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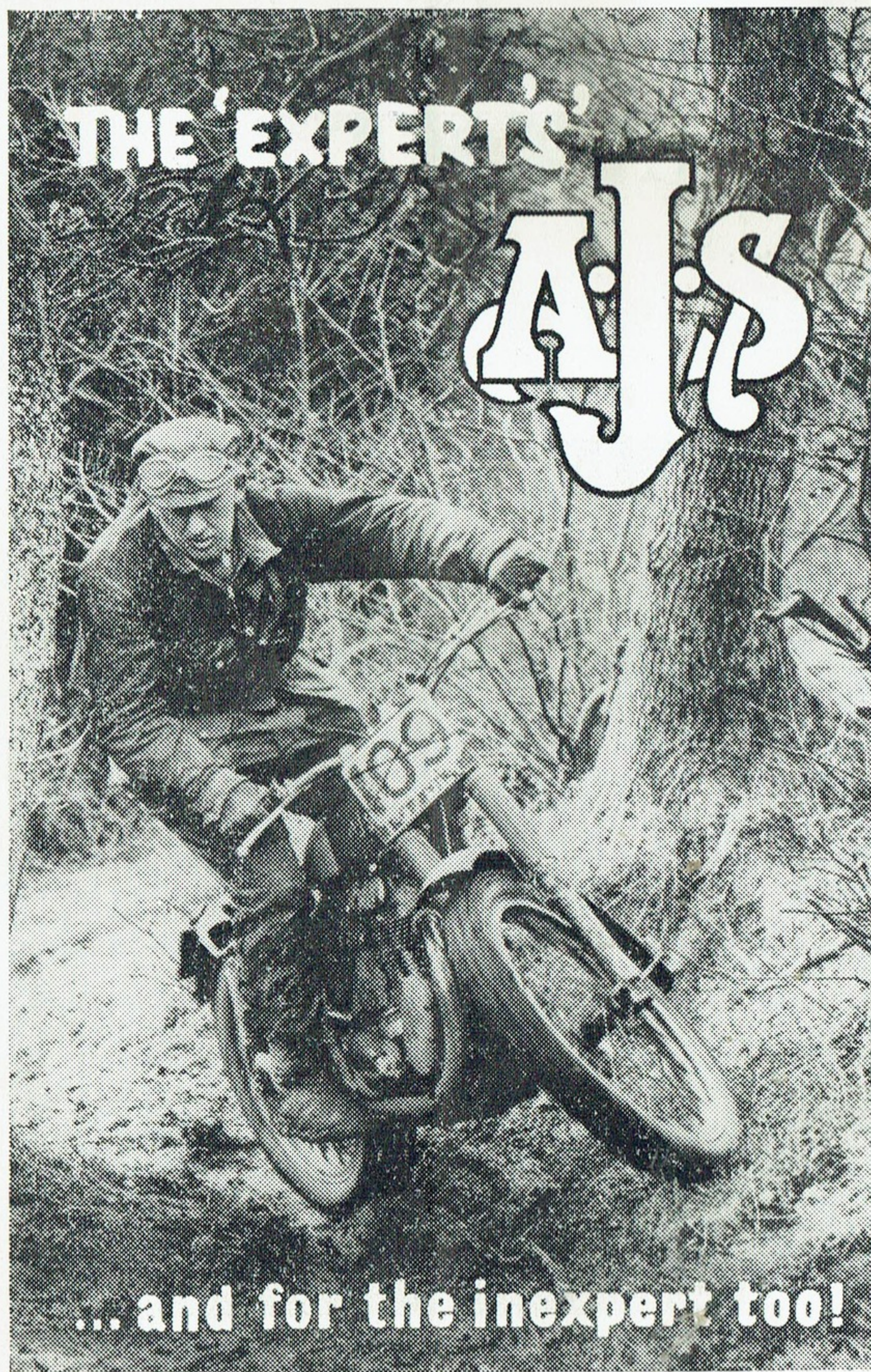
Up and coming Scrambler Ray Baker receives the Junior Trophy from the wife of the President of the Chard Motor Club.

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## YEO VALE MOTOR CYCLING CLUB

### OPEN-TO-CENTRE CROWN TRIAL

Sunday, 25th November, 1962, at 12.30 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 603

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—J. T. Courtney; Club Stewards—G. Draper and N. Sims; Clerk of the Course—D. Brightman and G. Gill; Secretary of the Meeting—R. K. HARVEY, 58 Lakefields, West Coker, nr. Yeovil, Somerset.

