

MANCHESTER 17 MCC LTD : DEAD EASY TRIAL SATURDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2010

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Last weekend was a busy one for Manchester 17 Club starting with the latest of the popular Dead Easy Trials on Saturday afternoon. This preceded the running of the Hipwell road based trial the following day. No one can say you don't get your money's worth with this ambitious club.

The trial was held at Harrat Grange Farm, Peak Forest, in a lovely part of the Peak District.

A couple of surprises, of the seventy entrants, only nineteen opted for the easier of the two routes. Clearly many of the regulars felt they were now ready to step up a class which is good. Secondly, there were no totally clean rides all day on either route, which is unusual for these events.

The conditions and the terrain no doubt contributed to the loss of marks.

The course was set out on grassy banks, with tight turns, climbs and drops, with a smattering of rocks and steps to keep the interest. Typical of the land in this area.

As to the riders, Paul Mountford was best overall on the Hard Route, casting away just two marks. These were lost on the second section which was a climb, a drop with a tight turn immediately followed by another cambered climb. This had to be modified after a lap as it was getting just too greasy.

To show you don't need a modern trick bike to do well, Paul was closely followed home by Robert Mycock on his trusty Bultaco, with just three marks lost.

Best Youth on this route was young Josh Atkinson who lost seven. Six of these were on his first lap, but after that he got his head down, losing just one more mark on his last lap. Even better, he beat father Andy, who lost twelve. An interesting drive home no doubt!

On the Easy Route, Phil Granby, out on a modern Gasser instead of the Ariel, lost three, to equal best ride with Youth A rider Joe Bower.

An interesting name to watch out for in the future down in Youth D. Scott Hipwell was best losing 32 marks which was a valiant ride in the greasy conditions. Riding a Gasser (what else) father Kev was "minding" to ensure the correct lines were followed and young Scott concentrated on the job in hand.

Light was beginning to fade as the last riders signed off but overall another enjoyable event.

Thank you to the Observers for being on station on a cool afternoon, and to all who helped on the day.

The next Dead Easy is the last one of the year on 10th October so diaries need noting.

RESULTS

HARD ROUTE

O/40 : Paul Mountford (Gas Gas) 2

T/S : Robert Mycock (Bultaco) 3

NOVICE : Andrew Stewart (Gas Gas) 8

PRE 65 : Peter Elvidge (Greeves) 20

YOUTH B : Josh Atkinson (Gas Gas) 7

YOUTH C : Callum Cocker (Gas Gas) 69

EASY ROUTE

O/40 : Phil Granby (Gas Gas) 3

T/S : Adrien Goulden (Honda) 24

PRE 65 : Colin Fray (Dot) 6

YOUTH A : Joe Bower (Sherco) 3

YOUTH C : Jim Bown (Beta) 6, Jordan Frost (Beta) 6

Youth D : Scott Hipwell (Gas Gas) 32