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Happy New Year and enjoyable trials for 2010

What's Up

Eastbourne & District MCC Saturday 12th December Club Trial

The trial at Squirrel Wood was attended by six youths in the morning—I guess the others were all buying their Christmas presents. We had an even field of two white, two blue and two yellows. Mark Cottingham took the white class on 8 with Charles Courtney on 13. Matt Jordan won Blues on 22 with Kieron Wells a bit off form with 45 to his name. Yellows were fairly closely matched with Owain Wells taking 1st on 26 and Johnathan Masters on 32. I love the way that even at this young age the yellows are walking the sections and plotting the best lines with all the professionalism of adult experts.

The afternoon saw two dozen riders going on till dusk as they managed to complete their 5 laps of 8 sections. Section 4 took a long time as the stream was crossed a couple of times and got dug out causing problems for some of the blues it also cost most riders the highest marks on the day. Sections 5 and 6 also took marks with some tricky banks to negotiate. Thanks to the observers who withstood the frosty weather, and the setting out team. Welcome to new member Steven Strudwick who was giving Gordon Fenning's former Beta a good work out on the Elite sections.

The weather has caused most of the local group trials to be cancelled in January but hopefully things will improve for later in the month with a few SEC rounds due soon.

The AGM went ahead at the Cross in Hand attended by 14 people. It was good to see three people there, other than committee members, thank you for your support. The revamped committee is detailed in the heading, mainly the same names with revamped jobs!

The club championship results were issued last month, but the **South Coast Group Championship** has just been finalised. Eastbourne riders have had their share of wins, especially the youths, well done lads, shows the harder club trials help for further up the ladder.

Adults; Experts was topped by Adam Farley on 189 pts (the latest of a succession of wins for this title), with Thomas Moss 2nd on 180 pts.

Inter 050: I Cole was 3rd having missed a lot of rounds. **Inter 040:** Gary Eastes, Simon Courtney in the top 4. **Red Over 60:** Derek Strudwick 1st, Dave Harris 2nd and Ralph Charman 3rd. **Novice:** John Crowth - 1st. We produce seasoned winners as well!

Youth Mark Cottingham topped the **Youth A** on 195 pts with Charles Courtney 3rd on 114 pts having started the season on the C route for two rounds. Adam Eastes won the **Youth B** and Matt Jordan has won both **Youth C and Youth D** on 100 pts in each—not sure how that works! Sean Moseley 2nd in the **D class**.

The South East Centre Championships have also been finalised with our youths again taking the honours. **Adult Expert:** Thomas Moss, **Youth A:** Mark Cottingham (under the GEST flag), **Youth B:** Charles Courtney. **O50 Novice** Frank Puttock 2nd.

Well done everyone—doing the club proud. Good luck to Charles and Mark who are going to contest the Youth A National championships in 2010.

Clubwise we now have the start of a new season, so chose your class for the year and go for it. For any 'newbies' the championships run from January to October with your 2 worse rounds of the 10 being dropped. November and December are a chance to try harder routes for next year.

About half the club members have sent in renewals of membership, so qualifying for the club championships and I am hoping for a few more at Saturday's club trial. New 2010 cards are being produced and will be with you shortly.

The committee are hoping to 'up' the club's profile, so as to encourage more members and are looking for ways to do this. If you have any ideas please let us know, and also spread the word to any of your acquaintances who may be interested in coming along.

If any of you are currently receiving Twistgrip by post but are able and happy to have it emailed, or download it from the website please let me know. It will get the information to you more quickly and also save a lot of postage—which is due to increase again very soon. I appreciate that not everyone is computer blessed?! so will still send paper versions out to those who do not advise me to the contrary.

Here's hoping for a good year of trials, and seeing a few more of your faces at the club trials.

What's On **Schoolboys 10.00 am** **Club trials 1.00 pm** **(Venue maps on website or mail/phone me for directions- details in heading)**

2010		
January	Sunday 17th	The Sidcup Sixty at Canada Heights Nr Swanley BR8 8DX
	Sunday 24th	SEC The Dunlop Trial at Kent Gliding Club Charing Hill
February	Tuesday 2nd	Committee Meeting War Bill in Tun 8.00pm
	Sunday 7th	SEC Walker Memorial, Torry Hill, Sittingbourne , ME9 OSP
	Sunday 14th	Group trial Blacklands Farm, Sharpethorne RH19 4HP
	Saturday 20th	Club trial Squirrel Wood Magham Down BN27 1PX –Prov'l
	Sunday 21st	SEC Weston Trophy Witley club Knightons Farm, Dunsfold,
March	Tuesday 2nd	Committee Meeting War Bill in Tun 8.00pm
	Sunday 14th	Group trial Miscombe Nr Petersfield GU31 5**
	Saturday 20th	Club trial Attwood Farm, Bodle St, BN27 4RA—prov'l
	Sunday 28th	SEC Richard Bartlett Trial, Gravesend club



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