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Twistgrip

CLUB NEWS SEPTEMBER 2025

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The views and comments expressed in this club news are not necessarily the views and comments of the committee, and are intended to be a bit of fun and not offend anyone!

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. Meetings are held at the British Queen Willingdon Triangle 1st Tuesday of the month 7.30 start all club members are welcome, come and have your say!

News.....

Dig for Victory Summer Fete and Flower show

Well that went down a treat as they say, many old faces from the past popped by for a chat, and many new faces trying the balance challenge for the first time, this threw up some very surprising results. With the Warbleton brass band playing in the back ground and vintage fun fair rides for the kids it all added to the general feel good factor.



Kick Start

From small acorns grow mighty oaks our trial at Moieties Farm didn't go unnoticed, resulting in EDMCC being invited to host a stand at the Dig for Victory village fete, well, from that, a new event is in the planing stages for next years 30th anniversary Dig for Victory look out next year when we will be running a kick-start type of event.

Open to Centre Trial

With our open to Centre Trial the Lighthouse Trial looming pledges of support for the club would be most appreciated.

This is our big event of the year so please help make it a success let me know if your able to help out in any capacity. With toilets and catering on site it should be a good one.

Thanks to those that have pledged their support for working parties and setting out more the merrier.

Provisional list of Observers for Lighthouse Trial Starter Keith Strudwick

1. John Cawt
2. Glen Baker
3. Ben Blackman
4. Ian Rich
5. Mrs Haines *nominated by Nigel (brave man)*
6. Bruce Simpson *nominated by Charlie*
7. Loraine/Roger Strudwick
8. Brian Thompson
9. Mark Stevens
- 10 Pat Puttock

Subject to change as we may need two observers on some sections

First work party took place on Wednesday 20th a lot of clearing had to be done just to gain access to the wood, But the old boys did it, thanks to Pete, Frank, Charlie, Alan and Adam we managed it, I've set up a whatsapp chat for the lighthouse trial to try and keep those interested informed.

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South Eastern Centre Championship round

Lighthouse Trial

Moor Hall, Ninfield,
East Sussex TN33 9JT.

What 3 Words ///format.overlooks.bumps


Start 10.00 a.m.

Toilets

enter on line
www.acusport80.com

Sunday 28th
September
2025

Food Van



Classes:
A Elite,
B Expert,
C Intermediate,
D Intermediate 040,
E Novice,
F Novice 050,
G Youth Elite,
H Youth Expert,
I Youth Inter,
J Youth Novice,
K Twinshock Red route,
L Pre 65 Red route.
One day licences will be available on the day.



The Little Dough Company will be in attendance

August Club Trial

Copford Sawmills

Report Gloria Moss

Pictures Moss trials pics



The setting out crew of Peter Collins, Derek Strudwick and Roger Strudwick had very hot conditions to deal with on Friday, and managed to get 9 sections set out to be ridden for 4 laps.

On Saturday the weather was significantly cooler with a fresh breeze so the bacon rolls and hot drinks from the Little Dough Company proved very desirable!

It was good to ride at Copford again, with a noticeable clearing up of many trees plus new fences and gates installed, which looked very smart. I was very jealous!

Usually Copford has been a winter venue due to the parking facilities, so it was good to have dry conditions there and grip was pretty good.

Section 6 took the most marks especially for blues, Kev Mac having the best overall score of 1 on it. Overall top man on blue was the man machine, Steve Jones, now a septuagenarian. Coincidentally he ended up on a total score of 7! Kev Mac second on 15, and very close scores amongst the others. Kev C on 27, Steve



Roaming observer Pete even organised a fly by of a WW2 Lancaster bomber

B on 29, Nick K 41, Dom J 43 and Al Paton on 47. James Hutton, youth blue, did very well on 35, and improves month by month. Brother Jake had a ride on the yellow route but did not post any scores. Good to have another youth rider interested in the sport, even though football is his main priority. Frank P topped Clubman on 8 with Ian C on 14, Ian M 19 (T/S) not too far behind. Less experienced red riders clocked up bigger scores on the steeper bank sections which looked daunting, but they all had a go and finished, Yellows were pretty level pegging, Glenn 3, John 5 and Brian 7. Dave H had a less successful time, with a spill on Section 7, but he completed his laps for 27.

