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CLUB NEWS MARCH 2026

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Secretary:- Pete Collins

Treasurer:- Alan Peach

Trials Secretary:- Gloria Moss

Club Captain:- Derek Strudwick

Twistgrip Producer:- Roger Strudwick

Committee:-

Made up from club the membership all members welcome. Meetings are held at the British Queen Willingdon Triangle 1st Tuesday of the month 7.30 start members welcome.

News.....

A.M.C.A. Affiliation

At last months committee meeting we discussed and filled out the our A.M.C.A affiliation form, the A.M.C.A office has received and updated the AMCA's records. Now for the bad news.

The permit fees have increased for 2026 Adults now £5.50 up 90p Youths now £4.50 up 90p and Officials now £35 up £5. It is annoying that we are not advised in advance, with the numbers we are getting each month, we should hopefully be OK. Watch this space for any updates.

Winners of the Christmas fun trial

have been announced, they are the best performance by an Eastbourne club member in each class.

Tom Moss (white)

Alan Peach (adult blue)

Frank Puttock (adult red)

Michael Mepham (adult yellow)

Oscar Kirkham (youth blue)

Ollie Goodsell (youth yellow)

See me at the next trial for your can of Putoline chain lube. Thanks to local Polegate motorcycle dealer **TPS Motorcycles** for the generous discount on these.

Stop press

Now get up to 15% discount on production of your membership card at **TPS Motorcycles 97 Station Road Polegate.**

AMCA rule 12 Cutout Buttons.

All machines must be fitted with an operational cut out button.

Please ensure your machine is fitted with either a kill button or better a lanyard cutout, we have had two occasions where a bike has stuck open on full throttle both took off on their own, and could have caused injury to anyone standing near by. Plus it could save you some dosh, when my bike got wedged in a bush last year we couldn't get to the kill button in time resulting a top end seizure Over £300 to fix! And a long push out of the woods.

Plus more from the Twistgrip files

Dave Harris memories from 50 golden years (that was 20 years ago) still funny if your in the know!



February Club Trial

Birch Wood Uckfield

Report Billy Banter

Pictures Mosstrials pics

What with all the wet weather recently the decision to switch venues from Cow Farm to a new untried woodland near Uckfield wasn't without its problems, the road leading directly to the venue was closed, but that was the only setback as it turned out to be one of the best winter trials we have held in recent memory.

Thanks to the land owner Matt and Helen for allowing us to hold our February club trial on their land at Birch Wood.



Nigel took the red route win with most cleans



Martin Carter on his new bike

Friday dawned dry and bright, The setting up crew Pete, Roger, Derek, and Nigel between us we managed to find ten challenging sections on very unfamiliar terrain, we just managed to get finished when the rain started so we headed off home, Saturday dawned dry so an early start Pete and Steve set out to see how some of the sections rode. Within two days of entries going live for the February trial we were oversubscribed, all desperate to ride the new piece of land discovered by a chance, meeting with Josh Styles (new member) and Kevan Cornwall all thanks to them.

Good to see some Experts, six in total Tom did his own thing as an ambassador for the club on an elite route set out for him, (the video I posted has just pasted a 1000 views) good stuff Tom.

The white route experts was a win for Rowan Puttock who's score of nineteen was about right for the expert win, Charles Courtney and Adam Goodsell was second and third only six marks separating them.

Blue route was a total domination by Steve Baldock, even losing his rear tyre off the rim

couldn't stop him, Martin Carter out on a brand new TRS (delivered on site that morning) special mention to young Drew Lane who finished fifth but only just behind established blue route riders Ian Cole and Steve Jones.

But the real struggles for supremacy was on the red and yellow routes, Reds was a win for Nigel Hains from Ian Mortimer separated by most cleans,

Yellows was a similar story only closer 27 to 26 on cleans giving the win to Derek Strudwick from ever improving John Moore Glen Baker finished a distance third ten marks adrift.

Dave Harris put his crash helmet down in the car park whilst waiting for Lee to come and move his van. When I got there as he was looking for it. He had driven forward whilst waiting for Lee to move his van out of the way, and it was underneath the van. Lee looked underneath and it was wedged.

as Dave drove forward there was a cracking noise and when it was picked up one side had cracked. He managed to put it on and when I said you don't need it on driving the van, he said he had some sections to finish riding and went off on his bike.

All in all a good weekend, thanks to all helped clear up afterwards.



