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Captain's Message



Welcome to the first ever running of a Team event, at International level, in Ireland.

The Knock Club on its own could not undertake the massive task of organising this Trial, so we are deeply indebted to other Clubs for providing officials to assist in the many tasks involved. The help of the Trials Committee is also acknowledged.

Once again the Charles Hurst Group has come to our assistance and we wish to convey our thanks for their continuing support.

We would wish to thank the Chairman and members of the Newry and Mourne District Council for their sponsorship and the help received from Council officials.

We are delighted that this year the Sports Council for Northern Ireland has become associated with the event for the first time.

No trial could be held without the co-operation of the landowners, and our thanks are due to the Batt Estate and the Department of Agriculture (Forestry Service).

Finally, I would extend a personal thanks to the spectators, officials, especially the observers, and the competitors, for making this event a success.

R. A. FERGUSON

Club Captain

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A **FREE** shuttle bus service will operate throughout the day between the Kilbroney Park and the Batt estate where most of the sections are situated. Spectators are requested to please make use of this service as parking space is restricted outside of Kilbroney Park. The pick up points will be clearly signposted.



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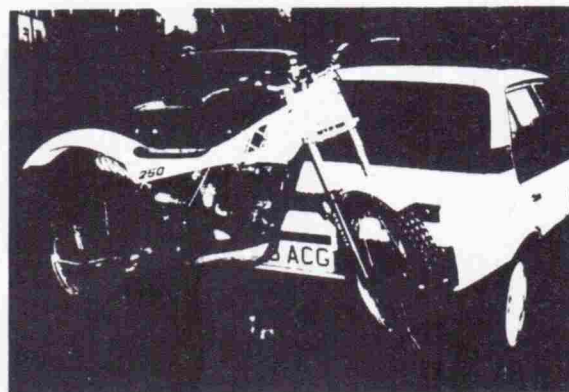
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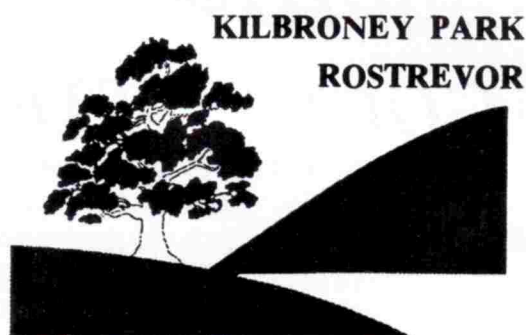
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Message from Councillor James Savage

Chairman of Newry and Mourne District Council

As Chairman of Newry and Mourne District Council, I bid you WELCOME, FAILTE, BIENVENUE, WILKOMMEN, BIENVENIDO, BENVENUTO to our beautiful district.

My Council is delighted to have the opportunity of hosting the World Championship Trial des Nations at Rostrevor, Co. Down.

The event which is sponsored by the Charles Hurst Group has attracted entries from all over the World.

It is particularly gratifying to know that for the first time ever this major Sporting Event is taking place in the British Isles.

For many years the Batt Estate near Hilltown has been the venue for provincial motorcycle trials. By identifying Kilbroney Park, Rostrevor, as the base and headquarters for the event, the organisers have selected one of the most scenic locations in Ireland.

I congratulate the Officials from Knock Motorcycle and Car Club Ltd, who are organising the championship on behalf of the Motorcycle Union of Ireland.

Finally I wish all the teams in the trials every success and I look forward to welcoming each and everyone of them.

I am sure that all visitors to the area will have an opportunity to sample the local hospitality and a Cead mile Failte.



Message from the

President of the M.C.U.I. (U.C.) Ltd.

As president of the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland (Ulster Centre), I give you all a warm welcome here today, to "the Olympics of Motorcycling", THE TRIAL des NATIONS, being staged for the first ever time in Ireland

I would thank the people responsible for the allocation of this event to the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland, and I have full confidence in the ability of the promoting Knock club, to stage this event to the standard required, over the course here at the Kilbroney Estate.

A special welcome goes out to all the visiting teams competing here today. I wish you an enjoyable days competition, and hope that you have some spare time to enjoy the local Irish hospitality.

To the lads competing in the MCUI team, I wish you all the best in a tough event. It will certainly be a great experience for some of the individuals in the team, but you can be assured of full support and encouragement from all the "locals" here today.

Have a good day. Congratulations to the winning team.

JACK AGNEW

President



The Sports Council for Northern Ireland

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the World-Class riders who have come to the Province to compete in the Trial des Nations, sponsored by the Charles Hurst Group.

This event will provide the opportunity for our home-grown talent to compete against the best international riders and will contribute to the development of local standards.

Congratulations to the organisers on their vision and determination to host the event in the superb setting of Kilbroney Park, Rostrevor. The Sports Council applauds the sport of Motorcycling for its consistent pursuit of excellence.

May the best riders win!

DON ALLEN
Chairman



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Chairman, The Charles Hurst Group.



It is again with great pleasure that the Charles Hurst Group of Companies are sponsoring the 'Charles Hurst Cup'.

