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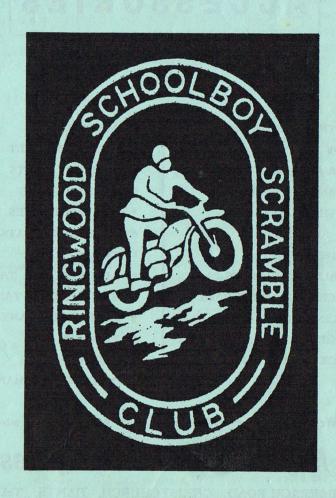
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EDITORIAL

I was recently invited to attend another of those marathon "sit-ins" at Jim Bascombe's place that pass in our club for committee meetings, and believe me it is quite an experience. Of course the main trouble is, Jim makes everyone too comfortable, or should I say Jim's family make them too comfortable. The "man" himself, just sits there in a huge armchair (well it has to be huge doesn't it?), issuing orders like some eastern potentate. For instance, he claps his hands and his wife appears and puts his slippers on, he claps them again and a bevy of attractive daughters appear bearing refreshments on silver trays. Honestly, how some people live, I was quite green, the only thing I get at home when I clap my hands is a dirty look.

The top British schoolboy rider as we all know is Chris Clark, who beat a class field of 112 riders at Shipton Bellinger on September 27th to gain that honour. We learn however, from Motor Cycle News that there is a pretender to the throne, as a result of Reading and Y.M.S.A. Clubs having held a meeting on October 4th near Uxon. As M.C.N. pointed out, the Ringwood club held a meeting on the same day, with more competitors than the Reading and Y.M.S.A. Clubs mustered amongst them. M.C.N. did mention that our ranks were swelled by members of our associate club Corsham, which was quite true, we having extended our usual welcome to both the lads in question.

Perhaps we may now be allowed to remove tongue from cheek long enough to congratulate Geoff Mayes, brother of International scrambler Freddie Mayes, on his victory in the meeting in question, while commiserating with last year's champion, our old friend and adversary, John Seward, who on this occasion had to be content with runner-up spot.

Even this late in the season new members continue to join, and we welcome Nos. 117, Martin Gumbrell of Ferndown, who is in group A, 116, Andrew Sutton, of West Howe, (B), and 113, Graham Hoare of Ferndown (A). I am not sure if we have previously welcomed Graham's brother Andrew, if we have not we hastent to do so now.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Another scramble season is drawing to a close, and with it, the schoolboy careers of a number of our members. David Cobb and Richard Hann will have celebrated their sixteenth birthdays by the time this appears, and Glyn Ruth, Stephen Griffiths and Leonard Sadler

will all be ex-members by mid November. David Wells too, although not sixteen until next March, will no longer be seen around after the end of this scramble season. I would like to thank all these lads for the pleasure they have given us, and their parents for the considerable assistance many of them have given the club. We shall all miss them all, none more so than David, who has nobly upheld club honour in inter-club competition. To all these lads we say goodbye, and wish you all the very best for the future.

We are also sorry to hear that Keith Ree is to leave the club, planning we believe, to join another B.S.M.A. club. This decision, Nr. Ree assures us, has been made with the utmost regret, but as Keith has recently changed schools, and has new commitments, a club nearer home was the answer. Keith too, has carried the Ringwood name far afield, always with honour, and we can but wish him luck wherever he competes, and hope that sometimes it may be back at his old stamping grounds in Hampshire.

We learn that Mrs. Revell has been ill recently, and we wish her a speedy recovery to full health.

Peter Bregker.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

This month brings to a close our very successful 1970 scramble season and the inevitable end to the schoolboy scramble careers of several members who will be attaining the age of 16 before scrambling starts next year on March 7th.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all these lads for the pleasure they have given us, with some really top class riding and may I wish you all every success in the future.

