



HORSHAM RIDERS CLUB NEWS

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**** NEXT MONTHS TRIAL
NORTHLANDS TEAM JIMMIES ****

NEWS AND COMMENT – very little this month!

WORKING PARTY

Northlands – Sat 20th November 10 am – 1 pm – clearing overgrown banks and repairing bridges – bring your bodies with suitable tools for action!

XMAS SOCIAL EVENING DEC 11TH Six Bells, Newdigate 7.30 pm on

OUT AND ABOUT

Nothing has come to the editorial offices for this column so there's no Group report. Mike has been up in Scarborough for the Yorks Two Day and I head that Ed C was there too as Guy Chandler's minder. Remember if you don't let us know your winning ways we can't let members know of the stars in the sky!

THREADS

Re our discussion on this at the Committee (see notes), in Classic Motorcycle the same was written about under a heading 'Progress, what progress?'. The writer added another one CE1 and says in the 1930's Wooler said their bike

could be dismantled with 3 spanner sizes – he asked what happened in the 1960's?

THANKS to the advice from my financial advisor, Titches Pit Stop has gone broke, culinary remains will be auctioned.

COMMITTEE REPORT

16th September

A good attendance with 10 at this meeting due no doubt to the fact that Chairman Dave has phoned everyone to remind them. Whilst Dave always arrives with a full agenda for discussion each subject leads to full discussion making it an enjoyable club night. Don't forget it's open for any member to attend and have their say but not to be there first or you'll buy all the beer!

1. Teams are going to be readjusted next year and some dates changed around due to alterations of camping weekends. On this subject Dave would like someone to take over as team manager – any offers?

2. Camping Weekends Next year will be July at Northlands and September at Rome. Preparation before the weekend could do with a few bodies on the Friday afternoon – Dick could make a list of things to be done.

Another aspect was revised regarding children riding without supervision and potential for accidents where HR officials could be held responsible – a suggestion that an area was taped for them to ride and parents to keep them in order – agreed.

Hired loos were again discussed – costs to consider at the next meeting.

3. Trials More information to be given on white route deviating from blue and the placement of alternative gates. Hopefully elsewhere in this issue.

4. Straight line marking was not adopted though concern was raised regarding the right angle crossing of what could be said to be the spirit of the marked section intended boundary.

5. Training Trials need a bit more support to make them viable but will continue and it was thought the most popular method would be the entry riding in a group watching each other.

6. A one route trial to be run sometime in the year would be a try out possibly at Walliswood (if dry) to encourage lesser riders to try harder routes – lookout for high scores!

7. Working parties More clearance of bramble and repair of bridges will be required and Northlands was scheduled for Sat Nov 20th with one at Rome TBA.

8. Kit Problems with punch hooks maybe solved with Clint's idea of a big hook at the end of the tape to hang on a tree – he's making a prototype!

9. Social Skittles Sat 23rd Oct (12 confirmed at meeting) and the Christmas meet Sat 11th December were confirmed. Whether more were required left till next year.

10. AOB too late to discuss.

11. Next Meeting 17th February 2011

Not listed - the interesting subjects that arise that make committee meetings a good club night: A 4-wheeled drive 2CV with two engines, thread options Whitworth, BSF, BA, UNF etc.

Footnote: 2 days later Clint had made the hooks, welded a washer on the end but didn't have much tape so it's short on each punch - at least the hook won't fall off the tree.

ROME - RAIN - Queen Anne's Dead!

3rd October

Buckets of it on Friday and a forecast of 40 mm for Sunday, yet it stayed fair for the Laverdo team on Saturday. They were out in force - John (ITMA) supervised Nigel (yellows), Tom (blues), Kevin and Louis (white), Elaine kept their spirits up while Bob C, now retired has plenty of time on his hands and had greased up his bearings in hope, he reckoned there were more in this team than some club trials! Although efforts were concentrated on keeping the sections easy Kev and John were out early on Sunday to ease them off - no matter how they tried, Rome had it's way on Sunday when 18 out of 41 dnf.

It was to be the first day try out for Clint's new punch hooks (see committee report) and the verdict was mainly favourable - John C said he hated them as when he was punching his card the hook end got tangled up in bits of him. However we will carry on and a bit of help came from Nigel Bray when he supplied enough tape to complete the other set. A couple of hooks left the tape - the cable tie was thought to be the cause, BUT, BUT, ONE BIG PROBLEM what is the use of having bright tape identifying the punch when many riders chuck it down in the mud - if you see anyone do this tell them to hang it back on a branch or report them and we'll add 10 to their score!!

