

Manchester 17 – Dead Easy Trial 15th October 2006

It was back to Haslin on the outskirts of Buxton for Manchester 17's final Dead Easy trial of the year. Cool but dry conditions greeted the riders, not the horizontal rain and blustery winds that are usually expected at this end of season trial.

Once again it was a well supported trial with 80 riders, 37 on the Easy route and 43 tackling the harder of the two routes.

On the harder route the usual mixture of limestone outcrops and grassy banks lay in wait for the rider and it was section 9 that proved to be the "decider". The right-turn and final climb back up the banking proved to be the undoing of many of the riders with an awkwardly placed hump that polished up once a few over-eager rear wheels had spun on it. Many just couldn't get enough drive to make it up the banking unaided but Mike James and Gareth Salt both (almost) mastered it with three cleans and a solitary dab each, these dabs to be the only marks they dropped in the whole trial.

On the easier route four riders came back having stayed "feet-up" for the whole four laps of ten sections, these being, John Cantrell on his trusty Cub, Paul Wainwright, Steve Jones and Steve Seddon.

All ten sections were marked out to be "cleanable", with the only retirees being due to mechanical failures. It was probably section 7 that required the most concentration from the riders, one of the few sections that actually took them over some of the limestone rock, rather than around them. A climb up from the starts cards, preceded a tricky left turn with a awkwardly placed rock, before a couple more turns over more limestone to the exit.

As mentioned this is the clubs last Dead Easy trial of 2006 and we would like to thank all the land owners, observers, marking-out teams and all other helpers and all other helpers who make our trials possible, and of course the riders for supporting all their efforts.

Summary of Results:

Easy Route		Hard Route	
Adult Beginner		Novice	
Steve Jones	0	Mike James	1
Paul Wainwright	0	Youth C	
Steve Seddon	0	Gareth Salt	1
P65		Novice	
John Cantrell	0	Allesandro Williams	2
Novice		Youth A	
Anthony Harris	1	Andrew Hallam	3
O40		O40	
Roger Townsend	1	Graham Harvey	9
Mike Bartholomew	1	Twinslock	
Youth B		Arthur Austin	13
Robert Blackburn	1	Adult Beginner	
Youth Beginner		Derek Robinson	20
Sam Hussey	3		

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