs. Amongst many prominent riders I recall seeing, was Phil Read testing a Manx Norton, with tuner, Steve Lancefield wielding the spanners. A man to be highly respected. It was he who tuned the first single cylinder 100 mile-an-hour lap over the T.T. Course. Works teams also turned up for these sessions, to test their bikes and try out mods. One I particularly remember, was the Japanese Bridgestone company – who most people would now only associate with tyres – but who in fact manufactured motorbikes in the 1960's. They turned up with a van-load of 50cc racing bikes which were duly tested by Jack Findlay, an Australian rider - who also would go on to take honours on the Isle of Man.

I attended several of these sessions – having to take time off work, which with my employer at the time, was an awkward process but well worth the effort in getting the bike set up for an actual meeting. This of course, was the prime reason for everyone and some of the stuff I witnessed when it was the turn of both chairs and cars, was at times, hair-raising – or educational – yet always interesting. I had never actually seen racing cars in action, yet even in those far-off days, it was apparent that motorcars – four-wheelers – performed very differently on a race circuit from solo motorcycles. My experience from watching both in close sequence under the same conditions, convinced me that whereby the bikes take corners with some finesse and a little assistance from the laws of physics, the cars are continually – almost brutally – thrusting and attacking the corners with no doubt tremendous stresses involved – even to the driver. This was exemplified by Jack Sears who was a leading performer of the day, particularly in the then evolving ‘production’ class. He turned up in a mighty Ford Galaxy which had the power to get round extremely quickly but virtually on every bend you could hear the tyre squeals in protest as the monster literally bludgeoned its way around. Fast indeed but I would not have wished to be his passenger!

As for the chairs – as ever, they were always entertaining. They are indeed the “Cinderella” of motor-sport; this unlikely combination turning a solo motorbike into a three-wheeled vehicle. Invariably so interesting, yet so often the most overlooked of all branches of motor-sport. And bless their hearts, the chair lads (and lassies) are perhaps the most enthusiastically united bunch of any. They have to be! - for the sidecar sessions at Brands usually provided the most incident packed sessions of the day and fair-

ly often the outfits would stop somewhere around the - luckily - short circuit to be recovered or pushed back.

But what was I doing with all this gawking? After running up and down the farm lane at home, I was there to properly test my own Cotton racer with its Villiers: “Starmaker” engine and thanks to my previous attendances at the Beart-Mortimer racing school, I knew my way around. It all looked pretty good... *Sidge*



Typical short circuit action of the 1960`s. All on British bikes, Phil Read leads Griff Jenkins and Joe Dunphy. Later, Read would go on to ride for Yamaha and MV Augusta and achieve World Championship honours for both

