

PDMCC News Letter

News from Preston & District Motorcycle Club

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Newsletter



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Newsletter !

Firstly, let me introduce myself, for those who don't know me, my name is James McCartney and I have been involved with the club for a couple of years or so, last year I was given the position of Press Officer, and will continue the role this year. I deal with the adverts that go into publications like Bike Sport News, and try to publicise the race meetings as much as possible.

I got involved with PDMCC through my partner, Denise, who is the secretary of the club, and have enjoyed watching the racing and being involved!

Enough about me, Welcome to the first edition of the PDMCC News Letter. The club decided

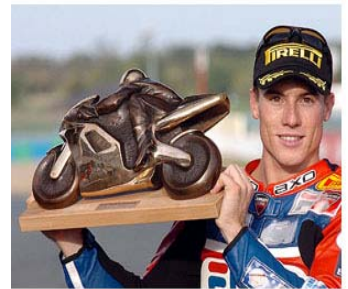
that they wanted to jazz up the way we communicate with you, the members, and provide more interesting content than just the minutes. So here it is - the Newsletter.

This newsletter will be sent out after each round of the championship, and will include results and information about the previous meeting, and anything else I can find to go in it!

It will also include any club news that may be relevant to you, and main points from our monthly meetings.

We're hoping to be able to do a "Where are they now" feature in each newsletter, with an interview with the riders who

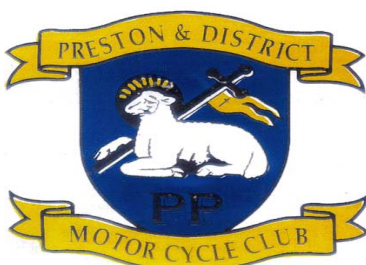
started their racing career's with PDMCC and went onto bigger and better things, riders like World superbikes champions James Toseland and Neil Hodgson + many more.



Triumphant :- James Toseland who started his road racing career at Three Sisters with P&DMCC.

Want to comment on the newsletter or any of the stories within it?, fancy writing something for the newsletter?, want to sing your utmost praises for the newsletter or the club in general, (or have a moan?) well you can, e-mail :-

scudriderdude@blueyonder.co.uk and if I have room, I'll add it!



Great News for GP125 & GP250 riders

We start the New Year off with some great news for riders of GP125 & GP250 bikes.

Juniors last year gave us some excellent racing, and entertainment, and we are glad to announce that they will continue to run with us at PDMCC. We were concerned that the

GP125's were not going to be able to complete a season, with treaded tyres, as the manufacturers are only making "batches" of treaded race tyres, for GP125's, and the ACU would not let us run slicks. We are glad to report that with the help of Heather Myatt and Andy Jackson,



(National Tyres) we received confirmation from the ACU that we are allowed to run Slick tyres on 125's and 250 GP bikes. Official line is that GP125's and GP250 riders, can use slick tyres in any race that the bike is eligible for, if they wish, it is not compulsory.

Dave Bowcock goes to the Virgin Mobile Yamaha R6 cup www.bowcock-racing.com



Last years multiple champion, Dave Bowcock, has secured a ride in the Virgin Mobile Yamaha R6 cup.

The R6 cup runs alongside the British Superbikes series, and was devised by Virgin Mobile Yamaha British Superbike team boss Rob McElnea . Featuring young riders from all over the country, the series was devised to bring new talented riders to the attention of the racing world. The winner of the series gets a Yamaha R6 road bike and will be refunded the £15 000 Virgin Mobile Yamaha R6 Cup entry fee. They also get a full British Superbike ride aboard a Virgin Mobile Yamaha R6.

All of us at P&DMCC wish him

all the best for the year ahead. Dave has a new website, at www.bowcock-racing.com, where news and information will be provided, the new site is provided by www.northukbikers.co.uk, for all those who might be interested.

Dave will be returning to three sisters and P&DMCC at various dates during the year to get more practise in on the R6.

Dave would like to thank his current Sponsors, Taffy's Tyres who have purchased Dave a new set of leathers, (wonder if I can fit in his old ones?)

TAFFYS TYRES,
PATRICROFT,
ECCLES,
MANCHESTER
0161 789 4530.



Also sponsoring Dave is the Olympic Gym, who have donated a six month detailed, intensive fitness programme to his cause.

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www.bowcock-racing.com



Dave Bowcock, 2005 R6 Cup
Supported by www.Northukbikers.co.uk

Dinner Dance Venue Change



As those of you who attended last years dinner dance will remember, (if you can after supping so much beer!) we were very cramped at the Glendower Hotel, whilst it has served us well for a number of years, we can no longer comfortably fit the 180-200 attendee's into the hotel, so we

have moved Venue's.

The new venue is The Leyland Hotel, situated very near Junction 28 of the M6, and it's function room can comfortably seat 200 people. It also has enough rooms to accommodate everyone, and has full leisure facilities, including a pool and a gym. The hotel is

currently undergoing a £2.5 million refit, and having seen the plans, it's going to be a fantastic venue. The staff are extremely helpful and professional, and the rooms are lovely.

There is a choice of 3 menu's, which can be mixed and matched, according to taste,

Tony Clarke - doing well



Tony Clarke (Our Chairman) has been given the all-clear by doctors, after a mild stroke.

