

Yorkshire Classic MCC
Rd. 7 Championship Trial
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This round was held at Lumb Waterfall ,Cowling Nr. Keighley a regular Yorkshire Classic venue and one of the very best for the big variety of sections that it offered the course plotters Tim Pawson and John Feather.

A big entry of over 70 riders gathered in pleasant conditions to tackle four laps of ten sections on what proved to be quite a challenging day. No cleans were recorded but John Maxfield and Tony Calvert on the Cubs got away with just single dabs beating last years winner Chris Haigh on the Velocette by four marks.

On the Clubman route Mick Dickinson, Bantam, had a good ride losing only two marks to emerge as the clear winner on this route beating Bernhard Whitaker on seven marks and Vintage Two Stroke joint winners Mick Preston and Eric Atkinson also on seven marks.

Section one was the traditional starter with its muddy gully and big protruding rock that was as troublesome as ever with only eight riders managing a clean. Section two saw riders clambering over slippery rocks with a couple of tight turns to catch the unwary. This time only three cleans were recorded Maxfield and Calvert being joined by another Cub mounted rider Hedley Cockshott.

Section three came as a surprise to many who after the summer months had forgotten how to ride deep muddy sections. This one caught out most of the entry excluding the Pre Unit and Unit class winners and with good rides from Richard Thorpe and Geoff Walker both James and Steve Robinson Cub mounted who all had cleans.

The hillclimb on section five favoured the big bikes where Chris Gascoigne and Dave Emmott did really well with Carl Winstanley James joining Thorpe as the only Two Strokes to master it. The four river sections were excellent with big rock steps and plenty of slippery boulders. Nobody cleaned all four with Maxfield and Calvert losing their solitary marks here and Haigh and Dickinson both dropping two.

There were some tired riders at the end of this one and over a dozen retirements but many congratulations to Bill Hill aged 79 who finished looking as fit as a fiddle.

RESULTS

Pre Unit Springers: Chris Haigh (Velocette) 5 marks lost, Chris Gascoigne (Ariel) 11, Dave Emmott (Triumph) 14.

Telefork Rigids: John Feather (RE) 8.

Twin Cylinder : Mick Whitlow (Triumph) 44.

Vintage Two Stroke: Mick Preston (James) 7, Eric Atkinson (James) 7, Barry Doran (James) 51.

Unit Construction under 250cc:John Maxfield (Cub) 1, Tony Calvert (Cub) 1, Hedley Cockshott (Cub)16.

Unit Construction over 250cc:Phil Clarkson (B40) 26, John McCanna (B40) 45, Steve Culf (C15) 76.

Small Pre Unit Springer: Adrian Brayshaw (C12) 13.

Clubman : Mick Dickinson (Bantam) 2, Bernhard Whitaker (Cub) 7, Frank Anderton (James) 15.

Specials: Ian Wilson (Cub) 19, Malcolm Ellis (Cub) 29, Keith Hobson (McD Cub) 43.