

## **Yorkshire Classic MCC**

Rd 9 - Championship Trial

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**This Yorkshire Classic Pre 65 trial was held at Cawder Ghyll near Skipton where 56 riders enjoyed this superb venue in real summer weather. The Clubman route was heavily subscribed after a really tough event at this venue last year. This year however the sections were eased back on both routes with overall winner Norman Shepherd going clean and Andy Greenbank losing just one mark on the clubman sections.**

The first two sections were in the stream and although tricky didn't cause too many problems. Neither did the hillclimb at section three which although steep was dry with plenty of grip with the cubs and two strokes for once doing better on it than the big four strokes where only Dave Emmott (Triumph twin) and Bob Baker (B40) cleaned it.

Riders were back in the stream at section four where after a steep drop in through the start flags they had to ride the big rocks before a difficult exit up the bank to the finish. Only two cleans were recorded one from class winner Hedley Cockshot on the cub and the other from that master of the rocks Rob Shepherd.

With little respite it was on to probably the most technically difficult section which was once again back in the stream but higher up the valley. This time riders were faced with a deep muddy turn soon after the start before riding up stream over rock steps and turning out up a narrow slot to the end cards. If the mud didn't stop them then the first rock step caught out the bigger low slung bikes before a kicker was put in to help them up. Shepherd recorded the only clean with Cockshot on a very creditable one. The best of the rest were Alan Whitton ( James) and Owen Hardisty (Cub) on four marks apiece. Section seven was high up on the steep moorland hillside where the observer was in danger of sunstroke. A slippery start in the reeds was followed by a clamber over muddy rocks which caught out most of the entry. Only five cleans were recorded and all apart from Cockshot again were two strokes with PJ1 Oil man Richard Thorpe (James) having the most impressive ride.

Thanks to all the observers who for once enjoyed one of the best days of the year.

## **RESULTS**

**Class A Pre Unit :** Dave Emmott (Triumph) 17 marks lost, Dale Harrison (Ariel) 28, Dave Wear (Royal Enfield) 30.

**Class B Rigids:** Chris Nutter (Ariel) 15, Tim Pawson (Ariel) 33.

**Class D Unit Machines under 250cc** Hedley Cockshot (Cub) 3, Kevin Smith (Cub)12, Phil Clarkson (Cub) 26.

**Class E Unit Machines over 250cc :** Bob Baker (B40) 39, Mick Culf (B40) 98.

**Class F Two Strokes :** Norman Shepherd (James) clean, Richard Thorpe (James) 8, Owen Hardisty (Bantam) 10.

**Class G Twins:** Mick Whitlow (Triumph) 31, Colin Benson (Triumph) 57.

**Class H Vintage Two Stroke:** Eric Atkinson (James) 11, Bill Hill (James) 53, Barry Doran (James) 82.

**Class J Pre Unit Springer under 250cc:** Adrian Brayshaw (C12) 11.

**Class K Clubman:** Andy Greenbank (Ariel) 1, Neil Anderton (Bantam) 3, Bernard Whitaker (B40) 3.