

# Eastbourne & D.M.C.C.

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## Twistgrip

CLUB NEWS JANUARY 2026

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### Club Officials

**President:-** Thomas Moss

**Chairman:-** Steve Baldock

**Vice Chairman:-** Kevan Cornwall

**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.....

#### Club Membership Renewal

A reminder that membership fee are due, if paying by BACS please put a note with payment identifying yourself, so we can match the payment.

#### Reminder:

Your ACU Competition Licence for 2025 now runs to the 31st January 2026. Annual licences in subsequent years will run from 1st February to 31st January.

#### ACU South East Trials Championship

Congratulations to Eastbourne riders Thomas Moss (Expert Elite) and Adam Goodsell (Expert) on clinching their respective classes in the southeast trials championships both championships went down to the nail biting final round.

Thomas also claimed the Southern Centre Championship as well!!

In other news, Ben Smith won the Southern Experts Clubman class. Jack Stiles won the Kent Combine Championship but has to ride under

Barham to qualify. (Same as Thomas for Southern Centre riding under Waltham Chase for points) (Thomas was 3rd in Southern Experts behind Sam Haslam and Alex Wigg but did beat some big names as well)

#### Thanks to all

That took the time to observed at the post Christmas fun trial, especially Kerry and Jill Muston who got pressed ganged into observing at the last moment to save the day. Pat Puttock for rounding them all up, and to Simon Courtney, Victoria Hutton & Mum, whistling Glen Baker, and Keith Strudwick who had the best seat in the house (the graded hill). and to Paul & Helen aka Little Dough Company for the refreshments. it was great to have a hot drink after standing out observing all day.

#### What a surprise

I wondered why I was being blocked from going back to the van to pickup my observing board by two large chaps insisting I remained to the end of Kevs speech, I got to say I'm struggling to put into words how I feel being awarded an honorary membership of the Eastbourne and District Motorcycle Club, all I can say is thank you so much it nearly made me boo, I'm blimmin chuffed to bits. I'll ride with the golden number 5 with pride.



# Christmas Fun Trial

## SQUIRREL WOOD

**T**he now annual Christmas Fun Trial held at what is commonly known as a mud festival in squirrel wood turned out to be as near perfect conditions as was possible, the setting out crew consisting of Tom, Kev, Derek, and myself slithered round the area of the graded hill debating whether to include it or not. As it turned out it was OK, and a great spectating view point with some spectacular attempts, (*Ian Copsey's flat out attempt being the highlight of the day*). I could hear that bike revving it nuts off from my section 4!

The Expert class was won by none other than the newly crowned South East Trials Champion Tom Moss, I think we need an elite route just for Tom as he annihilated the opposition.



Ian Copsey's loop out on the graded hill was the most spectacular



James Datcher riding the blue route, I think he started riding trials at the beginners and wobblers back in August

Visitor Ian Wakeford just got the better of Alan Peach getting the verdict on furthest cleans for the blue win, with Michael Stiles and Steve Jones snapping at their heels.

Bike problems sidelined Oscar and James leaving young Tommy Wakeford for the youth blue win.

Vintage Motocross rider Kevin Reed won the reds from factory Frank, Nigel beat the road bike's of messieurs Cornwall and Baldock.

Good to see Mason Goodsell make a rare appearance on the youth reds a score of 20 would have put him right in amongst the adult reds. Yellow route superstar Michael Mephram finally broke his duck with a win over old rival Ian Rich, section 4 took a lot of marks on the first turn catching most for at least a dab,

Ollie rode well on my section with two's and fives. He did get an award for best dressed Father Christmas though.



Dave Harris giving it a go!

