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EDITORIAL

On Sunday, 28th March, a most successful film show was presented by the ladies of the Social Committee, under the able chairmanship, (or should it be chairwomanhip?) of Mrs. Phelps. The village hall at Ibsley, more familiarly the scene of our A.G.M.'s, was filled to overflowing, and a most interesting selection of films was shown by the industrious ladies concerned. Club Chairman, Peter Breaker, took advantage of the occasion to present the trials championship trophies, and the availability of a variety of refreshments added to the enjoyment of a most convivial afternoon.

Several errors crept into last month's "Scrambletta", the most serious of which credited Michael Webb with winning the Paul Miles Trophy at Boundary Lane, when in fact it was won by Peter King. My apologies to Michael and Peter, both of whom I feel sure, are going to be well to the fore in C group competitions this year. It was also pointed out that the results given for the 8th C group race at this meeting were wrong. In this case, it was merely a case of the results of the first and last events becoming transposed, so that the actual results were right, but in the wrong order. Finally, while we are in the confessional, a printer's error resulted in Pete Breaker being credited with being elected chairman a matter of hours after the club's second scramble, when it should have read "months", only a little thing I know, but it is best to have the record straight.

A committee meeting was held at the club president's house on 29th March, attended by Messrs Bascombe, Breaker, Poole, Merchant, Wilkinson, Snook, Pidgley, Martin, Small, Phelps, Mrs Poole and Mr and Mrs Miles. Among items discussed was a suggestion from the Corsham Club that an inter-club team scramble be held, first between Ringwood and Corsham, and then if practicable between Ringwood and Horsham and Horsham and Corsham. A decision was held over, pending further details from originator of the scheme, John Mann, the Corsham Secretary.

Good to see Corsham with a magazine of their own at last, most appropriately titled "Full Chat", and congratulations to editor John Mann would seem to be in order for a very fine effort.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

The scramble season is now getting into top gear, and a little taking stock would seem in order, so that we may judge how well our organisation is coping. Certainly the marshalling problems seem to have been solved, although we did have one or two complaints from people who considered they were kept at their post too long. It should be remembered however, that until the present scheme was adopted, the same people spent the entire meeting out on the course, in some cases with no relief all day. Even now, the Clerk of the Course and the young ladies who wield the flags on the finishing line, spend all day at the task, with far less obligation to do so than actual parents of competitors. The situation regarding help in clearing up afterwards has also improved to a very satisfactory level, and I am grateful for this increased sense of responsibility. Only one thing now mars the standard of behaviour, and that concerns the old thorny problem of boys who will not ride at a walking pace when proceeding too and from the course. This has been sufficiently stressed in the past for all members to be fully aware of the consequences of offending in this respect, and the time has now come, I feel, to take a very firm line indeed with any future culprits. At St. Ives on 4th April, four boys were suspended from the rest of the meeting for indulging in this practice, and this is going to happen in every case in future, it just is not good enough that the club officials should have this worry, on top of the considerable responsibility of running a meeting for ninety odd competitors.

Plans are proceeding nicely for the proposed New Milton Carnival Meeting on 1st August, and the course is likely to be between Milford-on-Sea and Lymington. More news on this next month.

Peter Breaker.

GEOFFS JOTTINGS

Who was the Committee Member who was in such a hurry to get to the course at St. Ives that he left a trail of bikes all down the approach road?

THE SCRAMBLE SCENE

Nine of our members attended the opening meeting of the Corsham club on 14th March, their excellent course at Atworth being used for the occasion. Graham Noyce proved well nigh invincible in A group, winning five races, and received sound backing from Andrew Tristram and Russell Foot. The latter in particular was in fine form, winning three heats, and being well placed in all his other rides. Jeremy Merchant as usual, led our offensive in B group, with two wins, to which he would have added a third had he not fallen off when leading another by the proverbial mile. Charles Nott Bower, David Mathews and Alan Foot gave him support, Paul Miles being put out after a promising start with grave mechanical disorders, a fate which also befell Lyndsay Denham. A pity that our C group boys so seldom support these excellent meetings, the Corsham club are not strong in this class, and I could name half a dozen of our boys who would have had a field day.

