

# Eastbourne & D.M.C.C.

TWISTGRIP CLUB NEWS

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# Club Officials

**President** Thomas Moss

**Chairman** Steve Stretton

**Vice Chairman** Steve Baldock

**Secretary** Pete Collins

**Treasurer** Alan Peach

**Trials Secretary** Gloria Moss

**Club Captain** Derek Strudwick

**Twistgrip Producer** Roger Strudwick

**Committee** Made up from club membership all members welcome.

## News.....

Wow what is going here Twistgrip goes monthly! Quarterly is to long a wait for report and news so here goes, if I run out of content the I'll just go on a point or to on the font size, as long as it don't end up looking like the big print version lol (*that's laugh out loud*).

**Have you seen** the new Facebook Group Page you can read or download the latest Twistgrip from there I'm also working on a way you could print off a booklet style twistgrip you'll need a duplex printer (one that can print on both sides) at the moment I cant get it to work with microsoft, but I shall keep plugging away until I succeed.

If you have anything to say or want to include something you e-mail me direct rogerstrud@hotmail.co.uk and I will try to include it in the next issue, go on, have go, I dare you.

**Memberships** are due for renewal from 1st January.

# December Club Trial

## Squirrel Wood

Report & Pictures Gloria Moss

**The setting out crew Tony Errey, Tom Moss, Alan Peach and Steve Stretton fortified by an early breakfast at Diplocks, set out on Friday morning, Roger had to miss breakfast, but arrived direct to the venue to help plant the flags, and direct the general layout. Roger had done a recce a few days prior, which was due to weather concerns, and also proved useful as the wood had undergone some changes due to use by enduros/4x4s which created some more access in some places, and rendered some areas too messy. The sections were laid out in a more open style to allow riders to get some traction in the wetter areas and keep them moving. This seemed to work out very well as the scores on the day have an even spread which reflects the overall level of the competing riders, some virtually on their first trial, and others with lots of experience.**

A pleasing number of Experts took part, and despite a fairly tough test on the sections, they all seemed to enjoy the challenge. There was almost a mini competition on Section 5 to see which one could get the most air up the bank, they almost needed pilot wings tacked onto their riding jackets!! Thomas seems to be getting on with his TRS as well as he does on his Gas Gas. Alan was unlucky to finish 1 mark behind Ben,

after Ben accidentally baulked him and advised him to have re run, which Alan passed on! Regrets maybe, but as his first completed Expert route in a year or so, it must be good to know he still has the capacity to be in the mix. Bet the muscles are a bit sore now. Jamie P also had a good go after a long layoff, and was suffering from cramp in his hands. He has vowed to try a come more often. Martin was having an off day, although he doesn't always ride Expert routes. There was a discussion afterwards as to how his 250cc was virtually equally the same



power as the 300cc Tom was on. Charlie Simpson was keen to see the experts in action and was trying some of their easier sections, hence his pick and mix score on the Blue route. Hopefully he can benefit from going round with them at future trials and gain some tips and help. The Inter route had the fewest riders, some regular riders not attending. Tony E kept his focus solely on the sections with no distractions and scored a creditable 17. Cam Dawson riding for the first time since last January, still has his skills and came 4 marks behind. Good to see you, try to ride more

often. Will had a day off from endure and completed the trio with a score of 31. He was also chaperoning Drew Lane, who borrowed his grand dad's bike (Ian Cheshire who would have envisaged him as a grand dad?) and had a terrific debut on the reds (*in fact he rode the blue route as he felt the reds was to easy for him!*) get him a bike of his own!

Clubman top rider was Roger S, who scored a grand total of 1. I think it is the first trial that Roger has fully completed in several months, so a grand finish to 2024, and an omen for 2025? Roger has set out many of the trials with his brother Derek over the last year and done a tremendous



Drew Lane on his Grandads bike his first ever trial on the blue route !!!!



No.44 Darren Mitchell on his TRS

job with great enthusiasm, but uses a lot of his energy with not much left for his riding. Sorry that Keith was unable to attend and have a ride on his recent purchase. All the best, and hope to see you very soon. Steve S next best on 13 riding his electric bike and the others in close range of each other, Charlie and Mark Worsfold doing so well on their heavier British bikes. Good to see some of our newer members returning after last month's drier conditions, although they didn't have the worst that Squirrel can offer in the middle of winter when it rains on the day! Ian Mortimore only did 1 lap, very unusual, can only imagine he had

a bike failure. Sportsman class was topped by our two Honorary Member Octogenarians, in a close contest, Derek on 0 and Dave on 3. Their enthusiasm and riding ability should inspire all riders to do their best and believe that if they can do it so can anyone else. There were some pretty low other scores in that category, Iain R on 6, Nark R after a long break on 16 and 3 others with only 3 marks difference overall. Would have been a bit less if all their scores had been recorded! I think red route challenges should beckon soon. Matt Overy another newbie stuck doggedly to the finish, and some advice to save his energy - to sit on the bike and paddle



No.31 Mark Worsford on his c15 BSA



No.86 Dom Jarrett on his Yamaha Scorpa?

out of sections, rather than to dismount and push it - should stand him in good stead. Good to see a few spectators. Thanks to Kevan who cannot ride at present due to a recent shoulder op, who observed on Section 1.

An enjoyable day, thanks to the team who did a great job and anyone who helped to clear up. Good to finish in daylight, after our earlier start.

