

The treacherous conditions and driving rain couldn't keep away a keen and eager 65 main route and 10 conducted route riders. With only a few events on around the country this weekend several unfamiliar faces topped up the entry coming from as far afield as Oxfordshire and God's trials county Yorkshire!

The hard route was business as usual for local Expert Luke Walker taking a comprehensive win dropping a mere 14 marks on his MRS Sherco. His class was highlighted on the first section of the day, the only hard route rider to record a single clean on it all day. Fresh out of Youth A Mitch Brightmore was top Inter, it clearly hasn't taken him long to get used to the power of a 'big bike'! Matt Dixon rounded out the top three with a strong ride only 5 marks behind Mitch on his trustee 4 stroke beta, still the best sounding bike in the trials world.

Top Youth A was Brett Harbud 3 marks behind Matt, a tough day which will be perfect practise for the upcoming British and World championships.

The blue route was a tighter affair with Over 40 Ian Watts taking the win by a single mark over Neil Jones. It was good day for John Shirt's Gasgas riders as Top Youth B was Mitch's younger brother Ashton taking third, a few more years and I'm sure he'll be challenging Luke and Mitch for the hard route win. It was a bumper Youth B turn out that Ashton won with 7 riders competing 2nd and 3rd respectively were club regulars Daisy Parsons and Sam Hill.

The middle route was a repeat of the January trial with Mick Thurman showing that the old dog doesn't need to learn any of these new tricks taking the win on 14 over Mark Hawkins' 18. The difference was Mick's silky throttle control on the incredibly slippery section 2 which caused issues on all routes. He dropped a mere 4 on it all day compared to Mark's 12 and 3rd place Pete Jones' 7.

Top twinshock was Gil Jones dropping 37 marks, a very good score on what turned out to be a tricky slippery day. A special mention must go to Mark Sunter in training for the Scottish classic 2 day, wrestling his 1950s Ariel around on the middle route despite a few mechanical issues was a spectacle to behold.

The just-for-fun 'green' 50/50 route was won by Nick Robinson on 24. Again section 2 was a tough push for the green route having to ride the yellow route on this section, 18 of his 24 being lost there. James Llewellyn was best youth on his beta 80, 1 mark ahead of Todd Blenkinsopp on his 125 TRS.

The white route was won by Lee May again on 14 marks with all but two being lost on that pesky section 2. Joel Crabtree was second beating uncle Tony who finished 5th, possibly missing his third wheel and passenger!

The conducted route had a bumper entry of 10 with 2 C-class riders, 6 D-class riders and 2 E-class riders. Thomas Herbert and Jude Grove were 1st and second respectively in the E class, brilliant riders for such young lads! As in January Max Hastings took the D-class win with Daisy Craig taking second place closely followed by Oliver Mogford, Ezra Grove, Finley Samuel and Jack Hunt. Jonas Flanagan and Marcus Hastings battled hard for the C-class, with this month Jonas prevailing as winner. All finished with smiles on their somewhat tired faces which is always great to see.

The next event will be the Edgar Jones Trophy Trial on the 31st March. We will try to order better weather and hopefully there will be a few new sections to ride so it promises to be another great event.