



The Vintage Motorcycle Club Ltd.
South Durham Section
46th BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL RESULTS
Sunday 16 September 2018

25 September 2018

Dear Entrants

The results of the 46th Beamish Trophy Trial held on 16 September 2018 are enclosed. Your date bar is also enclosed.

In total there were 125 starters on the day from a total entry of 150. There were 118 finishers. Many thanks to Dave Crone and Mike Laidler for providing the recovery and to Martin Preston and Mark Leigh for taking on fuel duties.

After a week of dismal weather forecasts, Sunday morning dawned overcast but dry. A few minutes light drizzle mid-morning and then the sun came out. The rest of the day was really pleasant and Weardale looked stunning in the autumn sunshine.

This year we included an observed section on Raise Head in the afternoon. Historically this was a well-known test hill in the 20s and 30s. This seemed to go very well and I am indebted to Martin, Mark, Howard and Sarah for taking this on.

The Robert Atkinson Cup is for outstanding achievement/gallantry and this year it has been awarded to Dave Crone who provides and drives the principal breakdown van for his outstanding achievement in losing recovered motorcycles off his trailer! The video evidence is available!

Thanks to all our many helpers including: North Durham Motor Club, The Friends of Killhope Lead Mine, North East Classic Motorcycle Club, BSA Owners Club, Rievers Section VMCC and Northumbrian Section VMCC. Thanks also to the many members, partners and friends of South Durham VMCC who worked so hard prior to & on the day to enable all of the sections to be open & the event to be completed successfully.

We are also indebted to the Mark and the team at The New Board Inn, who allowed us to use the pub site for the start/finish again and the facilities at the pub for tea/coffee/meals/toilets. We would also like to thank all of our trophy sponsors. A massive 'thank you' to all the landowners and users who allowed us access to their land and property once again.

The off-site parking arrangements at The New Board Inn seemed to work. As you know the farmer makes no charge for this facility but we collect for a charity of his choice. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to present MacMillan Cancer Support with £316

As you may be aware we are strong supporters of LARA (Land Access Recreation Association). Their work is vitally important in protecting our use of green lanes. This year we raised £286 as a donation to the Lara Fighting Fund.

When South Durham Section first took on the organisation of the Beamish Trophy Trial we were generously sponsored by Frack's Transport who supplied Hi-viz waistcoats for the Marshals and Observers. Our stock of these is now becoming a little depleted so that there is a sponsorship opportunity for any business people who would like their logo on a new stock of Hi-Viz waistcoats for our hard-working marshals. A sum of £150 will cover the cost of 30 additional waistcoats embossed with your logo.

The 'Beamish Awards Night' will be at our regular venue: Middleton St George Cricket & Social Club, Water View, Middleton St. George, Darlington, DL2 1JQ starting at 7:30pm on **Thursday 15 November 2018**. There will be a buffet, distribution of goodies for the marshals, and a still photograph display and the presentation of trophies. We are also inviting all the marshals, observers and helpers so it is an opportunity to thank them. We really hope you can make it.

Recently I received a short letter from my wife (I should point out that we also communicate verbally!) –

Many years ago Tom took over organising the BTT, and we, his family became involved in the marshalling world. We have enjoyed marshalling at Alston petrol station, The Moorcock and various other points along the BTT route, however we really struck lucky when we started to marshal at Race Heads, an outstandingly spectacular section of the BTT. For several years we endured sun, rain, wind, biting cold as we opened gates along the Race Heads section. As the years went by our family grew as grandchildren appeared upon the scene and for the last three years marshalling has included providing shelter for babies and toddlers as well as amusements!! During all these years we have been rewarded with "thank you" from BTT entrants as they tackle this off road section. It is especially noticeable how each rider hoots or waves at our grandchildren as they pass through one of the Race Head gates, this really makes their day! I would like to thank all the BTT entrants for their cheerful "thank you" to us as marshalls and in particular to their enthusiastic acknowledgement of my grandchildren- hopefully one of whom may be a future BTT entrant!!

Judith Norman

Looking ahead, Sunday 22 September 2019 is the date for the 47th Beamish Trophy Trial. Entry invitations will be sent out by email in the first week of January 2019. We can only do this if we have your email address so if you don't receive periodic emails from us please contact us at Beamishtt@live.co.uk. If you do not have access to email we can send you a paper entry if you send us a stamped addressed envelope to the address below.

Hope to see you next year

Yours sincerely

