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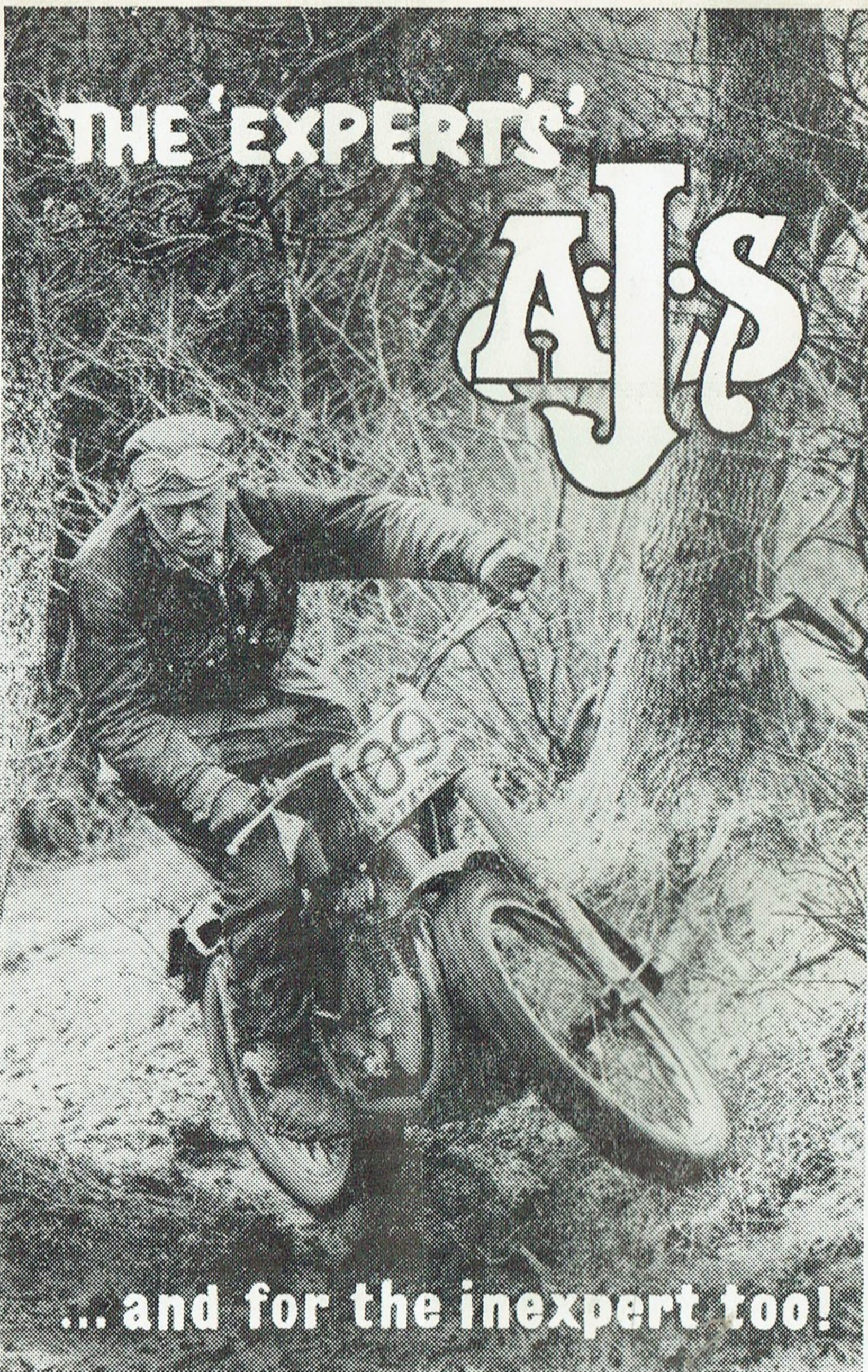


APRIL, 1963



Allan Dommett (199 Triumph) returns to the saddle after a long illness. His excellent riding assisted the Otter Vale M.C. to collect the Runners-up Award in this year's Centre Team Trial.

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THE TAUNTON MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

GOOD FRIDAY SCRAMBLE

Friday, 12th April, 1963. First Race 3.00 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 637.

TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE No. 218

OFFICIALS: A.C.U. Steward—P. A. Butler; Club Stewards—J. J. Whitefield and K. E. Marshall; Clerk of the Course—B. Tarr; Secretary of the Meeting—N. Jarman, c/o Edwards Motors, Station Road, Taunton, to whom all entries must be sent.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Taunton Motor Cycle Club will hold a motor cycle scramble for solo motor cycles only on Friday, 12th April, 1963. This event will be open to paid-up members of all clubs in the South Western Centre of the A.C.U. and will be held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.

VENUE: Oggs Hole Farm, Broomfield, Bridgwater. The route to the course will be signposted on all possible roads leading to the venue.

METHOD OF START: Clutch start on raising of the flag.

MACHINES: All machines must be fitted with two efficient brakes—one to each wheel. Self-closing throttles are compulsory. Clutch and brake levers must be ball-ended, not less than 3/4-inch diameter. All machines must be efficiently silenced.

NUMBERS: Each machine must be fitted with three black discs, of not less than 10-inches in diameter, with numbers painted white, one facing forward and one on either side of the rear.

CLOTHING: A.C.U. approved clothing must be worn.

PRACTISING: Practising will be allowed between 1.15 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. on the day of the event only. Each rider must complete at least one practice lap.

INSURANCE is compulsory and will be paid by the promoting club.

FUEL: Any type of fuel may be used.

ABANDONMENT: The Club reserves the right to cancel or postpone the whole or part of this event should circumstances make it necessary.

ENTRIES must be made on the official entry form and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting so as to reach him not later than first post on **Monday, 8th April, 1963**. Entries will be limited to the first 30 Experts and 40 Juniors whose entry forms are correctly completed. The Club reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving a stated reason and to close entries before 8th April should sufficient entries be received.

ENTRY FEE: There will be an entry fee of 7/6 and must accompany all entries.

EVENTS:

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. Unlimited—Open | 150/- | 80/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- |
| 2. Juniors only | 80/- | 50/- | 30/- | 20/- | 10/- | 5/- |
| 3. Experts only | 150/- | 80/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- |
| 4. Up to 350 c.c.—Open | 100/- | 70/- | 50/- | 30/- | 20/- | 10/- |
| 5. Unlimited—Open | 100/- | 70/- | 50/- | 30/- | 20/- | 10/- |

Time and circumstances permitting an Invitation Race will be held.

TAUNTON SCRAMBLE

Good Friday, 12th April, 1963

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.C.U. and the A.C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 21 years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent since the indemnity would not be valid in law signed by a 'minor.'

Name.....

Address.....

..... Club

Machinec.c..... Passenger

Enter me for Events No..... Racing No. preferred.....

Signature Date Phone

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21)..... My status is Expert/Junior

Competitors may be requested to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form.



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SOMERTON M.C.

The Closed-to-Club Redhills Trial, start West Camel, nr. Sparkford, to be held 7th April, will now start at 10.30 a.m., so that members can support Broad-hembury Scramble. Regulations are available from D. Pengelly, "Penznest," Queen Camel, nr. Yeovil.

