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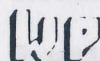
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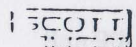
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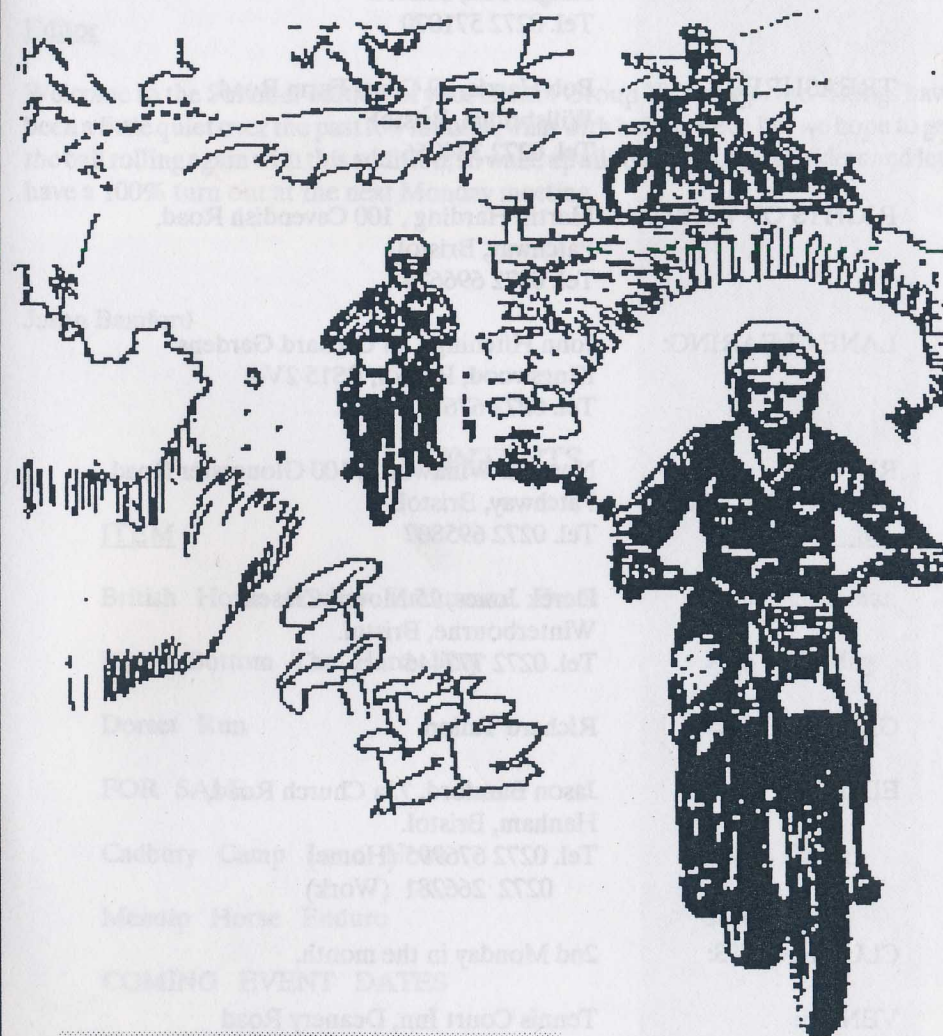


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### Editor

Welcome to the Summer edition of your Bristol Group TRF magazine. Things have been a little quiet over the past few months, what with holidays etc. but we hope to get the ball rolling again with this addition, so wake up all you sleeping trail riders and lets have a 100% turn out at the next Monday meeting.

Jason Bamford

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**BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY ANNUAL GOLDEN HORSESHOE 50/100**  
**MILE ENDURANCE EVENT**

**ANDY HORSMAN**

This year was the first time the TRF had been involved in the organising of the above event. The Somerset and Exmoor groups had offered to help with the marking of the course which started at Exford on Exmoor. Richard had been contacted a few days prior to the event to ask if the Bristol group could help as it looked like they would be short of manpower. The course was to be marked up on Sunday 13th May with 4 members of the Somerset group staying down there for the whole of the event to check the course and act as marshall, and of course to remove the ribbons and flags used to mark the route. John Hitchins (XR200) was able to provide a 3 bike trailer and Norman kindly let us have the use of his Astra estate to act as tow vehicle.

