

Yorkshire Classic MCC
West Riding Trial
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Yorkshire Classic hosted round four of the Northern British Bike Championship series which attracted 60 riders to this 35 mile circuit of some of Yorkshires finest scenery. Laid out by Colin Pawson and club helpers the riders tackled a variety of sections calling at numerous venues used by the club throughout the year.

Overall winner was Jimmy Noble out on a Cub for the first time who conquered all but one of the sections where a dab in the river at Cowling beck cost him his only mark. Hedley Cockshott similarly mounted was just one mark behind on two marks lost with Dave Emmott on the Triumph Twin in third place on four.

The first group of four stream sections was only half a mile from the start at Cullingworth, on Robin Luscombes land. Only nine riders on the normal route cleaned all of them and five on the Clubman route including Frank Proud and Graham Howes on the rigids.

Two new groups of sections were introduced at Cullingworth and Pinnacle near Cowling.

The dry conditions made the first group with its big hillclimb easy but the second group on the skyline above Cowling proved tougher with the second sub in particular taking a lot of marks. A twisting climb between rocks was tricky and got harder after some of the frequent showers.

Duncan Macdonald had a five to record only his second loss of the day and spoil an excellent ride. Only Richard Thorpe, Barry Burton and Alan Whitton were clean amongst the Two Strokes while Maurice Brayford was joined by Frank Proud, Eric Atkinson and Ian Barker as class winners on the eased route who mastered this challenging section.

With both groups of sections at Lumb Waterfall and Cowling Beck being in the streams riders got plenty of practice amongst the rocks in the type of sections that the Yorkshire Pre 65 scene is famous for. Most riders were taking five hours to complete the course so the pie peas and a pint at the Guide Inn were most welcome at the finish for both Observers and riders. An excellent trial, thanks to landowners and all those who helped.

RESULTS

Girder Fork Rigid: Ian Barker (Norton) 18 marks lost.

Telefork Rigid: Frank Proud (Matchless) 6, Graham Howes (BSA) 7, John Feather (R/E) 9.

Pre Unit Springer: Dave Emmott (Triumph) 4, Duncan Macdonald (Ariel) 6, Carl Winstanley (Ariel) 29.

Vintage Two Stroke: Eric Atkinson (James) 20.

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Unit Construction: Jimmy Noble (Cub)1, Hedley Cockshott (Cub) 2, Mark Quinn (Cub) 3.

Clubman: Maurice Brayford (James) 3, Judy Macdonald (Cub) 9, Pete Elvidge (Greeves) 10.

Pre Unit Clubman: Steve Cordon (AJS) 2, Brent Cordon (AJS) 6, Pete Baldwin (Ariel) 13.

Specials: Robert Moore (Cub) 17, Keith Hobson (McD Cub) 32, Tony Peat (McD Cub) 52.