Tony underwent an operation a few weeks ago, and is recovering well from his symptoms.

Everyone at P&DMCC is chuffed to bits that Tony is well again, and is looking forward to his sense of humour and laughter during the 2005 Season.

Recovery Van

A cry for help, if anyone can help us out with a recovery vehicle, it would be much appreciated, for those of you who don't know, we use a van to recover stricken bikes after each race, if you can help on race days please let us know.

Fuel cost will be reimbursed, and you can have lunch on us in the café at 3 sisters. You also get to watch for nowt !

The Return of.....

Mr. Chris Bentley is now imminent!. After a year out due to an injury, Chris will be competing in the 501-1300cc class on an 885cc Triumph Speed Triple (OMG! - that's my bike!) along with James McCartney in the rookie class (That's me! - what have I done ???)

Were looking forward to getting out there and having fun - see you trackside on the 1st May!

Oulton Park Club Racing



and we will have a bar until 1.45am, and a disco until 2am, with the added facility of a night porter from 2am who can serve drinks for those who want really bad hangovers the next day!

Prices will be available in the next newsletter, although there will not be a significant rise.

P&DMCC members may be interested in some dates that New Era Motorcycle Club and Cheshire and Nantwich M/C clubs are running at Oulton Park.

New Era provisional Dates, and Chyeshire and Nantwich dates as follows :-

April - Saturday 2nd New Era Club Championships Round 1

25th June - Joint Meeting



P&DMCC Membership Forms

with Cheshire and Nantwich M/C Clubs.

Saturday 16th July - Honda Superclub Round 6

This would be a good chance to ride at Oulton park, one of the UK's best circuits.

Membership forms are now available on our web site at www.prestondmc.co.uk, go to the downloads page. When sending the membership forms in, please include a SAE envelope so that Alan Jackson can send you your membership card

Continued Support from Marshals Northwest

Preston and District Motorcycle club, would like to thank Marshalls Northwest for their continued support. Without marshals none of us could go racing.

someone you know is interested in marshalling, then please either see them at the track, or, you can click on

www.northwestmarshals.co.uk, for more information.



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License Signing

.A communication from the ACU has been received, and it seems that some riders across the country have been forging race positions and signatures when sending in race results towards their national license. The ACU is therefore asking the club to ensure that all results are checked before a license is signed, When going to get your licenses signed, it

would be helpful if you could bring with you, your race results, which the club will check , and then sign your licenses, please be prepared for this to take longer than usual, as the club has to ensure that the results are correct, as the ACU are checking the results that riders send in, with the copies that we send in. This is a country wide initia-

tive, and isn't solely a P&DMCC issue, so those of you who race with other clubs, can expect the same thing from them.



Newsletter

Would you prefer to receive your Newsletter in PDF format, via e-mail, rather than 2nd class post?

If you would, please send an email to stropky_cow@blueyonder.co.uk with the Subject Line E-mail me my newsletter.

This will save on postage costs for the club, and you will receive the newsletter much faster. It also saves Denise Gunn (the club secretary) the hassle of filling & licking envelopes and stamps, and a visit to the local sorting office!

Were on the web!

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Advertising

Advertising is available in our programme which is sold on Race Days, prices remain the same, £50 for a full page, and £35 for a half page, for the full season, contact Alan Dobson (Treasurer) on 0161-437 8644 between 7pm and 9.30pm for more details.

This is great way of getting your product / services out to racers and spectators alike, and the prices are reasonable, so book an ad with us!



RACE DATES 2005

1st May 2005 - Three Sisters

19th June 2005 - Three Sisters

30th July 2005 - Three Sisters

31st July 2005 - Three Sisters

10th September 2005 - Anglesey

11th September 2005 - Anglesey

2nd October 2005 - Three Sisters

2005 Points Changes

At the last meeting, it was decided, to cancel the "Double Points" situation for the last round of the P&DMCC championships, as it seemed unfair, and we had several riders suggest this idea.

Points will also be awarded in the trophy race, so if riders bin their bike in the Points race they will still get the points they earn in the Trophy race!

** Regs **

Regs will be available mid-to-late March, To receive your copy of the regs, you must send an **A5 Self addressed Envelope** to Heather Myatt, Race Secretary, 9 Station Avenue, Little Sutton, South Wirral, CH66 1HR. Do Heather a favour and get this sent off asap, it will make her job much easier than it being a last minute mad rush at the beginning of the season.

Practice Days

Three Sisters have released details of their 2005 Practice days - up and coming dates are below. **As a word of warning, telephone and book your practice day with a credit or debit card before hand, or you will have to pay a £10.00 surcharge, if you just turn up on the day and pay.**

Up & coming dates :-

March 25th

April 29th

June 10th

June 17th

July 29th

September 2nd

Contact Three Sisters Race Track on :

01942 270230.

Meeting Venue Changes

Some more good news, we have a change to announce, our monthly meetings will now be held at the Bamber Bridge Conservative Club, Cranbourne Street, Bamber Bridge in a private room, upstairs.

We have had one meeting at the new venue, and it is excellent. The Beer's cheap as well.



Everybody is welcome, meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 8.30pm.