

## The Potted History

The Temple, having run a Reliability Trial last in 1930, ran their inaugural trial on 25th Nov 1963 at Carse's farm, Lisban, Saintfield where it continued as an annual event until the venue was sold in 2001. Trials had been in the doldrums hence road racing clubs at that time were required to promote a trial to boost this branch of the sport.

Terry Hill presented the club with the Terry Hill Trophy for the 1964 event which according to the News Letter, despite the frightful weather, frozen hands and water logged engines, Terry Hill failed to win own cup by 3 points to the winner Jim Lemon. Even in his twilight years, Terry, usually the first man home, continued to compete in this event for some more 15 years.

The trial became the first round of the Irish Championship in 1967 and continues to retain this status.

Foot and mouth restrictions imposed 23/11/67 prevented such events.

## Terry Hill

Had an illustrious history in motor cycle sport, his main notoriety was competing in International six day enduro, which is incidentally is the oldest form of motor cycle sport. When war broke out during the 1939 event Terry made a covert, arduous journey home riding his machine via Switzerland.

His association with 6 day eventing continued as manager with other Temple participants and supporters such Marcus Blain, Davy Mills, Derek Hamilton, Winston Buchanan, Archie Lappin and Derek Carse as the driver of the Ulsterbus team transporter in 65 . Hence the presentation of the Terry Hill Trial Trophy to the Temple Club had its essence in this association.

This years annual event :-

To be held at Wightman's, 162 Dunmore Rd, Ballynahinch, BT24 8QQ  
on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 10.30am

The course will be 4 laps of 10 sections which will be around the periphery of Dunmore mountain.

Although Irish Championship status, to attract Clubman and Sportsman classes the club will be setting the sections to a enjoyable standard as are experienced at our normal events.

The sections will be marked using the coloured gates that coincide with riders bib colour.

Depending on entries a separate course Youth course will be made available.

Can you name them all?

Answer to be revealed at the trial should you know the answer

David Gibson