The Knock Club are to be congratulated on their hard work, which will undoubtedly ensure a successful event for 1993. The standard of International entries for the Charles Hurst Cup has been excellent, and the new 'Team Trials' format, brings even further excitement to the competition.

We are pleased that the location for the event is once again at the heart of the Mourne Mountains, a setting which is ideal for both the 'Team Trials' and, of course, the International riders and spectators who will enjoy one of Northern Ireland's most beautiful and scenic locations.

We therefore look forward to this prestigious motorcycling event in 1993 and it only remains to wish everyone concerned: officials, entrants and spectators alike, a most successful and interesting Charles Hurst Cup.

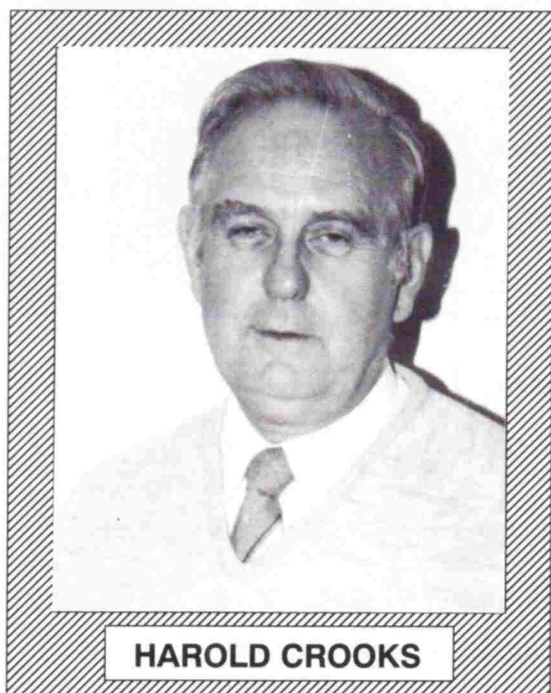
NOTICE TO SPECTATORS

The event organisers would appreciate it if you would leave the beautiful mountains of Mourne as you found them, please take all your litter home with you and follow the country code, so we can all return in the future.

We hope you enjoy today's trial.

THANK YOU!

Show Appreciation!



HAROLD CROOKS

Since motorcycle competitions began, and especially since the heady successful days of the Sammy Millar era, trials riding in Ireland has had a special place in the sport here.

It is a discipline of the sport that has always been keenly contested, but has never received the recognition it deserves, as a very skilful and demanding sport. Our current star, Robert Crawford, who captains the Irish team to-day, would no doubt concur with that.

Since the Second world war, reliability trials, as they were first known, increased in popularity, but in the Eighties, at world level the emphasis on what the former purist champions would term 'trick riding' has changed completely the image and techniques of the 'feet-up' game.

Through the auspices of the Knock Club, who promoted the individual World Championship Hurst Cup events, were able to witness the leading exponents of trials riding display their skills, formerly at Clandeboye, and latterly here at Kilbroney.

To-day, those mind-boggling maestros return, but for the World Championship, Trial des Nations, team event. Not only is this the first time that such an event will have been held under the jurisdiction of the M.C.U.I., it is the first time for the event to be staged in the British Isles.

The dozen teams, who make up the entry, are a 'Who's Who' of the world's trial riders, including the World Champion, Jordi Tarres, who leads the very strong Spanish team.

From France comes Thierry Michaud. From Italy, we have Diego Bosis and Donato Miglio, and from Finland comes the extremely talented Tommi Ahvala.

Robert Crawford has competed against these top-flight continental competitors at world level, as well as pitting his skill against the British quartet of Wayne Braybrook, Steve Colley, Dougie Lampkin and Steve Saunders, in the British championship.

The performance of Crawford, and his team-mates, Phillip Hanlon, Paul McLaughlin and Jeff Smyth will be put into perspective, when they are gauged against the world's best.

Like most of our representative teams, we cannot expect to set the world alight with the results, but the rewards are really two-fold.

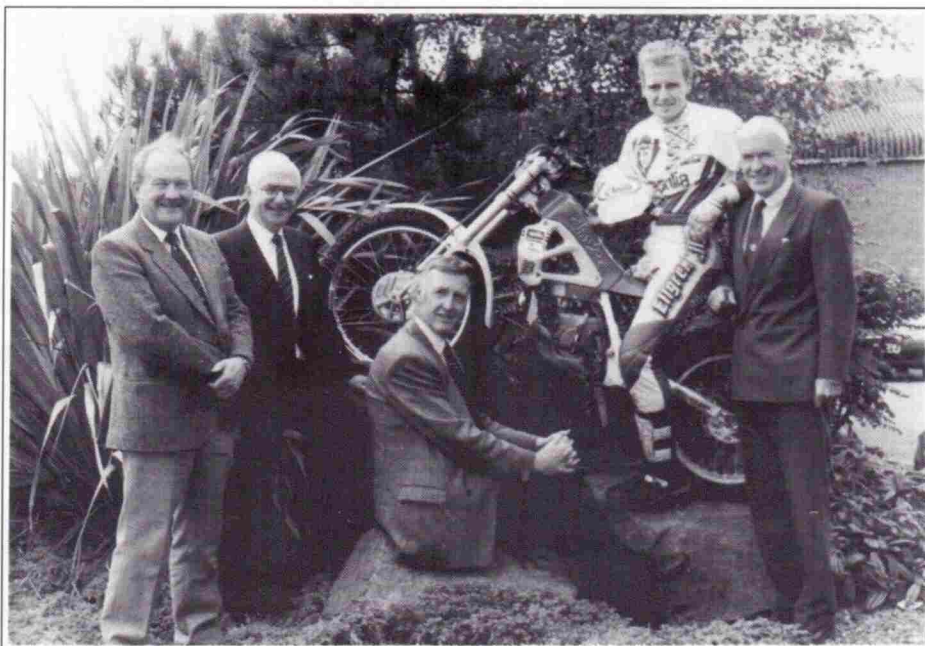
The promotion of this prestigious team event, gives the Irish motorcycling fraternity the opportunity to see the best riders in the world in action, and it also gives our teams a chance to compete against riders of a calibre, that they would not normally encounter.

