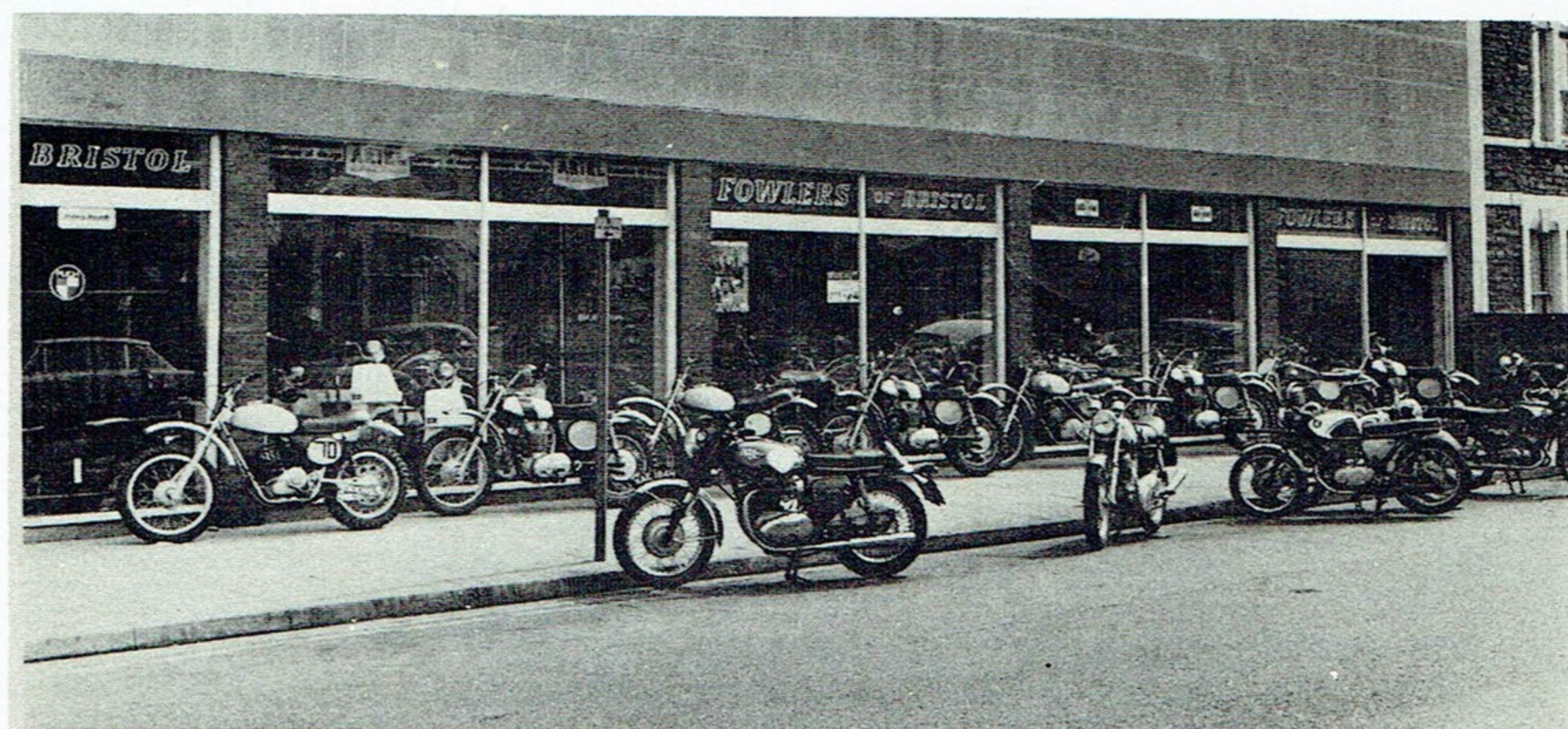




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Report on the Board Meeting

REPORT ON THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th JANUARY
1974 AT THE PORTER BUTT, BATH.

1974 CENTRE DINNER. Due to non-availability of dates at The Dragonara, Bristol, this would have to be in November. The actual date would be announced as soon as possible.

STRONGBOW 1974 MOTO-CROSS. The Wessex Centre had been asked to run this during April and the Competitions Committee's recommendation that the Swindon Club should undertake the organisation on their course at Baydon on 7th April was endorsed.

PROPOSED LEVY. The A.C.U. Budget for 1974 had forecast a deficit of about £9,000 and the imposition of a 5p levy on all competitors in all events had been proposed to eliminate this deficit.

It was noted that the budgeted salary bill had increased by 50% since 1972 and by £5,600 compared with 1973. Some delegates expressed surprise at these increases bearing in mind Phase II and III etc. and the belief that there had not been any increase in the total number of employees.

The figure of £6,000 for V.A.T. payments was thought to be high.

It was felt that information on the state of the A.C.U. finances for 1973 would be of great assistance. Although this was not normally available until the May Council Meeting Headquarters were to be asked to supply them before the February Meeting.

NOMINATIONS. The Centre nominated Cliff King for a further term of service on the A.C.U. Management Committee and Ken Blampied to serve on the Competitions Committee.

