

## Yorkshire Classic MCC

Round 3, Pre unit Championship, at Robin Hood, Silsden, 7th April 2019

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### Ariel View

Round three of the Yorkshire Classic Pre-Unit Championship was held on the south facing rocky slopes in Lampkin country overlooking the small town of Silsden.

Fair weather met the 54 riders at this excellent compact location where Rob Lowther and Dale Harrison had set out a tight and challenging course with 10 sections to be ridden 4 times.

Five Ariels headed the pre-unit springer class with Lancashire's Ben Butterworth being the sole championship rider to lose no marks for the full 4 laps. Runner up as last year was Dave Ingram losing his sole mark at the relatively easy final section.

Also on one mark was George Emmott on his specials class Triumph twin. His lapse of concentration was on the very easy section 8. Last year's pre-Unit springer winner Will Harrison lost 2 of his 3 on the big step at section 6 to come in third on his Ariel with the top 7 riders out of the excellent turnout of 13 pre-unit springers all staying in single figures.

### Rare Rigid

In the pre-unit rigid class, John Feather ploughed a lone furrow on his Ariel but the rocks got the better of him extracting 25 marks with 11 of them lost on the twisty uphill climb at section 5.

Dale Harrison had a great ride having brought the Triumph twin out for a rare appearance, losing his five marks on the first two rocky gullies that turned out to be the hardest sections of the day.

### Non Championship

As usual, the majority of the entries were riding for fun in the non championship class and with a clean sheet it was Tony Calvert that put his Cub ahead of a trio of Bantams ridden by Steve Thomas tying with Owen Hardisty on one with Nick Jefferies cursing his 2 marks on section 2 finishing fourth. As always at Yorkshire Classic events, ties go in favour of the older rider.

The top 11 riders finished on single figures which a good show considering the difficulty of several sections.

### Content

At the end of the day the standard was just right for a Pre Unit event and the sunshine at the end of the event only added to the pleasure.

### Results

#### Pre-Unit Springers

Ben Butterworth (Ariel) 0, Dave Ingram (Ariel) 1, Will Harrison (Ariel) 3, Johnnie Cooke (Ariel) 5.

#### Pre-Unit Rigid

John Feather (Ariel) 25.

#### Twins (all Triumph)

Dale Harrison 5, John Patefield 34, Rob Lowther 45.

#### Specials

George Emmott (Triumph Twin) 1.

#### NC (Non Championship)

Tony Calvert (Cub) 0, Steve Thomas (Bantam) 1, Owen Hardisty (Bantam) 1, Nick Jefferies (Bantam) 2, Simon Mephram (Cub) 3.

Photos by Barry Pickard- Top to bottom:-

Geoff Walker (Ariel) fights his way up the rocks at sec 1

Edward Dobson (Ariel) starts sec 5.

George Emmott (Triumph) flies up the step at section 6

Mark Francis (Matchless) exits the mud at section 9