

MANCHESTER 17 MCC - Dead Easy Trial 20/09/08

REPORT : Roger Townsend

One of the best days of the year weather wise greeted the 62 riders who assembled at Harret Grange Farm in the heart of the Peak District for the latest of the club's Dead Easy trials last Saturday afternoon.

Stunning views were there to be enjoyed along with the trial which followed the usual format of 4 laps of 10 sections, two routes, a dead easy, and a harder route for the more ambitious, but nothing too challenging.

The route was a mixture of grassy climbs on limestone rock outcrops. Because of all the recent wet weather, the ground was rough, not helped by cattle, whose feet had cut the ground up, making the work of the course plotters more difficult. It was uncertain how the ground would hold up. In the end it was just right, judging by the comments at the end of the trial, with both routes spot on and smiling faces all round.

Best ride on the dead easy route was by Adult beginner Daniel Dunbabin, who lost two marks, followed by Youth B rider Jordan Foot, and Over 50 rider Roger Townsend on the little four stroke Scorpa, who both lost three.

On the harder route, three clean rides were posted, Over 50 rider Andy Foot, Pete Carson on the twin shock, and Corey Dubick, Youth B.

As ever though at these trials, on both routes there was a good spread of marks lost, reflecting all the different abilities catered for.

Andy Hipwell, getting in some practice for the next days "Hipwell Trial", had a good ride on his BSA, only dropping a dab. The Beesa sounded on good form, bellowing it's way round the course.

Also, it was nice to see Harvey Lloyd having a ride for a change, and only losing twelve marks on the hard route, in the process. Harvey does so much on the organising front, and it was a pleasant change for him to have a ride as well. It was good to see Liam Robinson back on his bike and on the road to recovery following his recent nasty hand injury. His loss of one mark was a good ride. Thanks to Karl Green and his merry band of helpers, and to all the Observers. Next Dead Easy, 12 October at Haslin's, don't miss it if you want a good day out!

RESULTS

EASY ROUTE

ADULT BEGINNER	Daniel Dunbabin	2 marks lost
NOVICE	Chris Ellis	6 ""
OVER 40	Daren Robins	7
OVER 50	Roger Townsend	3
TWINSHOCK	David Hibbert	16
YOUTH A	Thomas Richardson	17
YOUTH B	Jordan Foot	3
YOUTH C	Josh Turner	6
YOUTH D	James Frost	49

HARD ROUTE

ADULT BEGINNER	Ian Moody	89
INTER	Liam Robinson	1
NOVICE	Oliver Twigg	4
OVER 40	Paul Clark	9
OVER 50	Andy Foot	clean
PRE 65	Andy Hipwell	1
TWINSHOCK	Peter Carson	clean
YOUTH B	Corey Dubik	clean
YOUTH D	Samuel Yeomans	1