Ian on his air cooled Yamaha just lost out on most cleans



Expert Will Rossi

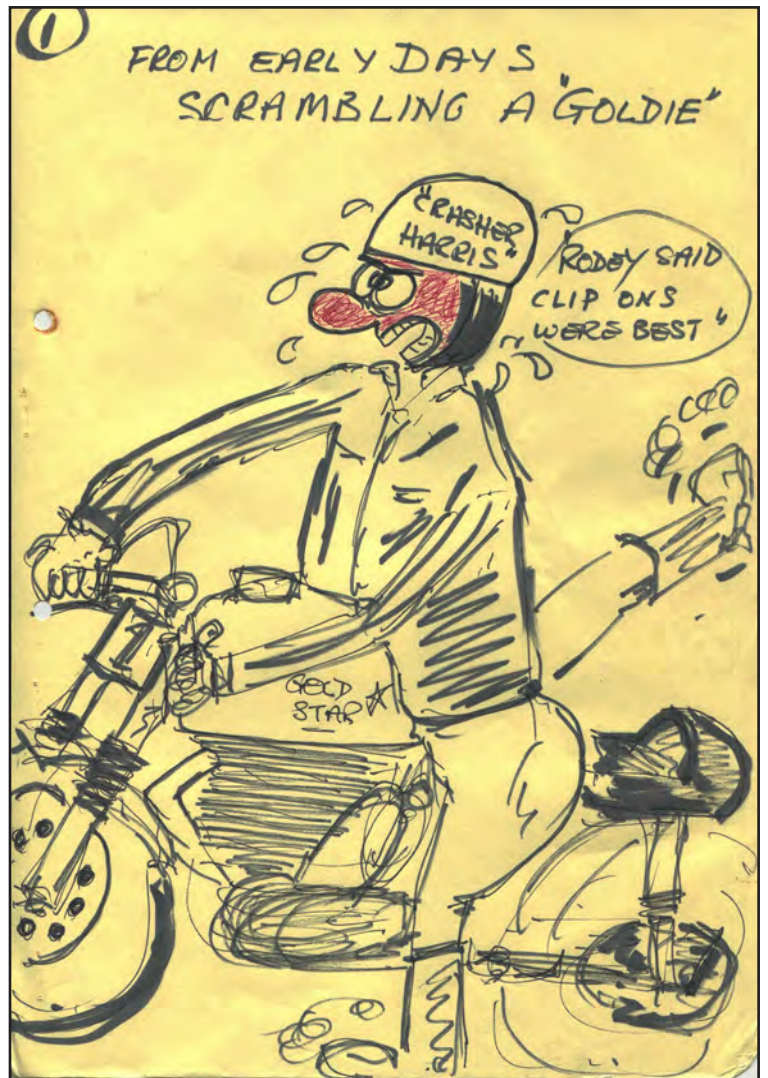


Results Rocks Road 21.2.2026 3 Laps x 10 Sections

| No | Name | Class | Total | Cln | Section1 | Section 2 | Section 3 | Section 4 | Section 5 | Section 6 | Section 7 | Section 8 | Section 9 | Section 10 |
|----|------------------|-----------|-------|-----|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 15 | Tom Moss | Elite | 8 | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 40 | Rowan Puttock | Expert | 19 | | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | Charles Courtney | Expert | 33 | | 0 | 2 | 8 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 83 | Adam Goodsell | Expert | 39 | | 0 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 10 | Dougie Blackford | Expert | 54 | | 4 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 8 | Will Rossi | Expert | 62 | | 6 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| 7 | Steve Baldock | Inter | 3 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | Martin Carter | Inter | 19 | | 1 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 13 | Ian Cole | Inter | 27 | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| 19 | Steve Jones | Inter | 30 | | 3 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| 62 | Drew Lane | Inter | 33 | | 2 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| 49 | Kevan Cornwall | Inter | 34 | | 2 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | Steve Forrest | Inter | 37 | | 5 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 32 | Peter Collins | Inter | 54 | | 0 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 3 |
| 21 | Alan Paton | Inter | 62 | | 3 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 13 | 12 |
| 78 | Will Copsey | Inter | Ret | | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret |
| 39 | Oscar Kirkin | Yth Inter | 37 | | 2 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 1 |
| 16 | Nigel Hains | Clubman | 23 | 21 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 60 | Ian Mortimore | Clubman | 23 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| 90 | Dan Stewart | Clubman | 26 | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| 98 | Mark Stewart | Clubman | 33 | | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| 4 | Ian Cheshire | Clubman | 36 | | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 7 |
| 75 | Leigh Wright | Clubman | 43 | | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 7 |
| 61 | Brad Lane | Clubman | 46 | | 3 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| 57 | Chris Exall | Clubman | Ret | | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret |
| 65 | Frank Puttock | Clubman | Ret | | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret |
| 73 | Paul Chapman | Clubman | Ret | | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret |
| 82 | Mark Stevens | Clubman | Ret | | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | 0 | Ret | Ret |
| 79 | Derek Strudwick | Sportsma | 10 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 93 | John Moore | Sportsma | 10 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 36 | Glenn Baker | Sportsma | 20 | | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 44 | Darren Mitchell | Sportsma | 25 | | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 74 | Chris Mephram | Sportsma | 37 | | 1 | 7 | 0 | 10 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 23 | Iain Rich | Sportsma | 40 | | 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| 72 | Matt Overy | Sportsma | 61 | | 2 | <u>13</u> | 5 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 63 | Josh Styles | Sportsma | 74 | | <u>3</u> | 6 | 6 | 13 | 13 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| 48 | Dave Harris | Sportsma | 79 | | 1 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 9 | 13 | 15 | 7 | 3 |
| 54 | Keith Bean | Sportsma | Ret | | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret | Ret |

