

RRND

Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



Chairman's Chatter

The drought goes on.... and whilst I realise that it is a very trivial issue in comparison to the bigger picture, the constant mud and rain doesn't half make it difficult to service and prepare bikes. I asked last month how you were coping and what you did to clean the bikes. We have experimented with dustpan brushes and buckets of water, a garden insecticide sprayer, a Karcher pressure washer fed from a rainwater butt, and lastly and by far the most successful - a coin operated jet wash. Top tip- buy the tokens before the attendant sees the bike and the mud that is about to be deposited in the wash bay!

This weekend we will be at the London Fire Brigade Enduro Sprint in Alton. I hope we have a better event than the paddy field conditions encountered last weekend at Slab Common. Closer to home Dave Charman will be running the RRND Club display at the Sport for All event in Priory Park Reigate. This year Dave has managed to get permission to do some demonstration sections and has a small team to support him. I am sure they will be very pleased to see any of you if you get the chance to pop along. All the helpers will be modelling the new observers' waistcoats adorned with the new RRND logo. Look out in the next newsletter for the chance to order your Club clothing sporting the new image.

Richard Coles

Lands End Trial 2012

The start for the trial was a little earlier than usual. This meant that more of the sections would be ridden at night. I had fixed up a very powerful bicycle lamp on the front of my bike as the original enduro lamp is next to useless!

Pat was riding his Triumph 500, but Alan Ross who also rides a Triumph 750 turned up on a Kawasaki KDX 125 trail bike complete with rather bald tyres. This was due to when loading his bike to leave to the trial he noticed his wheel bearings were on the edge of collapse, and the KDX was his only working bike.



The trial started in the dry but some time into the night it began to get very cold and then the rain came our way. At one fuel stop we purchased several newspapers to shove up our jumpers to try to keep out the cold. These stayed in until the very end of the trial. The night ride was a proper test of endurance, especially in the fog, as the goggles misted up and had to come off. This reduced our speed down to 25 to 30 mph due to the force of the rain in our now naked eyes.

In the night we crossed the bleak uninhabited parts of Exmoor. Not a place you want to stop unless you have to! We were about to cross a cattle grid on the moor but in the grid blocking our way was a horse with all 4 legs through it. After about 40 minutes and several more bikers turning up we managed to somehow release the horse and drag it by its legs off the grid. We did think that the horse must be injured as he did not get up off the ground and was obviously in shock. Then surprisingly he got up and wandered off into the darkness.

The climb at Crackington had a "restart" for class "B" motorcycles which caught me out as it was a 1 foot deep clay mud bath. Pat also failed here and he did not even have to restart, it was that bad! By the top of that hill I was really annoyed and disappointed as 1 fail means a class win was now out of the question.

As the sun came up in the morning the rain stopped and our spirits once again raised up. At "Hoskin Hill" we were cheered up the hill by my family who had set out early to see a section. Later they turned up at the last section of the day "Blue Hills 2", where a large number of spectators come to watch. All these sections are on You Tube if you want to watch.



Happily we all finished the trial on time and collected our finishers certificates. Danny Haste also came along to watch the start and enjoy a beer at the finish. The next trial is the "Edinburgh" held in Derbyshire!

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Peter Jenkins

Lands End Trial 2012 - Mk II

It's Easter time, so that means the Lands End Trial! It's becoming a bit of a habit. There is a different line up this time; Danny Haste has not been able to enter because he managed to break the ball off his femur while skiing in Canada at the end of January. He is still on crutches. Some people will do anything to get out of being cold and wet!!!

So the Southern Softies Team was made up of Pete Jenkins, riding a Suzuki DRZ 400 and Pat Lloyd-Jacob on his trusty Triumph and myself on a Kawasaki KMX 125. This was a last minute substitution from my usual Cheney Triumph but that's another story.

We started on time from Plusha services on the A30 in Cornwall and we had a lovely ride to the first test just outside Crediton in Devon. This was a regularity test, you had to ride a quarter of a mile in one minute and you got a time penalty for every second that you are early or late. We then continued to Bridgwater Rugby Club for the first check and much needed breakfast.

