

Kia National Twinshock Trials Championship. Round Two at Chavenage Hosted by Golden Valley Classic MCC

A total of 161 riders started out at 10.30am to complete two large laps of 20 sections at the very spacious and varied Chavenage venue. The riders set off in four groups which did a great job of spreading the riders out to avoid the queues which were thought likely. As the lap was around three miles in length there were few queues and with the glorious sunshine the trial ran smoothly. Sections 11 and 12 were marked out to test the top riders in each group, but after the first lap series organiser Alan Wright and GVC MCC chairman Alan Weir tightened both to ensure an overall winner could be found.



The sections were typical of West country trials, plenty of slippery mud and roots with steep climbs thrown in, many of the sections caught out riders who didn't pay enough attention. Organiser Gerry Minshall afterwards admitted a slack dab on the exit of section 4 because he thought he could remember it from the first lap...

Sections 1 to 10 and 13 to 20 took few marks from the star riders in both Clubman and Expert routes, but further down the running the marks were well spread out amongst the sections which meant there was something for all abilities and machines in both groups.

The overall winner of the Expert route was David Carter on a Gas Gas mono, being the sole rider to clean section 12 on the second lap - to a big cheer from the few left to witness his brilliant effort. It was clear from the start that this was the section to win the trial, and it changed throughout the day, water coming up onto the banks and muddy slots getting deeper. Mark Stokes on his 500 Trifield made an amazing spectacle as he blasted up out of the stream over the high roots, his two dabs there were well placed



considering the size of the bike.

The Clubman route recorded 9 cleans, more to do with rider ability than easy sections in some cases, Andy Robertson and Craig Haworth being two of them in the well supported P65 class, the twinshock and Historic Spanish classes also showed a good spread of marks after the top riders on clean.

There was a very impressive array of machinery in use, showing how popular this area of the sport is becoming, along with plenty of riding talent. Many thanks to all those who rode, marked out, helped organise, the

landowner and most of all the 20 observers who made the day.

Results;
Expert.

Historic Spanish, 1st, Robert Taylor Montesa. 3. 2nd, Chris Gascoigne Bultaco.
5. 3rd Stephen Bisby Ossa. 6.

Monoshock, 1st, David Carter Gas Gas. 0. 2nd, Steve Bird Yamaha. 2. 3rd, John
Cowley Honda. 2.

Pre65, Joint 1st Mark Stokes Trifield. 2. Ian Peberdy Bantam. 2 3rd, Martin
Stanistreet James. 6.

Twinshock, 1st Wayne Jones Fantic. 1. 2nd, Ian Baker Fantic. 2. 3rd Mick Thompson
Majesty. 3.

Clubman.

Historic Spanish, Joint 1st David Shave Yamaha. 0. Christopher Kent Bultaco 0. 3rd
Steve Fletcher Yamaha. 1.

Monoshock 1st Michael Parkes Yamaha. 0. 2nd, Gordon Pusey Yamaha.
1. 3rd, Dave Fry Yamaha. 2.

Pre65, Joint 1st, Andy Robertson. James. 0. Craig Haworth Bantam. 0. Joint 3rd,
Jennifer Stephen. Bantam. 1. Keith Gardner. Cub. 1.

Twinshock. Joint 1st, David Braithwaite Suzuki. 0. Paul Cook. SWM. 0. Paul
Millhouse. Kawasaki. 0.