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Dear Sunbeamers,

A new year is upon us, and we hope it will prove to be a happy and prosperous one for all. A good time was had by all attending the Chairman's Lunch, but sadly our President, Marjorie, was suffering badly with the 'flu, and decided that discretion was the better part of valour.

The upcoming events are of course the Annual General Meeting and the Pioneer Run. Is your machine taxed, tested? All pigs fed, watered, ready to fly? We apologise for the hiccup with the High Visibility Jerkins - the problem with the wrong (draft) artwork has finally been solved by the firm and as I write this, they are in production now, hopefully delivered tomorrow or Friday and will be available before the February Club Night.

This issue is always a bit quiet - just after the yearly review in the December magazine and just before the Pioneer Run in the April edition.

There is one item being brought up for discussion after the AGM which is likely to liven things up - it is the question of whether to allow, at some point in the future, a quantity of post vintage machines to enter any, some or all events. It was broached on the basis of increasing the appeal of the Club to people who are only partially catered for elsewhere. It was discussed at some length by the Committee, with no clear outcome.

To that end, it was felt that it was such an important issue and the committee required a greater breadth of views than could be expressed at committee. The committee is currently split roughly 50/50 over this.

Currently, as you will be aware, there are just two events where PV machines

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are permitted; these being the New Conyboro Run (which traditionally allowed upto 1939 and cars) and the Testers Run (which is co-hosted by the Marston Sunbeam Register who allow all Black Country manufactured machines upto 1939 to enter.

Happy riding

Jane & Jane

Copy deadline for the next issue of the Club News is Mar 7th 2008

16th NEW CONYBORO RUN

25th May 2008, Chiddingly

The 16th Annual New Conyboro Run will take place on Sunday 25th May 2008 at its usual venue, the Six Bells Public House in the picturesque village of Chiddingly, East Sussex, close to the historic county town of Lewes, famous for bonfires, beer and its castle.

The New Conyboro Run is an event for Motorcycles, Sidecar outfits, Tricycles and Quadricycles manufactured before 31st December 1939, post vintage machines being required to have girder forks.

There is a choice of two routes, one of approximately 30 miles mainly on the flat suitable for veteran and lower powered machines and one of approximately 50 miles suitable for sporting and higher powered machines.

The routes are as per last year, following each other for half the distance; the long route doing an extra loop through pretty villages, crossing rivers hugging the South Downs, and passing by a steam railway.

Route sheets are provided and all junctions will be marked as usual by LEFT, RIGHT and STRAIGHT ON signs.

Ploughmans Lunches are available for pre-order at the pub at the same cost as last year.

The event opens at 9:00 am in the event field adjacent to the pub known for its wealth of motorcycling memorabilia and friendly landlord, from which time hot drinks and biscuits will be served.

All route sheets, programmes, rider numbers, tickets for pre-booked lunches will be handed out at the time of signing on.

First machines are away at 11:00 am after final instructions. All finishers will receive a commemorative award.

After lunch, at approximately 2:00 pm, the awards ceremony covering all classes will take place, at which time tea and cakes will be served.

There is ample parking for all trailers etc in the event field.

The last four years have been dry and sunny (I am tempting fate, only time will tell!).

Entry forms will be sent to all those who attended last year, hopefully in February. For those who did not attend last time, but wish to join us for a very enjoyable day, please contact me at the number or address below.

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Just let the Editors know your requirements (address and contact numbers inside the Front Cover)

Rev. David Scott

I would like to offer my services to Club members for Christenings, Weddings, Funerals or any other way I may be able to help and support you.

I can be contacted at:
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Veteran AJS V-Twin and Sidecar, condition immaterial. Might take another make, must be chain drive. I know it will not be cheap - fair price given!

Johnny Thomas
Tel/Fax: (01267) 290 215

WANTED

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Call Marten Harwood on
Tel. (01732) 455 882

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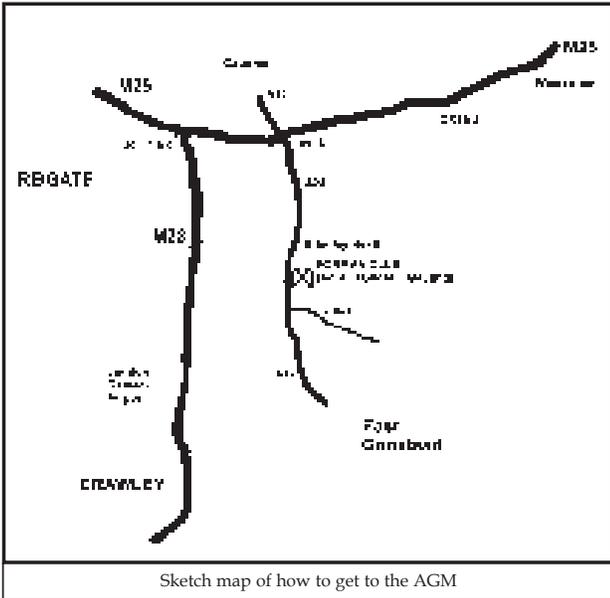
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Annual General Meeting.