We are sorry our Open-to-Centre Trial had to be postponed; this will take place later in the season, probably on a Saturday evening.

Our Scramble was a success both financially and from the racing point of view and all riders and officials were really heroes to stand the Arctic weather to put on a show for the spectators. The descent down the hill was treacherous; it was difficult to stand on the hill, let alone ride a bike. The Secretary of the meeting thanks the riders who notified him in time that they would be unable to attend. This enabled him to give reserves, P. Tizzard and M. Wyatt, a ride. P. Tizzard, although being laid off for a year, looks as though he is going to be a force to be reckoned with in the future. M. Jones, winner of the Junior Race, now leads in points for the "P. Wyatt Trophy." Bryan Sharp, who had only just left hospital, won three races; it seems the rest did him good. The other riders who were in the prize-money all day were Jimmy Timms, Ken Messenger, Trsis Sharp and Brian Curtis.

The Film Show and Police Road Safety Talk, held at H.Q., was very interesting, and it seems that police sergeants have a sense of humour.

A Club team has entered the local Road Safety Quiz Competition—we have the winner of the Shell-Mex-A.C.U. Road Safety Badge in our team; perhaps we shall do a little better than in previous years.

Sorry to see Val Burch in plaster—doing a little bit of grass track practice and was trapped beneath the machine. He hopes to be around again in about a month.

26th May is the date of our next Scramble and Regulations will be published next month. This is being held at Steart, nr. Sparkford, on a widened and lengthened course.

"Mrs. CUR."

EXMOUTH MOTOR CLUB

OPEN-TO-CENTRE SCRAMBLE

Sunday, 14th April, 1963, 2.00 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 641

OFFICIALS: A.C.U. Steward—R. K. Harvey; Club Stewards—R. Leach and H. Smith; Clerk of the Course—A. Smith; Secretary of the Meeting—D. Rouse, 16 Midway, Littleham, Exmouth.

EVENTS:

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| 1. Graded Riders only | 60/- | 30/- | 20/- | 15/- | 10/- |
| 2. Premier Riders only | 150/- | 100/- | 60/- | 30/- | 20/- |
| 3. Up to 350 c.c. | 150/- | 100/- | 60/- | 30/- | 20/- |
| 4. Up to 500 c.c. | 150/- | 100/- | 60/- | 30/- | 20/- |
| 5. Invitation | 100/- | 80/- | 60/- | 30/- | 20/- |
| 6. Unlimited—Open | 150/- | 100/- | 60/- | 30/- | 20/- |

Please Note: Graded Riders will be as per Centre Lists and the maximum number the Club can accept for this event will be limited to 50.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

JURISDICTION: Held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. together with these Supplementary Regulations.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to members of all Clubs in the S.W. Centre of the A.C.U.

PRACTISING: Allowed from 12.30 p.m. All competitors must complete at least one practice lap.

ENTRIES must be made on the form below and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting by not later than **Wednesday, 10th April, 1963.** Entry Fee, 7/6.

MACHINES must be fitted with a number board facing forward and two number boards to the rear, one on either side, measuring not less than 10 inches in diameter. Headlamps, registration plates, mascots, etc., must be removed. Two efficient and independently operated brakes must be fitted—one to each wheel. Self-closing throttles and metal ball-ended clutch and brake levers are compulsory. Machines must be efficiently silenced.

NUMBERS will be allocated upon receipt of entry. Please state preference on entry form and, if possible, this will be granted. The regulations regarding the size and legibility of numbers will be rigidly enforced.

FUEL & TYRES: Any fuel and tyres may be used, but no extra aid to wheel-grip, such as studs, spikes, etc., will be allowed.

CLOTHING: A.C.U. approved helmets and protective clothing, comprising A.C.U. approved jerseys or jackets, gloves and breeches must be worn. Also leather knee-boots.

DUAL ENTRIES: No two riders will be allowed to ride the same machine in any event.

VENUE: Chapel Hayes Farm, Luppet Common, Upottery, Devon.

ABANDONMENT: The Club reserves the right to postpone or abandon this meeting or any class in it, if circumstances should make it necessary.

EXMOUTH SCRAMBLE

14th April, 1963

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry. I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.C.U. and the A.C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 21 years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent since the indemnity would not be valid in law signed by a 'minor.'

Name

Address

..... Club

Machine c.c. Passenger

Enter me for Events No. Racing No. preferred

Signature Date Phone

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21) My status is Expert/Junior

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MORETONHAMPSTEAD M.C.

In spite of the deep snow that has enveloped us since Christmas we have managed to run two Trials. The Closed-to-Club Trial on the 20th January had to be postponed until 17th February, when it was held in the Lustleigh Woods, by the kind permission of Col. Graham. The course could only be approached from one direction because of the wintry conditions, but, in spite of this, the event was enjoyed by everyone, the winner being Alan Stevens. The The Novice Award was won by John Harvey with a very clear margin.

The Open-to-Centre Trial on 3rd March had to be run over a modified course from a fresh venue. This had to be decided at very short notice, the reason being because so many of our usual sections were unapproachable through snow. After a lot of work having been put in by the route markers and helpers, a very sporting course was organised, and everybody seemed to enjoy the event on the day. The best Novice again being John Harvey; he went even further by winning a 1st Class Award, this being his fourth ride in any Trial and his third award. The Club would like to congratulate him on his success at such an early age and wish him greater things in the future. On the merit of his performance the committee have included him in our team for the Centre Team Trial on 17th March. Results:—

J. E. Green Cup—E. A. Dommett, 15 marks lost; runner-up—V. J. Ashford, 18. Third Best—W. H. Martin, 18. Novice—T. Stevens, 70. 1st Class Awards—A. Stevens, 27; I. A. Pridham, 27; E. H. J. Short, 29; J. Harvey, 35. 2nd Class Awards—J. A. Todd, 35; M. Lavercombe, 38; B. R. Trott, 44. Team Award: West of England—V. J. Ashford, E. H. J. Short and M. Lavercombe, 85.

I hear that our two enthusiastic entries for the Scottish are burning the midnight oil putting together their Special Dodkin two-strokes for this year's event. May the wheels keep turning.

M.B.W.

OTTER VALE MOTOR CLUB

OPEN-TO-CENTRE APRIL SCRAMBLE—WISCOMBE PARK,
nr. SOUTHLEIGH, DEVON
Sunday, 21st April, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.
PERMIT No. O.E. 642

OFFICIALS: A.C.U. Steward—Mrs. M. L. Ramsay; Club Stewards—W. Blackmore and W. R. Wilson; Clerk of the Course—R. Pyne; Secretary of the Meeting—J. T. Courtney, 5 Highfield, Sidmouth, Devon.

EVENTS & AWARDS:

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th |
|--|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1. Junior Riders only ... | 60/- | 40/- | 30/- | 20/- | 10/- | 7/6 | 5/- | 5/- |
| 2. Experts only and first six finishers in Junior Race ... | 150/- | 80/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- | 7/6 | 5/- |
| 3. Up to 350 c.c. ... | 80/- | 60/- | 30/- | 20/- | 10/- | 10/- | 5/- | 5/- |
| 4. Over 350 c.c. and first six in Event 3 ... | 100/- | 80/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- | 5/- | 5/- |
| 5. Invitation ... | 100/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- | 10/- | 5/- | 5/- |
| 6. Unlimited—Open ... | 120/- | 80/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- | 5/- | 5/- |

Please Note—Junior Riders will be as per Centre grading and the maximum number the Club can accept for Event 1 is 40.

