

Mountain Wood Farm - Thatcher's the way to do it

We invited the Normandy club to the second round of our championship at the newish location Mountain Wood Farm in East Horsley, the riders had to tackle four laps of ten sections set out by the Brown family and Peter Thatcher at this compact venue. After a cold frosty start the day was fine and sunny which helped to dry out some of the sections. Liam Thomas was best expert followed home by Tom Frearson out on new Montesa four banger, Liam excelled at section four with feet up rides up and down the banks of a shallow gulley. The inters had a tough day with current champion Paul Heron running out the winner from Peter Steer on a new Beta with Matt Tidbury in third place, wheel perfect rides from Paul at section ten up and down the main banking with a steep climb to the exit gates. Adam Grosch aced the novice route with Dave Wiffen second and Mick Auger in third place, feet up rides by Adam at section seven squeezing between the fallen trees and over a tree stump. Riding the same route Simon Dowling won the over 50 class from Kevin Fishlock, all cleans from Simon at section eight in and out from two bomb holes. Martin Kemp was out on his own in the Pre67 class on the red route cleaning section two alongside the road on each visit, Jeff Morgan beat Len Hart to take honours in the Pre67 class on the yellow route, nice rides from Jeff at section five up the gulley by the pig pen exiting over tree roots. By far the biggest entry was in the twinshock class, course plotter Peter Thatcher triumphed but it took a most cleans decider to determine runner up with Adrian Mountain taking it from Mark Ward. Inch perfect rides from Peter at section six over a large mound and dropping into a gulley. David White was out on his own in the Over 65 class with all cleans at section one. Paul Niblett was best sportsman followed home by Matt Dawkins. Just two youths entered both on the yellow route with Josh Brown running out best from young Katy Tickner, they both battled hard with the climb out from section four but Josh conquered it on lap four only to dab at the tight exit between two trees.



Adam Grosch

Paul Heron



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Thames Motorcycle Club

Results

Expert: Liam Thomas (Gas Gas) 50, Tom Frearson (Montesa) 105.
Inter: Paul Heron (Vertigo) 60, Peter Steer (Beta) 72, Matt Tidbury (Scorpa) 87, Matthew Rowden (Sherco) 103,
Novice: Adam Grosch (Beta) 21, David Wiffen (Montesa) 31, Mick Auger (Sherco) 57.
Over 50: Simon Dowling (Beta) 21, Kevin Fishlock (Gas Gas) 41.
Twinshock: Peter Thatcher (SWM) 11, Adrian Mountain (Montesa) 28, Mark Ward (Montesa) 28, Ian Hayward (Montesa) 35, David Bridgeland (Bultaco) 47, Terry Tidbury (Honda) 53, Arthur Frearson (Yamaha) 56, Stephen Richards (Honda) 105.
Pre 67 Red: Martin Kemp (Greeves) 66.
Pre 67 Yellow: Jeff Morgan (AJS) 22, Len Hart (James) 47.
Over 65: David White (Gas Gas) 16.
Sportsman: Paul Niblett (Honda) 40, Matt Dawkins (Gas Gas) 74.
Youth Beginner: Josh Brown (Beta) 47, Katy Tickner (Beta) 82.



Thames Championship

There was a disappointing entry of 29 for the second round at Mountain Wood Farm, where we were joined by some members of the Normandy club; a pleasant warm spring day made for good riding conditions. Our thanks go to ex-member Andy Todman for allowing us to play in his back garden, we hope to be invited back next year. Full details and club championship points are available on the website. The third round is on 31st March at Hook Wood Trials Centre KT24 6EA, just one week after the British Championship round; so we have asked Jim to leave the sections for us to ride (Ha! Ha!).



Josh Brown



Jeff Morgan

Star Group

The second round was held at Frensham run by the Sunbeam Club in conjunction with TVTC and NKTC which produced a massive entry but with eighteen sections there was little queuing. We had a good turnout of members and scored well so it is very tight now in the Club Championship table, we are just half a point behind Haslemere. In the individual championship, Jamie Rowden leads the expert class, Jon Yendell and Matthew Rowden are 1 and 2 in Inters, Kevin Fishlock leads Novice, Joe Snelling heads Youth Expert and Martin Kemp is second in Pre67 Reds. Also Peter Steer, Kevin Miller, Jeff Morgan, Rupert Kemp, David White, David and Jonathan Bathe have ridden just one round so far. The next round is on March 10th at Headley by the Haslemere club, this is our big chance to score even bigger points as the organising club do not score any. Please make every effort to enter before March 5th, if necessary ring John Sapsard on 01420473687.

British Championship

The first round of the Sidecar Nationals will have taken place by now, we hope that Elliott and Graham Tickner had an enjoyable ride in their first venture into the Clubman Class. The first round of the solo Nationals will take place on Saturday 23rd March at Hook Wood Trials Centre, we had a couple of runners last year but it was tough! We will be sponsoring a section at both trials to help with the finances, if you are free why not pop along and support the trial; there is an entry fee at Hook Woods. Jim Connor is always looking for people to help on the day, please let him know on 01483285727 if you can.



Gary Brown at last year's Hook Woods Champ round

Presentation Night

The presentation night took place on Thursday 28th February and a very enjoyable evening was had by those of us who attended, what do we have to do to attract others to attend? The infamous Kemp Quiz was won by the Dream Team who scored 22 out of 25, an excellent effort! Martin will bring the uncollected awards to the next club round, otherwise winners will need to arrange collection.