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# THE LYN & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

## TERRY RICHARD'S TROPHY TRIAL

Sunday, 17th November, 1963. First man away 12.01 p.m.

A.C.U. PERMIT NO. O.E. 717

**OFFICIALS :** A.C.U. Steward—E. V. Beach; Club Stewards—R. H. Jones and C. Tyrrell; Clerk of the Course—F. C. Smith; Secretary of the Meeting—R. F. Wood, "Draycote," Maidenford Lane, Barnstaple. Tel. Barnstaple 3078.

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

**START & FINISH :** Millslade, Brendon, nr. Lynton.

**ENTRIES :** These must be made on the form below and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting to arrive not later than **Thursday, 14th November, 1963**, together with the correct Entry Fee.

**COURSE :** This is a course of about seven miles and will be of two or more laps. The route will be marked by flags and cards.

**MARKING :** Footing with one foot once only—1 mark; Footing more than once—3 marks; Stopping or running alongside machine—5 marks.

**TIES :** Furthest round course without loss of marks will decide.

**TYRES & PROTESTS :** These to be in accordance with the A.C.U. Regulations.

**GENERAL :** A Police prosecution arising out of the Trial or practising on private sections of the course will involve exclusion from the awards list.

**ENTRY FEES :** Lynn & D.M.C. members, 5/-; Others, 6/-. (Includes P.A. Insurance.)

### AWARDS :

Terry Richard's Trophy—Best performance of the day.

Second Best performance of the day.

Third Best performance of the day.

First Class Award to the next best 10% of starters.

Second Class Awards to the next best 10% of starters.

Non-Expert Awards. (A non-expert is one who has not won higher than a 2nd Class award in an Open-to-Centre Trial.)

Novice Award (as Centre ruling).

**NOTE**—Would riders entering this Trial who are in possession of a trophy won at any of the Lyn Trials in 1962 please be kind enough to return them at this event. Thank you.

### LYN TRIAL

17th November, 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 .....

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.

# MIRIAM L. RAMSAY

Born Miriam Laura Yeoman in April, 1903.

She had a flair for anything mechanical, which eventually led to her interest in motor cycles. Not satisfied with taking part in many events, she also took a serious part in the organising of competitions run by the West of England Motor Club. Miriam's work on behalf of the West of England Club and the South Western Centre is legionary.

When the Centre disbanded in the 20's she was mainly responsible for getting it back into being again.

Miriam will be remembered for her many activities on a 8 h.p. V. Twin Zenith, which was later inter-changed for a James V. Twin sidevalve sidecar outfit. This machine carried her through many famous Trials of National and Centre level. She never failed to put in an appearance at the long-distance Trials such as the Land's End, Exeter and London-Edinburgh. Nineteen twenty-nine saw Miriam receiving factory support when competing on a 493 c.c. Sloper B.S.A. She was within one mark of collecting the Class award in a famous National Trial in 1930 and became a friend of that other famous pre-war ace Trial rider, Marjorie Cottle.

During the war Miriam served in the Forces teaching motor cycling. After the war she moved more to the organising side and did very little riding.

Her last event, I believe, was the London-Edinburgh Trial, which she, unfortunately, did not complete. When nearing Doncaster she had a collision; with the help of a fellow competitor I helped her into the hotel near and she retired from the Trial.

She was a regular attender at A.C.U. Council meetings before the war as a Centre delegate, was appointed to the Competitions Committee early post-war and had the distinction of being the only woman to serve on this committee. It was only after the death of her first husband, Fred Anning, that she resigned from this committee to take on the representation of a well-known motor cycle manufacturer.

Miriam Ramsay was one of the greatest female competitors and organisers the West Country has ever produced. Her pioneering and methods lifted the West of England Trial to its present status as one of the finest National Trials run today.

Everyone in the Centre was influenced by the swift intuitive genius of Miriam Ramsay.

Her death was a shock to all her colleagues and indeed the whole Centre. Miriam Ramsay was kind and thoughtful, humble, with a great sense of humour. Her memory will for ever be remembered in the motor cycling world.

GARTH JOTCHAM.

## CHARD MOTOR CLUB

EXPERTS ONLY SCRAMBLE FOR SOLOS—CHILLINGTON, nr. CHARD  
(Open to S.W. Centre)

Sunday, 17th November, 1963, at 12.30 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 718

TEMPORARY COURSE CERTIFICATE No. 284

OFFICIALS : A.C.U. Steward—W. R. Haydon; Club Stewards—P. Westlake and W. Latham;  
Clerk of the Course—J. Baulch; Secretary of the Meeting—G. Picketts, 23 Exeter Road, Exmouth.  
Phone 2292 or 3264.

### EVENTS & AWARDS :

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5. Unlimited—Open ...	150/-	100/-	80/-	40/-	20/-	20/-	10/-	10/-

### 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 affiliated to the S.W. Centre of the A.C.U.

**PRACTISING :** Allowed from 12 noon. All competitors must complete at least one practice lap.

**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 of 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 :** 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.

**ENTRIES** must be made on the attached form and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting by not later than **Thursday, 7th November, 1963.** These are needed for advance publicity.