**ANNOUNCEMENT & JURISDICTION:** The Yeo Vale M.C.C. will hold a Sporting Trial for Solo Motor Cycles only, on Sunday, 25th November, 1962. This event is open to all paid-up members of all Clubs in the South Western Centre and is held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.

**ENTRIES:** These must be made on the attached form, and to be accompanied by a fee of 6/- (1/- Personal Accident Insurance), and to be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than **Monday, 19th November, 1962.**

**Please Note:** Entry cannot be accepted unless the entry fee of 6/- accompanies it. This will be strictly adhered to.

**START:** Five Ashes, Higher Odcombe, nr. Yeovil. On Odcombe to Ham Hill Road.

**AWARDS:** Moffat Cup for best performance.  
Clubman's Cup for the best Yeo Vale Member.  
Club Cup for best up to 250 c.c.  
Club Cup for best exceeding 250 c.c.  
Chaffey Cup for the best performance by a Novice.  
First Class Awards to the next best ten per cent starters.  
Second Class Awards to the next best ten per cent starters.  
Ladies' Award to the best performance by a Lady Competitor.

**Note:** Class Awards are subject to Four entries in each Class. Moffat Cup, Clubman's Cup, and Chaffey Cup to be held for one year only. No competitor may win more than One Award. A Novice is one who has not won an Award in any Open-to-Centre Trial, or above.

**TYRES:** As laid down by A.C.U. Regulations.

**NUMBERS:** These will be allotted as entries are received.

**MARKING:** Marks will be lost as follows in Observed Sections only: Touching with one foot once only—one mark lost; Footing more than once—three marks lost; Stopping, running alongside machine, breaking or over-running tapes—5 marks lost.

**SPECIAL TEST:** This will be held en-route for the sole purpose of deciding ties.

**GENERAL:** A successful Police prosecution arising from an incident connected with the Trial, may lead to exclusion from the Awards List.

### YEO VALE TRIAL

25th November, 1962

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 .....

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

Team.....

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

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

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### YEO VALE M.C.C.

Apart from our Grand National Scramble on the 7th October, little of note has taken place in the Club's calendar. Although the Inter-Centre event clashed with our own do, quite a good entry of experts were present and many junior riders had to be disappointed. A small sidecar entry of ten once again gave Rufus Rose the monopoly of the three events. We somehow made a small profit, thus keeping our record of never losing on an event since moving to our present circuit over ten years ago. I suppose it might be said that we have been as lucky as anybody in this respect.

Next event is, of course, our Open-to-Centre Crown Trial at the end of the month, and a change of start will take place after umpteen years at the Portman Arms. As the entries have increased two and threefold over the years, the problem of traffic control and adverse village influences have forced us to start elsewhere, which will now be on the Odcombe to Hamhill road; a refreshment van is expected to be present.

Several riders had an enjoyable ride in the West of England National Trial, myself included, despite the abrupt end to our exploits on the section manned by the Dartmouth clan when the sidecar wheel fell off! Who was the bright observer who asked had we retired? Many thanks to the organisers of the transport back to the finish, though. Incidentally, if anyone on that section has a photograph of this rather shattering incident, I should be glad to hear from them c/o the Yeo Vale Secretary.

Now that the Grass Track season is closed I should like to give a big thank you to all Clubs in the S.W. who tried to get this sport moving again this year. As a newcomer myself, it certainly is pleasing to see a little more enthusiasm for this branch of motor cycling, despite the smaller profits (if any) derived from this type of event.

G. GILL.

## BRIDGWATER & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

### QUANTOCK CUP TRIAL

Sunday, 2nd December, 1962, at 11 a.m.

A.C.U. PERMIT No. O.E. 604

OPEN-TO-CENTRE

**OFFICIALS :** A.C.U. Steward—R. K. Harvey; Club Stewards—J. Woodward and R. Jelly; Clerk of the Course—B. Russell; Secretary of the Meeting—R. GRANVILLE, Hillside Cottage, Chilton Polden, Bridgwater.

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

**START :** "The Pines," 5 miles from Bridgwater, via Enmore (top of Buncombe Hill). First man's time 11.00 a.m., others at 1 minute intervals.

**ROUTE :** Marking will be by cards and powder, the onus of finding the correct route rests with the competitor. Route cards will be issued at the start. Marks will be lost as follows: Footing with one foot once only—1 mark lost; Footing more than once—3 marks lost; Stopping or running alongside the machine—5 marks lost.

**TIES :** By special test.

**NUMBERS** will be issued at the start in order of entries received.

**TYRES & PROTESTS :** In accordance with G.C. Rules.

**ENTRIES** to be made on standard entry form below, and sent with the correct fee to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than **Thursday, 29th November, 1962**. Entry Fee must accompany form. Members of promoting club, 3/6; Other entrants, 6/- (Entry fee includes Personal Accident Insurance).