Good to see new member Richard Pelham getting



Nick Kennedy



James Hutton improves every month shawing excellent balance

round on his Greeves, his first trial in 30 years or so. He seemed to be enjoying himself although he didn't record any scores. Thanks to the yellow crew for showing him the ropes.

Little Ollie on his Oset had a go at all the sections including the big banks, albeit with dad hanging on to his mudguard on the steeper descents. He certainly is gaining a lot of confidence, and I think both he and dad Matthew must sleep well after one of our trials!

Lots of help clearing up, thanks to all who got involved.

By the time this is read, we will have run an extra trial at Moieties for Beginners and Wobblers, although a few more experienced riders are booked up on twinshocks so they don't miss out!

September club trial is at Chapmans Town on the 20th start time 1.00 pm.

Our ACU South East Centre round, The Lighthouse Trial, is a week after this on Sunday 28 at Moor Hall, starting at 10.00 am.

This is our Premier event for the year, preparations are well under way, and a good turnout will make it all worthwhile.

The best riders in the south east ride the centre trials from Novice/red level Inter/blue, Expert/white up to Elite/white with deviations

Please support this event by riding, observing or just spectating, the Little Dough Company will be there for refreshments and toilets will be provided.



No	Name	Class	Total		Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 6	Section 7	Section 8	Section 9
19	Steve Jones	Inter	7		1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	2
66	Kevin Macaulay	Inter	15		4	1	0	6	0	1	1	0	2
49	Kevan Cornwall	Inter	27		4	1	1	1	2	14	1	1	2
7	Steve Baldock	Inter	29		6	0	0	7	1	13	0	1	1
58	Nick Kennedy	Inter	41		11	6	0	7	2	11	0	0	4
86	Dom Jarrett	Inter	43		7	3	7	2	1	12	1	1	9
21	Alan Paton	Inter	47		10	1	6	8	2	13	0	0	7
81	James Hutton	Yth Inter	35		4	3	0	4	2	11	2	5	4
65	Frank Puttock	C/Man	8		0	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	0
4	Ian Cheshire	C/Man	14		0	0	0	4	5	0	0	5	0
60	Ian Mortimore	C/Man	19		0	0	2	0	4	8	0	5	0
59	Tim Hanchett	C/Man	76		0		9	16	11	12	2	20	6
74	Chris Mephram	C/Man	87		3	7	7	12	20	18	2	13	5
76	Michael Mephram	C/Man	120		11	0	9	20	20	20	10	15	15
5	Roger Strudwick	C/Man	No Score	No Scor	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score
23	Iain Rich	C/Man	No Score	No Scor	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score
77	Steve Stretton	C/Man	Retd		Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd
36	Glenn Baker	Sportsman	3		2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
93	John Moore	Sportsman	5		0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
43	Brian Thompson	Sportsman	7		3	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
48	Dave Harris	Sportsman	27		11	1	0	1	0	6	8		0
79	Derek Strudwick	Sportsman	0	3laps	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	Richard Pelham	Sportsman	No Score	No Scor	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score
0	Jake Hutton	Sportsman	No Score	No Scor	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score
91	Colin Webb	Sportsman	Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd	Retd
53	Ollie Goodsell	Yth Sport	158		12	20	14	20	20	12	20	20	20

Dig for Victory

Balance the Trials Bike Challenge

We loaded up the van with all sorts; bike, gazebo, tables and chairs, we even had a floral display courtesy of Louise, not quite knowing what to expect,

Dave Harris did the same and between Dave, Gloria, Derek, and myself set about spreading the gospel or what EDMCC was all about.

