

**Yorkshire Classic MCC**  
Rd. 5 Championship Trial  
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**On the hottest day of the year so far the Yorkshire Club staged its latest Championship trial at the Walls of Jericho near Bradford. Sixty Five riders tackled a four lap ten section course of the steep sided valley laid out by course plotters Paul England and Robert Lowther.**

The early sections were in the stream which runs all through this piece of land adding lots of variety to the sections. Section two was OK on the first lap but thereafter became difficult as a deep narrow groove appeared in the banking as bikes climbed out of the stream. Cub riders like Maxfield and Calvert and Haslam and Hardisty on the Bantams dealt with it easily. However plaudits must go to Duncan Macdonald Class A winner on the Ariel, runner up Chris Haigh, Velocette and Mark Feather Class G winner Triumph twin for getting those big machines through for impressive cleans.

Section four was a mark taker with its muddy start and tight turn over rocks before dropping down over angled tree roots to the finish. Only twelve riders managed to clean it four times. In Class E winner Phil Clarkson C15 and Mick Culf B40 were impressive while Mal Cocking on the Triumph twin also cleaned it. The big hill climb on section five caused problems for the early riders as loose rock steps slowed momentum before grip brought rearing front wheels and subsequent fives. Once the section settled down even crossing the camber towards the steep exit was soon mastered and cleans became the norm.

Section seven was a long rocky ride up the stream bed which didn't cause too many problems on the way to tackling the hill sections of nine and ten to finish the lap.

Ten was the sting in the tail catching many out for dabs with the lightweights coping better with the turn after the drop. Apart from the two stroke winner and class leaders Mick Driffield back on a James did well as did Clive Tomkinson on his Greeves. Triumph twin rider John Patefield had his best ride of the day to go clean to show that it could be done on a big bike.

The Clubman sections were just right even though they had to cope with the slot on section two. Les Humphries was the only rider to stay in single figures but was pushed hard by Mark Gregg who lost a five on the very first section to lose his chance of a class win.

## **RESULTS**

**Class A Pre Unit:** Duncan Macdonald (Ariel) clean, Chris Haigh (Velo) 1, Dave Emmott (Triumph) 9.

**Class B Tele fork Rigid:** Gary Marshall (TRW) 18.

**Class D Unit Machines under 250cc:** John Maxfield (Cub) 0, Tony Calvert (Cub) 0, Hedley Cockshot (Cub) 5.

**Class E Unit Machines over 250cc:** Phil Clarkson (C15) 7, Mark Harrison (B40) 31, Bob Baker (B40) 34.

**Class F Two Strokes:** Mick Haslam (Bantam) 0, Steve Thomas (Bantam) 3, Owen Hardisty (Bantam) 3.

**Class G Twin Cylinder:** Mark Feather (Triumph) 2, Pete McCanna (Tri/Gre) 8, Mal Cocking (Triumph) 9.

**Class H Vintage Two Stroke:** Mick Preston (James) 14, Eric Atkinson (James) 24.

**Class K Clubman:** Les Humphries (Cub) 9, Mark Gregg (Bantam) 10, Frank Anderton (James) 14.

**Class J Pre Unit under 350cc:** Adrian Brayshaw (C12) 14.

**Specials Class:** Ian Wilson (Cub)14, Malcom Ellis (Cub) 19, D. Brogden (Cub) 35.