We left Bridgwater at our scheduled time, which I think was about 10pm. We then

had a 31 mile ride down towards Blue Anchor Bay and Minehead where the first section awaited us. This was Felons Oak, this section has a nasty restart on it, but we were all successful which was quite pleasing. We then headed up on to Exmoor where we did the first timed special test. Just after that we found a poor Exmoor pony stuck in a cattle grid. We stopped and with some help of some other riders we managed to get him out which was a bit hairy as he kept kicking! Pete was particularly brave here! It took about half an hour and the horse was a bit cut, but he seemed all right and he just wandered off on to the moor in the dark.





We then had a fantastic ride over the moor, it was a clear night and you could see the lights of Wales on the other side of the Bristol Channel. The next check was Barbrook. We were a bit late because of the horse incident. The local ladies had laid on hot food and drink in the village hall with the proceeds going towards the upkeep of the hall a much needed break and warmly received.

Straight after was the second section, the infamous Beggars Roost! This year the start of the section was on a steep gradient. We had had the only rain in the last few months making it slippery. Pete and Pat cleaned it ok, but I could not even get to the start line without footing. The little bike (and I) really struggled. From here it was back on to Exmoor to Simonsbath, another fantastic ride and on to the next section: Rodney's Revenge!!! We were all clean here. It was about this time when it started to rain again, we all cleaned the next section Cutcliffe Lane, despite the weather, and continued on to section 4 Sutcombe Hill.

The restart here was on the rock step just near the top. My brave Teammates were successful here, but again I could not get off the line at the restart. I thought I had burnt the clutch out as I had about 2 inches of free play on the lever by the time I got to the top of the section!!

At about 5 am and the ladies of Sutcombe Village also provided hot food and drink, it's all very nice but no good for the waist line. Fortunately after cooling down, the Kawasaki's clutch had returned to normal and so we headed off to Wickets' Garage at Bradworthy for fuel. Here we met up with Nigel one of our skiing pals - he lives nearby and he had dragged himself out of bed on this wet dark morning to come and watch us go up the next section which is Darracott. This is a great section with a lot of tight turns in it. We all cleaned this one!!!

By now the rain was horrible you could not see with or without goggles. We somehow managed to find our way to Widemouth Bay time check, it was light now, which improved the visibility, but it was still raining hard. Next section Crackington! This was really hard with a restart in the worst bit. Unfortunately we all failed this section. From here it's off to breakfast and the rest halt at the Wisley Down Hotel it was now 7.30am.

We restarted an hour later; next section is No. 8, Warlaggan. I failed this but the others were clean. Section 9 followed, which was Ladyvale and another all clear for the Southern Softies.

Section 10 Hoskin, Pat and I cleaned this and I thought Pete did too, but in the results it says he stopped!!! We then continued to the second Special Test at Bishop's Path closely followed by Section 11 Bishops Wood, all clean here, even got into second gear and got some air over the hump.

There is now 25 miles of road work down the A30 to the last sections at Blue Hills Mine. It's a bit of a drag, but it's worth it when you get there. Blue Hills is spectacular; it's on a cliff top overlooking the Atlantic and as you approach it looks impossibly steep. However, it's not as bad as it looks, but it's still quite challenging. Pete cleaned both the sections here, the results say that Pat failed Bluehills 2, but I do not think that he did.

I failed both Bluehills 1 and Bluehills 2 (obviously the bike!!)

All that was left now was to ride 19 miles to the finish at Fraddon on the A30.

So that was another challenging, but enjoyable event.

The Official results show that Pete and Pat both won Bronze Medals I unfortunately did not win anything. We are expecting medals from the RSPCA too!!!

Altogether we rode about 450 miles and all 3 bikes gave no trouble whatsoever. The little Kawasaki was amazing keeping up with the larger bikes on the road but too high geared for the sections. Here's to the Edinburgh trial in October.

Alan Ross

Club Night

Our next Club night is on Thursday 7th June. As it will be half term and the juniors can come along, we hope to organise some games etc - come along to the Red Lion at Betchworth at around 8.00pm, and socialise with other Club members & join in with the fun.

Festival Of Sport - Priory Park, Reigate on 6th May 2012

Exciting news! After having a stationary exhibit at this event for the last two years, we are now being allowed to run a demonstration in an area of woodland, to show off our sport and the Club to the public! Several sections will be set out, and various people have been roped in to assist with this demonstration.

It would be lovely to see Club members there on the day - if you are around, come and support us and say hello!

Next Club Trial - Beare Gill, Ockley on Saturday 26th May 2012

The next Club trial is at Beare Gill, Ockley on **Saturday** 26th May 2012, starting at 1pm, and will be followed by a BBQ. This event is being run on a Saturday, since the survey we ran a while ago came out heavily in favour of running some Saturday events, so we expect a good turn out from all you members!

