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# Thames Motorcycle Club

## Winter Newsletter

February 2009

### Dark Knight

It was the first time the club had used Knightons Farm and Martin and Shaun did well to find sections at their first viewing on Saturday. This is a big venue with plenty of possibility for varied sections but you have to know where to look. Once again the club gazebo was needed for signing on as early drizzle turned to heavy rain, a briefing from Shaun and we were off to do battle with not only the course but the worsening weather.

Congratulations to Pre 67 winner Simon Dowling who rushed round the sections along with new members Nick James and Peter Hampton before the heavy rain made the sections very slippery, his score of 32 was best of the day. Sections 7 and 8 were particularly slippery with their cross cambered lines and Simon did well to record 3 cleans at section 7 when most of the entry recorded full houses. Pete Haines and Paul Sims continued their battle for honours in the over 50 class with Pete just edging out Paul, he was inch perfect through Section 3 up and down the shallow ridge twisting amongst the trees. Another close call in the Inter class with Jim Howell taking the club win from Jake Pope and Aaron Dibnah, Jim's best rides coming at Section 4 on the banks of the ravine, which he cleaned on his first visit. Chris Hendry was best novice followed home by Andrew Williams and Shaun Fishwick, Chris had good feet up rides through Section 1 up and down the leaf covered bank. Bob Brown decided to be a coward on the day and opted for the wobbler route leading home Championship leader Brian Cohen and newcomer Peter Steer; Brian had all cleans at Section 9 on the

### The Pitts

A cold and wet Sunday greeted the 38 riders to Betchworth Pitts. The clerk of the course was well aware that a monsoon was on its way and laid out an enjoyable trial for all. The results proved close for all classes. Section four provided the biggest headache for the inter and expert classes, as class winner Vincent Branch had a couple of fives going over the five foot tree trunk. On the inter route, Jim Howell came first, continuing his dominance in the championship. The fateful tree trunk was cleaned twice on section four by Jim. Another cracking ride came from adult novice winner Tom Horsburgh, loosing a total of two marks, one on section four and the rooted camber of section seven. In the pre-67 class Peter Hampton only lost three marks over the technical course, with runner up Simon Dowling battling his way over a tree trunk in section four. The over 50's class was tight, with Paul Sims just getting the better of Derek Strudwick, with Gordon Fennings only one mark adrift.

### Charity Trial

The Boxing day charity trial was held at Reel Hall Farm with 24 riders entering to burn off all the food and alcohol consumed the day before. Benny Ayres helped advise where the expert course should go, adding in extra evil logs to give a more interesting course. Alan Ayres won this class by some margin over Jaime Jones. The rest of the classes were fairly evenly distributed with a couple retiring. The proceeds made from this event will go to a charity in aid of

### What's In Store...

Results for Round eight and Boxing day trial

Results for Round nine

Provisional 2009 Dates

Club championship standings for 08

Star Group news and club info

### Club Nights

Club nights are held on the first Thursday of each month at The Kings Head in Chertsey Road Byfleet. We meet in the small room to the extreme left of the bar. Please make every effort to attend and support your club, we welcome any input to club activities. You can also volunteer you help at anytime to observe at Open Trials or to assist with setting out trials