**VENUE :** WINDWHISTLE, mid-way between Crewkerne and Chard on the main A.30 road.

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

### CHILLINGTON SCRAMBLE

17th November, 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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### EXMOUTH M.C.

Those terrible twins—Harold Smith and Alan Bradford—are once more in the winners' list this month. They took the Williamson Trophy on 15th September and this win secures them the drivers' and navigators' aggregate cups for 1963. Congratulations to you both.

The verdict on the run was a very mixed one. The route was very well thought out, but those clues, Keith, were rather naughty. Who did win the Derby in 1947?

The Tom Whiddon Trophy Trial was a great success and very keenly fought for by B. Martin and R. Wooldridge, both finishing the very exacting course with 18 points lost.

The special test had to be used to decide the winner, who turned out to be B. Martin. Other results:—

1st Class Awards—R. Wooldridge, 18; A. Stevens, 24; M. Fry, 25. 2nd Class Awards—P. Bellows, 36; R. Hovey, 38; E. Dommett, 39. Novice Award—W. Dimes, 57.

Plans for the annual President's dinner, to be held at the Imperial Hotel, Exmouth, on 13th November, are well in hand, and tickets are available from committee members.

Dinners are always popular with members, so an early application for tickets is advised.

The Night Rally for the Blanchford Trophy on 2nd-3rd November starts from the Club Headquarters, Withycombe, 9.30 for 10 p.m. start. Quote from the organiser: "A learner's Rally."

New date for the Genevieve Trophy, 6th December.

Congratulations to Penny and John on their recent engagement announcement.

R. LEACH.

## YEO VALE MOTOR CYCLING CLUB

### OPEN-TO-CENTRE CROWN TRIAL

Sunday, 24th November, 1963, at 12.30 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 716

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—D. H. Jenkin; Club Stewards—D. Syms and R. Baker; Clerk of the Course—C. Bradley; 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, 24th November, 1963. 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 the Standard Trials Regulations of the South Western Centre 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, 18th November, 1963.**

**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.
- Clubmans 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 Best Performance by a Novice.
- 1st Class Awards to the next best 10% starters.
- 2nd Class Awards to the next best 10% starters.
- Ladies Award to the Best Performance by a Lady Competitor.

**Note:** Class Awards are subject to four entries in each class. Moffat Cup, Clubmans 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—five 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

24th November, 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 .....

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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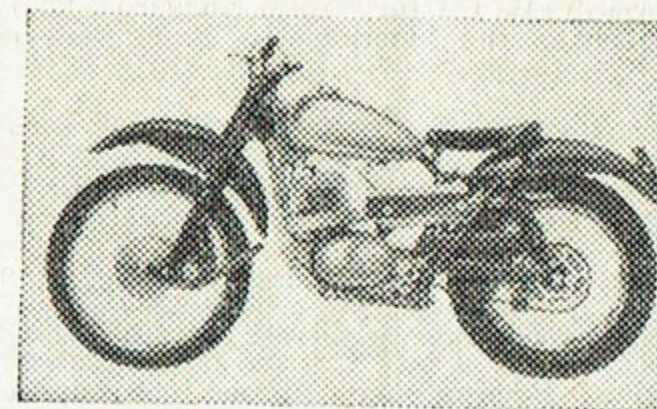
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### TIVERTON M.C.

Our Standard Machine Trial was held on 8th September. A medium-sized entry was received.

The course, of about 10 miles, was of a sporting nature. Outstanding performances were made by T. Adams and D. Hill (solos) and J. Bray (sidecar).

The highlight of the afternoon was J. Werner's climb of Normans on Jack Bray's outfit. He appeared to be airborne for most of the climb. This was so spectacular that next time he appears we are considering making an admission charge to view.

S. Martin's effort was also outstanding on a 100 c.c. scooter. At the end, at Nethercott Farm, Mr. Leigh's cider was in great demand and much appreciated.

The Tiverton Rally for cars was held on 14th-15th September. A very good entry was received with many potent S.A.A.B.s and Coopers amongst them. The lead was hotly contested from the word go by Keeling and Cracknell in their S.A.A.B.s and Clemens in his Cooper. Keeling was leading at the half-way stage, but an error later dropped him to third spot.

We feel particularly sorry for the dozen or so cars that took the "white road" through Nethercott and arrived in the valley with no means of exit except the tow-rope and tractor of a near-by farmer. This was never intended by the organisers, but surely it is taking a big chance for any navigator to take an unknown "white road" when time has been allowed to take a "non-white." This should have been most noticeable on the route card.

For our sporting Trial for solos in December we intend using a number of real hills, joined by a few road miles. We feel that this will suit the competitors better than the pocket handkerchief course so often used today. Now, all you boys who long for the good old days with real sections, let's have your entries.

We would be glad of offers for observers on this Trial.

Rally results: Experts—1, J. Cracknell; 2, B. Clemens; 3, D. Keeling. Non-Experts—1, P. Stephens; 2, R. T. Brown; 3, J. Radford.

