

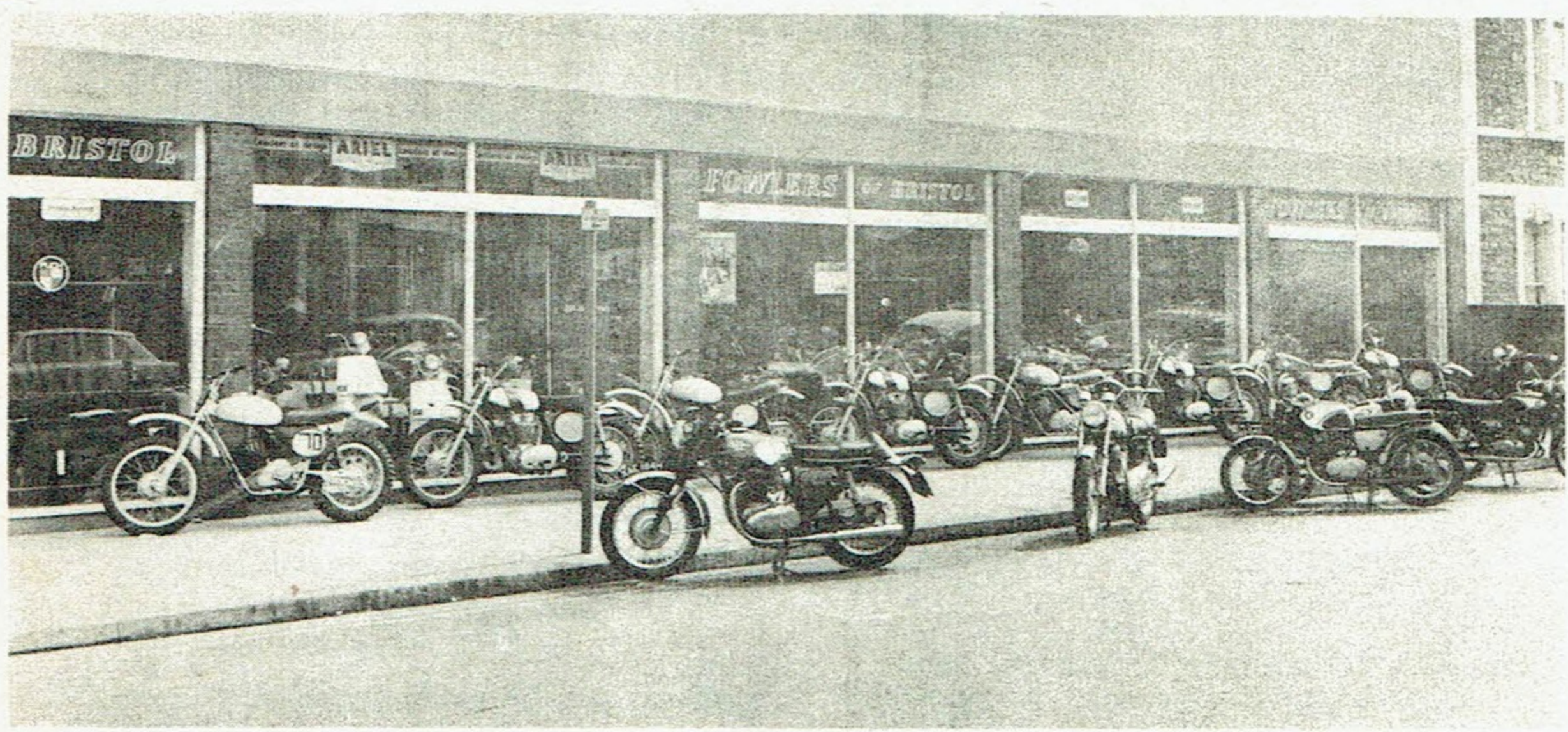


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Report on the Board Meeting

REPORT ON THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
13th NOVEMBER 1973 AT THE PORTER BUTT, BATH.

WESSEX CENTRE SCRAMBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. This had not been very
satisfactory in 1973. Only a few rounds had been run and had resulted in a
tie between two riders who had ridden in only two rounds each. Clubs were
asked to bring back their views on the Comps. Committee's proposal that
there should be separate championships for experts and juniors. It was
suggested that the points position should be publicised throughout the year
and clubs were also asked to consider the introduction of contributory scheme
towards cash prizes for the winners.

ACCOUNTS totalling approximately £200 were cleared for payment.

CENTRE DINNER. All available tickets had been allocated.

LICENSES. The proposals for introduction of licences for all competitors
with the exception of those in road rallies, gymkhana, and propaganda events
were discussed. Several clubs were in favour of the proposals in principle
but felt that licenses should not be required to ride in closed to club events.
They did not consider that there would be any substantial financial loss as
the number competing only in C/C events was very small. The need to have
licences would deter newcomers to trials having a try-out. The Kingswood
Club said that they were interested in Trials and could see no reason for
putting their members to extra cost but one regular competitor who was a
member of a large number of clubs said that he would save money by paying
the licence fee and only one affiliation Fee.

It was finally decided to support the licence proposals providing that closed
to club events were excluded.

SCHOOLBOY EVENTS. Headquarters had reported that the organisers of
schoolboys events had shown little interest in co-operating with the A.C.U.
Information was to be sent to Clubs interested.

SPORTS COUNCIL. A meeting with their representative was being arranged.

CLIFF KING announced that he had resigned from the F.I.M. and had been made an Honorary Member.

