

Sunny weather greeted the total of 122 riders who competed at Bath Classics Mendip 2 day trial this weekend. Held at Lambs Lair with overnight camping it was a busy but fun weekend for the organisers. Saturday we used the punch card system for scoring due to it being a big ask for our observers to give up an entire weekend , however for Sunday we laid out 12 sections and had more than enough observers for which we are very grateful.

For Saturday we eased the trial slightly as there wasn't an observer present if a competitor got a bit crossed up. However there were still marks to be lost on the dry ground. This meant for Sunday with observers present we could up the pressure slightly which shows in the scores. Sunday on the B route section 5 took most of the scores with a tricky uphill turn across some ruts and rocks followed by a tight left and right to the end cards. For the A route it was section 7 that caused a lot of inspection, it was a steep uphill off camber turn with a rock in the turn and damp but loose mud which appeared to get grippier as the event progressed. Chris and Janet Wrigleys section 8 also took a few marks. It was down in the stream at the bottom of Lambs Lair, with a mixture of loose rocks which were constantly moving and on the A route a large rock to get over followed by a tight right turn it was an entertaining section to watch.

With 18 Motorhomes and campervans staying over on Saturday night it was a very relaxed atmosphere probably aided in some cases by a drink or 2. Singing was heard in the Gwent Classic lads very well organised camp along with Nigel's perpetual bbq and a fair amount of whisky meant there were a few fuzzy heads Sunday morning. However as the results show their recovery rate is amazing.

As always a massive thanks to the Bath Classic team and all the observers who put in so much effort to make the weekend run smoothly.

When the observer posts are filled we hold a draw and this time the lucky numbers were 4,5 and 12. This meant that Don, Judy and Mike Palfrey went home with a gift.

Our next trial is less than 2 weeks away on Saturday the 3rd of June which starts at 1.00pm. It's at Yatton Keynal SN147EL and we are running alongside the Bath Classic Sunday scramble.