

## MOTORSPORT: Biking bonanza at Horsley's Sallywood Park

THE 29th annual International British Bike Bonanza sees a whole weekend of historic racing action take place this weekend.

The Sallywood Park, Horsley, event runs with two trials on Saturday, and a scramble on Sunday.

All bikes - and many of the competitors - are from an era when British bikes ruled the roost. Special guest is sidecar exponent Ron Langston, from Chipping Campden, with many other famous faces either spectating or riding.

Scottish star Vic Allan, rapid Welsh borders rider Andy Robertson, John Giles and Rickman brothers, Derek and Don will be in attendance.

Allan and Robertson will also be out on the track, mixing it with the best of the young crop of riders on

pre-1965 machines.

There will also be a past masters demonstration, a bar, refreshments, a static vintage bike display, and auto jumble.

First race on Sunday, June 27 is at 11.45am, with practice from 10am.

The Western Classic MCC event is preceded by two trials on Saturday, June 26 - the international trial starts at noon, and the Bonanza trial at 1.30pm.

◆ Admission on Saturday is £5, and £8 on Sunday, with OAPs and children admitted half price.

# Ace Redding races to fourth at Silverstone

QUEDGELEY racer Scott Redding could not have tried harder to protect his 100 per cent podium record at the British Grand Prix after he finished fourth in a gripping Moto2 clash at Silverstone.

The 17-year-old clocked the second fastest lap of the 18-lap race, but despite finishing just 0.520s behind eventual winner Jules Cluzel, the Marc VDS Racing rider had to settle for fourth.

Redding, who dropped from 12th to 17th on the opening lap, produced a determined effort to add to his 2008 125GP victory at Donington Park.

He was involved in a classic scrap for the win with Cluzel, Julian Simon, Claudio Corti and Thomas Luthi but missed the rostrum by just under 0.2s.

The Gloucestershire rider, who had only scored points in one previous Moto2 race in 2010, said: "It was a tough start to the race, I got hit from the left, the right and the rear going into turn one, which pushed me well out wide."

"After that it was just a case of getting my head down, giving it full gas and just seeing how many places I could claw back. I was taking a few chances, but I managed to fight my



◆ WHAT A FINISH: Scott Redding finished fourth at the British Grand Prix on Sunday

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way back up to the battle for the lead with only a few scary moments on the way.

"Once I'd tagged onto the battle I just gave it everything I had, but I

just couldn't get close enough to Simon and Luthi to try and put in a pass. So, I missed out on a podium finish, but I'm happy with the result as it's what the team

deserve after all their hard work this season. I hope the fans here at Silverstone enjoyed it because I certainly did."

## Cooper completes first Isle of Man TT

BRIMSCOMBE'S Daniel Cooper has completed his first Isle of Man TT.

Cooper 1 was a late entry to the 2010 TT on a GSXR 600 SuperSport Suzuki entered by the PRF Racing Team.

He was allocated the number 82 for the practice sessions that take place during the evenings, starting on the Saturday night of the first weekend.

His s first session was cut short when heavy rain got into the start button and he was forced to retire at Ramsay on the first lap, his only lap in the first practice session.

However, he was the fastest

He finished 40th overall again with a final lap of 114.425 mph.

Cooper will contest the TT again next year but is now looking forward to his next British SuperSport race at Mallory Park on Sunday.

Cooper has been through a mixture of emotions since the demise of the MAP Centurion Triumph (MCT) race team that folded after the third round at Oulton Park.

However, with the help of Alan Smith of Smiths of Gloucester, Cooper managed a limited effort for the fourth round at Cadwell Park where he finished 11th on a bike that

## Stroud AC: Flying Pidgeon ends long wait to beat personal best at Watford

FORMER European Junior champion Emily Pidgeon ended her four-year wait to beat her personal best in the 5000m at the British Milers Club Grand Prix at Watford.

In a battle with Beijing Olympian Steph Twell - the Stroud AC runner finished runner-up in a time of 15 minutes, 32 seconds and 27 seconds.

That time eclipsed her previous best of 15:41.00, set in June 2006 when she was rated one of the best teenagers in the world.

Stroud and District AC young athletes are coming of age as was witnessed in the Midland Counties Senior and U20 Championships this weekend

straight, Curr was slow to cover the break, but soon set after Coldray which saw a fantastic last 200m burn up between the duo as they battled it out right to the line and even a last desperate dive by Curr was not quite enough to deny Coldray.



◆ Emily Pidgeon

tunity for the U15s and U17s to shine.

The U19s who attended performed well. Bret Halliwell won the 1500m with brother Greg in fourth, Rob Galt won the silver in the 3000m and Joel Clutterbuck won silver in the 400m final.

Tom Purnell, 16, reinforced his return to form by adding the South West Counties 1500m title to his Midland Counties title in a dominate display and in the process broke the championship record.

Amber Watson, 16, won the silver medal in the 1500m race, Imogen Briscoe, 15, won bronze in the 800m. Kacey Garraway, 15,