1974 KIRKHAM TRIAL. The Clerk of the Course and Secretary of the Meeting would be as for 1973 — Bryan Allen and Joy Green respectively. They stressed that they expected considerable help on the day, especially as the Trial was on a Sunday.

SCRAMBLES GRADING. It was suggested that an additional Intermediate Grade should be introduced as a safety factor. Mr. Blampied, the Scrambles Recorder said that it would be very difficult to arrange a suitable points system for this. Difficulties in arranging race programmes were foreseen and it could lead to Junior Riders getting less rides than they do now.

DATES. The application for North Glos. to run C/C Road Races at Wroughton on 23rd June 1974 and a Hullavington on 14th April and 25th August 1974 was approved.

The following applications for C/C Events were approved:—

Minety Trial	17th November 1973
B.M.C.C. Rally	17th November 1973
B.S.S. Timed Trial	1st January 1974.

1974 Swindon Scramble on 15th September was confirmed. Bristol M.C. & L.C.C. would now run their Scramble on 10th and 11th August instead of 14th and 15th September.

DATE CLASH. Bristol M.C. & L.C.C. letter asking for the League Trial to be moved from 16th December 1973, to avoid a clash with the Southern Experts Trial on that day, was noted.

CENTRE BOUNDARIES. There were no further developments to report on negotiations with the S.W. and Southern Centres.

INSCRIPTION FEES for 1974 events were now due and should be paid to the Permit Secretary by 31st December 1973.

Trials O/C	50p
Trials C/C	25p
Speed	£2-00 (+£1-50 for Stewards Fee)
Gymkhana, Moto-Ball, Propaganda	25p.

FUTURE MEETINGS AT 8 p.m. AT THE PORTER BUTT.

Competitions Committee	4th December.
Board	11th December.

WESSEX CENTRE AUTO CYCLE UNION

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1974, AT THE PORTER BUTT HOTEL, LONDON ROAD, WALCOT, BATH, STARTING AT 3 p.m.

Clubs are hereby notified of the above Meeting at which they are expected to be represented.

The following officials of the Centre are to be appointed at this meeting:

President
Vice-Presidents (4) The retiring President holds the office of Vice-President for one year.

Chairman
Vice-Chairman (2)
Treasurer

Nominations for the above positions and notice of any motions which clubs may wish to propose should be made in writing and be in the possession of the Centre Secretary not later than Saturday, 12th January 1974.

Club representation and voting power is based on membership on 31st December 1972. Each Club is permitted two delegates for up to 100 members and an additional delegate for each additional 100 or part of 100 members.

It is hoped that all Clubs will make a special effort to send delegates to these meetings and notify the Centre Secretary of the names of their delegates. Any Club member may attend this meeting but it must be noted that the voting power is limited as given above.

Tea will be available at a charge of 20p each for those who inform the Centre Secretary by Tuesday, 22nd January, 1974.

BOARD MEETING

The first Centre Board Meeting of 1974 will follow the Annual General Meeting at which following officers for 1974 will be appointed, nominations being accepted at the Meeting:

Delegates to A.C.U. General Council
Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Permit Secretary
Gazette Editor, Awards Secretary
Racing Sub-Committee (7 members) and Trials Sub-Committee (7 members)
Scramble, Trials and Grass Track Recorders
A.C.U. Benefolent Fund Officer.

LEAGUE TRIAL 16th DECEMBER 1973.

ORGANISER. Wilts Border M.C. & L.C.C.

CLERK OF THE COURSE. J. Lovelock

SECRETARY OF THE MEETING. Mrs. G. Lovelock, 88 Bristol Road, Chippenham.

START. 10.30 a.m. from Thingley Junction which is between Corsham and Laycock.

The Entry Form for this Trial was published in the November Gazette.

AFFILIATION LISTS

Will Clubs please make a special effort to send these with fees to The Centre Secretary as soon as possible (cheques made payable to A.C.U.)

FUTURE EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 2 Bath KNUT TROPHY NATIONAL TRIAL
9 Bristol M.C.C. Christmas Cup Trial O *
16 League Trial Second of the 1973-74 Series. Organisers
Wilts Border.
23 West Wilts Tanner Trudge Timed Trial O
Kingswood Trial c
26 Minety Vale Presidents Trophy Trial O *
30 North Somerset Trial O

JANUARY

- 6 Frome Wyndham Haines Trophy Trial O.

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As usual help would be appreciated to man the tests en-route so if you can afford a day out and a chat over a pint and a meal at the end you will be more than welcome. Start is 9.00 hours 20th January from the New Inn, Lulsgate, Somerset, closeby Bristol Airport.

It is estimated that if we get a full entry the event will finish at 17.30 hours but food and drink will be available throughout the day.

In spite of our set back in 1973 this event is progressing all we can hope for is fine weather, your valued assistance and no petrol rationing.

Our A.G.M. is on Tuesday December 11th at 20.00 hours (8 p.m.). The Chequers, Hanham Mills, Bristol. Will all local motorcycle members please turn out because we suspect that something affecting the motorcycle section may crop up in a proposal.

Remember last year when we were defeated over the membership fee —
DON'T LET THE POSSIBILITY OF DEFEAT OCCUR AGAIN.

FROME.

Our October trial turned out to be most successfull, and for the first time in many years the Premier Award going to a local rider, some people are still trying to work out how Mike Aven arranged to have a photographer present. After a recheck on grading Peter Duke now takes the Novice Award.