It was 7 o'clock on a sleepy Sunday morning that I met up with John and Bob Harris (DT175). We were off by 7.15 and after an uneventful journey, arrived in Exford at around 9.10. A mix of bikes, mostly Hondas, assembled in the car park and we were amazed to see a Honda Melody amongst them. It would have been interesting to see that particular bike off road but as it turned out this was not to be the case as it was only along to provide transport for one of the Somerset group's wives.

Alison Kent of the British Horse Society was acting as ride co-ordinator and we were in a group led by Peter Banks the South West Regional Chairman on his XL185. The other group was led by Nicholas Cocker, who was nursing a bandaged finger which apparently he was lucky to still have as he had been trying to remove an obstruction from the gearbox sprocket on his Honda CL250 when it was still moving.

Our group rode out to Luxborough, where we met with the Landrover of Alison Kent, and followed her for several miles on forestry tracks stopping every 100 yards or so to mark the route by tying fluorescent orange ribbon onto branches. The course was being ridden by approximately 70 horseriders in an anti-clockwise direction on the Monday and a clockwise direction on the Tuesday. This meant that when we passed through a junction, we had to ensure that the route was clear from the reverse direction which meant a fair amount of looking back through junctions to ensure that the route was clearly defined.

The lanes started to get narrow before Dunster and we left the landrover and Peter Banks led us using his marked up map. On the decent into Dunster we stopped at the end of a rocky lane and I hopped off my bike to tie a ribbon to a branch, only to hear the crash of my bike behind me as it rolled off the side stand. Ten minutes later after mending a broken clutch lever clamp we set off again going through Dunster and then on to Wooton Courtenay, testing the Ford on the way to ensure that it was shallow enough for the horses. At Brockwell we met up with some of the Exmoor group and loaded up with marker posts and headed up to Dunkery Beacon and then looped round and down to Exford. The area around Dunkery Beacon is open moorland and

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very similar to Blackdown on the Mendips. The marker posts were required as there is very little tall vegetation to tie ribbons onto and it can often become misty and the posts would enable the horseriders to find their way in such conditions.

We arrived back in Exford just after 3 o'clock and after a cup of tea and a bite to eat in the local cafe, we said our goodbyes to the other group and then headed for home. Everybody enjoyed the day and our efforts were appreciated by the event organisers. It was an ideal opportunity to ride lanes varying from windy footpaths to forestry roads and largely in areas where we are not normally permitted to ride. I am sure that those Bristol group members who helped out with the Mendip horse trial on the 26th and 27th of May, also enjoyed their 'duties'.



Who is this unfamiliar Trail Rider we see to the Left ?  
And whats more, has he paid his membership ??  
Yes it's good old Bob Harris "And about time too!"



## PIPLEY BOTTOM THE HARD WAY

*Paul Fielding*

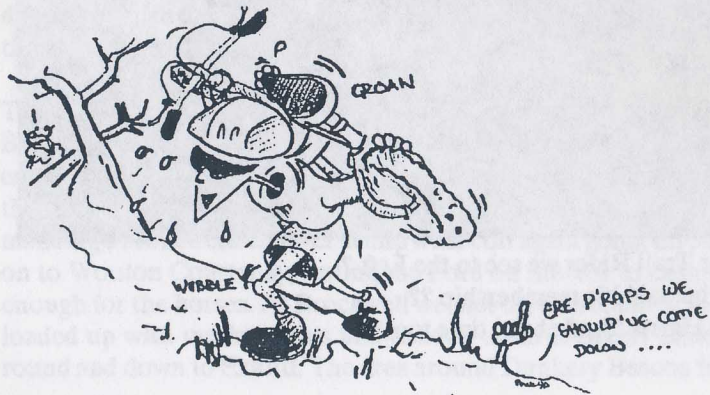
Having taken delivery of his brand new "Neon and Zolatone" coloured mountain bike, the conversation between myself and the editor of this magazine, who shall be referred to as "Zolatone Joe" hereafter, naturally turned towards possible routes to try it out on.

