

Hipwell Trial for the John Hartle Trophy.

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Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept saw the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hipwell road trial for the prestigious John Hartle Memorial Trophy. The trial laid out by the Hipwell brothers Andy and Kev, took in twenty sections ridden twice, around the northern part of the Peak District National Park. The day was as last year, blessed with brilliant sunshine from start to finish. The trial got under way with three relatively easy openers at the Gautries group just down from the start. Then it was down into the stream by the main A6, the first one here observed by the frustrated Brian Robinson on crutches took marks off nearly all the expert riders but the good clubmen weren't tested until they got to the big main group of Bettfield.

Here the section marking team had made fifteen long sections to try and test the stamina and concentration of everyone. The main stopper here for the good lads was the hillclimb exit to section ten, only young Danny Greatorex, riding his first ever road trial, made it look easy with a superb clean on the first lap. The section which caused the clubman the most grief in this group was the three stepped tester observed by the ever present Hilda Ellison. This turned out to be the only section eventual clubman winner Roy "Pushrod" Palmer riding a Blue Gas Gas dropped marks on, a good effort from this Yorkshire visitor.

So a good testing day was had by all, with this year's Hartle Trophy eventually going to the JST Gas Gas rider Dan Farrer.

#### HARD ROUTE

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DAN FARRER	13
RICHARD TIMPERLEY	18
CRAIG ROBINSON	24
DANIEL GREATOREX	39
DARREN WASLEY	41

#### EASIER ROUTE

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ROY PALMER	2
MATT TIMPERLEY	6
TONY MOULDER	7
CHRIS GREENWOOD	7
MIKE EDWARDS	8