Ex Ringwood members, Ken Sheppard, Keith Ree, and John Meaden were all going well, which is only to be expected of boys who learned their trade in Dorset. (Sorry John, Jim Bascombe told me to say that !!)

A week of rain boded ill for our second meeting of the season at Woolsbridge Farm, so that we were not really surprised to find this popular venue at its muddiest best (or worst, according to which way you look at it.) The conditions however, were a great leveller, in more ways than one, and a surprisingly large share of the spoils went to the lesser lights, many of whom mastered the conditions extremely well. In A group for instance, Stéphen Cole and Graham Hoare really excelled, while Anthony House, Philip Snook, Brian Howell, Dean Frampton, Graeme Orchard, Mark Ashton, Robert Wadham and Harry Vine, all had above average days. Hero of B group, for sheer consistency, was John Skew, who must have finished in practically every race he contested, no mean feat in such conditions, David Fryer was another to have a good day, as did new boy Chris Moxom, the latter most impressive in this, only his second meeting. Paul Miles started off well with a fighting third place in the first final, thereafter suffering from water in all the wrong places, and Andy Farr emulated this feat towards the end of the afternoon. C group was dominated by aptly named Peter King, he was certainly king of the mud on this occasion, taking the treacherous surface in his stride, and winning every race for which he was eligible with consummate ease.

Of the acknowledged "stars", Stephen Breaker, Graham Noyce, Graham Stacey, John Gillard, Jeremy Merchant, Mark Wilkinson, Chris Adlem, Neil Fripp and Dale Frampton all had a good day, as did Jamie Keir, while another new boy, Neil Hanham, showed a lot of dash, and is obviously going to make his presence felt in C group when he settles down.

The usual quota of visitors included Philip Lane from Corsham, and Kevin Louth, Anthony Quinn, Paul Morris, Ian Slater, Jeremy Sharman and Chris Clark from Horsham, of whom the latter was in scintillating form, winning four races, and showing the utmost contempt for the treacherous surface.

Some slick organisation saw eighty odd competitors get through no fewer than 54 races, although the numbers on the starting grid dwindled dramatically as the day wore on, and the conditions took their toll. Hardest hit was C group, who were reduced to a meagre three starters to finish with.

The Corsham meeting on 28th March was again at Atworth, and Graham Noyce was the most successful Ringwood exponent with victory in four finals. Russell Foot too, had a good day, Jeremy Merchant was not quite his usual all conquering self, and Lindsey Denham and Andrew Tristram were plagued with machine troubles. The visitors' race went to Graham, with Jeremy second, Russell third, Charles Nott Bower fourth and David Matthews fifth.

On 4th April we were back on home ground, with our third meeting of the season and the first at St. Ives. Our chairman had managed to find a new permutation for this tight little course, which became less bumpy as the day wore on. A fantastic entry of 94 competitors was received, surely a record for any schoolboy club event, slick organisation seeing a total of 53 races completed by 6 o'clock. Both of our associated clubs attended in force, Corsham boys including Paul Collins, Sean Willmott, Keith Ree, Martin Leyfield and Colin Chapman, while Horsham were represented by Paul Hunt, Chris Turner, Ian Slater, Derek Wyatt, Graham Knight, Barry Harrison, Denison Parry and numbers 256 and 257, whose names I do not know. This was Ian Slater's last meeting as a schoolboy scrambler, and he made it a memorable one, with victory in three finals, including his final race as an under 16. He was well supported in A group by Barry Harrison, with five second places, while, as will be seen from the results, Keith Ree, Kevin Ruddock and Sean Willmott made more than a passing impression in the lower groups.