Dave Harris scrap book

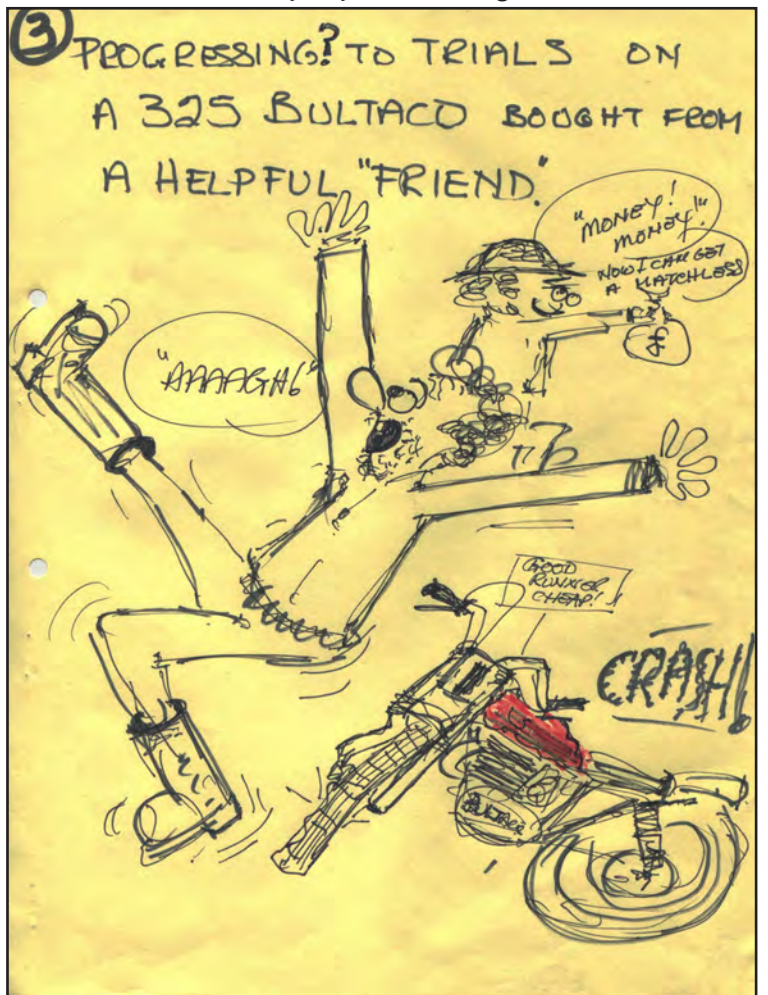
50 Golden Years



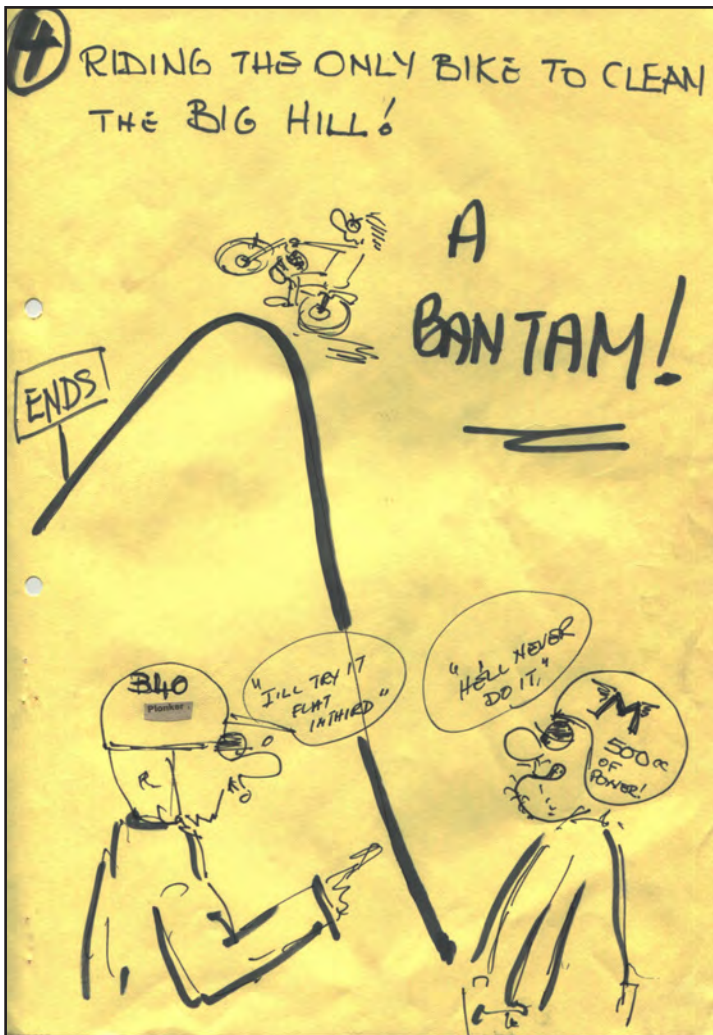
1. From early days scrambling a Goldie.



2. The twilight world of football referee
"when I say off I mean off"



3. Progressing to trials.



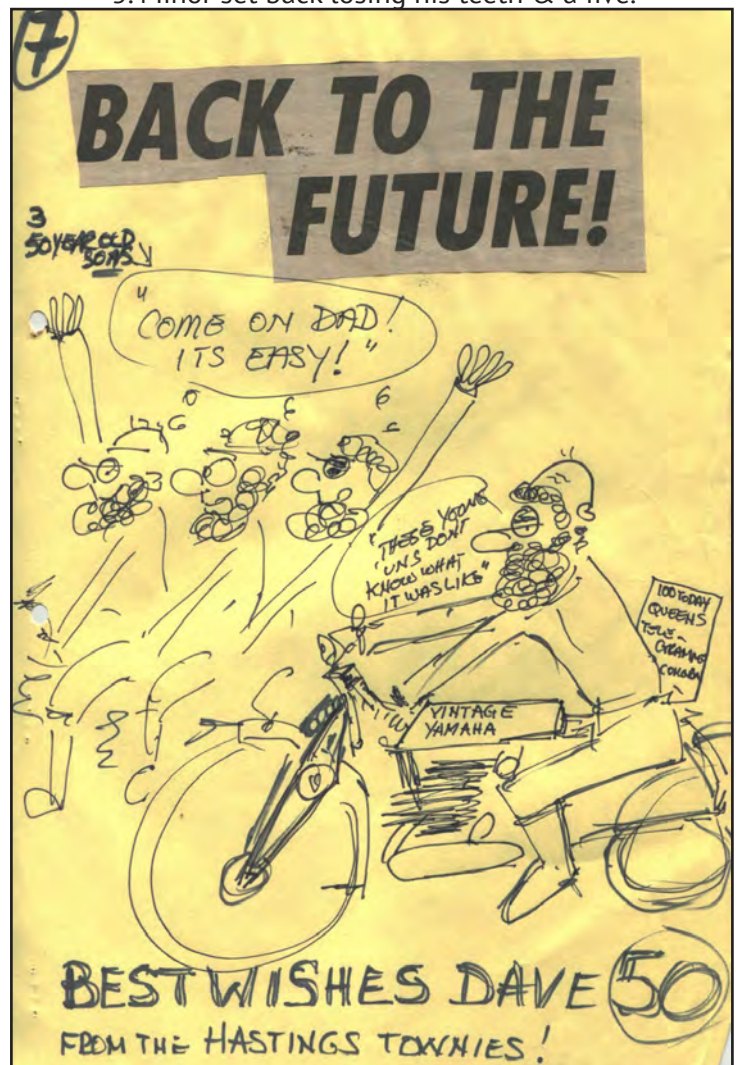
4. The big hill only rider to clean the big hill.



5. Minor set back losing his teeth & a five.



6. Finally winning the coveted Len Hole Cup.



7. Three fifty year old sons.

Trials Day

Everything before or after is just waiting!

By Billy Banter aka willingdon's Harvey Mushman

The older among us will know that the title above is butchered from a Steve McQueen quote, as all the older riders will know he was the coolest guy on earth!

