



CLUB NEWSFLASH

MARCH 2019

95 YEARS YOUNG

Witley and District Motor Cycle Club are pleased to be celebrating another anniversary! 2019 marks 95 years since the formal founding of the Club and its affiliation to the Auto-Cycle Union.

We have already enjoyed an excellent 'Classic' Enduro at Warren Heath, and our sporting calendar for the year is as exciting as ever. You can update your diary from the chart on page ...

Please watch this space and visit witleymcc.org for more on our social events during the coming months.



IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AGM WILL TAKE PLACE AT COMPTON CLUB ON THURSDAY 4TH APRIL AT 8.00PM. PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB AND COMMITTEE...



Visit our website for the latest news: www.witleymcc.org



Under Clerk of the Course Aaron Smith, the riders were flagged away in two groups as the spectators crowded the hillside. Ben Wibberley took the holeshot and was the first to ascend the famed hill before disappearing off into the trees. Five time Boxing Day winner, Daryl Bolter was not far behind, until the chain snapped on his machine, leaving him with a long push back to the paddock.

Ben Wibberley stayed out front to take a convincing win ahead of Brad Warton, with Daryl Bolter coming home a very respectable third after his mechanical issue and the fastest lap times of the event.

BXDE 2019

J.W. 'Bill' Boniface Trophy

The Witley Boxing Day Enduro visited a new venue for 2019, the prestigious Ashdown Farm course not far from Pangbourne.

Utilising the very best of the challenging motocross track and surrounding woodland, the event reverted to its roots as a traditional scramble style event.



Josh Kirby won the experts, Jack Twentyman came out the best of the Veteran Experts. Jamie Maller premiered the Clubman A. Shane Babey was the best of the Clubman Vets and James Murdoch Dunn stole the



Great to see our BXDE mugs being put to good use...

...at Canada Heights, Swanley, Kent, by members of Sidcup and District MCC! You're welcome lads, we look forward to riding your events in the summer!



Clubman B lead by 48 seconds. Kier Tett put on a very impressive performance to win the Evo class on a beautifully prepared CR250 Red Rocket, while Tobias Sammut won his first enduro in the Sportsman Class.

Ben Wibberley wins the J.W. 'Bill' Boniface Trophy for 2018, our thanks to Ashdown Farm for the use of their fantastic venue and we look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Tristan Robinson



NATIONAL ROAD RALLY

If you have a functional road bike, and like a good long ride, why not think about joining the Witley crew on the Rally on the weekend of 6th/7th July?

We have one team lined up; Gordon Ayshford, Barry Brockman and Laurie Richards are looking forward to another sleepless night, but how about joining us as Witley MCC representatives for an in-depth 20-hour study of England's A & B roads?

Alternatively, we are looking for help with manning the Control at Guildford RFC HQ, Broadwater Park, Godalming, and any volunteers for card stamping and tea-making will be welcomed enthusiastically...



SEEC AWARDS

On Saturday 19th January at the 2018 SEEC Awards Night, Witley MCC won the club cup for the sixth year running!

Aaron Smith was delighted to accept the award on behalf of the club from SEEC Chairman Rob Mussell. The trophy will go back into its proud place in the club cabinet!

'CLASSIC' ENDURO

The weekend of February 16th/17th saw the ever-popular Witley 'Classic' Enduro return to Warren Heath, Hampshire.

Following the success of being run as a British Championship event last year, the event was this year Round 1 of the South East Enduro Championship.

The course included the very best of the challenging British Enduro going with a total lap length of 22 miles, split across two checks.



To begin, riders had a tight check in the fast and flowing forest of Heath Warren with just a large bog to contend with as a key challenge. The second check was much longer and more challenging including recently forested areas and the extreme 'Smith Test' before finishing with the flowing 'Alldred Test'.

