

Bath Classics Mendip 2 day trial at Lambs Lair was dry and dusty. Due to the forecast we set out most of the sections under the trees to give as much shade as possible. Quite a few took advantage of the overnight camping which is a lovely way to end day 1 and start day 2. There is something special about getting up early on a clear bright morning and walking a great trials venue, except I rode it on a stinky old 2 stroke but great nevertheless. Day 1 had 4 laps of 10 sections then the team changed everything for day 2 , 3 laps of 12 sections; a lot of work but well worth it. With its use by the 4x4's and time trials Lambs Lair is constantly changing and new sections are being opened up. So along with the old favourites we were able to mix in a few new sections.

Saturday saw a couple of injured riders back in the saddle, Sean Donaghy with a broken rib put in a clean sheet on the 50/50, and Mike Fear still nursing an injury from the exmoor 2 day initially was working hard but improved rapidly and put in a great result on Sunday with only 1 dab. Saturday saw Rob Sparks on his Suzuki get his first ever clean sheet so well done to Rob. The Gwent boys who overnight in style with a fire pit and BBQ put in some very good scores on their heavy metal. Very well engineered bikes. Sunday saw Richard Jenkins and Tim Wheeler both clean with John Roberts and Arron Frost close behind on 1. It would have been nice to up the anti on the sections to get a clear winner but we also had to cater for Tony Henbest and Bobby Webb who were on big bikes which take a fair bit of manhandling. The 50/50 was won by Stephen Hand who is also nursing an injury but rode very well. On the B route Tig Hartwell and Jeremy Orchard were the only 2 cleans but there were quite a few hot on their heels. Graham Jones went clean on the C route but great to see John Foot has lost none of his old magic with only a slip on section 6 causing him lost marks.

So a huge thank you to everyone who turned up to compete, it makes all the work the Bath team do worthwhile. Especially thanks to the Observers who offered their time to make the event run smoothly. Bath Classics next trial is a Wednesday afternoon / evening trial on July the 23rd with a 4.00 pm start.