**GENERAL :** A Police prosecution arising out of the Trial, or a false declaration will involve exclusion from the Awards list.

**AWARDS :** The Quantock Trophy and replica for best performance.

Runner-up Award for the next best performance.

Up to 250 c.c. Award.

Over 250 c.c. Award.

1st Class Awards for the next best 10% starters.

2nd Class Awards for the next best 10% starters.

Novice Award (if more than four entries).

### BRIDGWATER TRIAL

2nd December, 1962

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 .....

Machine ..... c.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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### DARTMOUTH M.C.

On the 22nd September we held a ladies' v. gent's skittles match with the Devonport Club, and we were very pleased to see so many members of both Clubs turn up. The Devonport members seemed to have the upper hand and beat us in the two matches played. Results as follow: Devonport men v. Dartmouth men—Devonport won 175 points to 168. Devonport women v. Dartmouth women—again Devonport won 170 to 166. After this contest we had a mixed game to round off a very enjoyable evening. Thanks goes to Charlie Field for the loan of the skittle alley.

The Dance held at Bow Bridge on 29th September was surprisingly successful considering the shocking weather we had that night.

Congratulations to Malcolm Dean for winning the Eric Harvey Trophy. This was the West of England Club's Trial Trophy for the best non-expert over the season in the Club's Trials.

The coach trip to London or the Motor Cycle Show is all arranged and the details are that the coach leaves Totnes Plains 11.15 p.m. on Friday, the 16th November, arrives at Victoria Coach Station early on Saturday morning. The coach leaves at 12 midnight on Saturday and arrives back in Totnes on Sunday. The return journey will cost £1 per seat. Anyone interested should contact A. Rosenberg, 2 Manor Way, Totnes, or telephone Totnes 2076 after 6.30 p.m.

Congratulations to Cedric Walters and Pauline Wyatt on their marriage on 6th October.

Remember the Film Show on the 30th November at Higher Westonfields Hall, Totnes, starting at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

A. ROSENBERG.

## THE TIVERTON MOTOR CLUB

### THE HOOKWAY TROPHY TRIAL

Sunday, 2nd December, 1962, at 12.30 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 605

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—W. J. Baker; Club Stewards—B. King and J. Bray; Clerk of the Course—D. May; Secretary of the Meeting—L. T. G. SAWYER, Square Close, Stoodleigh, nr. Tiverton, Devon. Telephone: Oakford 220.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Tiverton Motor Club will hold a Sporting Trial on Sunday, 2nd December, 1962, for solo machines, open to all members of the S.W. Centre of the A.C.U. under the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. and the following Supplementary Regulations.

**START:** From the Lowtrow Cross Inn (Bampton—Watchet Road, B 3190), Somerset, at 12.30 p.m. Riders must sign on half-an-hour before the start.

**COURSE:** This is of a sporting nature over private ground and will consist of one or more laps.

**MARKS** will be lost as follows: Footing once with one foot only—one mark; Footing more than once—three marks; Stop—five marks.

**TIES** will be decided on the special test.

**AWARDS:** Hookway Trophy (to be held for one year) for best performance.

Award for runner-up.

For best performance up to 250 c.c.

For best performance 251 c.c. to 350 c.c.

For best performance over 350 c.c.

First Class Awards for next best ten per cent of starters.

Second Class Awards for next best ten per cent of starters.

Novice Award.

Award for best performance by a Tiverton Club member.

**Note:** Class Awards subject to six or more Entries.

**ENTRIES** must be sent on the attached form, to reach the Secretary not later than **Tuesday, 27th November, 1962**, with an entry fee of 6/-. No Competitor may win more than one Award. Entry Fee includes P.A. Insurance.

**GENERAL:** Numbers will be allocated at the start. A Police prosecution arising out of the Trial will involve exclusion.

**PRACTISING** is strictly forbidden.

### TIVERTON TRIAL

2nd December, 1962

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.....

Machine.....c.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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### CREDITON M.C.

First of all this month I must thank the Hon. Secretary for writing the notes for last month's "Gazette" in my absence. The big event of last month was the Vigers Trophy Trial. All the thanks are due to the clerks of the course, Arthur Browne and Walter Dodd, for preparing such a sporting course. Many riders commented on the course and some were heard to say that it was the best Trial that they had ridden in for some time. It makes a change to see a new name take the Premier Award, so the Vigers Trophy goes to Birmingham this year and is the proud possession of Ray Hovey. Results:—

Premier Award—R. J. Hovey. Up to 250 c.c.—M. Evely. Over 250 c.c.—M. G. Fry. 1st Class Awards—I. A. Pridham, P. Bellew, W. H. Martin, M. R. White, T. J. Street, D. J. Partridge. 2nd Class Awards—V. J. Ashford, P. Thompson, D. Prowse, M. Lavercombe, C. Dommett. Novice Award—R. J. Shopland.