**Results Squirrel Wood 28.12.2025 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	20		0	3	4	6	2	5	0	0
46	Jack Stiles	Expert	78		0	11	17	11	5	18	16	0
25	Ben Smith	Expert	83		5	9	20	13	5	18	11	2
62	Charles Courtney	Expert	94		0	7	20	18	14	20	8	7
83	Adam Goodsell	Expert	81	3laps	0	11	15	15	10	15	11	4
40	Rowan Puttock	Expert	Ret		Ret							
72	Jamie Puttock	Expert	Ret		Ret							
94	Ian Wakeford	Inter	1	Fur Cln	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Alan Peach		1		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	Michael Stiles		2		0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
19	Steve Jones		3		0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
13	Ian Cole		5		0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2
28	Steve Forest		6		0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
21	Alan Paton		7		0	5	0	0	0	1	1	0
20	Tony Dobbs		8		0	0	0	0	0	7	1	0
59	Jack Knowles		14		3	1	6	0	3	1	0	0
22	James Datcher		17		0	4	6	5	0	1	1	0
70	Harry Powell		20		5	6	1	0	0	3	1	4
77	Mick Treagus		24		0	11	5	1	0	3	4	0
47	Henry Whittaker		32		5	10	10	5	0	2	0	0
12	Mark Burden		38		5	13	2	0	5	5	8	0
14	William Copsey		53		0	18	6	0	9	4	10	6
27	Jordan Ropke		55		6	10	10	5	3	8	13	0
29	Billy Smith		98		18	20	10	11	11	18	5	5
56	Shaun Stocking	Non		Starter	Bike	Probs?	x	x	x	x	x	
26	Drew Lane	Inter	Ret		Ret							
95	TommyWakeford	Yth Inter	1		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
39	Oscar Kirkin	Yth Inter	Ret		Ret							
81	James Hutton	Yth Inter	Ret		Ret							
61	Kevin Reed	Clubman	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
65	Frank Puttock		2		0	0	2	0	0	0	0	
16	Nigel Hains		4	Fur Cln	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
7	Steve Baldock		4		1	0	0	2	0	0	1	
49	Kevan Cornwall		6		0	0	0	1	2	2	1	
60	Ian Mortimore		9		0	0	0	0	3	0	2	
3	Geoff Muston		10		0	6	0	0	0	0	0	
30	Charlie Worsfold		11		5	3	0	0	1	1	1	
90	Dan Stewart		16	26cln	3	5	1	0	0	2	0	
75	Brad Lane		16	24cln	5	3	3	0	0	5	0	
31	Mark Worsfold		21		7	5	2	0	1	6	0	
98	Mark Stewart		25		4	10	3	0	4	4	0	
33	Ian Copsey		42		9	12	3	1	7	4	3	
78	Louke Van Meer		65		4	20	4	4	8	6	10	
45	Gordon Fennings		Clubman	Ret		Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	
35	Mason Goodsell		Yth Clubman	20		8	1	0	0	1	1	
99	Flo Peach		Yth Clubman	Ret		Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	
76	Michael Mepham	Sportsman	20		0	0	6	13	0	0		
23	Iain Rich	Sportsman	29		0	2	5	6	4	1		
48	Dave Harris	Sportsman	52		0	0	5	3	2	5		
44	Darren Mitchell	Sportsman	54		0	0	10	17	6	1		
52	Richard Pelham	Sportsman	78		4	5	18	9	11	5		
68	Matt Overy	Sportsman	79		3	8	17	13	16	2		
50	Mark Chester	Sportsman	Ret		Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret		
55	Mick Ridgway	Sportsman	Ret		Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret		
85	Richard O'Sullivan	Sportsman	Ret		Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret		
53	Ollie Goodsell	Yth Sports	116		9	20	20	12	16	14		

# Classic Corner Revisited



**A** while back I had my Montesa Cota 248 twinshock featured in the EDMCC twistgrip monthly, since then I've ridden it in a few trials & as expected from an almost 45 yr old bike it has leaked oil, broken down & generally upset me. But here's the thing ,,,, I really do enjoy riding it & dare say get a little bit of one upmanship when I beat a few modern bikes riding in the same class as me.

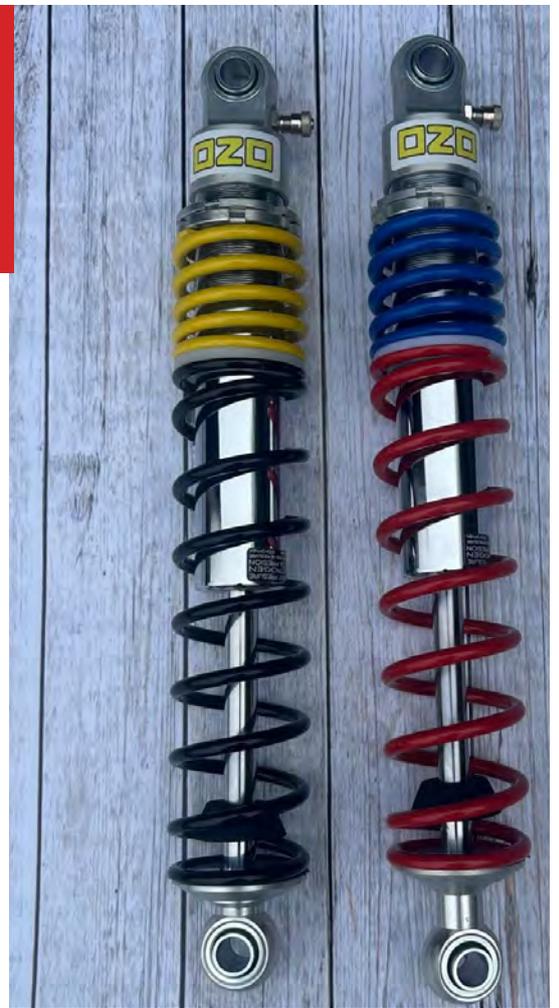
Unfortunately back in the summer at the EDMCC lighthouse trial while having a reasonable ride it decided it had had enough of my hamfisted riding & midway through the last lap made some strange noises & would not roll backwards when the clutch was engaged, now I'm definitely not a hoppy rider (even on a modern bike) so you would think it wouldn't make any difference (Well it bloody well did) it was a massive struggle to finish but I did finish!

