

CAMBRIDGE MATCHLESS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

THE BRIAN STONEBRIDGE TROPHY TRIAL SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2019

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In spring like weather 118 riders tackled a 1.5 lap 18 mile cross country course of 40 sections at the Cambridge Matchless Clubs Brian Stonebridge Trophy Trial.

The twinshocks were first away from the start at Little Walden Airfield. The easier yellow route caused few problems for the more experienced riders. Andrew Arden dropping just a single dab at Hildersham Woods, runner up Clive Dopson was clean up to the last group at the finish where he footed for 3.

Section 8 at the Pheasant Pens caught out many novices and it was here that best in this class, Scott Robinson, lost 5 of his 13 total.

In the clubman class, which made up a quarter of the entry, total marks lost ranged from zero for Montesa mounted Stephen Wells to 106, many enjoying the cross country ramble rather than the sections.

The 50/50 class made up of down-graded experts rode a combination of hard and easier routes. Fantic mounted Mark Banham was the only rider in the class to clean the roots and turns on the first visit to Chesterford Park Farm conceding 4 dabs overall to Mick Marshall's 6.

Of the Intermediate riders on the same 50/50 route Berko rider Martin Greeves lost a 3 on the first section on the airfield but with cleans on 37 of the 40 sections this put him in top spot 3 ahead of Jon Yendell from Thames MCC.

Current holder of the prestigious Brian Stonebridge Trophy, Joe Collins, retains the cup winning the expert class losing 6 of his 7 total on his 2 visits to the first section at Abington Park Farm. Runner up Dan Greeves was the only expert to clean this section first time round but a failure on his second visit left him 3 off the top spot. Winner of the Claude Scott Trophy for Best Matchless Club Expert goes to Sam Rolls on a total of 17.

The exceptional warm dry conditions made many sections less challenging than expected but this long all off road event, unique in the South Midland calendar was declared a great success by both competitors and officials.

Experts: J Collins (260 Montesa) 7, D Greeves (300 TRS) 10, S Rolls (200 Gas Gas) 17, M Reason (300 Beta) 22, J North (250 Yamaha) 25, J Yearley (250 Beta) 29. Inters: M Greeves (300 Beta) 6, J Yendell (250 Virtigo) 9, A Hutchison (280 Gas Gas) 10, S Roper (300 Sherco) 12, D Haines (280 TRS) 12, M Hyden (250 Gas Gas) 13. 50/50: M Banham (212 Fantic) 4, M Marshall (300 Gas Gas) 6, C Collins (249 Yamaha) 7, D Renham (250 Gas Gas) 9, N Allen (250 Yamaha) 12, M Faulkner (125 Gas Gas) 14. Novice: S Robinson (260 Honda) 13, M Toms (280 TRS) 22, B Ayres (200 Beta) 29, B Gobey (250 Gas Gas) 33, M Radford (260 Montesa) 38, M Carlton (300 Sherco) 42. Clubman: S Wells (250 Montesa) 0, C Hackett (200 Beta) 3, P Davies (300 Virtigo) 3, J Cammack (250 Beta) 4, K Miller (250 TRS) 5, A Steele (250 Beta) 5, C Hatcher (250 TRS) 5. Twinshock: A Arden (250 Yamaha) 1, C Dopson (250 Honda) 3, G Muston (125 Honda) 6, C Ryland (212 Fantic) 7, D Phypers (250 James) 10, G Baker (199 Triumph) 14. Youth A: W Clark (125 Beta) 44. Youth A 50/50: F Arden (125 Beta) 11. Youth B: L Waby (125 Gas Gas) 111.