

NEWSLETTER

Knowing that Paul Sandbach had gone to live and work in Cheltenham, I resigned myself to returning to the newsletter editor's chair.

Paul Tootall

- April 10th - Away at Ashton MCC we won a University Challenge type quiz 300 - 290 and it was the best inter-club social we've had for years. Our team - Jack Mathews, John Roberts, Nev Watts and Paul Sandbach - had the support of 10 or more 17 members. Ashton devised the quiz and made the buzzers etc. We did half the questions each.
- April 27th - RAC-ACU Training scheme in full swing with lectures on a rota basis. Club runs announced to start at the Scheme 12.30 each Sunday. First run today - self and Paul Sandbach had Ploughman's Lunch at Lamb Inn and rode thro' Wash, Sparrowpit, Hope, into Yorkshire and back over Strines and Woodhead.
- May 4th - Run to BMT Rally fell thro' Rhett joined Paul and self at the Lamb Inn and we went up to the Mermaid at Upper Hulme to watch Moses gliding. All we saw was him looking for broken tow-line. Returned via Staffs, Congleton and Adlington.
- May 11th - Club run from RAC - ACU. Paul S, Moses and self plus two trainees - John & Brett. Lunch at the Lamb then Wash, Edale, Hope, Bradwell, Hucklow, Foolow, Eyam, Litton, Tideswell, Buxton, Kettlethulme.
- May 13th - Ashton visited Robin Hood for second leg of quiz and won by 30 points. Very enjoyable evening with refreshments. Landlady forgot extension and Jack Mathews forgot it was a special event!
- May 17th - Woodbank Park - Leisure Exhibition. Last minute efforts by Gordon, Dave R, John Roberts, Arthur and Tony Mc produced excellent display stand. Attracted hordes of youngsters and potential RAC/ACU trainees plus one member enrolled.
- May 18th - Lack of support for the big Club Run to Race of the Year Grass Track at Ludlow. Al Varey went solo, Sharman and I went as the club and met Dave Tattersall and Alex on first bend. Great meeting on a scorching hot day. Enjoyable 200 miles.
- May 20th - Films at club planned but projector was U/S.
- Whit Weekend
May 24/26 - Club Camp - John Cranmer, Mike Travica, Sharman and I spent the weekend at Patterdale - cold and overcrowded. Monday was tropical by contrast. My BSA nearly slid back down Wrynose Pass when car driver collapsed in front on 1 in 4 gradient.
- May 27th - Trevor Cowdrey and group on TV folk programme to make up for ITV Sheene black out last night.
- June 1st - Manchester Evening News Road Safety Rally.
Top motorcyclist on Road/Highway Code and manoeuvres was Paul Tootall(!) with Heather (one of our recent RAC/ACU pupils) getting the learners' award. Marshals from "17" "171" and police.
- June 8th - RAC/ACU test day. 23 passed out of 24. More professional these days. Magnetic blackboard and fluorescent bibs etc. Hope to move to Cheadle Heath again in September. Moses and Rod had enjoyable run to Llangollen for a swim.

- June 10th - Taxi drivers outing to Southport. Escorted convoy as usual - Trevor, Jim Phillips, self and John Mills.
- June 13/15 - Camping weekend - Beresford - Dale. Members present self & wife! Good weather and nice site. Others would have come but weren't sure of venue or weather. Met 50+ sidecar campers at Nulle End.

Brian Glynn is over on holiday **** Ernie is recovering slowly from smashed right arm **** Moses is doing the Manx GP on 500 BSA **** National Rally entries from club are all-time low of 3 - Trevor, Alan and self.

CALENDAR

- 24 June Films
- 29 June Trial & Darley Moor
- 15 July Book Sale - so any Playboys Classics etc. will be welcome.
- 12/13 July National Rally
- 20 July Stars at Darley
- 26 July Stockport Carnival

- ** Dave Ashton is flying on his BSA and Tridents. He's entered for Southern 100 and Manx GP.
- ** Mick Capper can't get his green - meanie reliable this season.
- ** Nev Watts added a 500 Honda production ride to his 250 and 350 TT outings this year.
- ** Steve and Carole Thomas are expecting a baby on World Speedway Final day!
- ** Tickets available for British League Riders Final at Belle Vue on October 18th.
- ** Anyone interested in Wembley trip see Harvey or Paul.
- ** The Peak Club is alive and well! Informal club runs every weekend.
- ** Camping weekend provisionally August 23/25.
- ** Club - run to British GP Silverstone August 10th.
- ** Club - run to MCN Drag race final Santa Pod. September 28th.

Members planning a run of any kind and looking for company, please put it on the notice board calendar and sign it.

Helpers & ideas men wanted for Stockport Carnival July 26th.

A TRIP TO THE SCOTTISH SIX DAYS TRIAL

Quote, "If any motorcyclist wants a ride that will remain with him for a lifetime then the A82 from Glasgow to Fort William will provide it".

That quote was taken from the August 1974 edition of MOTORCYCLIST and it's right. Graham Phipps (Honda CB 250), Dave Heatley (Honda XL 250) and I (Kawasaki KZ 400), tried it on the way up to this years Scottish Six Days Trial in early May.