SPORTS COUNCIL. Wessex Centre Representatives were to meet representatives to discuss the question of representation on the S.W. Council and any other matters relevant to the sport of motor cycling.

Experts who have gained no points during the past three years and are now downgraded to Junior Status.

Andrew. M.J.	Matlock
Clarke. D.S.	Norwich
Gwynne. W.	Banbury
Harvey. G.T.	Debenham
Hines. M.C.	Ipswich
Hoult. P.	Newbury
Hughes. R.	Chelmsford
Ing. C.	Ledbury
Johns. J.E.	Farnham
Kennedy. A.	Bishops Stortford
Lanham. M.	Ipswich
Moores. M.	Needlingworth
Slater. R.W.	Betchworth
Spooner. C.J.	Coventry
Webb. P.J.	Slough
Wilson. B.W.	Calne

Points Scored by Junior Scramble Riders
in the Wessex Centre from 1st June
until 30th November 1973

Aldridge. R.	Upper Beeding	8 Points
Burt. I.	Shaftesbury	1 Point
Barry. T.	Cirencester	2 Points
Bendall. A.	Lydney	1 Point
Breaker. S.	New Milton	2 Points
Denham. L.	Eastleigh	9 Points
Eunice. M.	Fleet	4 Points
Evans. T.	Box	2 Points
Garrett. R.	Axbridge	8 Points
Grant. D.	Bournemouth	4 Points
Hawkins. R.	Lambstone	1 Point
Hatcher. S.	Templecombe	2 Points
Leon. K.	Swindon	2 Points
Legg. P.	Puddletown	2 Points
Moon. G.	Radstock	5 Points
Marsh. C.	Chew Magna	15 Points
Mosley. M.	Cirencester	2 Points
Miller. S.	Dorking	1 Point
Poole. C.	Ringwood	3 Points
Remnant. P.	Lydney	5 Points
Reed. A.	Hereford	6 Points
Stratford. E.	Poole	1 Point
Stone. A.	Bristol	1 Point
Smith. L.	Glastonbury	1 Point
Turner. R.	Petersfield	1 Point
Ventress. C.	Redhill	5 Points
White. A.	Weston-S-Mare	4 Points
West. M.	Southampton	2 Points
Young. J.	Basinstoke	6 Points
Zebedee. J.	Calne	1 Point

This is based on 4 Points for a win, 2 Points for second place
and one point for third place.

K. Blampied

Wessex Centre Scrambles Recorder.

Expert Scramble Riders from 1st January 1974

Expert Scramble Riders as recognised by the Cornish, Eastern, East Midland, East South Wales, Midland, Southern, South Eastern, South Midland, South Western, Western and Wessex Centre's.

A			
Abrahams. K.	(Telford)	Browning. A.K.	(Birmingham)
Adams. M.	(Bristol)	Burbridge. J.	(Blisworth)
Adcock. A.	(Alrewas)	Burgess. G.	(Solihull)
Adsett. G. R.	(Milford)	Burns. N.	(Poole)
Aim. J.M.	(Hedingham)	Burrows. B.W.	(Histon)
Ainsworth. A.P.	(Sabden)	Busby. D.	(Rushden)
Aird. J.	(Kirkaldy)	Butler. C.	(Weston-S-Mare)
Aldridge. B.	(Upper Beeding)	Butler. S.L.	(Maidstone)
Aldridge. P.G.	(Halesworth)		
Allan. A.C.	(Aberdeen)	C	
Allan. J.V.	(Thames Ditton)	Caines. D.	(New Milton)
Allen. K.	(Hilton)	Callis. S.	(Crawley)
Allen. R.	(Berkeley)	Carter. M.	(Oxford)
Andrews. G.B.	(Penkridge)	Cartwright. A.	(Wakefield)
Arnott. A.C.	(Tidworth)	Chandler. A.K.	(Hawkinge)
Ashford. H.	(Ashcott)	Challinor. T.	(Shrewsbury)
Atkinson. B.	(East Ham)	Chapman. P.	(Bristol)
Atkinson. K.	(East Ham)	Church. M.	(Chippenham)
Auger. J.	(Derby)	Churchill. G.	(Sherborne)
Auger. R.	(Derby)	Chandler. K.	(Newbury)
Austin. A.	(Stoke-on-Trent)	Childs. P.	(Ware)
Austin. J.	(Bucknell)	Chivers. C.	(Blagdon)
Ayres. B.C.	(Stewkley)	Clark. C.	(Petworth)
		Clarke. A.	(Eckington)
B		Clarke. A.J.	(Chatham)
Bailey. A.	(Cowling)	Clarke. C.J.	(Woolwich)
Bailey. A.J.	(Southampton)	Clarke. P.	(Eckington)
Baker. P.	(Borehamwood)	Clarke. W.	(Horsham)
Baker. K.	(Petersfield)	Clayton. D.	(Wigan)
Bamford. A.	(Fleet)	Clayton. J.E.	(Guildford)
Banks. J.E.	(Bury-St-Edmunds)	Clayton. P.	(Guildford)
Barnwell. G.	(Ridgemont)	Clayton. Paul.	(Guildford)
Barrow. N.	(Rochdale)	Cocker. F.	(Bolton)
Barton. C.	(Basinstoke)	Cocker. W.	(Bolton)
Baverstock. N.	(Wimborne)	Colson. B.	(Isleworth)
Bavin. P.	(Diss)	Connor. J.R.	(Feltham)
Beamish. N.	(Portslade)	Cook. C.A.J.	(Kingsworthy)
Beardshaw. M.	(Ravensham)	Cordle. D.	(Ipswich)
Beatty. R.	(Swanley)	Cox. T.W.	(Somerton)
Best. G.J.	(Maresfield)	Cox. J.	(Birmingham)
Bickers. D.G.	(Coddensham)	Cox. W.R.	(Wantage)
Bird. B.	(Brighton)	Cracker. A.T.	(Deal)
Bird. L.	(Ipswich)	Craven. P.	(Lowestoft)
Bird. N.	(Sutton Coldfield)	Crowe. D.	(Danbury)
Bishop. M.	(Dorchester)	Custard. F.G.	(Sturminster)
Blake. R.A.	(Liskeard)	Custard. N.A.	(Sturminster)
Blowen. H.	(Claycross)		
Bowers. M.J.	(Redditch)	D	
Bowers. R.P.	(POOle)	Denham. L.	(Eastleigh)
Bowden. G.	(Birmingham)	Darke. A.	(Chard)
Brayford. M.	(N.W. Centre)	Davies. K.	(Watford)
Breacher. D.	(Eastleigh)	Davis. M.	(Chippenham)
Brough. R.	(Birmingham)	Davis. M.G.	(Gloucester)
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 Dixon. F. (Staplefield)
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 Eatough. M. (Rugby)
 Edwards. A. (Newbridge)
 Elsmore. D. (Henley-in-Arden)
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 Eunice. M. (Crookham)
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 Evens. D. (Redruth)
 Everett. C. (Gt. Blakenham)

