

Yorkshire Classic MCC
Rd 6 Pre Unit Championship
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The Yorkshire Classic staged another of its popular Pre Unit series trials at Manor Farm, Lothersdale near Skipton on Sunday. Forty eight riders tackled the four lap course in bright gusty weather which is not unusual for this elevated venue.

With conditions dry and dusty rather than muddy and slippery scores were going to be on the low side despite the best efforts of the clerks of course who put in a number of steep hill climbs. Non coped better than Dale Harrison who switched from the Ariel to the Triumph twin and went round clean for an overall win.

Rigids cope well with this venue as they have no rocks to deal with and it was John Feather who impressed on the Enfield with a loss of just two marks to win Class B from Chris Nutter who also had a good ride to drop just six on the Ariel.

Section two looked as if it might be a mark taker early on with its steep loose climb to the finish but it got easier with over half the entry cleaning it. Section three provided another good hill climb for the big bikes but didn't take many marks as there was plenty of grip. Section four had steep drops, sharp loose turns and a ledge at the top of the hill to get you to the flags. Once again the riding standard was high with many riders still clean after four sections including Ian Barker on the girder fork rigid Norton who was riding really well.

Section five proved to be the one that sorted out the class winners. It was nothing to look at but the right turn on a loose camber just about caught everybody, however Dale Harrison had the satisfaction of being the only rider to clean this one four times. Pete McCanna riding the new green Royal Enfield superbly once again dropped his only marks here to win Class A by one mark from Rob Baldwin Ariel with Barker and Adrian Brayshaw losing their only marks here to win their respective classes.

The big hill climb on section eight needed rain to make it interesting, as it was most riders flew up without bother. Long wide straight sections are what trialling used to be all about so it was good for the pre units to be able to enjoy these once again.

Results

Class A Pre Unit Springer: Pete McCanna (RE) 3 marks lost, Rob Baldwin (Ariel) 4, Dave Wear (RE) 7.

Class B Tele Fork Rigid; John Feather (RE) 2, Chris Nutter (Ariel) 6.

Class C Girder Fork Rigid: Ian Barker (Norton) 4.

Class G Twin Cylinder: Dale Harrison(Triumph) 0, Mick Whitlow (Triumph) 2, Gary Marshall (Triumph) 9.

Class J Pre Unit Springer under 250cc: Adrian Brayshaw (C12) 8, Bill Hill (C10) 45.

Non Comp Class: Steve Thomas (Bantam) 1, O. Hardisty (Bantam) 1, Keith Hobson (Cub) 4.