



HORSHAM RIDERS CLUB NEWS

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**** NEXT MONTHS TRIAL AT WALLISWOOD**
TEAM MONTIES**

NEWS AND COMMENT

ARE YOU POINTING AT ME?

NOT 'ARF MATE!

There's well over 100 riding members in the club, over the year most attend our club trials and about half are regular riders (their attendance not their bowels!). We don't agonise over the fact that few manage to support things like working parties or AGM's but, supporting your club when it is running an event involving the sport you're involved in, should attract more than 1 in 30 members. AND, YES, I'm talking about observers for the Group Trial, Rome Woods May 11th – this club news may not be in time to do anything about it but hopefully guilt will be on your conscience.

TALKING OF AGM'S

The 12th AGM of Horsham Riders was held at the Nelson Pub on April 9th with about 12 members present. The Secretary reported another good year in 07 and thanked Dave Blackman for doing an excellent job as team manager. The Treasurer reported another satisfactory year with a turnover around £9,500 and about £4,500 in hand. We had also donated £650 to charity thanks to everyone's support.

Election of Officers : Mike Husband became Chairman – all other

posts remain in the same safe hands including our equipment officers Benge and Pete – appointed in their absence!

Club Rules Revision : was passed and will be distributed to all members when ready.

Trials Matters : Site officer deputies suggested by Ian Mac was not adopted as stand-ins will be arranged where needed. A December Yankee Trial will take the place of the club trial and hot mince pies will be on the menu.

Extra bonus points on the ladder for harder trials proposed by Dick was not adopted.

Thanks were given to Benge and Pete for getting the 2 new kits prepared.

IN SATURDAY SUNSHINE

What was good about the practice day was the number of riders wanting initial instruction and a good opportunity for our training staff to provide advice. Professor Leggett (Clint to you) assisted by Mike and John C worked hard on everything from figure eights to root rolling. Phil and Tony's scheduled marking out got delayed by a 2am boozy session the night before, sober replacements were found in Dave M, Graham K and Mick D later assisted by the aforementioned with their thick heads.

Six sections were there to be ridden as often as you liked, repetitive failures by our two new Tony's on Section 1 led to return to flat bit for turn tuition; eventually they got to section 2 and stayed there all day saying "I'm going to clean one before I go home". New lad Michael Cater was getting round No. 1 but by No. 3 it was his ear that was touching the ground. And Stewart Evans not yet clothed in new gear was struggling a bit but Fiona and Sam H appeared confident until section 7.

Section 7 was 1 to 10 graded in difficulty, I asked Mick D how far he'd got – 2 1/2 he said. Clint had a 1 on the original line of the section and introduced a loop out that defied the 'spirit of the section' by involving a journey halfway to Guildford – then he cleaned it. Even with the loop it took 11 goes for John C to clean and again for Jack N but Mike on Pampera trail bike had one or two croppers on a slippery slope to reach 8. Mick D, /Fiona and Sam didn't reach 5. When the Tony's returned from Section 2 Mike took them to 7 and a number 3 stage was in sight – but alas.

It was a really enjoyable day and everyone helped with the clearing up – more fun than a club trial says John C.

Footnote – Bob Northover rode Jack's bike 25 yards – a star is born?!

FANTIC FANTASY

Club Trial – Mannings Heath

Team Fantics put themselves out for this one, leader Colin H not ridden for a year apart from an 8 week 11000 mile tour on a Varado in USA got it all together and set out the blues. Rob and Mike H hadn't even joined, turned up for a duty to mark yellows and paid up on Sunday! Sam A and son Joe had a job to do AM but arrived later to set whites, it all adds up to great HR loyalty so well done them!

Sunday forecast was for the hottest day of the year, it wasn't that hot and in places it was still quite wet. There were many late arrivals as the GP in China was broadcast at 8 am which Rossi won and a reduced entry (42) as bank holidays and the Scottish were more attractive. Come signing on where comments were made about the time taken to do this is more than any other club due to the endless chatter and uncomplimentary remarks about the organisation – until Fiona arrives, the club HQ was evacuated and then she changed her trousers as it was comeback day on my old Gasser. Apart from the Hydens 4 others rejoined Messrs. Brooker, Cashin, Killick and Coppard. Kevin had made the effort to walk across the road, now inexperienced he abandoned blue for yellow and came third.

A new red headed gentleman was seen at the desk and later recognised as Steve H – the dye stayed put under his helmet. John P's washed boiler suit revealed a label on the arm 'Dickies' – a suitable moniker for an old Enfield man. Tony F told us Phil was absent taking a party of 8 sea cadets up Snowdon – showing them the white route? Dan B says Rob J was absent due to lack of sparks, I think he meant the bike. Alan A body mended, but son not allowed as he'd been a bad boy – what worse than father? T Bag who was my greatest friend all day as I'd forgotten my flask, said Adrian H's absence was caused by very hot water he was in for going cycling with TB the previous weekend, they never learn! And Sam A immaculate in his white riding clobber was cleaner than his first lap of blues (3). Son Joe had ridden Dad's bike setting out and didn't like going back to his 50 cc on Sunday. Sam is looking desperately for a 125 if anyone can help. John M and Brian B were the only 2 I talked into observing at the Group, other reliables had overriding duties.