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Ferris. K. (Swindon)
 Finnemore. R. (Totnes)
 Fraser. R. (Truro)
 French. M. (Lowestoft)
 Fitchett. S. (Highworth)
 Fry. W.E. (Coventry)

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Gapper. R. (Yeovil)
 Gardiner. P. (Horsham)
 Gardiner. R. (Normandy)
 Gardiner. C. (Gloucester)
 Garrett. R. (Axbriidge)
 Garrod. P. (Lowestoft)
 George. M. (Ashford)
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 Gibson. B.J. (West Wickham)
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 Goss. B.W. (Yeovil)
 Gower. R. (Dudley)
 Grant. D. (Bournemouth)
 Gravett. R. (Maidenhead)
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 Guest. T. (Tipton)

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 Harries. D. (Slough)

Desborough. D.C. (Elsworth)
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(365 Experts)

Club Notes

BATH & WEST OF ENGLAND MOTOR CLUB

If, as we hope, this is received by first post on first of the month, we trust that we shall all have a right good evening at the Guildhall for our Annual Dinner that evening. Alternatively, for the benefit of such as get their copies late, it is our hope that you all enjoyed yourselves.

Our Christmas party went off very well indeed under the auspices of Doug Baker with the games etc. well patronized and the refreshments consumed at a great rate. Unfortunately we were unable to get hold of copies of the words of some of the folk-singers lyrics with which we were entertained.

Consideration is being given to a venue for our Spring Cup Trial so that it can be run on private ground and at the same time leave reasonable access for the spectators and their vehicles without causing difficulties to other road users. The increasing spectator interest in trials is in one sense most encouraging as surely it could offer a valuable recruiting ground in these days of diminishing membership but, on the other hand, although clubs

have no control over their conduct, officials at events in variably have to shoulder the blame for any misdemeanours perpetrated by the attendant spectators such as when dry stone walls get broken down and essential delivery and collection vehicles cannot exercise their right of passage to carry on their business.

Obviously, by the time these notes are read, both the club and the Centre will have held their Annual General Meetings and the new Committees and executives will have taken office. In these times the writer considers that all who have the interests of the sport at heart should try to work with each other and the administration to keep the flag flying and the wheels turning. Many things need to be done, much needs, perhaps, to be changed and brought up-to-date, but let our criticisms be constructive and offered in a friendly fashion and so offered and received without personal animosity. What about that for a good resolution for 1974.

B.M.C.C.

At our A.G.M. on January 2nd the Honorary post of President for the year went to Richard Jones (late of Dot fame) who incidently, holds the wheelbarrow sprint record, the Secretary remains with Ken Blampied and the Club Captain is Phil Steadman. The Executive committee has a few new faces and includes Alan Mountstevens (cakes all round?)

Preparations for the 500 cc Moto-Cross at Dodington are going ahead at the moment, but obviously the power crisis may call the tune in the coming months.

Looking back over my trials records for the last 10 years, it is interesting to note that 10 years ago non-starters averaged about 2 and retirements about 10, while currently they are running about 10 non-starters and 2 retirements per trial. Obviously machines are more reliable now-a-days, and I think trials are harder, (or is it me getting older), but what this proves I don't know, because the interest in trials is growing despite the high machine cost.

