

Yorkshire Classic MCC

Round 4, Pre-unit Championship, at Greetland, Near Elland, 26th May 2019

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Joel Brayford tops day.

Greetland on the hills above Elland was the venue for Yorkshire Classic's 4th Pre-Unit Trial of the year and Club President, Neil Anderton and Bernard Whitaker had plotted 10 sections in the wood to test the 31 riders taking part. Whilst the heavy rain overnight and in the morning could have made the steep climbs at the lower end of the wood difficult, there was still plenty of grip on the day, with Sections 4 and 5 causing the main problems for all the entry.

In the Pre-unit Class, Joel Brayford, making a welcome appearance, won the day with Section 4 taking 6 of his 10 marks. A short steep drop and tight right back up hill was followed by a series of turns through rocks, followed by a long steep downhill, tight turn and back up to the finish. Best here were Johnny Cooke and John Feather, both losing 3.

Next came Section 5, with its start over a fallen tree log followed closely by a tight right over rocks and up a banking. It was here that Johnny Cooke lost the trial, stopping on the rocky turn on his first lap. Best here were the winner on 3, with Colwyn Darlow on 4, on his immaculate Norton.

Section 10, a climb through the uphill rock-strewn gully, is a favourite mark taker and today was no exception, with all Pre-unit and the majority of Non-Competitive riders losing marks.

In the Non-Competitive Class, Simon Mephram was best on 1, lost on Section 10, followed by Dave Ingram and Chris Wilson on 2 and Steve Gossop on 5, after a stop on the uphill Section 9 on his last lap.

After a wet beginning, the weather fined up and our thanks go to the Landowner, Observers, Barry for results and photos, and Clerks of Course for a good day's sport with a special thought for Neil, who took a tumble while marking out on Saturday and was feeling a bit sore!

Results

Pre-Unit Springers

Joel Brayford(Ariel) 10, Johnny Cooke(Ariel) 13, Colwyn Darlow(Norton) 20.

Pre-Unit Rigid

John Feather (Ariel) 28.

Twins

Dave White (Triumph) 38.

Non-Competitive

Simon Mephram(Cub) 1, Dave Ingram(Cub) 2, Chris Wilson 2, Steve Gossop 5, Steve Thomas 7,(All Bantams).

Photos

1. Winner Joel Brayford, Ariel No. 58
2. Dave White, Triumph Twin No. 56
3. Johnny Cooke, Ariel No.65