Once again Daryl Bolter (HuskySport) reigned supreme and will have his name engraved yet again on the Edward Allery Cup. Ricky Wiggins (Wincanton Print) came home second ahead of Richard Tucker (Malcolm Rathmell Sport).



In Expert, Darren Kiff took the Honours ahead of British Army Riders Cameron Young and Jake Purcell. A special mention for Alexei Dronov of the Motorcycle Federation of Russia who came home eighth after a long drive from Moscow! Vet A was a tussle between Jonathan Tarr, Simon Beken and Mark Kirby. In Vet A o50, Lawrence Catt headed home Dave Coles and Stephen Haselden.



Fresh from his Quad triumph at Le Touquet Beach Race, Sheldon Seal won Clubman A, followed by James Flannigan and James Davis. Vet B saw James Pinder pip Justin Rixon to the finish ahead of Rainer Halsall. Normandy's own Philip Davies took home Vet B o50 ahead of Stephen Scott and David Smith.

The Evo Class was headed home by a brace of Kawasaki KDX 200s ridden by Steve Bird and Steve Head. Manny Bernardez had the special test times to take the win, but the Maico GME 500 struck a mechanical 10 minutes from the end, so he had to settle for third. In Clubman B Christopher Standon saw away Aaron Barnes and Sean Cosgrove to take the win.

We hope you all enjoyed the day, a huge thank you to all our supporters and volunteers who made the day possible. Thanks to Manny Bernardez and Paula Tidy for getting the results out so quickly; full results at:

<http://www.witleymcc.org/news.htm>

Tristan Robinson

ACU AWARDS

Quite a contingent from Witley assembled at the National Motorcycle Museum on January 26th for the presentation of awards at the Annual Awards Dinner.

British Enduro Championship Award winners were Aaron Gordon (U23 Expert/E1 2-stroke Expert), Lewis Ranger (Clubman/E2 Clubman) and Manny Bernardez (Classic E2 Clubman), while Graham, Gordon and Laurie, unused to being invited to award ceremonies, collected the Team award for the National Road Rally. Well, at least we got to hold it for a few minutes!

Tristan was there in his official capacity as a Director, while Chris Tyrrell was stepping down after many years' service and Geoff Urben was supporting son-in-law Dave Hammond (Pre-75 500cc longtrack champion).

The Smiths and the Richards stayed in the Windmill Village Hotel, while the Ayshfords were in the Manor Hotel, rather closer to the Museum. However, coach transfer was laid on so all could enjoy an extra glass of lemonade.



After baling out at midnight, and a reasonable night's sleep, a leisurely breakfast was followed by a saunter around the Museum to enjoy some of the 850 British machines on display. An amazing collection, and well worth seeing –though despite the size of the halls, it is all rather crammed in there.

All in all an enjoyable event, though it was rather disappointing that many of the top award winners didn't feel able to attend...



Witley MCC members at the annual ACU Awards dinner (L-R): Aaron Gordon, Lewis Ranger, Geoff Urben, Chris Tyrrell, Graham Smith, Laurie Richards, Gordon Ayshford, Tristan Robinson, Manny Bernardez.



CHARLIE WAKE TRIAL

On 10th November, riders met for a minutes silence before the H.C 'Charlie' Wake began on the challenging banks and gullies of Tickfold Farm.

Under Clerk of the Course Paul Jay, riders were treated to 10 observed section along the stream at Tickfold Farm.

Rich Ely came out on top with 10ml, while Jack Stiles came second with 30ml. In the Inters, Michael Hollyer took the honours, Ian Wakeford won the Over 40s, Derek Baker won the Over 50s with more cleans than Graham Bayliss (both 7ml). Tim and Streatfield took the honours on the Pre-67 and Twinshock machines respectively and Chris Neville won the Novices.



REG BOWKER TRIAL

The Reg Bowker Trial went off in fine style on the 9th December at the fantastic Warren Heath venue near Blackbushe.