The cost of running trials is also rising fairly quickly as well, with 11p per driver for insurance 7p for stamps, and now the 5p levy per driver for the A.C.U. to supplement its costs; add the insurance for officials and its getting over 25p per driver, and therefore entry fees are bound to rise yet again, but to my way of thinking still a cheap days sport.

Our man Watts won the Frome Star Trial on the 6th Jan which puts him a little higher in the table, but due to illness he has missed at least one round so at the moment the championship looks like a battle between Geoff Parken and Lawrence Telling. Incidentally I thought the Frome trial was an excellent event, and the scope of sections still available at Asham Woods must be suited to run the Kickham if required.

M.N.

FROME

My apologies for the lack of notes last month, we were still recovering from the festive season. Looking back, the childrens party on December 22nd, and the skittles match turned out to be a great success with some 24 future members being provided for by Aunty Vee, and her helpers. A record crowd of over 50 members and friends did battle on the skittles alley in the evening, and rounded off the evening when we were invited to go upstairs to dance off the effects by our friends of the Royal British Legion.

The Wyndham Hains trial was received well with the 105 entries, and it was suggested that we need never go farther than Asham Woods for any future trials. While still on the subject of trials, Roger Painter has returned to the fold, and has again offered to run the Summer Series. We shall be applying for four dates. We have already got the Bradley Cup so the total number of Closed to Club trials will now be five, all to run at Leighton. Thanks Roger, and welcome back. Although our trials ace Mike Aven failed to score at the Shepton trial he still remains at joint 4th in the championship. At this moment he is recovering from an ankle injury collected at this event, as is Gordan Warren, and John Miller both of whom have sore heads. Should some one just by chance inform them of the YOUNG man who plotted the sections, justice could then be done.

The A.G.M. will have been held when you read these details next month. Roy Strange's wife Mary is now out of Hospital and is on the road to recovery, you will be out and about by Easter Monday after all Mary. But there is also bad news, June Westlake is at present in the Royal United Hospital very ill, we wish her all the best, and a speedy recovery. Also Mick Ayres, who could well have a busy 1974.

Entry form for the next League trial is included in this issue, so fill them in without delay, and send them to Graham Jupp, 2, Woodmarsh, North Bradley, Nr. Trowbridge, Wilts. Free entries this time go to Graham Jupp. Chirs White, R. Lawrence.

Forthcoming events. Skittles Match at the British Legion, Frome 16th. Feb. Dance also at the British Legion on 22nd March. The Dinner this year will be on 15th November.

KINGSWOOD M.C.C.

Christmas week was quite a bonanza for the trials brigade starting with our Closed Trial on the Sunday before Christmas, this was enjoyed by about 30 competitors, tho the observer shortage was something of a problem, but thanks mainly to our lady helpers who where possible, scored for 2 sub-sections each we got by. My thanks to Chris, Ruby, Helen, Maria, Sue and t'other Chris, these Chris's have to have extra praise, one helped me mark the sections out, the other was Secretary of the meeting as well as observing. Rain made things a mite difficult before the end but all seemed happy at the ensuing post mortem in the local which only ended when the landlady insisted it was well past her dinner time.

The winner of the Experts section was Doug Nolan, the Intermediate was won by Richard Palmer, and the Novices by a new name B.Ponting, this being the 1st event of the series.

On to Boxing Day and hardy annual at Minety. This was notable for us because Rob Taylor had one of his best rides to date, despite what someone said about his Stroud connection Rob is a Kingswood rider in Wessex, mind you he was "main chuffed" with the "rising star" bit in the Western Daily Press. I see also that Master Ponting was in the Novice 1st Class Awards. Back at the Old Inn the usual party spirit was well in evidence, but us Observers couldn't join in till 3 pm, these extensions are wonderful things!

To complete the week North Somersets Trial at Scarswood was blessed with fine weather despite an exceedingly stormy previous night, Ivan Manning was desperate for observers so a number of the Brigade took up their stance, pencils at the ready awaiting the intrepid competitors, Ruby Andrews, Chris Ayres, Pete Lark and selves helped out.

Nigel Tompkins was one of the few riders to manage my section with a "Dab", this was where Tony Davis had the misfortune to clout a tree and damage his knee, despite which he went on to win the event. Doug and Rob upheld our prestige with 1st class awards.

I met two old friends at this Trial, some will remember Roy Brierley, who has it seems sold his Montesa to Garry Kibby and Bill King who seemed to be heading for a revival, as something of a revivalist I could detect the symptoms.

I seem to have got a little out of order but the League Trial came before this lot, for some reason we couldn't be there but I believe Doug, Mike Fewes & Tim Mason collected awards, and I remember John Pope telling a tale of woe about the "Trudge" he needed to tear off his front mudguard in an effort to get the front wheel revolving, but in spite of this bit of tuning, the motor seized, hence the whoha.

Frome's Trial last Sunday was voted a good event with competitors and observers out. Doug and Mike Fear were in the prizes.

During the past weeks President Arthur Mellors has had a spell in Winford Hospital and is on the mend. We wish him a speedy return to the sport and also that Mary Strange has returned home after a considerable spell in dock.

