

Aldermaston Nomads Motorcycle Club Newsletter April 2018

The spring has finally arrived, so it must be time for the **Pathfinder** three stage trial which will be held at Frith Hill, Deepcut, near Frimley Green on **Sunday 29th April!**

This is our big event of the year and it needs planning, organising and concerted effort to prepare and run smoothly. This year we have had considerable help from our friends in the Surrey TRF as we transition running the event from the old guard to a younger, fitter and enthusiastic new organisational team.

One change brought in by the new guard has been to introduce on-line entries via the ACU website. This has had quite an impact with the event being oversubscribed within 10 days of opening! Inevitably this has led to some regulars not getting a ride. This is regrettable, but entries have always been on a first come first served basis.

The Pathfinder timetable is:

Friday 27 th	9.30	Outline course plotting working party, foot/bicycle only
Saturday 28 th	9.30	detailed course and section marking, motorbikes allowed, lunch NOT provided.
Sunday 29 th	8.30	Core organising team to arrive, set up, check course etc
	9.00	officials arrive, sign on, deployed to sections etc
	9/9.30	Competitors arrive, sign on, scrutineered
	10.30	Stage 1 Start

Please support this event, if you have offered to Observe/marshall please make every effort to get there. If you are not going to make it please let Mike Leeke, Chief Marshall, know at the first opportunity (07860 725928)

Closed to Club Trials Championship – Round 4, Ellisons, 7th April

Twenty-two riders turned out for round 4, postponed from the snowed off March event.

Congratulations to all class winners, results can be found on the Website.

Round 5 and final round of the 2018 Nomads Closed to Club trial championships will be held on 26th May, at Hermitage. Entry form attached, for further details see website.

Riders are requested to present an up to date club membership card when signing on for all club trials

Important safety notice

Lanyard cut-out/kill switches to be fitted to all Youth trials machines

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 ruling at all club trials.

Good News

Our treasurer, Tony Jeffery, has made remarkable progress from his recent hip replacement surgery and is now well and truly back on his feet and currently enjoying himself on a cruise.

Tales from the TT

With TT time fast approaching a little tale of a somewhat younger Isle of Man virgin's trip to the motorcycling Mecca in 1971!

The tale starts with being a fringe member of the Reading branch of the Triumph owners motor cycle club -but without a Triumph at the time- but they took pity on me with my Ariel Arrow. Anyway, the TT pilgrimage was being organised by their regular runners & a space was vacant to make up another Quorum so being desperate they invited me to step in. For some reason that escapes me, maybe I was running out of spark plugs, the Arrow had been sold to fund the imminent ambition of buying a new Bultaco Sherpa as well as regular investments in the towcar Mk1 rust bucket Cortina.

So, with June fast approaching a hasty purchase of a "credible" set of wheels in the form of a late 50's Norton 19S 'barn find' at the extortionate price of £50, was achieved. A rushed oily rag preparation was completed and soon the mission north west commenced in company with TOMCC members in the form of the late Mac McColm, his son Peter (both on water cooled Suzuki Kettles) and "Butch"Gennis on his Bonneville.

By the time we had reached Banbury the Norton was due for minor surgery so a tube of exhaust paste was purchased to stick the front pipe back into the head. The convoy continued onwards, "Services" hopping up the M6 until it was the Norton's turn to lead from the front-but just the once-at the next changeover 'she' was requested to remain at the rear - apparently the other 3 had collected enough oil mist from the Norton's cracked rocker feed pipe to prevent even the Jap bikes chrome from peeling.

Moving forwards to the Island, by the Sunday the oil pipe had been soldered up by the temporary resident bike engineer/tax evader (allegedly) the late Eddie 'Tom Tit' Chandler, so it was more miles on the Tarmac- well most of the time-until on returning towards Douglas from the Tuesday night TOMCC meet the deceptively sharp (my excuse) downhill right hander of Signpost Corner saw the Norton riding the dusty bankside and the inevitable shower of sparks as she returned to her preferred tarmac, albeit on her side. As the following gang of Triumph riders stopped to ridicule the shortcomings of the famed "Roadholder" Heritage of the fallen Norton, levers & footrest were kicked back into shape & the holiday continued.

Looking for a safer activity the next evening, Butch & I hit the bars & clubs(at least the ones you didn't have to pay to get in) of the capital to finally get 'encouraged' by two of Liverpool's finest inebriated exports in their best frocks to an adjacent dancehall so we could buy them more night caps, culminating in 'my' dance partner turning vampire to the tune of Lou Reeds (you guessed it) 'Walk on the Wild Side', the result of which meant wearing my collar up the next few days to hide the badge of dishonour! The coffee shop follow up to this experience the ensuing day was the purchase of ice cream for my assailants offspring (read snotty kid) & a return to safer two wheeled pursuits!

A great week was enjoyed, (all Four of us in two double beds in a single bedroom in a backstreets of a Douglas unlisted B&B) followed all too soon by the trip south, halting in Banbury once again-this time to the smell of vaporising 4 star, rapid closer inspection revealing the Amal Monobloc float chamber cover swinging on the 1 remaining screw-thought it was running a bit lumpy-but no worries,1 of the fallen screws was stuck to the grunge on the gearbox, so home we went.

Anon.