The Gerald Mitchell Trophy and replica will be competed for during the Meeting. Present holder: Don Rickman.

JURISDICTION: Held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to all members of S.W. Centre Clubs riding solo machines.

VENUE: Wiscombe Park, near Southleigh (near Three Horse Shoes Inn, Lyme Regis/Sidmouth Road).

MACHINES: Self-closing throttles, ball-ended clutch and brake levers and an efficient brake on both wheels are compulsory. Machines must be efficiently silenced.

NUMBERS: Each machine must be fitted with three black discs of not less than 10-inches in diameter with numbers painted in white, one facing forward and one on each side of the machine at the rear.

CLOTHING: A.C.U. approved helmets and protective clothing must be worn, comprising—jackets or A.C.U. approved jerseys, gloves, breeches and boots.

PRACTISING will be allowed between 1.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. on day of meeting only. Each rider must complete one practice lap at least.

METHOD OF START: Clutch, hand on rear mudguard. Drop flag.

POSTPONEMENT: The Organisers reserve the right to postpone or cancel any class or the meeting itself if circumstances make it necessary.

ENTRIES must be made on the form below and reach the Secretary of the Meeting not later than **Tuesday, 16th April, 1963**, together with fee of 7/6. NO late entries will be accepted.

Please Note—NO entries will be accepted unless accompanied by entry fee.

INSURANCE is compulsory and will be paid by the promoting club.

NUMBERS will be allocated on receipt of entry. Please state a preference on entry form and, if possible, this will be granted.

OTTER VALE SCRAMBLE

21st April, 1963

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.C.U. and the A.C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 21 years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent since the indemnity would not be valid in law signed by a 'minor.'

Name

Address

..... Club

Machine c.c. Passenger

Enter me for Events No. Racing No. preferred

Signature Date Phone

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21) My status is Expert/Junior

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BROADHEMBURY M.C.

The decision of the 1962 Annual General Meeting not to send "Gazettes" to members not paid up by 31st January meant that very few people knew the new date of 18th February. The 20 members present re-introduced the 30th March deadline, up to which past members will receive correspondence before electing the committee. The only major change was brought about by the resignation of Ken Butt as Treasurer. Cyril Tucker was welcomed on to the committee in this capacity and a sincere vote of thanks was passed to Ken for his term of office by the Chairman, Ron Edwards.

The Social Evening at Clayhidon provided a few hours' fast-moving entertainment for a number of members, plus some visitors from Chard. Thanks are due to Harry and Mrs. Bowler for material for the draw, which covered the cost. The next get-together of this type will follow a Treasure Hunt on Saturday evening, 11th May. Club Rule 3 states: "The Club shall organise from time to time tours and excursions for members and their friends . . ."; so whether you or your friends drive a hearse or a bubble car, please support this event.

The entry list for the Scramble on 7th April is almost full. (Hickman entered; Horsefield requested Regs.) and the main working party will be a.e.a.p. on Saturday, 6th.

The Newland's Trophy Trial will be held at Broadhembury on 5th May, starting at 1 p.m. Mr. Baker (Ray's father) is clerk of the course, and, if he doesn't sort something good out over the back of the fort, then no one can.

Two other Clubs are trying to encroach on our R.R. Grass Track date of 2nd June to run Scrambles. The A.C.U. Competitions Committee will have to handle that carefully.

A.J.C.

BROADHEMBURY and DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL "NEWLANDS" TROPHY TRIAL

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL "NEWLANDS" TROPHY TRIAL. OPEN-TO-CENTRE

Sunday, 5th May, 1963, at 1 p.m.

OFFICIALS: A.C.U. Steward—J. T. Courtney; Club Stewards—R. Edwards and A. Clapp; Clerks of the Course—C. Baker and P. Martin; Secretary of the Meeting—H. Bawler.

ANNOUNCEMENT & JURISDICTION: The Broadhembury & District Motor Club will hold a Sporting Trial for Solo Motor Cycles for the Newlands Trophy and other awards. Open to members of Clubs of the S.W. Centre on Sunday, 5th May, 1963, at 1 p.m. The event is held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and the following Supplementary Regulations. PERMIT No. O.E. 643.

ENTRIES must be made on the form below, and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting, H. Bawler, Esq., 11 Rookery Terrace, Wellington, Somerset, not later than **Thursday, 2nd May, 1963**, accompanied by the entry fee—3/6 for members of the Promoting Club; 6/- for members of other Clubs (Inc. 1/- Insurance). Start will be at Broadhembury.

AWARDS: Newlands Trophy and replica for best performance.
 Runner-up Award.
 Up to 250 c.c. Award.
 Over 250 c.c. Award.
 1st Class Awards for the next best 5% Starters.
 2nd Class Awards for the next best 5% Starters.
 Novice Award—if more than four entries.

TYRES: Standard tyres only will be permitted, and these must comply with A.C.U. Regulations.

MARKING: Marks will be lost as follows—Touching with one foot only, 1 mark; more than one foot, 3 marks; stop or running alongside, 5 marks; failing to halt at observed sign, 5 marks.

INSURANCE: Competitors must have Third Party Insurance under the Road Traffic Acts in force at the time of the event. A successful Police prosecution arising from the Trial will render the rider liable to exclusion from awards.

PRACTISING on any part of the Course after marking is forbidden.

SPECIAL TEST will be held to decide results in the case of ties.

BROADHEMBURY TRIAL

5th May, 1963

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry. I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.C.U. and the A.C.U., (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

I further declare that I am insured against Third Party risks whilst riding in this competition and that my machine is equipped in all respects to conform with the specified requirements of the Road Traffic Acts.

It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 21 years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent since the indemnity would not be valid in law signed by a 'minor.'

Name.....
 Address.....
 Club

Machinec.c..... Passenger

Team.....

Signature Date Phone

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21)..... Novice Yes/No .

Competitors may be requested to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form.

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EXMOUTH M.C.

Quite a few new members were made at home at our monthly "Noggin & Natter" evening at the Club H.Q. recently; we discussed events to be organised during the coming season. It was nice to see many of you turn up.

The aggregate winner of the R.A.C. rallies this year will be awarded the Tchaikosky Trophy, a spanking new cup in solid silver—a very nice prize for someone.

Our first Night Run this year will be on Saturday, 6th April, starting Holly Tree Inn, Withycombe, 10 p.m., with map 176. These events are always popular, so turn up well-equipped and we'll arrange a cup of coffee to be waiting for you at the end.

Our first Scramble on the new course, at Chapel Hayes Farm, will be on 14th April. This course is situated opposite Smeatharpe Aerodrome on Luppitt Common, near Honiton, MR 176/190099. This is over natural farm ground with easy access to car parks and pits; spectators will be able to see most of the course from one spot and it is an ideal picnic spot. We think this course will be more spectacular than our previous one at Denisdene. We hope the "lads" will support us in breaking in this new ground, and we wish them a good day's sport. Details elsewhere in "Gazette."

Our next Sunday run will be on 5th May; details will be in the May News Letter.

