

## **Secretary's Report 2016-2017**

### **July 2016**

We held a Youth / Adult Practice at Bigbury Woods on 3<sup>rd</sup> July

On July 23<sup>rd</sup> we had our fund raising trial in aid of the Pilgrims Hospice we had 23 starters who all had a great time and we raised £300.00 for the Hospice, I would like to thank everyone who helped especially Neil Cozens for instigating this new event.

Bexleyheath & District Motorcycle Club held the 5th round of the Acklams Beta ladies & Girls Championship on 24th July 2016, we Sponsored a section and Tim Taylor, Kate Bell, Mark & Julie Smith, Jenny & Barry Gooding all observed and marked sections, Sarah Bell rode very well in her first national event, Unfortunately the going was a little too tough for Alex Head who retired Ladies Expert Donna Fox 32ml; Ladies Inter Catherine Alford 16ml; Girls Inter Alice Minta 2ml; Sarah Bell was 6th on 70ml; Girls Novice Kaytlyn Adshead 7ml

Eastern Centre Grasstrack championship were held near Ipswich and Dave Mears retained the 350cc championship and finish 2nd in the 500 class!

### **August**

We held a joint Barham and Folkestone t Practice at Wingmore on 7th August which was great fun mainly due to Darran Godden's latest purchase a AJS Trials Outfit, after numerous changes of passenger and rider it all clicked with Dave Drake driving and Darren in the chair

Alan Burman was the G200 Winner at Gedinne, Belgium

Bens Wibberley was 3<sup>rd</sup> Expert at Fast Eddy's Summer Extreme Enduro on Aug 13th.

The Arter Matchless G50, on which Peter Williams lapped at 102.74mph in the 1973 Senior TT, appeared in the Lap of Honour on August 31 at the Isle of man Classic TT

### **September**

Amanda Taylor competed in the Brighton Speed Trial on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> were she finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the Consistency Class her best run was 19.3 seconds at 67mph on her Hagon / BSA C15

The Charity Kickstart Fun Day Trial was Organised by Adam and Sarah Bell and Tim Taylor with much help and support from Tony Peach the Land Owner, The circuit consisted of Skips a Limbo hill climb, Turning Circle, Cotton Reels, Crocodile teeth, Balance beam then a race across woops and Zigzag section to the finish. We had 8 teams enter and the event was a huge success

The Event was the idea of Sarah Bell as a tribute to her Granddad David Bell who battled with terminal small cell lung cancer, unfortunately he passed away on the 6th September 2016.

We received a special message from Sarah

Thank you for all those who donated and participated in the event on the 10th September and all the people who helped to make the day a success, it meant so much to me and all my family.

Thank you to all those nurses that helped him through his last few days their support and care was second to none.

I would like to give a special thank you to Tony who gave up his time and provided an excellent venue for the day.

I am sure my granddad would have been very proud of everyone's contribution and enthusiasm!

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September saw the Astra Grass Track Club host the 2016 FIME European Individual Grass Track Final at Swingfield where 3,000 spectators watched a great afternoon's racing

19 year old James Shanes had some problems in the heats but finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the B final which gave him a place in the A final, after a restart of the A Final where 2015 champion Jannick de Jong was excluded James started the rerun with a hole shot and then led to the finish Mathieu Tresarrieu was second and Andrew Appleton was in third place

After going unbeaten all day Josh Goodwin and Liam Brown claimed victory in 500cc class ahead of Shaun Harvey and Adam Young in second and Dave Carvill and Cameron Godden who claimed third

In the 1000cc Sidecars it was Mark Cossar and Sam Heath who dominated the proceedings to take victory over Matt Fumarola and Gaz Williams in second and Myles Simmons and Terry Saunters in third.

## **October**

GTSA held the British championships at Dig Dog Lane on 18<sup>th</sup> September

250cc Solo: 1st Jed Collins; 2nd Luke Harris; 3rd Adam Shipp

LH Sidecar 1st W Penfold/Pay; 2nd Ridley/McQuirke; 3rd J Penfold/Dodds

350cc Solo 1st Tom Perry; 2nd Paul Hurry; 3rd Mark Giles; 4th Dave Mears

500cc Sidecar 1st Goodwin/Brown; 2nd Godden/Smith; 3rd Carvill/Godden

RH SIDECARS 1st Simmons/Woodley; 2nd Wilson/Saunters; 3rd Whitlam/Elliott

Frittenden Flyer on 2 October at Frittenden

250cc SOLOS 1st Charlie Brook

350cc Solos 1st Mark Giles; 2nd Luke Harris; 3rd Dave Mears

Upright Solos 1st Stephen Green

500cc Sidecar RESULT 1st Berwick/Hopkins

LH SIDECAR FINAL 1st Cuff/Clark; 2nd W Penfold/Pay

500cc Solos FINAL 1st Charley Powell

RH SIDECAR A FINAL 1st Cossar/Williams

We wish Gareth Hickmott a speedy recovery after fracturing a vertebrae

We held a Barham Practice at Crundale Lime Works on Saturday 17th September which went well considering the short notice

