

Yorkshire Classic MCC

Round 7, Pre unit Championship, at Deepcliffe Farm, Harden 19th October 2014

Report by Steve Rayner

### **Jacko Digs Deep**

The unseasonably warm weather was welcomed by the 43 competitors at Dave Pickles own trials garden on an interesting and varied course plotted by the Pawson brothers. For a change, the riders in the Pre-Unit and Vintage 2 stroke classes outnumbered those riding lightweight machinery in the non-competitive class.

Pensioner Paul Jackson on his own Velocette creation was the pick of the pre-unit crop digging deep into his experience losing only 4 on the day.

Sections 1 and 2 were in a gully new to the club with 3 lines available in the downstream running first. Once the best line was established few marks were lost although Paul lost 50% of his total here. The second featured a rocky streambed with a narrow exit that took marks of all the pre-units and vintage 2 strokes except Graham 'Plant' Wilkinson on his Triumph twin.

The biggest mark taker though was section 6, a downhill right hand turn and clamber across a jumble of large rocks that became slippery as the tacky mud spread on the key steps. Of the competitive class riders, only winner Jacko went clean with Steve Cordon showing that rigids can also survive the rocks, Gary Mitchell (Ariel) springer and Gary Marshall (Triumph Twin) showing good form to lose only 1 here.

Another jumble of large wet rocks at section 7 needed precise steering to weave through without fault, a feat only 4 pre-units including the winner, Andy Greenbank , John Feather And Mick Whitlow achieved every lap.

As usual the riders on lightweight machinery joined in the fun and Andy Scott (Cub) kept his feet on the pegs with Steve Thomas (Bantam) losing only 1 with Bob Baker winning the age tie with young Joel Brayford on 6.

Thanks for a very enjoyable day especially to the landowner particularly for the hand pulled real ale in section 11.

With two more rounds before the class winners are decided, there's still chance to take the honours with only the 7 rounds to count.

### **Results**

#### **Pre-Unit Springers**

1<sup>st</sup> Paul Jackson Velo – 4    2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Imrie Ariel – 6    3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Greenbank Ariel – 7

#### **Pre-Unit Rigid**

1<sup>st</sup> John Feather Ariel - 14    2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Cordon Matchless – 18    3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Rayner Matchless – 21

#### **Twins**

1<sup>st</sup> Malc Cocking Trifield – 10    2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Marshall Tri twin - 10    3<sup>rd</sup> Mick Whitlow Tri twin - 12

#### **Pre-Unit Rigid under 347cc**

1<sup>st</sup> Chris Bacon C10 BSA - 35

#### **Vintage 2 stroke Rigid**

1<sup>st</sup> Paul Harrison Bantam - 54    2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Atkinson James – 59

#### **Vintage 2 stroke Springer**

1<sup>st</sup> Ady Brayshaw James – 11    2<sup>nd</sup> Mick Preston James – 26    3<sup>rd</sup> Neil Anderton – 56