I have been riding mountain bikes on and off road for a couple of years now and have only just persuaded "Joe" that it is a valid way of getting to work / getting fit / getting home from the pub without getting nicked. (delete where appropriate).

So, there we were discussing the pros and cons of the Bristol to Bath cycle route, a very pleasant, not to mention VERY FLAT piece of track, when Joe mentions some "Lanes" that we could "Do". These lanes were rocky and muddy with running water in places and would give us ample opportunity to test our engine-less steeds, and our bottle! "Fair enough, lead on" said I.

What Joe failed to mention was that, and I quote, "When we're out on our motorbikes we don't like goin' down hill". After unloading the bikes from Joes' van and donning the obligatory bits of clingy clothing, off we pedalled down the road and straight across a golf course! Surely we've taken a wrong turn somewhere, but no, I am reassured by Joe that the right of way does in fact cut across the fairway and we are perfectly within our rights being here. On we pedal, down a rock strewn field and through a gate, Joe revealing the fact that he can hear birds singing, "I usually can't hear much above the sound of the bike engines."

Down we roll, through narrow hedge lined lanes and then cutting right and dropping down a very narrow and very steep track to a stream. "Here we are then", announces Joe triumphantly, "The infamous Piple Bottom, we have a real struggle getting up this usually". A real struggle was a masterpiece of understatement, I don't think I have ever carried my bicycle so far or been cut, stung and got so knackered in my life! "Maybe we should have gone down it..." said Joe thoughtfully.



Above:

Yes, despite being heavily disguised as a trail rider, our teams of experts have captured yet another rare shot of Bob on the trail!(left)



Left:

John "ties the knot" (and not for the first that Sunday!!) He is marking the course for the BHS horse Endurance.





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## DORSET RUN 3/6/90

(Dave Clegg)

The most memorable thing about this run, starting at Shaftsbury, was the amount of water both falling from the sky, and the rivers we rode through in the way of fords. It also became apparent from the very first lane (RUPP) we did (which was actually in Wiltshire) was the incredible amount of ROW research Norman Howard must have done, as we rode right across someones very well kept back lawn!(Without making a single scratch! Ed.) This lead down to Wincombe Park and onto a place called Coombe. We headed further east into Wilts (LR SH184) along a drove road called Ox Drove (and shown as such on SH184) which goes on for miles until it hits the A354. However, our group of 6 turned south towards Deanland up a very pleasant wooded RUPP and back into Dorset, and, it was still raining. (By the way Richard, I don't think it rained a drop on the Sunday of May 20th)

I must note at this point that Norman had given me a "Word processor" written run sheet albeit highly abbreviated but, just about, "followable" on a Land Ranger (LR) map. Also, I think it was the first run I've ever been on where the run leader carried a wad of Pathfinder maps big enough to choke the proverbial Cow. These were referred to at intervals when challenged by the occasional and unfriendly natives. What is it about the county of Dorset, and its residents, that makes it so anti-motorcycle? Also, the wholesale down grading of every vehicular ROW makes life difficult for us TRF'rs in Dorset, most inconsiderate.

Our very soggy group squelched into The Royal Oak public house at Bere Regis where despite being in Dorset we were made most welcome, and in an effort to warm up all indulged in the Sunday lunch of roast pork & 3 veg. During lunch the rain finally stopped. We also gained another Dorset group member as we set off south through some Rhododendron (Had to look that up in the dictionary!)(*SO did I Ed.*) lined tracks to the Tank testing ground near Bovington. After successfully Forging the river Frome at Moreton we were amused by the antics of a couple of mountain bikers whose pedal power machines couldn't quite cope with the width and depth of the Ford - resulting in very wet feet.