### Future Events.

We are holding our Christmas Party at the Parish Hall, Newton St. Cyres, on Saturday, 15th December, at 7.30 p.m. All Club members and friends are very welcome.

R.H.W.

### EXMOUTH M.C.

Trials enthusiasts please note that we are holding a Closed-to-Club Trial on 2nd December, starting at 12.30. Regulations and entry forms may be obtained from Mrs. Smith, 84 Bradham Lane, Exmouth.

The next Social event will be a Night Run on November 24th. Full details in November Newsletter.

All riders in our last Open-to-Centre Trial should have received a copy of the final results. We hope they enjoyed themselves and will support us again.

M. HUMPHREYS.

## CENTRE CHAT

### SEVENTH PLACE FOR S.W. TEAM

Our boys put up a good show in the Inter-Centre Scramble organised by the Ringwood Club and came seventh out of 12 teams taking part. The placings were:—1, Southern Centre, 267 points; 2, Midlands, 260; 3, Eastern, 238; 4, South Midland, 199; 5, Cheshire, 191; 6, Wessex, 187; 7, South Western, 170.

It will be seen that there was not a large margin between the fourth and our placings, and Team Manager Jim Courtney tells me that, had the lap scoring been a little more accurate, we should have moved up a couple of places. B. Curtis was only credited with 10 laps, although he did the full eleven, and, despite a protest from Jim, the result had to stand. This dropped us 10 points.

We never seem to get a great deal of luck with the Inter-Centre Championship and in the first race Brian Goss came off, leaving Brian Slee, Brian Curtis and Terry Cox to fight the battle. They put up a remarkable performance and the markings were: Slee 28, Cox 26 and Curtis 12. In the second race, Brian Goss, despite a badly bruised back, went all out and the markings were 104.

We must congratulate our neighbours, the Southern Centre, for pulling off the much coveted award given by the "Daily Herald," and trust that one day we may have the pleasure of putting on the same event in our area.

A word of praise must go to Jim for the hard work he put into the organisation of the team. It entails a lot of time and not a little cost, so the Centre and the lads taking part owe him much thanks.

Now for something not quite so pleasing. A correspondent writes to me complaining that too much officialdom is forthcoming from the people who have the last word at Centre level. He says, "They seem to treat us like a lot of children, who cannot take care of ourselves."

I also note that the Somerton Club are taking the Competitions Committee to task in their monthly news-sheet over the staging of their Scramble. Personally, I think it about time that the Centre realised that the Clubs are well able to take care of themselves and will ask for guidance when they need it. I have always welcomed the help given to my Club by the officials at our events and know that their advice is backed by many years of experience in the world of motor cycle sport. On the other hand, when a Club wants to stage a special event to attract the public, and, after all, the keynote to success is the art of putting it over to the public, they should be allowed to do so unmolested by petty restrictions.

This Centre, like many others, sold Scrambling to the public, and anything that will help to sustain that interest in the form of advertising should be encouraged, not discouraged.

L.T.G.S.

## 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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## DARTMOUTH & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE & L.C.C.

### CHRISTMAS TRIAL

Sunday, 9th December, 1962

PERMIT No. O.E. 601

**OFFICIALS :** A.C.U. Steward—J. A. Davey; Club Stewards—J. Langmead and C. Hayman; Secretary of the Meeting—Mrs. B. HANCOCK, 'Casa Martin,' Harbertonford, nr. Totnes; Clerk of the Course—Mr. P. Hancock.

**JURISDICTION :** Held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to all paid-up members of the South West Clubs. Solo machines only.

**START & FINISH :** Morley Parks Farm, Halwell, nr. Totnes. Main Totnes—Kingsbridge Road. First man away 11.30 a.m. others at 1 minute intervals.

**ENTRIES** must be made on the attached form forwarded with fee to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than **Wednesday, 5th December, 1962.** Members, 4/6; Others, 6/- (includes P.A. Insurance).

**COURSE** will be of a sporting type and marked with powder and cards, approx. 30 miles.

**MARKING :** Footing once with one foot only—1 mark; Footing more than once—3 marks; Stopping or running alongside—5 marks; Not ready to enter Section when called upon by official—1 mark.