## TIVERTON MOTOR CLUB

### HOOKWAY TROPHY TRIAL

Sunday, 1st December, 1963, at 12.15 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 720

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—B. Lukins; Club Steward—D. Hill; Clerks of the Course—D. May and W. Martin; Secretary of the Meeting—L. T. G. Sawyer, Square Close, Stoodleigh, Tiverton. Phone Oakford 220.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Tiverton Motor Club will hold a Sporting Trial on Sunday, 1st December, 1963, 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., The Centre Standard Trial Regulations and the following Supplementary Regulations.

**START:** Wishing Well Cafe. Bampton to Shillingford Road, A396.

**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:

- Best Performance—Hookway Trophy.
- Award for runner-up.
- 1st Class Awards for next best 10% of finishers.
- 2nd Class Awards for next best 10% of finishers.
- Novice Award.
- Award for best performance by a member of the Tiverton Club.

**ENTRIES** must be made on the attached form, to reach the Secretary not later than **Monday, 25th November, 1963**, 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.

**PRATCISING** is strictly forbidden.

### TIVERTON HOOKWAY TROPHY TRIAL

1st December, 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.

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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.

## 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:

“... would like to express our sincere thanks for the magnificent service and quality of your catering... everyone was full of praise and that is the sort of thing that does a club a whole lot of good...”

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### SOUTH MOLTON M.C.

We have had two events this month, the first being our Bishopsnympton Treasure Hunt with Arthur and yours truly doing the organising. We had a very good entry of 21 and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. We had a special test, which consisted of a small marker stood up in the road and the test was to drive as close as possible without touching it with your bumper, and the distances were interesting, ranging from  $\frac{3}{4}$  ins. to 2ft.

Results:—1, D. White; 2, G. White; 3, D. Lock.

The next event was our Scramble, which our President very kindly opened, and once again we had the lot, rain and fog. We delayed the start by half an hour and some very good racing took place, with D. J. Barnes winning the Pidler Trophy for the juniors and B. J. Slee the Margaret Pickett Trophy. There was some very good racing in the sidecar events, with R. Rose winning two out of three events, but being closely followed by N. Eddy and G. Winsor.

Our Club would like to thank the members of the St. John Ambulance and the Devon Constabulary and all the friends of ours who have helped us in the past, and we hope to see them all at our first Scramble on our new course next year. Thank you all very much.

I had a very enjoyable day at the West of England Trial and am looking forward to seeing all those expert faces next year.

S.G.H.

### BROADHEMBURY M.C.

Here we are with the last Scramble of the year behind us, ending the season on a very successful note. We had a smaller number of entries than usual, but racing on the Wrangway course after three years proved to be very good. We were pleased to see A. Day back in form again, after breaking a leg at Colley Farm last September.

The Annual Dinner and Dance will be at the Cullompton Hotel on Friday, 13th December. Tickets will soon be available from the Secretary, price 17/6 each.

A Treasure Hunt is being arranged on Sunday, 17th November, starting from Maiddown at 3 p.m. This will be an entirely new venture for the Club, and has been organised by a couple of keen young members. Please come along and give them your support and appreciation.

H.B.

## CENTRE CHAT

Once again I have the very sad duty of recording the passing on of one of the Centre's most authoritative and efficient officials. The death of Mrs. Miriam Ramsay, early in October, came as a shock to most people. Following a serious bout of illness during the summer, everyone hoped that Miriam would regain health and strength to enable her to participate again in Centre activities. The West of England Club suffered a considerable blow earlier with the death of Richard Walford, and now the sad passing of Mrs. Ramsay means the loss of one of their staunchest officials. To many of the younger riders the name of Mrs. Ramsay carried respect, but probably without full realisation of the many, many years of sterling service to the sport of motor cycling that she had rendered.

I think some of them found it difficult to reconcile the quiet-spoken, unobtrusive lady steward with the picture of her in her prime riding years between the wars as one of the toughest, most capable women riders in the country, whose successes were legion, her exploits and mounts varied over many years. When, later, Miriam turned from active participation to the organisational side, she displayed outstanding ability to handle all types of competitive event, where her long and extensive personal experience were an invaluable asset. Mrs. Ramsay's services to the West of England were equalled by her work as a Centre official, A.C.U. Steward and member of the S.W. Competitions Committee over many years.

Little did I think when I agreed to accept nomination as Centre Press Secretary prior to the last Centre A.G.M. that I would have the sad task, to me personally so, of attempting to pay adequate tribute on the death of two prominent Centre personalities, Dick Walford and Miriam Ramsay, who were instrumental in my nomination. We who enjoy the sport, and by helping to promote, or participate, each in our own small way, are the poorer for Miriam's passing, and with us, the S.W. Centre and indeed the whole of motor cycle sport.

The thirtieth West of England National Open Trial was something of an ordeal for the organising body, being deprived by Dick Walford's death and Mrs. Ramsay's illness of a great deal of invaluable "know how." Stepping bravely into the "hot seat," competitor Fred Atkinson mastered the job of Clerk of the Course, and, with the consumption of much midnight oil, and Bob Fraser's assistance as Chief Marshal, laid on a first-class Trial, using most of the old favourite sections as well as breaking some new ground. Criticisms as such were few, if any, although some riders were heard to murmur that it was almost too easy for a national event. Fred himself is inclined to agree, but, despite a poor summer, the early autumn weather preceding the event had been drier and milder than has often been the case in the past. I've no doubt Fred Atkinson has one or two ideas in mind for next year's Open to ensure that it will be amply difficult for even the most ardent enthusiast!