When we reached the coast near Lupworth the weather had improved sufficiently for some really outstanding veivs from Worbarrow Bay to Portland Bill. At Osmington Mills we turned inland along the Dorset coastal path (the LDP takes the most strange route at this point and at times is at least 4 - 5 miles from the sea - maybe so the happy Ramblers don't get distracted by the pleasures of Weymouth!) up to White Horse Hill, Whitcombe and West Stafford. Having forded the Frome again we ran into (almost literally, in his BMW 525) our first of 3 local objectors - apparently we shouldn't have been where we were etc. etc. which was in Norris Mill Farm. During the course of the second "discussion" we even touched on the relative merits of two strokes, four strokes, RUPPS, BOATS, UCRs the lot. Only at the third objection did Norman concede defeat and we were turned back, and it was getting late.

It was shortly after this (correct me if I'm wrong Richard) that the DT175's limited fuel capacity was revealed - (fortunately Norman knew that a chum of his lived nearby and we were able to scrounge enough petrol to get back to Shaftsbury)

We carried on using a variety of UCRs, Drove Roads, even Byways until finally returning to Shaftsbury at about 8.00pm. A long day, especially with the rain, nothing too difficult and this was only East Dorset.



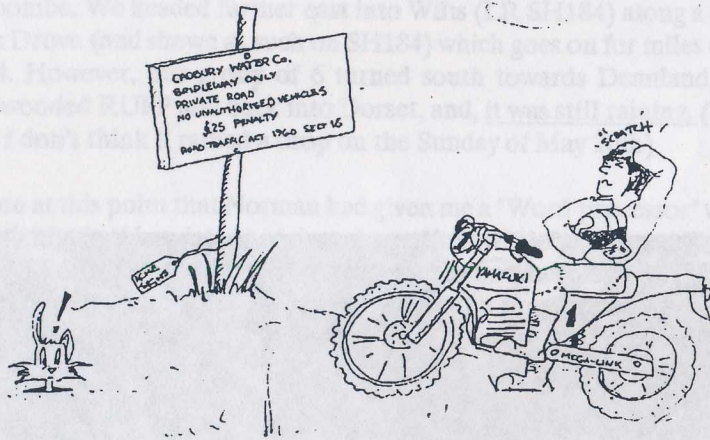
*Fallen Trees on Exmoor, at the BHS Endurance.*



## CADBURY CAMP LANE NEWS

(Dave Clegg)

Following the Gordano run back in January 1990. The "Bridleway Only" sign removal at Cadbury Camp lane was only temporary, and a new shiny repainted sign has now appeared.



I would be very interested to know where we stand on this tarmac "PRIVATE ROAD" having ridden Lime Beach Wood RUPP etc. Incidentally, the "Cadbury Water Co." doesn't appear to have a telephone number or an address, ('Cos I want to phone them up) or even exist.

Also, unless the RTA (Road Traffic Act) 1972 has been revised since 1972 it is I believe, Sect 36 that appertains to the "Prohibition of driving motor vehicles elsewhere than on roads". Furthermore, and this applies to all RTA offences, there are no pre-set monetary penalties laid down by the RTA but, "Levels Of Punishment". The maximum monetary amounts are prescribed by the magistrates courts act 1980 (which are then revised from time to time presumably to take into account inflation). RTA sect 36 is a "Level 3"- maximum of 200! I stand to be corrected on any of the above.

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## MENDIP HORSE ENDURO 26th/27th May 1990

JOHN DAVEY

On receiving a call from Martin regarding assistance at the above event I wondered just what it might entail. Would I be sorry having agreed. Well lets just say that riding 40 odd miles of Bridleways three or four time over covering both directions, lanes that would require a lot of time tracing vehicular evidence if indeed it existed was in itself worth the trip. To add to that the chance to be in on some Public Relations first hand of an excellent type. To see horses being worked sometimes hard but always with the same care that we take of our own steeds, was all a bonus.