The dinner will have passed when you read these notes, and as in the past all tickets are sold, but more about this event next issue.

Still looking ahead we are holding a Childrens party on Saturday 22nd December, and any Club member who would like their children to attend please let Jim know in good time. We intend to start 3.30 p.m. In the evening there will be a Club skittles match at the Royal British Legion starting at 8.00 p.m.

Regulations for the January trial appear in this issue, and your help is needed as always on the day, and although we failed last year the Clerk of the Course will visit each observer with a little Xmas spirit.

Once again we come to the end of the scramble season, and looking back to the early events when it seemed the crowds were improving it was very disappointing to see no more spectators at the Yardley scramble than were present at the Shepton Mallet trial on the same day. On the following Saturday having nothing better to do I sat and waited, much to my regret, to see the World of Sport scramble on I.T.V., the less said about this SHAMBLES the better. But after having spent a large amount of hard cash on chestnut paling to comply with the new safety regulations, what I saw on T.V. needs some explaining. For a start who passed this course?

To sign off the Frome Club wishes all its friends in the Centre and beyond all the compliments of the Christmas Season, and the best for 1974.

KINGSWOOD M.C.C.

Saturday 13th October saw the long awaited North versus South Skittles Match, held as usual at the Fox Inn at Hawkesbury-Upton. The final result is veiled in mystery but the fact remains we all enjoyed the evening with a goodly crowd from both ends of the Club, and some of the B.S.A. Club lads to swell the number. I am told the South won, and the only person with what Skittier's call a "spare" was obviously an ex Ten pin bowler from his hop skip and jump action. The ladies did the eats part of the programme for which we are always grateful, all in all a good evening which seemed to put our Trialers in good form for the following days sport with Wilts Border, Mike Fear being 3rd best and three of the Stroud crowd getting awards, namely Rob Taylor and Doug Nolan 1st class Awards and Nigel Tompkins the Best Novice Award. The Observers were out in strength just about "doing" Draycott between us much to John Lovelock's relief, observers were scarce in this event. I can see one day the riders will grumble because only a few sections can be manned — think about it chaps, its your sport that will suffer so try and bring along an observer to help out the hard working officials.

On 21st October came the Errington Trial in the Devizes area, our various members were either riding or helping, mostly in the Potters Woods area. On this particular occasion Mrs. Winton finished the Trial more shattered than husband John, he only rode in the Trial but Mrs. ran too and fro her section to observe for the benefit of each competitor. I guesstimate she ran about 3 miles in all complete with gum-boots and duffle coat, made of stern stuff these Scots lassies.

Award wise I see that Doug Nolan finished 3rd and Nigel Tompkins headed the Novice 1st Class Awards.

The following week Frome's Trial was graced by our presence along with my "Pommie" mate having a final look at our Trials scene before returning to Australia. We had the usual turn out of riders all trying to win but friend Mike Aven was too good for them — well done Mike. Secretary Fear was the only one in the Awards list. I must mention Dennis Mathews, he tried hard to climb a tree whilst proceeding up the Gooseneck, but Arthur Mellors has not taught his Montesa that trick and seeing Dennis was trying to ride this machine they didn't manage to climb either Gooseneck or tree.

On the same day the Stroud lads were lifting the prizes in the Western Centre with Doug and Nigel (those two again) getting awards at the Malvern Trial.

Following Frome comes Sheptons Trial with the Budd brothers in evidence but I see no awards came Kingswoods way. The sidecar entry was interesting in the emergence of a new breed of outfit I mean these 400 cc two-strokes, the particular section I saw at Binnegar they were most impressive.

Other riders went to the Abbergavenny Trial but the only thing to come from that event was tales of near misses and hard luck stories.

December 23rd is the date for our Christmas closed to Club Trial at Splatts Barn which leaves me just to wish all our friends a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

T.T.

NORTH SOMERSET MOTOR SPORTS CLUB

Before dashing off to Germany Ivan picked up a first class award at the Wilts Border Trial mounted on Martin Bracey's Bultaco. Colin Marsh 'The Bear' won a heat at Abbergavenny and a 5th in the over 251 cc Race.

Tony Coleman took the Premier at our Time Trial Oct. 21st, held at Dundry, by 1 mark from Richard Ward, Nick Holland won the Novice and Gary Bowden the Scramble class, this trial being the final round of the club championship gave the scramble cup to Gary and the Trials to Ivan. It was reported that on the same day Bob Parsons, Geoff Wilcox and Keith Boubyer toured up to Wrexham to sound out the opposition, they reported that it was not so stiff as the Wessex Centre, and all of them came away winning awards.

The 'BEAR' chalked up another second in the Juniors race at Somerton, which much put him well on the way to expert status.

The club chalked up — field day at the Frome Trial with Bob Parsons, Richard Ward and Pat Berry all taking awards with near misses by other members.

The 'BEAR' had yet another second in the Junior race at Yarley and Norman Brown a heat win. The club workers race was a NSMSC benefit with Merv second to the Bear and Bruce 'WYN' 3rd. Bruce went home rather deflated before racing. Dave Gunningham was going quite well until he fell off, and this slowed him up considerably, on the same day back at home in Ireland Norman Collin won a first class award.

We have a conducted trial on the 2nd Dec. at Scars Wood, Bristol Airport, 10.30 a.m. start and a skittle match on the 15th December, Saturday at 8.15 p.m. against the Shepton Mallet Club at the Bungalow Inn Butcombe, the last event of 1973 is the Wadsworth Trophy Trial starting at 10.30 a.m. Sunday 30th December from the Bungalow. Observers please report by 10.00 to Dave Gunningham.

