

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

**Robin Hood was the venue for this Yorkshire Classic Pre unit event. The Clerks of Course Tim Pawson and Gary Marshall were rewarded with a fine day and a big entry of sixty five riders. Conditions were dry and the course had been set out on the easy side to encourage more big bike riders to take part. The entry included six rigids and a girder fork rigid so they were suited with the course.**

The opening section was a blast straight up the steep hillside at Robin Hood which is notoriously steep but was cleaned by all but three riders who had fives. The sound of those big bikes on the hill could be heard for miles. Sections two and three didn't cause any trouble but section four up and down some hollows high up on the tops caught out the unwary on the steep drop into the first hole. Many of the entry were still clean at this point including our veteran Bill Hill seventy nine last month.

Section five started to sort out the entry a bit. Run in reverse riders dropped into a narrow downhill stony gully with reeds covering the sides of the banking making it difficult to see the line. Four of the rigids lost marks here and only Mal Cocking stayed clean amongst the twins with class winner Gary Marshall having his solitary dab. Adrian Brayshaw on the C12 lost one of his two marks here as did Paul Jackson on the Velocette.

Sections six, seven and nine were the mark takers and were sections that have been traditional ones at Robin Hood over many years but are still excellent. Number six is a rocky gully with a tight exit that caught all the rigids except Dave Emmott on the AJS though Graham Wilkinson on the TRW only had a dab.

Severn was the waterfall climb minus water on this occasion and overall winner John Feather having a splendid ride on the Enfield made no mistakes to clean it easily. Dave Emmott lost his only mark here and Steve Cordon and Frank Proud both on AMC rigids took dabs.

Section nine a hill climb over loose rocks was tricky if you didn't get the line right and at least half the non competitive riders on the lightweights lost marks as real power was a distinct advantage. Thanks to Observers and Landowner.

### **Results**

**Class A Tele fork Springer:** John Feather (R/Enfield) clean, Chris Gascoigne (Ariel) 0, Pete McCanna (R/Enfield) 0.

**Class B Tele Fork Rigid:** Dave Emmott (AJS) 1, Steve Cordon (AJS) 4, Graham Wilkinson (TRW) 7.

**Class C Girder Fork Rigid:** Ian Barker (Norton) 16.

**Class G Twin Cylinder:** Gary Marshall (Triumph) 1, Mal Cocking (Triumph) 2, John Patefield (Triumph) 5.

**Class J Small Pre Unit Springer:** Adrian Brayshaw (C12) 2.

**Non Comp Class:** Maurice Brayford (James) 0, Steve Thomas (Bantam) 0, Mark Harrison (B40) 0.