

CHAIRMAN AT FULL CHAT

With the evenings starting to draw in (yes, sadly summer really is on the way out), September's newsletter takes a cheerful look back at our last sunny adventures and ahead to the autumn calendar.

Invitation Trophy Autotest & Testing Trial

On Sunday 17th August, 22 keen competitors turned up for this summer fixture — no mean feat given how tricky August diaries can be! It was especially great to see youngsters taking part again. While I wasn't there myself, hats off to the winners: Rob Baker, topping the motorcycles, and Duncan Stephens, who showed his car-handling magic to claim the Invitation Trophy. Huge thanks to everyone who pitched in with setup, marshalling, results, and of course to the Langley family for kindly hosting us.

Camel Vale's Turn

A little plug for our friends at Camel Vale — they're running a similar style event on 28th September at Tremayle Farm near Bodmin, mixing motorcycles and cars. We wish them all the best for their first go at this format!

First-Ever Evening Trial

Darren's bright idea turned into a glowing success — quite literally, as our luminous yellow poles came into their own in the final round! With 18 entries, a 6pm-ish start, and four rounds, the dry August conditions made for plenty of grip (and plenty of clutch work too). Congratulations again to Rob Baker (best on bikes) and to Calvin Moores, who added another cars win to his Motor Traders victory back in July. A big thank you to all helpers and to the Green family for the use of their land once again. We will most certainly be looking to expand on this 'trial' run into next summer

David Ayers Sporting Trial – Sunday 14th September

Next up is the David Ayers Sporting Trial at Trevilla, a National Championship round. With the Taw & Torridge classic clashing, we're a bit short of marshals — so if you can lend a hand, it would be hugely appreciated. This is our second BTRDA round of the year after the much-enjoyed Northgate in the spring. Fingers crossed this one goes down just as well, especially alongside Camel Vale's Robin Alexander Trial the day before.

Tamar Trial – Sunday 12th October

And finally, the big one — the Tamar Trial! Plans are shaping up nicely for the 78th running of this long-standing classic. Expect a similar route to last year, starting at the Proper Ansome Café and finishing at the Wilsey Down Hotel, with some new finds along the way. Entries should be live by the end of this week, so keep your eyes peeled. As ever, marshals are the backbone of this event and of course hugely appreciated — if you can help, Nigel Cowling will be delighted to hear from you.

All for now,
Simon R

URGENT APPEAL FOR MARSHALS
DAVID AYERS TRIAL, TREVILLA, 14 SEPTEMBER
Contact Mike at j.wevill@btinternet.com

INVITATION TROPHY TESTING TRIAL/ AUTOTEST

Report by Andrew Rippon



It was lovely to see three generations of the Barnicoat family competing: Chris, Tristan and Florence.

After a very slow start with entries coming in, there was an extra push on our Facebook page, and backed with messages and phone calls we managed to get 22 entries on the day.

The total entry was:

- 8 cars
- 2 junior cars
- 5 solo bikes
- 4 junior solo bikes
- 3 outfits





DUNCAN STEPHENS PHOTOGRAPHY

We arrived at Trevilla to find Dave Langley and his son still tidying up after the Camelford Show, luckily there was enough room in the field for us to run the event.

Darren and I set a total of seven tests: all different from previous years so to give the competitors various challenges. We were joined by Simon Oates as we were setting up but then Rex Ward came on site and started to have a conversation with Mr O. The conversation got on to politics so we left them to it, and carried on! By the time they had put the world to rights we had finished setting up.

After briefing competitors and marshals, we started at 11-30 am and completed two rounds before lunch.

So the competitors didn't get too complacent we altered some of the tests for the afternoon's two rounds.

And the winners were:

Cars

Duncan Stephens 1st overall Invitation Trophy

Phil Thomas Class win

Tamsyn May Novice/ Woolbridge Cup

Solo Bikes

Robert Baker 1st overall Motor Cycle Trophy

Tristan Barnicoat Class Win

Outfits

Andy Beveridge Class Win

We have had a lot of positive feedback for this event so I would class that as a success

The organising team would like to thank the landowner, competitors, and marshals for making this event possible.

Tamar Trial - 12th October

Don't miss out on the club's event of the year taking place on the Sunday 12th September. The Regs and paper Entry Form can be found on the Club's [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. Complete your online entry form by following the link below.

<https://forms.gle/tJt3WvgcJsatR9qv6>

Ed in the Bike Shed

By Richard Simpson



Simpson's last attempt at the Taw and Torridge including ditching the 2CV on the way to a hotly-contested last place.

Well, as you may have spotted, I didn't make it to the Testing Trial (clue is in the name), and the Beta so far remains untested prior to the Edinburgh Trial.

However, I have got an entry for the Taw and Torridge (aka the Tea and Porridge, given the colour and consistency of the underlying terrain). Not an event I've done on a bike before, but I did passenger John Turner in his 2CV on it a few years back.

My memories are that it rained, and the organisers were kind enough to put the 2CV at the head of the car field to compensate for its diminutive engine and front-wheel drive. It was so wet that muddy water came up the heat-exchanger pipes and sprayed through the demisters onto the inside of the windscreen. We ended up with the footwells of the car resembling a garden pond, and so blind we drove into a ditch. The wipers only work on the outside!

Apart from that, all went very well, until we got stuck on one section and were told to back down and wait for the tractor. The tractor, a Renault, natch, wouldn't start until the entire rest of the field had passed by. This left us at the back, with one heavily-rutted section after another to tackle. Needless to say from that point, we failed more than we cleaned.

Never mind, at least we finished with the most points. I confidently expect more of the same next weekend.