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WOTS ON

- Nov. 26th. Stroud Valley O/C Trial @ Coaley, Gos. 10.00 a.m.
- Nov. 26th. Three Counties (CTC) M/Cross. Worcester (CTC) Trial.
- Dec. 3rd. Malvern (CTC) Trial.
- Dec. 9th. West Gloster Enduro @ Coleford, Gos. 10.01 a.m.
- Dec. 10th. Wye Valley CENTRE C'SHIP Trial @ Crasswall, Hereford. 10.00am.
- Dec. 17th. C.M.C. Trial CANCELLED
- Dec. 26th. West Gloster O/C Boxing Day Trial @ Joys Green, Lydbrook, 10.00 a.m.
- Dec. 26th. Worcester (CTC) Trial
- Jan. 1st. Stroud (CTC) Trial
- Jan. 14th. Chelt. Home Guard (CTC) Trial.
- Jan. 21st. Stroud Valley O/C Trial @ Stockwell Farm, Birdlip, 10.00 a.m.
- Jan. 28th. Worcester (CTC) Trial.

CENTRE BOARD MEETING @ CHELTENHAM M.C. H.Q. 11TH DECEMBER 8.00 p.m.

REGULATIONS 10th Dec. Wye Valley C'SHIP TRIAL @ Craswall, Hereford.
 PUBLISHED 26th Dec, West Gloster Boxing Day Trial @ Joys Green,
 Lydbrook.

THIS MONTH 21st Jan, Stroud Valley Bill Peters Trial @ Stockwell
 Farm, Birdlip.

HELLO THERE Well here we are again at the end of another year. Another year which sadly has seen the continuing decline of our Sport both in the number of Events and the Riders who compete in them. What can be done about it? Easy. All that is needed is for each Club to conjure up half a dozen keen, eager, enthusiastic young workers to back up, and eventually take over from, the ever decreasing number of Old Faithfuls, many of whom are getting increasingly fed up and disillusioned with being expected to do more and more as their numbers lessen year by year. Easy? You'd probably have more success selling snowballs to Eskimos than getting todays brightly attired Young Gent on his £2,000 toy to do anything - other than perhaps generously volunteer to 'Test' your *five* actions for you after you've spent half a day hacking them out of *five* signatures clutches. And yet you cannot convince them that in a few years time the whole future of the Sport will rest on their willingness and ability to take over its organisation. Unfortunately today the Competitor, all too often, having taken all he wants from the Sport, moves on to some other pastures without the slightest thought of putting anything back in order to help others to enjoy what he has so willingly accepted himself. And so it go's on year after year, less and less being left to do more and more until ??????.....

On a brighter note let us send our CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Saunders for his fifth place in the World Championship, and his seventh time of winning both the British Title and the Experts, and to Steve Platts on receipt of the Centres Award for the most meritous performance in the Manx Grand Prix.....ANNUAL DINNERS coming up shortly include the North Gloster Clubs at Cheltenham Racecourse on November 18th, and the Ledbury Clubs Annual Knees Up, which will include the presentation of the Centre Grass Track Awards, on November 25th..... A quick run through the provisional CALENDER FOR 1990 shows two National Trials, one National Moto-Cross, one Regional Restricted Grass Track, one Regional Restricted Enduro, nineteen Open to Centre Trials, five Open to Centre Grasstracks, and twenty six Closed to Clubs Trials.(e&oe).....

HELLO THERE continued

MANY THANKS go to Bob Miles for his Christmas Pages, even more acceptable for being ready printed, to John (Minder) Lewis for his graphic description of how one group of Competitors consider the Manx Two Day should be tackled, and to the Letter Writer who may, or may not, have been replying to my call to pack out this Christmas edition. Now if only we could have a couple of contributions like this to back up our ever faithful 'OBSERVER' how much more interesting your Gazette would be..... To those of you who require NEXT YEARS GAZETTE will you please order it on the enclosed renewal form straight away before you spend all your money on Christmas Pressies.....Finally may I extend the forthcoming SEASONS GREETINGS to one and all, always remembering that:

DRINKING AND DRIVING DON'T ADD UP - THEY TAKE AWAY - LIVES-LICENCES AND LOTS OF LOLLY

See you around, Ed.

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OBSERVERS VIEW What a contrast to last years Stroud Solo Trial it was this time. A really beautiful sunny morning with the ground so dry there was grip in abundance and with some well thought out Sections it made for a very good event. Sam King was man of the day losing all six of his marks on Mike Gunns Section. It was nice to see Nobby Nolans cheery face back after a 2 year lay off. I was very impressed with the speed which I received the Results, first post on Monday. The following week we all trooped off to Craswall for a typical Wye Valley do, rocks and more rocks. In all the years that I've been going to Craswall I have never seen it so dry. Poor Sam King dropped a right gooly with two fives on the first lap which left Ady Clissold, Robert Bounds, Steve Brown, and Dan Bishop to fight it out. Rob Bounds took the honours back to Wales with Ady loosing out on the tie break. In total contrast to the lovely day at Craswall the Glos & Cots had the honour of staging the first wet Trial of the winter making Whitecliff Quarry a very slippery place indeed. I think the Observers deserve a big hand for putting up with the wind and rain. Yet another old face returned in the form of Phil West, he even finished with one footrest just to make things more interesting. Nice to see Steve Brown at the top of the pile and Gordon Brown in the First Class Awards. The ever-green Jon Bliss used all his experience well, for he was the only Rider in the Awards NOT to loose a five, he must have found the formula for eternal youth. Also congrats to Steve Workman on his upgrading - amazing what a new bike will do for you. Oct. 29 saw the Stroud Valley's first Harry King Trial at Selsley Farm. It must have been one hell of a journey for Sam, all 200 yards of it, lucky so and so. It was suprisingly dry on the wooded banks after all the rain of the previous day, and with the autumn tints adding to Jon Bliss's Green/Yellow/Orange/and Pink Yam we were treated to a very colourful day. Once again a very sensibly laid out event giving everybody a chance of a Clean or two. Sam King handed out a tidy hammering in the Experts while a very 'on form' Gordon Brown really slaughtered the Intermediates and Jason Cole took a comfortable win in the Novices. It was really good to see a new name on top at CHG when Darren Butcher just beat Steve Brown up on the Hill, its good to see the Aces kept on their toes - or should it be footrests? Young Gordon Brown was there again showing that he really could be a force to be reckoned with very soon. Congrats to S.S. on his seventh Championship, Sams record is well within his reach now. The annual trek to Hawkstone proved a very good day out with some horrendous climbs and descents, Steve treated us to a show of outstanding ability which is just unbelievable at times.

I'll be watching you at the next one,

OBSERVER.

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