BIKES AND RELATED INCIDENTS

John C had done some mods to his 4RT at enormous cost, it was going to increase revs, power, performance - not the rider obviously, John entered the Blues to run it in early - 2 laps on it's home for a bath. Pete B had a bad day breaking his gear lever early on then had the engine 'nip up' on lap 2, sounded bad but even modern 2 strokes need oil in the petrol!!

On to the best one yet : Stuart E did some servicing the day before the trial - he cleaned the plug! Unfortunately he replaced the cap on the wrong side and the HT lead went into the fan - when that started up it stripped the wire so Stuart had to push back, remove tank and bodge with 30 metres of insulating tape - took ¾ hour. Finally there's Keith T who found there was a limit to how much you can lower tyre pressure when there's no security bolt - his rear came right off the wheel and had to be towed back by Tom B and that meant the Brays didn't finish.

Still talking bikes there's a top secret machine about to break into club life - nobody must know yet until it's new wizardly action is on view. It's so hush

hush that 3 individuals leaked the information to the press Cover your eyes Clint is getting a 2 stroke the 4RT ditched for a 300 Gasser – SHOCK.

IN THE BEGINNING

Our Resident photographer and reporter for the local paper brought in a stock of copies with last months event getting ½ page – get a copy this Friday. Brian B stuck a sale list of this Grandson's stuff on the caravan, when the rain came the ink ran, the paper stayed, there's an ad in this copy. Mike Hyden entered but father Rob thought it too slippery – he handed in a leaflet on Husky Dogs pulling wheeled carts for trips round his farm, if anyone's interested contact Rob. The wet meant many went for an easier route but Jake P entered W, found them a bit OTT and asked if OK if he did some Blues he wasn't pleased when I told him his white results would be in the blues!

John M dithered on W & B, went for Blue and came 1st but he would have been 2nd on white as Tony F was the only one left standing.

THE ROVING OBSERVER didn't get further than section 1 and 2 which were the easiest. Course markers John and Kev cleaned while Steve J and Brian B had serious threes. Keith T missed the stump on blues and says it's the second time he's lost his way. The next rider in the distance was having his 3rd try at section 1, but never got to the end! The RO getting wet withdrew.

AT THE END

Bob C and Steve J asked if they could start clearing up, it's only 1.30 pm and Dave B and Graham K had just gone off on their 2nd lap – it won't be long before the marking out team want to clear up the day before! Adrian H decides to call it a day but son Adam is keen for another lap (he doesn't push himself out). John Y had lost his cards on lap 1, and went back to get the mud covered plastic for cleaning by the house staff – Tom H was most considerate, he'd bought a rag and handed his in spotless. Kev B submitted cards punched for 1 lap and stated 'all 5's' for the rest – you do have to attempt or attend a section to get a 5! Note it does help if you wipe your cards before handing in.

AND THE RESULTS

Tony F, lone winner on whites, John M on blue, choosing the easy route still cost him 65, after that scores went skywards with Stuart H on 198 – wherever didn't he 5? Yellows had a much more realistic score card with Bob C ahead of ITMA and Stuart E 3rd, so his repair worked as did Bob's grease up. Top Schoolboy was Joe A who had ridden well to finish with the low scores in 5th place.

THE CLEAR UP – was attended by John, Kev, Tom, Nigel and Elaine, the rest of the Laverdos slid away. The muddy kit was apportioned for cleaning, Nigel offered! – a punch was missing but N&T did another lap and found it. So

thanks to the Laverdo team for all their efforts – it wasn't them that brought the rain – it's Rome Woods and Queen Anne's dead!