**TYRES & PROTESTS** in accordance with A.C.U. Regulations.

**GENERAL :** A Police prosecution arising out of the Trial, a false declaration or practising before or after the Trial on Private Sections without permission will involve exclusion from the Awards List.

**AWARDS :** Club Trophy and replica.

Runner-up.

First Class—Best 10%.

Second Class—Next Best 10%.

Best Non-Expert.

Novice Award.

### DARTMOUTH TRIAL

9th December, 1962

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.

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

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

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## SOMERTON M.C.

Tickets now available for Annual Dinner and Presentation of Awards. We do hope award winners will make an effort to attend. We are usually gratified with a very good number, so please keep up the good work. Thank you to the four riders who represented this Centre in the Inter-Centre Scramble. It was a very good show, but we have yet to win this event. Never mind, there is always next year.

The Samways Memorial Run held in September was again won by Mr. and Mrs. D. Syms, but it was a very close thing, as 'Bungy' Lukins and 'Surf' were only one point behind. Outstanding thing about this run was that the winners were the only members using a motor cycle; how times change. I can remember when it used to be only one car; perhaps we are all getting old! It was nice to see A. Hansford and Harold Wells at this do, besides some of our newer members.

Congratulations to D. A. Pengelly on receiving the Shell-Mex A.C.U. Road Safety Award this year. So don't blot your copybook now, Pen!

In October the Hockey Cup run was held, but this was very poorly supported. It was enjoyed by the few that took part, and Ron Pitman, this time using a Morris, was the winner. The organisers wanted to know what to do with the mountain of food left over. They told him to put it in the same place as his "Honolulu" penny.

Would all holders of perpetual awards return same as soon as possible, as they must be engraved before the dinner.

"Mrs. CUR."

## OTTER VALE M.C.

The first thing to report this month is the Pop's Trophy Trial, which was held at Doddiscombeleigh Farm on Sunday, 16th September. Rain made the going heavy and many of the sections became almost impossible. The results were as follow:—

Pop's Trophy—W. H. Martin (23); runner-up—P. Bellew (29). 1st Class Awards—V. J. Ashford (35), T. J. Street (36), M. Fry (38), K. Jeffery (41). 2nd Class Awards—I. A. Pridham (41), M. Lavercombe (45), M. Evely (47). Non-Expert—W. R. Smale (64). Novice—A. Fey (64).

Entries have been coming in fast for the Regional Restricted Trial with 47 riders from the other Centres. Many old favourite sections will be used, including Hike-it, Lancercombe, Jim's Joke and Raspberry Ripple, as well as one or two new ones.

Please note: The Dinner and Dance will be held at The Victoria Hotel, Sidmouth, on Thursday, 29th November. The tickets will cost 17/6 and applications should be sent to J. T. Courtney, Esq., 5 Highfield, Sidmouth.

We were sorry to hear that Mr. Jim Dommatt is in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery, and hope to see him observing again soon.

If any members have recently changed their address, would they please inform the Secretary.

JEANNETTE COURTNEY.

## PLYMOUTH TOURING M.C.

Since last month we've had our last camping week-end of the season at St Ives, complete with sunshine most of the time. Unfortunately, the barbecue arranged for Denham Bridge was literally a complete washout, with driving rain and a gale blowing, but at least it cleared for us all to have a good afternoon's sport on the Sunday for our skilful riding competition. The winner on a competition bike being Rex Grayling and the standard machine award going to my better half on his rather battered-looking James.

The next few weeks promise to be busy with the Club Autumn Trial, the visit to the Westward Studios for the few lucky ones and a very interesting film show, finishing off our year with the Annual General Meeting.

It looks as though next year's committee is going to be a completely new one, with several older members retiring, but who will, I'm sure, be there to give advice and help if needed.

R. BUTLER.

## THE TAUNTON MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

### THE EDWARDS TROPHY TRIAL

Sunday, 9th December, 1962, at 12.30 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 602

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—W. R. Haydon; Club Stewards—W. A. Stone and K. E. Marshall; Clerk of the Course—J. J. Whitefield; Secretary of the Meeting—N. JARMAN, Edwards Motors Ltd., Station Road, Taunton. Telephone 2943.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Taunton Motor Cycle Club will be holding a Sporting Trial for solo motor cycles only on Sunday, 9th December, 1962. This event is open to all paid-up members of Clubs in the South Western Centre and is held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.

**START:** The Holman Clavel Inn, Culmhead, at 12.30 p.m. The first rider will leave the start at 12.30 p.m. the remainder following at half minute intervals.