Of the Trial itself, Scott Ellis' winning ride of a mere two marks lost was a very fine ride indeed, as was Miller's and Sayer's three. It does bring home the realisation of the outstanding ability displayed by all the factory supported riders. These boys are not just lucky to get the chance of a works bike. They may have been that, but works rides have to be earned the tough way, and that standard maintained against all the opposition. Bill Martin's Special 1st Class proves that, despite his many years at the top of the West Country's list, he still has what it takes. I agree with many who were disappointed that Roger Wooldridge was unable to take part, due to unavoidable business commitments, since he is riding in peak form these days and would undoubtedly have carried the S.W. Centre colours right among the top scorers. Our leading riders in the Centre had a good day, as the many familiar names in the awards lists prove, while our friendly rivals from west of the Tamar didn't journey in vain in collecting four awards in the 1st and 2nd Class.

### CENTRE RIDERS UNLUCKY DAY

Two regular Centre competitors didn't have a lucky day, and will remember this year's National for some time to come. The S.W. Centre's answer to Ralph Venables, our own cheerful, competent and gallant trier, Mrs. Pam Bean (for-

merly Pam Barwick, but now teemed in matrimony with husband, Cliff Bean) suffered misfortune in a spill between sections. This has resulted, as disclosed by X-ray examinations, in a damaged back, the full extent of which is not yet revealed. She is still, at the time of writing, in hospital, resting, if that is the right words, on boards, but hopes the stay will not be unduly prolonged! I'm sure her very many friends among riders and officials in the South West will join me in wishing her a speedy and complete recovery. Get well soon, Pam!

The other casualty was veteran Walter Dodd, of the Moretonhampstead Club, who collected a king-size bump on the head, earning stitches to complete repairs. I understand he's back in circulation again now, as good as new, or nearly, Walter being a remarkably tough campaigner, as these last two Scottish Six Days prove!

How nice to see those two not so old maestros, Geoff Duke and Hugh Viney, down in the West Country again. That magic name of a decade ago, Geoff Duke, still brings all the small boys running from afar, expecting Monza-like speed even up Higher Diamond on a Greeves! Hugh told me he had thoroughly enjoyed himself, and as a result was suffering nothing that a good osteopath couldn't put right. Then, on a moment's reflection, decided that some of the activities of a certain late gentleman of that calling was not quite what he had in mind!

The same week-end as the West of England Trial, another contingent of S.W. Centre stars was making the long journey to Waites Colne in Essex for the Inter-Centre Team Scramble; our standard bearers being Bryan Goss, Brian Slee, Brian Curtis and Terry Cox. Faced with the might of up-country Centres, consisting of works riders of vast international experience on factory machinery, our riders put up a valiant fight and did themselves great credit by finishing seventh team out of the entire country.

A number of S.W. Centre riders made the trip up to Bristol for the John Douglas National Open Trial with some success. The award for the best Club team went to the Devonport M.C.C.'s team of Ivan Pridham, Malcolm Evely and Peter Thompson, the latter pair newly-mounted on Cottons; Ivan collected a 1st Class, while Vic Ashford, Pete Thompson and John Poate scored 2nd Class awards. Next day, in the R.R. Dick Farquharson Trial based on Shaftesbury, John Poate made fourth best performance, despite the handicap of a broken clutch lever. Mervyn Lavercombe, a much improved rider, picked up a 1st Class, while Peter Thompson again earned a 2nd Class, not forgetting our old friend from over the border, Max King, in the same category.

### OUR SPORT IMPERILLED

It seems hard to realise and difficult to imagine that, in twelve months' time, Trials, and possibly even Scrambles, such as we know them today, may no longer exist. A menace of more than just serious proportions is looming just below the horizon, while the Wilson and Motor Sport Committees are sitting to decide the future control of all mechanised sport. What their decisions may be no one knows, but the possibilities for ill are unlimited and we must be prepared for shocks to our established set-up. Our main hope, and indeed our only hope, is that the A.C.U. are fully alive to the danger and are prepared to organise our opposition to any attempt to strangle our sport. A statement from Pall Mall to this effect would set our minds at rest to some extent.

Finally, to all Clubs, don't forget the Centre Board Meeting being held at the Countess Wear Hotel, Exeter, on 10th November. This is your time and opportunity to run your own sport, so let's have delegates from every Club in the Centre for a fully representative meeting.

E. E. WANKLYN.

### EXPERTS ONLY

The Chard Motor Club have been given permission by the Competition Committee to run an Experts Only Scramble on their course at Wind-whistle on 17th November, 1963. This has been by the request of certain well-known riders. The Chard Club hope to make donations from the proceeds to Clubs in the S.W. Centre who have been unfortunate with their events this season. The Competition Committee will decide who the donation will be shared with (if any).

