



# HORSHAM RIDERS CLUB NEWS

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**\*\* NEXT MONTHS TRIAL AT ROME\*\*  
TEAM GREEVIES**

## NEWS AND COMMENT

**Committee Meeting      Wed 15<sup>th</sup> October 8 pm Six Bells Newdigate**

Items for discussions include

1. Cancellation of an event
2. Proposal for experiment running 2 route trial where Blue and Yellow are set out increasing in difficulty, classes of entry and results grouped into W, B, Y and R. Advantages - would be easier to set out and clear up with less problems in site selection and the opportunity for comparing scores improved.
3. Confusion with kit use and passing over.
4. Anything else like Christmas, New Year and Newsletter etc.

Of course all committee members will be there but team leaders and any member is welcome to chuck in his twopenn'orth.

**Skittles** - has been booked for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 8pm and we're hoping for a good attendance. I pushed it hard at last Sundays trial but with only 22 attending and many excuses I didn't stand much chance. The totals are 14 firm - 10 more possibles, (date and better half permitting). We need at least 16 to confirm our booking. Try to be there. Phone Dick or Fiona to book up, when you do say choice of meal - Lasagne, Salad and Garlic Bread, Chilli & Rice, Ham, Egg & Chips, Sausage & Mash or Veggie option on night.

## NOVEMBER GROUP TRIAL

Will most likely run concurrent with our club trial, it is brought forward to avoid Remembrance Sunday – please note.

## TRIALS ANALYSIS

In future the ½ way score will be titled par for the route, whether it is or not! So Octobers wet one shows enormous pars as follows :

	% entry	Entry	DNF	% Finish	PAR
W	22	5	2	60	120
B	23	6	1	83	103
Y	36	8	1	88	95
R	14	3	1	66	24
Total	100	22	5	75	

If you end up above par you're riding OK, but don't enter a national on the strength of it!!

## **THE CARAVAN WILL BE RENAMED THE ARK – that'll please him!**

Some time ago I remember writing how someone up there looked kindly on our trials as the weather was invariably good, so what have we done to upset the great weather arranger? First he punished the Cossack team who organised the September swamp and this month he's having a go at the Laverdos – 'is it because Barry Fitz hasn't paid his subs yet?'

Saturday saw the best of the team marking out in such dry conditions – John and Kevin were worried it'd all be too easy, but, the forecast ..... after all night rain this team really had their work cut out easing and easing. Josh and Tom Bray set the Yellows and Reds easy on Saturday then they had to change them all again, they managed to get a ride but John & Kev were at it all day – thanks for all their efforts in trying conditions. (Nigel B was stuck in his car for two days with a bad back).

Then our easily deterred fine weather riders failed to leave the warmth of the fireside and glow of the telly, the entry was 22. Martin T had phoned his team leader Richard S to check the trial was on. Richard 'I'm sure it is but I'm not going in this!' Pete B was in Devon taking his SWM for the classic event and Mike was doing the Yorkshire 2 day. But on cue Adrian H and TBag were first on site and for a while the caravan became the dry HR Clubroom. Tony F and Phil arrive without Cassie – Phil had been all week mending the engine – when putting it back into the frame he manages to knock a bit off the head – dash it all says Phil. Stuart E enters as a Wobbler riding yellow, Tony V enters Novice blue and rides Reds. Graham K enters blue – does a lap and changes to yellow, they do it to unbalance my precise organisational notoriety. But nice to see Tony the

seventy fifth arrive after a month or two in hiding – who? Tony Dear, he's Tony V's co-joiner who appears to steer his bike now but after two laps went off to work – that's what he said anyway.

Leaving the dry clubroom and watching sect 4 – this was the one where John Y reckoned they'd all be too easy. Even after the modifications the ditch crossings and roots were so slippery that no-one cleaned any route on this first lap. Olly A came out best dropping a dab on blues, Graham K, Tim H just made a 3 while Scott M and Dave B fived. John M was riding an old red Fantic (good excuse to go down to yellows) he got away with a 3 as did Clint, Phil and Tony on whites. I waited for sometime for the Page brothers to stamp and kick stuff everywhere to ease tricky bits, expecting big things from these two white riders – Jack had 6x5 and Scott just managed a 3 – after all that!

