

Yorkshire Classic MCC
Rd 9 Pre Unit Championship
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This latest event in the Yorkshire Classic Pre Unit series was staged at the quaintly named Walls of Jericho near Bradford. Forty Eight riders tackled four laps of a ten section course laid out by former Triumph man Paul England and Robert Lowther.

The course plotters have many options on this very pleasant steep sided valley and they made good use of the stream which flows throughout its length. The first five sections climbed in and out of the stream ideal for the big Pre unit bikes.

The rigid class winner Steve Corden on the lovely AJS dropped one of his four marks on the first section which narrowed on the bend and climbed over some small rock steps.

Adrian Brayshaw winner of class J dropped one of his four marks here also. Section six the first of the hill climbs surprisingly only caught out two riders as the start was tight through a wall and the climb steep. If only it had rained.

Section seven was a bit trickier as it started high on the hillside and took a sharp left up a steep bank and then climbed again over loose stones to the finish. Overall winner Paul Jackson on the Velocette made no mistakes here but over a third of the non competitive riders had dabs or worse.

Section nine was the big mark taker, observed by Terry Wright it followed a steep narrow path onto a plateau and then dropped off the edge for an adverse camber ride to the end cards back on the top. Only one Pre Unit rider Dave Emmott on the rigid AJS managed to keep his score intact while nine of the non comps kept clean sheets including Wilson, Mitchell, Edwards and Tomkinson who all finished the trial clean.

The final section was a climb up a bank followed by another short climb over a mound and then two tight turns to the finish. All the Class A springers cleaned it as did Chris Nutter on the rigid Ariel and John Feather on the rigid Enfield.

An excellent trial on a great piece of land.

RESULTS

Class A Pre Unit Springer: Paul Jackson (Velocette) 1 mark lost, Andy Greenbank (Ariel) 5, Carl Winstanley (Ariel) 7.

Class B Tele Fork Rigid: Steve Corden (AJS) 4, John Feather (RE) 5, Dave Emmott (AJS) 5.

Class G Twin Cylinder: Graham Wilkinson (Triumph) 3, Robert Lowther (Triumph) 44.

Class J Small Pre Unit Springer: Adrian Brayshaw (AC12) 4.

Non Competitive : Ian Wilson (Cub) 0, Gary Mitchell (F/B) 0, Paul Edwards (Cub) 0.