

## **Yorkshire Classic MCC**

8<sup>th</sup> Pre Unit Trial

**Report : Neil Anderton**

**The Yorkshire Club staged another round of its Pre Unit series at the Walls of Jericho venue on the outskirts of Bradford. Forty five riders tackled the four lap ten section course laid out by course plotters Robert Lowther and Paul England who had no difficulty in finding a wide variety of sections in the steep sided valley.**

The stream which runs throughout its length was put to good use with the first three sections climbing in and out of the stream bed up the slippery banking. The first one cut up badly at the exit as a deep groove and step just before the flags emerged and proved a stopper for many including all the rigids. Chris Haigh once again showing the way home on his immaculate Velocette went round unpenalised to record the overall win. He mastered this one with ease as did runner up Carl Winstanley on the Ariel , Class G winner Mick Whitlow and C12 mounted Adrian Brayshaw.

Section four crossed the stream before turning into a downhill rocky path followed by some deep mud on the turn to the exit. This proved to be the most challenging section of the trial with only two cleans from the pre unit riders and four in the non competitive class. Haigh cleaned it impressively on every visit as did young Tom Emmott riding the big Triumph twin and Arthur Hemsworth winner on the non comp class. The rigids found this section a struggle amongst the angled rocks with only Dave Emmott AJS and Tim Pawson Ariel staying out of double figures.

The hill climb at section five was easy on this occasion and all the big pre unit singles cleaned it including Chris Nutter on the rigid Ariel. The steep hill was topped by a climb through a rocky wall which was the sting in the tail and pinched marks from those who relaxed too early. Section six was all rocks on a steep twisting climb in and out of a broken down wall with a steep exit. This was a good section with care needed on the turns but plenty of speed for the steep gullies. Haigh and Winstanley both got it right as did Emmott and Dale Harrison on the Triumph Twin to record the only pre unit cleans and beating the three cleans in the non competitives from Clarke, Dickinson and Mitchell.

Two more hill climbs on sections nine and ten completed the circuit and made it a good trial for the followers of big four stroke power in these pre unit events.

## RESULTS

**Class A Pre Unit Springer:** Chris Haigh (Velocette) 0 marks lost, Carl Winstanley (Ariel) 1, Pete Baldwin (Ariel) 9.

**Class B Tele Fork Rigid:** Dave Emmott (AJS) 20, Chris Nutter (Ariel) 32, Tim Pawson (Ariel) 57.

**Class G Twin Cylinder:** Mick Whitlow (Triumph) 2, Tom Emmott (Triumph) 3, Dale Harrison (Triumph) 7.

**Class J Pre Unit Springer under 347cc:** Adrian Brayshaw (C12) 20, Neil Anderton (C12) 56.

**Non Competitive Class:** Arthur Hemsworth (F/B) 1, Mick Clarke (B40) 2, Derek Brooks (James) 3.