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CLUB NEWS MARCH 2025

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Committee:-

Made up from club the membership all members welcome.

Meetings held at the British Queen Willingdon Triangle 1st Tuesday of the month 7.30 start

News.....

DICK TUGNUTT

On the 11th Jan we heard the very sad news that Dick Tugnut had passed away. Dick was the Bognor Chairman and instrumental in all aspects of running the Bognor club.

Anyone that rode the Southcoast Group Trials will remember Dick observing not only for his club but for other clubs as well, he was also a good friend to many, and a lifelong motorcycle enthusiast, he will be greatly missed, our condolences go out to all his family and friends at this sad time.

Evening all dates for evening trials are

Thursday May 1st Thursday June 5th Thursday July 3rd

are now confirmed watch this space for updates with times and venue's, with maybe a BBQ after! I think I know where I can get hold of one, more on that nearer the date, this is all subject to the weather and interest of course, If the first one fails for lack of interest we probably wont run the rest!

Sussex Weald Long Distance Trial sadly this years event will not run as commitment by those that count, ie the LDT sub committee, cant spare the time to organise an event of this size, the administration alone is mind blowing hopefully this decision doesn't mean we wont run an LDT or similar event in the future. there are some rumours/ideas being floated around at the moment, more on this later!

Lighthouse Trial will run on the 26th September at a venue to be arranged, so get them ACU licenses applied for if you intend to ride, observers will be required for this event.

In this months issue Is another blast from the past in our EDMCC legends series none other than Club Captain Derek Strudwick as he reflects on 64 years of competition now this should inspire you to take pen to paper, a club trial report from Squirrel wood, plus scoop takes a look at how you make it through a section with Mr. Paddle.

Mixed opinions on the new layout for Twistgrip a bit of a change in layout and style it should if needed make it easier to print off a copy should you want (as I failed miserably to get the booklet style to print satisfactory on microsoft applications).

(Actually no one on the committee noticed the change in layout)

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. Several people have!

February Club Trial

Squirrel Wood

Report Gloria Moss

Pictures Moss trials pics

Our setting out team, Tony Errey, Derek, Roger and Keith Strudwick were at the ground, setting out on Friday 14, with a low expectation of entries for the trial. This due to only 13, including the crew, being signed up on the Wednesday. Roger did a quick facebook reminder advert which resulted in a few more committing by Friday am, making 20. Numbers continued to flow in and late Friday night we had 29, including 1 white route entry, which had not been factored into the setting up. Rather than disappoint, Roger (top man) agreed to plant some white flags before the trial on Saturday am. Just as well as 4 competed on the day! It really does help to know a day or two beforehand, which riders intend to ride and which route they wish to ride, as we are lucky to have some retirees who can sometimes set out a day or so in advance, rather than on the actual morning of the trial.

Upon arrival to sign on, I immediately noticed even more people than had already entered, and we topped up with 39 in total. 3 new membership sign ups and a few more renewals, all very welcome.

We are in the region of 80 plus members so a good core group to keep us going, but any offers of help to assist with setting out from time to time, or clearing up, gratefully received. Please ask if you are interested.

Good to see Pat Puttock back in action after her replacement knee op in September, and volunteering to observe despite the chilly temperature. Thank you.



Michael Mepham eyes up the drop into the hole.

The sections were laid out in an anti-clockwise direction for a change and kept everyone on their mettle. A good spread of scores in each class reflecting the various abilities taking part. Some newer riders only managed 3 laps, some others may have ridden 4 laps but their complete scores were missing from several score sheets, so it seemed fairer to count only 3 overall, instead of giving 10 x 5 for missing ones.

Whites were won by Tom Moss, who was trying out an IRC tyre to see if it would stay up for his



Alan Peach just missed out on furthest clean for second



Young Oscar Kirkin just 5 marks short of top sportsman on red route, watch out Blues he's coming

S3 national trial the following day. It didn't! So several visits to his van to re inflate it, and then a busy evening washing the bike, changing the tyre and driving to Chichester to meet up with his riding mate for an early start Sunday.

Tom's van got stuck and luckily Roger was the only other person left, but had a tow rope and got him out. Thanks Roger!

