

Aldermaston Nomads Motorcycle Club Newsletter September 2018

The bad news is that our record breaking summer is finally over and its back to the grind for many of us, the good news is that the autumn is with us and that means the start of the trials season!

The first round of the 2018/19 Nomads Closed to Club trials series is upon us; **Saturday 22nd September, at Ellisons, just up the road from Thatcham Railway station.** This is a friendly venue providing a variety of interesting sections but nothing too challenging for those that have gone rusty(?) over the summer. Our trials secretary, Anne Haines, has repeated her request that riders present an up to date membership card when signing on for all club trials – thank you.

Brice has also requested that last year's award winners (Reynard-A route, Mark Elms-B route, Tom Hawthorne-Youth A, Also the Simon Dowse Trophy Bailey Tidbury-youth B, Max Agar-Youth C) please return the trophies at the 1st CTC round so that this year's winners can have their names added.

A big thank you to our chairman Mike Leeke and his lovely wife Hester for hosting the recent club barbeque.

Please join me in congratulating a rising star in our ranks, **Max Agar**, who has finished **third in the Schoolboy National Trials Championship**, a huge achievement. Some credit should also go to Max's dad, Duncan, who provided me with the following report:



Max rides in the C class on a Beta 80. We started the year in the Isle of Man for a two day trial where Max finished 4th and 5th. Then on to Scarborough where he finished 3rd. The very next week, back up north to Sheffield for a 4th place missing out by 2 marks. Then, at the end of June, up to East Lothian, Scotland for a well-deserved 3rd again, then last round at Bracken Rocks, nice and local, Derbyshire Ha ha. Most of the time we've been chasing the Hemmingway brothers. Not a bad result for a young lad from down south who started at the tender age of 8 and half and is now only 12!



Thanks for the report Duncan, well done to Max and a big pat on the back for your sterling efforts to support your lad in our chosen sport.

Congratulations are also in order for two other Nomads:

Congratulations to **Martin Jeffery** for completing his **Ironman** challenge in atrocious weather but still getting under his target time of 11hours and so far raising over £2.3k for Parkinson's research – with a possibility that his company will match fund it!

Congratulations to **Bryan Smith** for his very popular win of the **250 Championship** at the recent **Mortimer Classic scramble**. This year the championship was spread over 4 legs, two races at the May meeting and two at the September meeting. Going into the third leg Bryan was leading by a small margin over "arch" rival Nick Archer. In the third leg Bryan hit the deck early in the race whilst dicing for the lead, he then had a storming come back from more or less last to finish in third place with Archer taking the lead and closing to within 2 points of Bryan's now very narrow championship lead. There was all to play for as they came to the line for the deciding race. Bryan got a great start and pulled to the front by the 2nd bend with Archer in close pursuit. Bryan seemed to lose a bit on the straight bits but just about made enough in the bends to keep the lead. On the 3rd lap Archer got alongside Bryan as they disappeared from my view as they went into the hairpin, I think we all expected to see Archer come into view first, but he'd overcooked it and Bryan went on to win! What a brilliant race – Les Archer and Jeff Smith déjà vu for those of you of a certain age or perhaps that brilliant Smith v Bickers Grandstand Trophy race from the 60's? Well done Bryan!

Stuart Smith was also on good form but a missed gear and over revving his 350 Stacey Special caused a pushrod to *jump ship* ending a very good chance of winning the 350 championship – what a shame! Never mind Stu, there is always next season - that 350 is a real flyer!

Our treasurer has recently been to Australia and sent me the following report:



'It is not only kangaroos you find at the side of the road. While touring Western Australia we pulled in for refreshment behind a pickup truck and I was intrigued to see that there a couple of Nortons and a fore-and-aft Duggie in the back, all circa 1920 I would guess. We walked on up the street to the cafe and saw the rest of the bikes parked outside. It turned out that they were on a club run around WA but the pickup had brought some of the bikes from South Australia (around 1500 miles away!) and was acting as recovery vehicle for the run.

The faired Indian was very rare and the two 1948 HRD Vincents were in mint condition as was another fore-and-aft Douglas. There were also two side valves, a 16H Norton in original army paintwork and another Indian - not quite so smart but pulled away with terrific torque and a crackle worthy of a Gold Star when it left!

(Strange to go to the other side of the world to take pictures of a motorbike made in the home counties?)



For those of you not familiar with the Indian, they are strange devices that must demand a fair bit of concentration to ride, with the foot operated clutch, hand change and I believe the throttle works the wrong way?



I've ridden a Dougie similar to the one in Tony's picture, another challenge with the controls, much like the old party game of rubbing your tummy and patting your head! I believe they were quite prolific about 100 years ago as they were 1st World War despatch riders bikes.



For Sale

Not satisfied with clearing his own shed, Brice is apparently helping to clear his neighbours?

I have the following road riding kit to sell on behalf of a neighbour whose friend never got to use it. (in his 80's!)

Jet Helmet, black open face type with visor, size M 57-58cm

Ankle boots, black lace up, size 41(7 1/2)

Gloves, sizeM, black

Mask(balaclava type)

Knee warmers M/L

Kidney belt M 89-99cm black

Bike Socks,39/42,black

All mainly "B Square" product name with reflective features, could have been an Aldi type promo! To clear,£25

Brice 07733017670 (collect or will take to CTC trial on Sept 22)

(Have pics to forward to any interested punters)

Forthcoming Events

Sat 22nd Sept, Rd1 Closed to Club Championship, Ellisons, near Thatcham Railway Station.

Wed 7th Nov, Committee meeting 20:00, 1 Yew Close, Kingsclere. RG20 5ET Ian -07771 774978

Sat 10th Nov, Rd2 Pickling yards

29th Dec, Rd3 Pickling Yards

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Rd4 Ellisons - date TBA

29th April, Pathfinder 3 Stage

Rd 5 date and Venue to be advised, potentially Pickling Yards?

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

www.aldermaston-nomads.org

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