

Manchester 17
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Newsletter
Winter 1993

The Editors View.....

"Hello there!", my name is Mike Shaw and I will be the Manchester 17 newsletter Editor for 1994. I am an enduro rider and I have been taking part in Enduros for Two years , I play out when I can around the lanes of the Peak District and Wales and I love dirtbikes and road bikes with a passion.

I will be reporting on all Club Championship Enduros throughout the season, giving my own personal views on each event. I would also welcome letters from other members of the Club on their own views on events or any other topics they wish to discuss. I have also asked the Trials secretary, Ken Roberts to put the word amongst the Trials riders of the club to send their views on Trials events in the 1994 Club Championship, or any other topic they wish. I have to be honest with you, I don't know much about Trials events, so be gentle with me at first and I will try to understand the ins and outs of Trials riding. Ken has asked me to attend the Boxing day Trial to get a feel about what goes on at a Trials meeting. I might take him up on the invite because I could do with some sleep, and watching loads of blokes in spray on fluorescent strides flying around at breakneck speeds of upto Ten miles per hour on overpowered mopeds should do the trick.(Don't get a nosebleed Ken, I was only kidding. *Honest!*)

If you don't send me your views on your sport, then I can't print them,so come on **Get pen to paper NOW!!!**

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Manchester 17 MCC Trials Events 1993/1994

DATE	EVENT	DETAIL
16.01.94	Fisher Trial	Championship Open Road Trial-Zone 1,2
10.04.94	Dead Easy Trial	Open-Inc Youth-Zone2 Private Ground
02.05.94 May Day Bank Holiday Monday	Dead Easy Trial	Open-Inc Youth-Zone2 Private Ground
30.05.94 Spring Bank Holiday Monday	Dead Easy Trial	Open-Inc Youth-Zone2 Private Ground
12.06.94 To Be Confirmed	Dead Easy Trial	Open-Inc Youth-Zone2 Private Ground
03.07.94	Dave Rowland	National-zone 2,3 Road Trial
23.07.94 Saturday	Hawks Nest Trial	Open-Novice+Over 40, Zone 3, Private Ground
28.08.94 Sunday Bank Holiday Summer	Dead Easy Trial	Open-Inc Youth-Zone2,3 Private Ground
11.09.94	Dead Easy Trial	Open-Inc Youth-Zone2,3 Private Ground
23.10.94	Dead Easy Trial	Open-Inc Youth-Zone2,3 Private Ground
27.11.94	Northern Experts	National (special) Road Trial Inc s/car-zone 1,2
26.12.94	Boxing Day Trial	Open-Inc Youth-zone 3 Private Ground
15.01.95	Fisher Trial	Open Championship Road Trial-Zone 1,2,3

Manchester 17 MCC Enduro Championship 1994

The exact dates for the following events are not yet known, however we will include them in a future issue of the newsletter. Details can also be found in TMX News or by consulting(or insulting) the new Enduro secretary - Mark Carter.

White Horse	March/April
Cwm Owen	April
Powys	June
Tour of Wales	September
Dyfi	August
Hamsterley	October
Ceri	November

Tour of Wales Enduro 14th September 1993

(A personal view by an anonymous member)

According to our (ex) membership secretary, Pete Cunningham, the Tour of Wales is "Just like laning except you don't have to open any gates", so with these sugar coated words he persuaded me to do the longest and toughest event of the year, when I hadn't even managed to finish the Cwm Owen Enduro which is a third of the length of the Tour and nowhere near as nasty. Still, having the odds stacked against you didn't stop the Charge of the Light Brigade, so I thought I would give it a go, even though the Light Brigade did end up getting horribly butchered.

The start was as always from Thomas Motors, and the weather was overcast though dry and not too cold, while the forecast for the afternoon promised the occasional shower. So with adrenaline gushing out of my ears (re-arrange the word 'ears' and you can get a different word altogether), I set off on the first tarmac section on the way to the Wayfarer which goes across the Berwyn hills. The checks for this part of the event were quite tight, so a good speed had to be maintained, though this proved to be not so difficult as parts of the Wayfarer had been re-surfaced, however the speeds did drop on top of the hills as the fog was extremely thick, with even the front mudguard being a bit difficult to see. Some people such as eventual sportsman class winner and club member Mark Carter, appeared to go even faster in the fog, claiming that what you can't see can't hurt you, while I took the view that there could be anything from bottomless pits to brick walls lurking in the impenetrable gloom. The special test which had to be completed twice consisted of a series of very slippery off-camber fields, and by this time the rain was coming down very heavy, so this part of the event proved to be very amusing for the spectators who had braved the awful weather. Fog aside, the morning checks were really enjoyable, and yes, it was just like laning except with no gates to open.