Meeting up at Burrington Coombe on Saturday morning at 11am I found six other local TRF members Martin Harding, Gwyn Thomas, Dave Clegg, Steve Say, Andy Horsman and Ken Ladd, who via Martin were liaising with our bridle friends organiser Julie & Mavis who like Gwyn is a Mendip Warden. We then split into two groups and marked the course (only to find two mile stretches taken down the following day). Excellent weather and Draught Bass from the Barrel lunch time. Great.

On Sunday 0830 the event day, a quick run round the course renewing marker tapes and then out to specified sections to assist the event. Sundays teams were Dave Clegg & Jason Bamford, Martin & Myself.

Influential TRF observes included National Chairman Dave Giles, National R.O.W (Rights of Way) officer Tim Stevens, South West Regional Chairman Peter Banks, Bristol Chariman Richard Tallon and of course the hard working Bristol R.O.W officer Martin Harding, thats some line up.

The event ran smoothly and a second trip to the Barrel of Draught Bass was a winner. An excellent two days work for the TRF with many new friends from other recreational users. Perhaps the highlight for me came at the end of the day, having cleared the course of markers we were naturally last back to the farm base, and whilst loading bikes onto trailers many of the 100 odd competitors were leaving and most of them tooted and waved to us as they left for home. That says it all.



## EVENT DATES

Sun 2nd Sept 10.00am

Bristol Group Two-up (prefered) fun run, to mark the start of the Trail Riding season. Suitable for all skill levels. Run starts at Tog Hill car park on the A420 just outside Wick.

**Contact: Richard Tallon on 0249-715426**

Sat & Sun 15th, 16th Sept

CSMA Motorcycle weekend at White Mead Park, in The Forset of Dean. There will also be organised trail riding by the Glos. group.

Arbuthnot Classic Motorcycle Trial near Salsibury. If any members are attending please call Richard Tallon.

Sun 14th Oct 9.00am

South Bristol run from Gordano motorway service area car park.

**Contact: Norman Winkworth on 0272-695807**

Sun 28th Oct 9.00am

Gloucestershire run from Yate car park. Near the petrol station.

**Contact: Derek Jones on 0272-777446**

Sun 9th Dec 9.00am

A pleasant morning out with Nick. This run is guaranteed to be at a leisurely pace. Finish at 2.00pm. Starts from Keynsham car park.

**Contact: Nick Crook 0272-327084**

### NOTE:

For further details please remember to contact the run leader one or two days before the run. The run leader will only turn up if he knows that he has a run to lead. There will also be a run fee of 2 instead of the normal 1 if you turn up without the run-leaders knowledge.

## TRAIL RIDERS CODE OF CONDUCT

### USE ONLY VEHICULAR RIGHTS OF WAY

Trail riding is only legal on unsurfaced public roads. It is an offence to use Bridleways and Footpaths without permission. If in doubt check with the County Council or TRF.

### KEEP TO DEFINED WAYS ACROSS FARMLAND

Wheels can damage crops and grass. Wandering from the road onto farmland or moorland is trespassing. If in doubt, ask.

### GIVE WAY TO WALKERS, HORSES, AND CYCLISTS

They have right of way. On narrow lanes, stop and switch-off engines.

### FASTEN ALL GATES

Except those tied open for farming purposes. An open gate invites animals to stray endangering themselves, crops and traffic.

### TRAVEL AT A SAFE SPEED

Ride at a reasonable speed taking regard of conditions and visibility. This should not exceed the voluntry maximum of 25mph.

### RIDE QUIETLY

Machines must be effectively silenced. Use the throttle with discretion as exhaust noise can offend.

### HONOUR THE COUNTRY CODE

Respect the countryside and those who live, work and recreate in it.

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