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## The History of the Rhondda Motor Club: 2000 to 2003

Please use the link below to read about the trip to

**WOLFENBUTTEL**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2000**

[Wolfenbuttel Trip 2000.pdf](#)



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## 2003 History

2003 started with the appointment of a new President of the East South Wales Centre and he is a Club Member, namely: - Mr. René Medcraft.



Left to right.

Chris Bounds with his wife  
Tula,  
President René Medcraft,  
Alan King and  
Bob Griffiths.



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## Annual Weston-Super-Mare run.

The Rhondda Motor Club would like to thank all motorcyclists and pillion riders for their attendance of the club's Annual Weston-Super-Mare run.

The weather was not the best but the all weather boys and girls were there.

There were 67 motorcycles left Bowen Motorcycles at 09.30.

With the help of the local Police force we were able to travel through the valley without stopping at traffic lights as far as Ilwynypia.

Many thanks to all the local people for their support by waving to us and to the children who enjoyed seeing the motorcycles.

We had a break at the Old Severn Bridge and had a collection for the ACU Benevolent fund and raised £91.00.

We then carried on our way to Weston and final count of motorcycles was approx 85. So once again thanks to everyone.



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## REPORT ON THE FRENCH TRIP 2003.

Thursday 17th July 2003 was the day 8 riders set off for Rennes France.

Meeting point was Rhondda Cycle Shop at 5.30 am and another meeting point was Coryton roundabout to rendezvous with other riders.

The weather was very wet which was a bit surprising after the near perfect hot weather we had been having recently.

It rained continuously to approx 6 miles from Portsmouth ferry port where we could finally drop our wet gear.

When we arrived at Cherbourg it was a perfect summers day which helped with the unfamiliar French road signs and riding on the wrong side of the bloody road.

The trial (French World Round) on Saturday and Sunday was awesome and probably the best we have ever seen and was well worth travelling to France for.

Approx 800 miles were covered for the whole riding journey and travelling back at 11 pm on Monday evening proved to be a little tiring.

The only downfall of the whole weekend was the price of a beer which was £4.60 a pint so quite often we settled for a couple of cans, half a chicken and a party in the park.

There are no photos available for this trip yet.

Report by Steve Jacka.



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## **RHONDDA MOTOR CLUB** **ROAD RACING SUCCESS FOR CLUB MEMBERS**

**DAVID BARFOOT WHO HAS JUST HAD HIS 16th BIRTHDAY, HAS WON THE JUNIOR 125J CHAMPIONSHIP AND HAS SECURED 3rd PLACE OVERALL IN THE 125 CHAMPIONSHIP WITH THE "NORTH GLOUCESTER ROAD RACING CLUB".**

**ALSO IN ROAD RACING CONGRATULATIONS TO Mr. DEAN JONES FOR SECURING 2nd PLACE IN THE 600 STREETSTOCK CLASS.**

## **TRIALS SUCCESS FOR CLUB MEMBERS.**

**Dean Smith has become Welsh Champion once again in the "Non-Expert" Class.**



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## THE MITCHELL MEMORIAL TRIAL

Being the President of the East South Wales Centre for 2003 it was one of René Medcraft's duties to attend this event on Sunday June 8th.

The Mitchell Memorial Trial started back in September 1932 that's 72 years and has run each year even during the war and foot and mouth epidemic.

On arrival at the event I was surprised to see so many people running around doing various jobs, then along came the riders to sign on and have their bikes scrutineered. Among the "Championship" riders were such names as Graham Jarvis, Steve Cooley, Sam Connor, Mika Vesterinen.

In the "Masters" Tom Sagar, James Lamkin, Lee Sargent, and our own club member Robert Wrigley, who rode well.

The weather was not looking very good in the morning, but it cleared up in the afternoon and I strolled over to see some of the sections, after walking as I thought about 10 miles I came to the first section and stayed with Phil Smith and John Davies who were the observers for that section.



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**Phil explained to me the two courses that were for the different classes, I watched a few riders going through the section and thought that is not for me but they make it look so easy.**

**I stayed on section 1 and 2 for a little while to watch our sole club member Robert Wrigley to come through (he's very good).**

**The highlight of the day for me was presenting the trophies to the winners with Mrs. Elaine Sargent**

**I would like to give thanks to all the organisers and in particular to all observers (a good attendance by our own club which totalled 7 observers) and thanks to the riders.**

**I would also like to thank Mrs. Elaine Sargent for the use of her land where the trial has been held for many years.**

**The Trial was won by:-**

**Graham Jarvis on a Sherco**

**Runner up was Sam Connor on a gas gas**

**Third was Steve Coolley on a gas gas**

**René.**