We are at Crowborough in January, hope to see you there.

Memberships are due for renewal from 1st January, for any not yet aware.

All the best for the New Year.

### Results Squirrel Wood 28.12.2024 4 Laps x 8 Sections

No	Name	Class	Total		Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 6	Section 7	Section 8
15	Thomas Moss	Expert	5		0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1
25	Ben Smith	Expert	51		2	2	4	12	9	2	2	18
1	Alan Peach	Expert	52		1	1	2	12	11	1	8	16
46	Jack Stiles	Expert	72		6	1	7	14	12	0	16	16
72	Jamie Puttock	Expert	77		6	0	8	16	12	2	15	18
14	Martin Carter	Expert	94		5	5	8	13	16	7	20	20
69	Tony Errey	Inter	17		0	4	2	0	1	1	6	3
85	Cameron Dawson	Inter	21		0	13	1	0	1	0	2	4
8	Will Rossi	Inter	31		1	6	9	0	3	0	3	9
9	Charlie Simpson	Yth Int/Expr	48		9	8	5	1	9	0	3	13
5	Roger Strudwick	Clubman	1		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
77	Steve Stretton	Clubman	13		0	1	1	0	1	0	3	7
11	Ben Blackman	Clubman	18		0	0	2	0	5	4	4	3
16	Nigel Hains	Clubman	27		0	0	0	0	6	8	6	7
30	Charlie Worsfold	Clubman	32		0	0	11	0	2	1	11	7
86	Dom Jarrett	Clubman	33		0	7	1	0	6	4	6	9
31	Mark Worsfold	Clubman	38		0	5	2	3	4	7	12	5
78	Drew Lane	Clubman	42		0	11	13	1	4	0	9	4
60	Ian Mortimore	Clubman	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret
81	James Hutton	Yth Clubman	13		0	0	3	0	3	1	0	6
79	Derek Strudwick	Sportsman	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	Dave Harris	Sportsman	3		0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
23	Iain Rich	Sportsman	6		0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0
55	Mick Ridgway	Sportsman	16		0	0	0	1	5	5	0	5
54	Keith Bean	Sportsman	19		0	5	0	5	8	1	0	0
44	Darren Mitchell	Sportsman	20		3	1	5	5	3	1	0	2
93	John Moore	Sportsman	22		3	0	0	7	5	2	0	5
74	Chris Mepham	Sportsman	40		6	3	2	7	6	6	0	10
75	Matt Overy	Sportsman	82		11	7	2	16	8	20	9	9



# Classic Corner

with Steve Baldock

**Geoff Muston smiling & tackling sections on his 51 year old Honda that most other riders are struggling with on modern machinery is a familiar sight at EDMCC trials even tho he lives in Petersfield! That's a fair way to drive before he even starts the trial & now I asked him to feature in Classic Corner he's surprised me with his vast history & experience of trials riding but then again this shouldn't be the case as when you watch him ride it all becomes clear .**

**So this feature is also Classic rider incorporating Classic corner .**

**His Daughter Kerry is also our very own superstar Tom Moss girlfriend. Anyway over to Geoff in his words.**

I started riding trials in 1979 as my road bike insurance had doubled. Companies had loaded Japanese bikes by over 50% My first trials bike was a Montesa UKR (Ulf Karlsson Replica) 250 Then a Beamish Suzuki 250 I just had to have one as my friend Mick Whitlock was an artist in fabrication and lived in the same village Horndean. I went sidecar driving in 1981 on a Beamish Suzuki 325 after much tuning it



ended up 360cc. 88-89 back on the sidecars on a Fantic 240 being sponsored by Fantic via Mike Hann terrific times. The Beta Tr 34 I owned was rubbish! The Yamaha mono 340 not much better. But the Honda RTL 250 was absolutely awesome.

Bought my first Honda TL 125 1988 ended up having to sell it as numerous old bill kept stopping me wanting to buy it just for the registration LAW 460P ha! ha! Went back to sidecars as was sponsored by a Beamish Suzuki collector I had the pick of his collection and spent a fair sum of money making it competitive and beating Rubio GasGas's

I Bought a batch of 7 TL Honda's for £700 as no one wanted them at the time, the bike I ride all the time my Blue 1973 TL came from that batch I've been riding this all this time as I love it 25+ years it has its weaknesses

but at club level it's reliable as hell its a Honda!

I must confess I do abuse my little bike at big events Aywaille 2 day Belgium 4 jours de la Creuse snapped frame in half 3 jours de la Truyere snapped off footrest & bottom shock mount Spares; points & condensers are a plenty, original Japanese points are made in China now and are useless! I have my own version of an electronic ignition now Finally they are under powered and heavy for a little bike handling is good with a few little mods. But if you ride them Old School using the torque of the little engine It grips really well and the rewards make you look good.





# Upcoming Events.....

Always check web site for any updates



## January Chairman's Trial

Pilmer Wood Crowborough

Start 12.30

Setting out crew Steve Stretton, and Co.

## February Club Trial

To Be Confirmed

Start 12.30

Setting out crew needed for this trial

March Club Trial

TBC

April Good Friday Trial

**Heathfield**

May Trial

Moor Hall or Maghamdown

**Setting  
out crews  
needed for  
these trials**

## Club Membership Renewal

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or cash to Gloria at trial.

*Club membership £15 adult & £5 youth 5-16 Years*