

The 70th Anniversary ALLEN 2016 UNLIKE 1996 Dry but perhaps a little chilly.

The traditional early Hills provided a gentle start but the restarts on both Bitton Lane and Little Uplands still caught out a few. Guy's Hill however began to sort out the classes. The slippery stones of the hill, caught out most on the restart and challenged the momentum of the rest. Successful climbs with restart were made by Tris White (car 1) & Gary Browning (car 47). Whilst, Bill Bennett, Matt Facey, Kevin Sharp, Oliver Wall, Sticker Martin, Dave & Aaron Haizelden went clean with straight climbs. Special mention should be made of Izzie Linforth who stopped too low then drove onto the restart and pulled away perfectly.

Traver's rocky track with separate restarts for yellow and red once again caught out a number across the classes and caused some delay. The misnamed Ubley Wood provided the next challenges. Despite the torrential rain last weekend it was the driest we have seen it. Ubley 2 with its high restart for 8 caught out all but Dean Partington.

The special tests caused few problems with only one failing each. The fastest time on Ubley Hump was Tris White (Troll) 17.9 seconds and on Tubby's Torment the man himself was beaten by, Stuart Bartlett (Cannon) 13.4 seconds. Burlledge, once again opened for our use, caught out 20% including some "top" trialists. The trial then headed onto Fry's Bottom where the land owner had made his promised improvements to the main track meaning we had a through route from the lower gate by Fry's 1 to the Higher Gate above Fry's 3. These wooded sections proved popular and ran much more efficiently than last year. The land owner is keen to see us again. So we will develop the sections for future years.

The trial then headed back through the outskirts of Bath to the infamous John Walker, a good blast to end the day. Unfortunately Sticker Martin in his trusty Escort broke down on the way and had to retire. Our Landie struggled a fortnight ago but after the farmer kindly trimmed the hedges and cleared some ruts, it was easy enough for all but 5 to climb non-stop. Allowing the final cars and course closing to ascend the section as the light faded. The floodlights could once again stay in the van! The journey back to the Bull along the A 46, particularly for the latter numbers, was very slow as Christmas Market Shoppers left Bath along with weekenders heading for the M4 & London. Next year we will look at an alternative route.

6 classes appeared in the top 10. Aaron Haizelden in his class 5 Scimitar won the Allen Trophy and Bill Bennett, Matt Facey and Dave Haizelden also kept a clean sheet.

Many thanks to all of you who help to make the trial a success. Especially the marshals, many of whom come out year after year, the recovery vehicles, which are essential to the smooth running at Ubley and Travers, and of course the competitors.

Carlie, Pete, Mark & Tim.

Allen Trophy - Aaron Haizelden Reliant Scimitar **Bob Wood Trophy** - Tom Godwin

Woodbury-Chillcott - Bill Bennett MG J2

Bryan Brothers Trophy - Matt Facey BMW

Renwicks Trophy - Craig Allen- VW Beetle

Highland Circle - Mel Ellis- VW Beetle

Rootes Trophy - Ed Wells Dutton Melos

Poole Trophy - Dean Partington DP Wasp

Gilbert Best Trophy - (Best Bristol) Ryan Eamer Cannon

Redcliffe Cup 1st Clubman - Kevin Sharp X90