So I love trials, that's probably obvious, I love being around motorbikes & everything that goes with them, I did take a break from trials riding for a little while & enjoyed riding road bikes, a few years on Superbikes too dangerous but fun & ended up on a BMW GS & was lucky enough to join the Rodmill club that met weekly & they arranged fantastic trips through the French Alps, Italian lakes, Spanish MotoGP trips, even attending the Welsh Dragon Rally which was in early Feb each year. One year we did the Dragon rally on Honda Cubs C90's with Mike Peach & a few others, Mike took on a supermoto bike through one of the passes in the mountains & won!

But Trials is mostly what I think about in the day everyday, if I'm driving I'm looking at my surroundings thinking that's looks a great place to ride or even a pop up screensaver on my work computer of some distant mountains & I'm thinking wow, wish I could ride there or I bet I could ride over that bus shelter!

Trials has become a bit of an addiction I guess.

But I'm not sure if I like sections to be difficult or easy!

I can end up having the best day ever after Fiving my way around 4 laps of 10 sections in the most awful conditions (OFTEN) or enjoy a long hot afternoon cleaning easy twiddling sections that are not challenging whatsoever (RARE) !

You can end up as I do staring at the weather forecast just praying it's not gonna rain when on arrival, I absolutely hate starting a trial in the rain, always have.

I'm assuming this goes for all riders? I really don't know of anyone who truly enjoys the struggle of endless muddy gulleys & steep OH SHIT! I'm never gonna stop drops or 4th gear flat out instant swap ends on impossibly slippery hill climbs, these always seem to end up with an ass slide back to the bottom with a group of onlookers laughing or dreading their go!

Saying this I do have in mind one rider who always excels himself in really tricky muddy conditions, his mantra is 'I'll do a lap & see what happens' which usually means a win in his class, this rider is Tony Errey & he has been riding forever but is taking a break at the moment but I'm sure he'll be back soon & demote me a place or so in the results like he has never been away, I'll trade that as would be good to see him riding again.

So is there a perfect trial? Well it's up to the individual rider I guess, should we be making the routes harder or easier? If say we make the yellow

route slightly harder will it blur into the red route & then we need to make the reds harder & so on, I'm not counting the whites because when I think the section is too hard even for the white riders the elite riders just bounce through the section with out a second glance.

Blues, my route are not always significantly harder than a red but can get the heart pumping by putting in an obstacle that if it all goes wrong can hurt, all I can say is as I get older this seems more common, I'm destined for the red route for sure but will probably mostly ride twinshock when the time

comes or even air cooled mono, lots of choices there & even disc brakes on some models.

So sooner or later when see me on unfamiliar bikes, you'll know I'm just scared.

At the time of writing this "I'm waiting".

N.B Harvey Mushman was the name Steve McQueen used when riding motocross, to save the movie moguls from having a coronary, just imagine a multi million pound body being used for traction!



Guess the rider competition



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What's On

Always check website or social media for any last minute updates as these dates are only meant as a provisional guide.

Provisional Club Trial Dates for your Diary

The website is www.edmcctrials.com

March

Saturday 21st 1pm start

Venue TBC subject to weather

April 3rd Good Friday

11am start

April 18th Saturday 21st 12.30 start

Cow Farm, Cowbeech

Start Time 1pm

May

Wednesday 6th 6pm start

Evening trial to be confirmed

May

Saturday 16th 1pm start

June

Wednesday 3rd 6pm start

Evening trial to be confirmed

June

Saturday 20th 1pm start

July Wednesday 1st 6pm start

Evening trial to be confirmed

July

Saturday 18th 1pm start

August

Saturday 15th 1pm start

August Sunday 30th 11am start

Beginners & Wobblers to be confirmed

September

Saturday 19th 1pm start

September

Sunday 27th Lighthouse Trial 10.30 start

October

Saturday 17th 1pm start

November

Saturday 21st 12.30 start

December Date to be confirmed?

Open to Centre Championship dates for your Diary

The website is www.southeasttrialcentre.com

29th March

Gravesend

Richard Bartlett Trial

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26th April

Tenterden - Weald Non-Expert

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28th June

Bexleyheath

Langmaid

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26th July

Tenterden - Man of Kent

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6th September

Gravesend/Wickham

Watling Tyres Harvest Trial

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20th September

Tenterden Weald of Kent

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27th September

Eastbourne - Lighthouse Trial

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25th October

Barham - Mutton Lancers Trial

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Have you taken your turn to help setup a trial yet, help is needed on all the above.

No sections No Trial.