Our Dinner and Dance was enjoyed by everyone and Martin Bracey's (Easistart) new transport appeared to be a Fowlers chain life grease tin used in the form of curling with Martin mounted on top.

SHEPTON MALLETT MOTOR CLUB

The Barton Trophy Trial was our most important date in the November calendar run off on the 3rd from the Beacon. Best Solo man, Martin Strang just managed to better Lawrence Telling with the farthest clear after a tie on 29 marks. The biggest surprise of the day was the amount of sidecars entered, best crew out of the 18 starters emerged in the father and son team of Charlie Shopland, with a loss of 51. Novice Solo P. Berry with a loss of 65 and novice sidecar G. and G. Williams, another pair from the Exmoor district.

From the amount of marks lost, it was apparent that this was not an easy trial, but then we do seem to have this reputation. Most of the trouble lay in

Combe Wood, where on the previous Saturday afternoon, sections which were mapped out were tackled by novice solo and sidecar men belonging to the club, with promising results, but alas on the Saturday evening, down came the rain spoiling the Sundays performances. The answer here must be to lay out sections on the day of the trial.

While on the Barton, the Solo winner, Martin Strang told me he dropped three silly fives in this 29 total, and the overall feeling was that it was an enjoyable trial. Many thanks to all observers who helped, especially Charlie, who due to machine trouble missed his ride but still made the trip up from Wincanton to help. Also Butch Ward on his handling of Secretary of the Meeting for the first time, and Freda Sugg who did the results.

For the BSA Trial in January, Dale Smith has offered to carry out Sec's duties. Regs. in this issue.

For the League Trial due to be run by us in February, new sections at Croscombe will probably be used and of course this trial will be of a milder nature.

On to social events, the Ron Davey Club Run to Dulverton was completed by 8 crews. The Hundred Mile Cup going to Tony King and Janet Davey (funny), with the best overall planned route awarded to Dale and Lyn Smith, who with Dave Male and Betty managed to get in 22 checkpoints, which was a fantastic achievement. Well done winners and thank you Ron Davey for your organizing. Must say a big thank you to Betty and Sally for the get together at Frome on the 27th, most enjoyable. The Skittles replay with BSSA due for the 3rd November was cancelled for the week later, the result being a win for the visitors with 394 to 377, thus having their own back for our previous win. It was good to see such a crowd from Bristol, glad you managed to find us. Looking forward to our return Mr. Harvey. Our highest scorers of the evening Carol with 24 and Butch 24 also.

Still on Skittles an invitation to join the North Somerset Folk at the Bungalow on December 13th has been readily accepted. We are going to be very busy socially from now until Christmas.

With the current move it here, move it there swinging arm trend, Farmer Marks has repositioned his wheelbarrow units, he said it has improved the handling but has induced some uncontrollable side slop!!

The bad starting problems which mysteriously hit Martin's Cotton at the Hoad were traced to petrol reacting on a plastic container, gumming up the 'carb', so I would advise no plastic containers, also I believe its illegal to use them with petrol.

Our President, Vic Keeling was very active at the Barton, where he machine examined and also observed throughout the morning, how many branches of the sport can boast such an active president. He has also given a replica award to the Barton winner, so Marty has another for the sideboard.

Some of you will know we had some trouble at the Binegar Bottom area in the Barton, what with unauthorised riding going on there and Gypsies camping the local parishioners are a little upset. Permission to use this area was given back in the early thirties and we could well be forced to leave through no fault of our own.

Don't forget our club get together on December 22nd at Filton.

Wishing you all plenty of petrol and a Merry Christmas.

B.M.C.C.

About twelve months ago our club took rather a lot of stick from a certain club from Northern Somerset, concerning the raising of O.T.C. entry fees for trials to 60p. I believe they called it "breaking the 50p barrier", well nothing else has been said but almost all O.T.C. entry fees are now 60 including that certain club who were all against it. May I say I think 60p is still cheap for a days sport and the time is not far off when entry fees will "rocket" into the 75p bracket. Then the club which asks this amount will come under fire once more, still I suppose this is the cross you have to bear when you are a trend-setter.

Phil Steadman has recently been brain-washing younger members of the club as to the merits of the 125 Suzuki trail bike. He has already convinced Clive Callaghan and is now working on Clive's younger brother Neil (the quiet one) who is thinking of swopping his road going C.Z. or should it be seized dead for one of these Japanese mounts. With three 125's will it be a certain team entry in next year's Welsh?

The West Wilts trial was not a great success for our members with no one coming away with any awards, Mike being the only one to come away with a few bruises after diving through a hedge minus his bike on part of the cross country section and Phill is still looking for the two sections he missed.

While Mike Aven was busy winning the Frome trial, Chris was off to the Greensmith where he came away with a first Class Award. Well done young Watts.

With crash hats common place among trials riders nowadays and all trials, so far this season run in fine weather, riders are still taking their hats off to attempt the sections, but what will happen when it is pouring with rain, will they still take them off? I doubt it. While spectating at the John Douglas trial at Eau-de-Nil all the top works riders kept their helmets on including Rob Edwards who was the only rider to clean the hazard.

By the time these notes are in print our closed to club trial at Bridgegate will be over. May I on Mike's behalf thank all the people who turned out to help.

Our next event in the trials calender is the 9th of this month, the Christmas Cup which as always is a star trial the start is at Lambs Lair and Phill Smith

on SUNDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1974.