So we start, except Olly A, kicking away while Dave B and Graham K wait patiently, eventually I saw Dave walloping said machine with a

large claw hammer, in fear of worse punishment it started! So did a noisy Cheetah, but by section 1 it's stopped and Ian J had to come back and tighten the barrel bolts – did it go up and down with the piston?

With section 1 – 3 deserted I went to 10 in the bombhole – a long, long section which Brian B said difficult to remember but he cleaned as did Mark J. Spence P and Ian dabbed on the end turn and Kev B nicely fived the drop in. Then I met Roger, Luke T's Granddad who reckons whites are tight as Luke had 16 hops on section 8, but was a good one to see. The long gulley wasn't bad for B & Y but it needed attention to stay on the course and while Graham K sailed round Dave B was frustrated with a 1 or 2. On Yellow Harry R lost 3 as did Kevin but T Bag had a drawn out 5, Mark R was on his ear. White riders (a small band of) were finding the tight bits beyond the abilities of the geriatric (not inc James LI). Clint had a massive attempt followed by John C, Dave R said he was doing a 50/50 – ie some not others and Pete B says I'm following him (but he was doing blues) and kicking every tree in sight there followed a blood boiling Michael – Sam's efforts were too much!

Reds – Jamie F was ever so pleased to have cleaned a lap and Cassie wasn't there to beat him. He came 2nd to Joe Aldrich who will be the boy to beat when he gets that 125. Wobbler Stuart C was amazed to find a turn on the route and hasn't learned to master these yet.

Blues – A remarkable attempt for Graham levelling scores with Christian Jones who is normally a white entrant. Father Bob was only a mark behind. 3 points back Jack N as usual really loving his day except that he showed me a long lump of thick wire that had tangled in his front wheel, fortunately not into the spokes. The scores were close down to red head Hook on 39 then a jump to Dave B, Tim H and Olly A but the chasm that followed to Owen should not be mentioned.

Yellow – Brian B doesn't seem to lose his touch and Spence did well to keep within 5 marks as Brian's a very experienced rider. Ian J and my dear tea-making associate and carrier of good omens had astounding rides not to mention the 'Dickies' wearer. Harry and Mark R kept the score going skywards with Fiona on her debut reaching it.

Whites – Visitor Scott Page found it a bit tricky on lap 1 then with a few hops was round for 26 and Luke T on 32 had 16 hops on section 8 (Dave R please note) – then on the result sheet things began to look decidedly worse as scores get into the 80's – in fact the ½ way score



OUT AND ABOUT

Group Trial – Round 4 was hosted by Bognor Club at Elsted Near Petersfield. A nice shower of heavy rain just as the event got going made the sections slippery and just when some were drying down it came again – look at those Novice scores!

Results

Expert – 1. C Lewis 66 2. A Blackman 71 3. C Heane 79

Inter – 1. J Gammons 34 2. Phil Martin 43 3. Trevor Widdowson 50

SBA – 1. **Luke Thomas 73** 2. T Moss 82 3. T Sands 93

Novice- 1. M Carter 91 2. **Scott Martin 132**, 3. W. Molesey 133

Club – 1. J Cottinghamn 41 2. A Pattison 49 3. D Dale 53

HR EVENTS

MAY

SUN 18 PRACTICE DAY - Halnaker
 SUN 25 BOGNOR CLUB TRIAL – Harting

JUNE

SUN 1 **HR CLUB TRIAL – Walliswood 10.30 am Start
 Team Monties**
 SUN 6 BOGNOR GROUP TRIAL - Miscombe
 SAT 14 **PRACTICE DAY – Mannings Heath
 SOCIAL EVENING - Six Bells Newdigate 8pm on
 wards.**
 SUN 15 PRACTICE DAY - Halnaker
 SUN 22 BOGNOR CLUB TRIAL - Elsted

SELL YOUR STUFF WITH AN AD IN CLUB NEWS

Many bikes and kit have been sold via these ads which are free to members. We are always being asked for older bikes to suit beginners and for boots in children's sizes. Members are keen to buy from others in the club so if you have items to sell, jot it down and hand in at the next trial or phone it through to Dick or Fiona.

FOR SALE

WANTED: A small touring caravan like what HR got given especially if its sound. Tony M tells me he's a bit peeved being cold and wet in a gazebo – phone him if you've got one – he'll even pay for it! TONY MARTIN 01243 785697.

