



P.S. Two major matters from the A.G.M.

1. Frank Turner persuaded the meeting that an increase in the subscription is necessary and it was agreed the new figure would be £1 p.a. from January 1st next.

2. The Committee recommended that the Club should be affiliated to the British Motorcyclists Federation and after some discussion and a vote being taken, this was agreed, - the cost per member is 13p. p ann. and this will be added to the sub.

NORTHERN EXPERTS TRIAL

This years Northern Experts Trial has already received a lot of behind the scenes work. A different start and different course to our normal one is to be used, the start is at the Moorlands filling station and Cafe on the A53 road 8 miles from Buxton, 5 miles from Leek. The course includes Churnet, Fernyford, Hollinsclough, Booth, Cheeks, Hawks Nest and Manor Steps, with those sections plus more of our usual favourites they will take quite a lot of manning so please do your bit by observing. To get your favourite section see me at Club or phone Wilmslow (95-) 23412 and you will be doing your Club a valuable service.

We have an all star line-up this year including reigning British and Northern Expert, Malcolm Rathmell, British Expert 2nd and 3rd placemen Dave Thorpe and Richard Sunter, Rob Shepherd, Rob Edwards, the three Lampkin brothers etc. etc. etc. Sponsorship has also entered into this event with prizes and money being donated to the best performer on certain groups of sections the sponsors are, V.F. Ltd. (John Macdonald) - £5 solo and £5 sidecar, Motor-Cycle Centre - £4 Solo and £4 sidecar, Edgar Enterprises (Mr Rosenthal Snr.) - £4 Solo, - Renthall Ltd (Henry and Andy Renshaw) - £4 (or handlebars to winners specification) Solo, - Jim Sandiford (Imports) Ltd £5 vouchers Solo - Mr X - (Ray Armstrong) £3 Solo £6 sidecar crew - Ken Cobbing Motor Cycles, (Geoff Mainwaring) pair of alloy handlebar levers value £3.50p. This adds to the attraction of the event and should create quite a good spectator interest.

This year is the first Northern Experts for a long time that I won't be competing in, it will feel very odd to just officiate. To see the best riders in Britain competing for a top honour just turn up on December 17th at 9.45a m Moorlands Cafe Make that a date.

Also a good social date is the night before the trial Saturday 16th at the Queens Hotel next to the bus station in Macclesfield 8.30p.m. onwards. The Isle of Man competitors are staying at this Hotel and our Club members make their stay more enjoyable by joining them in a sing-song and a drink. All are welcome (Male and Female) and anyone who attended last years function will certainly be going on Saturday 16th, come along and see what a lively good bunch of lads cross the Irish Sea to compete in our Trial.

Dave Rowland

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NEXT FILM SHOW

January 3rd 1973 9 p.m. Royal Oak.

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BRITISH VERSUS FOREIGN

Having myself been involved in many heated discussions on various makes of bikes and individual models, I thought it would be a good idea if I asked for fellow members views or experiences with a view to printing them in the newsletter. Write to 49 St Annes Road North, Heald Green, Cheadle, Cheshire, or see Mike Hall on Wednesdays.

To start the thing going here are some of my views.

B.S.A. Triumphs - good engines, made to last, and good engineering in general but some idiotic pieces of poor design.

Hondas - engines expensive to keep going well but more stylish than B.S.A. Triumphs.

Suzuki's - one of the closest standard road bikes to a road racer. Not necessarily desirable.

Yamaha -- Lesser tuned Suzuki's with more tractable engines.

Kawasaki's -- over priced production racers.

Horton - excellent value for money.

MANCHESTER '17' MOTORCYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER -- DECEMBER 1972

Dear Member

My apologies for the delay in printing the newsletter. After a very successful year Paul Tootall has been forced to relinquish editorship? On behalf of the committee and the club I thank Paul for an excellent job and I hope I am able to maintain his high standards.

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At the Annual General Meeting on 15 November the committee elected for the coming year is as follows:-

Ron Weal - Press Secretary
Graham Phipps - Subscriptions Secretary
Mike Hall - Newsletter Editor
Edgar Rosenthal - General Committee Member
Doreen Rowland - Social Secretary
Dave Rowland - Secretary
Paul Sandbach - Chairman
Duncan McDonald - Trials Secretary
Geoff Mainwaring - Sports Secretary
Frank Turner - Treasurer
Pev Attwood - President

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DINNER DANCE ON JANUARY 26th. FOR TICKETS PRICE £2.00 SEE DOREEN OR WRITE,
9, CONISTON DRIVE, HANDFORTH, CHESHIRE.

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THE NORTHERN EXPERTS TRIAL ON SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 1972.

Approximately 40 observers are required at the Moorlands Cafe and Filling Station at 9.45a.m. sharp.

Bait: For observers who arrive on time Luncheon Vouchers and a Raffle.

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The Championship darts and chess matches etc. have still to be played, Wednesday Evenings at the Royal Oak.

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MANCHESTER '17' - 8; PEAK MCC - 3

The 17, with the useful addition of Dave Ashton and another Peak Club player, kicked off for the first half $\frac{1}{2}$ hour later than the scheduled time. Rain had threatened play so everyone spent a cost time in the back of Moses Transit Van which sported a novel rear seat conversion - namely deck-chairs. The rain squall made the Amazonian swamp - sorry - Chinley Football Pitch even worse. By half time, 17 Goalkeeper, Kenny Eyre had only spotted two torpedo tracks pass through the white posts behind him and the 17 had only scored 1 goal.

When Les '17' Captain/Manager/Trainer/Grass Cutter arrived for the second half due to a punctured back tyre he gave us that vital extra man. The result was an amazing come-back. Aided and abetted by a girls school hockey player less stick, Les scored a goal with his first kick of the ball and goal after goal soon followed.

Full-time, and a band of Hell's Angels' originals staggered from the swamp - sorry - pitch.