

**Yorkshire Classic MCC**  
**Rd.4 Pre Unit Championship**  
**Report:Neil Anderton**

**The venue was Keighley Gate near Bingley for 40 Pre 65 riders. The ten sections laid out by Colin Pawson and Andy Tomlinson were all in the stream which is quite unusual but gave everybody plenty of practice at riding the slippery rocks. Mal Cocking did this superbly to go clean a feat nobody else managed but Ian Barker also had a remarkable ride on the Girder Fork rigid Norton to go round for five marks lost.**

Section one was a gentle opener dropping down a bank up the stream and out up the same bank taking only the odd dab in the dry conditions.

Section two came out of the stream up a short climb and then up a very steep bank to the finish. Most of the pre units managed it with the big bikes romping up the hill climb but the non comp. two strokes struggled.

At the far end of the course section three took marks from all but four of the pre units. After crossing the stream riders were faced with a turn up the bank and a drop back in which needed special care as the decent was a rut back into the water. A long dab was the answer but most went for cleans and came unstuck. John Feather on the rigid Enfield did really well to record four cleans on this tricky section.

The water in sections four onwards was deep in places and the rocks were treacherous for the early runners but got easier as riders picked a path to keep out of trouble. Section nine surprisingly took marks from all but ten riders. The start was difficult to avoid early obstacles and then rocks had to be ridden over before picking the right line to the exit.

Dale Harrison class winner on his Ariel lost three of his four marks while Tom Emmott third in the Twin class lost five out of seven. In the non competitive class, winner Mick Haslam on the Bantam cleaned it and had an excellent ride overall for a solitary dab.

Derek Brooks James mounted now also cleaned it to lead a group of five rider on seniority all on eight marks lost.

With most riders keeping their scores below thirty it was good early practice for Scotland for some and a very pleasant day out in perfect Spring weather for every body else at this excellent venue.

## RESULTS

**Class A Pre Unit Springer :** Dale Harrison (Ariel) 4 marks lost, Paul Jackson (Velocette) 9, Pete Baldwin (Ariel) 9.

**Class B Rigid:** John Feather (Enfield) 11.

**Class C Girder Fork:** Ian Barker 5.

**Class G Twin Cylinder:** Mal Cocking (Triumph) 0, Graham Wilkinson (Triumph) 3, Tom Emmott (Triumph) 7.

**Class J Pre Unit under 250cc:** Adrian Brayshaw (BSA) 10, Neil Anderton (BSA) 12, Bill Hill (BSA C10) 52.

**Non Comp Class :** Mick Haslam (Bantam) 1, Steve Thomas (Bantam) 2, Brian Irwin (C15) 3.