En route I very happily bumped (this action cost me a 5 but that's another story) into Brian Larby (EDMCC Veteran member & old friend of my dad) who has the long suffering misfortune to be the guy who rebuilds/builds/modifies & with great knowledge, no payment/big smile & patience allows me on my 45 year old bike to keep riding twinshock trials, this time he had to completely split the motor in 2 to do whatever trickery to fix it.

Brian is amazing with any kind of engine or engineering & just said it won't be problem to fix Steve & as usual I just deliver it to his garage & a few days later I get the phone call to come over & he shows me the problem & lets me know how he's going to solve it, then another few days later I pick it up.

I always stress when I break it coz I wonder if it will be fixable but Brian never lets me down. I did have plans to turn it into a 349 model but this turned out to be a non starter, so it remains a 250, also some adjustments were made by Brian to help it run better & so far it has, although this was a quick test ride & has yet to be ridden in a trial, probably spring time it will be entered in a few trials & I will get to enjoy the work Brian has put in to it .

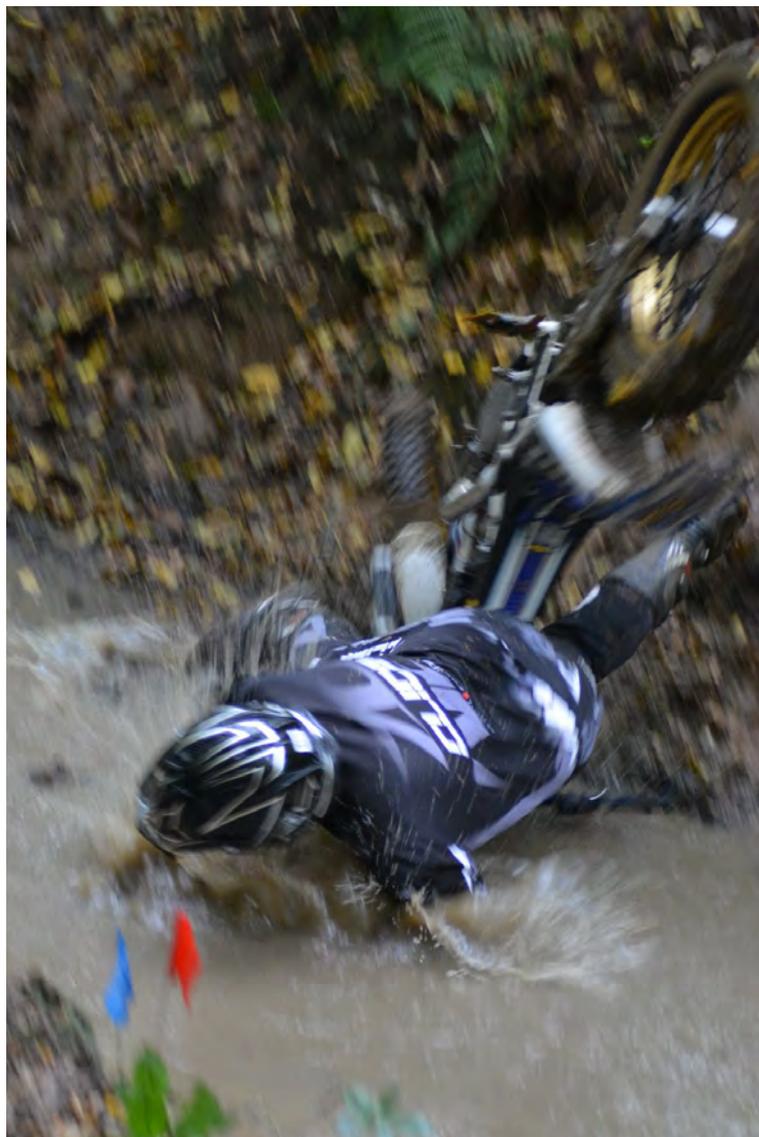
I actually bought a 349 piston for the conversion but sent it back to In-motion trials & instead of a refund he sent me a set of very blingy rear shocks. I went for red & blue.



# Form.....

Well it's a big question, is it a real thing or are we just using the word to describe our failings as riders? When I'm riding I hope I'm on good (Form) & have a great result which can mean I'm in the top 3 in a club trial, now I know this doesn't mean much but it is a good feeling to know you've beaten a few other riders that day,,, but on other occasions those riders that I've beaten before get the better of me, now does that mean they are on good form & I'm on bad form for that event or is my riding just getting worse & good form has deserted me? (This actually terrifies me & can keep me awake) & will good form come back or is it gone forever !!