There will now be an extra meeting added to our scramble fixtures, this will be known as "The Westmoors Gala Trophy Scramble" and it is hoped that this will become an annual event. A perpetual trophy and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards are being donated for each class (closed to club). Entries for this meeting should be made on the form provided in this Mag and MUST be in by 7th November.

Late Entries will NOT be accepted. I am sorry this is such short notice but arrangements have only been finalised this week.

Many thanks to Mr. Dave Hardiman for his efforts regarding this Meeting.

On behalf of the R.S.S.C. Committee I would like to thank Mr. Dave Small for generously offering to construct and donate to the club, two Ladies toilets, this gesture is very much appreciated by us all, and will be a positive relief for the ladies.

TRIALS. A trials series will again be held during the closed scramble period and has been increased from 3 to 5 trials. These will be on similar lines to last year, with points awarded to each class in each trial. Cups etc., will be awarded to the overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd placemen in each class.

Pete Breaker will again be handling the entries for Trials and they must be in 7 days before the event.

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Trials will be open to other B.S.M.A. club riders.

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The Annual General Meeting.

As in previous years, the A.G.M. is being held at Ibsley Village Hall, this will be on December 6th 1970 at 3.00 p.m. Hot and cold drinks will be available and will in all probability be followed by a film show; In the past, the percentage attendance has been very high and I am sure this will not be an exception, to those who have not attended previously, I would like to point out that this is a pleasant and friendly "get together" and YOUR VOTES could have a deffinate bearing on the policies and operation of the club, next year.

Dave Poole,

Hon. Secretary.

P.S. Voting at the A.G.M. will be by show of riders membership card.

R.S.S.C. Fixtures

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			Nov.	Dec. Jan. and Feb.					
Nov.	1st.	70	Scramble	Birch Road, St. Ives.					
Nov.	15th.	70	Scramble	Woolsbridge Farm.					
Nov.	22nd.	70	Trial	Boundary Lane.					
Dec.	6th.	70	A.G.M.	Ibsley Village Hall.					
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The big one last month was of course, the B.S.M.A. National Championships. held at Shipton Bellinger, high on the Wiltshire-Hampshire border, near Tidworth. What can one say about this meeting? A large entry (111), a simply huge course that must have been nearly a mile round, beautiful weather and some fantastic racing. Even so, it could have been better! First criticism must be of the ambulance services, which turned up over an hour late, and seriously affected the programme right from the start. The organisers tried valiently to make up for this bad start, finals were cut from six to first four, then eventually three laps, while heats were reduced from four laps to three, then two, and finally a farcical one. It is very easy to be wise after the event of course, but when it was realised how late the start was going to be, it would have been better to cut the race distances right from the start, and/or shorten the course. The latter would have been better, as the obvious part to cut out would have been the dangerous and terribly dusty back straight, where everyone but the leader was riding blind. This would have had the virtue of not only shortening the race distances, but would also have brought the complete course into full view of everyone, and made conditions fairer for the competitors.

However, as remarked earlier, it is very easy to be wise after the event, and certainly the spectators were treated to some wonderful racing. Of the entry. Ringwood were the only club to take up the full allocation of thirty-six riders. although Corsham were not far behind with thirty-three, and Horsham with thirty, while Reading entered twelve. Success wise, Horsham took major honours in A group, Chris Clark and Ian Slater taking top two places, while John Seward and Kevin Hatcher finished fourth and fifth respectively. The only rider to prevent a clean sweep for the Sussex club was David Wells, who did remarkably well to finish third, after stripping his gears in practice, and missing out on his first two rides. With only two rides left in which to make his mark, David gained a second place in his heat and a fourth in the final on a still not well bike. In his last race, he won his heat, and then simply stormed to victory in the final, beating in the process both riders who finished above him in the final result. Two of our younger A group riders to by no means disgrace themselves in this highly competitve company were Graham Noyce, who finished in ninth place, and Stephen Breaker, who twice came to gricf in finals when in a challenging position, once when leading the field.

