

## Committee Matters...

Your Committee have been working hard over the past few months – as ever - to make sure that the business of the Club runs smoothly, that events are run professionally and that bills are paid.

Please help them by bringing to their attention any matters which you feel are important, by volunteering to assist in practical ways – and by attending the AGM, where you can make your views known and of course take part in the election of officers. Your support is vital in keeping Witley MCC in the position it deserves – at the forefront of off-road sport in this region!

The December and January meetings were largely taken up with the preparation for and aftermath of the Reg Bowker Trial and Boxing Day Enduro. In January, of course, there was much to be done in preparation for the Combine Enduro and the Weston Trial. February's meeting was rather compromised by the arrival of a large amount of snow – hopefully we will catch up a bit in March!

Anyway, here's a bit of the detail from January...

... New flags had been purchased and used at the Boxing Day Enduro... Diaries had been bought, stickers of events applied into the relevant dates and posted... Enduro clock: A vote of thanks was recorded to Bill Glover for making storage boxes... The clocks were used for Boxing Day - the tripod purchased worked well as the support... The radios were used at the Boxing Day Enduro and also worked well... The new trailer had been purchased and was also used at the Boxing Day Enduro – it's twin-wheel, with 3000kg capacity... LDT Land Issue: Bernard has written to the landowner to apologise and has asked to meet him to discuss in the new year... Ron May Legacy: The Curator of Brooklands Museum is to be contacted to arrange a meeting... Reg Bowker Trial / TVTC: It was considered to have been a thoroughly enjoyable day for all - Audrey Bowker has expressed her hopes that it will become a regular annual event... Boxing Day Enduro: It was noted that there had been no bibs for the junior riders to wear - and also that the juniors were as quick as the adults and had posed no problems... Update on injuries: the lady rider had undergone an operation and was now OK, while the male rider recovered by the Helicopter had only suffered bruises and was up and about... The use of Mile Markers worked well aiding in location of incidents... It was agreed that in future a Chief Marshal should be appointed to recruit and brief marshals prior to the event and ensure they were aware of the expectations - including closing / taking-down course at the end - Manny volunteered for this position at the February Enduro... No protests had been received to date: No 8 had been excluded - the results were on the website @ 9.30 p.m. on the day... Shaun had repaired the track crossings... A vote of thanks was recorded to all involved in running the event... New Club Meetings Venue: Julie had checked and the Jubilee Club had closed down... Bernard to contact Tony Bugbird of the Compton Village Club to discuss... Club Stand at Show for 85th Anniversary Year: The Guildford County show was considered inappropriate. Laurie Richards to research alternatives for discussion at the next committee meeting... Bert Brett Shield: Secretary of meetings are required to send workers lists to Ian George for the Bert Brett Shield...

And much more...

**Fancy getting more involved? Please let the Chairman or a Committee member know if you are interested in standing for a position at the AGM...**

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# CLUB NEWSFLASH

February/March 2009

## IMPORTANT NEWSFLASH!

### New Venue for Thursday night Club Night:

**Where?** Compton Village Club, associated to The Royal British Legion – just off the A3 on the B3000.

**When?** With immediate effect.

Come and see this brand new venue – totally re-built and finished to a high specification.

**Follow the WITLEY arrows!!  
Or visit website for location...**

*“See you there” – your Honorary Secretary – Jo...*

## AGM AGM AGM AGM AGM

**Thursday 26th March 2009 @ 8.30pm**  
British Legion Hall, Compton

## YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

**Please read the Chairman's note inside!!**

### Annual Dinner & Dance and Awards evening

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
H.A.C. Pavilion, Bisley.  
**Contact Jo or Julie – soon!**

### 3 Stage Trial

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May,  
Chawton Park

**Want a ride? Or to help?**

Call Gordon for details!  
T: 01483 429523



## From the Chair...

### VERY IMPORTANT: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009 @ 8.30pm

Yes, it's that time of year again. The date for your **AGM** has been booked at a new venue. The new **British Legion Hall at Compton** (overlooking the green) will be the location for this year's AGM. It is also going to be our new Club Night location, following the introduction of the noisy and crowded darts nights at the Aggy Club.

The minutes of the last AGM are included in this Club News.

#### Many of you will be aware that this year we need you there more than ever.

After many years of hard work, Jo Ayshford is standing down as **Club Secretary** to follow her career in amateur dramatics (well, stage manager rather than acting, she leaves that to Gordon).

This job entails the production of the committee agenda each month, dealing with club correspondence and liaising with various bodies connected to the sport. Jo will give help to whoever feels like taking this job on as she will still be an active club member.

The second position to become vacant is that of **Club Treasurer**. Alison Lock has done this job very well over the past years but is now moving on to other things away from the club. It is hoped that by the time the AGM is with us, we will have purchased a club laptop with a Sage program installed and the year finances started.