The Closed-to-Club Trial on the 21st April is cancelled.

Congratulations to Betty and John Lear on the safe arrival of "twins"; also Jean and Danny Rouse a little girl this time. What a jolly good way to increase our membership!

RON LEACH.

EXMOOR MOTOR CLUB

EXMOOR SCRAMBLE

Sunday, 5th May, 1963, at 3.0 p.m.

OFFICIALS: Club Stewards—C. H. Kemp and R. C. Nash; Clerk of the Course—D. Parsons; Secretary of the Meeting—R. E. Miller, 5 Holloway Street, Minehead.

JURISDICTION: Held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to all members of the South Western Centre riding solo machines.

VENUE: Stone Down, Exford, Somerset.

METHOD OF START: Clutch, mass start.

MACHINES: Front number plates and lamps must be removed. Two efficient brakes, one on each wheel, are compulsory. Self-closing throttles and ball-ended clutch and brake levers are also compulsory. Machines must be efficiently silenced.

NUMBERS: Each machine must be fitted with three black discs of not less than 10 inches in diameter with numbers painted white, one facing forward and one on each side of the machine.

CLOTHING: A.C.U. approved helmets and protective clothing, comprising—jackets or A.C.U. approved jerseys, gloves, breeches and leather knee boots, must be worn.

PRACTISING will be allowed between 1.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. on the day of the meeting only. Each rider must complete one practice lap.

ENTRIES must be made on the form below and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting by not later than **Wednesday, 1st May, 1963.** Entry Fee, 5/-.

POSTPONEMENT: The organisers reserve the right to postpone or cancel any class or the Meeting itself, if circumstances make this necessary.

EVENTS:

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|------|---|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1. Junior only (Unlimited) ... | 70/- | 50/- | 30/- | 20/- | 15/- | 10/- | 5/- | 5/- |
| 2. Up to 500 c.c. (Open) ... | 100/- | 80/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- | 5/- | 5/- |
| 3. Up to 250 c.c. (Open) ... | 60/- | 40/- | 30/- | 20/- | 10/- | 10/- | 5/- | 5/- |
| 4. Up to 350 c.c. (Open) ... | 80/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- | 10/- | 5/- | 5/- |
| 5. All Comers Race ... | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | Awards for the first three machines home in each class. | | | | |
| 6. Exmoor (Unlimited) ... | 100/- | 80/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- | 5/- | 5/- |

CLASSIFICATION OF RIDERS: To be eligible for Event No. 1 a rider must not have been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any 350 c.c., 500 c.c. or Unlimited c.c. race, or 1st in an Experts Barred race in any Open or Open-to-Centre Scramble in any A.C.U. Centre. Decision as to Event No. 6 is left to the discretion of the Promoting Club.

PROTESTS in accordance with A.C.U. Rules.

EXMOOR SCRAMBLE

5th May, 1963

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.C.U. and the A.C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 21 years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent since the indemnity would not be valid in law signed by a 'minor.'

Name

Address

..... Club

Machine c.c. Passenger

Enter me for Events No. Racing No. preferred

Signature Date Phone

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21) My status is Expert/Junior

Competitors may be requested to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form.

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OTTER VALE M.C.

The two events to report this month are the skittle matches. The first was played against a team of surveyors from the Devon County Council at the Horse and Groom Inn, Sidmouth. This was a very close and exciting match with the result in Otter Vale's favour. The second match was played at the Saddlers Arms, Lymstone, against the resident team, where we lost by 13 pins. Thank you, landlords, for your hospitality!

Weddings seem to be to the fore in the motor cycle world this month. Three of our members have got themselves hooked. They are John Mitchell, of East Budleigh, Colin Dommett, of Truro, and Roger White, of Penzance. We wish them and their wives every happiness for the future.

Congratulations to Alan Dommett on winning his first Open-to-Centre Trial at Moretonhampstead the other Sunday.

JEANNETTE COURTNEY.

Secretaries Please Note!

The services of our Mobile Canteens are available at any distance, at gatherings where good catering at reasonable prices is desired.

The Hon. Secretary of a club in the Southern Centre writes:

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CENTRE CHAT

Well, the Trial season of '62/'63 will by now have reached a fitting climax with the two major team events. Since the S.W. Centre Inter-Club Team Trial doesn't take place until after these notes are due to go to press, results won't be available in time. Our team boys are due back from Harrogate on Monday, 11th, and I'm hoping to get a Stop Press report from Team Manager Ivan Pridham directly on his return to Plymouth, with first impressions of the Trial, and the team members' individual performances. Last time the event was held in the North, several of our riders were somewhat critical of the organisation and the standard of sections used. An improved lay-out has been promised this time, so I hope that at least the S.W. team gets a worthwhile ride after the journey up to Harrogate.

YOUNGSTERS TAKE OVER "BID"

This has proved an interesting Trials season, despite the loss of events due to weather conditions. For several years it was almost possible to predict the winner and class awards in Open-to-Centre Trials before the first man was away, but a "wind of change" is passing through the ranks, and many established stars are having to fight hard to maintain their positions as the leaders of the up and coming youngsters make their marks. The state of this branch of the sport in the S.W. Centre is extremely healthy, and we are assured of a strong selection of possible team members for a long time to come. Particularly successful recently are the two Alans, Dommett and Stevens, Malcolm Evely and Pete Bellew, the latter getting a well-deserved ride in the S.W. Team at Pately Bridge. A couple more seasons' experience and these boys will regularly be among the premier awards!

Now that the Scramble season has opened again, there are one or two observations that come to mind. Looking through this month's "Gazette," I see the Yeo Vale correspondent has already anticipated me with some straightforward blunt speaking on the subject of riders' "mechanics" and their admission to Scrambles. This is a matter that has been boiling up over a long period, and finally came to a head at the Centre Board meeting last November. The Clubs unanimously decided to stop the numbers of people obtaining free admission under what amounts to false pretences. No Club has any wish to penalise immediate families or genuine mechanics, and will be only too pleased to offer them every facility. However, the number of people who turn up at the competitors' entrance as someone or other's mechanic could, as paying spectators, often make all the difference between breaking even and losing money. Whether we like it or not, Scrambling is not merely an exciting sport for riders and spectators alike: most Clubs depend on the revenue from gate-paying events to maintain their finances against activities which barely pay if at all, social events, etc., and even Trials. The margin between profit and loss is a constant nightmare to all Club Treasurers, and I know for a fact that the Treasurer of my own Club has on more than one occasion been subjected to abuse from so-called mechanics when asking them to pay admission. To the argument that without mechanics (unlimited, official and otherwise) there'd be no riders and therefore no racing, the irrefutable reply is that Clubs cannot run Scrambles unless they stand a fair chance of making them pay. It may seem unfair to place any onus in this matter on the riders, but we, the Clubs, ask their co-operation, to ensure both that all proper persons receive official passes and that those not entitled to one help contribute towards the prize money!

