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JULY 2020 NEWS SHEET

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Forms on the club website: yeovalemcc.co.uk. & Attached to this News Sheet. ACU Codes &
Forms for New Applicants requiring Trials Registration are available from Marcel.
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(Hon. Co. Sec. /Editor's Notes. Tony Johnson).

Having discussed the matter with our Chairman Mike, we agreed that despite the effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) on our sport we should keep our members up to date on the situation affecting us all. So please find below the latest update after the latest ACU SW On-Line Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday last 23rd June 2020.

All of our club celebrations are still on hold with your committee deciding that we will not be running any events for the next 3 months, July, August & September, after which we will review, although it is unlikely that we will be running any events before our Championship Trial on 1st November which itself is doubtful, although we will be trying to run our Charity Trial on 26th December 2020. Should the situation drastically improve in the next 3 months we have reserved the right to reconsider our position, however your committee consider it to be the correct decision at this time.

Sadly, we still have no prospect of being able to restart our sporting activities, with the ACU Permit activities currently suspended until 6th July 2020, with any extensions depending on Government statements. As you know the UK Government has made a statement to identify the ways and timing of the reduction of "Lock Down" which we are currently experiencing, but I feel that it is going to be some time before we are able to start our activities again. With the extraordinary crowding to beaches and demonstrations in the last few weeks the virus is highly likely to take a second hold.

We in the South West have been incredibly lucky with few infections and deaths as a consequence of the virus, but with Mass Migrations of Day Trippers and Holidaymakers from other areas that have been 'Locked Up' for over 3 months and have experienced high infection rates and deaths we are becoming much more vulnerable and need to be much more vigilant to prevent a second spike here in the South West.

At our last On-Line ACU SW Management Committee Meeting held on 23rd June 2020 Kailee Coffin (SW ACU Secretary) was able to confirm that there are only 2 clubs that are contemplating running trials, at least in the next 3 months and some not considering running this year. The two that are proposing to run are Torridge at John Lockett's farm at Hartland Point, on 19th July, which we all know is in the back of beyond and West of England at Hound Tor, but not using one of their Wednesday dates, which is again in an isolated location. Otter Vale and Lyn are hoping to run their Championship Rounds. Events will be restricted to club members only with 45 – 60 to be accepted, with all entries being made via the ACU against a Permit which will only be issued against an acceptable Risk Assessment presented with the Permit Application. Entry Fees will be returned to Clubs by the Wednesday, Friday or following Monday, less 3% paid to the administration company. Clubs will select competitors from the list presented to them by the ACU and will all be given riding numbers for collection at the start and start times to travel in groups of 6 as a maximum, with no riders to arrive before their allotted time and one of the group to be allocated as the observer for the group and after completion by the group all of that group must leave the venue, thus minimizing the number at the venue at any one time.

Devonport, Exmoor, Somerton, Taunton, Moretonhampstead, SWCTA have declared that they are unlikely to be running any events this year, Lyn and Otter Vale could run championship trials ONLY, see above.

It may all seem a bit complicated but essential to make everyone safe. Non-compliance could invalidate the insurance. Entry fees will be at the discretion of the clubs to cover any additional costs for the likes of PPA. Insurance for the event to be paid direct to the ACU, less the ACU Benevolent Fund and SW Championship Levies.

It was considered that any changes made by the Government this past week will have little any effect on any of our events.

The ACU has only issued 22 Permits for Off-Road events country wide so far. We were surprised to hear that Permits have been issued for No Limits Track Days since the beginning of May, at Donnington Park and Cadwell Park resulting in some serious accidents with one known fatality, sadly that of that of Ben Godfrey at Donnington on a Superstock 1000cc machine and the second rider receiving serious injuries.

We in the ACU SW Management Committee have agreed to continue to meet by 'Zoom' every two weeks with the next meeting on 9th July, being two days after the next ACU HQ Directors Meeting, to discuss any matters arising from that meeting, thereafter meeting will be on a monthly basis.

When we do have a vision of commencing again, we hope that we will have our venue at The Red House available as we don't know how many Public Houses will still be able to open, with a proposal that they could be opened by 6th July, and with a hope he will be able to stay in business. We do not know how many will be able to meet at any one time, as a maximum of 6 has been suggested, which will make it difficult to have meaningful meetings. We sincerely hope that Chris Eve will be able to welcome us again for our meetings and of course our Annual Dinner, we extend our best wishes to him, he has agreed to keep me informed of his situation.

I will inform Joy Kellaway our Caterer of the current situation, via this News Sheet and that catering is now permitted subject to an Appropriate Acceptable Risk Assessments being in place, which currently does not affect us now as we are not running any events.

I hope that I have managed to give you all as much information as you need, but we will update you as appropriate.

Riders & Members in the News.

Les Thomas – Author, Past President, Current Vice President and Director of the Club.

Les has written down his history as a Motorcyclist, both in Moto Cross, Trials (Local, Long Distance, Scottish 6-Days and Vintage Runs), and it is sure to make interesting reading with his major achievement being winning a Silver Medal in the International Six Days Trial held in Wales, riding a 250cc Greeves with the engine prepared by 'Pop' Sharp. He also built his own Trials bikes with the first being an Ariel based upon one built by Sammy Miller, followed by construction of his own frame design incorporating its own oil reservoir and using Triumph Tiger Cub engines, which he rode with some success, with about 24 made in total as LTS machines.

His book has now been published in Hardback, titled 'What Goes Round Comes Around', priced at £20 and is only available direct from Les with all proceeds going to charity.

Les's address is 19 The Torre, Abbey Manor Park, Yeovil. Somerset. BA22 3SL. Cheque with order please.

Les Partridge - Past President & Current Vice President.

Sad to report that Les has unfortunately been very unwell of late and needs help at home, we wish Les better days ahead, he would appreciate any telephone calls at home to cheer him up at 872781.

We wish you all the best of luck and trust that you can all stay safe from this terrible virus and help as many unfortunate others as you are able to. We will be thinking of you all and missing your company and the noises of your bike's engines revving, together with your vocal despair at getting it wrong and achieving a 1, 2, 3 or 5. The score itself does not matter, it is just being able for all to get your enjoyment from our sport.

Tony Johnson