TRADE ADS (£5 per year for members businesses only - helps you and the club)

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CLUB CLOTHING There are only 6 riding shirts, left all size L, all at the highly competitive price of £20 each. Quality is good, many members have found they wash and last well. Why spend more on one covered in adverts when you can wear a shirt with the HR logo? Phone Dick or Fiona for sales pressure. **CLUB STICKERS** 4 for £1 for car or bike

2008 TEAM LISTS - Team Organiser is shown in Bold

AJAYS		JANUARY		KWACKERS		FEBRUARY		ENFIELDS		MARCH	
Mike Husband	W	01403 257626		Tim Husband	W	01306 712317		Richard Ssmith	Y	01798 869296	
Dave Blackman	B	01372 724464		Mick Dunstan	Y	01403 711962		Sean Parsons	W	01403 730799	
John Richmond	Y	01403 266124		Phil Walker	B	01293 412905		Jack Northover	Y	01403 710776	
Adrian Beech	Y	07930 732717		Dave Mears	Y	01403 731128		Graham Knight	Y	01293 871955	
Ian Watson	B	07917 794425		Niall Sbury	Y	01403 731128		Martin Tooley	Y	01403 734779	
				Tony Flegg	W	01293 419867					
HARLEYS		APRIL		FANTICS		MAY		MONTIES		JUNE	
Clint Leggett	W	01306 711038		Colin Harwood	B	01273 583411		Bob Budgen	B	01306 621366	
Gary Medhurst	B	01293 775106		Rob Hyden	Y	01403 258352		Mick Rivett	W	01306 627442	
John Illingworth	Y	01444 233347		Mike Hyden	Y	01403 258352		John Pock'ton	Y	01798 813827	
James Lord	W	01428 707383		Sam Aldrich	W	01403 273862		Mark Charman	W	01403 786441	
Steve Barrow	B	01273 530700		Tony Harwood	B	01273 309258		Gary Stewart	B	01306 627551	
				Roy Barnes	Y	01323 872369		Harry Ross	Y	07815 659827	
DUGGIES		JULY		INDIANS		AUGUST		COSSACKS		SEPTEMBER	
Pete Brooker	B	01273 832912		Ian McCulloch	B	01403 263667		Dick Husband	Y	01403 257094	
Benge	B	01825 840085		Brian Barnes	B	01403 730623		Barry Joiner	Y	020 8393 6199	
Jesse Brooker	W	01273 832912		Eric Scutt	Y	01403 731810		Dave Alder	Y	020 8397 9660	
Dominic Jarrett	B	01273 835004		Paul Barnes	W	01403 730623		Mark Johnson	B	01273 813782	
John Mitchell	B	07775 794623		Ian Johnstone	Y	0208 393 0048		Trevor Mason	Y	020 8393 5758	
Tim Humphrey	B	01730 817783		Gordon Brown	Y	01737 373203		Alan Aslett	W	01342 834097	
Luke Humphrey	B	01730 817783						Alex Aslett	R		
LAVERDOS		OCTOBER		GREEVIES		NOVEMBER		JIMMIES		DECEMBER	
John Yardley	Y	01273 555391		Rob James	W	01342 713997		Pete Bowker	W	01483 533459	
Kevin McDavitt	B	01273 601465		Dan Berrisford	B	01293 873788		Charley Page	Y/B	01273 474924	
Bob Collins	B	01342 713808		Olly Ayres	B	01273 474099		Spencer Page	Y		
Barry Fitzm	W	01483 208070		Keith Tracey	B	01342 713337		Kevin Brooker	B	07771 937692	
Nigel Bray	Y	01323 893510		Adrian Holloway	Y	07800 975046		Paul Hill	Y	07899 817878	

2008 PROVISIONAL DATES

If you are unable to do your turn please try to arrange a substitute

Date	Event	Site	Team	Date	Event	Site	Team
JAN Sun 6	Club Trial	Rome	Ajays	JUL Sat 5	Camp w/end	N lands	Duggies
FEB Sun 3	Club Trial	M Heath	Kwackers	Sun 6	Camp w/end	N lands	
MAR Sun 2	Club Trial	N lands	Enfield	AUG Sun 3	Club Trial	M Heath	Indians
Sat 15	Work Party	Rome					
APR Sun 6	Club Trial	Rome	Harleys	SEPT Sat 6	Camp W/end	Rome	Cossacks
Sat 26	Practice	N lands		Sun 7	Camp W/end	Rome	
MAY Sun 4	Club Trial	M Heath	Fantics	OCT Sun 5	Club Trial	N Lands	Laverdos
Sun 11	Group Trial	Rome		NOV Sun 2	Club Trial	Rome	Greevies
JUNE Sun 1	Club Trial	WW	Monties	NOV Sun 9	Work Party	M Heath	
Sat 14	Practice	M Heath		DEC Sun 7	Club Trial	M Heath	Jimmies

Halnaker Trials Park Dates for 2008 A 285 Chichester to Petw orth Approx 1 mile north of Halnaker Village - Start 10 am

Jan 20th, Feb 17th, Mar 16th, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th