It should also help to put into perspective the difficult task that Robert Crawford has, in competing at British and World Championship level. No doubt, he will give of his best, as usual, guiding, inspiring and encouraging his team-mates.

I hope that they, as competitors, enjoy the event, as well as learning from the experience, and that those who spectate will really be thrilled by and appreciate the unique skills of the modern trials riders that you are very privileged to see in action on your own door-step.

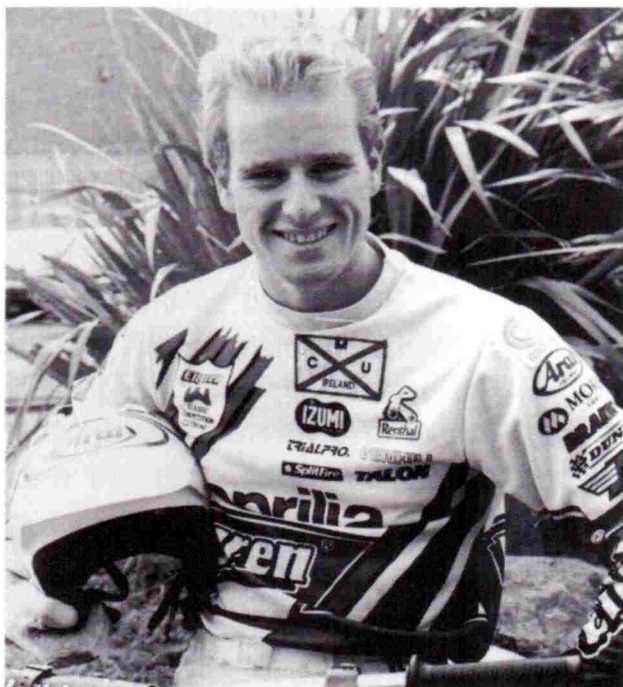
The Trial des Nations is new to the British Isles, and maybe after to-day, we will have a new notion about this discipline of motorcycling. I am confident that we will.

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Left to Right: John Stronge, Keith Cheevers, Tom Briggs, Robert Crawford and Toby Hurst.

Message from Irish Team Captain Robert Crawford



ROBERT CRAWFORD

Hello everyone, firstly I would like to welcome all the other countries and their teams to Ireland. I hope you enjoy your stay here. I have been looking forward to competing in this event for some time, there are two reasons, one is the location which I think is one of the best areas in the world in which to ride, with its natural rivers and forests etc., and secondly I am delighted once again to represent Ireland.

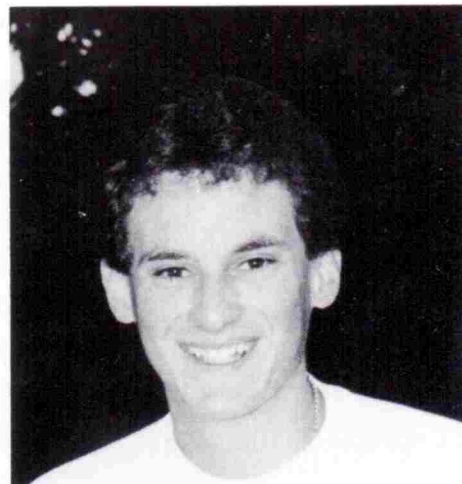
As far as the team's performance is concerned, we have been practicing at different times throughout the year in preparation for this event. We don't expect to set the world alight but we will be trying our best.

Obviously, the weather plays a big part in this area. So we are hoping it's a fair day, so that we can all get into the spirit of the event which I think the Trial des Nations is all about.

In closing I would like to thank the Knock M.C.C. and officials for all their hard work running this event, the press for their excellent coverage and also a big thank-you to all the sponsors without whose support the event would not be possible.