Ringwood's best successes came in B group, with Jeremy Merchant a fantastic winner in all his races, the only clean sweep of the day. None of our members in this group were outclassed however, everyone of them managing to finish at least in the first six in one race or another. Spare a thought too, for Mark Wilkinson, for whom everything went wrong, including falls while leading, and finally elimination with a broken spindle.

Our C. group boys did a remarkable job considering this was the first really big meeting in which most of them had competed, with Bruce Phelps second, Chris Adlem fourth, Peter King sixth, Dean Frampton seventh, Chris Small eighth and Gary Scovell and Neil Fripp equal eleventh. Our club must surely have no fears for the future with such fine youngsters coming up from the lower ranks. Sean Willmott of Corsham was a worthy winner of this class, with Paul Hunt of Horsham third, so that top honours were divided among the three clubs. Both Chris Adlem and Bruce Phelps beat the eventual winner during the meeting, the latter achieving this distinction twice.

The following week saw us back on home ground at Boundary Lane, where the weather was still dry, but less sunny, which was somewhat of a relief, at least to the riders. We were again pleased to welcome several visitors, who included Joe Young, Graham Knight, David Harris, and No. 267 whom I cannot name as the Horsham secretary has not sent me a list of members this year (are you listening Mr. Burgess?) and ex-Ringwood members Philip Lane and John Meaden from Corsham.

The meeting opened sensationally when Jeremy Merchant and David Wells tangled when fighting for the lead and pranged in spectacular fashion. Jeremy in particular was considerably shaken, and the race was stopped in the interests of safety. It is to their great credit that both riders, not only presented themselves for the re-run, a few moments later, but actually finished first and third. The meeting then settled down into an extremely fine day's racing, above average performances coming, apart from the obvious ones, from Andrew Iristram, Stephen Cole, Philip Sargent, and Horsham's David Harris in group A, while Brian Howell and Charles Nott-Bower maintained their improved form in group B, a very competitive group in this class which includes David Fryer, Paul Miles, Paul Stephens, David Matthews, and Andy Farr, indulging in some close racing. Honours were shared among the usual rivals in group C, with Stephen Roberts, Jamie Kerr and Stpehen Cartwright all showing improved form behind them. A notable asentee was Bruce Phelps, who went down with appendicitis immediately following the previous week's meeting. I am sure all members will join me in wishing Bruce a speedy recovery.

Next came the Horsham inter-club event on October 11th, a long trip 80 miles in our case, and some came further, to find the programme cut to but three races in the interests of an early finish. The course was another "biggy" situated in sweeping downland near the pretty village of Chiddingfold in Surrey, and some 110 entries were received. The result was a most pleasant day's racing, with good organisation, and proceedings completed by 5.30 p.m. which enabled

even those from further away to get home at a reasonable hour. Again we had some splendid racing in all groups, Jeremy Merchant and Chris Adlem winning B and C groups respectively. Jeremy's victory, as in the B.S.N.A. National Championships two weeks previously, was a convincing one with maximum points throughout the day. Such was not the case with Chris however, all his wins coming the hard way, and he eventually triumphed by but a single point from Sean Willmott of Corsham. Other Ringwood boys riding in this class included Gary Scovell, who was placed fifth, Peter King and Timothy Cutler (equal ninth) and Stephen Roberts (11th). Peter would undoubtedly have finished higher had not his scoring been confined to one race only, after which his frame broke in two. In B group Jeremy was followed home by club mate Keith Ree, with recently promoted from C group Paul Hunt of Horsham, a splendid third. Brian Howell finished a very meritorous seventh, and John Skew was tenth. In the heats Jeremy took the chequered flag first three times, Keith had two wins and a third, and Brian Howell a third also. The A. group winner was Horsham's John Seward with 24 points from the two races he finished. John Zebedee of Corbham was a worthy runner-up with 22 points, and he was followed by our own David Wells and Horsham's lan Slater with 21. Kevin Hatcher (Horsham) 17. Geoffrey Pratt (Reading) and Nick Spencer (Corsham) 16, and David Harris and Chris Clark (Horsham) 11, were the other double figure scorers. Trevor Hardiman had a couple of sensational heat wins, David Wells also scored one win, Stephen Breaker had a second, and Russell Foot a third. Fate was not too kind to our boys in this group, Stephen, Graham Noyce and Trevor all suffering mechanically, while David had the misfortune to fall in one heat, and was unable to restart quickly enough to get into the final.