While on the subject of prize money, few Clubs, it seems, are eager to pay a "full house" of the new maximum limit permitted. This was probably only to be expected, since few are exactly riding high financially. Despite this, the Regulations of Scrambles in the "Gazette" show a marked variation in respect of entry fees and prize money, from an entry fee of nothing at all to 10/- for solo machines. While some Clubs pay prize money, however small, down as far as ninth and even twelfth places, some pay no lower than fifth. Now I'm fully aware that prize money is purely a domestic matter for each Club, and

that I am in no way qualified to criticise, but it strikes me that the event paying highest prize money also pays for fewest places. I repeat that I have no axe to grind, but I cannot help thinking that the bulk of the entry who haven't a hope of running among the leaders are merely paying to be beaten.

A star entry is the aim of every organiser, but let us remember that the less experienced riders, among whom we may find tomorrow's top inners, also need some encouragement. After all, five bob for a tenth place means as much to a lad in his first season as seven pounds ten to someone who wins every week. I hope Clubs will endeavour to keep entry fees as low as possible. No one wants to see a reproduction of the situation in road racing, where competitors virtually pay to race in every sense.

INTER-CENTRE TEAM TRIAL

I have just received the full news of the S.W. Centre Team's performance from Team Manager Ivan Pridham immediately on his return from the wilds of Yorkshire. I'm sure I speak for all Trials enthusiasts when I offer them hearty congratulations on their magnificent performance in finishing sixth best team in the country. A measure of their success is that the first five teams were composed entirely of works supported riders. Our boys were the highest placed team of privately owned and entered machines, finishing well in front of several other Centres whose teams included factory riders.

Individual scores, subject to official confirmation, were: Brian Slee 20, Roger Wooldridge 22, Vic Ashford 24, Ivan Pridham 28, Pete Bellew 31, the latter score being a very fine effort in his first major national event. Weather conditions could scarcely have been worse, high winds and torrential rain throughout adding to the difficulties of a tough course. Looked at from any angle a very fine achievement by all our riders, making the close on 800-mile journey well worthwhile. Well done, South West Centre Team, the Centre is proud of you!

The next Centre Board Meeting is on Tuesday, 9th April. The agenda contains some interesting items, including the Team Manager's report on the Inter-Centre Team Trial and the London Delegate's report. This latter will, I imagine, cover the A.C.U.s latest views on safety helmets for Trials and the reduction of noise at speed events. Full report in our next edition!

I would like to thank the members of the South Western team that rode in the recent A.C.U. Inter-Centre Team Trial at Harrogate for putting up such a fine performance in coming sixth out of sixteen team entries. In actual fact they were the first private owner team to finish, the teams above them had some, or all, factory supported riders. In particular, I would like to thank Ivan Pridham for acting as rider-manager and so giving me a rest this year. Ivan really did a good job and co-operated well with me.

F. E. G. VIGERS,

Team Secretary.

S.W. CENTRE TEAM TRIAL AWARDS

S.W. Challenge Shield—Devonport M.C. (R. J. Wooldridge, I. A. Pridham, B. J. Slee), 38 marks. Runner-up Team—Otter Vale M.C. (W. H. Martin, E. A. Dommett, J. Poate), 58 marks. Silver City Airways Shield (Best Individual Performance)—R. J. Wooldridge, 5. Bill Blank Memorial Cup (runner-up)—W. H. Martin, 11. Third Best Performance—I. A. Pridham, 14. Fourth Best Performance—J. W. Taylor, 18. 1st Class Awards—P. Bellew, 21; V. J. Ashford, 24; B. Taylor, 24; I. R. Lenton, 25; M. Lavercombe, 25; E. H. Short, 27; A. J. Leigh, 28. 2nd Class Awards—R. G. Saunders, 30; P. Burgess, 31; J. R. Brain, 31; M. Fry, 31; P. Nancekivell, 31; D. Cheesbrough, 35; J. H. Pym, 35. Non-Expert Award—J. Todd, 36. Novice Award—R. W. Morgan, 83.

SOUTH WESTERN CENTRE AUTO CYCLE UNION

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SCRAMBLE, 1963

For Solo Motor Cycles only

MORLEY PARKS FARM, HALWELL. Sunday, 12th May, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.

OFFICIALS : Centre Stewards—Mrs. M. L. Ramsay, J. T. Courtney and D. H. Jenkin; Clerk of the Course—B. Trott; Secretary of the Meeting—Mrs. P. Trott; Timekeepers and Handicappers—W. J. Baker, H. Holman and R. J. Partridge.

EVENTS

1. **1st Inter-Club Team Race.**
2. **2nd Inter-Club Team Race.** The above, open to all Clubs in the S.W. Centre A.C.U. Teams of four drivers with best three to count. Two drivers from each team in each race. The first two drivers nominated by each Club will go in the first race. To be decided on a points basis. Points will be allocated in each race as follows: The first driver to finish in each race will receive one point, the second to finish two points, and so on. The team with the lowest number of points wins. In the case of a tie, the Team with the fastest time to be the winner. **Awards :** Plaques to the winning Team; Plaques to the runners-up. Also awards for the fastest up to 350 c.c. and over 350 c.c. (All drivers will be flagged off 10 minutes after first man home, or at the Stewards' discretion.)
3. **Unlimited**—1st, £7/10/-; 2nd, £5; 3rd, £3; 4th, £2; 5th, £1; 6th, £1; 7th, 10/-; 8th 10/-.
4. **Up to 350 c.c. Class**—1st, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2; 4th, £1; 5th, 15/-; 6th, 15/-; 7th, 10/-; 8th, 10/-.
5. **Invitation**—1st, £7/10/-; 2nd, £5; 3rd, £3; 4th, £2; 5th, £1; 6th, £1; 7th, 10/-; 8th 10/-.
6. **Unlimited**—1st, £7/10/-; 2nd, £5; 3rd, £3; 4th, £2; 5th, £1; 6th, £1; 7th, 10/-; 8th, 10/-.
7. **Unlimited c.c. Handicap Race**—1st, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2; 4th, £1; 5th, £1; 6th, 10/-; 7th, 10/-; 8th, 10/-. Also S. MacLean Trophy for first S.W. Centre resident to finish.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

JURISDICTION : This event is held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U., together with these Supplementary Regulations. PERMIT NO. O.E. 640 and Insurance granted.

ELIGIBILITY : Open to members of all Clubs in S.W. Centre A.C.U., riders in Event Nos. 1 and 2 must reside in the S.W. Centre or the optional /one for one month before closing date.

ENTRIES must be made on the Standard Entry Form for both the Team Races and the individual entries. Club Secretaries must forward their team entries with entry fee of 30/- per team. All Competitors, including Team members must pay 5/- towards Insurance. **Clubs may enter more than one team.** Entries to be sent to Mrs. P. M. Trott, 3 Leechwell Lane, Totnes, Devon, not later than first post **Tuesday, 7th May, 1963. No late entries will be accepted.**

TEAM ENTRIES : All Clubs entering teams must appoint a team manager, who will be responsible for seeing that his team's machines, numbers and wearing apparel comply with the regulations.

START : Engine running. Clutch start will be used. Hand on helmet. Drop flag.

PRACTISING : This will be allowed between the hours of 1.0 p.m. and 2.0 p.m. All competitors must complete at least one practice lap.

MACHINES must be fitted with a number board fitted to the front forks facing forward and two number boards fitted to the rear of the machine, one on either side, measuring not less than 10 in. diameter. Headlamps, number plates, mascots, etc., must be removed. Two efficient and independently operated brakes must be fitted, one to each wheel. Self-closing throttles are compulsory. Brake and clutch levers must be fitted with metal knobs not less than three-quarter inch diameter. Machines must be efficiently silenced.