**MARKS:** These will be lost as follows: Dab in any Section or Sub-Section—one mark lost; Footing in any Section or Sub-Section—three marks lost; Stopping in any Section or Sub-Section—five marks lost.

**ROUTE:** The route will be clearly marked with blue powder and cards. The onus of finding the correct route rests entirely with the competitor.

**AWARDS:** The Edwards Trophy for the best performance of the day.

Runner-up Cup for the next best performance.

Up to 250 c.c. Cup for best performance by machine up to 250 c.c.

Over 250 c.c. Cup for best performance by machine over 250 c.c.

Novice Cup for best performance by a Novice rider.

First Class Awards to next best 10% finishers.

Second Class Awards to next best 10% finishers.

A novice is a person who has never won an Award in an Open-to-Centre Trial (or above).

**ENTRIES:** Entries must be made on the accompanying form and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than first post on **Thursday, 6th December, 1962**, together with entry fee.

**ENTRY FEE:** Members of the Promoting Club, 5/-; Non-Members, 6/-; Team Entry, 4/-. These entry fees include 1/- for riders P.A. Insurance. Each team will consist of three riders. The organisation reserve the right to refuse any entry without giving a stated reason.

**POSTPONEMENT:** The organisers reserve the right to cancel or postpone this meeting should circumstances make this necessary.

**GENERAL:** No form of organised assistance will be allowed. A Police prosecution arising out of this Trial or false declaration on an entry form or competitors causing annoyance to owners or tenants of private land used in this Trial or excessive noise or speed through villages en route will mean exclusion from the Awards List. A Special Test will be held en route for the sole purpose of deciding ties. A back marker will leave the start fifteen minutes after the last rider; any rider falling behind the back marker will be deemed to have retired. All Trophies to be held for one year only.

### TAUNTON TRIAL

9th December, 1962

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.'*

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Address.....

..... Club .....

Machine ..... c.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.**

## WEST OF ENGLAND M.C.

Results of the West of England Trial.—

"The Motor Cycle" Trophy and Souvenir (Solo Class)—A. J. Davis (343 B.S.A.), 4 marks lost. "The Motor Cycle" Trophy and Souvenir (Sidecar Class)—P. Wraith (497 Ariel), 21 marks lost. Sidecar Passenger Trophy and Souvenir—H. Breland. "Famous James" Cup and Souvenir (200 c.c.)—J. R. Sayer (199 Triumph), 5. Excelsior Cup and Souvenir (250 c.c.)—E. Adcock (249 Dot), 6. Snell Cup and Souvenir (350 c.c.)—M. Andrews (347 A.J.S.), 14. Letchworth Cup and Souvenir (over 350 c.c.)—S. H. Miller (499 Ariel), 15. Ladies' Award and Souvenir—Mrs. M. Driver (249 B.S.A.), 104. Special 1st Class Awards—J. V. Smith (249 B.S.A.), 7; G. R. Adsett (250 Greeves), 12; J. R. Giles (199 Triumph), 13; B. W. Martin (249 B.S.A.), 15; D. G. Langston (249 B.S.A.), G. Blakeway (199 Triumph) and M. Dismore (250 James), 16; B. Povey (250 James) and W. Wilkinson (246 Greeves), 17; A. J. Lampkin (249 B.S.A.), W. H. Martin (250 James), P. Fletcher (250 Royal Enfield), D. Smith (250 Greeves), L. Wyer (250 Greeves) and D. J. Theobald (246 Greeves), 19; S. Ellis (199 Triumph), P. N. Brittain (250 Royal Enfield) and G. O. McLaughlan (347 A.J.S.), 20; A. Pulman (246 Dot S/c), 31. 1st Class Awards—R. J. Wooldridge (199 Triumph), 20; R. S. Peplow (199 Triumph) and V. J. Ashford (249 Francis-Barnett), 23; J. M. Brush (199 Triumph), 24; J. A. Sandiford (249 B.S.A.), 25; C. J. Cullen (250 Greeves), 26; D. J. Adsett (146 Francis-Barnett), 27; M. G. Davis (246 Greeves), 29; M. Ransom (246 Francis-Barnett), 30; P. D. Baker (199 Triumph), 31; S. T. Cooper (199 Triumph), 32; C. E. Ludgate (248 Royal Enfield) and G. Farley (199 Triumph), 34; E. H. J. Short (201 James), 36; B. Valder (246 Greeves) and K. J. Sedgley (250 Greeves), 37; R. J. Langston (497 Ariel S/c), 32. 2nd Class Awards—D. Boaden (225 James), 37; W. F. Elliott (199 Triumph), 38; D. J. Head (199 Triumph), 39; M. Bowers (246 Dot), R. V. Brown (199 Triumph), P. Bellew (199 Triumph) and P. H. Gaunt (197 P.G.S.), 40; R. J. May (250 Dot) and B. C. Hoare (246 Dot), 42; I. A. Pridham (248 James), 43; M. R. White (246 Dot), 44; E. I. Williamson (246 Francis-Barnett) and P. L. Thompson (250 D.M.W.), 45; J. L. Stone (347 A.J.S.), 46; J. L. Kendall (347 Ariel S/c), 56. South Western Award—W. H. Martin (250 James), 19. Fred Anning Trophy—R. J. Wooldridge (199 Triumph), 20. Cornishman Trophy—M. R. White (246 Dot), 44. Jersey Tankard—No award. Trade Team Trophy—B.S.A. No. 2 (A. J. Lampkin, B. W. Martin and A. J. Davis), 38. Club Team Trophy—Sunbeam M.C. (J. M. Brush, J. R. Giles and D. Smith), 56. Eric Harvey Trophy for 1962—M. W. Dean (197 Dot), 94, plus 171 in preceding Trials—265.