Alan and Stuart tied on 47 marks with Stuart 4 more cleans to his credit.

Alan also had some running repairs to do to a broken lever, good job he carries various spares. Will had a go on Whites and didn't seem too phased by them.

Sam Reilly appeared for his usual 12 or 18 month visit and lost a single mark on Blues.

Steve Forrest was second on 18 and seems to

enjoy his riding with us. Our other riders had varied results, Section 1 taking lots of marks.

Garage on the Green man Paul Chapman topped the Reds on 17, Frank, back in action after a few months off, was second on 25, Steve Stretton 3rd on his electric bike on 33, then a batch in the 40 marks zone, which Mark Worsfold did on his heavy British bike. I put Dom Jarrett in the Blue results, but he definitely rode the red route and was in the mix of 40 odd marks lost. Iain Rich and Chris Mephram continued their foray into Reds and looked much more confident. Their scores were amplified by only managing to complete 3 laps but taking 5s for the last one. They also helped to clear up flags, so thanks to them and other riders who also did so.

Youth red riders, Oscar Kirkin and James Hutton, had very respectable scores of 22 and 28 respectively, practice is paying off, James. Riding round together obviously spurs you both to do well. Sorry to learn of Glenn's accident, which I didn't see, and later learned resulted in a hairline fracture of his right radius. Apparently he saved his bike by laying it down, but was unable to stop himself from



Scoop under the watch full eye of Mr. Cole



Ello ello whats all this then! Charlie Worsfold having a plod round on his heavy C15 BSA. (ask him)

sliding down the slope into the stream and putting his arm out to stop himself. I am surprised he managed to drive home, but they made 'em tough in the 1950's! Heal up soon Glenn.

Yellow riders were topped by veteran Derek Strudwick on 4 with the remaining 4 lap riders Brian Thompson 41ml and Dave Harris 43ml and new boy Mark Stewart 47 marks lost, each with their main losses in different sections.

Welcome our new members, John Moore, and father and son Mark and Dan Stewart.

March should see us at Rushlake Green, fingers crossed for dry weather for parking in the field. We are hard pushed for venues with winter parking, so if anyone knows of any places that might accommodate a club trial in winter (or summer) please let us know.

Squirrel Wood Results

No	Name	Class	Total		Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 6	Section 7	Section 8
15	Thomas Moss	Expert	12	14cln 10cln	1	0	5	1	2	2	1	0
97	Stuart Read	Expert	47		5	1	7	3	20	1	10	0
1	Alan Peach	Expert	47		4	0	2	10	15	7	8	1
8	Will Rossi	Expert	88		8	2	16	12	18	12	12	8
33	Sam Reilly	Inter	1		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Steve Forrest	Inter	18		0	2	5	2	1	0	5	3
7	Steve Baldock	Inter	27		5	7	5	2	2	5	1	0
19	Steve Jones	Inter	33		7	6	6	0	1	3	2	8
37	Steve Masters	Inter	50		16	1	9	3	3	7	5	6
13	Ian Cole	Inter	61		10	10	9	9	1	10	7	5
32	Peter Collins	Inter	78		13	12	10	11	9	12	4	7
40	John Campbell	Inter	No Score		No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score
95	Paul Read	Inter	No Score		No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score	No Score
73	Paul Chapman	Clubman	17		4	4	0	1	2	1	0	5
65	Frank Puttock	Clubman	25		0	12	1	1	7	0	1	3
77	Steve Stretton	Clubman	33		6	7	0	2	13	2	2	1
16	Nigel Hains	Clubman	42		6	11	2	3	10	5	4	1
31	Mark Worsfold	Clubman	45		9	12	2	6	3	6	4	3
86	Dom Jarrett	Clubman	46		14	10	3	0	12	2	0	5
4	Ian Cheshire	Clubman	49		11	11	6	0	10	7	1	3
67	Joe Chapman	Clubman	66		8	7	11	6	4	10	8	12
84	Steve Wadey	Clubman	72		8	16	3	8	12	7	5	13
30	Charlie Worsfold	Clubman	77		13	20	1	13	18	4	6	2
24	Peter Kowalski	Clubman	96		18	12	10	8	20	3	10	15
23	Iain Rich	Clubman	122		18	18	9	14	16	15	14	18
74	Chris Mephram	Clubman	134		20	16	15	18	20	14	11	20
36	Glenn Baker	Clubman	Ret		Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret
76	Michael Mephram	Clubman	Ret		Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret	Ret
39	Oscar Kirkin	Yth Clubman	22		7	2	0	0	13	0	0	0
81	James Hutton	Yth Clubman	28		2	4	1	3	13	2	1	2
79	Derek Strudwick	Sportsman	4		1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
43	Brian Thompson	Sportsman	41		1	4	4	1	0	15	3	13
48	Dave Harris	Sportsman	43		2	13	20	1	5	2	0	0
98	Mark Stewart	Sportsman	47		5	7	4	0	14	11	4	2
54	Keith Bean	Sportsman	17	3laps	1	0	2	2	6	0	0	6
92	Dan Morrey	Sportsman	24	3laps	0	1	5	1	6	0	5	6
93	John Moore	Sportsman	32	3laps	2	0	6	5	8	6	2	3
90	Dan Stewart	Sportsman	41	3laps	0	8	1	1	6	5	5	15
44	Darren Mitchell	Sportsman	46	3laps	0	8	3	3	9	15	6	2