So, after reaching the last check before entering the Clocaenog forest around Twenty minutes early, I was feeling somewhat overly confident of finishing the event with a good result, though I did feel a slight unease when all the local riders kept looking into the dark interior of the forest and muttering words of foreboding whilst crossing themselves. I put this down to cheap and hollow scare tactics. With foresight I now wish I had listened to them.

I set off with the other riders on my minute and for around Ten minutes everything was going fine, I was feeling relaxed and full of good cheer but then I rounded a corner and came across a nightmare landscape of deep ruts, mud and screaming men and motorbikes. The air was thick with fumes and curses, and it was then that I realised the enormity of the task ahead of me. Being grossly unfit and lacking in anything resembling skill I envied the magical way small grinning Welshmen would float over all the obstacles I was having trouble with. Well, I got through that particular part of the course only to be faced with countless other nasty, vile bits of boggy forest and slimy tree roots, with the only time to catch my breath being on the fire roads, which I welcomed like an oasis in the desert. I must apologise for not being able to describe the course in any great detail as it all soon turned into a blur of exhaustion, however if you have heard descriptions of no-mans in the First World War

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you will have a good idea of how it seemed to me, especially as the smoke of expiring two-strokes hung like mustard gas in the ruts and hollows. One part of the course I do remember though was an area of cut down forest that was littered with branches and tree stumps. By this time I had the reactions of a Dinosaur, so that when I saw a hole in front of me and I told my wrist to twist the throttle, the message arrived about Five minutes too late, so I fell off and spent ages trying to get going. I remember this part vividly, because Andy Turner thoughtfully kept his video on me all the time (thanks Andy). I eventually finished the first Thirty mile loop of the forest having gone around Twenty Five minutes into my hour.

The last loop of the forest was hell. Having no energy left whatsoever I was falling off at every little obstacle, and when, in the middle of the forest I came to a hill that was deep in mud and ruts I'd had enough. I felt like tearing off my clothes and running of into the depths of the forest to live on nuts and berries and have nothing to do with civilisation and motorbikes again. Also stuck on this hill were Pete Cunningham and Mike Shaw. Pete was still smiling , Mike was shouting and I was delirious, but together we got each others bikes up the hill. The course by this time was very cut up, and by the time I reached the penultimate check I had gone Fifty Seven minutes into my hour. I was angry, I was mad and I wanted to finish so much I could taste it. Well, to cut a long story short, I eventually finished the event having gone Fifty Eight minutes into my hour, but had at last earned my first Bronze medal.

I would like to congratulate all the club members who finished and many commiseration's to all those who didn't. Also many thanks to everyone who manned the fuel stops and kept all the competitors supplied with petrol, Snickers and encouragement

"What did you do at the Weekend ?", asked a colleague at work the next day.

"Well, I rode my bike as fast as I could ,fell off a lot ,learned a lot about riding , got a medal , got wet, got wrecked, met some great people, pushed myself to the limit and had a great time.", I answered, "What did you do?"

"Oh, I painted the front door", he replied.

I won't be buying any tins of Dulux gloss next year.

Ceri Enduro 28th September 1993

As this event was the last in the Clubs Enduro Championship, many members made the journey down to the Kerry forest in mid Wales, both as competitors and spectators. The spectators tended to be among the more 'mature' members (i.e. sensible), who listened to their own advice about the wintry weather and duly wrapped up well in several layers of sweaters and coats. Many a dire warning had been uttered

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by these elders about the cold, and cold it certainly was, with the temperature not getting above freezing all day, and the icebergs floating down the river hardly melting.

