

# EASTBOURNE & DISTRICT M.C.C

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<u>Committee Members:</u>	All the above plus Charles Courtney, Gary Eastes, David Harris, Steve Jones, Richard Jordan, Cliff Moir, Wayne Moseley, Caroline Rees, Del Willis		

## What's Up

It seems like an age since I hit the keyboard to produce a Twistgrip and this is evidenced by the date span of December to January! With the dates just expired on the calendar section, an update has become essential, and this will copy be issued after the committee meeting on February 7th when all the venues have been confirmed.

Since the November issue, we have a large number of renewals of membership and a pleasing number of new members, mainly adults. There has also been a lot of interest in joining which has not yet come to fruition, so things are looking pretty good. Club riding fees and membership fees are unchanged this year and still offer good value for money. The only exception to our price increase is for Day Members who will now pay an extra £5 (a £1 increase) over club riders, which will hopefully encourage more membership – if they ride more than three times a year they will be in pocket. This was decided at the AGM which was attended by some people. The new committee is detailed in the heading, thanks to the newcomers who have strengthened our ranks and will bring more input to the meetings. Ralph is now Chairman with Thomas as 'Vice' hopefully not literally, and congratulation to Simon Rye and Finn Kennedy who have been elected Senior and Junior club captains.

The new members recently signed up are junior Finnbhar Wylie (I think I only mentioned your Dad - Fergus, last time—apologies) and adults Martyn Stone, Steve Wormley, Patrick Lewis, James Allen, David Scott, and Paul G Stone, welcome to you all. Please feel free to ask for help if you need it, I am sure if any of our regular members see you looking a little bewildered they will only be too pleased to assist.

The end of 2011 brought the season to a close with good results in the SE Championship with Steve Jones top of the Twinshock class, Thomas Moss coming 2nd in the Elites, Charles Courtney 1st Youth Elite, and Matt Jordan 1st Youth Inters. Members riding under other club names also had good results, Mark Cottingham 3rd Elites, Jack Stiles 1st Youth Expert. Finn only rode a couple of rounds but came 1st in one riding Red and 2nd in the other on the Blues.

The results from the December Group trial completed the South Coast championship results for 2011 and our riders did a very well here too. Thomas Moss and Charles Courtney both won Experts, Senior and Junior respectively, and Matt Jordan won the Inter 50/50 Youths, Finn Kennedy was second in the Youth B class, as was David Harris in the Over 60 Clubman Class, with Ralph 4th and Derek Strudwick 5th. Simon Rye won the Inter 040 class. Alan Peach, Steve Jones, Cliff Moir and Connor Fell also had finishes in the top six of their respective classes despite not completing all the rounds, so well done all.

The club championships have been determined, subject to a minimum of three rounds being ridden in a class. Results are Elite 1 Thomas Moss 2 Mark Cottingham. Expert N/a Youth Expert 1 Matt Jordan. 2. Jack Stiles Inters 1 Wayne Moseley, 2 Michael Smith, Joint 3. Simon Mephram Will Rossi. Inter 040 1. Steve Jones, 2. Simon Rye, 3. Ian Cole 4. Nick Kennedy Youth B 1. Finn Kennedy 2nd Josh Pullen. Clubman 1 Tim Pullen 2. Steve Masters/ Ian Smith Clubman 050 1. Derek Strudwick, Joint 2nd Dave Harris Ralph Charman Youth B 1. Oliver Smith Adult Novice 1. John Crawl 2. Ed Phipps. Schoolboy AM White 1. Matt Jordan, 2. Jack Stiles Blue 1. Steve Marsh, 2. Finn Kennedy Red 17-21 1. Will Rossi Red 1. Eden Stanger 2. Yellow 1. Ollie Turk 2. Connor Fell

I hope you have all enjoyed the 2011 season, and wish you all a happy "feet up" for 2012.

The New Year got off to a good start for the club when we ran the 1st round of the South Coast Group at Hourne Farm, Crowborough in January, with nearly 70 riders attending. The setting out team did a very

good job, with the non stop rules to be considered. The weather held dry on the day, and the sections rode well and favourable comments were received from lots of the riders. Thanks also to everyone who observed. Despite the large number of riders, we finished in good time to clear up before dark. The non stop rule does seem to have a positive effect in this respect!

Our Chairman's club trial took place at Durrants Farm, by kind permission of Chris Wells, our President. It was a busy time with membership renewals and signing on, and again we were lucky with a dry day.

The morning was attended by 6 schoolboys who had time issues in completing five laps, so only 4 counted in the final scores. The sections were a mix of banks/roots, and stream sections and section 5 all camber and roots gave the most problems both in the morning and the afternoon.

35 Riders set off in the afternoon, unfortunately a few drowned their bikes on Section 2 where there was a deep hole in the stream to one side of the entry route. Derek Strudwick went home early to dry his bike out ready for the SE Centre the next day, and was riding there. I don't know how the others fared. Ralph didn't even get started as his bike ran out of coolant before the start and he took it home for some first aid. The riders really enjoyed the trial, so thanks for your setting out Ralph in conjunction with Simon Rye and Wayne and anyone else I may have not seen on the day.

A few new faces took part in the trial and seem undaunted by the lack of a finish, so hopefully we will see them again in February, bikes and bodies permitting!

A note to all riders please– the club is committed to the safety of riders and spectators alike and would remind you all that only 1 rider should be on a bike at any time. Please do not give 'lifts' to family or friends, it is not safe to do so, and our insurance could be invalidated in the event of any incident caused by such an action.

It is also the responsibility of parents to ensure that junior's bikes are safe to ride, so please make sure that there is a kill switch in operation, brakes work, throttles do not stick, wheel bearings are not worn and chain guards are present. If you have any questions about an aspect of maintenance please ask for help, there are members who have the expertise to advise you on what would need attention.

Please could riders who won cups/shields last year return them so an awards evening can be planned for April.

**What's On**      Schoolboys 10.00 am Club trials 1.00 pm      (Venue maps on website or email/ phone me for directions- details in heading) Please remember to look on the website or facebook page for any last minute changes due to the weather etc.

## 2012

Feb	12th ~Sunday	S Coast Group Trial, Blacklands Farm, Sharpthorne, RH19 4HP Start 10.30
	19th Saturday	Club Trial at Squibbs Farm, Etchingam TN19 7DB
Mar	4th Sunday	SEC Witley Weston Trophy Trial
	6th Tuesday	Committee Meeting at the Woolpack , Herstmonceux 8.00 pm
	11th Sunday	SC Group trial at Miscombe, <u>Signposted from North Lane Buriton—new parking area 10.30</u>
	17th Saturday	Club trial Attwoods Farm, Bodle Street, BN27 4RA
	25th Sunday	SEC Gravesend Richard Bartlett Trophy Trial
Apl	3rd Tuesday	Committee Meeting The Woolpack. Herstmonceux 8.00pm
	6th Good Friday	Invitation trial Durrants Farm– provisional
	8th Sunday	SC Group Redland Farm, Elsted, GU29 OJY
	21st Saturday	Club Trial Little Holmstead Farm, Rushlake Green, TN21 9QB



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