



NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2007

Those of you that missed out on this years Bluebell must be kicking yourselves. Shillingstone Forest never fails to please and this years course, although definitely the easiest we've laid out there, was also one of the most popular – and to top it off the weather was perfect! We said this year we'd try hard to mix the current desire for slightly easier courses with our own passion for more interesting events - the lay of the land at Shillingstone made a happy compromise relatively easy. So far our efforts seem to have been well received but your comments good or bad are always welcome.

The first of this years three CRESCENT evening races at Rogershill went off perfectly too and we're already counting the days till the next one on the 11th July. The weather was kind and the track interesting and whilst we did consider going to another venue for the second race, track owner Danny Hall put so much effort into the preparation of the track for the first one and has even more skull duggery planned for the next one we'll just have to go with it! Last year we limited the numbers to around 80-90 to try and keep a laid back 'mates out for a play' feeling to them and that's pretty much the plan for this year. But as we need around 130 to 140 riders to cover just the basic costs of running an event there's a big black hole which Crescent help to plug and we are **extremely** grateful to them for their help. Without them we simply couldn't run them. This year we've pushed the start time back half an hour to make it bit easier for

those rushing there after work. Scrutineering runs from 17:45 to 18:15 and the races get underway at 18:30. The final race is scheduled for September 5th – by then the various farming restrictions will be lifted allowing Danny to open up the whole farm so we can expect a longer and quite different track from the other two. By the way if you fancy a bit of practice up there the Moto-X tracks are open every Wednesday afternoon and the first Sunday of every month.

Other news...

The eagle eyed amongst you will have spotted the 'In-Chains' logo appearing on our website and stationery recently. 'In-Chains' are joining the party this year, not only by providing good honest advice and support to all our members as they've always done, but by pitching in with prizes too in the shape of free training days to 10 lucky members. The 10 most determined Sportsman and Clubman riders will get a full days top level coaching from Ben Millward to help them along to the next level. On the subject of determined our own Stan Watt has put a team together to take on the Dakar, and he's not doing things by halves! Take a look at his website and you'll see what I mean www.frontrowgb.com

The next Sunday race is set for the 22nd July at Ansty. This is quite definitely the best Hare & Hounds venue many of us will ever get the chance to ride at – it is utterly superb. **Whatever else you do, don't miss this one!**

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