



Golden Valley Classic Motor Cycle Club



March Hare Classic 2016

Report by Jon Cull

One hundred and twenty riders took part in Golden Valley Classic's 2016 March Hare, this year it was a 37.5 mile lap taking in some of the best, and well known sections in the West Country. The event was blessed with good weather, so apart from the hardy observers who did a sterling job standing in the cold, the riders at least stayed dry. The going in between sections was often more challenging than the sections themselves, but I don't think anyone could fail to appreciate the fantastic route,(And views) that had been planned.





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On the A route Steve Allen took the overall win on his Enfield Bullet, a single dab taken in the well known Sheeppath section. This sub only recorded 4 cleans from the whole entry. Runner up Merv Powell on his Ariel was one of the four, but lost 15 marks further on.

Gary Baker had an excellent ride on 2, to take top spot in the unit class on his Cub



Ian Hannam and Deborah Smith were the only finishers on the sidecar route, as Doug Sherbourne and his mate left most of his engine internals on the edge of a muddy field near Cam.



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Dave Spurgeon pipped Roy Enticknap on special test time to win the Pre 70 2 stroke class, that yowling Ariel twin must have the edge over a Villiers single. Fantic mounted Kevin Miller had a two mark advantage over Keith Well's on his Honda in the Twinshock / Specials Class.

The B route was also hotly contested with Andy Robertson taking joint first place with yours truly in the rigid class, both on 3 marks courtesy of Sheep path. Tim Padmore on his James finished on 10 in the Vintage 2 stroke class, beating Nick Nicholson on his Bantam on 15.

We all enjoyed riding some flat out hill climbs such as Axe Lane, and observer Dave Powell must have had a good time scoring his hill section in Westhill, which was a real treat to ride. A couple of sections in Tinkley lane to round off what must be one of the best classic road trials still running. Many thanks to all who helped in such a massive task.





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A route.

Pre unit. 1st Steve Allen, Royal Enfield 1. 2nd Merv Powell, Ariel 15. 3rd Ray Hemming Matchless, 38.

Unit. 1st Gary Baker, Triumph Cub 2. 2nd David Wathen, BSA 15. 3rd Ian Wixon Tri 5ta 18.

P70 2Stroke 1st Dave Spurgeon, Ariel 12. 2nd Roy Enticknap, DOT 12. 3rd Terry Watkins, BSA 32.

Twinshock/Specials. 1st Kevin Miller, antic 11. 2nd Keith Wells, Honda 13. 3rd Neil Turner, Honda 13.

B route.

Rigid. 1st Andy Roberton, James / Jon Cull, AJS 3. 2nd Tig Hartwell, AJS 6. 3rd Ian Watkins 13.

Pre58 Vintage 2stroke. 1st Tim Padmore, James 10. 2nd Nick Nicholson, BSA 15.

Pre70 British Sidecars. 1st Ian Hannam/Deborah Smith, BSA 26.

Trailbikes to 250cc. 1st Nathan Pekala, Kawasaki 2. 2nd Tony Coleman, GG 3. 3rd Joe Bendall, GG 6.

Trailbikes over 251cc. 1st Stuart Thatcher, Husaberg 4. 2nd Martin Gilbert, GG 8. 3rd Mike Husband, GG 10.