This is a STAR TRIAL

Permit No. M514

Supplementary Regulations of the B.S.A. Trophy Trial, restricted to drivers of solo motorcycles who are members of clubs in the Wessex Centre, and held under the G.C.Rs and Standing Trials Rules of the A.C.U.

1. OFFICIALS. Centre Steward:
Club Stewards: J.Brittain and R.Davey. Clerk of the Course: D.J.Male. Secretary of Meeting: D.A.Smith, Manor Farm, Leigh-on-Mendip, Nr.Bath. Machine Examiner: V.O.Keeling.
2. ENTRY FEES. Shepton Mallet members 45p, other Wessex Centre members 60p. With addressed envelope please.
3. ENTRIES. To be submitted on Gazette Entry form by first post 10th January, 1974. Fees must accompany entry form and will only be returned if the trial is cancelled. Entry limited to 140 drivers.
4. PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE will be paid by the promoters.
5. AWARDS. The B.S.A. Trophy and souvenir award for best solo performance. Runner up Award for next best performance. Novice Award to best driver who has not previously won an award in any open-to-Centre trial. First class Awards to next best.10% finishers. Cups to be held for 1 year.
Novice Runner Up Award. To next best novice. An award for best stroke (min. four entries).
6. START. Between Waggon & Horses and the Beacon, near Shepton Mallet, first men away 10.00 a.m. (others at one minute intervals), in pairs.
7. COURSE. Will be of a sporting nature of approximately 25 miles or less. A copy of the recommended route and list of observed sections will be issued at the start.
8. MARKING. 0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 5.
9. SPECIAL TEST. Farthest around course clean followed by the greatest number of cleans, or as detailed at start.
10. No practising at start, before or after trial.
11. Numbers must be returned.

ENTRY FORM

The B.S.A. TROPHY TRIAL

Sunday 13th January, 1974.

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I declare that I am over 16 years of age. Date

SignedDriver. SignedParent/Guardian.

If an entrant/driver is under 18 years of age the form must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian.

would be overjoyed to see willing helpers from 9.30 onwards. If everything goes to plan we should have some more new sections in the Lair, down in a stream with a few rocks which makes a change for Lamb's Lair anyway.

On the rally scene our Everyman Rally was a great success with the premier going to an outsider, J.Goodyer of the Hants Police Sports and Social Club, club members finished as follows, 5th Dave Clutterbuck and Phil Whatley, 7th Larry Spragg on his new 500 Honda 4, 8th Chris and Elaine Leighton.

Our next rally being the last of the 4 x 12, for details ring Martin, Bristol 73580.

Finally our Dinner & Dance at the Royal Hotel is on the 25th January, 1974, tickets are now available from Phill Smith so get in quickly.

SWINDON & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB.

Some of our members had their final fling of the season at the Tor Scramble in November. Paul Stratford was seen struggling on the hill once or twice due to fuel problems. Perhaps he was experimenting with a substitute in case of rationing. Roy Wheeler was also reported struggling, but this we can put down to rider fatigue rather than machine trouble.

The Trials contingent have been out and about at West Wilts, Frome and Shepton Mallett. They have had some mixed results but maybe they were saving themselves for the next League Trial. Our long distance men Eric Mulraney and Mick Page managed to finish the Aldermaston Pathfinder event which is quite an achievement.

Yet another sort of Trial, the Timed sort, is in hand in the Swindon area. Reg's for our Layton Trophy event appear in this issue. This will be a round of the Southern Counties Championship beloved of non-smoking, neatly trimmed, R.G.Venables. Entries will be limited, so get in early!

There being no events on Remembrance Sunday, Ron Jennings has organised a Green Roads run for members and friends. We hope to give a full report next month - assuming that they are all back by then.

The latest trophy in the Swindon Club's collection is the Chairmans Shield, donated by our man with the gavel, Jack Croston. It was won for the first time, for a Treasure Hunt, last month by Eric Mulraney and his good lady. Roy set the course and a good Saturday afternoon was had by all.

The Jamaica branch of the Swindon & District reports that he is settling in and enjoying the good weather. Day temperatures are in the 80's but he feels the cold at night when the sun goes down. The two-wheelers there are either pedal-twirlers or mopeds. If he can persuade Mum to shop out the JAP he hopes to get the locals interested in Speedway.

If you find that you have nothing to do these dark evenings why not call in at one of our Club nights? We are always pleased to see visitors at the Even Swindon Hotel on Thursday nights. Any time after eight o'clock.

MINETY VALE MOTOR CLUB'S BOXING DAY CLASSIC

Affiliated Wessex Centre A.C.U. Permit No. M504 A Wessex Centre Star Event
On Wednesday, 26th December, 1973.

1. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS of the President's Trophy Trial, open to drivers of solo machines who are paid up members of clubs in the Wessex Centre of the A.C.U., and held under the G.C.Rs and Standing Trials Regulations of the Auto Cycle Union, together with the Wessex Centre Standing Rules.
2. OFFICIALS. Wessex Centre Steward: A.Mellors. Club Steward' S.R.Curnock. Clerk of the Course and Secretary of the Meeting: C.H.Telling, Royalty Cottage, Minety, Malmesbury, Wilts. Phone Minety 358. Machine Examiner: J.Webb.
3. AWARDS. President's Trophy—for the best performance of the day, and Souvenir Award. Old Inn Cup—for the second best performance, and Souvenir Award. Graham Bacchus Cup—for the third best performance, and Souvenir Award. Maynard Cup—for the fourth best performance, and Souvenir Award. Dunmore Cup—for the fifth best performance, and Souvenir Award. Cecil Telling Cup—for the best performance by a Minety Vale Club member, and Souvenir Award. First Class Awards—to the next best 15% finishers. Novice Cup—for best performance by a "C" class rider. First Class Awards—to the next best 5% "C" class finishers. No driver to win more than one award. All cups and trophies to be held for one year.
4. ENTRY FEE. Paid up members of Promoting Club 40p (club subscription 75p), other Wessex Centre members 60p (5p of each entry fee for Personal Accident cover). No entries accepted without completed entry form and fee. Entry fee returnable only if the event is cancelled. Entries on Official Form to reach the Secretary of the Meeting not later than first post Wednesday, 19th December 1973.
5. START. The Old Inn, Minety, Wilts. First man away 10.31 a.m. (others at one minute intervals). Start will be a time check with penalty of one mark per minute late.
6. COURSE. One or two laps of a super sporting course, with observed sections on private ground. A recommended route will be provided at the start.
7. SPECIAL TEST. The greatest number of cleans, if still a tie the further round the course clean.
8. PROTESTS. Protests must be made in accordance with the G.C.R. of the A.C.U.
9. MACHINES. No machine will be permitted to start if it does not comply with legal requirements in all respects.
10. Round off a day's good sport with the riders and officials in the friendly atmosphere of THE OLD INN BAR. Special licence until 4 p.m.

MINETY VALE

26th DECEMBER 1973.

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBERClub. NOVICE Yes/No

MAKE OF MOTOR CYCLESolo c.c.

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED

INDEMNIFICATION.

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and by the General Competition Rules and the Standing Regulations for Trials of the Auto-Cycle Union, in consideration of the acceptance of this, my entry, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the promoting Club, the Wessex Centre of the A.C.U., and the Auto-Cycle Union (including the owners or lessees of any land used for this meeting) and their respective officials, servants, representatives and agents from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of death or injury to myself, or my passenger howsoever caused arising out of or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting and notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the said bodies, their officials, servants, representatives or agents. I declare that whilst taking part in this meeting I have an operative Policy of Insurance covering me against Third Party Risks including Road Traffic Act cover.

I declare that I am over 16 years of age.

Date Signed Driver.

If an entrant/driver/passenger is under 18 years of age the form must be counter-signed by the Parent or Guardian.

TOR M.C.

Monday, December 3rd is the date for the club's Annual General Meeting, please make an effort to be there and if you can take an active part by going on the committee or by taking an official job, you will be more than welcome. As many of you may have heard, the Tor club are organising the Wessex Scramble next year and this meeting will include the second round of the British 500 cc championship so we need more members who are prepared to work hard, so please come along and join the committee. The meeting is at the Street Inn starting at 8.0 p.m.

The Guy Fawkes scramble on November 4th was quite a good meeting although heavy overnight rain kept the crowd smaller than we liked. Racing was very good with Rob Taylor, Badger Goss and Vic Allan taking most of the gold. The best race of the day was the allcomers race when Rob and Badger tussled shoulder to shoulder all the way through and with Vic a close third behind them. There were fourteen riders in the workers race and we would like to thank these riders and the hard working committee members who got the course ready in just three working parties and special thanks to Joe and family who hauled all the stakes and ropes out to Yarley on their own. As usual we were short of marshals to begin with but we managed to get enough eventually. This seems to be a problem with all clubs, every time I go to a scramble I seem to hear appeals for marshals. I wish I knew the solution. Thanks to all those who did come to the meeting and marshalled. Our only event in December is the Christmas Skittle match at the Crown Inn, Pilton on December 15th 8.0 p.m., all club members and friends are welcome.

Finally in these last notes of 1973, the Tor club wish all club members and their families a very happy Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Monday 3rd December, 8.0 p.m. Street Inn.

Christmas Skittle Match, Saturday 15th December 8.0 p.m. Crown Inn, Pilton.

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SWINDON & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB. LAYTON TROPHY TRIAL.
 Sunday January 27th, 1974 10.30 a.m. East Leaze Farm, Baydon, Wilts.
 Permit No. M519
A Southern Counties Time Trial Championship Event.

Officials: Wessex Centre Steward - E.Parker. Club Stewards - J.Croston, K.Hoult.
 Clerk of the Course - R.Jennings. Scrutineer - R.Hoare. Secretary of the Meeting -
 R.Wheeler, 5a Greatfield, Wootton Bassett, Wilts.

Supplementary Regulations.

1. The Swindon & District Motor Cycle Club will hold an Open to Wessex Centre Timed Trial on Sunday January 17th, 1974 at East Leaze Farm, Baydon, Wilts, starting at 10.30 a.m. Solo only.
2. Jurisdiction. Held under the General Competition Rules and the Standing Regulations for Trials of the Auto-Cycle Union, and these Supplementary Regulations.
3. Course and Penalties. The course will be several laps, the number to be determined on the day, each of approx. 1.5 miles. Penalties will be as follows: 1 Dab - 1 mark, Footing - 3 marks, Stop - 5 marks, Course cutting or missing a Section - 10 marks. Standard Time will be established by the fastest man, subject to an overall limit of 24 mph, all other Drivers will be penalised 1 mark for every minute or part of a minute over Standard Time. Ties will be decided by (a) Fastest time, (b) Best Cleans.
 Entry Fees. Will be 55p which includes insurance, payable to the Secretary of the Meeting together with a properly completed Entry Form not later than January 20th. Please include a SAE for your reply. The entry will be limited.
4. Awards. The Layton Trophy, to be held for 1 year, and replica to the Driver losing least marks.
 The Aggregate Cup, to be held for 1 year, and replica to the Novice driver losing least marks. (C class drivers as def. in League Trial Regulations). First Class Awards to next 6 finishers.
5. General. There will be no practice, but drivers may walk the course. Drivers will be started in pairs, in numerical order, at 15 sec. intervals. They will be informed of their start time and will be deemed to have started at that time.