We are looking forward to seeing her enjoying the Trial's scene again.

Tickets are available for our Dinner Dance and Awards Presentation to be held at Stanshawes Hotel on 16th March, tickets from Mike Fear, book early to avoid disappointment.

Meetings, February on the 13th and 27th at the Codrington Arms, North Road, Yate. There were new faces amongst the "Hard Core" at recent meetings, I hope we made you welcome.

T.T.

MENDIP VALE

Our last event of 1973 was the Presidents Trophy Trial which we held on Boxing Day. This classic event was once again won by Lawrence Telling on his Montesa. The Club Cup was won by our fast improving committee member Dave Farrington on his Cotton. The best part of the Trial was that we had plenty of mud about and not too many tight turns. A good time was had by all and the last and most difficult section, trying to get out of the Old Inn closed at 5 pm.

Our next event is a closed to Club Trial on Saturday 9th February. This will be held at Elcombe, nr Wrought, Wilts. It is a good compact course of about one mile, number of laps will be decided at the start depending on weather conditions. The secretary is Malcolm Parker, 36 Duchess Way, Queensfield, Swindon, Wilts.

Regulations for our Webb Trophy Trial to be held on 31st March, will be in the March Gazette.

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Next Time Trial Scars Wood Backwell Hill, Feb. 10th 10.00 am. for 10.30 am start, working party Sat. 9th Feb. 2.15pm. Keep your ears open for confirmed date of 1st Sat. in Feb against the Grass Track club for a skittle match,

Our skittle match against the Shepton Club had good support with our side out numbering theirs by 4 players, not counting these, we claimed a win 314 to 306, Ron on their side as top scorer with 24 for 3 ups and Terry Bunn on our side with 23, the ladies score Marg. 17 and Mrs. Marks 19.

SHEPTON MALLET MOTOR CLUB

At the time of writing we still have to run the B.S.A. Trophy Trial at the Scrambles course. Out of a small entry of 85, top men, Miller, Parken, Telling have entered, notable absentee will be Martin Strang, who is still in America, after taking part in the first round of the World Championship at Saddleback Park, California. From the reports in the weeklys it seems Martin was one of many who failed to finish in the stipulated time. I'm sure Martin will be able to give me plenty of news on this memorable trip, when he returns.

By the way, from the advertisement regarding this trial, printed in an American magazine, I see there was a charge of 3 Dollars just to spectate. While on the American scene, over Christmas I received a letter from Old Club member, Mike Duncan who is still with Yamaha Canada, he has been upgraded to the expert class this season and rides £900 worth of Yamaga TZ350 watercooled machinery.

We have at last had a club member make photo news in one of the weekly papers as most of you will be aware, Younger and King were captured in action down at Wimborne, where they won the Novice award. It may seem from his actions that he is itching to get back to Scrambling again, but this is not so, he assures me this season the scrambling will be curtailed somewhat. With five members, I made the trip to the London Motor Cycle Show and after looking around the stands, I'm quite aware why John Young is dropping the scrambling scene, who in their right mind would want to spend out £800 to £1000 plus, on new machinery just to race around rough ground, beats me.

Our Christmas party at Pilton went down very well indeed, thank you Betty for a swinging time, and thank you to the members who supplied draw prizes, used all your spray yet Reg? While on Social Events the date for our annual Dinner is 19th April, and on 2nd February a skittles return match with the Mendip Hauliers has been arranged at the Bell, Leigh on Mendip.

The match played at the Bungalow, against the North Somerset Club resulted in yet another defeat for us, with North Somerset bettering us by 8 pins. Many thanks Ivan and crowd, we must have a reply sometime down at Pilton. Dull note of this evening was that some light fingered lifted my toolkit from the Boot. Not that its worth much, but some of those spanners have been with me since 'Leader' days.

Must welcome new member, Bill Bell, he's the one who uses real butter, and

**LEAGUE TRIAL – 24th FEBRUARY 1974
THIRD TRIAL OF THE 1973 – 1974 SERIES**

ORGANISERS Shepton Mallet M.C.C.

SECRETARY OF THE MEETING

R. Davey, Fresh Thorpe, West Horrington, Wells

START 10.30am. from The Beacon.

Riders at half minute intervals

NOTE With only single collections of post in force at many place it is essential that you get your entries in early. The Club will not be able to compile the full entry lists in time if you do not do so and your entry could be rejected.

ENTRY FORM

3rd LEAGUE TRIAL

1973/1974 SERIES

24th FEBRUARY 1974

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters).....

ADDRESS

PASSENGER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBER **CLUB NOVICE** **Yes/No**

MAKE OF MOTOR CYCLE **c.c.** **Solo/Sidecar**

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED..... **total**

INDEMNIFICATION

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and by the General Competition Rules (10th Edition) and the Standing Regulations of the Auto-Cycle's Union. In consideration of the acceptance of this my entry, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified The Shepton Mallet M.C., the Wessex Centre of the A.C.U., and the Auto-Cycle Union (including the owners or lessees of any land used for the 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, 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, representative 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 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.