Saturday, 1st March 2008

The AGM of the Sunbeam MCC Ltd will be held at 2.00pm on Saturday 1st March 2008, at the Forman Institute, Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath, Lingfield, Surrey, which is on the A22 road between M25 junction 6 and East Grinstead.

Any member may propose a resolution for consideration at the AGM but any proposal must be in writing, duly signed by the proposer and seconder and sent to the Hon Secretary a minimum of 30 days before the AGM.

All present officers are willing to be re-elected, but proposers and seconds are required for existing names, plus any other nominations for any of these posts.

The nominated person will also need to submit in writing their willingness to stand.

Proposers of any persons for office or resolution will need to attend the AGM otherwise their proposal will lapse.

Twenty-one days before the AGM, all members will receive a formal notice of the meeting, the Agenda and a financial statement.

Ian D. McGill. Hon. Secretary

Have You Renewed?

Voting rights and attendance at Closed to Club events and a copy of the Club News are permitted only to those gracious people who renew their membership.

All others may only press their noses to the windows and leave foggy marks on the glass.

Peter Donaldson
Tel: (01322) 332 087

New Members

The following people have just recently joined our Club. Please give them a warm Sunbeam welcome..

Peter Cockerill	Northamptonshire	Janet Davies	Shropshire
Bill Edwards	East Sussex	Laurie Erwood	Bedfordshire
Fabian Fresson	East Sussex	G. Hadfield	Surrey
Douglas Jarrett	Northamptonshire	Peter Lockwood	Cheshire
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My thanks to all of you who have completed your subscription renewals promptly, it is much appreciated.

To those who have yet to do so, please take pity on me and let me know as soon as possible.

If you no longer wish to stay a member, please call me and let me know so I can chase someone else who will renew "just as soon as the 3.30 at Kempton comes in".

Peter Donaldson
Tel: (01322) 332 087

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE for PIONEER RUN on MARCH 9th 2008

We are in desperate need of some programme sellers for the Pioneer Run, especially at the start at Epsom.

The Pioneer Run is the biggest event in the Club Calendar and requires a great deal of organisation, and then action on the day.

So please be an Action Man, or of course Action Lady, This isn't too onerous a job. To report to the Programme van by 7.30 AM and just get out there and sell.

The riders are all away by 10ish and so are the customers, so its a flat out effort for around 2 hours and then a bacon or whatever buttie and cup of tea on the Club at the tea hut.

If you can help please contact

Peter Donaldson on 01322 330287, or Ian McGill on 01293 771446, as soon as possible and join the team.

THE 2007 SOUTHERN EXPERTS TRIAL

On 16th December the 66th Southern Experts Trial was run at Dover by the Sunbeam MCC and hosted by the Sittingbourne & District MCC and the Barham & District MCC.

Each year the Sunbeam Club finds a Club in the Southern half of England willing to provide the ground, plot the course and supply most of the workforce needed.

For December 2007 this was a joint exercise by the Sittingbourne and Barham Clubs, and a great job they made of it too. The Sunbeam Club provides the secretarial duties, underwrites the event and provides some of the staff on the day. This year we manned 2 of the 15 sections with Neville Lewis and Gordon Davis. The 3 person results team were our Anne Plummer, Roy Plummer and Peter Donaldson.

Chris Mawer, a born organiser and enthusiast, was secretary of the Meeting. Jim Connor of Thames Club was Clerk of the Course and his 2 assistants who plotted the course and laid it out were Roy Piles of the Sittingbourne Club and Mark Ridge of Barham. (Roy Piles was Clerk of the Course, and plotted the Course, when we last ran at Dover in 2003).

The Clubman Expert Class, with a slightly eased route, which Chris introduced last year to the event was then a success, and was run again this year, and may well now form part of future events. We had rightly expected that the bumper number of entrants received last year at a location easily accessed from most parts of Southern England (and South Wales) would not be repeated this year at a location at the extremity of the total area. But considering this is an event only for the "Creme de la Creme" of the Trials world resident in the defined area, we were satisfied with the 46 we received, 23 Experts, 8 Youth A and 15 Clubman Expert.