RESULTS

NAME	CLASS	ROUTE	Total		NAME	CLASS	ROUTE	Total
Tony Flegg	I	W	94		Paul Sims	C	Y	34
Pete Bowker	E	W	dnf		Bob Collins	O50	Y	35
Louis Wilson	E	W	dnf		John Yardley	O50	Y	42
					Stuart Evans	C	Y	57
John Mitchell	I	B	65		Joe Aldrich	SB	Y	58
Ian McCulloch	N	B	87		Kevin McDavitt	C	Y	59
Graham Knight	N	B	89		Robin Ball	C	Y	91
Robert McKenzie	N	B	92		Leslie Castle	N	Y	95
Tim Husband	N	B	92		Mick Dunstan	C	Y	95
Dave Blackman	N	B	94		Stephen Jones	O50	Y	dnf
Steve Parker	N	B	128		Nigel Bray	O50	Y	dnf
Michael Hyden	N	B	129		James Turner	SB	Y	dnf
Stuart Woolven	N	B	132		Harry Ross	O50	Y	dnf
Tom Horsborough	N	B	134		Peter Howerd	C	Y	dnf
Jake Pope	SB	B	153		Kevin Brooker	N	Y	dnf
Stuart Hescott	N	B	196		Chris Heron	O50	Y	dnf
John Charman	I	B	dnf		Brian Barnes	O50	Y	dnf
Adrian Holloway	N	B	dnf		Tony Wilson	C	Y	dnf
Tom Bray	SB	B	dnf					
Keith Tracey	N	B	dnf		Adam Holloway	SB	R	dnf
					Elaine Dufaur	W	R	dnf
					Emily Flegg	SG	R	dnf
					Cassie Armsby	SG	R	dnf
Analysis	Entry	%fin	DNF	1/2 Way				
White	3	33%	2	94				
Blue	16	75%	4	129				
Yellow	18	50%	9	na				
Red	4	0%	4	na				

East Yorks Two Day

I first rode this on a TLR250 - when they were new, 24 years ago. Blimey, I'm old! For some reason I've been going back recently. The attraction - a one route trial (don't tell Dick) with a Sunday 40 mile run across the moors to the infamous Harwood Dale. This year 9 southerners were entered, two didn't make the start through a cycling injury & stolen bike. So this years starters were Ed C, Barry Roads, Nick & Chris Heane , Guy Chandler, John Holland & Mike.

Day one is a loop of roadwork taking in the Ruswarp gully with a couple of short moorland blasts to warm us up. Friday's heavy rain soaked the moors so much that Nick H binned it before section 1 breaking rear mudguard and

a finger. He limped round to the end but that was enough. The retirements continued when John H wrench his bad knee and was out. The format of one route works well on day one, Guy finished on 3 but Mike & Ed somehow get to 76 marks each. Mike blamed cramp, Ed didn't.

Sunday, rain and it was proper rain too. The DNFs continued though as Guy & Ed suffering from over enthusiastic refreshment decided they needed to sleep in the van for a day! Now that could have been a wise move...So only three riders left. More than a few "decider" sections crop up today and I need to take a few fives. The long moorland run out to lunch is repeated later in the day and the rivers are rising....I slip in and drown the GG. After much fettling, (how do you clean a carb in torrential rain?) the bike splutters away. I get going only to crash twice on the moors and when the left grip comes off, I've had enough entertainment for the day. Only 15 miles of sodden bogs to go though. Riders are stuck everywhere now, and I get the news that the last sections are underwater and scrubbed. Riders were teaming up to lift bikes over fences to escape the watery depths.

Barry (67 marks) and Chris (50 marks) end up as our only finishers. 30% of the entry doesn't. The best rider (J.Carr) loses only 2 marks - maybe this one route works after all..

And the best bit.....the pub at the finish of course. Finally dry, a roast dinner - included in the entry fee - plus pint and all is well with the world. Well our world, some lads are just setting off to search for their pal, he's still out there somewhere two hours after the end!

Mike H.

HR EVENTS



OCTOBER

- SAT9 **TRAINING TRIAL – Mannings Heath**
- SUN 10 **GROUP TRIAL – Eastbourne**
- SUN 17 **PRACTICE DAY – Halnaker**
- SAT23 **SKITTLES NIGHT, 6 Bells Newdigate, let us know if you're coming**
- SUN 24 **BOGNOR CLUB TRIAL – Headown**



NOVEMBER

- SUN 7 **HR CLUB TRIAL – Northlands Team Jimmies**
- SUN 7 **GROUP TRIAL – Eastbourne**
- SAT20 **WORKING PARTY – Northlands 10 am – 1pm**
- SUN 21 **PRACTICE DAY – Halnaker**
- SUN 28 **BOGNOR CLUB TRIAL – Tullecombe**

Forthcoming Attractions

Plus

December 11th Christmas Club night and Grub – also at the Six Bells 7.30pm

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

Beta 80 – 05-06 VGC- £1250.00

Diadora Trials Boots, Removable Sock –Size 8 - £40.00

Trials Helmet Medium, almost new - £25.00

Sidi Boots –Size 9 - £20.00

Phone Brian Barnes – 01403 730623

IN THE CLOTHING CUPBOARD available for a RFH donation

- 1 Some small riding trousers ex Jesse

WANTED –

Trials Boots – size 5/6 ish – contact Tony Flegg – 01293 419867

Letters, articles for inclusion in Club News, eg My First Bike etc.