Yours in sport

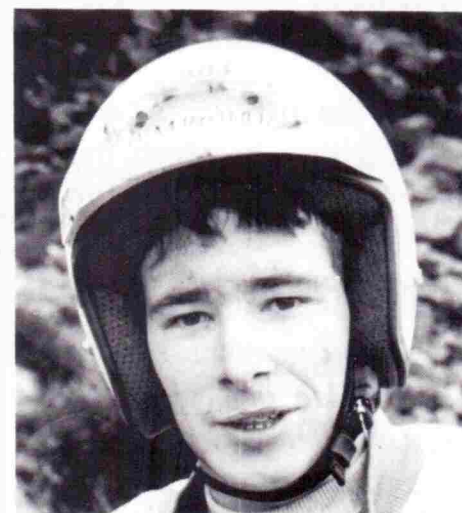
ROBERT CRAWFORD



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Jimmy Walker reports . . .

We've come a long way from the days of the "catch me if you can" Hurst Cup to today's highly sophisticated motorcycle trials scene. And now the Knock Club, who have promoted the Hurst throughout its long and distinguished history, can sit back and say they have achieved the ultimate – a truly international field for the Trial des Nations.

This event is in many ways the equivalent of the World Cup in soccer for it brings together the best in a sport which has grown enormously from the days when it was purely a winter slogging match for motorcyclists who had nothing better to do while they waited for the scrambling season to come round again.

Who would have thought, only 20 years ago, that the Hurst Cup would arrive at the present pinnacle and that this old and in many ways legendary trophy would be competed for by the world's elite?

Back in the sixties the event was still one in which the fastest rider decided the standard time and this was usually Sammy Miller.

Nowadays with the ultra sophisticated machines and the numerous fine tuning of regulations we have a more spread out trial, which in fact

will take in most of the day giving spectators plenty of opportunities of seeing the best at their best.

The Trial des Nations is being held in Ireland for the first time and this will be a second time for Kilbroney to play hosts. In 1991 the Hurst was staged at Kilbroney as a round in the individual World Championship and proved highly successful. This time we'll be watching for teams of four but they will still be the high class competitors who enthralled the huge crowd two years ago, including Jordi Tarres, the current World Champion who will lead the Spanish team and Tommi Ahvala, the previous title holder, who leads for Finland.

The British team of course will be featured and is headed by

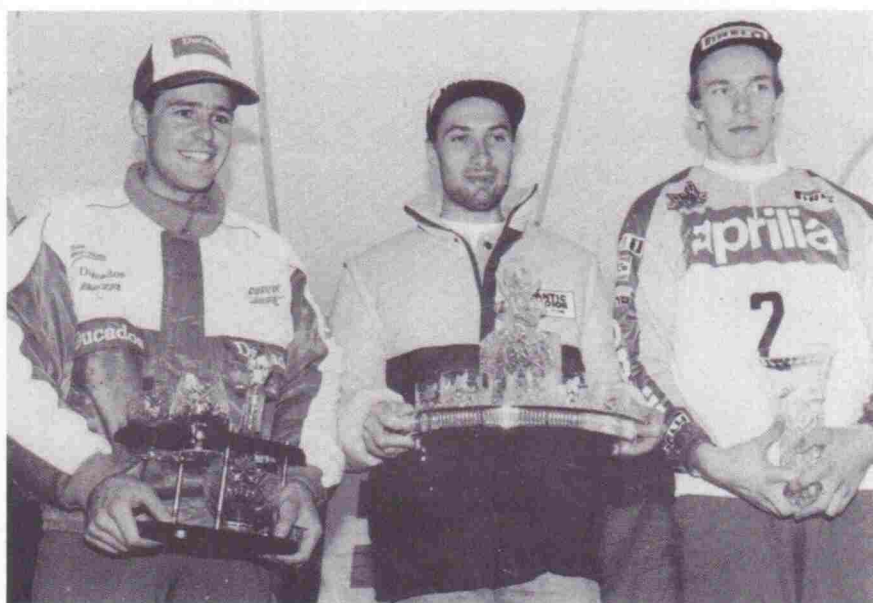
the new title holder Steve Colley but it's the Irish team which many of us will be watching in the hope that our quartet led by the highly talented Robert Crawford will produce a performance which will be noteworthy at least.

No-one expects us to win – that's for the big boys in the sport – but it would be appropriate on this occasion if we were to grab our best ever result.

Anyway, no matter what happens to our own competitors, my advice is just to enjoy the talent on display. We don't get the chance to see this sort of class competing in Ulster every day of the week.

Let's make the most of it.

JIMMY WALKER



Left to Right: Jordi Tarres, Diego Bosis and Tommi Ahvala

T. W. G. Briggs

Clerk of the Course

Seventeen months after our first visit to Kilbroney for the 1991 World Championship round we are privileged to return to hold the first ever Trial des Nations to be held in the British Isles.

Countries from across the world have each selected 4 of their best riders to compete in a team for the coveted title of the World's Top Trials nation. We are delighted to welcome not only the elite riders from the top of the World Championship series but also a number of riders who do not normally participate at this level.

It is therefore our objective to set a less demanding course than required by the individual World Championship.



TOM BRIGGS
Clerk of Course

This year the event will be held over 3 laps of 12 sections per lap. The length of the lap has been shortened compared with 1991 by leaving out the furthest away sections in the Rocky River. This means that spectators will not have to walk as far to view the sections, most of which are located in the Batt Estate just beyond the Forestry Area – approximately 3 miles from the start.