The Trial, held in ideal weather, was by no means as easy as the leaders small losses of marks might suggest. Gatcombe, at its ripest, halted all the sidecars except the diminutive Dot of Arthur Pulman and Lyn, which hurtled up non-stop and clean to the cheers of the astonished onlookers. Incidentally, we don sackcloth for the printer's error in the route card which sent the sidecars over a lot of needless miles of solo route and brought them to later hills in the midst of the solos instead of in front.

The surprise and sensation was, of course, the beautiful winning ride of Tony Davis on the new B.S.A. B40T Star—his second national win in three weeks. With the lamented retirement of Gordon Jackson for business reasons (he had actually entered), Eric Adcock was a hot favourite, followed by Bill Martin and Sammy Miller. How keen the contest was can be seen, with the first four riders separated only by as many marks. Local riders didn't feature as strongly in the awards as usual, though W.E.M.C. No. 1 and Devonport Club teams had good scores. Mary Driver, the holder of the ladies' award, only retained it by two marks from Pam Barwick. Among the visitors, it was nice to see Gordon Farley get a first; in 1961 he was the youngest competitor, just 16. The entry was the biggest yet, 203 actually, and a number had to be refused. The new owner of Deep Waters turned sour on us the day before the Trial, and we had to cut it out. Otherwise, we enjoyed our usual first-class relations with the landowners; we thank them, and also the Union Inn, Denbury, and all the helpers who came along from other Clubs.

The awards will be given at our **Annual Dinner and Dance on 6th December**, at the Trecarn Hotel, Babbacombe, Torquay. **R. P. WALFORD.**

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### SOUTH MOLTON M.C.

The Social Committee held a very successful Bingo at North Molton, they also put a Tableau in the Carnival and had a third prize, but the rain poured down all the evening and night. This was probably the reason why we did not have a very large attendance at our Scramble, which was disappointing after the very good entry received. Seventy-seven riders entered, including 17 experts. Unfortunately, 13 riders did not turn up, including Tris Sharp.

Some very good racing took place, with Ray Baker winning the Junior event; the rest of the afternoon's racing was shared out fairly evenly. Results :—

The Pidler Trophy (Juniors)—1, R. Baker; 2, J. Williams; 3, R. Thorne. Unlimited (Open)—1, B. J. Slee; 2, V. Vaughan; 3, J. Timms. Up to 350 c.c. (Open)—1, B. Goss; 2, B. J. Slee; 3, D. Brown. Over 350 c.c. (Open)—1, F. Underwood; 2, R. Cox; 3, B. J. Slee. Unlimited (Open : Margaret Pickett Trophy)—1, F. Underwood; 2, R. Cox; 3, B. J. Slee. Unlimited (Open)—1, B. J. Slee; 2, V. Vaughan; 3, J. Timms.

The Social Committee are running a Bingo on the 13th October at South Molton and one at Bishopsnympton on the 13th November. They are arranging to take a ladies' skittle team to Bish Mill. It should turn out to be a very interesting evening.

I myself had a very enjoyable day at the West of England Trial; this event is well worth anyone going to watch. S.G.H.

### MORETONHAMPSTEAD M.C.

We had perfect weather for the Open-to-Centre Trial on the 23rd September, which was held in the Chagford area, and it proved a very enjoyable one. The winner was W. H. Martin, with the loss of 20 marks, and the runner-up, V. J. Ashford, with 22 marks lost; third best, M. G. Fry, with 28 marks. Novice Cup—A. M. Fey, 69 marks. 1st Class Awards—T. G. Street, R. J. Partridge, P. Bellew, I. A. Pridham, A. Stevens and P. Thompson. 2nd Class Awards—K. Jeffery, D. Boaden, M. Lavercombe, P. Burgess and M. W. Dean.