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

### CHRISTMAS TRIAL

Sunday, 8th December, 1963.

PERMIT NO. O.E. 719

**OFFICIALS :** A.C.U. Steward—W. J. Baker; Club Stewards—F. Thatcher and H. Bates; Clerk of the Course—S. Dimes; Secretary of the Meeting—Mrs. B. Hancock, "Casa Martin," Harberton, nr. Totnes.

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

**START & FINISH :** The Coronation Car Park, Totnes. (Halfway between Station and Plains.) 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, 4th December, 1963.** Members, 4/6; Others, 6/-. (Includes P.A. Insurance.)

**COURSE** will be of a sporting type and marked with Powder and/or 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 an 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 Awards—best 10%.  
Second Class Awards—best 10%.  
Best Non-Expert.  
Novice Award.

### DARTMOUTH TRIAL

8th December, 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 .....

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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### MORETONHAMPSTEAD M.C.

We would like to begin these notes by thanking all those members of our Club who helped to ensure the continuance of the West of England Trial, which many pessimists believed to be finished following Richard's untimely death. Riders should be particularly grateful to Fred Atkinson, Clerk of the Course, and the assistance he received from Brian Hoare. Our Club members also manned three hills and provided a reluctant back-marker, whose disappointment at not being able to compete was somewhat compensated for by not having his score made public in the results sheet.

Distorted accounts of Walter Dodd's unfortunate accident swept around the course and had us all very worried. However, Walter is a tough nut and we were later relieved to find out that it was not very serious after all, although the temporary loss of his dentures will give Dick a decided advantage at our next committee arguments.

Our Closed-to-Club Trial will be held on Sunday, 17th November, commencing at 11.30 a.m. The way to the start will be marked from Beetor Cross, four miles from Moretonhampstead, on the B3212 road to Princetown.

This Trial will decide the winner of the free entry we are giving in next year's Scottish Six Days' Trial and more interest will centre on the outcome of this struggle than the Premier award itself. After a year of competition, Alan Dommett leads Alan Stevens by only five marks and they must both be feeling the tension of their position.

D.P.C.

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# THE TAUNTON MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

## EDWARDS TROPHY TRIAL

Sunday, 8th December, 1963, at 12.30 p.m.

PERMIT NO. O.E. 714

**OFFICIALS :** A.C.U. Steward—J. T. Courtney; Club Steward—B. Tarr; Clerk of the Course—J. C. Hartnell; Secretary of the Meeting—W. H. Hartnell, 8 Ashford Road, Galmington, Taunton.

**ANNOUNCEMENT :** The Taunton Motor Cycle Club will be holding a Sporting Trial for solo motor cycles on Sunday, 8th December, 1963. This event will be open to all paid-up members of Clubs in the South Western Centre and is to be held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U., the Centre Standard Trial Regulations 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—1 mark lost; Footing in any section or sub-section—3 marks lost; Stopping in any section or sub-section—five marks lost.

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

### AWARDS :

- Edwards Trophy for the best performance of the day.
- Runner-up Cup for the next best performance.
- Up to 250 c.c. Cup for the best performance by a machine up to 250 c.c.
- Over 250 c.c. Cup for the best performance by a machine over 250 c.c.
- Novice Cup for the best performance by a novice rider.
- First Class Awards to the 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.

**ENTRIES** must be made on the accompanying form and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than first post on **Thursday, 5th December, 1963**, together with entry fee.

**ENTRY FEE :** Members of the Promoting Club, 5/-; Non-members, 6/-. These entry fees include 1/- for riders P.A. Insurance. The organisers 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 meeting or a 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. In the case of ties the rider travelling furthest round the course without loss of marks will take precedence. 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

8th December, 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 .....

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.**

# THE INTER-CENTRE A.C.U. TEAM SCRAMBLE

The team as announced all arrived safely at Halstead, and, would you believe it, all well before practising time. Inspection of the course beforehand; everyone quite satisfied.

Practising over, everyone through without any trouble.

The first race was an invitation for riders not in the teams, all reserves and others with machines up to 250 c.c.

Our reserve rider, Vic Vaughan, made a good start and he was up in second position from the word go, but after five laps Vic decided to take over the leadership; this he held to the finish, increasing his lead all the time. Well done, Vic.

The next race was the first leg of the team race. In this Brian Slee finished eleventh and Terry Cox thirteenth.

Second team race : Bryan Goss finished fifth and Brian Curtis fourteenth.

The third team race : Brian Slee finished eighth and Terry Cox tenth.

The fourth team race : Bryan Goss did not finish, spot of machine trouble. Brian Curtis finished ninth.

In the final result our team attained 65 points, although Goss finished fifth in his first race, owing to him not finishing in his second race his marks did not count, as each man had to finish both races to count. This system of awarding marks was introduced again this year, after it was dropped three years ago, and each race a man's individual performance counted, so if a man went out in his first race he had a chance in the second to gain points for his team, but not so this year.

Congratulations to the team of riders, who on the final placings were seventh.

J. T. COURTNEY

(Team Manager).