MIXED PHOTOS - MARK GIBB



Laurie Bird memorial trial





Weeting



Don at Copdock



	Class	Route	Name	Little Bealings - 8th January	Snaque Pit - 19th February	Gt Bromley - 28th May	Badwell Ash - 18th June	Snaque Pit - 1st October	Thumpers - Thorrington - 26th November	Boxford - 10th December	Total	Lowest Round score	Final Total
Pre Unit	Hard	Mark Fletcher		10	10		10	10	10	10	60	0	60
Pre Unit	Hard	Joe Butcher				9		9			18	0	18
Pre Unit	Hard	Trevor Baker				10					10	0	10
Unit	Hard	Stephen Howard		10	10		9	9	10		48	0	48
Unit	Hard	Gary Baker				10	10		10		30	0	30
Unit	Hard	Jim Cammack		9				10			19	0	19
Unit	Hard	Kevin Hood			9						9	0	9
Unit	Hard	Jake Caunter				9					9	0	9
Two Stroke	Hard	Trevor Baker		9	10	10		10	9		48	0	48
Two Stroke	Hard	Richard Norman		10					10		20	0	20
Two Stroke	Hard	Richard Snowden						9	10		19	0	19
Two Stroke	Hard	Peter Bavin			9			7			16	0	16
Two Stroke	Hard	Terry Thompson			8			6			14	0	14
Two Stroke	Hard	Kevin Plummer						8			8	0	8
T/Shock	Hard	Rob Cameron		8	6	6	7		10		37	0	37
T/Shock	Hard	Andy Nunn		5	8	7		4	9		33	0	33
T/Shock	Hard	Kevin Palmer		7		8	8		8		31	0	31
T/Shock	Hard	Graham Palmer		9		9	10	2			30	0	30
T/Shock	Hard	Steve Newman		4	7	5		3	5		24	0	24
T/Shock	Hard	Kevin Plummer		6	10				6		22	0	22
T/Shock	Hard	Richard Norman				10		10			20	0	20
T/Shock	Hard	Mark Chapman						4	7		11	0	11
T/Shock	Hard	Gary Baker		10							10	0	10
T/Shock	Hard	Mark Banham					9				9	0	9
T/Shock	Hard	Craig Crowfoot			9						9	0	9
T/Shock	Hard	Paul Nash						9			9	0	9
T/Shock	Hard	Lewis Chapman					8				8	0	8
T/Shock	Hard	Richard Rogers					7				7	0	7
T/Shock	Hard	Terry Lilly					6				6	0	6
T/Shock	Hard	Neil Kemp					5				5	0	5
T/Shock	Hard	Andy Aldhouse						1	4		5	0	5
T/Shock	Hard	Liam Howard		3				1			4	0	4
Pre Unit	50/50	John Daly			10	10	10				30	0	30
Pre Unit	50/50	Guy Stanley						10			10	0	10
Unit	50/50	Andrew Prill		10	10		10				30	0	30
Unit	50/50	Jim Cammack				10			10		20	0	20
Unit	50/50	Bradley Woods			9						9	0	9
Unit	50/50	Mark Chapman							9		9	0	9
Unit	50/50	Mike Smith						8			8	0	8
Unit	50/50	Jake Caunter				9		10			19	0	19
Two Stroke	50/50	Trevor Hill		10	10	9	9	10	7	9	64	7	57
Two Stroke	50/50	Richard Snowden				10	10		10		30	0	30
Two Stroke	50/50	Kevin Plummer			9				9		18	0	18
Two Stroke	50/50	Bob Clarke							6	10	16	0	16
Two Stroke	50/50	Andy Nunn							8		8	0	8
T/Shock	50/50	Andrew Billow		10	10	9	10		10		49	0	49
T/Shock	50/50	Alan Millar		9	6	9	4				28	0	28
T/Shock	50/50	Nigel Ward		10	8			6			24	0	24
T/Shock	50/50	Nick Radley			7	8		8			23	0	23
T/Shock	50/50	Dave Smith		8	9			5			22	0	22
T/Shock	50/50	Bradley Woods						9	8		17	0	17
T/Shock	50/50	Charlie Grange				7		7			14	0	14
T/Shock	50/50	Harvey Newman			3	6	5				14	0	14
T/Shock	50/50	Ian Barfield		7	4						11	0	11
T/Shock	50/50	Steve Newman					10				10	0	10
T/Shock	50/50	Alister McFarquhar							9		9	0	9
T/Shock	50/50	Craig Crowfoot					8				8	0	8
T/Shock	50/50	Ray Buck							7		7	0	7
T/Shock	50/50	Mark Chapman					7				7	0	7