The Dig for Victory, **Balance the Trials Bike Challenge**, threw up some very surprising results, former EDMCC superstar Adam Conway was the early pace setter, and held it for a while until these two lads (in picture) got locked in combat for the honour of being best in show, and certainly impressed me with their determination and raw talent, both had never been on a trials bike before!

And both set a time that wouldn't disgrace an Intermediate/Expert rider!

Next year the organisers and land owner, are very keen for us to put on a kick-start arena type of event in celebration their 30th year more on this later.

So put the date in your diary for next August. I said it was a good idea, but it's a lot of hard work, I was reassuringly put in my place "we are farmers with access to trailers and logs and don't mind a bit of hard work helping out" So first Sunday in August 2026 it is then.

Best time:- Ross 5m.15s.63, James 4m35s.05, Adam B 1M31.05, Andrew 40.01 Adam 18s.04



Beginners & Wobblers Trial

Moieties Farm

A very successful event at Moieties, the brainchild of Roger Strudwick. He and Derek set out the two routes on Saturday and were rewarded by 34 riders attending.

Keen not to miss out on more riding practice some Inter and Expert riders also turned up but rode twinshocks to make it more competitive. Roger quickly added a couple of deviations to two sections to give them more of a challenge. However with the highest overall score of 6 for this class, the challenge was more about concentration than difficulty of the sections. This highest score was inflated by a 5 which was incurred by Steve Jones, much to the joy of his companions who whooped with glee as he is often



First timer James Datcher had some good rides on the red route



Good turn out of twinnies

the man to beat, and they saw their chances grow. Not very sporting, but taken in good heart!

Frank topped Clubman class on 6 with everyone else clocking in excess 40. Good to have some visitors having a go, and they got 3 laps experience under their belts. Hope to see you again.

Yellows were close fought by John M on 2 and Glenn on 7 with Dave H not too far off on 13 Mick Saltzer managed to stay long enough to actually complete the whole trial, so hope you gained some satisfaction for that effort. Again good to see 3 new

4 JOURS DE TRIAL DE LA CREUSE

SARDENT France

Rocks, bigger Rocks, Boulders and bigger Boulders
Diary report from our french correspondent.

EDMCC riders Steve Jones, Nick Kennedy, Steve Wadey, Mark Stevens, Kevan Cornwall, Tom Moss Geoff Muston, Paul Chapman and son Joe. Set sail for the French town of Sardent, Tom and Geoff were camping whereas the rest of us had rented a Gite 15 mins outside of Sardent, Glen Baker did not compete but rode the whole course for each of the 4 days carrying spares and giving encouragement to all and acting as official team photographer.

“were working on getting Steve Jone’s bike refused at Scrutineering” he is on good form at the moment and looks like he will give us all a good thrashing, “I think I’ll just loosen his front wheel spindle a bit that will slow him down” Well that didn’t work! First day Steve finished on 6, Kevan Cornwall 17, and Nick Kennedy on 23.

No scores declared for the others yet. Christ it’s hot and dusty, downed 2 litres from my camel back in 5



Our French correspondent
Kevan LeCornwall



Steve Jones 70th
Birthday French getup.

hrs and still thirsty when we hit the local bar at 4 pm .

To our surprise Ralph made a surprise visit with his mate Clive as they were doing a little tour of Central France.

It’s Steve 70th birthday I suppose he’ll win the 4 day just to celebrate the occasion.

I Finished; Wahoo, Knackered and elated at the same time. Quite possibly the hardest motorcycle event I have ever done. 7 out of 8 of us finished the event.

Only one hurt and couldn’t carry on Mark did not finish the second half of day 4 because of injured foot. Steve Wadey also injured his foot but managed to finish the event, everyone else only battered and bruised nothing worse than that.

It’s hard on the legs and arms especially, It was like 4 LDTs back to back without sitting down; at least 6 hrs each day, Don’t now how many miles but two tanks of fuel per day.