Under Clerk of the Course, Neil Bowker, 130 riders were treated to a seven mile loop around the forest with 12 observed sections.

The day was won by Phil Wiffen who completed the day with 0ml, just taking the lead from Tom Moss and Rich Ely with 1ml apiece.

Our thanks to Forestry Commission England for the use of this fabulous piece of land.



THAMES VALLEY TRIALS COMBINE

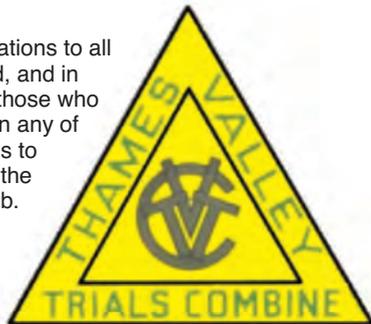
We are pleased to report successes for Witley MCC in TVTC competition in 2018.

Witley dominated the Intermediate group with Dave Mair, Bradley Mair, Aidan Bowker and Neil Bowker taking the first four places and helping the Club to a substantial margin over Hookwoods.

On the Red route, once again Terry Tidbury took the Sportsman class and Mike Rivett the Twinshock, each with a healthy margin over their nearest opposition from Normandy –

though Normandy just managed to come out on top of the combined scores...

Congratulations to all concerned, and in fact to all those who took part in any of the classes to represent the Witley Club.



Please help your Club and Committee by volunteering to observe at our Trials this year. If you are available for the 'G.D.', the LDT, the Charlie Wake or the 'Reggie' (see dates opposite), please let us know by phone or email, or talk to any Committee member. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

WITLEY MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

MAIN SPORTING EVENTS CALENDAR 2019



Event details and venues subject to change at short notice.

Please check www.witleymcc.org or www.facebook.com/witleymcc/

Date	Event	Venue
Thursday 4th April	Annual General Meeting: please come and support your Committee	Compton Club
Monday 6th May	Fleet Lions Road Run	Fleet, Hampshire
Monday 27th May	Weston Trophy Trial: a round of the ACU SE Trials Championship	Hook Woods, West Horsley, Surrey
Thursday 30th May TBC	Anniversary Road Run: details to follow	Compton – The Coast
Sunday 9th June	Witley G.D. Brown Trial: a round of the TVTC Championship	Frensham Vale, Farnham, Surrey
TBA	Witley Hare & Hounds: a round of the SEEC Hare & Hounds Championship	TBA
Saturday 6th / Sunday 7th July	ACU National Road Rally	Final Control: Guildford Rugby Club, Godalming
Saturday 19th October	Witley Members' Day	Down Farm, Odiham, Hampshire
Sunday 20th October	Witley 100 Long Distance Trial: a round of the ACU SE LDT Championship	Down Farm, Odiham, Hampshire
Saturday 9th November	Witley H.C. 'Charlie' Wake Trial	Tickfold Farm, Kingsfold, West Sussex
Monday 11th – Saturday 16th November	International Six Days Enduro	Autódromo Internacional do Algarve, Portimão, Portugal
Sunday 8th December	Witley Reg Bowker Trial: a round of the TVTC Championship	Warren Heath, Blackbushe, Hampshire
Friday 27th December	Witley BXDE Enduro	Ashdown Farm, Blewbury, Oxfordshire

NOSTALGIA GALLERY



Sunbeam Point to Point, Longmoor, 25th April 1953: G.H.Jones no.31 (347 Matchless), J.C.M. Avery no.45 (348 BSA), J.Clayton no.(197 Francis Barnett) climbing the sharp ascent during the 21 mile Junior Race (Avery finished 3rd)

The Club has come into possession of a collection of black and white negatives from around 1950-55.

Chairman Smith has been busily scanning and here are some of the results. We will bring you more of these in future editions.

Why not see whether you can help us by identifying some of the riders and workers?