# Results for Betchworth Pitts

Number	Name	Club	Class	Machine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
90	Vincent Branch	Day	Expert	Gas Gas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
91	Ben King	Day	Expert	Gas Gas	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	33
78	Jolyon Walters	Thames	Expert	Gas Gas	0	3	0	0	5	1	1	3	2	86
77	Jim Howell	Thames	Inter	Beta	5	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	33
72	Simon Rye	Day	Inter	Sherco	2	2	3	3	1	1	0	1	5	44
60	James Jackoman	Day	Inter	Scorpa	0	3	2	2	5	3	1	0	3	54
88	Nigel Haines	Thames	Inter	Beta	1	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	5	54
75	Tom Horsburgh	Thames	Novice	Sherco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
58	Dean Morton	Thames	Novice	Beta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
92	Dan Putman	Day	Novice	Beta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
66	Chris Hendry	Thames	Novice	Beta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
85	Louise Cannom	Thames	Novice	Scorpa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
59	Steve Austin	Thames	Novice	Fantic	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	19
81	Peter Dale	Thames	Novice	Woftam	1	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	5	ret
82	Daryl Dale	Thames	Novice	Woftam	0	1	3	3	1	0	r	r	5	ret
69	Peter Hampton	Thames	Pre 67	Triumph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
71	Simon Dowling	Thames	Pre 67	Triumph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
70	Nick James	Thames	Pre 67	Banv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
93	Paul Sims	Thames	Over 50	Beta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
84	Derek Strudwick	Day	Over 50	Sherco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
83	Gordon Fennings	Day	Over 50	Sherco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
68	Chris Drew	Day	Over 50	Montessa	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	46
65	Neville Lewis	Day	Wobler	Beta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
64	Paul Roberts	Day	Wobler	Gas Gas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
89	Rupert Kemp	Thames	Wobler	Yamaha	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	10
87	Peter Steer	Thames	Wobler	Sherco	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	15
80	Harold Rayner	Day	Wobler	BSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
76	Robert Morgan	Thames	Wobler	Montessa	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	2	33
79	Brian Cohen	Thames	Wobler	Yamaha	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	0	42
62	Tom Sherlock	Thames	Wobler	Beta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
61	Jim Sherlock	Thames	Wobler	Beta	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	5	5	97
63	Claude Crowder	Day	Wobler	Beta	3	3	3	r	1	0	r	r	r	ret
67	Luke Thomas	Thames	Youth Expert	Sherco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
94	Richard Tickner	Thames	Youth Expert	Sherco	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	29
86	Frazer Cannom	Thames	Youth Inter	Sherco	2	1	1	0	0	5	1	0	5	33
74	Adam Webb	Day	Youth Novice	Gas Gas	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
73	Josh Webb	Day	Youth Novice	Gas Gas	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	31
95	Elliott Tickner	Thames	Youth Novice	Beta	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	63

Thank you to Land Owners, David Thomas and Roger Farmer for use of Betchworth Pitts

Also many thanks to our course dismantlers:  
Rupert Kemp, Graham / Elliot Tickner, Neville Lewis, Robert Morgan.

## Provisional Dates List 2009

Club Championship Round 1 Clerk of the Course: Martin Kemp	Sunday 25th January	Frensham Vale Secretary of the Meeting: Bob Brown
Club Championship Round 2 Clerk of the Course: Bob Brown	Sunday 1st March	Reel Hall Farm, Shamley Green Secretary of the Meeting: Paul Sims
Club Championship Round 3 Clerk of the Course: Dean Morton	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Knightons Farm, Dunsfold Secretary of the Meeting: Bob Brown
Club Championship Round 4 Clerk of the Course: Simon Dowling	Sunday 3rd May	Bagshot South Secretary of the Meeting: Martin Kemp
Thames Cup Trial	Monday 25th May	Cancelled
Club Championship Round 5 Clerk of the Course: Steve Austin	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sethern, Dunsfold Secretary of the Meeting: Paul Sims
Club Championship Round 6 Clerk of the Course: Roger Farmer	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Old Quarry, Betchworth Secretary of the Meeting: Bob Brown
Club Championship Round 7 Clerk of the Course: Bob Brown	Sunday 30th August	Brackendene Secretary of the Meeting: Paul Sims
Suzette Farmer Trial Clerk of the Course: Roger Davy	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Bagshot South Secretary of the Meeting: Bob Brown
Club Championship Round 8 Clerk of the Course: Martin Kemp	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Burns Hill, Aldershot Secretary of the Meeting: Paul Sims
Club Championship Round 9 Clerk of the Course: Nigel Hains	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Bagshot North Secretary of the Meeting: Steve Austin
Mike Kemp Trial Clerk of the Course: Martin Kemp	Sunday 27 <sup>h</sup> December	Hungry Hill, Aldershot Secretary of the Meeting: Paul Sims
New Year Charity Trial Clerk of the Course: TBA	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2010	Reel Hall Farm, Shamley Green (11.30 start) Secretary of the Meeting: Bob Brown

These dates are provisional. Any updates will be published in future newsletters or posted on the club website.