The day was cold and though the sun shone there was a sharp wind all day and parts of the course stayed frozen under the surface. The 15 sections were brilliantly designed, most looking impossible to those of us normally used to local events. But the class of the entry was such that every section on the expert route was cleaned at least once during the day. There were 19 starters on the Expert Route and the winner was Graham Jarvis who had won the event 5 times before, the first time in 1992. Now with a 6th win under his belt he ties with Sammy Miller whose 6 wins between 1961 and 1968 were the previous record number of wins by a person since the Southern Experts Trial was first inaugurated by the Sunbeam Club and run in 1931.

There were hopes that Graham would be given a run for his money by previous twice winner Sam Connor, but Sam, out on a brand new machine, got to the first section and detected machine troubles, an engine gasket was missing and he was forced to retire.

Graham won on the loss of 5 marks with Alexz Wigg runner up on 22 marks lost and 3rd position went to Sam Haslam on 25 marks lost. The last time

we ran at Dover, Alexz lost the least marks of the day and Sam was close behind, but as both were then in the Youth A Class they could not be recorded as Trial winner and runner up but only as Youth A winner and runner up) Youth A class was won by Ben Morphet on 87 marks lost and runner up was Ricky Wiggins on 88 marks lost.

The Clubman Expert Class was won by Dave Clinkard on 37 marks lost, (David won the Southern Experts trial in 1980) and runner up was local rider David Strank on 82 marks lost. For the first time in years we had a Club member riding, Chris Neville, who hung in there nobly and finished, good on you Chris.

Marking was done on punch cards which the rider carried and after each lap had to hand in the card and be issued for one for the next lap. This meant that the scores of each rider could be calculated, and double checked and put out on a marks lost board lap on lap, so spectators, and riders, could see the scores and rider positions building up.

The last lap score and total score was up within 5 minutes of a rider finishing and the whole exercise was pretty slick, but then I would say that seeing I was on the team, wouldn't I?

Seriously, I would like here to record a heartfelt thanks to Anne and Roy. Overall the event was very well received, heard no complaints, only praise for the event from riders, the Stewards and the Press. We got a page and a half in a bumper issue of the Trials and Motocross News and all that praise is shared equally by the 3 Clubs involved.

Thank you Barham and Sittingbourne Clubs, you did the Trial proud.

Peter Donaldson

HELP NEEDED for the GORDON JACKSON TRIAL on SUNDAY 13th APRIL.

We need some observers to assist at the Gordon Jackson Trial which we put on as our part of the Star Group Championship. This Trial is run at Woolmers Farm, Liphook, in the heart of the countryside in a lovely little valley.

We need observers at the start by 9.45 a.m. and we should be finished by mid afternoon.

If this is something new to you, you will still be very welcome and we'll put you with someone to show you the ropes. Then perhaps, if you find you enjoy the task, you can help us in the future at one of our other trials, or of course this one next year.

If you can help please contact:

**Peter Donaldson on 01322 332087 or
Chris Mawer on 07710 211913**

CLUB NIGHTS

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December Club night Film Show

Thanks to Castrol we were able to show 3 new films, plus 1 from the Sunbeam collection to a record audience of about 40 – bit of a squeeze but nice & cosy. Christmas cards and greetings were being distributed plus mince pies, kindly made by Jackie Haffenden and chocolate rolls, courtesy of Marks & Spencer. The 2008 Club Night programme is well in hand thanks to the co-operation of our various helpers.

January - informal natter.

Without any arranged programme it was really good to see over 25 attend. Good year greetings were the order of the night.

Two of the four riders, both Sunbeam members, who will ride around Britain in May this year were present to give us some idea of their arrangements. All four have accepted our invitation to ride under the Sunbeam banner using our advertising wear and the back-up vehicle, a Ford Transit, will be suitably adorned. It will be a charity affair in aid of 'Children in Need' and they are seeking sponsorship from any individuals or groups.

The title of their marathon is: 'The Wrong Way Round',

The Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club sponsored event in aid of Children in Need

The 4 riders are:-

Bill Edwards 1937 BSA M21 600cc
David Noakes 1930 Norton/JAP 780cc
Ken Jarret 1947 BSA M20 500cc
John Tansley 1940 Norton 16H 500cc

The riders intend to pay all their own expenses and will camp where possible and take up invitations to stay over at motorcycling friends to keep their expenses to the minimum and to maximize the funds for this well deserved charity. They will also have their own website so their progress can be charted and followed.

