

2017 Putoline South Midland Tough Ten Trial

The seventh running of this increasingly popular prestige trial, organised by the Berkhamsted, Hillingdon & Uxbridge and Kenton & Kingsbury clubs will take place at its usual venue of Round Rocket Plantation, West Hyde Lane, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 0QP on the 16th July.

The trial will follow the format of three laps of ten tough, but fair sections with four routes, all on private ground by kind permission of the Haslam family. It's a cracking trials venue used by Sam Haslam as his practice ground, so it offers plenty of challenge for your riding skills.

There is plenty of parking, Sizzlers hot food and refreshments will be in attendance and overnight camping is available for Saturday night, though you will need your own water supply. There will be toilets on site.

Classes will be Elite Expert, Expert, Intermediate, Novice/Clubmen combined, Youth A,B and C, plus Over 40's riding the Inter route and over 50's riding the Novice/Clubmen route. Something for everyone.

The trial is run on the punch card system with lap scores being posted as the trial progresses and results are declared shortly after the finish.

Prize money is on offer to the first three in all adult classes and trophies to all Youth class winners. As the trial is sponsored by Putoline Oils there is a 'Goody Bag' of their products to the first three in all classes.

In addition John Lee & Sons are providing raffle prizes for which every rider will be given a free ticket. The main prize is usually a rear tyre which by tradition is the LAST item to be won. The Observers and punch operators will have their own raffle.

Clerk of the Course Graham Haslam will set sections marked to National standard for the Elite riders, with routes for all other classes marked to Centre level standard. As the trial name suggests, expect a tough but fair challenge to your riding skills, so come and enjoy a great riding day.

Entry details will be found in TMX, The Sporting Motorcyclist, on the berkotrials.com and hux.org websites or by contacting Secretary of the Meeting Karen Southwood on her email kags51@virginmedia.com or on her mobile 07702 083983 or 01582 477234. Entry on line being the preferred

method without entries on the day so that we can prepare a rider list for all to see, and the entry will close when we reach 100 (we had 95 last year) so when the Regs are published do not delay in getting yours in.

As the trial is run on the punch card system we need ten observers and ten punch operators all lined up before the day, so if you would like to help and see some great riding I would be very pleased to hear from you. Contact me on 07976 043027 or by email on joanandted.north@btinternet.com

I look forward to seeing you there on the day.

Ted North