Please contact Colin Don on 07768058411 or by e mail to debbie.don1@btinternet.com if you can assist in any way - either by clearing or laying out in the morning, or volunteering to be head chef at the BBQ!.

Club Trials - General Regulations

Course	Club trials may be either five laps of eight sections or four laps of ten sections. In both cases there will be a break after the second lap. It is preferred that riders ride the course as laps starting at whichever section they prefer and not keep riding the same section continuously.
General	<p>Please note that all parents/people with parental authority are responsible for under 18 year old riders and it is required that you sign their entry forms. For safety reasons do not ride around the course alone but in small groups observing each other in the sections. Always check a section is clear before entering and no practising in the sections before or during the trial. If caught practising you may be disqualified.</p> <p>HELMETS ARE OPTIONAL FOR ADULTS BUT YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO WEAR ONE. ALL UNDER 18 RIDERS MUST WEAR A HELMET.</p> <p>Club trials are AMCA events run by Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.</p>
Entries	<p>Please download an entry form from the website at www.rnd.co.uk (under What's on) and bring fully completed to save time when signing on, together with the correct money. Please remember to bring your Membership Card. If you cannot produce a current Membership Card, you will be charged as a guest rider - it is not the responsibility of the volunteer(s) undertaking the signing on to check whether you have renewed your membership.</p>

April Club Trial at Dunsfold- 15/04/2012

A reasonable turn out of 32 riders. Best on the day were as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd
White/Expert	Stuart Read - 16	Pete Penton* - 39	Scott Dark - 40
Inter	Matt Don - 34		
Novice Blue	Pat Lloyd-Jacob - 6	David Radford* - 39	Michael Hyden* - 63
Blue Over 40	Antony Read & Pete Jenkins - 41 (Both 19 cleans)	Alan Stanley - 43	Rob Edwards - 50
Red	David Cutler - 15	Keith Cross - 26	Luke Edwards - 40
Red Under 16	James Dark - 39		
Yellow	Brian Walpole - 0	Mike Hammond - 6	Curtis Howell - 10

* = Guest Rider

Thanks go to Rob's laying out team for setting out the event, Carol & Colin for the signing on and to all those who helped with the taking down.

Air Ambulance Motorbike Run

The following has been received, and it would be great if the road bikers in the Club could support this event:

I am writing to tell you about the Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Motorbike Run that is taking place on Sunday 30 September this year. As a biker I would really appreciate your support in helping us promote this event as widely as possible. This is the first such event we are holding but we are hoping for good support from bikers across the region so we hope you will be able to take part.

You can register online via the following link:

www.kssairambulance.org.uk/fundraising/kssevents/event/45

Kind regards,

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Star Group Appeal!

As part of our Club's participation in the Star Group, we need to provide a Club steward (non-riding) at the Star Group trial at Frensham in June. NO experience in stewarding is required - just common sense to have a wander around and see if the sections look sensible etc.

It would be great if one of the Club members could put themselves forward to undertake this - rather than one of the Committee. A great opportunity to see what Star Group is all about for those of you who have not yet ridden in one of these trials!

Please let Colin know if you can do this on 07768058411 or by e mail to debbie.don1@btinternet.com.

Motorbike Tours in Spain

The following has been received, and may be of interest to those of you who own road bikes:

Mototouring
Avda de Lugo Asturias
33400-Aviles n°26-Bajo
Spain
www.mototouring.es

Estimated colleagues;

We offer to discover the charms of North of Spain through Motorcycle guided routes by our land, you will admire our beautiful landscapes and enjoy our roads all the year round.

In addition, we would like to give the traveller the opportunity to taste the delights of our gastronomy, know our culture, customs and if they want, do some of the activities we recommend.

All our services are developed from the premise of offering the highest quality, starting with the selection of the routes and continuing with housing, restaurants

and cultural activities. We wish and expect it to be unforgettable experience that you remember a lifetime.

We want to guide our clients not only in the roads but to give them the opportunity to enjoy what our land offers. Our intention is that everyone who comes to visit, return more often.

Therefore, they will be accompanied by two expert local guides who will offer explanations in Spanish, English and Portuguese along the whole tour.

All members of Reigate & Redhill North Downs MC will obtain a 10% discount.

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