Our next Trial is a Closed-to-Club, on Sunday, 18th November. The venue will probably be at New Mill, North Bovey. Regulations will be sent to all Club members with the November "Gazette."

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23rd January, 1963. I am afraid that it is impossible to have the Masonic Hall, Moretonhampstead, for the meeting, so it will have to be the Parish Hall, North Bovey, I expect. We have two films to follow on after the business : The Golden Mountain and The Scottish Six Days, in colour. Fred Atkinson is also bringing along his slides of last year's Scottish. He showed them one night at our house after a committee meeting, and some of the scenery in the coloured slides were superb. If anybody needs any further enticement to come, there will be refreshments also. M.B.W.

### BROADHEMBURY M.C.

The Scramble at Colley Farm got off to a fine start, literally, due to the use of an elastic gate. This is definitely the fairest, quickest and easiest method and will certainly be retained for future events. The weather was good and there was some excellent racing, but other events nearby reduced the gate, but not the overdraft.

Very few members patronised the Dance held at the Willand Village Hall, but the 200 young people present twisted and jived till 2 a.m., and even the oldest member present found the modern music quite pleasant to listen to. Another Dance will be held early in the New Year.

The Dinner date has had to be brought forward a week to 7th December, but will still be at the Cullompton Hotel, with dancing to the Organaires. Tickets will soon be on sale.

A tableau is being entered in the local Carnivals with the usual 'Smokey' Trialers leading the processions. This is an ideal occasion to support the Club and the Carnival organisers.

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### Broadhembury M.C.—continued

We soon hope to own a trophy, to be held individually, and for which the holder may be challenged to any game or sport subject to some rules to be drawn up. This should add considerable interest to social evenings, etc., and enable members to get to know each other better.

If you read these notes before the 5th, don't forget the bonfire at Colley Farm and bring along a few fireworks.

A.J.C.

### DEVONPORT M.C.C.

Thirteen members with cars took part in the Gymkhana and had an interesting afternoon at Clearbrook. The event was well organised by Ted Bolt, Jack Millett and Tom Webber. Thank you, gentlemen, for your efforts. Results :—

A. H. Fletcher, 16½ marks lost; runner-up, R. Millett, 21. Ladies' Award—Mrs. Fletcher, 28; runner-up, Miss M. Usher, 29.

A few members supported the East Cornwall Scramble at Sevenstones on an ideal day and saw excellent racing, Brian Slee being the main rider, although closely followed by Roger Wooldridge and John Davey.

Our Autumn Trial started from Kingsbridge Road Hotel, Wrangaton. Roger Wooldridge rode very well, and was the only rider from an entry of sixty-four to clean a new section leading up to the Moors at Ivybridge. The usual names find their way into the awards list, but a former expert, Rex Discombe, came out of retirement, just to keep fit, and won a 2nd Class Award. Provisional results :—

Triumph Cup—R. Wooldridge, 20 marks lost; 2nd best, W. H. Martin, 24; 3rd best, E. H. Short. 1st Class Awards—M. J. Evely, 48; T. Bellew, 48; A. Stevens, 50; P. Thompson, 53; E. Bolt, 58; M. Opie, 60. 2nd Class Awards—D. Cheesebrough, 65; C. Bean, 70; S. W. Little, 70; R. Rowse, 71; R. Discombe, 72; B. Trott, 75. Novice Award—J. A. Codd, 104.

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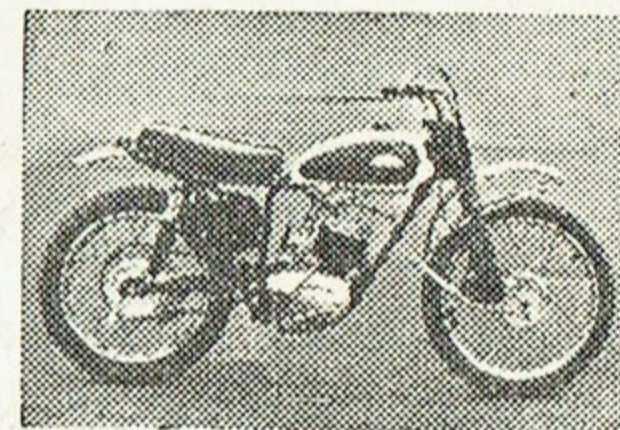
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