

MANCHESTER 17 DEAD EASY TRIAL, MONDAY 25 MAY 2009
HEATON HOUSE FARM RUSHTON SPENCER

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The Bank Holiday was certainly a busy time for the boys and girls of Manchester 17 Club. Having run the first round of the Club Championship on Sunday, attention switched on Monday to one of their always popular Dead Easy events, this time at Rushton Spencer.

84 riders turned out to contest the event, with 45 opting for the Dead Easy route, and 39 trying their hand at the very sensible but more ambitious harder route

For those who know Rushton Spencer, the course was laid out on the original piece of land behind the farm, offering more scope. The course plotters had laid out an interesting set of sections ranging from turns around trees, cambered banks, a few rocks, to a hill climb.

Despite the course being deliberately easy, there were only four clean rides on the Dead Easy route and only two clean rides on the Harder route. John Wilson piloted his Majesty round this route clean, joined by Over 40 rider Keith Shanks on his more modern Gasser.

On the Easy route, Over 40 riders Rod Howarth and Ant Harris were clean together with Youth A rider Andrew Litherland. The biggest smile of the day belonged to young Callum Cocker as he rode out of section ten on the last lap to also go clean for the day.

It was good once again to see a fair number of lady riders taking part in this event, together with a real variety of machinery, from Raga specials to classics, and all stops in between. Similarly with the age group of riders, from children starting out, to those reaching more advanced years. The one common denominator is everyone simply enjoying themselves. And to make it even better, the sun shone all day!

Thank you to Steve Cocker and Ken Roberts for setting out the course, and to all those who helped on the day, plus of course the Observers without whom the whole thing would be very difficult.

Next Dead Easy, 26 July. Watch Club Website and TMX for details.

RESULTS

HARD ROUTE

NOVICE Will Tyler 1 mark lost
OVER 40 Keith Shanks, clean
BEG Paul Clowes 47
TWIN SHOCK John Wilson
PRE 65 Bob Gregory 3

YOUTH A Rob Blackburn 14
YOUTH B James McCann 15
YOUTH C Josh Turner 45
YOUTH D Alex Ylatrou 58

EASY ROUTE

NOVICE Wayne Fowler 3
OVER 40 Rodney Howarth clean Ant Harris clean
BEG Charlotte Kimber 5
TWIN SHOCK John Morley 4
PRE 65 William Frances 18
YOUTH A Andrew Litherland clean
YOUTH B Dominic Grocott 1 mark lost
YOUTH C Callum Cocker clean
YOUTH D Charlie Byrne 27