

# 55 Newsletter

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## Finally It's Happened To Me

It's finally happened at an Enduro. The event in question was held at Hildenborough, Kent on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. The course was a mix of woods, hill climbs and open fields. Entering the competition with three other lads (Jonny, Col and Bruv) we arrived within minutes of each other ready for action. Glen Baker (aka Endo) was riding but had got there a little earlier and was not riding in our group – anti social. Raring to go Endo got checked in first with the scrutineering and with quick munch on some breakfast food and drink I was ready too. The event was right, the bikes were ready and now was the time to see who was going to have the winning ride between Endo, myself, bruvs and Jonny in the over 40 class. The competition started with groups of ten riders setting off at one minute intervals over two sessions of two hours riding with an hour for lunch in between them. The lads and I had rider numbers 56 – 59 whereas Endo was number 80 which meant he would start two minutes after us. The rain had begun as our time came to start and the riding conditions had turned very slippery and riding my 500cc bike was not something to sing about on a high speed field blast and slippery hill climbs. Endo definitely had the right bike for these conditions a 200cc two stroke and after a short period of time he caught me up. Over taking me in the woods he set about opening up a gap but at one of the slippery hill climbs his progression had stopped – total carnage had taken place at a short hill and as Endo waited his turn for the bikes to clear, I jumped in front, gave my bike the beans and was up and away – but not for long. The course was scary and slippery and I knew as soon as Endo had cleared the carnage he'd be hunting me down again and sure enough there he was behind me, and this time I got stuck as a rider fell in front of me. Endo slithered past us both and I was after him but making a mistake he went down right in front of me and I nearly rode over him, but taking avoiding action I was again in front. It was then I got stuck again by another slower rider and Endo was away. Jonny and Col were not on the pace, but Bruv was and we circulated consistently for a few laps as this was the first time we had ridden together at an event. After two hours of fighting my bike, the sun appeared and things began to dry out. My pace picked up and I was beginning ride more aggressively although Endo was clearly beating me, but as the sun shone, his advantage of extra grip on a less powerful bike was about to turn and the mighty 500cc KTM roared as I pinned the throttle. After lunch we were again ready and it was back to the competition. It was no surprise that Endo caught up again in the woods where it was still slippery with carnage at every hill, but out on the fields OH YES the big bad 500 was a monster of acceleration and turbine smooth power. The big power comes in the upper revs in a big hit tearing across the fields and I hammered the bike down the straights stopping and turning on a sixpence. The bigger corners required massive speed as the bike was constantly spinning the rear. It was in the fields that Endo met his Waterloo, as I pulverized him into submission with his Puch 50 performance 200cc KTM which couldn't hope to keep up. I past him in the fields and my victory over Endo was sealed, he knows it, what a race and I'm the victor! I reckon Endo might buy a new and bigger bike he will blame the bike 100% we all know that. Like the title says 'Finally It's Happened To Me' (Ce Ce Peniston) – remember the song Endo it's happened for me!

## SE Centre Team Trial for Clubs – June 7th

We entered two teams for this prestigious event last Sunday; our N London riders Chris Tesseras and James Edwards had an expert 3<sup>rd</sup> rider in mind and had the white club T shirts on. Whilst Dave Plumb, Monte Bryant and Richard Lewis formed our other team with the Black club T shirts on; Michelle Blake accepted the observing challenge. The Kent & Sussex club set out a very good trial of 20 sections to be ridden twice on a single intermediate grade route. We did not win but did not come last; machine problems arose with Dave and Monte and they finished 21<sup>st</sup> with Double Five London in 9<sup>th</sup> a creditable result for the club. Full detail on the SE Centre website. [www.SoutEastTrialsCombine.org.uk](http://www.SoutEastTrialsCombine.org.uk) and I am sure we will be back for next year.

**Steve Westley**

## Evening Trials

The Sidcup club used to run a series of evening trials in the summer which do not seem to be on this year, hopefully they will return. In the meantime the Bexleyheath club is planning to hold one at Wainscott soon on a Wed evening 5 – 9pm and Double Five club members have been invited. Specific detail will be emailed once it is available. **SW**

## Double Five NKTC trial

Our premier event is running on the 12<sup>th</sup> July at Chad's and the club is to provide observers to cover the 15 sections that we have planned. I will be doing the paperwork and Dave Plumb is the Clerk of the Course. We will need some help to clear and set up on the Saturday as well and this provides a chance to ride. On the Sunday after the trial is over observers and helpers can ride the course as we will leave the sections in place for an hour before we all take it down. The observing rules have been simplified for this year so you do not have to be a rider to observe and I will provide a 'how to mark' sheet and practical advice for those who want it. So observers please come forward and let me know you can help, email or telephone, I do not mind which way as one of the keys to a good trial is sorting who is observing early on.

SW

## Club Night at the Pied Bull – 7th July

The first Tuesday night of each month we go to the Pied Bull in Farningham Village. This is a bike friendly pub so you can turn up in your car or on your road bike. The Triumph club also uses it sometimes on a Tue so it can be full of likeminded people. We are usually there from 8.30pm and in the summer nights probably in the garden and it is not committee stuff just a chance to talk to other club members. SW

## What's on over the coming months? Directions follow at the end.

Details can be found about these on the websites and in TSM which is published monthly on the 1st and lists all the competition events in the following month allowing plenty of time to get your entry in the post. In competition the entry form must come from TSM. [www.doublefive.co.uk](http://www.doublefive.co.uk)  
[www.nktc.org.uk](http://www.nktc.org.uk)     [www.southeastrialscombine.org.uk](http://www.southeastrialscombine.org.uk)

14th June Erith NKTC Trial round 5 – Horsmonden – May TSM

21st June Sunbeam SE Centre trial Twinshock & Pre67 – May TSM

21st June Folkestone SE Centre trial – June TSM

28th June Bexleyheath club trials invite – Wainscott

28th June Eastbourne SE Centre trial – May TSM

5th July Owls SE Centre trial Penshurst – June TSM

7th July Tue Club Night at Pied Bull, Farningham Village from 8.30pm

12th July Double Five NKTC Trial round 6 – Chads Farm – we will need help from club members to observe, marshal and set up. At the end of the event all club members who help get a chance to ride the course a couple of times before clearing up. See piece above re help.

26th July Bexleyheath B&W trial at Burwash – entry form and directions on email near date

4th August Tue Club Night at Pied Bull

9th Aug 96TC NKTC round 7 at Rotherfield Station – July TSM

16th Aug Bexleyheath Langmaid trial – SE Centre round at Burwash – July TSM

23rd Aug Bexleyheath club invite trial at Hastings

23rd Aug Owls B&W trial at Sevenoaks Weald

9th Sept Wed Double Five Committee meeting at Westerham

That is it for the moment so hope to see you at a trial or down the pub.

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