

Yorkshire Classic MCC Ltd
Boxing Day Charity Trial, Manor Farm, Glusburn
26th December 2019
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Ariels, Cubs and Bantams Clean Up.

Yorkshire Classic's annual Boxing Day trial at Manor Farm on the hillside above Cross Hills can often be cold, wet and windy, but this year the weather was a little kinder as the forecast heavy rain didn't arrive. 41 riders took part on the 10 sections plotted by Tim Pawson and John Feather.

With the sections designed for a downpour, fewer marks than anticipated were lost with no less than 14 riders on Ariels, Cubs and Bantams staying clean. Club rules give the benefit of any tie to the older rider so with three of the seven Pre-unit springers going clean it was Ariel mounted Dan Clark who took the tie from similarly mounted Ben and Jack Butterfield in that class.

The first six sections were gentle enough although the camber at section 3 caused a few wobbles including the only dab from Will Harrison (Ariel).

Section 7 had a horizontal approach that soon turned into a rut before the left turn up a sharp rise over multiple tree roots with Ariel guru Carl Winstanley dropping his only dab here.

The old favourite rocky wheel tracks formed section 8 with a sideways entry for a change causing a bit of trouble but the hardest section of the day was the penultimate section 9. A short leg led to a tight right downhill turn to a 180 deg left back up to another tight right and left in the shape of a 'W' taking the marks.

A good steady day's sport was had with our thanks going to the Landowner, Clerks of Course, Observers, Riders and Barry Pickard for results and photos and to all who contributed £142.30 to the Charity Box.

Results

Class A Pre-Unit Springers

Dan Clarke (Ariel) 0, Ben Butterworth (Ariel) 0, Jack Butterworth (Ariel) 0.

Class B Pre-Unit Telefork Rigid over 347cc

John Feather (Ariel) 7, Gary Marshall (Triumph TRW)

Class D Cubs

Tony Calvert 0, Dave Wilkinson 0, James Noble 0, Paul Whittaker 0.

Class E Unit 250 and over

John Holdsworth (C15) 10.

Class F 2-Strokes

Mick Whitlow (Bantam) 0, Steve Thomas (Bantam) 0, Steve Gossop (Bantam) 0, Andy Hesketh (Bantam) 0, Tony Swindenbank (Bantam) 0, Jonny Clark (Bantam) 0.

Class G Twins

Graham Wilkinson (Triumph) 4.

Class V Vintage 2-stroke

Oddie (Bantam) 20, Neil Anderton (James) 27

Class S Specials

Ian Myers (Armac Cub) 0, Phil Kendrew (Tri 250)