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

Signed Driver. Signed Parent/Guardian

Signed Passenger. Signed Parent/Guardian

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

NOTE

All entries must be made through your Club Secretary and must be made in time for him to get it to the Secretary of the Meeting by Saturday, 17th February 1974. Please note the address of the Secretary of the Meeting.

at the moment very keen on the trials observing, so don't upset him please. Soldier member, Francis R. reports he has been trying his luck with the Skis while in Germany, trouble was there were no boots big enough for him. Turn your toes up Rich, I'm sure that would work.

On behalf of the four club members, who made the trip down to Yeovil Tec' to see the John Player Norton works machine with frame man Robin Clist, I would like to say thank you to schoolmaster/scrambler Mike Hann of the Yeo Vale Club for this very interesting evening (sorry about Younger). To learn so much about the monocoque frame, and then in a few weeks time to see it dropped for something that resembles a ladder, well!! Still, I'm sure that man Clist knows what he is doing.

Good to see Mike and Moira still finishing up among the leaders, hope you have got over your tube at the B.S.S.A. event.

It's not true that Malcolm Harvey was modelling Large Premier Helmets on Phil Read's stand at the show.

Our next event (given coal) will be the league trial on 24th Februar at the Beacon, where we hope to field a full team. Shepton riders did very well at the last one held on North Somerset ground, although quite severe, it was nice to observe and not hear any moans all day. Keep it up chaps!

SWINDON.

"Didn't we do well" to quote a famous personality. Congratulations to our League Trials riders on their 3rd place in the 2nd Trial. You really did us proud this time. A special mention must go to our 3 award winners, Ron Jennings, Alan Turner and Brian Varney. Dave Main was having his first competitive outing on his new 325 Bultaco. Machine and rider ended up in a stream soon after the start. Dave's comment "I want to keep it clean".

The following week Club members were out in force at "The Trudge", spectating I may add. Watching Sammy Miller clean the Hill was worth the petrol it took to get there. Several riders did however compete, Allan Ryder receiving a first class award. Two of our Scramblers, Roger Smith and Ian Norden rode the ex Roger Hoare outfit in the sidecar section but machine trouble put them out early on.

Boxing Day is the traditional Minety Trial so off I trooped down to Minety. Alan Ryder and Brian Varney rode well but were out of luck as regards to awards. They were spotted in the bar before the event so that probably accounts for their performance.

Our Annual Dinner was held on 14th December with a good turn out of members. Everyone had their fair share of food and drink and most joined in the dancing afterwards. All voted it a hit so perhaps we shall have another one next year.

On Monday 7th January we hired a mini bus and made the trip to London to see the "Racing and Sporting Show". The trip was organised by Roy Wheeler who also drove the bus. Thanks to him for a good day out.

By the time you read these notes we shall have had our AGM so more news of that next month.

Sorry these notes are short but I had to write them the day they were due at the printers.

TOR MOTOR CYCLE & CAR CLUB

The Yarley Moto Cross, Yes at the time of writing its on, fingers crossed that the weather will change to some dry and fine weather. It's on Sunday, 3rd. February with an early start, first race 12.30pm. The threat of petrol rationing does not seem to worry riders very much, the secretary of the meeting has been snowed under with entries from riders living as far away as Liverpool, Kendal, Truro, Redruth, London, places in Kent, Surrey and Sussex. The early entries include:-

V. Eastwood, V. Allan, B. Goss, R. Taylor, M. Jones, J. Stuart, R. Gapper, D. Wells, V. Semmens, R. Snoad, L. Lloyd and a host of others. Working parties for this meeting will be on Sunday, 27th January at 9.30am. and on Saturday, 26th. January, Saturday, 2nd. February both at 2.30pm. Also if you can marshal for this meeting, please sign on by 10.0am. on Sunday. Tickets are now available for the Annual Presentation of Awards Dance price one pound (same as last year) from any member of the committee or by post from the secretary R. Wood, 4 Portland Road, Street. Tickets will be limited so dont leave it too late.

Any club member who can sell a few draw tickets for the Grand Draw which will be held at the party, can collect them from the secretary at the scramble.

1st prize - a ladies or gents watch, another prize will be four gallons of petrol If every Tor club member at the scramble will buy a few tickets, we would soon be sold out, so come on boys, its just a few pence.

Congratulations to P. Tizzard, C. Marsh, G. Churchill, R. Garrett, D. Grant, C. Ventress and R. Gravett, all Tor club members who have been upgraded to experts.

The first skittles match of 1974 will be on Saturday, 9th February at the Crown Inn, Pilton starting at 8.0pm. The 1973 winners of the skittles league are Bridget Frampton and Alan Marsh, the wooden spoonist? I give you just one guess!

Dates for your diary:-

Saturday, 2nd Feb. Working party, Yarley, 2.30 p.m.

Sunday 3rd Feb. YARLEY MOTO CROSS, Yarley 12.30 p.m.

Monday 4th Feb. Club meeting, Street Inn. 8.0 p.m.

Saturday 9th Feb. Skittle match, Pilton, 8.0 p.m.

Friday, 22nd Feb. ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF AWARDS PARTY & DANCE, 8.0 p.m. — 1.0 a.m.

WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB,... The Grand Christmas Draw organised by our Social Secretary Barbara Gigli raised the magnificent sum of £58.50 which was used for Childrens Charity. Gifts to 43 children at 4 homes were purchased as was a communal gift to one other home. Letters of appreciation received showed how delighted the recipients were. Thanks Barbara for an excellent effort.

The Club's riders in the Centre League Trial are doing very well. We are now the league leaders and at the second trial collected 3 'C' class awards by Peter Duke, Martin Kingscote and Dennis Thomas and an 'A' class by Brian Shuttleworth. We go forward to the next round full of hope of maintaining this lead. Best of luck chaps.

The Club is sponsoring a Youth Scrambling weekend in conjunction with the Wilts County Council at Devizes on 8th 9th and 10th February 1974. Vic Eastwood ably assisted by Ann Eastwood will be giving the instruction whilst the Club members will assist. It is open to 16 to 18 year olds and details are available at youth clubs or from County Hall, TROWBRIDGE. There will be 10 places available and accomodation will be at Braeside, Devizes with tuition at Urchfont.

The 1973 Tanner Trudge Timed Trial attracted an entry of more than 90 solos and 15 sidecars and was a great success. The spectator gathering was better than open to centre scramble expectation. The fun was enjoyed by with fine performances in sometimes very sticky conditions. Sammy Miller was the outright winner but one must also give credit to Ivan Manning, Stuart Wiggins and Don Rickman for a close finish. The evergreen Roy Bradley ably partnered by Christine were the sidecar winners. Our new TT Clerk of the Course was delighted with the outcome and promises to do as well in 1974. Thank you Terry P.

Tickets at £2.00 for our Annual Dinner Dance and Presentation of Awards are now selling fast. The venue is our usual one, FORTTS Milsom Street BATH, the date 15th February 1974..7,30 for 8.00pm. Make it a date for good evening out.

Wessex Centre Permit No. 531.

Star Trial.

Supplementary Regulations fo the TRADERS TROPHY TRIAL, restricted to drivers of solo motorcycles who are members of clubs in the Wessex Centre, and held under the Standing Rules for Trials and G.P.R.'s of the A.C.U.

1. OFFICIALS. Centre Steward Club Stewards. R. Rutherford, J. Burgess.

Secretary of the Meeting, R. Shellard, 2, Highland Close, Worlebury, Weston-super-Mare. Tele. No. 25451.

Machine Examiner. R. Shellard.

- 2. AWARDS. TRADERS TROPHY & REPLICA for the best performance. LOXLEY CUP & REPLICA for the runner up. ANDREW JOHN CUP & REPLICA for the third best performance. COMMITTEE CUP & REPLICA for the best performance by a Mendip Vale member.

Above awards to be held for one year only.

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FIRST CLASS AWARDS to the next best 10% of finishers, no driver to win more than one award.

- 3. ENTREE FEES. WESSEX CENTRE members 60p. MENDIP VALE 50p. ENTRIES dose Wednesday 6th March 1974. Each entry must be accompanied by the entry fee.
4. DRAYCOTT ROCKS, DRAYCOTT, on the side of the Mendip Hills off of the A371 at Draycott.
5. COURSE. Will be held entirely on PRIVATE LAND at DRAYCOTT ROCKS and will be marked with flags, tape and cards. Drivers must keep to the marked route between sections.
6. TIES. In the event of a tie the driver farthest around the course without loss of marks to be the winner.

ENTRY FORM.

MENDIP VALE M.C. & L.C.C.

Sunday 10th March 1974.

TRADERS TROPHY TRIAL.

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBER CLUB Novice yes/no

MAKE OF MOTOR-CYCLE C.C.

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I declare that I am over 18 years of age.

Signed..... Driver. SignedParent/Guardian.

"Monthly Mutterings" by Mick Perry.

The Centre's scrambles season looks like getting off to a cracking start with the TOR clubs Moto-X at Yarley in a couple of days time.

They have a top line entry which includes Bob Wright, Vic Allan, Vic Eastwood, Bryan Goss, Rob Taylor, Roger Harvey, and lots more, and indeed the organisers have had to turn some experts down. Practice starts at 11 AM prompt, and the first race is at 12.30. As many would be marshalls will still be trials riding the club will appreciate all offers of help.

It is difficult to predict how the higher priced fuel will affect attendances in the coming months, however the short supplies seem to have fizzled out and a high percentage of filling stations are now opening again on Sundays which makes one wonder why we still have to have a 50 limit on the roads and why we still have to confine trials to one patch of land.

Have the R.A.C. or the A.C.U, reviewed the situation since they issued a directive two months ago?, I think not, and I am not alone in thinking that they will not do anything until Centre's, clubs, and Individuals lobby them into waking up to the situation, which is ridiculous in anyway you look at it. As a well known Bath club member quipped recently "You can ride a hundred miles to a trial, yet you can't ride on the roads in it". The ban which was enforced on flying and gliding clubs has been relaxed to some extent-because members lobbied their MP's, but here are we right on the doorstep of a new season of National trials and scrambles championships, road racing and grass track, and we are still in the pitch darkness because of gross indecisions.