### YEO VALE M.C.C.

Our Grand National Scramble on the 6th October was not so successful as many of our previous events, many factors contributing towards this result, the foremost being the weather. However, over the year we have been far more fortunate than many others who have had a very worrying time to make ends meet.

One of the reasons for this narrowing of profit must surely be the reluctance of some (not all) Clubs to enforce what practically all state on their competitors' passes, namely, admittance of a very limited number of persons, and, whilst this may seem a petty affair to the uninformed at first glance, a quick totting-up of the revenue that could be derived from the "hangers on" that creep in at every meeting will produce a startling figure taking over the year's trading. A gate steward will, or should, use his discretion when wives or young children are involved, but when loads of so-called "mechanics" and umpteen girl friends of so and so invade the gate with pleas for free admittance and are allowed in at some meetings and are refused at others with unpleasant results for the gate stewards, some universal ruling ought to be decided on to make these parasites aware of their responsibility to the sport. If all Clubs really decided in their committees to enforce their pass details, they would be doing themselves and their fellow Clubs a power of good, but not until.

We have just heard with very deep regret of the sudden death of Mrs. Ramsay, and this must come as a great shock to all who knew of her very close contact with the sport on the S.W. Centre Organisation. We offer our sincere condolences to her relatives and the West of England Motor Club.

Our forthcoming Open-to-Centre Crown Trial will, I understand, live up to its reputation as a mark catcher and the same course as last year is expected to be used.

Finally, don't forget our Annual Dinner and Dance date on the 16th January at the Manor Hotel, Yeovil.

## CHARD MOTOR CLUB

### OPEN-TO-CENTRE TRIAL

Sunday, 15th December, 1963, at 1 p.m.

**OFFICIALS :** Centre Steward—P. A. Butler; Club Stewards—W. Latham and D. Carslake; Clerk of the Course—S. Weeks; Secretary of meeting—P. Westlake, 30 Bath Street, Chard.

**ANNOUNCEMENT & JURISDICTION :** Chard Motor Club will hold a Reliability Trial for Solo Motor Cycles. Open to all paid-up members of the Clubs in the S.W. Centre, held under G.C.R. of the A.C.U., the Centre Standard Trial Regulations and these Supplementary Regulations. PERMIT No. O.E. 715.

**ENTRIES** must be made to the Secretary of the Meeting on the attached entry form together with an entry fee of 5/- (includes P.A. Insurance). Entries close on **Tuesday, 10th December, 1963.**

**START & FINISH :** Chard Motor Club Scramble Course, Chillington, nr. Chard, midway on the Crewkerne to Chard A.30 road.

#### AWARDS :

Margaret Picketts Trophy for the best performance.  
Club Award for Second best performance.  
Up to 250 c.c. Award for best performance by machine not exceeding 250 c.c.  
Over 250 c.c. Award for best performance by machine exceeding 250 c.c.  
First Class Awards for next best 10% of starters.  
Second Class Awards for next best 10% of starters.  
Novice Award for the best novice.

No rider may win more than one award.

**NOVICE :** As per Centre ruling.

**COURSE** will be of sporting type, marked by cards and powder.

**MARKS** will be lost as follows: On any Observed Section or Sub-Section, Dab—1 mark; Foot—3 marks; Stop, running alongside or breaking tapes—5 marks.

**TIES** will be decided by special test.

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

**GENERAL :** Any competitor falling behind Rear Marshal shall be deemed to have retired.

A successful Police prosecution arising from an incident in this Trial will render competitors liable to exclusion from the Awards List. Competitors are requested to ride with CARE and the minimum amount of noise to and from the Course.

#### CHARD TRIAL

15th December, 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.....

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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.**

#### SOMERTON M.C.

November's most important date, the Dinner, Friday, November 22nd, Sparkford Hotel, Sparkford, and we hope award winners will make an effort to attend to receive same.

Our members enjoyed the visit to the Daws Creamery in Totnes, and from there journeyed on to Torquay to visit a theatre; surprising what bad eyesight our members have, as, when the girls came on the stage, binoculars were brought forth. The visit to the milk and creamery factory was quite a change from motor cycle and car factories, and I believe there is now a move afoot to visit a brewery!

The Samways Memorial Run was once again won by Sandy and Wendy Syms, with A. Hansford a close runner-up. This is the fifth time Sandy and Wendy have won, and this was the first time they didn't use a motor cycle. Hero of the day being Pen, who used his Lambretta and sidecar.

The Skittle Match against Sturminster Newton Club was well supported by both sides, and for the first time for many years Somerton's boozers actually won the match. It was very nice to see many of the comp. riders boosting the social side. About a dozen Scramble bods, ranging from Arthur Harris to the newest Scramblers, Simon and Dick Hooper. Good job Gordon Francis left his camera in the car, as otherwise he would have proof of misdemeanours!

The "Rock Dance" held last Friday was very successful; when we couldn't get any more in we had to shut the doors. Anyway, it has bought new rope for the next Scramble.

We apologise to the junior drivers that tried to enter the Scramble, but it is just impossible to take them all. We have taken more than usual, but have still had to return 40 or 50.

