

Hopefully a fun day was had by the 61 competitors at Bath Classics Yatton Keynell trial. As this is run on a Saturday afternoon in conjunction with the Sunday scramble we normally expect 30 to 40 competitors. Great to see so many regulars but also a lot of new faces to us as well as a few first timers. Thanks to the few more experienced riders who took their time to show the newcomers the ropes. I had eased a few sections in the morning, removed a 50/50 and completely changed section 5 due to the overnight rain making it impassable. As I was walking round during the trial I was surprised to see how slippery the downhill part of section 4 had become, I had ridden it in the morning with no problem. When I looked later I realised the grader for Sunday's scramble had released the water in the tyre tracks above which then ran into the section.

I was disappointed that a few competitors on the A route browbeat a first time observer and changed section 2. This made it much easier and it crossed itself, not what we intended. If there is a problem with a section I am never far away.

A huge thanks to the observers which included a couple that gave up their ride. Sections 1 and 10 won the raffle and went away with a token of our appreciation. The 50/50 sections were 2,3,5 and 9. Bath Classics next event is the Mendip 2 day at Lambs Lair on the 18th and 19th of May. 1.00 pm start on Saturday and 10.30 on Sunday. Overnight camping on Saturday and enter on the day. You are welcome to either or both days.