



# THE OBSERVER

For the members of Castle Colchester MCC – **To Whom It May Concern.**

October 2016 Edition

Let's dive straight in this month with a quick review of, and a few pictures from, the Harvest Trial. That is after a quick 'plug' for the Dinner, Dance and Awards Evening. Many thanks to Alan Day for his article.

## Dinner & Dance 2016

Our annual Dinner & Dance will be on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Colne Valley Golf Club. The price has been held at £25.00 per ticket (upon which the Club makes a loss, may I tell you). Turn up at 6.30pm for a quick chat before sitting down at 7.00pm. Strut your funky stuff when the disco gets going after the gongs have been dished out and Caroline's splendid cake has been won in the raffle.

## Harvest Trial

September got off to a pretty good start with the Club's Harvest Trial taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> September. The plan for this event was to tone the sections down a bit, from previous events at Pebmarsh, and this was publicised on social media in an attempt to drum up a larger entry than usual. 47 riders turned up so I guess it must be considered a success and the feedback after the trial backed this up. Richard Norman was CoC and, with the help of Richard Eley and Neil Kemp, laid out 11 sections spread around the fields. Have a look in the Round Up to see how our guys got on. Nice to see Phil Maltby, who was over from New Zealand on a visit back to Essex, riding a bike loaned by Derek. Pictures thanks to Nicola and Caroline.



Phil: four-banger for the day....



Signing on....



Rich Eley: tricky 2<sup>nd</sup> section....



Neil: Beta power.....



Tom:



Paul: crossing the stream.....

See next page for the Round Ups.....

## Enduro Round Up

The Eastern ACU enduro world finally stirred itself into life with a couple of events to round up.

### Woodbridge – Butley – 4<sup>th</sup> September

In the Championship class Rob Blackman rode his 125 KTM into 14<sup>th</sup> place. Jason took 5<sup>th</sup> in the Expert Vets, again, KTM mounted. George finished in 10<sup>th</sup> riding in the well-filled Clubman class on his KTM. Also amongst the Clubmen was 18<sup>th</sup> placed Andy Blackman - you guessed it: on a KTM.

### Stowmarket – Kenton – 11<sup>th</sup> September

A week after Butley the guys were out at Kenton for round 3 of the Dave Barkshire MC's 2 Man Enduro Championship. Rob and Andrew Blackman teamed up for the Championship class and secured 8<sup>th</sup> place for their efforts. Our other team comprised Jason and Paul, riding in the Experts, and coming home 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Trials Round Up

Four trials to include in this month's round up.....

### Castle – Pebmarsh – 4<sup>th</sup> September

I'm going to go through the results by Class, rather than Route for this one, as it puts some of us in a better light that way!

**Expert:** Tom looked to be going well and rode into 4<sup>th</sup> place with a 28-mark score. Paul Lonergan also rode 'the yellow' dropping 69 and finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> position.

**Inter:** Neil was 2<sup>nd</sup> on 31 and Chris Eley was 8<sup>th</sup> on 56.

**Inter B:** Richard Eley lost 7 dabs and came home 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Pre-65:** Jim's James took him into 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 12 mark score followed closely by Phil Maltby two marks, and one place, behind.

### Braintree – Purls Hill – 18<sup>th</sup> September

Braintree got a very good turnout of just over 70 riders however only seven of them were from Castle.

**Expert:** Tom had a good ride and put himself into 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a score of 66.

**Expert B:** Paul Whitehead and Richard Norman tussled it out with Paul coming out ahead by one place and six marks by finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> on 51 marks.

**Inter B:** Alan Day was 5<sup>th</sup>, losing 10, and Chammers was 7<sup>th</sup> losing 18.

**Pre-70:** Jim took the class win with a single digit score of 6 on the James.

### Wyndham – Middleton – 25<sup>th</sup> September

We had five Castle guys up at Middleton having made the journey to the dark side of the moon.

**Expert:** Lone expert Tom took second on a most-cleans tie break, with Brandon, both dropping 33 marks.

**Expert B:** Richard Norman, on the flip side of the most-cleans coin, lost out in a decider and came home 6<sup>th</sup> on 36.

**Inter:** Carrying on the most-clean theme Neil came of worst in his and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on 39 points. Buck was a little way further back, thankfully with no tie-break involved, dropping 54 and taking 8<sup>th</sup> position.

Surprise article from Alan Day.....

## Unexpected Visitor

Here's a pic of Dougie Lampkin in my kitchen at 11pm on a recent Tuesday evening.

Next to him is my youngest son Ben. Jake enlisted Doug as a courier driver to deliver one & collect three Montesa's from my collection. Doug had a meeting in London the next morning with Red Bull to discuss the IOM wheelie project.

We spent a long time discussing the plans & mods that were being carried out and he was great company & so down to earth.

He had remembered that I had been Jake's minder at 2 British World Trials rounds in the late 80's, which was nice.

For those that remember the first indoor arena trials at Towerlands, run by Eddie Wass & the Braintree club, you may recall that I did a pre65 one on Derek Clampins' Tiger Cub once, and at the end wheelied around the entire arena.

Doug was obviously after a few tips! – ha ha.



## Nothing To Do With Anything Much



Chris, Caroline  
and Braintree interloper Roy....



Derek & Phil....



Richard, Tom, Paul and Abby.

## Club Night – Doesn't really exist anymore....

### Club Night Diary:

Due to a general lack of interest Club Nights will now be on an ad hoc basis.

Could be anytime, anyplace, anywhere. Or not at all.

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