The S.W. Centre team did quite well at the Inter-Centre Scramble, and would have been placed even higher if Badger's points in the first leg had been counted.

How very sorry we are to hear of the death of Mrs. Ramsay, and we offer to Ian, her husband, and the West of England Club, deepest sympathy. The Centre and its Clubs will sorely miss Miriam.

"Mrs. CUR."

#### WEST OF ENGLAND M.C.

It is with very deep regret the Club has learnt of the death of our President, Mrs. Ramsay. The Club and the Centre has lost one of the great personalities in the motor cycle world. We will all greatly miss her help and advice. For many, many years she has been one of the mainstays of the West of England M.C. and at one time or another has held all the main offices in the Club and has in the past organised nearly every event, both car and motor cycle, the Club has run.

Dinner and Dance will be held at the Trecarn Hotel, Torquay, on Thursday, 5th December. Tickets 17/6, available from Mrs. McLean, 2 Cassencarrie Court, Bronshill Road, Torquay.

Results of West of England Trial, 1963 :—"The Motor Cycle" Trophy—S. Ellis (199 Triumph), 2. "The Motor Cycle" Trophy Sidecar—A. Wright (250 Greeves), 31. Sidecar Passenger Trophy—J. Gazeley. James Cup, up to 200 c.c.—J. R. Sayer (250 Greeves), 3. Excelsior Cup, 201 to 250 c.c.—D. Rowland (249 B.S.A.), 4. The Snell Cup, 251 to 350 c.c.—J. V. Smith (343 B.S.A.), 9. Letchworth Cup, over 350 c.c.—S. H. Miller (499 Ariel), 3. Ladies' Award—Mrs. M. Driver (246 Greeves), 114. Trade Team—B.S.A. 'A,' 31 (A. L. Lampkin, B. W. Martin, J. V. Smith). Club Team—Birmingham 'A,' 28 (J. V. Smith, B. W. Martin, A. J. Davis). Closed Awards: Fred Anning Trophy—W. H. Martin (246 Francis-Barnett), 19. South Western Award—V. J. Ashford (249 B.S.A.), 26. The Cornishman Trophy—M. R. White (346 A.J.S.), 25. Special 1st Class Awards included W. H. Martin. 1st Class Awards included M. R. White, V. J. Ashford, E. A. Dommett, I. A. Pridham, A. J. Barbary. 2nd Class Awards included M. G. Fry, S. W. Little, D. J. Prowse, J. Poate, C. N. Bean, P. L. Bellew.

## DARTMOUTH M.C.

The first event to report this month is the Moretonhampstead Open-to-Centre Trial held on 22nd September. First, I would like to congratulate one of our members, William Fisher, on winning the Novice Award with a loss of 69 marks. This was his second Trial on a competition machine; also thanks to the Morton Club for putting on such an enjoyable Trial and for getting the results out so promptly, receiving them in the post the following morning. This is better than a lot of other Clubs in the South West Centre.

Two more congratulatory notes: First, to Brian Trott on winning a 1st Class Award in the Exmoor Trial on 8th September, so becoming an Expert.

Also a word for Stephen Dimes on winning the Novice Award in the Exmouth Open-to-Centre Trial on 29th September.

The West of England Trial was held on 5th October and four of our members finished the long course. We are very sorry to hear of the injury that Mrs. Pam Bean received when she came off on the road during this Trial. We all hope she will soon be up and about again.

We are also sorry to hear that Malcom Dean will not be able to ride in Trials for a month or two, owing to a hand injury received at his work.

Congratulations to Robert (Bobby) Hannaford and Miss Brenda Hallett to their wedding on 26th October.

### Future Events:

A Dance is to be held on 16th November at the London Hotel, Ivybridge. The music supplied by the Elfordleigh Dance Orchestra.

Our Dinner and Dance this year will be held on 17th January, 1964, at the Seymour Hotel, Totnes. Tickets will be available towards the end of November.

Congratulations to Miss Rona Soper, of Morley Parks Farm, Nr. Halwell, on winning this year's Cross-country Run at Widecombe early in September.

A. ROSENBERG.

## DEVONPORT M.C.C.

Our Autumn Trial started from Cornwood football pitch, took in eight sections and was very well run. There was an entry of fifty-six, who had to cover the course twice. Staircase Slot was in an easy mood compared with some previous events, and a new find, Whitehill, near Lee Moor, was only cleaned by the winner on both laps. We wish to thank the members from other Clubs who came along to observe, also the landowners who let us ride over their ground. Provisional results:—

Triumph Cup—R. J. Wooldridge, 21. Chapman Cup (2nd Best)—W. H. Martin, 24. Kinsman Cup (3rd Best)—I. A. Pridham, 32. Novice—C. Kitson, 92. 1st Class—A. Stevens, 46; E. H. J. Short, 51; R. G. Rowse, 52; L. Mudge, 56; V. J. Ashford, 57. 2nd Class—B. R. Trott, 57; C. N. Bean, 59; B. Burgess, 62; D. L. Down, 64; E. A. Dommett, 67.

