



Portsmouth Motor Cycle Racing Club June Event

There were two pleasant surprises at Woodberry Lane this month, firstly the predicted rain failed to materialize and secondly, track modifications made it more of a 'track n trail than the usual trial', as observed by a delighted Dominic Harman. You weren't the only one to notice either, several riders commented, including Paul Evans who said it was our 'best track ever'.

Championship Lawrence Catt gave a stunning performance and it reminded me of watching Daryl Boulter riding the track last year. It all seems so effortless to ride at high speed through ruts and trees without falling off when you watch Lawrence. Needless to say he took first place in the championship class and first place overall with his 14 easy looking laps! Barry Welch took 2nd place in this class, although he was seen some way down the results overall.

Expert Simon Beken finished first in class again this month and second overall, with 14 laps on his 530 KTM, despite a bit of ground hugging on one corner! Andy Stevenson was 2nd, with 4th place overall. Credit to him for coming in ahead of Lawrence Catt at the end of the first lap. Andy refused to take the credit though, saying that Lawrence was just letting him find the route on the first lap for a change! Euan Harrison was close behind in third. I enjoyed watching Mark Jordan and Chris Collins making easy work of the ditches by jumping over rather than going round or through them.

Clubman A First place went to Jason Bowen with 14 laps on his 125 Yamaha, with 5th place overall behind Jason was Elliot Beken on 13 laps. Well done to Graham Maunder who was 3rd on his new 125 KTM. It's nice to see him completing an event after the various unfortunate mechanical and physical problems of last season! Robert Taylor was beaten to fourth in class this month, with 12 laps. Roy Austin was giving his 1980's XT 250 a bit of an airing as his Yam 250 is in dry dock at the moment! I have to say that his riding style seemed more relaxed and he finished 7th overall.

Clubman B Mike Bryson was riding well on his 450 Honda and finished first in class with 13 laps. Also flying round was Clive Gammage who came 2nd on his 250 KTM. Martin Hoare was not far behind in 3rd place. Aaron Smith got a bit lost on the track, but despite going the long way round still managed 5th in class. Note to Darren Giggs - when Paul takes a photo you don't have to fall off for dramatic effect.

Sportsman class Martin Biles took the 1st place slot this month and Dominic Harman was second. His progress he attributes to an easier track, but it could be down to the skills courses he has recently attended and his riding improving. Michael Morris finished in 3rd. Jeremy Straw lost £20 by failing to beat Dominic, but as he hasn't ridden a solo bike for over a year I think he can be forgiven. 9th in class isn't too bad for his first attempt out of the sidecar chair. Alan & Mike Doherty seemed to be enjoying themselves on their pitbikes and managed to complete an amazing 8 laps.

Welcome to newcomer Micheal Jury who completed 6 laps on his first visit. Another warm welcome goes to the best dressed couple on the track, Louise and John Brown. Well done to Louise being our only lady rider of the day, as she completed 4 laps. Ed Massink who was having difficulties with his clutch (yes I did say clutch!) and Jamie Alexander who was also suffering mechanical failure.

Neil Houghton who came along to marshal ended up riding and looked very pleased to be doing so again after a year out with injuries. Shawn Ward was clearly disappointed to finish as he said 'is that it?' when his tag was collected. It's good to know that it was such an enjoyable event and many thanks go to those who took the time on Saturday to set it up for you all (Graham Maunder, Paul Easterbrook, Dominic Harman, Geoff Maunder, Chris Maunder and young Dougie Wooller plus a few others.

Well, most of the 91 riders were smiling when they left so I consider it to have been a very good day. Once again we look forward to seeing you at our next event being held on July 20th. Entry forms as usual are available from the website www.pmcrc.org