October 18th was one of those lovely days we sometimes get in late autumn, and what better place to be than Woolsbridge Farm? Just about all of our members seemed to be there, plus the usual smattering of visitors, among whom were Philip Lane and John Meadon of Corsham, and David Harris, Ian Slater, Kevin Louth, and Chris Clark of Horsham. These latter proceeded to get amon the points in no uncertain fashion, as will be seen from the results chart. Our top boys rode hard to stem the invasion. some splendid racing resulting from their efforts.

In addition to those appearing in the results, above average displays were noted from Stephen Coles, Ashley Rogers, Dean Frampton, Philip Sargent, Stephen, Griffiths, and Brian Howell, who gained three fine second places in heats in his first meeting in A. group, and indeed only a last bend offort by Ashley Rogers prevented him from scoring his first win in this class. Lyndsay Denham in particular was in scintillating form, leading lan Slater almost to the flag in one heat, and then repeating the performance against David Wells in the final.

In B group, honours were pretty evenly shared among Jeremy Merchant, Mark Wilkinson and Keith Ree, the latter, we learn with regret, competing in his last meeting as a Ringwood member. Others to shine in this class, were Ken Sheppard.

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ENTRY FORM

RINGWOOD SCHOOLBOY SCRAMBLE CLUB

The West Moors Gala Trophy Scramble Woolsbridge Manor Farm.

PRACTICE 11.00 - 12 noon.	Sunday, 15th November, 1970.	FIRST RACE - 12.30 p.m.
Rider ^t s Name	Machine	C.C.
Age Group	Riding Numb	per
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Entry Fee 6/-		
Entries should be sent to M	lr. D. Poole, 108 Hightown Road, Rin Telephone: Ringwood 40	
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 7t	th NOVEMBER, 1970.	

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

To facilitate proceedings at the forthcoming A.G.M., members are invited to submit in advance, nominations for the following posts:-

VICE PRESI	DENT	
CHAIRMAN		
SECRETARY		
TREASURER		
COMMITTEE	MEMBERS	
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Proposers should ensure that the member in question is prepared to accept the position. Please return form to the secretary by December 1st.

Signed		
Rider's	No.	

Nicholas Seal and David Fryer. There weresome queer goings on among the small fry, Michael Webb winning the first C group race on Chris Adlemsbike, while Chris in his turn finished sixth on Michael's which must prove something or another. Chris Small too, appeared on the Adlem steed, in addition to reverting to brother Philip's monkey bike another to be seen riding the latter machine being Stevie Roberts. All very confusing, but I feel sure, great fun for the boys. Peter King, with a new frame replacing the one he broke at Horsham, was a little below his best, Gary Scovell had an excellent day, as did Dale Frampton, while Stevie Roberts. Neil Turner and Stephen Cartwright impressed with improved performances.

IN THE SADDLE NO. 11
Ken Sheppard (2)

Ken will be thirteen in January, when he will have completed exactly two years as a schoolboy scrambler. He has always ridden a Bantam of one sort or another, and always it seems, successfully. Certainly, the B group finals in which he does not finish on the leader board, are few and far between, and those can usually be attributed to failure of the machine rather than the rider. Count has never been kept of the number of races won, or high placings achieved but they certainly run into hundreds. In addition a dozen or more trophies adorn the Sheppard sideboard as witness to Ken's prowess. The Pidgley Trophy and the club championships have both been won on several occasions.