Some people are put off by Glasgow. If you are, just go round by Stirling and Callander, hitting the A82 again at Crianlarich. That's probably the best thing, if its Glasgow wakes or the 'Rangers' are "at home", but I prefer the shorter route and you'll miss a good run along the side of Loch Lomond, which could provide that ride purely on its own. Anyway, Crianlarich is where the fun really starts as they say. This must surely be one of the fastest roads, barring motorways and dual carriageways, in the country with long straights and flat - out corners;

just tape the throttle wide and hang on. If you're a 'scratcher' though you'll enjoy the road from Glencoe on - it's all rising bends and falling turns, with the occasional straight, right into Fort William.

Onto the trial itself now, there are perhaps only three criticisms that can be levelled at the Edinburgh Club organisers. Firstly, there is too little variety in the trial. All the sections that we saw were rocky, mostly stream beds, and a lot of them, Pipeline and Laggan Lochs for example, were a long way from the road.

Thirdly, and slightly less seriously, and Scottish hospitality being what it is, starting at eight in the morning might be considered too early by some. All credit to the Edinburgh Club though, organising 250 riders, some of them Foreign, for a week just can't be easy.

See you in Fort William

Richard Stewart.

After every trial we hold I get in touch with landowners whose land we use and enquire as to whether everything is satisfactory, that gates were shut, walls etc. are undamaged, and that their property is not harmed in any way. It is unusual for a landowner to complain of thoughtlessness or irresponsibility, so it was with surprise that a Gentleman named Mr Roberts reported that he had seen riders, who he says admitted to being M/C 17 members, practicing in Danebower Quarry. I cannot stress too strongly that this practicing MUST cease, or the land may be lost as a Trials area. It always amazes me that people can trespass on land like this, they must know it is an offence, and one with very serious consequences. If anyone sees or hears of a club member, or anyone for that matter, illegally practicing on ANY piece of land, that is, using it without the landowners permission, please let any Committee member know and he or they will be dealt with in a suitable manner.

If any club member can make a few notices I would be very pleased, they should be hard weatherproof material, approximately 2' x 1' and have the words - SHUT THIS GATE painted on them, we need as many as 8, this is to fulfill a promise I made to the farmer friend that these signs would be made and erected. Just one of a few things that are done to try and keep friends with these very tolerant people

Dave R.

What you are about to read is a piece of stop press news - which has not even been passed by the Club's self appointed, but nevertheless welcome Newsletter Editor, Namely the Belle Vue No 1 programme 'scribe' Paul Tootall.

Mike Hall aged to take on the job as Editor at the last Committee Meeting and seemed keen to get an edition out, unfortunately he was called away somewhere. The Committee would like to see Mike turn up with a draft Newsletter and it could then be produced, the ball is in your court Mike, the rest is up to you.

The John Simister Trial 29th June.

Every Trial we run is started weeks beforehand, with permissions, decisions on route, number of sections etc. to be decided upon, a Permit to apply for, Regulations to have printed (the Stewart family obliged at very short notice this time, many thanks) at least 100 sets of Regulations to be distributed to would be Competitors, the jobs take a lot of time and effort but we eventually get to the Saturday before this Trial.

Harvey Steve and Henry, Mark and myself have decided what each are to do and take most of the 'day before' doing it, i.e. section and route marking, coming across a few minor problems en route.

The Sunday is a beautiful sunny day making me think we should all be lazing at the seaside or something of the like. We received a good entry with Dave Thorpe, Chris Clarke, Chris Milner, Malcolm Ellis among the 60ish of an eager field.

We started at 11.30am due to a Church service at Forest Chapel. Edgar and Brian performed well in their new roles as starter and machine examiner.

The event went off without any hitch with Dave Thorpe on an immaculate new 325 Bultaco completely dominating proceedings and making most sections look as though they were Tarmac strips.

Prediction - Chris Clarke will get a works bike soon. His performances of late are so good that he surely cant be left a private runner for long. When it comes Chris we wish you all the best, you deserve it.

Mark Rosenthal in his usual efficient manner has already posted Results of the John Simister Trial, well done lad, keep it up!.

John Simister Trial Results.

John Simister Memorial Trophy	- Dave Thorpe.	3 marks	lost.
1st Class award	- Peter Salt.	12 "	"
" " "	- Keith Hobson	13 "	"
" " "	- Chris Clarke	15 "	"
" " "	- Steve Thomas	21 "	"
Best Intermediate	- Andrew Macdonald	75	(12 cleans)
2nd " "	- Alan Grindrod	75	(11 cleans)
Best Novice	- D.Moon	79	marks lost.
1st class Novice award	- M.Carney	91	" "
" " " "	- J.Lee	95	" "

The Punchbowl Award (Best under 19) - Chris Clarke.

The Strugglers Sprocket (Best over 40)- J.E.Griffin.

Remember - we can always accommodate people willing to assist at any event we hold, especially those who criticise. May good fortune follow you all.