NUMBERS : These will be allocated upon receipt of entries; if any preference please state on entry form and, if possible, this will be granted. **The regulations regarding the size and legibility of the numbers on each machine will be rigidly enforced.**

FUEL & TYRES : Any fuel and tyres may be used, but no extra aid to wheel grip, such as studs, spikes, etc., will be allowed.

CLOTHING : Protective clothing must be worn; this includes—A.C.U. approved crash helmets, breeches, jack-boots, gloves, and JACKETS, or A.C.U. approved jerseys.

CHANGE OF DRIVER AND/OR MACHINE : During a race no driver shall change his machine, and no machine shall be driven by more than one driver in the same event. After the closing date of entries a change of driver and/or machine shall be permitted only in exceptional circumstances on application to the Clerk of the Course. A substitution will only be allowed, if the rider concerned has entered for the Scramble, and is a member of the Club concerned.

PITS : Competitors must report to the Pit Stewards by not later than 1.30 p.m. on the day of the event.

OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE : Assistance other than that provided by the promoters of the meeting. Competitors render themselves liable to exclusion from the event should they accept unauthorised assistance.

ABANDONMENT : The Centre reserves the right to postpone or abandon this meeting, or any class in it, if circumstances should make this necessary, and to restrict the number of entries to 70 and the number of riders in each race.

VENUE : Morley Parks Farm, Halwell, on the main Totnes—Kingsbridge road.

STANDARD ENTRY FORM

A.C.U. S.W. CENTRE

1963 SCRAMBLE

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It should be noted that entry form for drivers under 21 years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent since the indemnity would not be valid in law signed by a 'minor.'

Name (block letters please).....

I Agree to ride for the Club Team of.....

I wish to ride as an individual.....

Address.....

.....

Machine..... c.c.....

Club..... Junior, yes/no.....

Enter me for Event No.....

Race No. preferred.....

..... Date..... Entry fees..... Signed.....

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 21.....

Competitors may be requested to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the Club stated on their entry form. Entries to Mrs. P. M. Trott, 3 Leechwell Lane, Totnes, Devon.

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And then there were nine.

Nine little scramblers standing at the gate,
Bernard over revved his,
And then there were eight.

Eight little scramblers smokin' and a' revvin',
Terry tore his gearbox out,
And then there were seven.

Seven little scramblers riding just for kicks,
Badger got his front wheel up,
And then there were six.

Six little scramblers buzzing like a hive,
Ginger filled his crankcase up,
And then there were five.

Five little scramblers revving with a roar,
Footy split his breeches,
And then there were four.

Four little scramblers all a' revvin' free,
Vic went into orbit,
And then there were three.

Three little scramblers feeling rather blue,
Bryan got his hands cold,
And then there were two.

Two little scramblers feeling rather done,
Jerry dropped a nail in,
And then there was one.

One little scrambler said the day is mine, my son,
But he dropped it at the last jump,
And then there was none.

And now the air was silent,
Birds did soar and roam,
So when we'd cleaned the place up,
The rest of us went home.

(With apologies to the 'Sprinter' and others.)

VILLIER'S TIP, No. 4.

For 34A, 36A and 9E motors the correct contact breaker point gap is .018in., but this may have to be varied to suit particular engines from .013in. to .022in. But as a general rule .018in. is correct. Villiers spares are obtainable from R. & W. Motors Ltd., 36 South Street, Bridport. (Telephone : Bridport 2887.)

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GRAND SOLO AND SIDECAR SCRAMBLE AT SHORTACOMBE

Sunday, 19th May, 1963, at 3 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 638.

TEMPORARY COURSE CERTIFICATE No. 149

OFFICIALS : A.C.U. Steward—R. W. Fraser; Club Stewards—C. Priest and C. Perkin; Clerk of the Course—S. Hobbs; Secretary of the Meeting—G. J. White, Penswell Cottage, North Molton, N. Devon.

JURISDICTION : Held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to all paid-up members in the S.W. Centre riding Solo and Sidecar machines.

VENUE : Shortacombe, nr. Sandyway, North Molton, North Devon. Route will be marked from South Molton.

METHOD OF START : Engine running, hand on helmet. Raised flag.

MACHINES must be efficiently silenced. Two efficient brakes—one to each wheel. Self-closing throttles are compulsory. Clutch and brake levers must be metal ball-ended, diameter of ball not less than 3/4-inch.

NUMBERS : Each machine must be fitted with three black discs of not less than 10-inches in diameter with numbers painted white, one facing forward and one each side of the machine.

CLOTHING : A.C.U. approved helmets, breeches and leather gloves must be worn. Also A.C.U. approved jerseys or similar protective clothing.

PRACTISING : This will be allowed 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. and every competitor must complete one lap.

ENTRIES must be sent on the form below to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than **Saturday, 11th May, 1963.** 7/6 should be enclosed with the entrance form to cover part cost of insurance.

EVENTS :

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. Juniors only | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- | 7/6 | 5/- |
| 2. Unlimited—Open Solos | 150/- | 100/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- |
| 3. Unlimited—Open Sidecars | 150/- | 100/- | 60/- | 40/- | | |
| 4. Unlimited—Open Solos | 100/- | 80/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- |
| 5. Unlimited—Open Sidecars | 100/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | | |
| 6. Up to 350 c.c.—Open Solos | 150/- | 100/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- |
| 7. Unlimited—Open Sidecars | 150/- | 100/- | 60/- | 40/- | | |
| 8. Experts only—Solos | 150/- | 100/- | 60/- | 40/- | 20/- | 10/- |

PROTESTS : In accordance with A.C.U. Rules.

ABANDONMENT : The organisers reserve the right to cancel or alter any class or the Meeting itself if circumstances make it necessary.

SOUTH MOLTON SCRAMBLE

19th May, 1963

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Name.....

Address.....

.....Club.....

Machine.....c.c.....Passenger.....

Enter me for Events No..... Racing No. preferred.....

Signature..... Date..... Phone.....

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21)..... My status is Expert/Junior

Competitors may be requested to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form.

WEST OF ENGLAND M.C.

The Annual General Meeting on 20th February re-elected the same officers, apart from the retirement of Vice-Chairman Cyril Bartlett for business reasons. Cyril's health, too, has not been of the best lately. But his many years of service to our car and motor cycle events are not ended; he continues with us as Vice-President, and no doubt will be at the events as often as he can. He is succeeded by Arthur Bowden.

The officers for 1963 are: President, Mrs. M. L. Ramsay; Chairman, L. S. Curtis; Vice-Chairmen, R. W. Fraser and A. Bowden; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. L. McLean; Hon. Secretary, R. P. Walford; Hon. Car Secretary—R. Grimwood. Attendance at the Annual General Meeting was lower even than most, and a number of our stout workers seem to be sick, or busy, or in hiding.

