

## Aldermaston Nomads Motorcycle Club Newsletter February 2018

A very very belated happy new year to all Nomads and their families. (never sure when you should stop this greeting?)

It has been a busy period for the local trials fraternity. Since Christmas we have had a Mortimer fun trial, Nomads Christmas trial, the Talmag, and the Jack Englefield trials with the Three Musketeers coming soon.

**The next Nomads Closed to Club trial is Round 4 and will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, at Ellisons, just up the hill from Thatcham railway station.**

### 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.**

*Closed to Club Trials Championship – Round3 Pickling Yards, Mortimer – 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017*

Once again our Christmas trial was held at the Pickling Yards in Mortimer on a cold, but thankfully dry Saturday between Christmas and New Year. As is often the way, we saw our best turn out of the year – 41 riders.

Prior to the start a presentation was held to recognise the 25+ years of service to club of Chris Dowse. Chris has been an unerring Club Secretary and our thanks go to her for her support over the years.



Chris receiving her award from Club Chairman – Mike Leeke.

Reynard had set out 10 good sections utilising new areas plus a couple of old favourites. The sections were possibly tougher than usual with some of the new sections cutting up more than expected.

The event itself was enjoyed by all, and we saw a good range of riders in all classes, including quite a few new faces young and old.

Thanks as always to Haines family for providing hot dogs and mulled wine, Reynard for setting the course and to you all for supporting the raffle in aid of the landowners charity.

Well done to the class winners

	A route		B route		C Route				Pre-65		
1st	Reynard Norris	15	1st	Mark Elms	8	1st	Adam Grosch	0	1st =	Glen Hutchins	0
2nd	Alex Taylor	41	2nd	Luke Hora	11	2nd	Nigel Woods	6	1st =	Jonathan Hawthorne	0
3rd	Tony Moulder	43	3rd	Adrian Steele	15	3rd	Brice Haines	10			
	Youth B / B		Youth C / B		Youth C / C						
1st	Bailey Tidbury	45	Max Agar	41	Josh Cole	30					
2nd	Jonathan Bathe										

Pathfinder preparations

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have set up a subcommittee who are responsible for organising and running the **Pathfinder Three Stage Trial to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April**. A lot of behind the scenes work is going on to help keep our showcase event alive and kicking. A small team recently carried out a successful recce at Frith Hill in preparation for a new and longer course for this year's event.

Please please please put the date into your diary. We need 30 officials to run the event efficiently, so if you are not riding we need your help with Observing and Marshalling.

All you trials riders please take note, this is a trial and your bike is suitable.

**Get well soon**

I'm sure you will all join with me in wishing our treasurer, Tony Jeffery, a swift recovery from hip replacement surgery following a fall from his bicycle. Déjà vu all over again?

I am indebted to John Dowse for the attached Pathfinder related article from 1970



## Sandiford's ISDT Cheney

I enjoyed the piece on Jim Sandiford's Cheney, but a couple of things stood out as odd.

The bike has been rebuilt as per 1971 – Isle of Man – spec, so why has it got the 1970 (when the ISDT was in Spain) – number on it?

There were a number of changes, the most visible being the change of the original red anodised tanks and the front forks. Neither of those parts were really up to the job.

I cannot be absolutely sure but I think the pre-event trip to the Welsh Two-Day was canned for some reason and the bikes were introduced to the assembled press outside the Atomic Weapons complex in Berkshire. (Bottom pic ) They then did an enduro with written route instructions organised by the Aldermaston Nomads Club. The top photo was taken after the end of the speed test at the ISDT in Spain. I have more photos from both years to add if needed.

**Brian Catt**



## Classified Ads

### Brice Haines is clearing out his shed!

**2004 Scorpa**, only 2 southern owners from new, everything appears to be functioning (used in recent ctc trial) complete with the expected rubbed off paint & graphics , inspection/test can be arranged £1050



**1987 Yamaha 250 TT trail bike**, classic, air cooled, kick start model in red and white. MoT for year, new battery, trials tyre on rear, (Ready for pathfinder) inspection/test can be arranged £700



**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 £3250.



**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 £3000.





BSA C15 Trials modified original type frame which will accept the B40 engine also, new swinging arm bushes & spindle (£50 alone!), Alloy oil tank (another £50!), not repainted so if you know where to look there should be a frame number somewhere! £200



**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 present perhaps? Bikes, parts, gear etc. Let me know and I'll ensure it goes into the next newsletter.

### **Forthcoming Events**

#### **2018**

3<sup>rd</sup> March      Round 4, closed to club trial, Ellisons, Thatcham

30<sup>th</sup> March      MCC Lands End 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.

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