

Bagshot Revisited

We were delighted with an entry of 72 for the ninth round of the Club Championships held at the Army's driver training centre at Bagshot, the first time that the venue has been used for 2 years. The riders had to tackle 4 laps of 10 sections set out by Jon Yendell, Mark Ward, Jeff Morgan and Rupert Kemp and utilised all of the available land. Phil Wiffen put on a masterclass to win the expert class followed home by Liam Thomas, Jack Frearson riding a twinshock Yamaha and Gary Brown, Phil had feet up rides at section three traversing the banks of a downward gully. Joe Snelling had a tough time in youth expert but was rewarded with feet up rides through section ten up and down the banks of a shallow bomb hole.

There was a titanic scrap for honours in the inter class between course plotters Mark Ward, Jon Yendell and James Gatcum with only 2 marks separating all three, Mark ended up the victor thanks to wheel perfect rides at section one crossing a deep ravine and climbing out over exposed roots. Danny Embury was out on his own in youth inter, he too went feet up through section ten. Tim Davis was top novice, Kevin Fishlock and Adam Grosch tied for second place with Nigel Brimecombe close behind in fourth, they all managed four cleans at section two down and up the steep banks. Riding the same route Simon Dowling was victorious of the Over 50 class, John Reeves was a close second with Pete Haines taking third place, inch perfect rides from Simon and John climbing up the steep leaf covered hill at section nine. Secretary scribe Peter Thatcher took the win in the twinshock class on the red route from Ian Hayward, Peter's only loses came at section seven dropping down a gully alongside the pillbox. Neil Osman and Tom Frearson shared honours in the pre67 class on the red route with Martin Kemp taking third and Nick James fourth, feet up rides from Neil and Tom at section eight ascending the steep stoney climb. Pete Hampton was best Over 65 from Brian Ayres both BSA mounted, Pete lost all his marks at section ten. Paul Balsillie and Barry Birchmore shared victory in twinshock yellow both loosing a meagre dab, with Rob Ayres third. Arthur Frearson triumphed in Pre67 yellow from Jeff Morgan and Simon Ward, wheel perfect rides from Arthur at section four swooping up and down the sandy banks. Charles Wood took honours in the sportsman class by two dabs from Russell Funnell with Nelson Jones in third place, feet up rides from Charles at section five snaking amongst the trees alongside the M3. Oliver Hill won the youth beginner class from Connor Johnson, nice clean rides from Oliver at section six twisting amongst the trees with a steep climb to the exit gates.

The club would like to thank all those who supported the trial and to Simon Ward for his painstaking work to secure the use of the land.



Results

Expert: Phil Wiffen (Sherco) 19, Liam Thomas (Gas Gas) 55, Jack Frearson (Yamaha) 106, Gary Brown (Beta) 116.

Youth Expert: Joe Snelling (Beta) 98.

Inter: Mark Ward (Ossa) 24, Jon Yendell (Vertigo) 25, James Gatcum (Sherco) 26, James Reid (Fantic) 32, Andy Hutchinson (Gas Gas) 32, Peter Steer (Beta) 37, Paul Heron (Vertigo) 38, Charlie Kent (Gas Gas) 54, Adam Gilham (Beta) 57, Nigel Hains (Beta) 64, Matthew Rowden (Sherco) 73, Tristan Robinson (Butler) 83, Oscar Lawry (Montesa) 84, Mark Williams (Sherco) 84.

Youth Inter: Danny Embury (Beta) 81.

Over 40: Dave Dale (Gas Gas) 29.

Novice: Tim Davis (Beta) 8, Adam Grosch (Beta) 11, Kevin Fishlock (Gas Gas) 11, Nigel Brimecombe (Beta) 13, Tim Roblett (Beta) 15, Steve McHugh (TRS) 19, Gary Reed (Beta) 25, Dave Wiffen (Montesa) 26, Kieran Webb (Gas Gas) 33.

Over 50: Simon Dowling (Beta) 5, John Reeves (Beta) 10, Pete Haines (Beta) 12, Peter Strange (Beta) 17, Andy Hutchinson (Beta) 21, Ian Hill (Beta) 36.

Twinshock Red: Peter Thatcher (SWM) 2, Ian Hayward (Fantic) 15.

Pre 67 Red: Neil Osman (AJS) 6, Tom Frearson (BSA) 6, Martin Kemp (Greeves) 29, Nick James (DOT) 43.

Over 65: Pete Hampton (BSA) 5, Brian Ayres (BSA) 14.

Twinshock Yellow: Paul Balsillie (Honda) 1, Barrie Birchmore (Yamaha) 1, Rob Ayres (Yamaha) 36.

Pre67 Yellow: Arthur Frearson (Triumph) 4, Simon Ward (Greeves) 11, Les Starrs (Ariel) 16, Graham Barton (AJS) 25, Rupert Kemp (Greeves) 35, Andy Bamford (AJS) 43, Paul Lecoq (BSA) 49.

Sportsman: Charles Wood (Beta) 2, Russell Funnell (Beta) 4, Nelson Jones (Scorpa) 60, Miles Smith (Gas Gas) 114..

Youth Beginner: Oliver Hill (Sherco) 27, Connor Johnson (Beta) 55.



Star Group

The Kingston club pulled the plug on their round for the 9th December due to the lack of entries, which means that Haslemere are this year's club champions; our congratulations go out to them. In the individual championships, Jamie Rowden is the expert winner, Colin Allsop is the inter winner with Peter Steer second, Matthew Rowden and Keyin Fishlock second and third in the novices, Ian Hayward third in the twinshock class, Martin Kemp winner of the Pre67 Red, Jeff Morgan winner of the Pre67 Yellow with Rupert Kemp second, Elliott and Graham Tickner took honours in the sidecar class – well done to you all. The opening round in 2019 is on 13th January at Blacklands Farm East Grinstead run by the Kingston Club, their regs show no closing date but assume it to be 6th January.

Thames Championship

A healthy entry of 72 for the ninth round at Bagshot, which was way short of our break even figure but an enjoyable day was had by all. The last round is on 16th December at Hook Wood Trials Centre and organised by the Normandy club, our thanks go to them for the trial sharing this year; it is planned to continue this into 2019.

AGM

The AGM will take place on Thursday 13th December at Harehill Social Club, Ledger Drive, Addlestone KT15 1AT starting at 8.30pm; please make an effort to attend to have a say in the future of the club.



Oliver Hill winner youth beginner

National Trials

Congratulations to Elliott and Graham Tickner who won the newcomers class in the Wessex Plant British Sidecar Championship, initially mounted on a twinshock Fantic but lately on a modern Sherco. Daryl and Hannah Dale made an appearance in the last round at Hook Woods after being busy with much more important business this year. Jolyon Walters, Max Seaman and Gary Brown have all ridden a couple of rounds in the solo championship in the expert class, but it has been challenging.

Mike Kemp Classic Trial

The trial will take place on 30th December at Hungry Hill for Pre67 and twinshock machines, our thanks once again to Simon Ward for securing the use of the land, it is our main event of the year and is a round of the Centre Championship. We normally receive an entry of about 100 so 12 sections are planned, we nearly have a compliment of observers just need a couple, offers of help to Bob please.