Classified Ads

Brice Haines is clearing out his shed - still!

The Yamaha, Scorpa and C15T frame have found new keepers, so just the two Pre 65 BSA's available now. Brice has both machines advertised elsewhere, so if you are tempted give him a call.

BSA B40 350cc, pre 65 trials bike, road registered as 1964 (was pre 65 Scottish eligible in 1998) in Sammy Miller version of the oil in frame Otter, conical alloy hubs /rims, MP style forks, Falcon shocks, new IRC front tyre, Michelin rear, large capacity alloy tank, currently with red seat and mudguards, engine with de-compressor head, recently honed and new rings fitted, big end and bottom end considered sound, valves, seats etc. all good. Electrex World ignition, lightweight clutch spring plate, extra plate and springs fitted recently. Inspection/test can be arranged.



BSA B40 350cc pre 65 trials bike, nominally 1964, in the original Harry Foster 60/70's Otter oil in frame, slimline alloy tank, ali rims on cub hubs, GB Trials gearbox, MP style forks, red guards, black seat, engine sounds sweet with Boyer ignition. Inspection/test can be arranged.



If you are interested in any of these machines give Brice a call on 07733 017670

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

Forthcoming Events

28 th April	Pathfinder working party, 9.30 – lunch NOT provided
29 th April	Pathfinder, 3 stage trial, Frith Hill, Deepcut, Frimley Green, GU16 6GA
19 th May	Mortimer Classic, European Classic Motocross, Bennets Hill, Theale
20 th May	Mortimer Classic, Club Scramble, Bennets Hill
26 th May	Closed to Club Trial, Round 5, Hermitage
15 th June	Club Dinner, venue and details to be confirmed
20 th June	AGM, Tony's, Baughurst
14 th July	Mortimer Classic, 100 mile team scramble, Bennetts Hill
15 th July	Mortimer Classic, Club Scramble, Bennets Hill
18 th Aug	Club Barbeque, Mike Leeke's, Hannington
2 nd Sept	Mortimer Classic, club scramble, Bennets Hill

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

www.aldermaston-nomads.org

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

ALDERMASTON NOMADS MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

CLOSED TO CLUB TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND FIVE 17/18 SEASON

Saturday 26th May 2018 Start 11.00 pm Permit No. ACU.53437
Clerk of course B. Haines (Lic. No.53895) Club stewards D. Bathe
Secretary of meeting
Mrs A. Haines, Two Oaks, Summerlug, Mortimer Common RG7 2JS Tel 01189 333145

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

Jurisdiction Held under the National Sporting Code, Environmental Code and Standing Trials Regulations of the A.C.U., the Southern Centre Trials Regulations, these supplementary regulations and any Final Instructions that may be issued.

Eligibility Open to all registered members of the Aldermaston Nomads, both adult and youth classes, riding trials or trail solo or sidecars, including pre-65 machines. Entries on the day with a fee of £10.00 (inc. PA insurance & ACU levy), (£5-00 for riders in Youth classes).

Licences **ACU licence and club membership to be shown.**

Course Barlow's Pit, Hermitage

Awards Points to club championship in each class, See newsletter for details.

CLOSED TO CLUB TRIAL ROUND FIVE 17/18

Aldermaston Nomads MCC

Permit No. ACU.53437

26th May 2018

Entry Declaration: I, the undersigned apply to enter the event described above and in consideration thereof:-

I hereby declare that I have had the opportunity to read, and that I understand the National Sporting Code of the ACU, the ACU Standing Regulations, such Supplementary Regulations as have or may be issued for the event, and agree to be bound by them.

I further declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and am competent to do so.

I confirm that I understand the nature and type of event I am entering and it's inherent risks and agree to accept the same notwithstanding that such risks may involve negligence on the part of the organisers or officials.

I confirm that the machine as described below which I compete on shall be suitable and proper for the purpose.

I confirm that if any part of the event takes place on a public highway, the machine described below shall be insured as required by the Road Traffic Acts, or equivalent legislation, and that it will comply with the regulations in respect thereof.

I agree that I am required to register my arrival by 'signing-on' at the designated place not less than 30 minutes prior to commencement of my practice or first competition, whichever occurs first.

I enclose entry fee of £_____

Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport: I understand that by taking part in this event I am exposed to a risk of death, becoming permanently disabled or suffering some other serious injury and I acknowledge that even in the event that negligence on the part of the ACU, the promoter, the organising club, the venue owner, or any individual carrying out duties on their behalf were to be a contributory cause of any serious injury I may suffer, the dominant cause of any serious injury will always be my voluntary decision to take part in a high risk activity.

I have read the above and acknowledge that my participation in motorsport is entirely at my own risk.

Rider's Signature If under 18 state date of birth

For riders and passengers under 18 years of age – I accept the above conditions of entry to this event and give my approval:-

Signature of parent or or person with parental responsibility:

Riders and passengers under 18 years of age who cannot produce a valid ACU Trials Registration must also complete a 'Parental Agreement form (Single Event)' in addition to this entry form.

Rider's Name and Address (block letters):-

..... e-mail -

..... Post code.....

Telephone Number ACU Licence No. -

Club Machine cc

My Status is EXPERT / NOVICE

CLASS -

Trial / Trail / Pre-65 / Youth A B C

ROUTE - A / B / C