



Secretary's Report 2018

1) 2018 began with the saddest of news concerning Nigel Crouch, who passed away on January 27th. Club members helped to support Jo following his passing - and that support is ongoing, as and when required. Eight Club riders escorted Nigel at the Crematorium to - his 'Last Section'. A good majority of Club members were also present for the service.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to pay tribute to Nigel's commitment to the Club. He served on this Committee as Hon Treasurer, for well over thirty years, working hard looking after the Club's finances. He rarely missed a meeting and was undoubtedly a much loved character within the wider Club. The 'Bighobbler' Memorial Trial held in August at Lee Copse was very well attended & will become an annual event of remembrance. The Club made a £1000 donation to the Earl Mountbatten Hospice in Nigel's memory.

2) We would like to thank all our Landowners who's generous support is vital for the continued success of the Club. With special thanks to Ann Gustar & Family for all their hospitality and help with Nigel's memorial trial.

By the end of December we will have staged 13 Winter Series trials, 3 Summer Series trials, Nigel's Memorial trial, The Father & Son Boxing Day Cup and what has now become to be a very popular Wight Two Day trial.

The Observer incentive scheme introduced last year is proving to be a great success and with donations from the riders, is almost self-funding.

3) The 2018 Wight Two Day trial proved to be an incredibly well attended event that attracted a massive 154 entries – the best attended Centre event for the second consecutive year! Very well done to all those involved.

Work is already underway for next year's Two Day. There are some important changes being introduced for the 2019 trial – in an attempt to make sure there are enough people to manage such big numbers. The entry has been restricted to a strict 150 – with entry conditions for our Club members.

For the first time, The Southern Centre ACU have agreed that both days will be treated as individual Centre rounds – a tempting chance for Centre riders to score double points.

4) Despite the very sad start to the year, it has still proved to be a very successful one for the Club as a whole, together with some excellent individual achievements: Chris Stay secured an impressive 6th place in the 2018 British Solo Expert Trials Championship; Rob Howard won the Southern Centre Experts and James Stay won the Centre Clubman class (Intermediate). Rob Baker and Dan Flux currently lie in 2nd & 3rd in the Centre Novice's – with one round still to go. Very well done to all those riders - and good luck to Rob & Dan at the final round.

With the continued hard work, effort and support from all the Landowners, Volunteers & Club Members - we can look forward to another busy & successful year ahead.