At Section 8 John Y was still there instructing the yellows where the route went as he could only bring them up the slope they went down. I'd just arrived to see Clint clean the hill up and Tim and Scott M have big 5's stuck on the wet bank, Tim's tyre was too hard as it was leaking. Martin T had a good ride for 1 then the yellows arrived – Dave A gets 5 on the first log and blamed me for looking, John M's Fantic has 3 but this sections star was Adrian H with a clean.

No. 10 was the steep hill which Tom & Josh had taken out of the yellow route as only Tom could get up, the modified lines got them clean rides and another for the Fantic. Clint and the Pages had no difficulties on the hill but Clint's bike made an awful racket doing it, after two laps the Leggett tendons were not performing to acceptable standards, refusing to lug the Mont round so he was dnf. Phil W follows his example even though the bike was still working.

At 2 pm a man who had been invisible since the trial began walked over to the caravan – 'have you been here all the time' I asked 'well' he says 'I wasn't getting out in this' – Tony Martin sat down in the ark, took off his glasses and the lenses fell out and the frame broke, Grandson Scotty comes along, back mudguard broke – a financial crisis and Tony's broke.

**Tony Story 2** Tony V after finishing on reds, he thinks he'll try a yellow on section 1. Very steep bank down if you go wrong, he did and slid down into the stream then had to wade, push and struggle all along 100 yds to find somewhere to get out.

**Tony Story 3** left the top of his stainless steel flask in the ark early on when the club social meet was in progress. After the event he comes and asks if he's left and silver cup inside. Taking the opportunity Tim duly presents him with his well earned silver cup and shakes his hand in congratulatory manner.

Understandably the trial got finished real early, Dave B had to retire with electric problems, collected next months kit and was off. The hard working Laverdos soon got cleared up and went away leaving two old geezers stuck talking in the ark – Noah and TBag – 241 Tony’s had gone home.

## **RESULTS**

<b>White</b>			<b>Blue</b>			<b>Yellow</b>		
Scott Page	E	67	Steve Barrow	O40	64	Tom Bray	SB	45
Tony Flegg	I	118	Olly Ayers	N	91	Adrian Holloway	C	54
Jack Page	E	150	Tim Husband	N	103	Josh Bray	SB	67
			M Carter	N	133	Graham Knight	C	94
dnf Phil Walker			Scott Martin	N	167	John Mitchell	C	95
Clint Leggett						Stuart Evans	C	121
			dnf Dave Blackman			Martin Tooley	C	134
						dnf Dave Alder		
<b>Red</b>								
Tony Van	Wob	23						
Tom Long	SB	24						
dnf Tony Dear								
<b>Analysis (to amuse!)</b>								
	% Entr	Ent	DNF	% Fin	1/2 way			
White	23	5	2	80	118			
Blue	27	6	1	83	103			
Yellow	36	8	1	88	94			
Red	14	3	1	67	23			

## **OUT AND ABOUT**

In last months local rag I noticed an announcement that Dave and Freda Mears were celebrating their Golden Wedding. Congratulations to them particularly Dumps (alias Freda) for putting up with Dave for all that time!

## **Bluebeards Trial (again!)**

Now results are to hand how did we do?

	<b>Marks Lost</b>		<b>After Age handicap</b>
Clint Leggett	0	1 <sup>st</sup> class award	27
Dave Renham	22		46
Mike Husband	22		41
John Yardley	32		41
Barry Fitz	32		57
Bob Collins	52		44
Brian Barnes 55 gentlemans route)	1 <sup>st</sup> class award		51 (rode

## **Best Team**

Adders Misfits	83
Yeo Vale Smilers	108
Gordon Farley Wobblers	112
Horsham Wonders	125 Clint, Mike, Barry
Eastbourne Spice Boys	139
Shifty's Centipedes	176 (most apt name!)