LAYTON TROPHY TRIAL SUNDAY January 27th 1974..

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this event and agree to be bound by them and by the General Competition Rules and the Standing regulations of the Auto-Cycle Union. In consideration of the acceptance of this my entry, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Swindon & District M.C.C. the Wessex Centre of the A-CU and the Auto Cycle Union (including the owners or lessees of any land used for this meeting) and their respective officials servants, representatives and agents from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of death, injury, loss of or damage to the person or property or myself or my passenger or mechanic (s) (as the case may be) howsoever caused arising out of or in connection with my entry or my taking part in the meeting and notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the said bodies, their officials, servants, representatives or agents.

I declare that I have reached the age specified in the ACU Regulations at which I am permitted under those Regulations to take part in this class of event.

Name Address

Machingcc

Club Signed

To be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian if the Driver is under the age of 18.
 Parent or Guardian

WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB.

The 1973 Errington Cup winner proved to be Denis Saunders with Brian Shuttleworth runner up and also best West Wilts member. Michael Kingscote took the award for best 'C' class rider. Clerk of the Course Mick Ayres thanks all members and friends from other centre clubs for their support on this event

The Quiz evening held at Melksham House was an enjoyable event, well supported and worthy of a repeat. An eliminator two rounds with three teams competing in each gave a grand final of two teams. The successful team of Maurice Andrews, Bernard Hodgkins and Gordon Lloyd scored 46 against Terry Bletsoe, Janet Phillips and Brian Shuttleworth 37. Thanks to Barbara Gigli, Ken and Hilary Lywood for an excellent event.

Taking advantage of a day off sport there was a visit to the RAF Museum at Hendon on November 11th by a party of 22 club members. A worthwhile visit was the general opinion and the meal at Swindon on the return journey was enjoyed by all.

Barbara Gigli is once again running a club christmas raffle with proceeds to children's Charities. Tickets are now available and the draw will take place at the December club meeting.

In response to the appeal by Vic Vaughan for funds to sponsor six machines and two riders in a British attempt on the World 500cc Moto Cross Championships the Club has promised £100 for the project. John Banks is one of the riders at present the other is not known.

We shall know by early December whether the scheme is a goer as the decision to start preparing the machines must be made by then.

FROME & DISTRICT UNITED M.C. & L.C.C.

WYNDHAM HAINES TROPHY TRIAL

on **SUNDAY, 6th JANUARY 1974.**

Open to Centre Starred Event Permit No. 520
Restricted to members of clubs affiliated to Wessex Centre A.C.U. riding solo machines only. Held under the G.C.Rs of the A.C.U. together with the following Supplementary Regulations.

1. **OFFICIALS.** Stewards: Centre - C.Valentine. Club - D.Gale and D.Taylor. Clerk of the Course - J.Webb. Secretary of the Meeting - Mrs.V.Webb, Whitbourne Farm, Corsley, Warminster, Wilts. Machine Examiner - P.Aven.
2. **ENTRY.** On the official form to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than 31st December 1973. Club members 50p, others 60p. Fee returned only if trial is cancelled.
3. **AWARDS.** Wyndham Haines Trophy and Replica — best solo. Mrs.A.Stari Cup — runner-up, 1949 Cup—best novice, "C" class. 1st Class Award to best 20% of starters. No driver may win more than one award, cups to be held for one year, replicas retained.
4. **START.** At Leighton Scramble Course, Nr.Frome, Somerset on A.361, at 10.30 a.m.
5. **TIES.** If there is a tie the winner will be the farthest round the course clean, if there is still a tie then the greatest number of cleans.
6. **COURSE.** Approximately 30 miles of one or two laps (to be decided before the start).
7. **PROTESTS.** To be in accordance with G.C.R. of the A.C.U.

This event may be held all on private land.

WYNDHAM HAINES TROPHY TRIAL

Sunday 6th January, 1974.

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

PASSENGER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBER**CLUB** **A, B or C**

MAKE OF MOTOR-CYCLE**c.c.****Solo**

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED..... **Club Sub 75p** **Total**

(if required)

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I declare that I am over 16 years of age. Date

Signed Driver. SignedParent/Guardian

Signed Passenger.

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TOR MOTOR CYCLE & CAR CLUB

YARLEY MOTO CROSS.

Knowle Hill, Yarley nr. Wells, Somerset.

on **Sunday, 3rd February 1974. 1st race 12.30 p.m.**

To be held under the A.C.U. standing regulations for scrambles and the following supplementary regulations, open to members of the Wessex Centre, Solo's only.

PERMIT No. M 515.

T.C.C. 93.