The organisers of the event, not wishing any competitors to injure themselves or the local penguins, had made the time schedules very generous, as the majority of the fire roads in the forest were very icy and slippery. The course was mainly forest going apart from an extremely fast special test across the moors, said moors resembling the frozen tundra of the Arctic Circle rather than the rolling green hills of the Welsh countryside. The other special test consisted of a very steep and muddy descent through the forest where good brakes or no sense of fear were needed, followed by a very steep and muddy ascent. There were no real 'Stoppers' on the course and most of the members who were competing made their checks early and finished the event without going into their hour, apart from our Membership Secretary, Mark Livingstone whose newly rebuilt engine suffered a catastrophic failure after half an hour, apparently because (though he remains vague on the subject) an extra piston ring had found its way into the barrel and was rattling about. According to people who had competed in the event before, this years course was quite easy, with the main danger spots being the icy fire roads and of course the ever present chance of the riders getting frostbite on their extremities.

All who rode thoroughly enjoyed their day, and thanks must go the Mid Wales Trail Riders Association and for organising such an enjoyable event. Also special thanks to all wives, girlfriends and spectators for coffee, Mars bars and **LOUD** shouts of encouragement (Most appreciated!).

Letters to the Editor

If you have any topics you wish to discuss, or any points concerning the club, please write to the Editor, Michael Shaw. Malicious slander and scurrilous gossip preferred.

As this is the first newsletter for some time, there are no letters for publication, however here are some completely fabricated ones.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to complain about the new look newsletter. I feel that some of the articles are somewhat frivolous in nature. Please could you include more serious topics such as whether ones flat cap should be worn reversed or forward facing when competing in trials events.

Yours faithfully,
S. Miller

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr Editor,

Hello, just a short note to congratulate Carl Horne, Dave Acton and Pat Shovlin for their sterling efforts in this years International Six Day Enduro. Well Done chaps!

Yours,
C.Horne

Dear Sir,

I would just like to warn any club members who go to the Grey Mare on Tuesday nights that they should avoid the curry pasties at all cost! They'll blow your mind.

Anon.

Rights of Way News

The battle to keep The Ridgeway open for Vehicular access has been won!

The Public inquiry to decide the future of The Ridgeway was held at a very expensive hotel in Swindon and lasted Ten days. The inspector in charge of the inquiry had to consider evidence given to him by The Countryside Commission, The D.o.T., the Ramblers Association and the Friends of the Ridgeway. As you can imagine all these groups were in favour of implementing a T.R.O. (Traffic Regulation Order) which would effectively ban all vehicles from using The Ridgeway.

The objectors to the order were the Byways and Bridleways Trust who are Manchester 17 members and L.A.R.A. (Land Access and Recreation Organisation) who are A.C.U members.

After much consideration the Inspector decided in favour of not implementing the T.R.O. If you would like to ride The Ridgeway, it is situated in Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire. From Overton hill near Swindon it goes East to Streatly for a distance of approximately Forty Five miles.

As you can see, the places where we ride are under threat all the time. Rights of Way is a very important subject and we will try to include a section for it in every Newsletter, and thanks to Peter Potts for the above report.

And Finally.....

We hope you have enjoyed this issue of the newsletter, if have any comments about it, please let us know and we'll try and do something constructive about it. For example, does anybody out there have a favourite piece of verse that they would like to see in the forthcoming poetry section of the newsletter? Also we would like to wish all members and their families a very happy and prosperous New Year.

SPORTSMAN	White Horse	Cwm Owen	Powys	Dyfi	Tow	Ceri	Events	Total
Mark Carter	209.64	368			1057	1009.34	4	2643.98
Andy Owen	420.00	658			2035	1041.66	4	4154.66
Mike Shaw	2336.18	1160		1272.66	3465		4	8233.84
Vinny Johnson	DNF	4729		765.86	3512	1246.69	4	10253.55
Philip Heywood	DNF	DNF			8742	1316.43	2	10058.43
Paul Wood	DNF			376.03			1	376.03
Graham Acton	2250.28						1	2250.28
Mark Livingstone	2424.75						1	2424.75
Kevin Buck		600					1	600
Pete Cunningham					DNF			
Rhett Parker						1345.87	1	1345.87
CLUBMAN								
Paul Garner		498		327.13	876		3	1701.13
Brian Green	357.19	314					2	671.19
Henry Rosenthal	432.61				DNF		1	432.61
Brian Garner		786			DNF		1	786
Carl Horne					897.98		1	897.98
Pat Showlin					993.32		1	993.32
EXPERTS								
Andy Acton	1344.32					1009.75	2	2354.07
Ian Ruffley	1559.94					930.91	2	2490.85
Dave Acton	2276.76					1059.69	2	3338.48

Above are the results of the 1993 Manchester 17 Enduro Championship