## **South Coast Group Trial**

Last month was run by Southern Trial Club – event the Group Recorder hasn't had the results yet, John Y tells me the entry was very low and there were 16 classes to enter – one each?

## **Dear Madge.....**

*I've never written to a problem page before, but I really need your advice on what could be a crucial decision. I've suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me.*

*The usual signs ... the phone rings, but when I answer it, the caller hangs up. Plus my wife has been going out with the girls a lot recently, although when I ask their names, she always says; "Just some friends from work, you don't know them".*

*I stay awake to look out for her taxi bringing her home, but she always walks down the drive. Although I can hear a car driving off, it's as if she has got out of a car just around the corner. Why? Maybe she wasn't in a taxi? I once picked her mobile phone up just to see what the time was and she went berserk and screamed that I should never touch her phone again and why was I checking up on her!*

*Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I guess I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to check up on her. The plan was that I would park my new Triumph motorcycle in the forecourt of the petrol station opposite our house and then I could hide behind it so I could get a good view of the whole street when she came home.*

*It was at that moment, crouching low behind my Triumph that I notice that the valve covers on my engine seemed to be leaking some oil.*

*Do you think this is something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the dealer?*

*Thanks for listening.*

# HR EVENTS

## OCTOBER

SUN	12	EASTBOURNE GROUP TRIAL
WED	15	<b>HR COMMITTEE MEETING – Six Bells Newdigate 8pm</b>
SUN	19	PRACTICE DAY – Halnaker
FRI	24	<b>SKITTLES EVENING AT THE SIX BELLS, NEWDIGATE – see Full details earlier in Newsletter – Please phone Dick or Fiona ASAP if you can come</b>
SUN	26	BOGNOR CLUB TRIAL – Harting

## NOVEMBER

SUN	2	<b>HR CLUB TRIAL – Rome Woods 10.30 – Team Greevies</b>
SUN	2	EASTBOURNE GROUP TRIAL
SUN	16	PRACTICE DAY – Halknaker
SUN	23	BOGNOR CLUB TRIAL - Tullecombe
SUN	30	BOGNOR NOVICE TRIAL – Benges

## 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.

**WANTED** Three bike trailer wanted by a neighbour of Ian McCulloch –

Phone – Office 01403 263667 or mobile 07702 565365

**FOR SALE** Scorpa SY125F fourstroke £1250 John Pocklington 01798 813827

**FOR SALE** Sherco 290 06 Road reg £1950 p/x poss Mike 01403 257626

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



**MERLIN MOTORCYCLES** Gas Gas 09 trials available - **Sale on 08 models**, Sherco, Scorpa, Montesa & Beta Trials and Gas Gas Enduro bikes. Spares, service & tuning too. Trials Training DVDs and books. IRC tyres stocked. Putoline & Castrol oils see [www.motomerlin.co.uk](http://www.motomerlin.co.uk)

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**HEADLINE ENGINEERING** For aluminium and stainless welding - helicoil thread repairs - cylinder head, brake discs/drums refining - all machining work - one off and prototypes.

Phone Derek head 01306 712565

**JOHN CHARMAN – Excavator for hire with driver** – groundwork, ponds, ditches, drainage, fencing. Good rates for club members. Tel 01403 786441 Mob 07967 466920

**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	<b>01403 257626</b>	Tim Husband	W	<b>01306 712317</b>	Richard Ssmith	Y	<b>01798 869296</b>			
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	<b>01306 711038</b>	Colin Harwood	B	<b>01273 583411</b>	Bob Budgen	B	<b>01306 621366</b>			
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	John 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	<b>01273 832912</b>	Ian McCulloch	B	<b>01403 263667</b>	Dick Husband	Y	<b>01403 257094</b>			
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	<b>01273 555391</b>	Rob James	W	<b>01342 713997</b>	Pete Bowker	W	<b>01483 533459</b>			
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

**Hainaker Trials Park Dates for 2008** A 285 Chichester to Petworth Approx 1 mile north of Hainaker Village - Start 10 am