The Signpost Run for the Harvey Shield, organised by Bill Tucker, attracted an entry of nine, all of whom had a very enjoyable afternoon rolling around the countryside from Yelverton to Tavistock; winner was Reg Carpenter, followed by Bob Usher.

The Club observed Diamond Lane in the West of England National, and a few members' names unknown were seen on Westward the following Monday night. It was most unfortunate that Mrs. Pam Bean had an accident during the Trial. She was subsequently admitted to Mount Gold Hospital with an injury to her back; poor old Cliff, who has probably not recovered from the honeymoon. Her injury is not thought to be serious.

Mrs. Blank has been somewhat confined lately with a leg complaint; all hope both ladies will be fit and well again soon.

TED JONES.

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## CREDITON M.C.

The main event of last month was the Vigers Trophy Trial. There were one or two new sections and variations on some of the older ones. The course was ably organised by Walter Dodd and his gang of helpers. Results:—

Vigers Trophy—E. Dommett, 250 c.c.—R. Wooldridge. 1st Class Awards—W. Martin, M. Fry, A. Stevens, E. Short, V. Ashford. 2nd Class Awards—I. Pridham, R. White, M. Lavercombe, D. Prowse, P. Bellow. Novice Award—T. Phillips.

We are holding a Tramps' Supper on Saturday, 9th November; the meeting place is the Three Horse Shoes on the Exeter to Newton St. Cyres road at 7 p.m. The route will be marked from Newton St. Cyres for any late comers. George Woolway is the chief fire-maker and I only hope that we have better weather than last year.

Our Christmas Party this year takes place on the 14th December at the Village Hall, Newton St. Cyres. We are having a band, M.C. and a bar this year. Will everybody please try to come and make this a Christmas Party to remember? All the awards will be presented at the Christmas Party and not at the Annual Dinner and Dance, so will all award winners please try to attend?

This year's Club Scramble and Trial awards go to Reggie Squires and Vic Ashford respectively; these two awards will also be presented at the Christmas Party.

R.H.W.

#### OTTER VALE M.C.

It was with deep regret that we heard of the death of Mrs. Miriam Ramsay. Her pleasant personality and willingness to give advice and help on a sport of which she had great experience will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

An enjoyable Social Run, organised by Mr. W. Wilson, was held on Sunday, 29th September. The results are as follows :—

Social Cup—M. Thyer, Austin A40. Runner-up (tie)—B. Galton, Morris 1000, W. Haydon, Morris 1100.

By the time these notes are read the Regional Restricted Trial will have taken place. Entries are coming in fast and over thirty riders are coming from the South Eastern Centre. No doubt, Bill Elliott will be amongst them and he will be very keen to win the President's Trophy for the third year.

As was announced last month, the Annual Dinner, Prize Distribution and Dance is to be held at the New Dolphin Hotel, Honiton, on the 29th November. The tickets will cost 17/6 for the Dinner, Prize Distribution and Dance. A limited number of tickets for the Dance only will be available, price 3/6. Tickets can be obtained from : J. T. Courtney, 5 Highfield, Sidmouth, Devon. (Tel. 410.)

The team which represented the Club in the West of England Open Trial consisted of the following riders : J. Poate, E. A. Dommett, R. Baker.

Alan gained a 1st Class Award, John a 2nd Class, Ray did not make the awards list, but he made up for it the following day, for at the Yeo Vale Scramble he won the main race of the day, winning the Cannon Cup.

JEANNETTE COURTNEY.

#### PLYMOUTH TOURING M.C.

Hello, folks ! Brian again. Well, the dark evenings and short runs are with us once again; let's hope that this should help the Club Captain with his Sunday Run problems.

The move to our new Clubroom has gone off very smoothly, and I think that the few people who did have fears have had them quickly dispelled. It is unusual to have to open the windows and let the heat out instead of huddling together around the few fires that we did have in the Clubroom. All we need now is for members to get cracking and see if they can persuade some new people to join the Club, and perhaps the more convivial surroundings will encourage them to stay.

The last barbecue of the year, which was held on the beach at Bovisand, was successful. For the first time we had the extra luxury of 'instant fire' which was provided for us by three small boys, who had an enormous fire going when we arrived on the beach. For their sterling efforts as stokers the lads received an endless supply of hot-dogs and bangers from grateful Club members.

Our second attempt at a T.V. Panel Game went down well. This time we tried 'Password' and it proved that, once again, while sitting in the audience the solution appeared obvious, but when seated on the panel minds immediately went blank. When the word 'zodiac' was the answer, the team went through all the models of cars made by Ford before Dave Steer finally struck lucky.

The Beetle Drive held on the 9th October was, as usual, fast and furious.

B.C.G.

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#### A.C.U. JUBILEE BOOKLET

I hope to have some copies of the A.C.U. Jubilee Book on hand at the November Board Meeting. These books, which are priced at 2/-, give an interesting account of the A.C.U.s sixty years and traces the development of the sport during that time. All proceeds from the sale of books go to the Benevolent Fund. I can, of course, post copies to anyone who include 4d. for postage, and if they care to pay more than the two bob for the book I shall not complain.

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