

My place in the last newsletter for social cup organisers has produced no response. However, Paul T. and myself will be getting things under way shortly. I really could do with some stiffer competition this year, I'm getting fed up of polishing this damn trophy!

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Dave Rowland seems to be running the Cheshire Centre on his own! He is-

Press Secretary
A.C.U. Council Delegate
Noise Motor Operator
Organiser of the Inter Centre Team Trial
Member of the Rules Sub-Committee

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Those of you who used to come to the inter-club do's with Show M/C Club will remember what fun we all had. Please bring your bring and/or darts. Your club urgently needs your support! See calendar of events.

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A reminder that we are running the Inter Centre Team Trial on the 6th April at Clunlow Cross. This is our biggest ever event, so please so please support your club, and see Dave Rowland if you can help.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Wednesday | 19th February | Social with Bury, Rochdale and Shaw Motor Cycle clubs to be held at the "Blue Ball" in the centre of Shaw. |
| Friday | 21st February | Booz-up with extension and Graham's disc at the "Robin Hood" Bury/Rochdale/Shaw, Ashton and Peck Motor Cycle clubs all heartily invited. |
| Tuesday | 25th February | Films - Crossroads Alice, Champions on two wheels |
| Friday | 7th March | Cheshire Centre A.C.U. Annual Dinner Dance at Alvanley Hill, near Macclesfield. Ticket \$3.20 - see Dave Rowland. |
| Wednesday | 19th March | Sports forum at Bury Community Centre organised by Group 73 (Bury/Rochdale/Shaw clubs) panel not yet nominated. |
| Tuesday | 25th March | Films - Scene 72 take 7, Quartet on Two Wheels. |
| Wednesday | 26th March | Social with Shaw club at the "Blue Ball" Shaw. |
| Wednesday | 2nd April | "On any Sunday" at Shaw. |
| Friday | 4th April | Group 73 Annual Dinner Dance at the "Princess-Parent Paper Mill" Social Club, Bury. |
| Sunday | 6th April | Inter Centre Team Trial - Clunlow Cross Cafe. |
| Tuesday | 15th April | Films - See you in Fort William, Imola 200. |
| Wednesday | 23rd April | Bill & Maire Kilkenney invite all old friends to their 25th Wedding Anniversary at the "Blue Ball", Shaw. |

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Doreen is to top up Mick Andrews for the latest Yamaha films, so you will HAVE to come to the club if you want to find out when these are.

Also remember the Feb 23rd trial, and the social cup should be well under way even with the court merry early spring racket trials.

That's all for now folks!

Paul S.

PS. To all those of you who have not yet parted with a pound.
YOUR STKS ARE DUE!

Harvey Lloyd has failed to produce his article on the January 19th trial. Perhaps all the recent snowfalls around Lovetholes made him hibernate.

Next Trial should be on 28th February on our new ground at Stoneyfold, N. Bosley Cross Road, on the Incolesfield to Leek road. Permission has not yet been received from the M.C.U. so please get in touch with Dave Rowland if you are interested. Phone Wilmslow 23412.

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Harley Moor Star, Dave Ashton, has acquired Ray Knight's production racing Trident for the coming season. This means that the famous ex-works B.S.A. is up for sale once again. It won the Darley Championship in 1969 and finished second last year. As the last owner of this bike I can say it is by no means outdated and is still a very competitive club racer, or the ultimate in high speed road bikes (blows off Kawasaki 900's). It comprises lightning cycle plus works 750 c.c. short stroke motor, plus several bits and pieces. Offers of around £325 to Dave Ashton.

Mick Cappers 750 c.c. Sealey Kawasaki is still a pile of pieces in his greenhouse. Its only about five weeks to the start of the season, Mick!

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Moses says that his battered and much abused Norton will be back on the road shortly. Last time he said this it re-appeared some eighteen months later, only to be hurled into the side of a passing car, by its intrepid pilot, less than a week later. Both bike and owner received some damage. The owner has recovered which is more than can be said for the bike. Moses has also just acquired a new car, an immaculate, two year old Renault 17. Bets are now being taken on how long it will survive before it is be... He has also threatened to take up flying (as if this poor world hasn't suffered enough from his other modes of transport!) Sorry, Moses, I don't mean it, honest!

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Rhett Petherbridge is selling his Honda XL 250 Trail Bike

1974 - 1 owner from new.

Immaculate

See Rhett with £300 or phone Disley 4234

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Ron Patterson is the latest to keep the National Health Service in business. He took a high speed trip into a stream off the road near Wildboarclough. Both Ron and machine suffered minor damage.

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A special thank you to Scott Rowland and friend Andrew for making a big effort selling programmes at the Northern Experts.

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Rick Stewart would like to hear from anyone planning a holiday at the Scottish Six Days Trial.

W. Varey would like to hear from anyone planning on going to the Speedway Best Riders Final in Poland.

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The Boxing Day party was a roaring success enjoyed by all who went. It made a staggering profit of 50p. Another similar do is planned for the near future. See calendar of events.

