



THE OBSERVER

For the members of Castle Colchester MCC – **Thin White Dukes**

November 2015 Edition

Well, we're diving headlong towards the end of another year and this is the penultimate Observer for 2015. I'm heavily indebted to Nicola, who's recently been appointed as the unofficial 'Official Photographer' to the Castle Club, for the swathe of pics that I've purloined from Facebook from our recent trial at Alphamstone. As an added bonus we have a spectacular pic of Chris Ryland but this time from the Purls Hill trial. Many of you will have already seen it but it was simply too good not to put into the Newsletter. 'Eyes Right' and there it is.....
There seems to have been a lot more trials than normal this month so the Round-up is pretty well packed with the usual kind of info. Unfortunately, we don't have any news from any of the other disciplines which is always a shame to my mind, at least.



Chris Ryland – Flying machine....

Don't forget that the Dinner Dance & Awards Presentation is on Saturday the 7th November. I have no doubt that GW will sell you a ticket or two even at this late stage in the proceedings. See you there.

Competition Time

Well there you go, losers, my manky five pound note is still firmly wedged in my grubby back pocket as precisely nobody got the answer to the lyrics question. The line was in yellow at the head of T.O. so not too hard to spot.



And for those of you who might be even remotely interested the answer is: 'In The City' by The Jam.

Photos by Nicola Pritchard

Alphamstone Picture Parade



GW Fashion Crime: green braces?



Derek keeps an eye on everyone...



Chammers-style action....

More pics on the next page.....



Tom: total control.....



Buck glides across the sand...



Neil: gurning to success....



Chris hangs on for grim death.....



Richard rocks on.....



Alan on a roll.....

October Trials Round Up

Braintree – Purls Hill – 27th September

Yowzah! This looks like it was a tough one, at least for the Experts and Inters, judging by the results. See for yourselves – results done by ‘route’ as usual.....

Yellow: Taking 39 marks from Julian Harvey gives an indication of the severity of the sections. Chris was 6th on 144 and Tom followed a couple of places back on 165. I doubt it was much fun for either of them.....

Red/Blue: Paul had a good ride into 2nd place on a score of 30. Neil was involved in a two way scrap for 8th dropping 50 along the way. Next Castle rider up was Richard 2 places and 10 marks back. Buck rode into 21st, on 71, with Chammers 25th on 127.

White: No Castle riders.

Castle – Alphamstone – 4th October

I guess we all turned up expecting some mud but the Gods of Alphamstone smiled upon the gathered multitude and, lo, the ground was as dry as you’re ever likely to see it. Jim, and his helpers, laid out 12 sections and the riders duly set about demolishing them.

Yellow: Tom was our lone Expert clocking up 40 points and 4th place.

Red/Blue: Richard looked like he was going well and duly delivered with a solid 12 marks and 3rd place. An 18 mark score secured 5th for Neil with Buck and Chammers finishing in 15th and 20th on respective scores of 31 and 60.

White: In a show of uncanny symmetry Chris Eley matched his riding number with his score losing 11 and bagging 3rd position. Gary Wakley rode into 7th on 47 dropped dabs.

Ipswich – Bramford – 11th October

The usual strong turnout at this popular venue and a fairly decent spread of Castle members throughout the classes – although it is disappointing that we have so few novice riders.

Yellow: No Castle riders.

Red/Blue: A titanic struggle resulted in Buck riding the mighty Beta into top Castle-dog position, and 9th in class, with a score of 40. Paul and Neil then tied for 10th a single mark behind the Buckster.

White: Alan Day rode his Beta into 4th position with a tidy score of 10. Gary dropped 16 points more and secured 12th in class as a result.

N&SJ – Corton – 11th October

Just the one Castle Club raider for this trial.

Yellow: No Castle riders.

Red/Blue: Richard Chamley topped out the route with a miserly score of 8.

White: No Castle riders.

Kent & Sussex – Crowborough – 11th October

Tom & Richard Norman took a trip out-of-centre to ride at this brilliant venue.

Red/Blue: Tom finished joint 1st on 18 and Richard was 4th on 31 marks lost.

E&SB – Raydon – 18th October

Considering there was another trial the same day (at Corton) E&SB did well to get a 36 rider entry list. Only one of them was from the Castle chosen, however.

Yellow: No Castle riders.

Red/Blue: No Castle riders.

White: Chris Eley finished 3rd on route with 19 marks lost.

Norwich Vikings – Corton – 18th October

Looks like Chammers is a glutton for punishment making the hike up to Corton for the second weekend running.

Yellow: No Castle riders.

Red/Blue: Richard Chamley 6th on route losing 116 on the day – looks like it was pretty tough.

White: No Castle riders.

Chelmsford – Beazley End – 25th October

This is the last trial of a busy month and the Chelmsford Club got a decent turnout and put on a good trial from what I can gather. There were five Castle-ites in the entry and here's how they got on.

Yellow: No Castle riders.

Red/Blue (Inter): Neil rode into 3rd position losing 46. Buck finished 10th, on 75, with Richard Chamley two places back on 78.

White : Alan took a share of 2nd overall dropping 9 marks and Gary took a share of 11th on a score of 26.

Nothing To Do With Anything Much



Halloween Pumpkin-Helmet....



One for the ladies.....



450 MXer – with turbo!!

Club Night

Club Night Diary:

No Club Night coz of the D&D on the 7th

December Club Night – Tuesday 8th December

The Bar, Stanway Rovers FC, New Farm Road, Colchester CO3 0PG

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