Future club nights

February 7th - Motorcycle Quiz

March 6th - Dave Masters talk about and view his unique veteran 4 stroke Veloce

April 3rd - Talk & discussion by Nigel Kingwood on his process of powder coating etc.

May 1st - Ride to the Star at Old Heathfield

Baz Staple



The Sunbeam September Challenge

Open to all Machines on the Pioneer Register

Sunday 14th September

A New Event for 2008 For Pioneer Motor Cycles

An Autumn Rally for pre 1915 motorcycles (open to all machines on the Pioneer Register)

Route of 50 miles through the quiet country lanes and villages of the South Midlands. Unspoiled England! No Traffic Lights! No Roundabouts!

Start: Shakespeare County Raceway, Stratford upon Avon Warwickshire.

Finish: Vintage & Classic Day at Turweston Airfield, Brackley, Northamptonshire. (Hosted by The Vintage Aircraft Club) with Vintage Aircraft, Tractors, Motorcars, Military Vehicles, Motorcycles on Show.

Separate travel route for Bikes and Tender Vehicles. Ample Parking for Tender Vehicles, Vans, and Trailers at both venues.

Anyone who would like entry forms and details: These are available from:

Barry Care M.B.E., - Telephone: 01604 646818
8 Chater Street, Moulton, Northampton, NN3 7UD

HUMBLE APOLOGIES

Amazingly I've been out here in Frogland for two and a half years now. And even more amazingly I still haven't ridden in a trial. Unfortunately there aren't that many out here that cater for pre '65s, and the few that do are miles away. Big place, France. So am now thinking it might be better to nip over to England occasionally and ride in a few old favourites like the Talmag, the Wobblers, the Phil Mellers and perhaps even the Greybeards, economics and dogs permitting (have to sling 'em in the local kennels just up the road about 60 miles away - big place, France). So I'll definitely be renewing my club and ACU membership.

In my last missive about six months ago, I seem to remember waxing lyrical about the purchase of an immaculate Comerford Cub - the latest in a long line of trials irons, each of which I hoped would see me through to eventual feet-up retirement (never, never!). Well, almost inevitably, that's now gone. Trouble was, just as I was getting used to the underpowered tiddler of a Cub, I heard through the grapevine that Mike Holloway was unloading a couple of his superb AMC bikes: a 410 Matchless and a 500 Ajay, both of which had been lovingly re-built by dear old Maurice Hocking. Spotted them on eBay but couldn't put in a bid due to usual severe lack of funds and impending costs of roof renovations and rewiring. Was devastated when the mint Ajay apparently sold, but quite relieved when I realised the Matchless was still available. Hurriedly found a buyer for the Cub then pleaded with 'er indoors to approve further funding. Must have caught her in a good mood because she agreed to this ridiculous request, with the proviso that I did the washing-up ad infinitum, was never horrible to her or her family ever again, and refrained from throwing her gardening stuff out of my bike shed. Tough deal but worth it.

Armed with loadsadash, I contacted Mike and negotiated a deal. This consisted of bursting into tears when he wouldn't agree to my three figure sum but eventually he took pity and a final figure was set. Then, as he was soon to visit his holiday home in Northern France, he kindly suggested I trailered the Cub up there and return with the Matchless while he came over with the Matchless and return with the Cub, to be later collected by my bro-in-law to await collection by the new buyer. Sounds complicated, huh?

Then, a wee bit later, I heard news that the Ajay deal had fallen through. So I swooped. Phoned Mike and pleaded with him to let me have it. Agreed a price then... disaster. Builders discovered that the roof needed more work than initially estimated. Ditto electricians. Result, no dosh to buy Ajay. Hastily informed Mike of highly regretted decision. Very bad form. Disgraceful. Luckily he's now forgiven me for this dreadful about-face. And luckily he's now sold the Ajay for considerably more than the price we agreed. Shame. But we now have a splendid new roof and loft conversion plus lights that work without sparks flying from exposed wires that were apparently installed in a bygone century by a sparkie with a suicidal death wish. Anyway, at least I'll never regret going for what must be one of the finest pre '65 machines of recent times, even though I'll always regret pulling out of the deal.

Mind you, the Matchless apparently handles better and she's a proven winner. I'm a very lucky chappie. Very lucky indeed.