Of the home riders, Lyndsay Denham at last got something approaching consistency from his somewhat temperamental steed, and had a good day in consequence, including victory in the club championship event. Graham Noyce, John Gillard and Trevor Hardiman took most of the remaining honours, although Nigel Revell's terrific riding deserved far more reward than appears in the results. Graham Stacey had the misfortune to break his frame after a promising start to the day, and Paul Miles was seen with his engine in many pieces for a major part of the meeting.

Mark Wilkinson was superior in B group, but some real dog fights went on behind him, with Jeremy Merchant, Keith Ree and Kevin Ruddock very much involved. John Skew is a very much improved rider in this group this year, and Paul Stephens was going particularly well until taking a nasty tumble that resulted in a badly bruised leg.

For once C group boys had some competition to contend with, Sean Willmott and Paul Collins of Corsham giving the home based riders a run for their money in most events. Bruce Phelps, who had been ill all winter and is still not fully recovered, showed that he has lost none of his competitiveness, his tussles with Peter King and Dale Frampton being rewarded by winning the Paul Miles Trophy.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NOTICE

The Social Committee wish to thank all who supported the film evening, especially those who lent film.

The next venture will be a social dance early in June, at the Crown, Ringwood, where there will be a buffet and bar. This event will be by ticket only, and we hope many of our members and their friends will come and enjoy themselves.

Social Secretary.

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A Group

1st Race.	1. G. Noyce	2. T. Hardiman	3. J. Gillard
c.c. 2nd Race	1. T. Hardiman	2. G. Stacey	3. B. Howell
3rd Race	1. C. Clark	2. J. Gillard	3. S. Cole
4th Race	1. C. Clark	2. S. Cole	3. D. Frampton
5th Race	1. C. Clark	2. S. Cole	3. G. Hoare

B Group

1st Race	1. J. Merchant	2. C. Adlem	3. P. Miles
c.c. 2nd Race	1. J. Merchant	2. C. Adlem	3. J. Skew
3rd Race	1. M. Wilkinson	2. J. Merchant	3. C. Adlem
4th Race	1. M. Wilkinson	2. J. Merchant	3. P. Stephens
5th Race	1. M. Wilkinson	2. J. Merchant	3. A. Farr

A & B Groups

1st Race	1. G. Noyce	2. J. Gillard	3. K. Louth
2nd Race	1. C. Clark	2. G. Hoare	3. S. Cole

C Group

1st Race	1. P. King	2. D. Frampton	3. D. Keir
2nd Race	1. P. King	2. D. Frampton	3. N. Fripp
3rd Race	1. P. King	2. D. Frampton	3. N. Fripp
c.c. 4th Race	1. P. King	2. D. Frampton	3. N. Fripp
5th Race	1. P. King	2. N. Fripp	3. D. Frampton
6th Race	1. P. King	2. D. Frampton	3. N. Fripp
7th Race	1. P. King	2. D. Frampton	
8th Race	1. P. King	2. D. Frampton	3. N. Hanham
9th Race	1. P. King	2. D. Frampton	3. N. Hanham

Club Championship. A. Group. T. Hardiman. B. J. Merchant. C. P. King.

Consistency Chart

A. Group	S. Cole 81. G. Hoare 78. S. Breaker 77. A. House 62. J. Gillard 62. B. Howell 52. T. Hardiman 46. G. Noyce 41. D. Frampton 41. G. Stacey 37. P. Snook 36. G. Orchard 31. M. Ashton 23. R. Wadham 20. H. Vine 16. A. Tristram 16. R. Foot 13.
B. Group	J. Merchant 97. J. Skew 81. M. Wilkinson 61. C. Adlem 58. D. Fryer 42. C. Nott-Bower, 39. C. Moxom 35. P. Stephens 31. A. Farr 28. N. Turner 14. P. Miles 13. C. Small 11. T. Holloway 10.
C. Group	P. King 108. D. Frampton 98. N. Fripp 60. J. Keir 37. T. Cutler 31. N. Hanham 20.