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



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2010												
AJAYS		JANUARY			DUGGIES		FEBRUARY		ENFIELDS		MARCH	
Mike Husband	W	01403	257626	Pete Brooker	B	01273	832912	Richard Smith	Y	01798	869296	
Dave Blackman	B	01372	724464	Benge	B	07774	455604	Sean Parsons	W	01403	730799	
Les Castle	Y	07866	544634	Jesse Brooker	W	01273	832912	Jack Northover	B	01403	710776	
Adrian Beech	Y	07930	732717	John Mitchell	B	07775	794623	Graham Knight	B	01293	871955	
Tony Ryan	Y	07771	791292					Martin Tooley	Y	01403	734775	
HARLEYS		APRIL			FANTICS		MAY		KWACKERS		JUNE	
Clint Leggett	W	01306	711038	Colin Harwood	B	01273	583411	Tim Husband	B	01306	712317	
Gary Medhurst	B	01293	775106	Rob Hyden	Y	01403	258352	Mick Dunstan	Y	01403	711962	
Tony Van der H	R	01403	269567	Mike Hyden	Y	01403	258352	Phil Walker	B	01293	412905	
Sam Spear	Y	01306	621316	Sam Aldrich	W	01403	273862	Barry Dunstan	B	01403	711962	
				Tony Harwood	B	01273	309258	Dave Mears	Y	01403	731128	
				John Pock'ton	Y	01798	813227	Tony Flegg	W	01293	419867	
MONTIES		JULY			INDIANS		AUGUST		COSSACKS		SEPTEMBER	
John Charman	W	01403	786441	Ian McCulloch	B	01403	263667	Dick Husband	Y	01403	257094	
Harry Ross	Y	07815	659827	Brian Barnes	B	01403	730623	Barry Joiner	R	020	8393 6199	
Chris Heron	Y	01444	241355	Eric Scutt	B	01403	731810	Dave Alder	Y	020	8397 9660	
Steve Parker	Y	07984	038622	Paul Barnes	W	01403	733255	Mark Johnson	B	01273	813782	
Ben Rinds	Y	07984	038622	Ian Johnstone	Y	0208	393 0048	Trevor Mason	Y	020	8393 5758	
Danny Bulch	Y	07815	507185					Alan Aslett	W	01342	834097	
								Adrian Holloway	Y	07800	975046	
LAVERDOS		OCTOBER			GREEVIES		NOVEMBER		JIMMIES		DECEMBER	
John Yardley	Y	01273	555391	Oilly Ayres	B	01273	474099	Pete Bowker	B	01483	533459	
Kevin McDavitt	B	01273	601465	Dan Berrisford	B	01293	873788	Paul Hill	Y	01403	734429	
Bob Collins	B	01342	713808	Keith Tracey	B	01342	717901	Luke Thomas	W	01372	372323	
Nigel Bray	Y	01323	893510	Steve Jones	Y	01273	843489	Eddie Charman	Y	07989	300797	
Lewis Wilson	W	01273	589373	Robert McKenzie	B	01737	551404	Spencer Page	Y	01273	474924	
				Mark Stubberfield	B	01883	744154					
2010 PROVISIONAL DATES												
If you are unable to do your turn please try to arrange a substitute												
Date	Event	Site	Team	Date	Event	Site	Team	Date	Event	Site	Team	
JAN Sun 3	Club Trial	Rome	Ajays	JUL Sun 4	Club Trial	WW	Monties					
FEB Sun 7	Club Trial	M Heath	Duggies	Sat 10	Practice	Rome						
MAR Sun 7	Club Trial	N lands	Enfield	AUG Sun 1	Club Trial	M Heath	Indians					
Sat 13	Work Party	Rome		SEPT Sat 4	Camp W/end	N Lands	Cossacks					
APR Sun 4	Club Trial	Rome	Harleys	Sun 5	Camp W/end	N Lands						
MAY Sun 2	Club Trial	M Heath	Fantics	OCT Sun 3	Club Trial	Rome	Laverdos					
Sun 9	Group Trial	Rome		Sat 9	Practice	M Heath						
JUNE Sat 5	Camp w/end	N lands	Kwackers	NOV Sun 7	Club Trial	N Lands	Greevies					
Sun 6	Camp w/end	N lands		DEC Sun 5	Club Trial	M Heath	Jimmies					
Halnaker Trials Park Dates for 2010												
A 285 Chichester to Petworth Approx 1 mile north of Halnaker Village - Start 10 am												
Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19												