Despite being pleased as Punch with the Matchless, I still check out trials bikes on eBay from time to time. Spotted a Beeza being sold by someone who obviously knew about pre 65 trials. Contacted him for info about trials entries. Turned out to be not a him but a her. In fact, Sunbeam's very own Joan Westbrook, Mike Holloway's little sister. Small world, huh? Sent me a delightfully lengthy email to which I eventually responded some time later. Unfortunately my message was returned with some note about 'unable to deliver to specified email address'. So I'd like to take this opportunity of thanking Joan for her much appreciated missive, together with an apology for apparently not responding. What's your email address, babe? Lemme know and I'll get back to you! Hope to see you at a pre '65 event next year!

Ah well, better dash. Things to do. Firstly the washing-up. Then tidying up the gardening stuff in the bike shed, etc., etc.

Gordon Thompson



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Do you have an interesting snippet or amusing photo that you would like to share with the Club? Send it to the editors at the above address.

THE FOLLOWING EMAIL WAS RECEIVED BY IAN MCGILL JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS..ANY TAKERS?

Hi Ian

I was wondering if anyone in your club is the current owner of NE 8022 a 1926? Sunbeam 350cc long stroke. I had some connections with, and rode this bike in 1939. There is a curious history to it's being laid up for some time during the 1930's.

I would be pleased to pass this info on and can be contacted at - frank.ashton1@ntlworld.com -, sadly as a wrinkly, my present steed is a Triumph 2500 comfort wagon.

Cheers

Frank Ashton.

OFF THE SADDLE

Having had one of the premier Trials of the year, in my judgement, the Arbutnot Trial run along the Wiltshire and Dorset border, cancelled in September through Foot and Mouth, Chris Brown had the MCC Edinburgh Trial cancelled for the same reason. This was to have been the third and last in the annual series of very old Trials and Chris was after his third Gold.

Now we have had the International Talmag Trial for pre 1965 4 stroke machines, to have been run at the end of January, cancelled. It is alleged that the Army wants to play soldiers there that day, I quote from the cancellation notice I received with my returned entry. However, the situation is a little deeper than that.

Though the Talmag Club booked the ground a year before the event as always, and have used that ground on that weekend for all but occasions in the last around 30 years, if I recall correctly, W.D. ground is always open to the army wanting to use it. The last time they claimed it several disgruntled would be competitors went along to see what happened, and the answer was zilch. No sign of the army all day.

On this occasion, for the first time, the South East Centre Enduro Combine is running a National Enduro Team event on the 2 adjacent pieces of W.D. land and there is the suspicion that powers that be didn't wish civilian motorcycling to take over the whole area on one day. They apparently did offer alternative accommodation for the Talmag on Bagshot South, a great bit of land which we used to considerable success last June for our pre '65 event, The Dick Little Trial, with the additional help of overflow parking on Bagshot North which is the other side of the motorway and joined by a tunnel. But Talmag turned that down. Probably because theirs is a small Club and they know Hungry Hill and can lay out a good course there plus there is a large car parking space right at the side of the course.

Whereas Bagshot South has only recently been released for Trials use and searching out their quality of sections may well feel is beyond their capabilities with their recourses, plus car parking would certainly be less convenient. I just don't know, but do know that another of my top half dozen events in the calendar is not to run.

Whilst on the miseries, went off to deepest Essex with the Matchless for the Eastern Thumpers Trial on the 25th November. Another good event but retired, came home with a dead motor. Was nearing the end of the first lap and had a drop into a stream and a sharp slippery rutted climb out. Into the water, gave it a handful in second and halfway up the slope the motor cut and we slid back into the stream. Took 3 of us and a tow rope to get it out on the tamer entry side of that stream and then in muddy conditions back to, thankfully nearby, the car park. The exhaust valve had touched the top of the piston and got bent. High revs was only part of the problem though, the valve guide was a bit worn and therefore the valve was slightly out of line.

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So now I am poorer and have a new valve and 2 new valve guides fitted etc. and engine running well again, thanks to fellow Club member Dick Castleton.

The following week was the Jack Thompson British Bike Trial at Swanley. I used to ride and enjoy this event, but last year, along with a number of others, I felt badly let down and in no way enjoyed the Trial. In fact 3 of us from the Club who had regularly ridden in it and were there last year gave it a miss this year. What can I say? The course this year was improved to start with, then it rained and turned into a real slippery event and of the 89 who started 37 retired. 10 of those starters were Sunbeam members, and 5 of them retired.

To have, overall, coming on for half the total field retire is too high, and shows lack of foresight, I am glad I was not riding. The Trial is for 'bikes over 40 years old and is just set too hard for the bulk of the riders. Of our people Neville Lewis riding his Cotton on the yellow route was the only one to finish in his class and therefore won it. In the girder class Dave Blanchard came runner up on his Ariel and George Smith came 4th on his Royal Enfield.