## Club Championship Standings for 2008

### Expert

<b>Jolyon Walters</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>James Connor</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Gary Brown</b>	<b>35</b>
Tim Connor	30
Tom Smith	15
Jason Bayliss	15
Wayne Barron	12

### Inter

<b>Jim Howell</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Nigel Haines</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Mark Ward</b>	<b>56</b>
Jolyon Walters	38
Matt Woodford	16
Aaron Dibnah	16
Jon Yendell	12
Daryl Dale	10
Matt Powdrel	6
Jake Clements	5
Shaun Wallis	5
Tom Horsburgh	5
Matt Don	4
Paul Pearson	3
Colin Don	2

### Novice

<b>Chris Hendry</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Shaun Fishwick</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Graham Tickner</b>	<b>30</b>
Tom Horsburgh	30
Peter Dale	30
Steve Austin	28
Glen Jarvis	20
Jon Greenhalgh	15
Mark Cutbrush	14
Stephen Trask	12
Dean Morton	12
Aleric Hansen	10
Louise Cannom	8
Richard Gannon	8
Simon Ward	6

### Pre - 67

<b>Simon Dowling</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Martin Kemp</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Peter Hampton</b>	<b>15</b>
Nick James	10

### Sidecar

<b>Peter/Daryl Dale</b>	<b>15</b>
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### Over 40

<b>Steve Wells</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Simon Dowling</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Shaun Wallis</b>	<b>14</b>
Martin Colwell	12
Martin Penrice	10
Gordon Adsett	6

### Over 50

<b>Paul Sims</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Bob Brown</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Peter Hains</b>	<b>42</b>
Gordon Adsett	30
Ray Broughton	22
Simon Ward	14
Jim Connor	12
Paul Pearson	10
Jeff Morgan	8
Keith Teare	6

### Wobbler

<b>Brian Cohen</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Rupert Kemp</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Peter Yates</b>	<b>42</b>
Simon Huber	15
Chris Pile	15
Londi Trask	15
Paul Lecoq	12
Tom Sherlock	8
Jim Sherlock	6

### Youth Expert

<b>Luke Thomas</b>	<b>57</b>	
<b>Richard Tickner</b>		<b>42</b>
<b>Frazer Cannom</b>	<b>12</b>	
Mike Powdrell	12	

### Youth Inter

<b>Frazer Cannom</b>	<b>45</b>
Emma Colwell	15

### Youth Novice

<b>Charlie Woodward</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Elliott Tickner</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Felix Greenhaugh</b>	<b>15</b>
Josh Paterson	12

### Youth Beginner

<b>Elliott Tickner</b>	<b>45</b>
Rvan Cutbush	30



### Star Group News

The club has dominated the 2008 Star Group championship winning it by 738 points over Haselmere MCC. The average number of points was 228 for each trial, which was almost the total for the whole year for one club!

For 2009 there will be changes in the marking system. Any youths that enter Star Group trials will be able to ride the red route and contribute to the overall results.

It has also been announced that the Sunbeam club have lost Walmer Farm. This event will be replaced in August however details have not yet been disclosed

### Secretaries Scribbles

Happy New Year to all our members and their families, I hope that we have an enjoyable year of trialling.

I am sorry to have to report to you that currently the club has lost the use of Hook Wood Trials Centre. Jim was upset by some of the decisions taken by your committee in regard to the British Championship Round held last September and has decided to remove himself and his family from active involvement with the club. He also felt that the club failed to give him sufficient help prior to and subsequent to the weekend's activities and he was left to clear up on his own. Simon Ward has found alternative land for Round 3 of the Club Championship and The Suzette Farmer Memorial Trial but the committee felt that the Thames Cup should be cancelled.

It is time for club membership to be renewed and you should all have received the relevant form, please complete and send off to Paul a.s.a.p. otherwise pass over at any of our trials. Thanks to those of you who have already re-joined, double thanks to those who have agreed to take the newsletter by email - less licking and sticking. I am delighted that Mark Ward has taken over as editor of the newsletter, please give him your support and write an article or trials report.

There are some increased benefits for officials at ACU events so it is much better to be an official at a trial than a spectator or unofficial minder, please remember this and volunteer your help when asked.

There has been a slight change to the marking system for 2009 in that you are no longer penalised for stopping, which could be a bonus for those able to balance without footing, us less able will be stopped with at least one foot down so incurring some penalty; it was in operation for the past 2 nationals and officials said it was easier to observe.

Martin Kemp is in the process of purchasing awards for the club championship and open trials for 2008 and his plan is to award them prior to the trial at Bagshot on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, please make every effort to attend the trial - it's a great place to ride!

### Comedy Corner



An ambitious young blonde woman, in need of money, decided to hire herself out as a handyman-type. She began, door to door, canvassing a wealthy neighbourhood for work. She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any jobs for her to do. "Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?"

The blonde said, "How about 50 Pounds?" The man agreed and told her that the paint and ladders that she might need were in the garage. A short time later, the blonde came to the door to collect her money. "You're finished already?" he asked.

"Yes," the blonde answered, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats." Impressed, the man reached in his pocket for the £50.



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