### **Barham EKTC Combine on 11<sup>th</sup> October at Wingmore**

Eddie and Mark set out the trial on the Friday as we had a working party on Saturday for the upcoming Mutton Lancers, we had overnight rain on Sunday so the sections were eased slightly and the ground soon dried out, a big thanks to all the helpers and observers

Best Expert Mark Smith 59ml; Best Novice Josh Cozens 7ml; Best O/40 Inter Adam Bell 27ml;

Best O/50 Novice Mick Baldock 4ml; Best Youth Novice Sarah Bell 2ml;

Best Twin shock Neil Cozens 24ml

Folkestone Trials Club held a Practice Day at the Acton Farm on Sun 16th Oct. This was our last chance of 2016 to use this superb venue. Despite heavy overnight rain the ground was slippery but dried out through the day

### **Mutton Lancers 30 October 2016 at Howfield Woods**

Tom Arter was out of action due to his broken his leg so his duties were shared, with Eddie Supplying the observer's food and Raffle and setting out the Route markers on the road, Tim and Amanda were dealing with the Signing on and Alan Clapson was the Starter. Alan Wibberley had set out 13 excellent sections which the 72 Starters had to tackle over 3 laps. Section 9 was the tester for all routes and it was his 3 cleans on this section which gave Simon Bird the Elite win

Elite Simon Bird 16ml; Expert Kevin Nolan 13ml; Inter Jon Yendell 21ml;

Novice Rob Whorlow 8ml (Riding T/S) O/40 Inter Mark Smith 10ml;

O/50 Novice Stephen Moore 5ml; Youth Inter Oliver Whorlow 74ml;

Youth Novice Hannah Moore 7ml;

A Big Thank You to Alan Wibberley, Eddie, Tim and Amanda and Alan Clapson and to all the observers

Unhappily our Trials Secretary Tom Arter is at home convalescing after breaking his leg.

We all wish him well in his recovery.

### **November**

We held a Barham Practice with Folkestone members invited at Howfield Woods on Sat 19th.

### **December**

#### **Christmas Bash**

Was a great success and we awarded our trophies for the year

### **Trials**

The SE Centre Trials Championship was won again by Ashley Newberry.

Barham had a clean sweep in the Inter O/40 1st David Strank, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Heather, 3<sup>rd</sup> Adam Bell and 4<sup>th</sup> Mark Smith

Our younger riders had a good year with a trio of runner up places

Matthew Strank was 2<sup>nd</sup> Expert, Sarah Bell was 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Novice and Oliver Whorlow was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Youth Inter.

Alex Davies was 4<sup>th</sup> in the National Youth C Class, Sarah Bell finished the year on a high with a fine 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the last Girls National of the year this was her 2<sup>nd</sup> national and Sarah is hoping to compete in many more rounds next year

A big thank you to Tim Taylor for Running our highly successful Youth and Adult Practice days

### **Grass Track**

British championships at Dig Dog Lane on 18th September

350cc Solo 1st Tom Perry; 2nd Paul Hurry; 3rd Mark Giles; 4th Dave Mears

### **Enduro**

Ben Wibberley was 3rd in the Expert class of the ACU British Extreme Enduro Championship

### **Trophies for 2016**

#### **Observers Trophy - Eddie Mears**

Eddie observes at most of our Trials whatever the weather, and also helps to set out trials for us as well as Ashford and Sittingbourne as well as his extra help at the Mutton Lancers this year due to Toms injury this was appreciated by us all and a big thankyou to all observers for their Time and effort so that we can Ride

#### **AJS Trophy - Oliver Whorlow**

Oliver has moved up to the Youth Inter this year and has made a huge improvement in his riding culminating with a fine 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the SE Trials Championship

#### **Norman Thompson Shield - Sarah Bell**

The Charity Kickstart Fun Day Trial was Sarah Bell idea to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support as a tribute to her Granddad David Bell who battled with terminal small cell lung cancer, unfortunately he passed away on the 6th September 2016. The event was a great success and with much help and support from Adam Bell, Tim Taylor and Tony Peach the Land Owner

#### **Phil Hughes Shield - Peter Fox**

For his superb clean ride to win the Novice Class

### **February**

The GEST Combine at Northiam was cancelled due to waterlogged parking

We held a Club Practice on Sunday 19th Feb at Wingmore

## **March**

We held a Club Practice on Sunday 5th March at Crundale

Folkestone EKTC at Howfield woods was on 12<sup>th</sup> March, before the Start the 2016 EKTC awards were presented by Roy Piles and Maureen Buttle

Expert Challenge Shield Barham	Intermediate Team Cup Tenterden
Novice Team Cup – Barham	Observers Trophy – Barham
Over 261cc Cup – Mark Smith	Arter Bros Inter Cup Dave Luck
D.F SEARS Novice Cup – Terry Lloyd	O/40 Inter Cup – Chris Anderson
Grey Beards O/50 Novice Cup	Marc Taylor

**We held our Barham Nailbourne Non Expert Trial** on 26th March at Crundale as Wingmore had been double booked, it was a Dry but cold day for the 69 Starters the Blue route was set out about right but the Red route was easier than anticipated, thanks to all the Observers and officials

