

Drying Setheron

Laid out in pouring rain the day before, clerk of the course Steve Austin and his assistants Ian Hayward and Jeff Morgan were amazed to see the land at Setheron, Dunsfold had dried considerably overnight making the trial a little easier than planned. That said all of the riders seemed to have a good days sport and nobody went clean all day over four laps of ten sections and it produced some close finishes in most classes. We were again joined by our friends from Normandy MCC which doubled the entry to 34 and made for a quick and very relaxed event. Most of the sections rode well with a sting in the tail at section ten where the slippery roots and climb over the rocks proved a challenge. James Grist had a narrow one mark victory over Richard Tickner in the well attended Expert class with Phillip Wiffen a close third. Reynard Norris comfortably won the Inters class from Matt Tidbury and Paul Heron, Reynard's ascent of the rocks at ten being the deciding factor. Steve Brown continued his return from injury to win the Novice class, 3 marks ahead of Colin Grist with Terry Tidbury in third place, Riding the same route Simon Dowling was best of the Over 50s with Pete Haines and John Reeves not far behind, in the twinshocks David Bridgeland was victor from Pete Thatcher and Ian Hayward. Steve Austin took honours in the Sportsman class by some considerable margin from Mark and Matthew Dawkins, Ian Ballard was out on his own in the Over 65s



Steve Brown over the rubble



August 2019

Thames Motorcycle Club

Results

Experts: James Grist (Gas Gas) 5, Richard Tickner (TRS) 6, Phillip Wiffen (Sherco) 9, Mike Powdrell (Sherco) 10, Alfie Miles (Montesa) 16, Jolyon Walters (Beta) 17, Elliott Tickner (TRS) 24, **Gary Brown** (Beta) 27.

Inter: Reynard Norris (Beta) 2, Matt Tidbury (Scorpa) 20, Paul Heron (Vertigo) 30, Nigel Hains (Beta) 44.

Novice: Steve Brown (Beta) 4, Colin Grist (Gas Gas) 7, Terry Tidbury (Scorpa) 12, Adam Grosch (Beta) 13, David Wiffen (Montesa) 17, Nelson Jones (Montesa) 23.

Over 50: Simon Dowling (Beta) 4, Pete Haines (Beta) 7, John Reeves (Beta) 9, Kevin Fishlock (Beta) 16.

Twinshock: David Bridgeland (Honda) 2, Peter Thatcher (SWM) 7, Ian Hayward (Montesa) 11, Adrian Mountain (Honda) 18, Jack Bridgeland (Honda) 30.

Sportsman: Steve Austin (Fantic) 4, Mark Dawkins (Gas Gas) 35, Matthew Dawkins (Gas Gas) 91.

Over 65: Ian Ballard (Beta) 24.



Thames Championship

There was just seventeen members entered for the sixth round at Setherm which was swelled by the same number from the Normandy club, heavy rain on the Saturday soon dried and made the going very pleasant. The seventh round is on Sunday September 22nd September at Kitsmead, Longcross to which the Normandy Club have been invited.

Army Land

We are now in receipt of the licence to run our club round at Bagshot in November and The Mike Kemp Classic at Hungry Hill in December, which is good news. The licence also covers for The Len Hutty Trial (a Star Group round) will also be held at Hungry Hill in November courtesy of Surrey Schoolboys.



Over 65 winner Ian Ballard

Star Group

There was a low turn out all round for the sixth round at Plaistow run by the Horsham club, we have a reduced lead now in the Club Championship table twenty eight points ahead of Horsham. In the individual championship, Jamie Rowden now leads the expert class, Matthew Rowden, Peter Steer and Jon Yendell are 1,2 and 3 in Inters, Kevin Fishlock now leads in Novice, Richard Conway third in Twinshocks, Dave Bathe third in Over 40, Joe Snelling heads Youth Expert, Jake Bush leads Youth Novice and Inter, Jeff Morgan second in Pre67 Yellows and Martin Kemp is third in Pre67 Reds. The next round is on August 11th at Faygate by the Croydon Club, please make every effort to enter before 3rd August, if necessary ring Victor Hurst 01293882694.

Ride London

Rupert Kemp is taking part in Ride London again this year and will be hoping to raise money for The Oakleaf Enterprise who help train and support people with mental health illnesses. Steve Brown did not make the ballot for entries but has promised to try again in 2020. You can sponsor Rupert at virginmoney.com/ruPERTkemp

Graham Tickner

We are pleased to report that Graham is feeling much better after his nasty accident at Dews Farm while passengering for Elliot, he attended the trial at Dunsfold with both sons but alas his competitive return is a good way off yet. We all wish him well for a speedy recovery.