

Yesterday was Bath Classic's first trial of the year at Emborough Ponds. The weather was kind to the 67 competitors who competed on 3 laps of 12 sections. It had 3 sections never used before and quite a long lap. It was nice to see some new faces as well as the regulars. The Meat Feast supplied the excellent catering which also meant we could supply the observers with hot food and drink.

We avoided the rocks by the entrance so the sections were all in the woods with the usual mix of mud, roots, fallen trees and climbing turns to test the competitors. Section 9 took the most marks observed by Janet and Chris Wrigley who also designed the section. It was a muddy stream that had to be crossed several times however under the muddy surface were some unseen roots that made cleans very difficult.

Colin Bentham rode his lovely AJS rigid to the event put in a good performance then rode home, rarely done these days.

Sean Donaghy was at last riding a bike with the rear brake on the correct side. It was the first time out for his new Drayton C15 a lovely looking bike but not quite finished, from the sound of it the silencer is still to be fitted. Although it did drown out Sean's comments which is no mean feat.

Bradley Smith was riding very well on the A route and this was commented on by several observers, great to see him carrying on the family trials tradition.

There had been some prizes gifted to the event which meant we could have a draw for the 12 observers plus Sandy who was signing on. So Annette and Phil went home with a bottle of wine each and Don received a box of assorted chocolates. As always we are extremely grateful to the land owner who cut out a new section for us and the observers and helpers who made this event possible. Our next event is on April the 22nd at Yatton Keynell. This is a Saturday afternoon event before the Bath Classic scramble the next day. As always the results can be found at Bcmcc.org along with the latest Bath news and Mike Fears up to date trials calendar.