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R E V I S E D SCRAMBLE & TRIAL FIXTURES FOR 1971

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Trophies</u>
7th March	Boundary Lane, St. Leonards	Pidgley & Miles Trophies
21st March	Woolsbridge Farm, Horton Road	
4th April	Birch Road, St. Ives	Pidgley & Miles Trophies
18th April	Boundary Lane, St. Leonards	S.C.G.T.R.A. Trophies
2nd May	Woolsbridge Farm, Horton Road	Pidgley & Miles Trophies
16th May	Boundary Lane, St. Leonards	
23rd May	??	Horsham Inter-Club Scramble
30th May	Birch Road, St. Ives	Pidgley & Miles Trophies
13th June	Boundary Lane, St. Leonards	Ringwood Inter-Club Scramble
27th June	??	B.S.M.A. National Championship
11th July	Woolsbridge Farm, Horton Road	Contractors Trophies
25th July	Birch Road, St. Ives	Pidgley & Miles Trophies
1st August	New Milton	Carnival Scramble
6th August	New Milton	Carnival Display

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Trophies</u>
8th August	Winterborne Stickland	Charity Scramble
22nd August	Boundary Lane, St. Leonards	Pidgley & Miles Trophies
5th September	Woolsbridge Farm, Horton Road	
12th September	??	Corsham Inter-Club Scramble
19th September	??	Ringwood Carnival Scramble
3rd October	Boundary Lane, St. Leonards	Pidgley & Miles Trophies
17th October	Birch Road, St. Ives	West Moors Gala Trophy Scramble
31st October	Woolsbridge Farm, Horton Road	Pidgley & Miles Trophies
14th November	Boundary Lane, St. Leonards	
28th November	Birch Road, St. Ives	Trial
5th December	Ibsley Village Hall	Annual General Meeting
19th December	Boundary Lane, St. Leonards	Trial

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RESULTS. SI. IVES, 14th APRIL, 1971

A Group

1st Race	1. G. Noyce	2. B. Harrison	3. J. Gillard
2nd Race	1. G. Noyce	2. I. Slater	3. L. Denham
c.c. 3rd Race	1. L. Denham	2. G. Stacey	3. T. Hardiman
4th Race	1. I. Slater	2. B. Harrison	3. L. Denham
5th Race	1. I. Slater	2. B. Harrison	3. J. Gillard

B Group

1st Race	1. M. Wilkinson	2. K. Ree	3. K. Ruddock
2nd Race	1. M. Wilkinson	2. K. Ree	3. K. Ruddock
c.c. 3rd Race	1. M. Wilkinson	2. J. Merchant	3. C. Adlem
4th Race	1. M. Wilkinson	2. J. Merchant	3. K. Ree
5th Race	1. M. Wilkinson	2. J. Merchant	3. J. Skew

A & B Group

1st Race	1. G. Noyce	2. B. Harrison	3. T. Hardiman
2nd Race	1. I. Slater	2. B. Harrison	3. J. Gillard

C Group

1st Race	1. P. King	2. B. Phelps	3. P. Collins
2nd Race	1. S. Willmott	2. D. Frampton	3. P. King
3rd Race	1. B. Phelps	2. P. King	3. G. Scovell
4th Race	1. B. Phelps	2. S. Willmott	3. P. King
c.c. 5th Race	1. P. King	2. B. Phelps	3. D. Frampton
6th Race	1. S. Willmott	2. B. Phelps	3. P. King
7th Race	1. S. Willmott	2. P. King	3. G. Scovell
8th Race	1. S. Willmott	2. P. King	3. D. Frampton

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - A. L. Denham. B. M. Wilkinson. C. P. King.

PIDGLEY TROPHIES - A. G. Noyce. B. M. Wilkinson

PAUL MILES TROPHY - B. Phelps.

CONSISTENCY CHART. ST. IVES. 4th APRIL.

