

## BRIMBO

**BILLED** in the club's calendar of events for Sunday, July 15, this year's International Enduro begins to take shape and should be the most exciting yet.

Slight problems have arisen with regard to the usual venue, a disused quarry south of Norwich, mainly through unofficial users of the pit and resultant complaints from neighbours.

However, negotiations are still in hand for the use of the pit for this event, which heralded the change in rules to allow foreign bikes into this off road series.

The midsummer event is completely independent of the off-road series and comprises a two-hour ride round a course which offers water, mud, hill climbs and drops, and forest paths. The event differs from off-road in that British and foreign bikes are matched in one event.

This Sunday, May 13, sees what has become one of the most popular runs on the calendar, the Bressingham/Fornsett run. This is for British machines and those taking part will meet at Scole Inn at lunchtime. The run leaves between 2 and 2.30pm and visits the Bressingham and Fornsett Steam Museums.

The following weekend at the East of England Showground, Peterborough, the British Motorcyclists Federation are holding their annual rally. Many members will no doubt be camping and attending the Saturday 'Memba' Rally. Another party leaves Pulham Green at 7.30am on Sunday May 20 and any riders wishing to go are more than welcome.

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AN excellent Brimbo turnout soaked up the warm spring sunshine at last Sunday's every popular Bressingham and Fornsett Steam runs, although the gusty wind brought difficult riding conditions in the exposed areas.

The oldest machine on the run was ridden by Pulham Market Brit Bike stalwart Herbert Dade, who brought along his 1924 Norton, which went superbly throughout the afternoon, not missing a beat.

Closest to Herbert had to be John Elsdon with his 1936 BSA 500cc Super. Horrie Womack borrowed Doc Rawlence's BSA M21 for the afternoon, while Iceni members Mick Quadling and John Twelftrees arrived on an ex-army Second World War Aerial and a smart Royal Enfield Crusader respectively.

Local riders Nigel Barnby and Roger Lye, both aboard classic off road bikes, the famous Luli AJS and the Lyco BSA B31. Aly Cruikshank brought his Ariel and his good lady her BSA Bantam.

No run is ever complete without Michael Potter, who left his massive Harley Ferguson at home in order to ride the trusty Matchless.

Terry Godbold led the Suffolk detachment on his always immaculate Royal Enfield, including Brian Wright on another Enfield, Brian Rayner on a 650 Norton SS and Stephen Hall on a Bitza.

Several other members who had suffered unfortunate problems with their British machines made the trip on European machines and these included Ray Peacock, Laverda Greyhound, Phil Williams, Moto Guzzi, and Alan Atkins, C2.

The convoy left Scole Inn for Bressingham Gardens/Steam Museum,

then after a stop for a look round, left for the Fornsett Industrial Steam Museum via a leafy lane route.

At Fornsett, the riders enjoyed an excellent tea provided by the Francis family, then dispersed. The run, held in some of the best weather since it started, was thoroughly enjoyed by all taking part.

As ever, the run was meticulously organised by club chairman, Doc Rawlence on his evergreen Sunbeam S8 and my thanks go to the Doc for compiling this article as I was not even there.

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I AM beginning to wonder if the amalgamation of literally thousands of motorcycle engines in one place affects the weather. Because, following about nine weeks of dry weather, the dominant feature of the club's run to the British Motorcyclists Federation Rally at Peterborough on Sunday last was, as last year, the weather.

A member, who will be busy over the Bank Holiday is Mark Garwood from Pulham St Mary. Mark, who partners Alan Brighton in the Off Road Foreign class, travels to Cheshire this weekend to take part in the British national championship grass track semi-finals.

Mark will be on board his British made 350cc class bike, which features a Weslake engine in an Alf Hagan "Sand Racer" frame. This season, Mark has gone over exclusively to British machinery from Honda, sporting a 500cc Hagan/Weslake on the speedway tracks.

The other Brimbologists in another form of motorcycle sport — road racing, were busy last Saturday, taking part in the Velocette Owner's Club Race and Time Trial Meeting at Cadwell Park, Lincolnshire.

Brothers John and Robert Bensley, accompanied by Gordon Thurley, all thoroughly enjoyed their day out and came home with some more silverware.

All three were riding BMW R100S machines.

Thorpe Abbots based Robert was most successful with two firsts and a second, only to run out of fuel on the eighth lap while leading the final.

Brother John from Banham scored a second, while Long Stratton based Gordon in only his second meeting, scored a second class award in this time trial and had an exciting ride in the final, both falling off and running out of fuel on the tenth lap.