1. **OFFICIALS.** Wessex Steward to be appointed. Tor Club Stewards-R.Wood, F.Wood. Clerk of the Course - J.Edwards. Scrutineer - K.Baulf. Secretary of the Meeting - Mrs.M.Wood, 4 Portland Road, Street, Somerset BA16 9PX. Tel. No. Street 2821.
2. **AWARDS & EVENTS.**

	1sr	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
1. Unlimited Junior.	£4	£3	£2	£1.50	£1	50p	
2. 1st leg Moto Cross	£12	£10	£8	£6	£4	£2	£1
3. Workers Race.	£4	£3	£2	£1.50	£1	50p	
4. 2nd leg Moto Cross	£12	£10	£8	£6	£4	£2	£1
5. Tor club juniors.	£4	£3	£2	£1.50	£1	50p	
6. Unlimited Allcomers	£10	£8	£6	£4	£2	£1.50	£1

Events 2 and 4 experts only, event 6 Wessex championship round. The Bryan Goss Trophy will be awarded to the best junior of the meeting and the Roger Wood Trophy and £5 to the overall winner of the Moto Cross. In the event of a tie, positions in the 2nd leg will count.

3. **COURSE.** Approx. 1¼ mile from Wells.
4. **START.** Clutch start with flat or gate.
5. **PRACTISE.** Under control between 11 a.m. and 12 noon.
6. **ENTRIES!** Open on December 17th on Gazette forms only, with fee of £1 (one pound) and S.A.E. If possible entries will close on January 12th, Junior entries will be limited. Entry fee returnable only if meeting cancelled. Entries sent before opening date will be returned.
7. **INSURANCE.** Will be paid by the club.
8. **NOISE.** All machines must comply with the control of noise regulations.
9. **ADMISSION.** Free admission to driver only, all others must pay.

ENTRY FORM.

YARLEY MOTO CROSS, TOR M.C. & C.C.

Sunday, 3rd February 1974.

Driver's name (block letters)

Address

Make of Motor Cycle **c.c.**

Registered member Wessex Centre club

Expert yes/no. Riding No. preferred**Entry fee enclosed**

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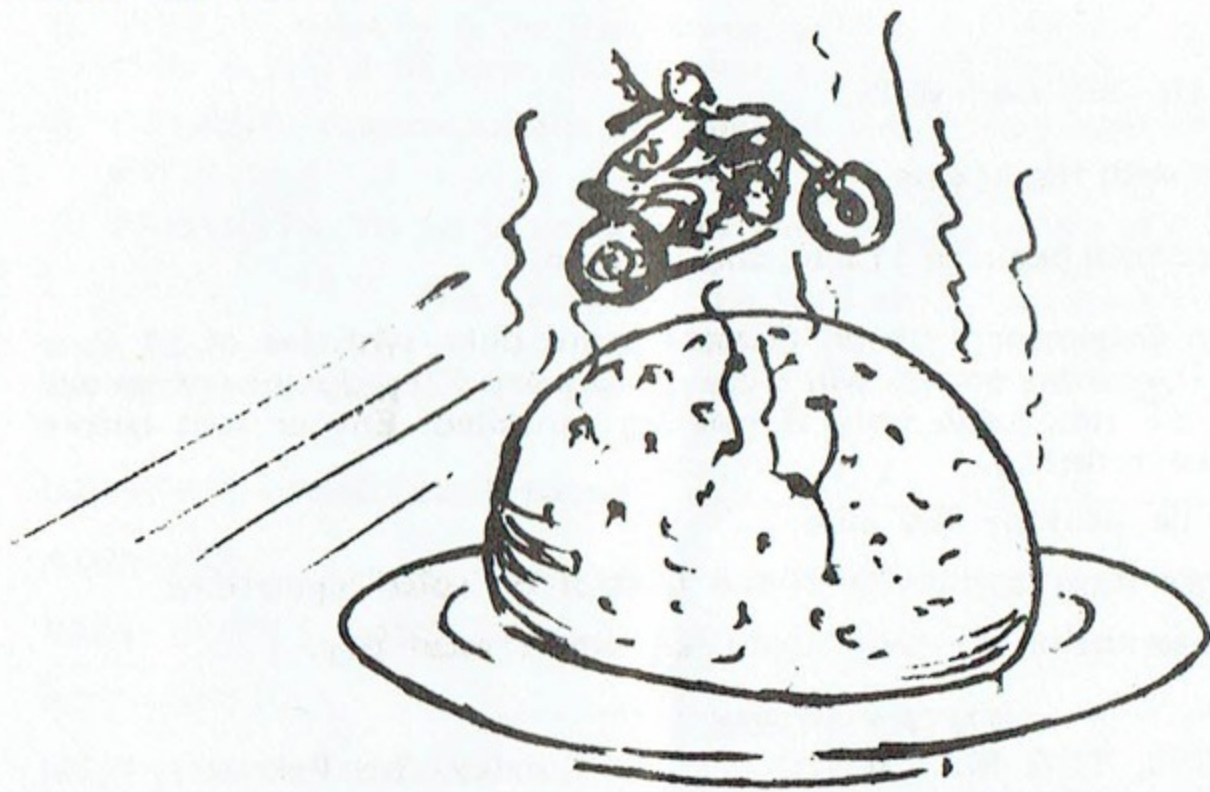
I declare that I am over 16 years of age. Date

Signed Driver. SignedParent/Guardian.



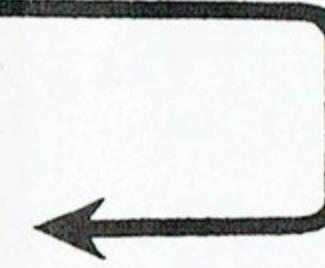
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