

Newsletter October 2018

There's only one more road safety run for the South Durham section this year and this is Mike Carruthers' Anniversary run on 14th October. Regulations are available on this website and I'd advise downloading a copy as no printed versions have yet been issued and there is no club night before the event.

Looking back to September, the Beamish Trial was the big event and it was another great day out. A full report, with results and pics. are in the Beamish link and our thanks go, once again, to Tom Norman and his support team of marshals, the Board Inn and land owners for making this year's event another success. Do not forget the awards evening and buffet on 15th November when we can show our appreciation to entrants from across the country and to the indispensable marshals.

There were 11 riders at the September trial at Underbanks which was won by Steve Ainslie from G. Powell and J. Saffin. Full results are in the trials link.

The Baydale Run, organised by Bobby Robinson, was held in somewhat inclement weather which probably explains the lower-than-normal entry of 15 riders. This number was further reduced by 2 non-starters and 4 DNF's. Pictures taken by Gary Catterick at the start and full results are in website link. Results show a 4-way tie for first place which was decided on machine age. Inevitably, and deservedly, vintagents Brian Smith won from John Robinson with Norman Stevens third.

The next trial is on 21st October at West Burton.

Now to the sad news that Jennifer, Wallace Holmes' wife, has passed away following a long illness which was bravely borne. She was a lovely lady who will be missed by all who knew her but, particularly, by Wallace and his family to whom we extend our sympathies at this trying time for them. Jennifer's funeral service will be at St Andrews Church in Haughton, Darlington, at 10-30 am on Wednesday 10th October. There will follow an interment service for family only.

Some of you will know John Crystal who was on the Chairman's Run on his nice little Polish machine. Whilst taking part in the Lakeland Mountain Run, with his wife Irene, they had an accident in which Irene suffered a broken wrist. They drove to James Cook Hospital for her treatment but unfortunately Irene suffered a brain haemorrhage from which she died. What a tragic train of events. We pass our commiserations to John and those close to him.

To end this sad passage, Kelvin McNeish recently came off his BMW and sustained broken ribs and other injuries. He has been in and out of hospital and was last reported as being back in the care of NHS. We wish him well and a speedy recovery.

Let's hope for more uplifting news and enjoy Mike's run, weather permitting.

Tom Reed