Thursday 6th of December was Club Night at the Six Bells and as traditionally Baz and Jenny put on a 16mm film show which was great. Thanks for the mince pies Jenny.

The following Thursday I joined our associate Club Bexleyheath on their Trail ride round North Kent. I rode from home to the start at Canada Heights, near Swanley, it was so cold that my hands were frozen when I got there. One of the lads lent me a really thick pair of gloves, thanks Dave. Frost was around all day and a number of the very minor roads were just sheet ice and all of us had slides at some time or another, my worst one was on an uphill when opened the throttle cautiously and the back wheel spun and put me into a broadside.

The amazing thing is that none of the 9 of us came off on the road sections and only a few on cross country in nearly 80 miles of riding. By time I got home in the dark had done near 100 miles felt cold right through and shivered most of the evening, but it was a great ride. On the Sunday we ran a very successful Southern Experts Trial with the Sittingbourne and Barham Clubs, report elsewhere.

3rd January was Club Night natter evening. Met 2 of the 4 members who are planning a "Round Britain Adventure" for charity. They are planning to use bikes from the '30s and '40s. To camp as they go. Not necessarily a Coast Run but plans at present envisage 2000-ish miles, 14 days, start Eastbourne area, up East side of Britain, across the top and down West side and back across the South, but actual route not yet confirmed. They are full of enthusiasm and a more definite picture of their plans will be in the next Club News.

Some 30 of us went to the Clubs Chairman's Lunch at The Cricketers Pub at Pirbright on 5th January. Very enjoyable, though I doubt if any of us remember what we ate, we were all talking too much!

So to the second Sunday of the month and the Star Group Championship Trial. It was at Bagshot Heath South, the first time we have had a Star Group Event there. It was first rate, run by the Kingston Club.

continues overleaf..

As normal there were 4 routes and I must say that Alan Dudley, Clerk of the Course, got it dead right. Each route was designed with the standard of rider for that route clearly in mind. As I hadn't ridden the Gas Gas for 4 months, I took easiest route, yellow, which was designed for Sportsmen, the going difficult enough to exert people who have ridden in trials for awhile and yet unlikely to damage a new comer to the sport, marks lost ranged from 16 to 74.

I ran the 'bike up on the Friday, fine, and loaded it on the trailer leaving the petrol on. Couldn't start it at Bagshot and I'm indebted to Club Member John Sapsard who kicked it so hard it finally submitted and started. The first lap I was very rusty, all my other riding has been on 4 strokes, well that is my excuse, and I dropped 29 marks. Then on the 2nd lost 6, and 5 of that on the last section which should have done better on. Bike running well, started 3rd lap. At first section after a short wait was called forward, opened throttle and as I let the clutch in the motor just died, and that was it, nothing could get it back to life. I had to push it back to the car park, quite a way along tracks and was well knackered by time got there.

There were 6 Sunbeam riders started and Brian Humphries riding the Pre 67 B class on a Greeves also retired. He also normally rides a 4 stroke and has just rebuilt the engine on this machine which his son Stuart normally rides and was not too happy. Paul Casling on his nice looking 175cc Bantam had a good ride losing only 6 marks and came in 3rd in a very competitive class. Neville Lewis and Brian Boden were in the same class as me and came in 4th and 6th respectively. Ralph Boden riding the pretty difficult Intermediate class came in just over half way down his class.

Peter Donaldson



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This is to let you know in a bit more detail, that the new Club website has been operational since Christmas Eve (see picture on p18 showing the "home page") It has been rewritten completely; each event has its own page containing a paragraph or two of text and a couple of pictures, just enough to get things started.

Obviously, we would like to expand upon this basic framework and be able to include more details, facts and photos. This is where you come in...

If event organisers would like anything appended or amended (e.g. entry forms & regulations available for download; different pictures; more about their event), just call us (numbers inside front cover of this magazine) and let us know what you want.

The same goes for anyone else in the Club. If you can think of something you would like to see on the website, please give us a call.

Jane & Ian Akers



PERSONAL

The Trials section members, GSOH, outgoing personality, would really like to meet the V&V section members who may be able to spare some time and assist them in good "clean" fun.

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PINHARD WINNER ANNOUNCED



Tommy Searle is the winner of this year's Prize. MX ace Tommy (18) from Goudhurst, Kent, rides the Red Bull KTM Factory Racing Team and beat off stiff opposition from no fewer than 12 official candidates for the huge Pinhard Trophy, including Bradley Smith, who rode a factory Repsol Honda in the 125 MotoGP category.