Results of the postponed Christmas Closed Trial (24th February):—

J. E. Green (Garages) Cup and Souvenir—R. J. Wooldrige (199 Triumph), 1 mark lost. Runner-up Award—I. A. Pridham (249 James), 2. Third Best Award—A. Stevens (199 Triumph), 9, on special test. 1st Class Awards—E. A. Dommett (199 Triumph), 9; M. J. Evely (225 James), 10; V. J. Ashford (249 B.S.A.), 11. 2nd Class Awards—B. J. Slee (249 B.S.A.), 13; C. N. Bean (249 James), 14; P. Bellew (199 Triumph), 17. Non-Expert Award—M. Lavercombe (199 Triumph), 21. Novice Awards—H. J. Harvey (246 Greeves), 21.

Another effortless ride by Roger; and, at the other end of the list, another one for the rising star, young John Harvey. Incidentally, Pam Barwick got around in 27, a very good ride, for losses ran into the 70s. There were 33 starters, and snow still lay in places on Haldon. The smallest section, Johnny's Jumper (one sub.), took in proportion the biggest toll of marks, only a handful of experts conquered it, plus lucky Fred Atkinson, who dabbed when just out of it, and luckier Terry Stevens, who managed to throw his bike past the card before sprawling.

A correction to the Knill Trial results: John Burnett's bike should have read 197 Dot.

Start of the Good Friday Non-Experts' Trial will, as usual, be on Chudleigh Knighton Heath at 2.30. Details in last month's "Gazette." Regulations from the Hon. Secretary.

R. P. WALFORD.

SOUTH MOLTON M.C.

My first report is of the very excellent Annual Dinner that we all enjoyed at the George Hotel, and, from what I have heard and seen, our President and Staff deserve a pat on the back for the meal and the way it was put on; also many thanks for the round which he bought for all Club members and friends. There were 88 of us at the dinner and we all had a very enjoyable time.

It was most gratifying to us founder members to see the excellent display of cups and trophies, which is very encouraging for such a new Club as ours.

The guests were Inspector and Mrs. Stacey, Mr. and Mrs. G. Picketts, and our very popular President and wife, Jack and Nancy.

Our Chairman, Mr. C. G. Priest, was once again on the honour's list, having won the Moorland Trophy as the Club member with the most points for the second year running.

Our next event after the Scramble will be the Annual General Meeting and then on the 27th and 28th April we have a Night Rally. The Regulations will be obtainable to all those interested. I hope to see all Club members out on this event.

Congratulations to Bill and wife on their achievement of a daughter, who is already signed up for our Social Committee.

S.G.H.

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READ your Regulations carefully.

Letters to the Editor

1 John's Villas,
Heavitree, Exeter.

Dear Sir,

Quite recently the foul weather caused the cancellation of a well-advertised Scramble and the Club concerned had the necessary task of informing the many riders of the fact, either by telephone or telegram. The radio was also used as a means of letting the general public know the event was not to be held until a later date, but, in spite of this, very many would-be spectators were frustrated by making the long journeys for nothing. This could be rectified to a great extent in future if the motoring organizations co-operated by displaying the notices on the now familiar blackboard at wayside telephone boxes. Secretaries might make a note of this for future reference and would-be patrons would appreciate that we do consider their feelings.

F. BROWNING.

Higher Western,
Oakford, Tiverton.

Dear Sir,

On reading Centre Chat in February "Gazette" I was amazed to see yet another restriction being placed on Clubs for 1964, namely, the limit of three gate-paying events.

First, we have a prize-money limit, then a stipulation that no lap money be paid and now gate-paying events to be limited.

I am completely at a loss to understand all this. What are the Clubs that want these restrictions afraid of? Surely, any Club should be allowed to run its own house how it pleases. If a Club is prepared to gamble and organise five or six gate-paying events during the year—why not?

Surely, it is not right that any Club should be able to tell its neighbour what to do or what not to do.

I am sure it is not the financial position of Clubs that is the reason. I know of Clubs who are against any form restriction who are in the "red" or practically so.

The R.A.C. are already suffering a breakaway group, and, if we continue to dictate to Clubs, I can see the day when that will certainly be a possibility here in our midst.

DESMOND MAY.

4 Whipton Close,
Whipton, Exeter.

Sir,

May I through the medium of the "Gazette," express my personal thanks and appreciation to all who assisted in the Centre Team Trial.

I should like to especially mention the Otter Vale Club for kindly allowing us to run the event in conjunction with their Stuart Trophy Trial: Mr. Pyne, the chief clerk of the course, and his assistants, who, I know, put in a tremendous amount of time preparing the sections; Mr. Caddick, for helping with the results and doing the duplicating; and last, but not least, the kind friends who acted as observers under appalling weather conditions.

I am confident the Centre Board would wish to be associated with this expression of gratitude to all concerned.

WILFRED HAYDON,
Centre Secretary.

YEO VALE M.C.C.

New headquarters have finally been selected after a marathon pub crawl by a small committee of all suitable hosteleries situated in or near Yeovil. Copious quantities of Double Crown, Petrol, Chips, Guinness, etc., etc., were forcibly consumed until the stalwarts decided in a weak moment that the only suitable premises would have to be the "Green Dragon" in St. Michael's Avenue, Yeovil. Club activities will commence there on 4th April with a Social Evening.

The first of the Social runs, namely, the Vigers Cup Social Run, will be starting from Sherborne Railway Station on 21st April, at 2.30 p.m. Jeff Smye will be organising this one, and it should be good.

Our Timed Trial on the 6th April will be held, as last year, at Five Ashes, Higher Odcombe, and will be in the hands of Trevor Stuckey, who intends to make competitors earn their awards. The first man will be sent off at 5.30.

The sidecar entry is at maximum for the Grass Track on Easter Monday, but there are still a few vacancies in the solo class. If the racing is anywhere near as good in the chair class this year as last, spectators should get their value. The venue again is Five Ashes, Higher Odcombe, Yeovil, and all main road entrances will be signposted by the A.A.

Once again the R.A.C. Training Scheme will be operating in Yeovil, with Club members participating in the main tutoring capacities. Anyone that requires information regarding enrolment, fees, etc., can obtain this from the Yeovil Council authorities.

DEVONPORT M.C.C.

As weather conditions have still been bad, sporting activities are restricted, but no doubt will again be in full swing when this "Gazette" is in circulation.

One competition was run in March for the Enfield Cup, a Signpost Event, on a sunny but showery Sunday afternoon. Eleven members entered and they had to complete twenty-four tests, with two special tests. Provisional results:—1, Geoff Davey; 2, R. Usher; 3, Mrs. D. Davey.

We wish to offer to Mr. and Mrs. R. Emonds our congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Janice.

We had a show of Mobil Films, at which a fair number attended.

It has been confirmed that our two Trials will be run on dates applied for, that is: Opening Trial on the 24th March (results in next month) and the Invitation on 14th April. We trust there will be a good entry for both events, and do not forget observers will be welcome, especially from the Expert Trial bods at the latter event.

E.J.

BRIDGWATER M.C.

Last month saw another cancellation—this time it had to be the Grass Track, which should have taken place on the 31st March. The reason is we were unable to find a venue owing to the weather, as it had taken a long time for the frost to come out of valuable grass land. But we will be holding one later in the year.

27th April, at 6.30 p.m., the Ray Hawkins and Novice Car Rally. O.S. map 165 essential. Approximately 70 miles of surfaced roads. Run under R.A.C. permit. Entry fee 5/-. Details from R. Hawkins, 19 Quantock Rise, Pawlett, Bridgwater.