Top tip, If your going to que make sure the rider in front isn't totally oblivious to the que behind & having a long chat with some one!!!!

Eastbourne Riders Top Colmore Cup

A ROUND OF THE ACU S3 CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Tom Moss for winning the Colmore Cup on a miserly 14 marks lost. Known for being a typical muddy Midlands event this years Colmore didn't disappoint.

Eastbourne's Tom Moss rode his GoG TRS 300rr (*Garage on the Green*) to great effect, beating Sam Haslam on his John Lee GasGas by just four marks with BVM beta rider Kurt Brian in third place on 22, Dan Thorpe on his JSM GasGas was just two marks back on 24.

The Clubman route was won by another EDMCC rider Jack Stiles on his new GasGas with 34 marks lost, from Ling's GasGas rider Jack Austin on 46. EDMCC 's Martin Carter was fourth Ben Smith and Michael Stiles also competed, no other result are available at time of going to press



Which one are you!

"This is a story about four people named **Everybody, Somebody, Anybody & Nobody.**

There was an important job to do and **Everybody** was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure **Somebody** would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but **Nobody** did it.

Somebody got angry because it was **Everybody's** job.

Everybody thought **Anybody** would do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done."

***Pick up a bag
& help clear up after the trial
Anybody can do it!***

An advertisement for the Bognor 0/40s Weekender event. It features a rider on a motorcycle navigating a muddy trail. The rider is wearing a white helmet and a black jacket with green accents. The motorcycle has a number 36 on the front. The background shows a wooded area with trees and fallen leaves. The text "5th-6th July 2025" is in the top left corner. The text "Sethem Dunsfold GUB 4NR" is in the top left corner. The text "BOGNOR 0/40s WEEKENDER" is in the bottom center. The text "Putoline" is in the bottom left corner. The text "APICO" is in the bottom center. The text "MAGNA" is in the bottom right corner. There is a logo in the top right corner.

Classic Corner

E.D.M.C.C Legends

MEMOIRS

of an ALSO RAN

This month we have the memoirs of Club Captain Derek Strudwick where he looks back at 64 years of competing in various off road sports, the places he's been, and the people he's met along the way

I first got interested in off road bikes when I attended a local scramble at Piltdown at the age of 12, cycling with my mate from Crowborough. Now this was a proper scramble with a big mud hole causing for a lot of problems for the majority of riders. One rider road through the muddy area no problem at all, his name was JOHNNY GILES and he won every race. Also, competing that day was a young Dave Harris and Jimmy Bingham, (*I still have the programme somewhere*) I was hooked.

My next event was a big one. The 1957 Moto Cross Des Nations at Brands Hatch, well this was something else, all the teams in their national coloured jerseys, the course went all round the woods where the long circuit at Brands is now, what a spectacle that was, winners were British Team of Jeff Smith, Dave Curtis, Brian Stonebridge.