Tommy has had a fabulous season, in only his second year on the MXGP World Championship circuit Tommy finished a fine runner-up in MX2 to the experienced Italian ace Tony Cairoli, Tommy also won his first GP moto in Sweden in July, and followed this up with a brilliant first overall MXGP in front of his home fans at Donington in August. On top of this, he also finished runner-up in the British MX2 Championship to American Mike Brown and was a star member of Britain's MX des Nations team that finished fifth at Budds Creek in America.

Bradley Smith finished runner-up, but it was a pair of trials riders who finished joint third in Michael Brown and Jack Challoner. Brown won the World Junior Cup while Challoner took the European Championship.

It is hoped that the magnificent Pinhard Trophy will be presented at the ACU awards dinner on Saturday January 26th 2008.

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WANTED PLEASE

Veteran Triumph single speed free engine model pre 14, condition not too important as long as rideable and reliable with pioneer certificate.

Any calls treated with total confidence.

Thanks.
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WANTED

Parts for 1916 Sun VTS 269cc I particularly need a PISTON

This is a 2-stroke deflector type approx 70mm bore and made from cast iron; but a whole undamaged piston of almost any metallic substance would be welcome!
Please call Roger Yates on 01525 375286 (daytime)

APOLOGIES

Our apologies to two newer members whose names I inadvertently misspelled in the last issue. It would appear that I was having a senior moment. So please welcome:

Dorian (not David) Noakes and Noel (not Neil) Whittall

Ian (not fully awake) *Akers*

CHRIS GETS HIS THIRD GOLD

Our member Chris Brown, who enjoys and rides with considerable success in long distance Trials on his 1958 350cc Royal Enfield, has managed to get his 3rd Gold for the 2007 Series.

Annually there is a hat-trick of long distance reliability Trials from the earliest days of motorised Sport, "The Exeter", "The Lands End" and "The Edinburgh". It was very unfortunate that the Edinburgh Trial was cancelled due to Foot and Mouth Disease but the organisers decided to allow the result of the 2008 Exeter Trial, run the first weekend in January, to count for the 2007 Series, and Chris picked up his 3rd Gold there.

He is now up for the big award for his performances and I will let you know about that in the next Club News.

Peter Donaldson

Sunbeam Club Regalia

Please send your orders to Peter Donaldson - his address is on the inside front cover of this magazine.

***NEW* Hi-Vis Jerkins £9 (+p&p £1.00)**
 Lightweight safety overvests, manufactured to BS EN471 Class 2. In Saturn yellow with 2 band and brace "Scotchlite" reflective tape lines. They are zip-fronted, have an ID pocket and a small club logo on the front, a large club logo on the back so now people can see you. Fits over your existing jacket, so needs to be about 2 sizes up on that size to allow complete freedom of movement
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Fleece Jackets £18 (+p&p £2)
 These high warmth, lightweight, fleece jackets have elasticated cuffs; a full-length zip-fastener and two pockets in black and an embroidered Club logo on the left breast. they will fit under most motorcycle clothing, and should keep you nice and warm whilst working in cold garages, or wandering around the paddock at a trials meeting. Fantastic quality at a low price
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Rugby Shirts £18 (+p&p £1.50)
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Polo Shirts £12.50 (+p&p £1.50)
 Quality lightweight black polo shirt with embroidered Club logo, short sleeves. Great casual wear
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***NEW* Car Window Stickers £1 (inc p&p)**
 Rectangular cohesive plastic printed in black on a yellow background. Just the ticket!

NEW REGALIA LINES

YELLOW T-SHIRT

Though the Club Regalia lines have traditionally followed a yellow on black format, some 6 years ago we produced a line of Sweat Shirts which were black on yellow to commemorate the Club's Trials winning of the Star Group Championship. These were a success and I still wear mine when riding in Trials.

Now, for no specific reason other than the popularity of this format a few years back, we have got and offer various sizes of a light weight short sleeve T shirt with a black Club badge stitched on a yellow shirt at £6 plus £1.50 P&P.

How about giving it a trial?

HI-VIS JERKINS

In response to recent comments about members riding in events with other clubs vests, we have just commissioned a number of High Visibility Jerkins. Well made to British Standards, bright and lightweight - also useful carried in your car in case of a breakdown, puncture or accident. It may also interest you to note that in many EU countries, a safety vest is now legally required for each person (not just the driver) travelling in your car in the event of an emergency.