Inter Vince Gooding 30ml; O/40 Inter Martin Stevens 4ml; Novice Tom Waddell 8ml

O/50 Novice Brian Cornelius & Andrew Wilson 0ml; Y/Inter George Mallion 34ml

Twinshock Red Graham Baylis, Dave Plumb & Roy Sheridan 0ml;

## **APRIL**

**Barham EKTC Combine** at Crundale on 9<sup>th</sup> April, it was a dry and warm day for the 46 starters as we had used Crundale a few weeks before we ran the sections in reverse with but with more tape to stopping the riders looping so far, thanks to all the observers and to Tim And Amada Taylor for Signing on , Alan Clapson for Starting and the land owner Tony Peach

Expert Tom Sawyer 20ml; Inter Dave Luck 33ml; O/40 Inter Adam Bell 18ml;

Novice Michael Sheridian 5ml; O/50 Novice Dave Mills 9ml; Pre 67 Tim Streatfield 9ml;

Y Novice Sarah Bell 4ml; Y/ Beginner George Chilman 17ml;

We Held a Youth / Adult Practice at Wingmore on 30 April

## **May**

Barham Held a round of the Tenterden Youth Series at Bigbury woods on Saturday 20 May which was a great success many thanks to Tim Taylor for organising

Blue Route Sarah Bell 43ml;

Red Route George Coombs 20ml; Florence Baldock 21ml; George Chilman 43ml;

Talan Nutbrown 44ml; Jack Mercer 48ml; Max Whorlow 51ml;

Yellow Route George Croucher 4ml; Sebi Murray 18 (20 cleans) Edie Baldock 18 (19 Cleans)

Oscar Kirklin 23ml; Harry Whorlow 26ml; Sam Kent 28ml; Ronny Taylor 40ml;

Mason Norris 43ml; Curtis Mealham 50ml; Sarai Nutbrown 70ml

We also held a practice the next day using the same sections

**Kent & Sussex SE Centre Team Trial** was held on 28th May at Crowborough

Camden Cup Mark Reason 0ml

Team results 1<sup>st</sup> Club 55 Lee Brocklehurst, Ian Pape and Rob fleet

2<sup>nd</sup> Eastbourne Endeavour Thomas moss Cameron Dawson and Keith Strudwick

3<sup>rd</sup> Tawny Owls Hadley Parfet, Christopher Hogbin and Geoff Brooker

The Barham Bombers were 8<sup>th</sup> out of 14 and would have been higher if the observers scores were accurate

Dave Cheeseman passed away at the age of 86, Dave was a former Trials Secretary for the Club

## JUNE

Barham Vintage weekend on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June was well supported by the Club

We Held a Youth / Adult Practice at Wingmore on 25<sup>th</sup> June

## July

Pilgrims Hospice Charity Trial was held on Saturday 1st July at Wingmore we were worried about the heavy overnight rain but the sections soon dried out and the riders all had a good day, unfortunately due to dates clash we had a smaller entry than last year. The amount raised for the Hospice was £150.00. Many thanks to Neil Cozens for all his help.

Bexleyheath & DMCC Acklams Beta Ladies & Girls Round 6 2nd July 2017

The trial was well laid out with some testing sections in the stream which had some steep slippery climbs and the girls from the South East did very well in their home event

Ladies Championship Emma Bristow 8ml; Ladies Inter Jenny Stephen 75ml;

Girls A J Hammond 104ml; Girls A 50/50 A Minta 29ml;

Girls B 1st O Brooksbank 43ml 2nd Sarah Bell 82ml; Girls C Sophie Baily 11ml:

Thanks to Jenny Collins and Barry Gooding for observing on behalf of the club

Owls Whitley Mill 2nd July 2017

Elite Ashley Newbery 10ml; Expert Jack Styles 7ml; Inter Ian Moore 10ml;

O/40 L. Brocklehurst 6ml; Novice Gavin Horley 1ml; O/50 Mark Teal 1ml;

There was no EKTC Combine in July, NKTC had kindly invited Riders to their Combine SE ACU Distribution of funds has taken place and we have been paid £3100.00

We also received £150 from the ACU Centre for permit refunds for 6 events

We Held a Youth / Adult Practice at Wingmore on 30<sup>th</sup> July

## **August**

6th August GTSA south Eastern Centre Grasstrack championships and it was a double for Dave Mears won the 350cc and unlimited Titles, Chris Still finished 4th in the 250s after falling and re-joining the race, Derrick Keyes made the upright final on the only 2 Valve machine.

The Kickstart Trial in aid of Pilgrims Hospices was again held at Crundale on 6th August; we had 17 adults and 7 youth entries so we had 12 teams competing on the course which was run in both directions, all the competitors had a great time. Many Thanks to Adam, Kate and Sarah Bell and Tony Peach for all their hard work

The Winners were Lee Brocklehurst and Lucy Brown, 2nd were Jack Styles and Malcolm Noble and 3rd were Vince Gooding and Scott Hammond