Scrambling at Canada Heights in the 60's on the Tribsa



First scramble at Midhurst 1960 that's me 109

Early days

I purchased a 125cc royal Enfield for 5 shillings and had my first ride round the Ibrickyard clay pits where my Dad worked.

At 16 I entered a scramble at Midhurst called the Polecat Scramble, quite a difficult hilly and sandy circuit. There were some interesting names in the programme,

I competed in scrambles for the next few years and on the odd occasion on grass tracks with the Tribsa scramble bike.

1966 I won the best Novice on a 350 AJS and moved to Expert at trials.



On the 500 Matchless

Back to scrambles

I rode regularly in the South East, Southern and South West Centres. I really enjoyed the Devon tracks, where I used to travel down in our Morris 1000 pickups early Sunday morning and compete on the flowing tracks down there.

Grass Track

Grass Track Then I decided to have a proper go at grass track racing, I purchased a Hagon Matchless



On the home built 500 4b JAP at Smarden Kent, inset winning the Tenterden Silver Wings

and had some good rides until I blew the engine to smithereens at Rhodes Minnis.

With the help of my Dad we built our own frame and installed a JAP 4B engine in it, this was very successful and I was in the prize money every week end.

My major win was the Tenterden silver wings beating 4 British Champions that day (this trophy was on display at the Tenterden museum I wonder if it's still on display?)

The big event of the year was the Lydden International Speedtrack held at the Lydden Hill race circuit attracting all the top riders from Speedway, Grasstrack, and long track including the likes of World Champions Ivan Mauger, Ole

Olsen, Grasstrack superstars Brian Maxted Don Godden Chris Pusey and Malcolm Simmons. Plus some of the countries best national grasstrack riders in the support races, I rode in three of the National support events of these meetings. I had some good rides in the qualifying heats with some 2nd, 3rd. and 4th places. Best place finish was 5th place in the National final.

Long Track

A trip to South Wales at Ammanford Trotting Stadium at the end of the season proved to be a very exciting event. The track was about four times the size of the average speedway track (half mile or more if I remember), very fast. A 12 year old Roger was my push start assistant, ask him about the Stamford brothers on their V twin JAP and he'll go on about it like it was yesterday, (some 56 years later). long track is where you learn the art of keeping the wheels in line and not over sliding on the corners, too much and you lose 20 mph on the straights.

Injury

A nasty knee injury next year slowed things up and I decided to go self employed with a Hymac Digger, working all through summer. Which meant no Grass Track riding.

I then decided a winter sport like trials would be better. Riding a Montesa, Ossa, Bultaco doing the South East Centre trials and South Coast Group. I joined the Eastbourne Club about 1976 I think.



Local riders Cyril Jones and Tig Perry showing the way round Ammanford trotting track



On the RM 250 Suzuki at Golding Barn AMCA days

In the 1980's we formed the Crowbough Moto Cross club and rode AMCA Motocross for a few years. With the likes of old Eastbourne club members Ken Dyer, & John Taylor sadly neither are no longer with us. We put heart and soul into producing some of the best scramble track's in the southeast at Bells Yew Green Wadhurst, and Mayfield it paid off as we got very good entries at all our meetings.

Back to trials

In the 1990 with my son Stephen riding Schoolboys. I asked at a South Coast Group Trial if my son could ride the event, they said yes as long as he did not get in the way and hold up the adults, Oh dear he won the intermediate class.

Through the 1990's we rode most weekends riding open to centre, club trial, and Schoolboy Nationals events driving all over the country enjoying every minute of it.

Schoolboy Nationals

In 1994 and 1995 Penny and I, through the Eastbourne Club organized the British Championship A and B class at Durrants Farm, Rushlake Green, this was a very successful event supported by all the top schoolboys riders in the country. The ACU at Rugby

voted it the best Schoolboy event of the year, much helped by the superb programme produced by Roger.