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SIDECAR AWARDS

BEST PASSENGER

W. Bulloch/B. Checklin 37 m rks B. Checklin
 A. L. Lupton/C. Pinder 43 m rks
 J. Mathews/R. Armstrong 43 m rks
 H. M. Lupton/A. R. C. Lupton 46 m rks

SPECIAL AWARDS

Control Award D. Thorpe
 Best IOM Solo J. F. Corrin
 Best IOM Sidecar R. Quyle/G. Kowley

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Below appears an article by Carole Thomas on the Boxing Day Trial (people seem to be really helpful producing all these reports, perhaps I have a nicer personality than the previous newsletter editor! dig dig)

The John Hurtle Memorial Trial on Boxing Day started from Herritt Grange Farm. An entry of 63 solos and 4 sidecars attempted 2 laps of a 20 section, 8 mile course, consisting mainly of muddy climbs. These proved too much for many competitors, after continuous rain had made these more difficult than had been intended, although only two sections were not cleared during the day, these being done for a day.

The sidecar entry was reduced to a battle between W. Bulloch/B. Checklin and D. Gant/J. Hebburn. After only the second group of sections, Bulloch/Checklin were the only winners with 40 marks in hand.

D. Thorpe dominated the solo entry by finishing 26 marks ahead of second man Roy Wilson.

The trial was the first round in the A/C I7 - V - Sheffield and Hallshire Challenge Match and the M/C I7 ground level of 183 m rks, which will be a great help in the return round.

It was good to see so many members turning out to observe and it was very much appreciated.

RESULTS

John Hurtle Memorial Trophy - D. Thorpe 35 m rks

Top Class Awards

R. Wilson - 61 m rks
 M.P. Luddy - 63 m rks
 S.P. Thomas - 63 m rks

Best Intermediate - J Childs - 91 m rks
 2nd Best Intermediate - B Owen - 147 m rks
 Best Novice - N King - 135 m rks
 Novice Awards - A Harrison - 138 m rks
 D Gregory - 158 m rks
 A Robinson - 162 m rks
 Best Sidecar - W Bulloch/B Checklin - 55 m rks

1974 Club Championship - Final Positions

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|------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| S P Thomas | 40 points | J Cantrell | 8 points |
| H Ross | 33 | D K Murray | 5 |
| G Boughen | 28 | J Roberts | 5 |
| H Lloyd | 26 | M Bower | 4 |
| A Clarko | 24 | J Childs | 4 |
| J Clarko | 21 | G Acton | 3 |
| D Thorpe | 20 | G Adamson | 3 |
| F Southey | 17 | D Macdonald | 2 |
| R Wilson | 9 | S Brown | 2 |

MANCHESTER "I7" NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 1975

Happy New Year, folks! Perhaps "happy" is not the best term to use in view of the current price of petrol and recent speed restrictions, however, to continue - this morning I trundled round to Pete Kershaw's, having nothing better to do. Within 1/4 hour 4 other bikes turned up and in view of the glorious weather (for early February, anyway) we decided to hold the first club run of the year. After a visit to the pub and further messing about we finally got under way by 3.30 p.m. We managed to get all the way to Pickmore and back before darkness; (still, with the price of petrol these days etc, etc. Moan, moan!)

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The annual Dinner & Dance was held on Friday 31st Jan at the "Ravenoak" Cheadle Hulme. A somewhat mediocre meal (with service to match) were supplied in only slightly less cramped conditions than the "Jodrell" where previous dinners have been held. Guest of Honour, Tommy Robb, presented the trophies after replying to a speech by Jack Mathews. (Anyone who knows Jack will be able to guess the form this took!) A "guess the number of nuts and bolts in the jar" competition was won by Gordon Ruffley. Rumour has it that Gordon counted them before submitting his entry! A raffle, with several prizes was also held. Hopefully these two events will swell club funds a little.

The Band supplied by the "Ravenoak" were quite reasonable, and a Juke-box was provided for in-between spots.

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Dave Rowland has kindly agreed to waffle about the Northern Experts, but some promised comments by Gordon Ruffley failed to materialise.

Northern Experts 1974

It now seems a long time since this event was held, but it nonetheless stands out in my mind as an excellent event. The success of our Annual "classic" was due to a large number of people, not least the sub-Committee who met months and weeks beforehand, to decide upon the dozens of things that have to be done.

The 8th December saw 67 solo and 17 sidecars start off from the Fourways Diner, in reasonable weather, to tackle an excellent and varied 29 mile course. Club member Dave Thorpe had an incredible ride to lose only 3 marks, and become Northern Expert 1974 7 marks in front of runners up Rob Shepherd and Rob Edwards. The popular Walter Bulloch passengered by Bernard Checklin became the first man to pilot a 2 stroke outfit to a win, they finished 6 marks in front of Arthur Lampkin/Colin Pinder and Jack Mathews/Ray Armstrong.

The event attracted a large following of spectators, who could buy an excellent and detail programme. In fact the event was a credit to all the people who worked so hard to make it a success, the only disappointment was of a few people who could have helped - but didn't.

To avoid leaving out a name I have not mentioned any, but to all and every person who helped in any way with this super trial from the M/C I7.

Thank you.

Dave R.

RESULTS

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| D. Thorpe | 3 marks | J. Galloway | 22 marks |
| 1st Class Awards | | C. Milner | 25 marks |
| R. Shepherd | 11 marks | N. Shepherd | 27 marks |
| R. Edwards | 11 marks | S. Oughton | 29 marks |
| N. Birkett | 13 marks | P. Gaunt | 31 marks |
| R.J. Sunter | 19 marks | C.A. Clarke | 33 marks |