

Aldermaston Nomads Motorcycle Club Newsletter December 2017

Season's Greetings to all Nomads and their families.

The snow has started to fall reminding me that its time I wrote the Christmas newsletter and to let you know of the forthcoming Aldermaston Nomads Christmas trial. As usual, it will be held at the **Pickling Yards, Mortimer West End, RG7 3UT, 11am, Saturday 30th December**. The club will be putting on hotdogs and Gleuwine as usual, plus a raffle supporting the landowners chosen charity. Any raffle prize donations most welcome – please bring them along to the trial.

Important safety notice

We were advised at a recent committee meeting that all youth trials riders are now required to have a Lanyard cut-out/kill switch fitted to their machines. In order to comply with ACU regulations the Nomads will be enforcing this at all club trials.

Close to club Championship, Round 2, Saturday 11th November

An excellent trial saw a good spread of scores in all classes. There were some stand out performances - "A" route saw Reynard lose just 9 marks over the 40 sections (4 x laps of 10) in slippery woodland conditions & was closely followed by the welcome visit of Victoria Payne on 16.

Equally meritorious on "B" route was the emerging talent of Luke Hora who, in losing just 12 marks, saw off established riders in the form of Adrian Steele & Dave Barrett.

The two Youths on the same route produced a win for Bailey Tidbury over the younger Max Agar.

"C" route produced a faultless ride by Glen Hutchins on his shiny Villiers James- no trick Bantams needed by Glen!

Full results are on the website!

Pathfinder preparations

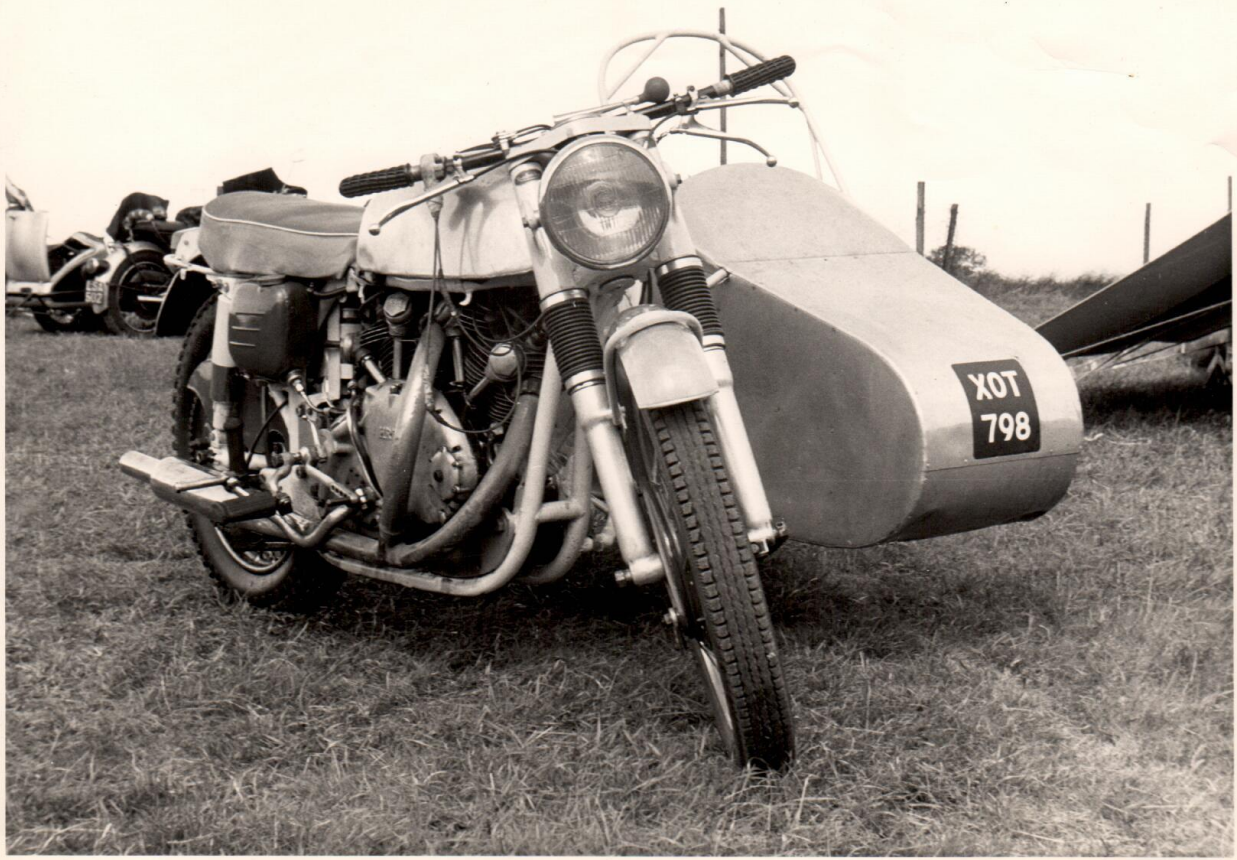
You may think it's too early to be thinking about the **Pathfinder trial on 29th April**, but I can assure you that it is never too early to start planning our showcase event. We have set up a sub-committee to plan and organise next year's event and we have recruited Kev Greening, Steve McCormick and Murray Laban from Surrey TRF into the Nomads to bolster our efforts.

Please put the date into your diary, because if you are not riding we need your help to run the event.

We would also like to encourage more trials bikes to enter. It is quite a tight course and a fire breathing enduro machine is probably at a disadvantage to a well ridden, nimble trials bike. Contrary to popular myth, it is not a bike busting event! (provided that you stay away from the trees)

Tony's Norvin

Following on from the recent feature on the 1964 Sunbeam 200 long distance trial, I thought you might like to see what the mighty NorVin outfit looked like. The pictures on the next page show the machine in road going trim, the lower picture shows it in road race trim leading into the hairpin on the club Circuit at Cadwell.



Tony has also given me a wintry trials picture, he's the one who appears to have blown his head gasket! The picture is from the days when the Jack Englefield trial used to run through Cottrells Copse and many other choice parts of rural Berkshire. It reminds me of the much missed Tadley Time Trial, which was traditionally run in Cottrells Copse in early January. I don't know why I'm nostalgic for such a tough and unforgiving event – must be a muddy masochist?



Has anyone got a good picture I could use from the Tadley Time Trial (Padworth Trophy)?

Classified Ads

Have you got something motorcycle related to sell? Unwanted Christmas present perhaps? 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)

Forthcoming Events

30th Dec Round 3, Christmas trial, Pickling Yards, Mortimer

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5th Jan MCC Exeter long distance Trial, Popham, Start TBA

30th Jan Committee meeting, Ian's Place

4th Feb Mortimer Club, Jack Englefield Trial, Bennets Hill, Theale

3rd March Round 4, closed to club trial, Ellisons, Thatcham

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