

Cadwallader Ltd Powys Enduro

The annual Powys Enduro promoted by MWTRA saw a full entry tackle this classic one lap event on Sunday starting from Carno featuring round four of the British Sidecar Enduro Championship. Competitors were greeted with a beautiful sunny weekend to enjoy the hills and forests of northern Powys.

An eight o'clock start saw a short ride up the road to the first special test, a traditional cross country test over tracks and farmland, the expert sidecars were soon flying with the Davies/Ferguson pairing pulling a five second margin on championship rivals Williams and Brown while Rheinallt Davies was the leading solo on the test some 26 seconds faster than his brother Tudur in second.

After the test competitors arrived at check one where the route took them over the famous Trannon hill with its infamous bogs but the recent dry weather saw little to trouble the top riders however there were plenty of sportsmen who found some soft spots to bury their bikes in. From there riders worked their way to the Dyfi Forest for two off road checks where the rocky going gave several riders punctures before emerging to refuel both bikes and riders

Following a short rest and road section it was into the Foel Forest which rises to over 1700 feet before test two a moto cross lay out where Williams and Brown pulled back just over 3 seconds on the Davies pairing who in turn were just 3 seconds in front of the Rowlands Brothers outfit. Again Rheinallt Davies posted the fastest solo time this time 10 seconds in front of David Lloyd Jones, the only two to break the 3 minute barrier on the test.

Most riders were still clean on time by now but the organisers had a sting in the tail with a final short sharp off road check to test their pace and the sidecars were the first to arrive but none of them could beat the clock with four crews arriving just that vital minute late, the Penfound/Rogers and Jones/Lloyd Jones pairing joining the leading two outfits of Williams and Davies. With this Davies and Ferguson managed to secure a slender win by less than a second and a half !

Soon the solos started to arrive and best of the early arrivals was Trail Bike class winner Derrick Pugh just a minute down, another success for Pugh who must have rode all 37 Powys Enduros and still loves every minute of it.

Just one sportsman arrived on time Michael Mundy, although his test times alone were good enough to secure the win this increased his margin to 66 seconds and likewise Trefor Davies in the Over 50 class clean ride gave him the class win.

All the Expert solos cleaned the check giving Rheinallt Davies the win from David Lloyd Jones, Tudur Davies third and event sponsor David Cadwallader fourth. 13 Clubman arrived on time so their results were down to test times and Lee Jones managed to pip Ryan Golding by five seconds with John Jones just a second a stray of Golding while in the Over 40 class saw another nine clean sheets but Ian Barnett's test times gave him a clear 18 second win over Ian Jones.

At the end of another successful Powys the Sidecar Championship race is hotting up with Alun Davies and James Ferguson just ten points behind David Williams while Jack Penfound is third a further ten points in arrears