- A. Group J. Gillard 83. G. Noyce 69. T. Hardiman 67. N. Revell 61.
L. Denham 60. S. Breaker 56. S. Cole 46. G. Stacey 44.
B. Howell 36. P. Sargent 31. P. Snook 29. D. Frampton 27.
G. Orchard 22. R. Foot 19. A. Roger's 18. G. Hoare 18.
W. Reed 16. R. Ford 12.
- B. Group M. Wilkinson 82. J. Merchant 81. C. Adlem 53. C. Small 51.
J. Skew 38. D. Fryer 25. C. Nott Bower 23. P. Stephens 18.
P. Miles 17. T. Holloway 14. C. Moxom 11. P. Rogers 11.
A. Farr 10.
- C. Group P. King 87. D. Frampton 73. B. Phelps 65. N. Fripp 55.
G. Scovell 52. R. Martin 33. T. Cutler 29. P. Small 28.
G. Benfield 26. J. Keir 23. S. Roberts 23.

With the first round of scrambles completed, one at each venue, the club championship position is as follows :-

- A. Group - G. Stacey 15. T. Hardiman 12. S. Breaker 10. G. Noyce 6.
L. Denham 6. B. Howell 4. J. Gillard 4. A. House 2.
P. Sargent 2. S. Cole 1. N. Revell 1.
- B. Group - J. Merchant 17. M. Wilkinson 11. C. Adlem 9. J. Skew 7.
D. Fryer 5. C. Nott Bower 4. C. Small 4. C. Moxom 3.
P. Stephens 2. A. Farr 1.
- C. Group - D. Frampton 13. P. King 12. N. Fripp 7. M. Webb 6.
P. Small 5. B. Phelps 5. J. Keir 4. T. Cutler 4. G. Scovell 2.
S. Roberts 2. G. Benfield 2.

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Russell learned to ride a motorcycle just on two years ago, on a 98 cc. James, specially modified for the occasion by DAD. He soon got the hang of it, although not even his best friends would credit him with overmuch finesse, his idea of a clutch start being to cover the first yard or so airborne. However, if you think Russell is wild, you should hear some of the stories told about his dad, who, if we are to believe them, was the scourge of the West country where he was raised. Indeed, it is said that more than one escaped prisoner hastily returned to Dartmoor to give himself up, after encountering Geoff on one of his wild night rides. But we digress, so will return to our subject, who we left taking his first lesson, in the course of which a rope was attached to the rear of the machine as a safety measure, the idea being for DAD to run behind holding the reins. This plot resulted in a rapid deterioration in A - the rope, B - Dad and C - the James in that order, and was abandoned forthwith.

As Russell's younger brother Alan, and friend Paul, also learned to ride on the same long suffering machine, it was not long before the latter started to resent the hard life it was leading, in what should have been its declining years. The decision was therefore taken to give Russell a little more power (Talk about playing with fire!) and a near derelict Bantam was acquired and rebuilt into a passable scrambler by Dad, who found the exercise something of a rest cure after the exertions of the driving lessons. Once the new machine was mastered, Russell became a member of the Ringwood Club, and started taking more than his fair share of the bumps and scrapes associated with our sport, his maxim being apparently that if you don't fall off you are not trying hard enough.

When brother Alan in his turn, took to the sport, Dad built a new and more sophisticated machine for Russell, whose old mount was passed down to Alan. This brought an immediate improvement in Russell's riding, who now started to show his true potential, not only as a scrambler, but as a trials rider also, the trophy for third place in B group in the 1969-70 trials season being his first "pot". Last winter saw a complete rebuild of the Bantam, Russell immediately showing his appreciation by going to Corsham and having a field day, with three heat wins and a second, besides falling off when in second place in another, and running out of fuel when contesting the lead in the

visitors' race with Jeremy Merchant, more wins in one meeting than in the whole of his previous career. Fourteen in January, Russell has two more years to go, during which we shall hope to see him score many more successes.

The family home is at Lilliput, near Sandbanks, and in addition to twelve year old brother Alan, already mentioned, Russell has a sister, Elizabeth, who is fifteen.

GEOFF'S JOTTINGS

Congratulations to club chairman, Pete Breaker, who on 14th March scored an outright win in the Tadley Sidecar Trial at Padworth, Berks, beating the runner up by no fewer than 27 marks.

