

## Aldermaston Nomads Motorcycle Club Newsletter November 2017

So the clocks have changed, poppies are on sale and our annual **Remembrance Day trial** is almost upon us. This year it falls on the **11<sup>th</sup> November** and will be held, as usual, at the **Pickling Yards, Mortimer West End**. This is the second round of the club's trials championship. As ever, the course will be marked out with the emphasis on enjoyment, with three routes in the sections to appeal to all classes and abilities.

Aldermaston Nomads - Club Trial Championship 17/18 - Round 1 - Ellisons 7th Oct

The Aldermaston Nomads held the first of a new season of CTC trials at Ellisons near Greenham on the 7th Oct. We had a fine autumnal day which was enjoyed by three generations of riders on a course kindly set out by Reynard Norris and Dave Barrett.



Well done to Reynard for winning the A route with 4 marks lost, and Mark Elms, Adrian Steele and Dave Barrett for clean sheets to top the B route. Peter Armstrong took the C's, Bailey Tidbury the Youth B/B, Max Agar the Youth C/B and Glen Hutchins the Pre65.

Full results can be found here: [results CtC 17-18 - Round1 - 071017](#)

Thanks also to Laurence Hansen, John Dowse & Brice Haines for car park clearance & to Malcolm for observing

Next CTC trial is at the Pickling Yards Mortimer on 11th November

## **Matters Arising**

Last month's article from the archives on the 1964 Sunbeam 200 trial created some feedback from our clubmates, ranging from: they knew how to enjoy themselves back then, to wow that is some trials outfit (of Tony's NorVin)

I also received some feedback from the Norvin's creator, Tony Jeffery, correcting my description of the beast. So if you are contemplating building a replica, it was a Shadow engine (not Lightning – apparently that is a factory race spec engine) and it was a Slimline Featherbed (not a Wideline). It also used the Norton gearbox. The original machine is currently awaiting a full rebuild at Henwick Vehicle Services under the watchful eye of proprietor John Dowse.

## **CLASSIC MOTOCROSS DES NATIONS – DENMARK by John and Chris Dowse**

Following the clear up after the Gerry Allen Memorial Scramble, we embarked on a 1,700 mile round trip for the Classic Motocross des Nations at Randers in Denmark.

On arriving at the track, we were informed that a month's rain had fallen in the last two days!! The designated England paddock was at the bottom of the track under a few inches of water, where we settled for Thursday evening, moving on Friday morning to higher ground, sharing the paddock allotted to the Danish team, which was far nicer.

On inspecting the course Friday evening, it was knee deep in wet sand! We awoke Saturday morning to the sound of heavy machinery working miracles on the course. The first practice sessions were extremely slippery and treacherous. However, it did dry out considerably, which resulted in an excellent, all be it, exhausting days racing.

In the 30+ class the form on paper looked to be with the Czech Republic team, but with strong competitors from Estonia, Sweden and our very own England, the large crowds were in for treat in this highly competitive class. It was the Czech rider of Radek Toman who dominated the days racing taking 2 race wins, this combined with great results from his team mates, gave them the edge over the rest of the countries to take the overall victory. For Estonia, their top rider and former +30 European Champion Jaanus Luuding scored a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, which helped his team to runner-up spot just ahead of Sweden in 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. For England, Kris Winder and Scott Hayworth scored good results and gave the team 4<sup>th</sup> overall on the day. Wales finished 8<sup>th</sup> overall.

In the +50 class all eyes were on local hero Flemming Vad to see if he could take the Danish team to victory, but an extremely fast team from Belgium, which included current +50 European Champion Jan Blancquaert, saw them take the overall class victory from Denmark by just 2 points. For England our best result of the day was from Keith Best who took a 4<sup>th</sup> in race 1 but had bike problems in race 2. Ady Cox was on form but denied good results with bike problems in both races. Good sound results from Nick Archer on the 250 and Chris Collins. The team finished 8<sup>th</sup> overall, just ahead of Scotland in 9<sup>th</sup> and Wales in 10<sup>th</sup>.