Vehicle parking space is very restricted in this area so spectators are urged to use the free Shuttle Bus which will operate throughout the day between the sections and Kilbroney Park. This year the service will be provided by Ulsterbus.

Please help us to preserve the lovely countryside which we have been kindly granted use of by taking any litter home and by not creating any fire risk in the Forestry areas.

Not only is the competition a team event, the organisation of it is also very much a team effort. I would like to thank the many people who have assisted in making today's event possible and I wish all riders and spectators a good days sport.

TOM BRIGGS
Clerk of Course

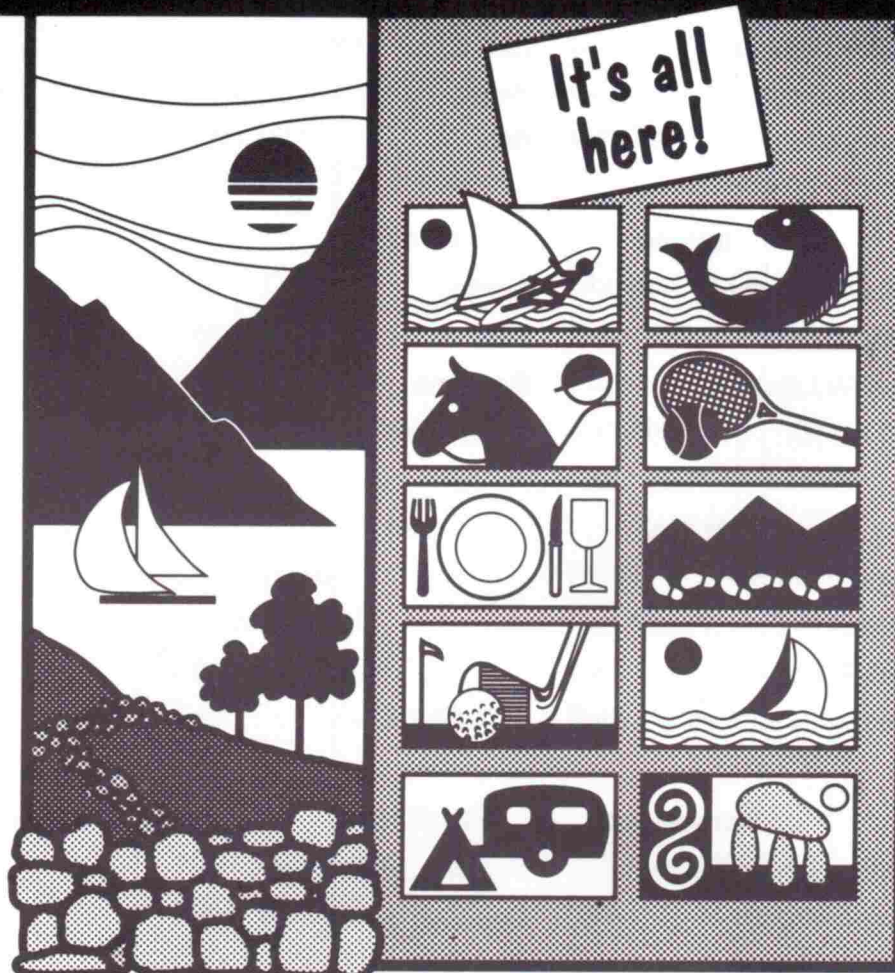
LIST OF ENTRANTS

			1st LAP	2nd LAP	3rd LAP	TOTAL
RIDING NO.	NAME	MACHINE				
Spain						
1	Amos Bilbao	Montesa				
2	Marc Colomer	Beta				
3	Joan Pons	Gas Gas				
4	Jordi Tarres	Gas Gas				
France						
6	Bruno Camozzi	Scorpa				
7	Jean-luc Nictou	Beta				
8	Thierry Michaud	Fantic				
9	Christophe Camozzi	Yamaha				
Italy						
11	Diego Bosis	Fantic				
12	Donato Miglio	Gas Gas				
13	Piero Sembenini	Beta				
14	Dario Re Delle Gandine	Beta				
Great Britain						
16	Wayne Braybrook	Gas Gas				
17	Steve Colley	Beta				
18	Dougie Lampkin	Beta				
19	Steve Saunders	Gas Gas				
Finland						
21	Joachim Hindgren	Gas Gas				
22	Jussi Haapanen	Beta				
23	Peter Jahn	Fantic				
24	Tommi Ahvala	Aprilia				
Germany						
26	Horst Hoffmann	Fantic				
27	Marcus Kipp	Beta				
28	Andreas Lettenbichler	Beta				
29	Jens ter Jung	Beta				
			1st LAP	2nd LAP	3rd LAP	TOTAL

