

NEWSLETTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2007

Firstly I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for all your fantastic support. When we first started we did so because there was a shortage of the type of events we wanted to ride in, and in spite of the almost bewildering number of promoters and events now in existence, in this respect nothing much has changed. So for 2007 our aims remain the same as ever – to do the very best we can to deliver the type of events that we love, and it's really rewarding and heart warming to see so many of you share our passion.

So what can you expect for 2007? Well you can expect variety, and each championship event to be totally different from the others. Some will be rolling grassland, some forestry, and some a mixture of the two, but they will all feature predominantly natural terrain and will all be flowing, natural courses. All the events will be enjoyable for riders of all abilities, only those looking for flat out blasts across stubble fields will be disappointed!

We have several new venues, one of which (Ansty) must rate as the best we've ever had - it is simply STUNNING (see the [video](#) on our website). On the downside a change of management at the Symondsburry estate has resulted in the loss of the venue to motorcycle sport (at least for the time being) and Maiden Newton seems to have devolved into utter chaos... Still with 2 superb new rolling cross country venues and a new forest plus several other interesting prospects in the offing there's real excitement in the camp just now. On top of that there's the Kingston Maurward event in September. Kingston Maurward is one of the most highly regarded agricultural colleges in the country and this event is being used to demonstrate to farmers and landowners the legitimacy of our sport and how little negative impact it has when it's done properly. A successful event here will open the doors to venues we never even dared dream of!

We're also planning a repeat of last summer's fabulous Wednesday evening races at Rogershill, another MEXE race with those crazy Marines, plus a Supermoto race complete with classes for just about

everything, including your enduro bike (on knobbles) and pit-bikes. All good, fun stuff!

If you've not re-joined us for 2007 yet don't forget you can save yourself a fiver (£15 instead of £20) by getting your renewal in before the end of January. Renewing promptly helps Josie enormously with the paperwork. You help us, we help you - it's a two way street.

Finally an important announcement about the next race... As you can imagine the months of continuous rain have played havoc with the land - just about everywhere is waterlogged and there's a very real risk that any one of our fabulous venues would be totally and irrevocably destroyed if we used them before they'd had a chance to dry out. That's not a risk we're prepared to take so we've decided to postpone our February race until 25th March. Not what you wanted to hear maybe, but deep down you know it makes sense, and it'll be worth the wait.

That's all for now but we'll stay in touch and look forward to seeing you out there soon!

Gary and the team

Important points for 2007...

Tyres: Most events will specify 'Enduro' rear tyres. The 2007 FIM definition of an Enduro tyre is that it is road legal (eg: 'E' marked) and that the knob height does not exceed 13mm. A part worn road legal moto-x tyre would therefore qualify if the knob height is below 13mm.

Noise: The enduro sound limit is now 85db measured at 2 metres from the exhaust or 94db at 50cm from exhaust. All four-strokes must be fitted with Enduro or 'Q' pipe.

Environmental Mats: Mats will be supplied to all members and they must be used during refuelling and when working on bikes in the service areas to contain fuel/oil spillages.

Youth races: Three championship races will also carry youth races. These will take place on a shortened course after the main adult race.

Entrants: The maximum number of entrants we will accept for events in 2007 remains unchanged (eg: a maximum of 30 riders per Km of course length)