

MANCHESTER 17 MCC DEAD EASY TRIAL
SUNDAY 26 JULY , HASLIN'S

REPORT: Roger Townsend

Despite a few sore heads from the previous night's trial and annual BBQ, which went very well, enough club stalwarts turned out to run the latest Dead Easy event held at the popular Haslin's venue north of Buxton.

The weather followed it's current pattern of heavy showers and sunshine, with a wet start as the trial got underway, followed by a dry spell, with another heavy shower to round things off.

An entry of seventy four riders started the event with thirty contesting the Hard Route and forty four on the Easier version.

The course plotters had borne the weather forecast in mind when setting out the course as the grassy banks and limestone outcrops of this venue polish like glass in the wet. Judging by the scores and the fact it is billed as a Dead Easy trial, they got it spot on.

Harvey Lloyd took a very popular outright win on the Hard route casting only a stray dab away on the climb and cambered drop of the last section. He was closely followed by young Alex Strachan on two marks, and Steve Blackburn on his powerful twin shock 349 Montesa, having moved up from a similar 250 model, on three marks lost.

On the Easy route, five O/40 riders kept their feet on the pegs all day. Wilf Cauldwell made his customary visit all the way from South Wales, John Gresty making a rare appearance, the legendary Phil Granby, and regular riders Carl Petford and Ant Harris. They were joined in this feat by twin shock rider Richard Broome on his little Fantic. Well done to all.

It was good to see some riders who have regularly ridden the Easy route moving up and having a go at the Harder sections. None of the sections are machine wreckers or bone breakers and all did well.

Thanks as ever to the course plotters, the observers, and all who helped on the day.

The next Dead Easy is August Bank Holiday Monday at Heaton House Farm, Rushton Spencer. Watch Club website and TMX for details.

RESULTS

HARD ROUTE:

OVER 40: Harvey Lloyd one mark lost

YOUTH A: Alex Strachan 2

YOUTH B: Alex Jones 14

YOUTH C: Callum Cocker 48

TWIN SHOCK: Steve Blackburn 3

NOVICE: Terry Harvey 16

BEGINNER: Geraint Rogers: 20

EASY ROUTE:

OVER 40: Wilf Cauldwell, John Gresty, Carl Petford, Phil Granby, Ant Harris, all clean,

YOUTH B: Richard Petford 13

YOUTH C: Alex Yiatrou 2

YOUTH D: Quinn Webster 30

PRE 65: Derek Hankin 5

TWIN SHOCK: Richard Broome, clean

NOVICE: Rupert Mckimming: 2

BEGINNER: David Newman 6