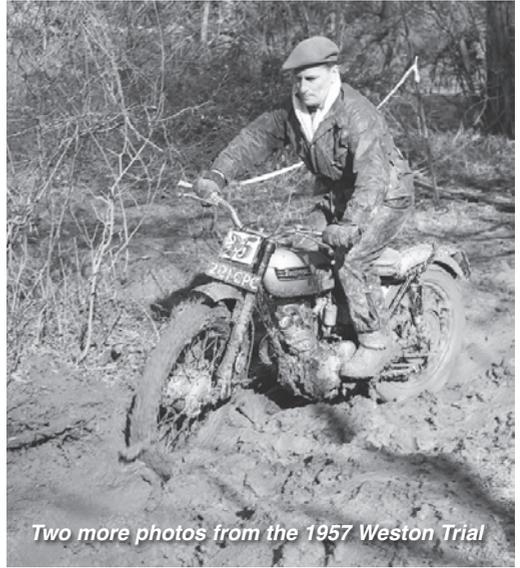
BTW, have you any old photos in the loft?



Setting out the Weston Trial, March 1957



Grand National Scramble, Bagshot Heath, 15th March 1953: A.E.Palmer of Twickenham on a Matchless 350 and J.Duckett of Norwood on a Triumph 498 in the Unlimited cc Junior Race Heat 3



Two more photos from the 1957 Weston Trial

MORE FROM THE ARCHIVE...

Well, there was a bit of space to fill...



Guildford Lions' Show, Shalford Park (mid 1990s)



Witley Camping, Brockenhurst (mid 1970s)



National Rally finish, Wolverhampton...



... and Cheltenham (mid 1990s)

ENDURO GALLERY – BXDE 2018

Action from Ashdown Farm...



ENDURO GALLERY – CLASSIC 2019

... and Warren Heath



A GOOD START TO THE NEW YEAR

Brooklands Museum is definitely the place to be on New Year's Day if you enjoy some classic machinery.

While it is almost entirely a 'car' event, this year did see an increase in the number of motorcycles taking part.

Previous records continued to be broken as over 8000 visitors came to enjoy the special atmosphere of Brooklands and to see something around 1500 classic vehicles of all imaginable types. Serious nostalgia fills the air on these occasions as all those models that you owned and should not have sold reappear in glistening condition to taunt you. You fail to remember, of course, that while a 1965 Cortina might be quite valuable now – unattainable, even – various owners have probably spent tens of thousands to get it in decent condition, and you would have had to do the same...

Roads around Cobham, Byfleet and Weybridge were very busy (it took me 50 minutes to travel the 2 miles from Painshill) and car parks were rammed. I found one of the last spaces behind the Brooklands Hotel which had been opened up for the occasion. At one point, the Museum entrance for arriving classics had to be closed briefly as the site had reached capacity – until some more shuffling around was completed.

Other late arrivals could be seen scattered along the verges of Wellington Way, the road which crosses the old airfield. A new "modern and sports car" section could also be found in the Heights car park next door. The Paddock area as usual housed pre-war cars, while the tarmac behind the Clubhouse featured scores of motorbikes. One make clubs had space on the bottom of the Finishing Straight, while the upper part and the Banking, along with the aircraft park, was home to an impressive variety of machinery of all shapes and sizes. A great start to the year for petrolheads.

L.G.R



Many thanks to Tristan and Graham for content in this issue.

News or pictures please to laurie@lg-richards.com

Witley MCC Contact Details:

Chairman: **Graham Smith** 07966 211584 graham@rt-design.co.uk
Secretary: **Tristan Robinson** 07817 131821 tristan@tristanrobinson.co.uk
Newsletter: **Laurie Richards** 07789 506457 laurie@lg-richards.com
Clubroom: **Compton Club**, Spiceall, Compton, Guildford, Surrey GU3 1EQ
(just off B3000, by village green); Club night: Thursdays, from 8.00pm.

Visit our website: www.witleymcc.org or like us on Facebook