At the Corsham Inter Club meeting recently, Ken was placed fourth in B group, while in the still more recent Horsham Inter Club, he improved to third. Ken was not the first member of his family to join the club, as brother Graham, $\frac{3}{4}$ who was sixteen last September, spent three year in A group. When he joined there were but seven members, which gives some indication of the growth of the club over the last four years. Graham too, won, many races during his sojourn as a member and has now graduated to adult competition.

Ken, who lives at Lytchett, also has a small sister, Carol who is $4\frac{1}{2}$, and his favourite rider is Brian Goss. We sincerely hope that rumours of a premature retirement from the sport are unfounded, and that we shall be enabled to follow his progress through A group, to which he will graduate in the New Year. Ken is a quiet unassuming lad, the type of sportsman our club can 111 afford to lose.

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Main Placings achieved by Ringwood Boys in B.S.M.A. Championships

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Charles N-Bover								13
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Chris Adlem		2	1	1	8	3	3	4
Peter King	***	2		10	12	2	8	6
Dean Frampton			2	2		7	6	7.10
Chris Small	2	2	5	5	5	9	9	8
Gary Scovell	3		3	2		6		וו
Neil Fripp	2	4		3	9		10	12

RESULTS WOOLSBRIDGE FARM - OCTOBER 18th.

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GROUP C. Race 1. 1 2. 1 3.	 C. Adlem. P. King. C. Adlem. 	 G. Scovell. D. Frampton. G. Scovell. 	 P. King. G. Scovell. D. Frampton.
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Club Championship.		J. Merchant. C.	C. Adlem.
Pidgley Trophies. Paul Miles Trophy.		M. Wilkinson.	

GEOFF'S JOTTINGS

The recent Woolsbridge meeting was followed by a rugger match between dads and and boys of the clearing up party, which was hilarious to say the least. I don't know what ex-football referee Ralph Pidgley thought of the proceedings, but he was seen to take at least six names, and they were not all boys!

Should you fail to spot the worried countenance of our chairman today, do not be concerned, the burden of his job has not driven him round the bend at last, it is just that he is competing in the classic "Pierca Simon" trial on his venerable chair outfit.

LATE NEWS

There is a very good chance, that today's meeting will not after all be the last of the season, as the West Moors Gala Committee has offered to put up some trophies for an event on November 15th, probably at Woolsbridge.

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Brian Ingle-Pinch of Huxhams asks me to point out that Alta-Suzuki have ceased production. Huxhams of course, continue to purvey a wide range of Suzukis and Suzuki spares.

JUNIOR PAGE

The B.S.M.A. National Championships. September 27th.

Another lovely day for this important event with 36 Ringwood members doing their best for the club. In fact we were the only club to send in the full number allowed in each group, and even then some very good riders had to be left out. One such rider was Mike Webb, but both he and his dad were there to give support and dad did a good share of the work too.

Our boys managed very well on the long and dusty course. Dale Frampton had a nasty fall in the second heat when he slid into Bob Martin when trying to overtake. Bob was unharmed, but Dale needed attention from the first aid before he was back in his next heat.

Bob Martin was not upset by this mishap and did very well for his 7 years to get into the first final and finish 11th. Chris Adlem, Chris Small, Bruce Phelps and Peter King qualified for all three finals, most of the others getting into two. It was very exciting to race against the best from other clubs, and the last final when Bruce Phelps was being hard chased by Sean Willmott, Paul Hunt and Chris Adlem was absolutely hair-raising. Bruce must be congratulated for holding them off and finishing as the runner-up to the 1970 champion.

Unfortunately, Bruce followed this effort with a visit the following morning to Dorchester Hospital to have his appendix removed, so he will not be riding again this season.

The magazine will be continuing through the winter months to report on the trials season but we will be short of material. So if any of you - members or sisters - would like to write a short piece on anything - sports, places visited, your pets etc., we would be pleased to receive them. This is your magazine.

Shelagh Phelps.

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