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RIDING NO.	NAME	MACHINE				
Austria						
31	Erich Brandauer	Beta				
32	Richard Hitzler	Gas Gas				
33	Robert Schwihlik	Beta				
34	Georg Kretz	Beta				
Ireland						
36	Robert Crawford	Aprilia				
37	Philip Hanlon	Beta				
38	Paul McLaughlin	Gas Gas				
39	Jeff Smyth	Montesa				
U.S.A.						
41	Geoffrey Aaron					
42	Ronald D. Como Jr.					
43	Carl R. Peters					
44	Jess W. Kempkes					
Switzerland						
46	Dominique Guillaume	Yamaha				
47	Cedric Monnin	Gas Gas				
48	Laurent Daengeli	Gas Gas				
49	Philippe Cottet	Beta				
Netherlands						
51	Marco Reit	Fantic				
52	Rene Opstals	Fantic				
53	Alex v. d. Broek	Montesa				
54	Frank Edwards	Montesa				
Belgium						
56	Daniel Crosset	Gas Gas				
57	Frederic Crosset	Gas Gas				
58	Arne Dupont	Gas Gas				
59	Emmanuel Mathy	Gas Gas				
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Kilbroney Park

Located approximately a half mile from Rostrevor Village on the main A.2. route to Kilkeel, **Kilbroney Park** is within easy reach of most of the main centres of population of Ulster and North Leinster.

There are few parklands in existence which could surpass the beauty of Kilbroney Park. Here mountain, stream, sea-lough and valley contribute to conjure up a scenic wonderland.

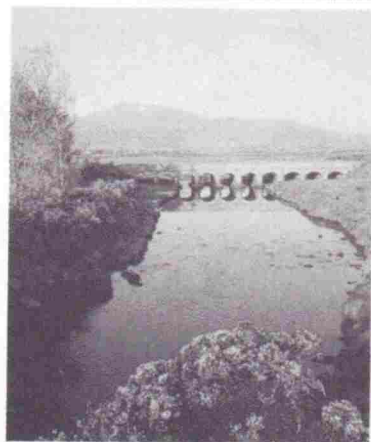
Acquired as public parkland by Newry and Mourne District Council on 1977, the 97 acres which form Kilbroney Park lie close to the shore of Carlingford Lough in the shadow of the forest-clad Slieve Martin.

Thanks to an imaginative development programme undertaken by the District Council, the Park now offers a wide range of services and facilities popular with conservationist and sportsman alike.

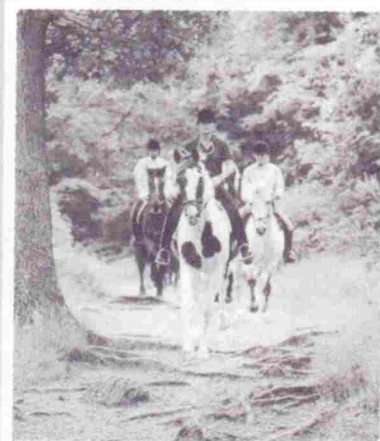
Vast areas of open space, riverside walks, playing fields, tennis courts, play areas, an arboretum, barbeque and picnic areas are but some of the facilities on site. The caravanner and camper are also well catered for, thanks to a well serviced caravan and camp site discreetly located in close proximity to an ultra-modern Reception Block. This building contains a café, Information Area, viewing balcony, as well as service and shower rooms.

As a backdrop to Kilbroney Park stands the impressive 1,500 acre Rostrevor Forest rising sharply from 30m to 500m above sea level. First planted out in 1930, the forest has numerous attractions including a breathtaking two mile forest drive affording panoramic views over Carlingford Lough.

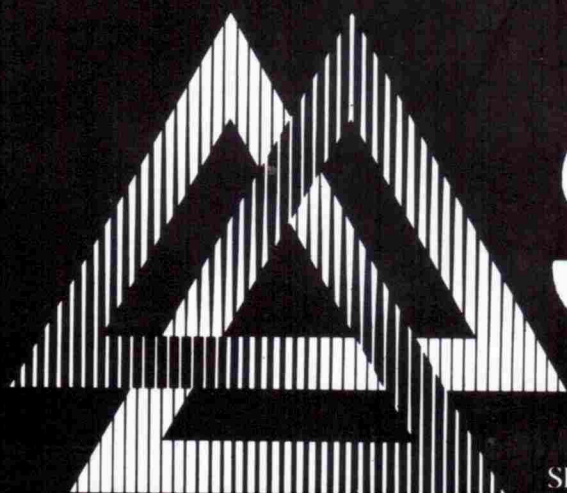
There are numerous large towns and villages in the area. To the south along Carlingford Lough there is Newry, its name derived from a yew tree planted by St. Patrick in the area, Warrenpoint, a seaside town which has a busy modern sea port and Rostrevor, the most sheltered place in Northern Ireland where Mediterranean plants grow by the sea shore in the lee of the mountains. It is from Kilbroney Park in the town that the Trial des Nations starts.