On the same day, our neighbours of the Ringwood Motorcycle Club received an enormous entry of 230 riders for their Junior Scramble, Ex Corsham star Alan Darke being, we noticed, among the heat winners.

Noticed that John Mann, editor of Corsham's magazine "Full Chat", has set aside a page on which the ladies can air their views. Sure sign he's a bachelor, the married ones spend all their time trying to shut them up!

My grateful thanks to ex-Ringwood member Mr Sheppard, without whose assistance my son would have been unable to ride at a recent Corsham meeting.

Quote from Ralph Venables' column in "Motor Cycle News" dated 31st March, 1971 "Several schoolboy scramble club magazines find their way through my letter-box each month, the latest being that from Corsham. I can say without hesitation that this takes its place alongside Ringwood's "Scrambletta" as among the best club magazines I have ever seen."

JUNIOR PAGE

What can one say about Woolsbridge on 14th March? There was mud up to your ears at times, and not many riders stayed on, even if their bikes did not choke and splutter to a standstill. Peter King was most certainly "King" of the day, with Dale Frampton using all his powers to stay stay with him. Not a good day though for C group in general, and we hope for less mud in future.

The St. Ives meeting on 3rd April was on a fast and bumpy course, which proved a great challenge to bikes and boys, though not much damage was done to either. Peter King continued to ride well, and though falls robbed him of some placings, he kept the club championship trophy. Bruce Phelps did well to gain two firsts and two seconds, and to take home the Paul Miles trophy. Tim Cutler had trouble in almost every race, with a loose chain, a pity as he was riding very well. Young Philip Small went away from the start as if the devil was chasing him, and was leading for a complete lap until he fell off at the top of the hill. He will be someone to reckon with by the time he has finished his remaining four years in C group. The last race of the day gave the spectators much excitement, when Dale Frampton, Peter King, and Sean Willmott fought hard to the finishing line, where Sean nipped smartly in between and Peter finished second and Dale third.

Shelagh Phelps.

THE NEW SEASON

The scrambling season's here again, a happy time for boys and men. Dad has spent many a day, of angry words and hair gone grey, to get that extra spark of speed from every old and trusted steed. And now at last the day has come to see what good his work has done. Arriving at the field of play on a cold but bright blue day. It is with envy there is seen, sparkling new bikes all come to gleam. And shine with bright new paint and tyres; was it worth those strenuous hours spent on this dark and dismal bike? Something new, that's what he'd like. The boy however doesn't seem to be so worried by the scene, agreed, the new bikes are just great, but he's quite happy, so's his mate, they know their bikes won't let them down, they may seem dull in dusty brown,

but when the wind is whistling by as they race to win, or at least to try, what does it matter if there's no shine, his bike is his, my bike is mine, and many boys at school I know, would love to come and have a go, but have no bike of any kind. I know I'm lucky, I've got mine, and no amount of chrome and shine will get a bike first cross the line. So let's enjoy our scrambling game, whether or not it brings us fame.

Anon.

GEOFFS JOTTINGS

Who was the prominent club official who fell fully clothed into the newly completed swimming pool of another prominent club official, and did he fall or was he pushed? There was talk of foul play, but this Jim denies, claiming that it was a perfectly fair shoulder charge!

Heard it suggested at the Woolsbridge meeting, that life belt and snorkel be standard equipment for this venue on wet days!

That was a nice little boy's toilet at Woolsbridge, but rather embarrassing for those members of above average height, who found themselves exposed to the public gaze above the waist. Trouble is, no matter how nonchalant the expression, everyone knows what one is doing!

Our president was presented with a most intriguing looking gift on Mothers Day, all tied up with a pretty ribbon. It proved to be, to the obvious disappointment of the assembled ladies, a cigar.

Chris Adlom was seen sporting a genuine works Suzuki shirt, the only one apparently ever issued to a schoolboy scrambler. This was a present, along with several other items, from Suzuki, presented when Chris was featured in the October 1970 issue of "Suzuki Cycle", the official Suzuki magazine.

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