Sage is a very easy program to use. It will be set up with each of our main events listed and then it is just a case of entering the outgoings and income against each event or function. The computer program does the rest. **As easy as that!**

In addition there will be cheques to pay in and to write and a petty cash account to look after. Training will be given.

As is the case at AGM's, all officials stand down but are up for re-election if you want them.

Please consider these posts and let me (*Bernard*) know if you need more information.

Before the AGM, of course, we have the annual **Dinner and Awards** evening at Bisley Shooting Lodge on the 14<sup>th</sup> March. Last year at this venue, a great number of club members enjoyed a typical Witley Club 'do'. If you are in line for a Club or event award, then please be there to collect it and receive the cheers and adulation from your fellow members.

Jo Ayshford and Julie Batt are the organisers and ticket sellers.

Other dates for your diary are the **Three Stage Trial** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May; a *possible* Club stand at the Kempton Park **Southern Classic Show** on the 9<sup>th</sup> May; and the **Camping Weekend** on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July. Details will follow in future editions of the Club News.

**See you at the AGM!!**

**B.J.**

### Showing off at 85...?

As part of the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities, the Committee are considering a stand at the Southern Classic Show at Kempton Park on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested, please contact Laurence Richards on 01483 423480.

*In the next issue: Details of forthcoming events, Reports – and how about a short contribution from YOU? Please email your wisdom to [lq\\_richards@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lq_richards@yahoo.co.uk) And any pictures would be particularly welcome – as you can see from this edition...*

## Weston Trophy Trial Report

Now in its 77<sup>th</sup> year, this event attracted 90 starters. Being a South Eastern Championship event helped boost the numbers.

Having 74 riders entered before the closing date, another 19 entered late or on the day (3 non-starters). As always, this causes more work for the officials but there seems to be no way to stop these late entries. The only discouraging thing (for them) is that late entries do not get championship points. However, the club is not that mean and we do give awards to all finishers, late entry or not. After all, they all pay the same entry fee. A full list of results is available on our website [www.witleymcc.org](http://www.witleymcc.org). Nice to note that the Weston Trophy winner did bring an observer with him!

**Our thanks to all officials and workers.** The normal bunch of Jo, Pat & John (catering), Bill Glover starter, Diana assistant S of M, Pete Crummett, Laurence Richards, Derek Cranfield, Dave Kavanagh, Gordon Ayshford, Dickie Dale, Gordon Davis and Alan Blackman, Barry Brockman and Terry Tidbury for observing. Terry was of course also C of C, with Neil Bowker as Assistant.

Thanks also to Paul Matthews and brother-in-law Kevin for carting the grub and coffee out to the observers. Was that a five Paul? And is the bum still wet?

The multi-coloured riders' numbers help the observers a great deal but it does make hard work for the S of M.

Almost every rider came up to thank the team for an excellent trial. So our great thanks to Terry for making the sections just right.

### Weston Trophy Trial: Provisional Results:

*Expert:* 1 Nicky Dowland (Sherco, 96 Trials) 34 marks lost; 2 Thomas Moss (Gas Gas, Eastbourne) 40; 3 Matthew Strank (Gas Gas, GEST) 45. *Intermediate:* James Gammons (Gas Gas, Kingston) 21. *Novice:* Paul Stephen (Montesa, Bexleyheath) 47. *Over 40:* Marcus Faulkner (Scorpa, Carshalton) 13. *Over 50:* Frank Puttock (Montesa, Wickham) 13. *Youth A:* Matt Godden (Gas Gas, KYTC) 36. *Youth B:* Charles Courtney (Sherco, Eastbourne) 55. *Youth C:* Joe Gallone (Sherco, OWLS) 93. *Pre 67:* Richard Whitebread (AJS, Bexleyheath) 34. *Twinshock:* John May (Bultaco, Normandy) 35.

### A warm Witley welcome to new members this month:

- David Dean from Warfield: Enduro & Green Lanes
- Kevin Sealey from Bath: Enduro
- Simon Manser from Alton: Enduro
- Jason Saint from Alton: Enduro
- Robert Matheson from Chertsey: Enduro/Hare & Hounds
- Neil Matheson from Staines: Enduro/Hare & Hounds
- Andrew Munn from Bordon: Enduro/Hare & Hounds
- Stephen Woodrow from Hindhead: Enduro
- John Bach from Hook: Enduro
- Neil Varney from Broadbridge Heath: Enduro & Trials
- Max Varney (as above): Junior rider

**Welcome also to all those members who have renewed for 2009. We hope you have a happy year motorcycling, either on or off road.**

Membership now stands at: 93 Full, 14 Riding, 3 Junior, 5 Associate and 5 Life members.

**The February Combine Enduro** went well, but we regret there is no report at present – we will try to have one ready for the next Club News...