Kilbroney Park



A CASE OF QUALITY

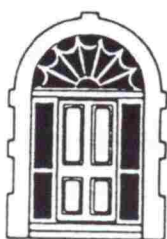


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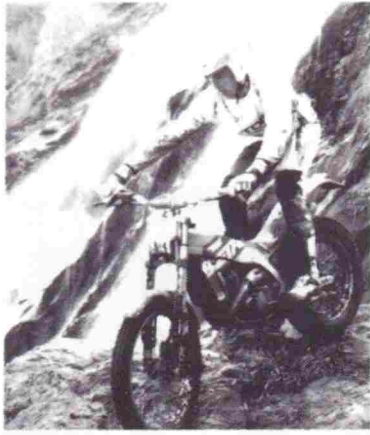
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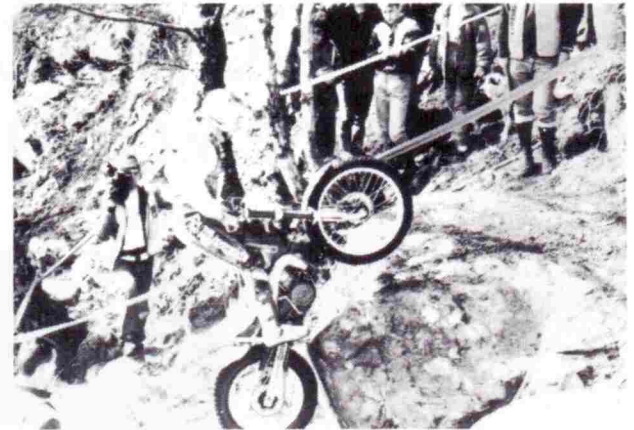
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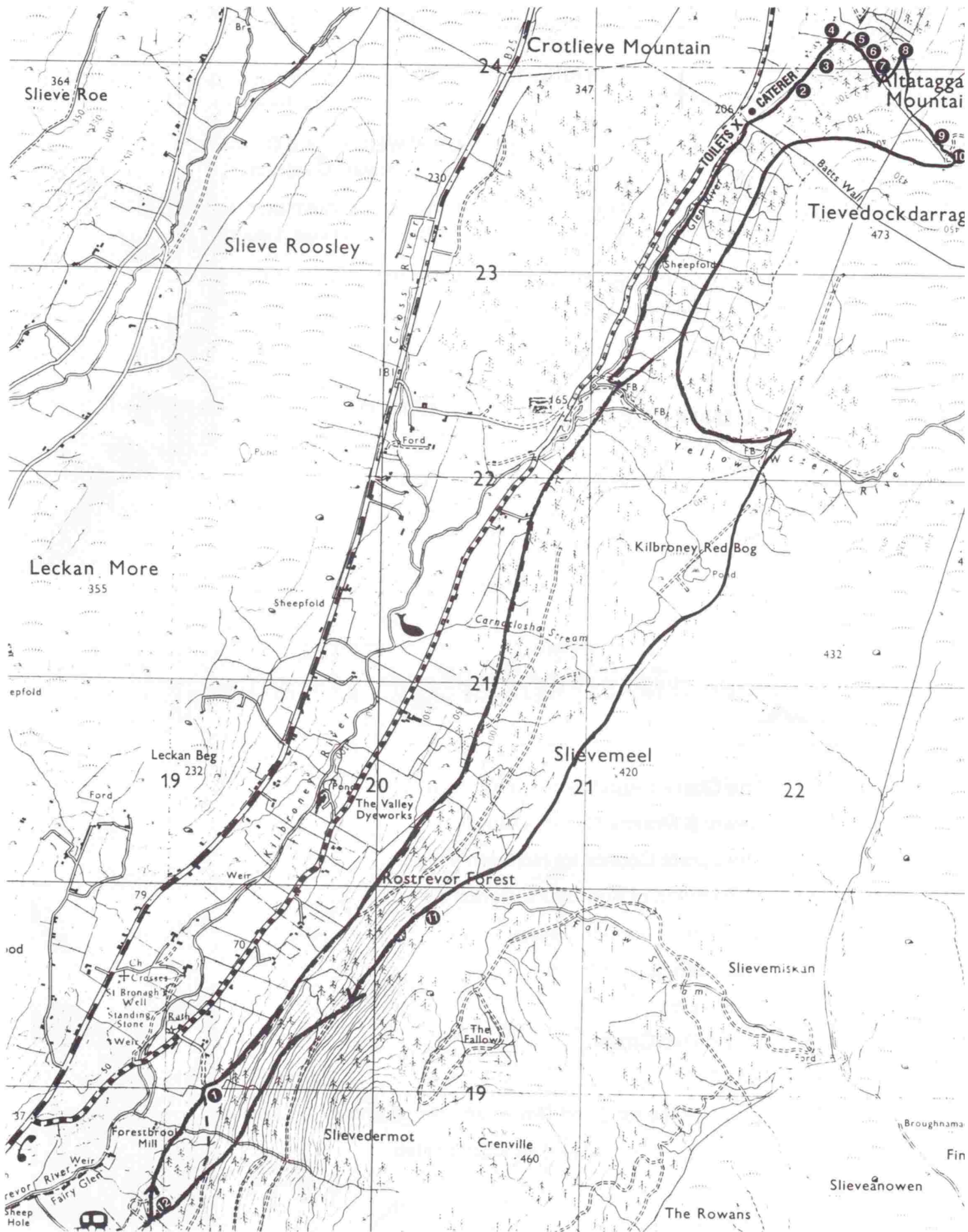
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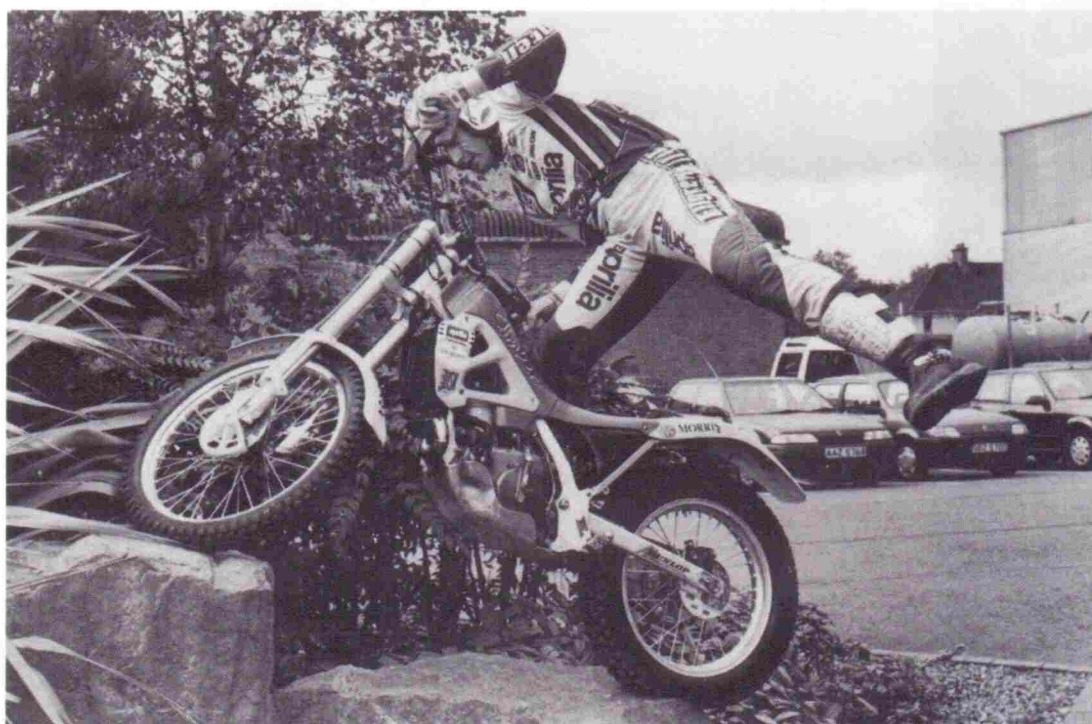
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Irish Team Manager's comments