England had more to cheer about in the +60 class. In both of the +60 motos the racing was between the 2 Peters; Peter Mathia from England and Peter v.d. Nieuwenhof from the Netherlands. In moto 1 Mathia had the lead but a crash during the race handed the victory to v.d. Nieuwenhof with Mathia eventually coming back to 2<sup>nd</sup>. Moto 2 saw v.d. Nieuwenhof and Mathia swap top spot several times but with 2 laps to go Mathia got to the front and pulled a gap from v.d. Nieuwenhof to take the race victory much to the delight of the English supporters. For the Netherlands v.d. Nieuwenhof's victories along with solid results from the other

team members was enough to give them the overall victory just ahead of France and Czech Republic, for England they finished 7<sup>th</sup>, with Wales 10<sup>th</sup> and Scotland 11<sup>th</sup>.

In the +66 class the team from the Czech Republic were in a class of their own taking top 5 positions in 6 out of 8 of the races, this resulted in them taking the overall victory. For England they had a chance of finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Czech if they could have better results than the local Danish team, and with hard work from all 4 riders and top results in particular from Stuart Miller (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>), the team managed to secure the runner up spot by just 1 point ahead of the team from Denmark, the Welsh team finished 6<sup>th</sup>.

In the +70 class the team from Sweden were top on the day taking the overall win with a margin of 35 points, both moto wins came from their riders with Hans Astorsson taking the win in race 1 and Roland Gustavsson taking the victory in race 2, for England they had to settle for 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

*My thanks to John and Chris for this excellent article for the newsletter. If you've got a piece you would like to share with your clubmates, please let me have it.*

### **A Nasty but True Tale!**

To all who bring their bike bits into the house, let this be a warning.

A man, who shall be nameless, pushed his bike from the patio into his living room where he began to clean it with some dusters and a dish of petrol.

When finished, he could not resist the temptation to start it to make sure it was OK (his partner was out by the way)

What he had not checked was that it was in gear, and he burst through the patio doors, holding on to the handlebars. His partner returned at that time and found him badly cut on the patio, called a paramedic, who promptly sent him off to A&E.

Later that afternoon after being sent home stitched and bandaged together again, he went to bed. His partner cleared up the mess and poured the remaining petrol into the toilet.

Shortly, our wise motorcyclist woke up and went to the toilet and lit a cigarette, threw it into the toilet bowl which exploded because the petrol had not been flushed away.

He was blown through the toilet door, this alerted his partner who found him on the landing floor with his trousers blown away and burns to his backside. She immediately called for an ambulance.

The same paramedics came to the scene, put the chap onto a stretcher and prepared to take him to hospital again.

On asking her how it happened, she told the medics and they laughed so much they dropped the poor man and he received a broken collar bone.

It really does seem that things come in threes!

I was quite taken with a recent ad on e-bay which says:



“The first time I rode a dirt bike - I was sentenced to a life behind bars”

I think that is a truism for many of us!

### **Classified Ads**

Have you got something motorcycle related to sell? Bikes, parts, gear etc. Let me know and I'll ensure it goes into the next newsletter.

If you've got anything for the newsletter, please call (0788 402 6475) or email ([jim.gould281@btinternet.com](mailto:jim.gould281@btinternet.com))

### **Forthcoming Events**

#### **2017**

11<sup>th</sup> Nov          Round 2, Remembrance day trial, Pickling Yards, Mortimer

30<sup>th</sup> Dec          Round 3, Christmas trial, Pickling Yards, Mortimer

#### **2018**

5<sup>th</sup> Jan          MCC Exeter long distance Trial, Popham Start

29th April      Pathfinder , 3 stage trial, Frith Hill, Deepcut, Frimley Green

Please keep an eye on the Nomads Website which Ian does a great job of keeping up to date.

[www.aldermaston-nomads.org](http://www.aldermaston-nomads.org)