T/Shock	50/50	Dave Smith					6					6		0	6
T/Shock	50/50	Trevor Harvey	6									6		0	6
T/Shock	50/50	Chris Skedje		5								5		0	5
Pre Unit	Easy	Robert Clarke		9	9		10	6	9			43		0	43
Pre Unit	Easy	Joe Stollery			10		9	9	8			36		0	36
Pre Unit	Easy	Mark Gibb	9	10				8				27		0	27
Pre Unit	Easy	John Daly	10					10				20		0	20
Pre Unit	Easy	Alan Farmer						7	10			17		0	17
Pre Unit	Easy	Kevin Goldsmith			8							8		0	8
Unit	Easy	David Rose	10		9	10	9	5	9			52		0	52
Unit	Easy	Chris McKenzie		7	6	9	8	7	8			45		0	45
Unit	Easy	Phil Smith		10				4	10			24		0	24
Unit	Easy	Ken Carroll			10		10	3				23		0	23
Unit	Easy	Peter Caunter			7		7		5			19		0	19
Unit	Easy	Andrew Bilbow	9					9				18		0	18
Unit	Easy	Martin Croker		8				6				14		0	14
Unit	Easy	Paul Gray		6					7			13		0	13
Unit	Easy	Dan Wright						10				10		0	10
Unit	Easy	Graham Braybrook		9								9		0	9
Unit	Easy	Brian Cook			8							8		0	8
Unit	Easy	Julian Smith	8									8		0	8
Unit	Easy	Jake Caunter							6			6		0	6
Two Stroke	Easy	John Beasley	6	8	8		10	9	9			50		0	50
Two Stroke	Easy	Colin Black	10	10		9						29		0	29
Two Stroke	Easy	Trevor Kemp					8	8	10			26		0	26
Two Stroke	Easy	Hugo Rose		9	6		9					24		0	24
Two Stroke	Easy	Thomas Jones	7		7							14		0	14
Two Stroke	Easy	Colin Miles	4	4	5							13		0	13
Two Stroke	Easy	Paul Copper	5	6								11		0	11
Two Stroke	Easy	Terry Thompson		5				6				11		0	11
Two Stroke	Easy	Nick James			10							10		0	10
Two Stroke	Easy	Bob Clarke				10						10		0	10
Two Stroke	Easy	Joshua Brown						10				10		0	10
Two Stroke	Easy	Scott Chappell			9							9		0	9
Two Stroke	Easy	Robert Wreathall	9									9		0	9
Two Stroke	Easy	Graham Braybrook	8									8		0	8
Two Stroke	Easy	Alan Day						7				7		0	7
Two Stroke	Easy	John Ruth		7								7		0	7
T/Shock	Easy	Ralph Petts	8	9		9	10		9			45		0	45
T/Shock	Easy	Paul Bilbow	7	2	6	5			6			26		2	24
T/Shock	Easy	Peter Teager		3	7		8					23		0	23
T/Shock	Easy	Alan Robinson				7	6		10			23		0	23
T/Shock	Easy	Alan Farmer	9		8		5					22		0	22
T/Shock	Easy	Colin Sadler	5	6	9							20		0	20
T/Shock	Easy	Charles Grange	10	10								20		0	20
T/Shock	Easy	Gary Smith	6	8	3							17		0	17
T/Shock	Easy	Bob Wreathall			5	8	2					15		0	15
T/Shock	Easy	Joseph Knight	2		5				7			14		0	14
T/Shock	Easy	Ray Buck			10	4						14		0	14
T/Shock	Easy	Joshua Brown		7			7					14		0	14
T/Shock	Easy	Kevin Davie		5			9					14		0	14
T/Shock	Easy	Gary Waddelow			4	6						10		0	10
T/Shock	Easy	Luke Gray		1					8			9		0	9
T/Shock	Easy	Nick Hodgetts		2	2		3					7		0	7
T/Shock	Easy	Alister McFarquhar	1	4								5		0	5
T/Shock	Easy	Kevin Bownes					4					4		0	4
T/Shock	Easy	Chris McKenzie	4									4		0	4
T/Shock	Easy	Graham Waddelow							4			4		0	4
T/Shock	Easy	Sidge Kenny	3									3		0	3
T/Shock	Easy	Gavin Welham				3						3		0	3
T/Shock	Easy	Ed Hardy				2						2		0	2
T/Shock	Easy	David Smith			1							1		0	1
T/Shock	Easy	Richard Wreathall				1						1		0	1
T/Shock	Easy	Dale Clutterham					1					1		0	1

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