

Yorkshire Classic MCC
Rd. 5 Pre Unit Championship
Report: Neil Anderton

Yorkshire Classic ran their latest Pre Unit Trial at the Greetland venue near Halifax. The compact course coped nicely with the 42 riders who entered and there was very little queueing. The two new clerks of course Steve Culf and Phil Holey laid out ten fairly challenging sections particularly for the rigid machines but received nothing but praise from those taking part.

The first three sections were similar, in and out of hollows with only some rocks on section two catching the rigids except for class winner John Feather on the Enfield and Chris Nutter on the Ariel. Section four was more challenging as riders had to drop into deep mud before climbing a rock step on the angle. No pre unit cleaned this, the best coming from Graham Wilkinson on the Triumph twin with a dab. Only three non competitive riders managed it with Hobson., Driffield and Haslam all going clean. Sections five and six proved to be the most difficult of the four hill climb sections. Five was a steep downhill followed by a tight turn and a climb back over a log to the finish. Most riders dabbled on the turn to get momentum except Steve Cordon and Frank Proud both rigid AMC mounted who had excellent cleans as did Steve Rayner on the Matchless springer.

Section six was another climb up a steep path with steps and tight turns which kept momentum to a minimum with balance and throttle control vital. Again only three cleans were recorded, another for Rayner to help him to a Class A win, one for Feather on his way to the rigid class win and the final one for Mal Cocking on the Triumph twin. An excellent trial, congratulations to overall winner Dale Harrison and thanks to observers and land owner.

RESULTS

Class A Pre Unit Springer: Steve Rayner (Matchless) 5 marks lost, Paul Jackson (Velocette) 21, Dave Greenbank (Ariel) 36.

Class B Tele Fork Rigid: John Feather (R/E) 14, Steve Cordon (AJS) 15, Frank Proud (Matchless) 21.

Class G Twin Cylinder : Dale Harrison (Triumph) 4, Mal Cocking (Triumph) 5, Graham Wilkinson (Triumph) 8.

Class J Small Pre Unit Springers: Adrian Brayshaw (C12) 26, Neil Anderton(C12) 44.

Non Comp. Class: Keith Hobson (Cub) 0, Mick Driffield (James) 0, Steve Thomas (Bantam) 1.