4th May a short Treasure Hunt, starting at Broadway Lido 6 p.m., followed by a Sausage Supper at Brean Down about 7.30 p.m.

The Annual Dinner and Dance was held at the New Market Hotel on 15th March. Our guests included Club President, Mr. A. G. Wall; Mr. J. T. Courtney, President of the S.W. Centre; also Mr. D. Jenkin, Chairman of the Centre, was present.

Competitors who came to collect their awards included Lew Coffin, the Body brothers, Mike Palfrey and others.

B.R.S.

DARTMOUTH M.C.

The Dance held at Bow Bridge on 23rd February was successful, and after a slow start we had quite a crowd.

The Jumble Sale on 8th March was very profitable, although there were not many people present. Many thanks to Mrs. Pat Trott for all the hard work put in this event.

The working party on the Scramble course on 10th March went off very well, and we had quite a number of members turn up to help. In fact, we did not have enough tools to go round. Anyway, we managed to widen the starting gap, clear the trench at the top of the mud and fill in the water hole after the last jump. I think we did very well to do all these things in one day, so now we only have the routine things to do before the Centre Team Scramble on the 12th May.

The Darts match at the New Inn, Morleigh, was good fun, but we only managed to win one leg all evening, thanks, I believe, to A. Doddridge and D. Oxenham.

The Dance held on the 16th March at the Royal Seven Stars Hotel, Totnes, went off very well, and we had quite a large crowd. The Makeeta Dance Band seemed to be on top form, and I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

Future Events :

20th April. Social Evening at the Higher Westonfields Hall, Totnes. Children welcome. Fancy Dress also welcome.

28th April. Our Closed-to-Club Trial, which will start from the Coronation Road Car Park. Further details in News Sheet.

A. ROSENBERG.

PLYMOUTH TOURING M.C.C.

Hello ! folks, Brian reporting. Good weather at last, so let's hope for the increased numbers on Club runs that the Club Captain asked for at the Quarterly General Meeting. The retirement of Ray Smith at the Quarterly General Meeting came as a surprise to members, but he found that his spare time had become limited and so decided to resign. The position of Secretary has now been filled by Arthur Ford, and his wife Wendy has taken over his place on the Social Committee.

The Spring Trial, held again at Venton Farm on a closed circuit, gave an enjoyable day's fun to the twenty-one competitors. It is good to see the entries over the twenty again, though, as is usual with us nowadays, a large entry means a lack of observers. Despite this, Peter Jackson juggled with the few observers he did have and manned seven sections. A very creditable performance. The only snag from the competitors' point of view was due to the fact that ice and frozen ruts made in-between section riding just as difficult as the sections themselves. I think I hold the record for the day with eleven falls in the first lap alone. After that I didn't bother to count. The winner was Rex Grayling and runner-up, Bob Usher.

On the 28th February we at last managed to see Tom Molland's 'Italia 61,' and it was well worth waiting for. The excellence of the colour slides had to be seen to be believed. The slides of the exhibition itself in Turin showed that the five million pounds spent on it had certainly provided wonderful and unusual architecture. The exhibit that caught my particular attention was the mono-rail; surely here is the answer to our congested traffic problems. We look forward to seeing Mr. Molland's "Sound of Guitars" in the autumn.

B.C.G.

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Secretary : K. W. WHITE,
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Fixture list of events for 1963

| Date | Club | Event |
|---------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| April 6 | Yeo Vale | Closed Trial |
| " 7 | Crediton | Open-to-Centre Trial |
| " 7 | Broadhembury | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 7 | Somerton | Closed Trial |
| " 9 | CENTRE BOARD MEETING | |
| " 12 | Taunton | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 12 | West of England | Novice Trial |
| " 14 | Exmouth | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 14 | Tiverton | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 15 | West of England | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 15 | Yeo Vale | Open-to-Centre Grass Track |
| " 21 | Otter Vale | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 28 | Torrige | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 28 | Dartmouth | Closed Trial |
| May 5 | Exmoor | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 5 | Broadhembury | Open-to-Centre Trial |
| " 5 | Yeo Vale | Closed Trial |
| " 12 | CENTRE SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONSHIP | |
| " 19 | South Molton | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 19 | Devonport | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 19 | Exmouth | Closed Trial |
| " 26 | Moretonhampstead | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 26 | Somerton | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 26 | Otter Vale | Closed Trial |
| " 29 | Somerton | Closed Trial |
| June 1 | Tiverton | Open-to-Centre Grass Track |
| " 1 | Sunbeam M.C.C. | Sunbeam 200 |
| " 2 | Lyn | Regional Restricted Trial |
| " 2 | Broadhembury | Regional Restricted Grass Track |
| " 3 | North Devon | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 3 | Dartmouth | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 9 | Yeo Vale | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 9 | Moretonhampstead | Invitation Trial |
| " 15 | Otter Vale | Closed Trial |
| " 16 | Crediton | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 23 | West of England | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 30 | Otter Vale | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| July 7 | Lyn | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 9 | BOARD MEETING | |
| " 14 | Devonport | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 14 | Taunton | Open-to-Centre Grass Track |
| " 21 | Dartmouth | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 27 | Yeo Vale | Pillion Trial |
| " 28 | Exmoor | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 28 | West of England | Closed Trial |
| Aug. 3 | South Molton | Open-to-Centre Grass Track |
| " 4 | Chard | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 4 | Moretonhampstead | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 5 | Exmouth | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 5 | North Devon | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 11 | Tiverton | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 17 | Yeo Vale | Closed Trial |
| " 18 | Crediton | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 25 | Otter Vale | Open-to-Centre Scramble |

| Date | Club | Event |
|---------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Sept. 1 | Chard | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 1 | West of England | Open-to-Centre Grass Track |
| " 1 | Yeo Vale | Closed Trial |
| " 1 | North Devon | Closed Trial |
| " 7 | Somerton | Closed Trial |
| " 8 | Exmoor | Open-to-Centre Trial |
| " 8 | Devonport | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 15 | Taunton | Open-to-Centre Speed Event |
| " 15 | Dartmouth | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 15 | Otter Vale | Closed Trial |
| " 22 | Broadhembury | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 22 | Moretonhampstead | Open-to-Centre Trial |
| " 29 | South Molton | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 29 | Exmouth | Open-to-Centre Trial |
| Oct. 5 | West of England | Open Trial |
| " 6 | Yeo Vale | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 6 | Crediton | Open-to-Centre Trial |
| " 13 | Bridgwater | Open-to-Centre Grass Track |
| " 13 | Torrige | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 13 | Devonport | Open-to-Centre Trial |
| " 20 | Somerton | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| " 20 | Exmoor | Open-to-Centre Trial |
| " 20 | Plymouth Touring | Closed Trial |
| " 27 | Otter Vale | Regional Restricted Trial |
| " 27 | Tiverton | Open-to-Centre Scramble |
| Nov. 3 | Broadhembury | Open-to-Centre Trial |
| " 3 | South Molton | Closed Trial |
| " 10 | BOARD MEETING | |
| " 17 | Lyn | Open-to-Centre Trial |
| " 17 | Moretonhampstead | Closed Trial |
| " 24 | Yeo Vale | Open-to-Centre Trial |
| " 24 | Devonport | Closed Trial |

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