

The ALLEN 2018 DRY, DRY, DRY & Mal Allen wins the Allen.

Once again the Bull was a hive of activity and the start team did a grand job marshalling the cars in the limited space . There were plenty of bacon and sausage baps and coffee and tea on tap to keep all happy as the chatted inside or outside whilst waiting for their start time.

The classic early Hills provided a gentle start but the restart on Bitton Lane once again caught out a few.. Guy's Hill however began to sort out the classes with a few more cleaning the restart than last year , some burning off whilst other took the slower gentler approach.,.

Traver's rocky track with separate restarts for yellow and red had had to have some serious repair work to fill a major hole caused by torrential surface runoff early in November as well as the usual trimming and tree clearing. Car 7 unfortunately broke and Jammed his axle, making recovery very tricky and inevitably rather slow, many thanks to the Travers team for successfully clearing the car. To catch up some time, the yellow restart was cancelled. The trial continued to the misnamed Ubley Wood on the cold exposed hillside Ubley 1 with its high restart for 8 caught out a quarter of the field mainly on the restart. Ubley Observed Test was a gentle downhill drive from A to astride B .The fastest time was Emma Wall (Austin 7) in 6 seconds. Malt and Salt did well at Chew Valley as many competitors and marshals took advantage and enjoyed the fish and chips. Competitors were allowed to catch up time by heading onto Burlledge, a long climb with a high restart for 8 and a much lower restart for the rest which was once again under control of the team from Falcon Motor Club. .

The trial then continued into Fry's Bottom These wooded sections proved popular and once again ran efficiently although the hills could do with a little more challenge. .The Observed Test which involved a reverse had a wide range of times but fastest where Mal Allen (Marlin), Dean Parington (Wasp) and Ryan Eamer (Cannon) all on 12.1 seconds..Fry's 3 however caught at a large number high up notably class 8 who had a restart.

The trial then headed back through the outskirts of Bath to the infamous John Walker, a good blast to end the day but not to be taken too lightly as some found out. It once again went well and having two on the hill thanks to experienced marshals Stuart & Kieran meant that there was no real queue when course closing arrived . Once again the floodlights were not needed as the final cars climbed the section as the light failed.. Those who followed the route card got back to the finish arrived well ahead of those who stayed on the A46 and got held up in traffic heading towards the motorway !

Many thanks to all of you who help to make the trial such a success. Especially the marshals, many of whom come out year after year, and others that drive long distances just to help.

Carlie, Pete, Mark and Tim

Allen Trophy - Mal Allen Marlin Bob Wood Trophy -Mike Forward

Redcliffe Cup 1st Clubman - Dean Partington Wasp

Woodbury-Chillcott – Emma Wall Austin 7

Rumsey Cup Philip Buckle BMW Z3

Highland Circle Adrian Tucker-Peake

Gilbert Best Trophy - (Best Bristol) Ryan Eamer Cannon