If you were wondering about doing it, do it, It’s the largest motorcycle trial in the world, with over 350 riders, course marking and organisation is amazing, electronic tags worn on a lanyard which is scanned and loaded with your score at the finish of each section, Very hi-tech. Scores available daily online and overall results within hours of event finish.

Terrific atmosphere and it seems like the whole of Sardent is involved as they have 3 people on most sections all contacting each other by walkie talkie

Been here for 10 days. Leaving for home on Weds so will be able to ride on Saturday club trial if I get time to replace wheel bearings!

4 JOURS DE TRIAL DE LA CREUSE



French connection from left to right Glen, Steve, Steve, Nick, Joe, Kevan, Mark, Paul.

Results

la class	la pos	la name
T2+	5th	MOSS Tom
TR4	16th	JONES Stephen
TR4	42nd	KENNEDY Nick
TR4	66th	CHAPMAN Joe
TR4	79TH	WADEY Steven
V40	12th	KENNEDY Nick
V40	20th	WADEY Steven
V60	9TH	JONES Stephen
V60	23rd	CORNWALL Kev
V60	57th	STEVENS Mark
		Muston Geoff

sorry Geoff couldn't find your results

Against all Odds

A day in the life of a TWISTGRIP producer

Last month you may have read that I was having some issues with my computer, just after I managed to publish last months edition the computer died completely.

My son who's a bit of a wizard when comes to computers had a look "It's had it" only he only used two words first word was "it's F"! *he gets that from his mother!*

Apparently the capacitors had leaked, spewing gunge into the motherboard.

So a new computer then, Mmmm not so easy, I use adobe creative suite to produce the work I do for EDMCC consisting of; In design 4, and Photoshop, the version I have is 15 years old so wouldn't run on any new operating system other than El capitan, Try and keep up!

Next problem was I ran an i-mac, a beautiful bit of kit all inclusive of computer and monitor, only problem when one dies they both die.

A quick scan round market place and a mac pro was found in Brighton, and a monitor in Hailsham, brilliant get the operating system and software loaded and bobs your uncle, oh no he ain't.

We swapped operating system Moavea for El Capitan, with no DVD drive we looked up on Internet to see what would be the latest system is to run CS4



The i-mac space saving they may be, but one major problem and the lot is scrap!

only to find adobe in their wisdom have decided not to support CS4 anymore even if you, like me, you own the software, (it cost me £1700 15 years ago) you can hire it at £650 per annum, but even then you'll need to upgrade to the latest operating system, its like a bike manufacturer telling you your bike is scrap and you need to **hire** a new electric version.

OMG we've wasted time and money only to fail at the last hurdle, I was spitting feathers.

It was at this point I witnessed some of the most incredible IT work I've ever seen.

Enter the genius that's my son, not a problem to him, he pulled out a ratty old carcass of on old lap top screwed in a makeshift hard drive and with some usb sticks and an old disc player on the lap top and somehow managed to dodge round adobe's lack of support.

3 days and about 10 hours sleep. We now have a mac pro with a 27 inch screen running 32 megs of ram through the graphic board (the i-mac only had 10) plus the software needed to produce the TWISTGRIP, so look out.

Whats 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

September 20th

Club trial

Chapmans Town.

Start Time 1.00pm

October 18th

Club trial

TBC.

Start Time 1.00pm

November 15th

Club trial

TBC.

Winter Start Time 12.30am

December 27th

Turkey & Christmas pud blow out

Club trial

TBC.

Start Time 11.00am

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

No sections No Trial.

Open to Centre Championship dates for your Diary

21st September

Tenterden - Weald of Kent

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28th September

Eastbourne - Lighthouse Trial

Observers needed for this one

E+ E I N +40 +50 tw Pre67

Sat 8th November

Witley - Charlie Wake

E+ E I N y(E+ E I N) +40 +50 tw Pre67

16th November

Barham - Mutton Lancers

E+ E I N y(E+ E I N) +40 +50