Woolbridge Motor Club





Jake Humphries takes Mud Slut to maiden WMC victory Words and photos: GEOFF PICKETT

Sunday January 21st 2024

Storm Isha, with it's associated high winds and disruptive weather, started to blow along the valley at Hogcliff Hill just as another challenge arrived, at least as far as reigning

Woolbridge Motor Club 4X4 Trial Champion Chris Tite was concerned, in the form of Jake Humphries and his Mud Slut off-roader. The Wellington driver was making his debut at the Dorset venue with his effective machine which is equipped with a 3.9 litre Range Rover power unit, not dissimilar to the four-litre version of the Cerne Abbas driver, and benefits from all the Class One accoutrements such as trick differentials, modified suspension (with over 100mm lifts) and fiddle brakes which suggested a battle royal was in prospect. The duo attacked the first round of six tests both going to the top of the first three sections but on the fourth climb penalties were accrued by both pilots: six for Humphries and five for Tite. On the penultimate test of the round Humphries collected a single penalty point

whilst his adversary went clear and into a two-point lead but this was short-lived as Tite accumulated five penalties on the run-in to the lunch break gifting Humphries a three point advantage at the halfway stage.



of Toby Cameron for the honours in Class One and to take the event victory overall.

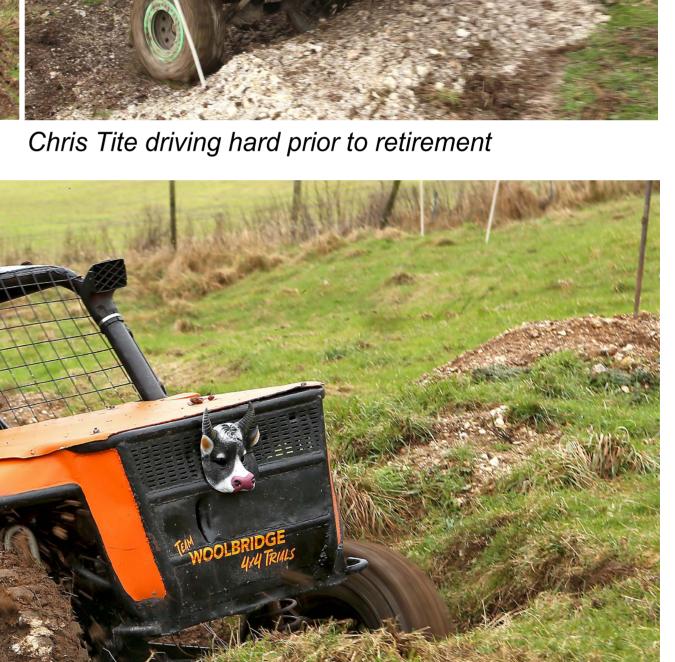


A ten strong Class 2a, which catered for Caged Buggies with engines of less than 2000 cc displacement, was led from the off by Bridport's Simon Baxter who had amassed nine penalties by the finish of the first round and led Graeme Wills who debuted his new mount which started life as a Land Rover Discovery. Dave Butterfield, from Weymouth was a further point in arrears with the Land Rovers of John Tite and Dave Clayton 'even stevens' a further two marks adrift on forty-four.

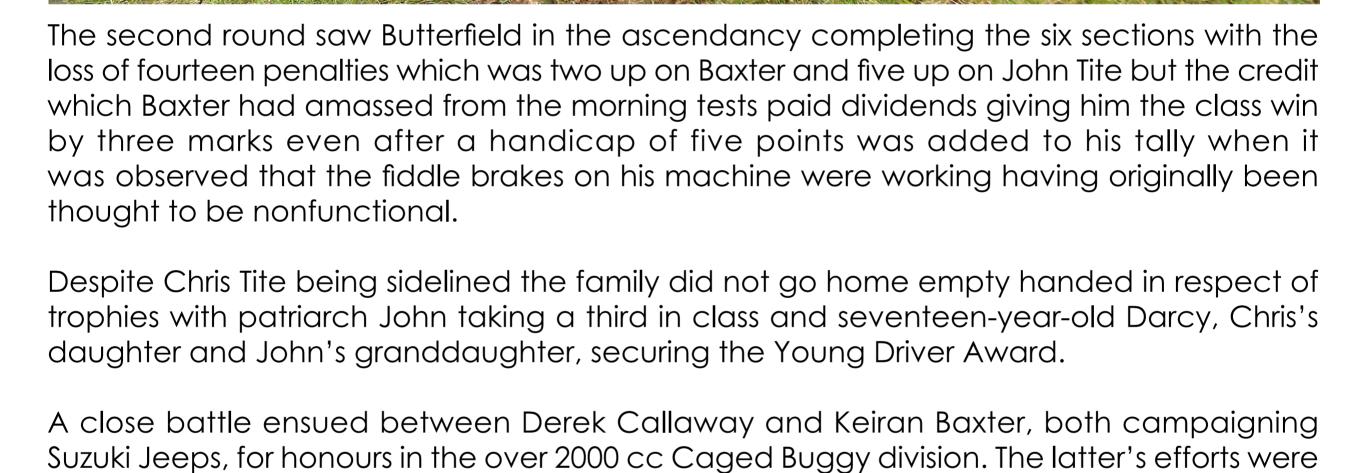








Simon Baxter posted best score in Class 2a



hampered when on the third test he rolled the Japanese machine, fortunately without any

lasting damage to driver or machine, reaching the halfway halt five penalties down on the

Dorchester driver. The afternoon saw a turning of the tables with Baxter recovering to finish



That's my girl. Emma Kirby as father John videos

four points to the good to secure victory in Class 2b.

2

11

8

8

10

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12

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3

10

6

YouTube

RUN 1

DRIVER

Class 1

Chris Tite

Class 2a

Dave Clayton

Graeme Wills

Dave Butterfield

Shannon Butterfield

Simon Baxter

Matthew Taylor

Derek Callaway

Kieran Baxter

Emma Kirby

Darcy Tite

John Tite

Class 2b

7

10

11

12

13

John Kirby

Luke Humphries

Toby Cameron



Dave Butterfield could have been first in Class 2a

DNF 12 53 49

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45

42

44

32

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RUN 2

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Total

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61

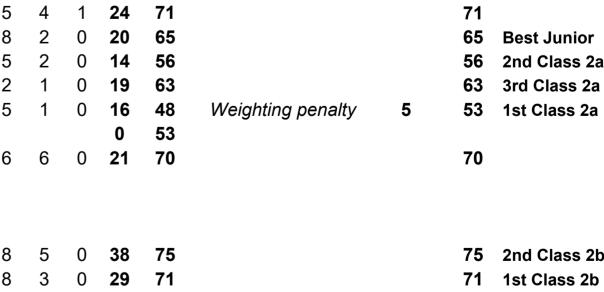
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92

72

Kieran Baxter moments prior to his roll

31



Weighting penalty

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Grand Position

1st O/A

Total

21

66

78 92

72

10

5



John Tite finished third in Class 2a