EVENTS CALENDAR 2008

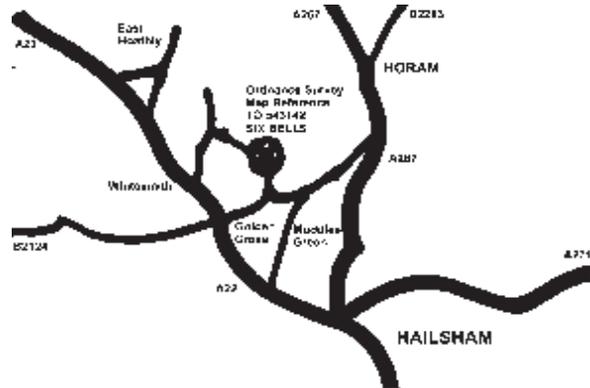
7th February	Club Night - Quiz Night	
1st March	Annual General Meeting	Closed to Club Contact: Ian McGill 01293 771446 acsociable@tiscali.co.uk
6th March	Club Night - Talk by Dave Masters on his i.o.e Veloce	
9th March	70th Pioneer Run	Pre-1915
No.749	Epsom to Brighton	Contact: Ian McGill 01293 771446 acsociable@tiscali.co.uk
6th March	Club Night	
3rd April	Club Night	
13th April	Gordon Jackson Trial	Star Group & Pre-65
No. 750	Stoke Bruerne, Northants	Contact: Brian Boden 01962-867782
1st May	Club Night	
9-12th May	Warwickshire Weekend	Closed to Club Pre-1931
No. 752	Stoke Bruerne, Northants	Contact: Jenny Staple 01892-535671 jennybaz.staple@gmail.com
25th May	16th New Conyboro Run	Pre-1939 Girder Forks
No. 753	Stoke Bruerne, Northants	Contact: Barry Care 01604 646818 barrycare@tiscali.co.uk
5th June	Club Night	
8th June	14th Rose of the Shires	Pre-1931
No. 751	Stoke Bruerne, Northants	Contact: Barry Care 01604 646818 barrycare@tiscali.co.uk
22-29th June	25th Welsh Week	Pre-1931
No. 754	Aberystwyth, Wales	Contact: Joy & Des Brown 01761-471511
22nd June	Dick Little British Bike Trial	Centre Restricted
No. 755	Bagshot Heath, Surrey	Contact: Peter Donaldson 01322-332087
3rd July	Club Night	
13th July	21st Garden of England Run	Pre-1931
No. 756	Headcorn, Kent	Contact: Tony Lloyd 01737-555413 aj.lloyd@blueyonder.co.uk
7th August	Club Night	
10th August	46th Graham Walker Run	Pre-1931
No. 757	Beaulieu, Hants	Contact: Ian McGill 01293 771446 acsociable@tiscali.co.uk

16-17th August	Testers Run	Pre-1940
No. 758	Wolverhampton, W Mids	Contact: Trevor Davies 01952-691231 trevor@daviesnewport.f9.co.uk
4th September	Club Night	
7th September	Greybeards Trial	Special Restricted
No. 759	Stedham, Sussex	Contact: Neil Sinclair 02380-403949
14th September	Sunbeam September Challenge	Pre-1915
No. 760	Northampton	Contact: Barry Care 01604-646818 barrycare@tiscali.co.uk
September	Constable Country Run	Pre-1931
No. 761	Suffolk	Contact: Chris Stiles 01206-262831 chrismstiles@tiscali.co.uk
2nd October	Club Night	
6th November	Club Night	
4th December	Club Night	
21st December	Southern Experts Trial	National Restricted
No. 762	Gloucestershire	Contact: Chris Mawer 07710-211913 christopher.mawer@tiscali.co.uk

Club Nights

see p12 for details

These are held on the first Thursday of each month at The Six Bells public house, Chiddingfold, Sussex. BN8 6HE
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The Sporting Motorcyclist (Trials) <small>See Note 2</small>	—	£12.00	
Black and Gold Cloth Club Badge	—	£3.00	
Circular Sticker Badge for Vehicle	—	£1.00	
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Lapel Badge	—	£2.50	
Club Tie	—	£5.50	
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Sweatshirt with Embroidered Badge (2XL)	—	£15.00	+£2.00p&p
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt, Black with Embroidered Badge (2XL)	—	£12.50	+£1.50 p&p
Long Sleeve Trials T-Shirt, Black with Embroidered Badge (2XL)	—	£8.00	+£1.50 p&p
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TOTAL			

NOTES:

- Family membership is not applicable to members who ~~drive~~ ride machines. Individual memberships are required for riding members.
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