

## **Yorkshire Classic MCC and Rochdale and Dist MC**

Shawforth Shake Championship Trial

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**Keeping up the traditions of the origins of the Pre 65 movement the Shawforth Shake now in its thirty Eighth year was run over the moors at Whitworth in Lancashire just as it always has been. For the second year running Chris Gascoigne produced the perfect ride on the big Ariel to go clean chased hard by Paul Heys who also went clean on that little black Cub.**

The course is elevated on the Lancashire Pennines and must have been a real struggle for the valiant clerks of course Ian Alderson and Les Humphries to mark out on the Saturday as the region was battered by severe gale force winds. They were rewarded on Sunday however with a sunny calm day and an excellent entry on 70 riders all out for a good days sport in the hills.

Section one proved to be a good opener with a drop and climb over loose and slippery rock slabs which caught out many early riders on both routes. With only six cleans recorded including the joint winners, good attempts came from Dave Emmott, Steve Thomas and Owen Hardesty on the Bantams and Hedley Cockshot Cub mounted as always. Perhaps one of the more difficult sections was the second one a narrow gulley with tight turns and a muddy exit. Ike Myers and Richard Thorpe mastered it as did Cub mounted Dave Strank and Phil Clarkson with Eddie Bull the only rider on the Clubman route to escape clean.

Section four in the middle of the moors relied on boggy peat to catch the riders who had become accustomed to drier things over the past months. A muddy slot needed plenty of speed to get riders up a short gully before a slippery climb up a bank to the cards. The big four strokes of Emmott and Dale Harrison made it look easy which it wasn't and the snappy pick up of the Cubs helped riders to five cleans including Tony Dillon and Steve Rayner. Only two cleans were recorded on the easier route from Bull and Robert Bainbridge.

The final big mark taker was section nine where the climbs and turns over the rocks caught out most of the entry bar four where Gascoigne and Heys were joined by Thomas and Keith Hobson to finish off another excellent Shawforth Shake.

### **RESULTS**

**Class A Pre Unit:** Chris Cascoigne (Ariel) 0 marks lost, Dave Emmott (Triumph) 1, Chris Bradley (AJS) 9.

**Class B Rigid Springer :** John Feather (RE) 14, Chris Nutter (Ariel) 21, Colin Pawson (Mat.) 47.

**Class D Unit Machines under 250 cc:** Paul Heys (Cub) clean, Hedley Cockshot (Cub) 2, Tony Dillon (Cub) 7.

**Class E Unit Machines over 250cc :** Mick Clarke (B40) 15, Gary Mitchell (C15) 17, Eric Boocock (C15) 35.

**Class F Two Strokes:** Richard Thorpe (James) 2, Steve Thomas (Bantam) 6, Owen Hardesty (Bantam) 9.

**Class G Twin Cylinder :** Colin Benson (Triumph) 39, Graham Wilkinson (Triumph) 39, John Patefield (Triumph) 43

**Class H Vintage Two Stroke:** Eric Atkinson (James) 18, Barry Doran (James) 66.

**Class J Pre Unit under 250cc:** Adrian Brayshaw (C12) 10, Oddie (OK Supreme) 22.

**Class K Clubman :** Eddie Bull (C15) 1, Robert Bainbridge(Cub) 2, Andy Greenbank (Ariel) 3.