The Trial des Nations is a fairly new event in the F.I.M. calendar introduced in 1987. The M.C.U.I. have had representation at the event since 1988. Unfortunately many organisers during that period (with the exception of the U.S.A. in 1992) have fallen into the trap of trying to take too many marks of the professionals that make up the leading European teams thus crucifying the lesser mortals. The professionals will still win but on less marks lost please. Who would bet against Spain again in 1993! The M.C.U.I. team, led by Robert Crawford will I know give it all they can, Robert has given a lot of support and encouragement to the team and will I am sure be a source of inspiration to the lads on the day. Philip Hanlon, multi Ulster Champion and former Irish Champion will have prepared himself and the machine to perfection. Paul McLaughlin has an excellent attitude to the task ahead and tackles everything with great enthusiasm. Jeff Smyth, youngest of

the team, lacks nothing in the trick riding department and will be trying hard to put it to good use.

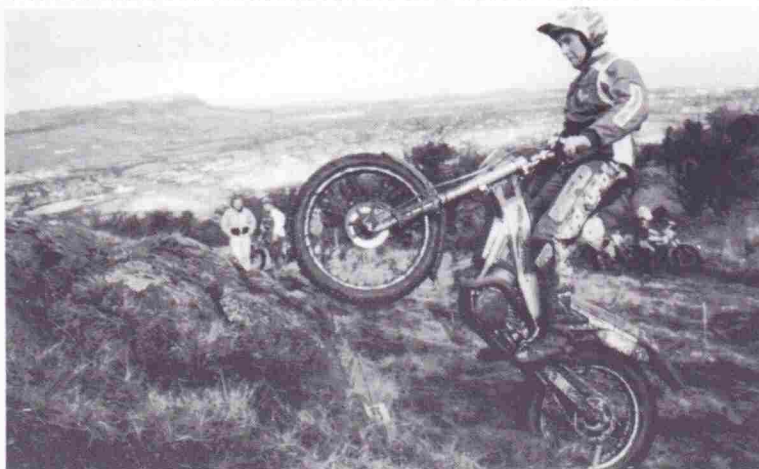
I am sure you will wish them and the Knock Club who have made every effort to make the event a success, with the total support and co-operation of the Newry and Mourne District Council, best wishes on the day.

I would also like to mention the input by our named reserves, Stephen Murphy and John Loughran and to Davy McBride, Team Coach, for the preparation required.

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