Although I would never advocate pocket handkerchief courses in more normal time I thing that all clubs in the Centre have done a good job and the trials championship is gaining momentum and there isn't much to choose between reigning champion Geoff Parken, and Lawrence Telling at the moment.

Thanks to a rather selfish minority the Shepton Mallet club have vowed, that if the ban continues, they won't be running any more trials on their scrambles course at Worminster Farm. Dave Male was heartbroken to see ground that wasn't included in the BSA event all churned up because a few had insisted on practising before and after the trial. Quite honestly I would have thought this particular event was enough for any average rider in one day. Even Sammy Miller had had enough by the penultimate group, and he rested for an hour and a quarter before he could muster up enough strength, and courage, to tackle the final group, I expected to hear some rather caustic comments regarding the olde fashioned mud sections near the end, but most tackled it in a light-hearted manner, and there were some good laughs.

It seems that John Banks is going to be busy this season now that he has signed to ride a 250 for the Ossa concern. I am not suggesting that John is

over the hill by any means, but I think that he is the wrong age to do a lot of swapping, and really he should stick to concentrating on the World 500 cc championship this season especially after so many have responded to Vic Vaughan's appeal on his behalf.

I hear that Neil Hudson is to be sponsored by Rod Taylor on a new 400 cc Maico this season. At eighteen Neil has every opportunity to do well, and I feel sure that he will maintain the progress that he has shown since he attained expert status within six months of competing in ACU events from the very successful Corsham schoolboys scramble club, who also fostered Mike Church and Martin Davis, who need no introduction here.

Unfortunately the Swindon club had to cancel their Layton timed and observation trial at Baydon last month. After a fortnight of rain and gales the land owner was quite rightly concerned about the ground cutting up badly. The club say that they will run the event at a later date, but it will probably be after April as they are to organise the Western Regional round of the "Strongbow" scrambles series on the 7th.

The West of England Club tell me that they still have a few vacancies for experts in the March 3rd Patchquick scramble at Newton Abbott. Prize money for the event is over £350.

Regulations for the Bristol clubs Don Mountstevens trial are now available from Mike Naish at 35, Charles Close, Thornbury near Bristol, maybe we'll see Gerald out for this one, and the previous days National St.David trial is definitely on. It will be held on private land starting from Tonmawr, near Pontrhydyfen. The secretary of the meeting is A.Victor, 59 Gol-Las, Baglan, Port Talbot, and the Wood Green club are hoping that the ban will be lifted in time for the Beggars Roost on April 14th.

BRISTOL MOTOR CYCLE & LIGHT CAR CLUB LTD.

Grand Cup Trial

Saturday 9th March 1974 at 2.00 pm

Permit No. M540

Supplementary Regulations for this starred Trial open to Solo motor-cycles only, being members of the club affiliated to the Wessex Centre of the A.C.U.

1. OFFICIALS. Stewards of the Meeting. Centre A.C.Fedden, Club R.L.Newman, Scrutineer F.E.B.Fellows, Clerk of the Course A.W.Cullimore, Asst. Clerk of the Course A.B.Rogers, Secretary of the Meeting Barbara Cullimore. Tel. Bristol 291041 Ext 204 (day) Bristol 560908 after 6 p.m.
2. AWARDS.

(a) Best Performance	Basil Barber Cup
(b) Second Best performance	Catherine Hicks Cup
(c) Third " "	Woodberry Chilcott Cup
(d) Fourth " "	Bristol Cup

(e) Awards will be given to the next 10% of starters in both expert & novice categories.

All awards are for permanent retention with the exception of A,B,C,D, which will be presented at the Clubs dinner and dance March 1975 and held for 11 months or until asked for by the Club.

3. ENTRIES. Must be made on the official form supplied, properly completed and sent to ENTRY SECRETARY with the correct fee, being —
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Entries close the evening of Saturday 2nd March.
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Competitors will start at one minute intervals the first driver 14.01 hrs. The start will be a time check.
Numbers will be supplied, the failure to return same to organisers will incur a fine of £1.
5. COURSE. Will be on private land approximately 4 miles long. The event will close at 19.00 hrs. and no competitor will be recorded after this time.
6. PENALTIES. Competitors will be penalised as follows:— Touching once, 1 mark, touching twice 2 marks; touching more than twice 3 marks, failure to maintain forward progress 5 marks. For each minute late at the start 1 mark.

NOTE. On entry being accepted each driver undertakes to act as an observer for at least 50% of the entry. The event will be run subject to a minimum entry of 50 and the fuel conditions prevailing at the time.

ENTRY FORM.

BRISTOL MOTOR CYCLE AND LIGHT CAR CLUB

GRAND CUP TRIAL

Saturday, 9th March 1974.

DRIVERS NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBERClub. NOVICE Yes/No

MAKE OF MOTOR CYCLESolo c.c.

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED

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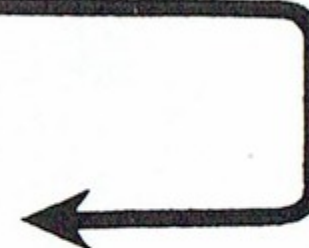
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