I've managed to win a few club trials in my years of riding but not lately & I've noticed my results are getting worse but I feel I've ridden OK & that other riders who I've beaten regularly must just be on good form so does this mean my form is bad or they have just got better & will beat me every ride, maybe buying good form from somewhere or perhaps my good form fell off in the last section, The more you dwell on it, the worse it gets, (Steve Jones is excluded from this because he's always on good form). I'm a fairly lucky rider, long legs has saved me from many fives through the years when shorter riders have fives because they can't reach the ground or been able to paddle through.



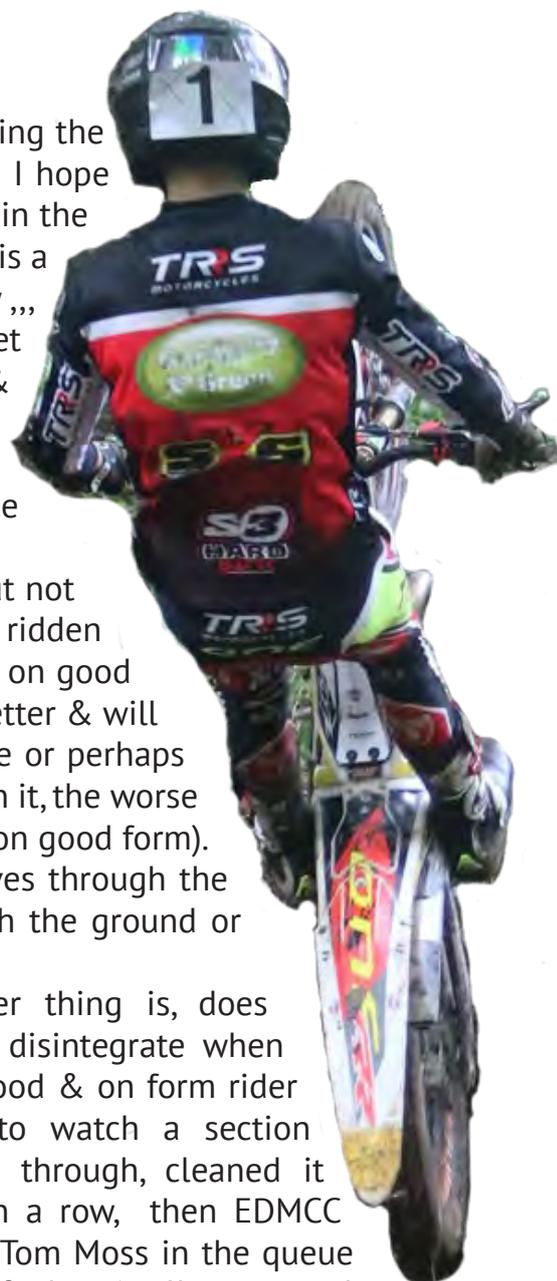
The other thing is, does good form disintegrate when a really good & on form rider happens to watch a section I'm riding through, cleaned it 3 times in a row, then EDMCC Superstar Tom Moss in the queue watching & then it all goes south, this situation does nothing to help any kind of form, good or bad.

I try to watch on form riders but quickly decide they must be on much better form than me & carry on with my mediocre form until bad form really kicks in.

I had a run of good form for about a year but I think it's finally given up & gone on to double up on Steve Jones good form as he seems a better bet!

What's worse is bad form seems to only get badder leaving a sense of my good form really is gone forever.

So now I'm trying a new kind of approach, expect bad form & if the ride goes well maybe good form will creep back in to my riding but alas I think bad form is always there but just hiding in cross camber roots ready to attach to me & let Steve Jones by without a glance.



# 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

The website is [www.edmcctrials.com](http://www.edmcctrials.com)

### January

Chairman's trial

Saturday 17th 12.30 start

Pilmer Woods Crowborough TBC

Winter Start Time 12.30am

### February

Saturday 21st 12.30 start

Cow Farm, Cowbeech

Winter Start Time 12.30am

### March

Saturday 21st 1pm start

### April 3rd Good Friday

11am start

### May

Wednesday 6th 6pm start

Evening trail to be confirmed

### May

Saturday 16th 1pm start

### June

Wednesday 3rd 6pm start

Evening trail to be confirmed

### June

Saturday 20th 1pm start

July Wednesday 1st 6pm start

Evening trail 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](http://www.southeasttrialcentre.com)

### January 18<sup>th</sup>

Sidcup Sixty Trial

Canada Heights

### February

### 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

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

### 6th September

Gravesend/Wickham

Watling Tyres Harvest Trial

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### 27th September

Eastbourne - Lighthouse Trial

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### 25th October

Barham - Mutton Lancers Trial

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