Foot and Mouth

2000 brought in Foot and Mouth disease which curtailed all off road sport, so we had to do something else. We decided to go kart racing with the Rotax Karts. Now this is an expensive hobby, so back to bikes and trials.

Long Distance Trial

In 2014 I rode in the Witley 100 LDT, Ralph Charman and I thought Eastbourne Club could run a LDT, so we did, and set out a 100 mile route through the Weald of Sussex and even we still run today as a club. This led us into Trail riding just in case I forgot to mention some of the riders I rode within the trail riding, included Daka winner Cyril Depress, Lin Jarvis Yamaha's Moto GP team boss, Barry Briggs four times speedway world champion, and Red Bull F1 driver Mark Webber. green laneing, in France, Spain, Wales, Isle of Man.

Here we are today 80 years of age and still riding.



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AN ELEMENT TOO FAR!

By Stan Dupp & Ben Dover

So here we are at the start of the day arriving at Section 1 the enthusiasm for riding another 7 or even 11 & that's just one lap (shyte there's 5 laps!) Is now dropping fast, in front of you in the section you have just walked is a hazard that's a potential 1 but there's at least 4 more Hazards /elements in the section so in reality it's gonna be 4 dabs or a very scruffy paddle through 3 is possible but in no way a 1, clean or even a 2. You've already complained to others that's too tough for the 1st section of the day & "why can't they just ease us in" & "bloody hell I need sat nav to get thru this one" this always risks the response of "well you could have helped set up couldn't you" & you know this to be true. I know this & always precede my complaint with "I know I could helped set up but even so"!

BUT! Let's give 2 riders a name Mr Talent & Mr Paddle. Let me explain Mr Talent's grievance, we all know there are many ways to riding a section & also setting out one too & I did hear a theory that makes a bit of sense for setting out. Example, if you put 3 or even more & lets call them elements of difficulty in a section the risk is that Mr Talent will dab on each element & end up with a 3 or even because he's Mr Talent take a risk & try to clean all the elements & actually 5 it (I've seen this happen many times) then

Mr Paddle comes along & paddles his way through the whole section for a 3. Now if this is typical of most of the sections of the day Mr Paddle could end up higher in the results than Mr Talent which seem a bit unfair. All Mr Paddle had to do is paddle round each section the whole day to score a better result. Now Mr Paddle is not aware of this & is happy to take the result & will be thinking Bloody hell that trial was hard I feel like I've walked 10 miles today! (He has) Note Mr Paddle is not at fault here at all & heads off home pleased with his day & he has every right to. Mr Talent is extremely fed up & wonders why he bothers riding at all but soon gets over it coz he loves trials too much but c'mon surely I rode better than Mr Paddle & he beat me.

So the theory is maybe it would be better if the setter outer limits the elements of the section to 2 then the more talented rider can take a couple of dabs or less & even score a 1 & not risk the 5 (he probably still will risk it coz he's talented) & he can if the whole trial is set up this way expect the results to reflect his talent & Mr Paddle can still paddle round the whole trial & still be happy coz he's very fit or may have even tried to not to paddle so much which could eventually turn him into to Mr Talent! Now this is in no way a complaint against Setter Outers but maybe a little thought around this theory might avoid the situation of.

AN ELEMENT TOO FAR!



Looks like Mr. Paddle is going to struggle on the red route on this one!

Dates for your Diary

Always check social media for any last minute updates




March 15th
Little Holmstead Rushlake Green
1pm start
Set up crew
TBA

April 18th Good Friday
Conney Burrow Heathfield
11.00 am start
Set up crew
TBA

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Summer Evening Trials

<p>May 1st Evening Trial Little Holmstead Rushlake Green Signing on 5.30 pm Start Time 6.00pm Set up crew E.D.M.C.C Old boys Crew</p>	<p>June 5th Evening Trial Little Holmstead Rushlake Green Signing on 5.30 pm Start Time 6.00pm Set up crew E.D.M.C.C Old boys Crew</p>	<p>July 3rd Evening Trial Little Holmstead Rushlake Green Signing on 5.30 pm Start Time 6.00pm Set up crew E.D.M.C.C Old boys Crew</p>
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Venues may change keep an eye out on facebook or emails