

MANCHESTER 17 MCC

DEAD EASY TRIAL MONDAY 3 MAY 2010

REPORT : Roger Townsend

Despite the attraction of a certain event in Scotland, 94 riders turned up for the second in the series of Dead Easy trials run by Manchester 17 MCC on Bank Holiday Monday, with 57 opting for the harder version of the sections and 37 taking on the easy route.

Haslins on the outskirts of Buxton in the Peak District was the venue. At the first in the series back in February, mud was very much on the menu but this time the course reverted to type which for those who know it is grassy banks on limestone with a few rocks thrown in for good measure.

Section five half way round the course turned out a little trickier than intended and the tight turns on a steep bank side caused many a rider to cast away a few marks, under the watchful gaze of quad mounted observer, Ade Mellor.

On the hard route, the other mark stealer was section nine which had a tricky exit over a bank following a cambered turn and climb.

On the hard route there was only one clean ride. That was by novice rider Richard Palfreyman but he was pushed all the way by Over 40 rider Tony Field who seems really at home on his four stroke Beta. Next best rides on this route were a couple of twin shocks in the more than capable hands of John Wilson on his tidy Majesty and Stephen Eyre on his nice looking SWM.

On the Easy route there were just the two clean rides and it really was a case of both ends of the spectram. Veteran rider Wilf Cauldwell had set off at 6 15 am from South Wales for one of his regular trips to these trials and kept his feet firmly on the pegs, a feat shared by one of the youngest riders in the trial, Youth C rider Josh Bailey.

Novice rider Nigel Rigg on one mark lost, and Youth A rider Toby Brookes on two, weren't far behind.

Behind these riders was a wide spread of marks lost, with a huge variety of machinery on show, from a big Triumph, through a variety of twin shocks, to the very latest in modern exotic hardware. The one common denominator is people out for a ride in an easy event with enjoyment being the main aim.

Apart from a couple of sudden and sharp hail stone showers, the weather remained good although a little on the cool side.

Next event for the club is the club championship first round on May 23 at Booth Farm near Buxton, including an easy beginners route.

Thanks to all observers, course plotters and helpers on the day, your involvement was very much appreciated.

RESULTS

HARD ROUTE

NOVICE : Richard Palfreyman (Beta) clean, Mike Kelly (Gas Gas) 8

OVER 40 : Tony Field (Beta) 1 mark lost, Tony Brookes (Gas Gas) 4

TWIN SHOCK : John Wilson (Majesty) 2, Stephen Eyre (SWM) 4

BEG : Garry Fellows (Beta) 9, Stephen Elliot (Gas Gas) 38

YOUTH B : James McCann (Gas Gas) 10, Josh Turner (Gas Gas) 17
YOUTH C : Rhys Hunt (Gas Gas) 16, Callum Cocker (Gas Gas) 67
PRE 65 : Mark Newman (Cub) 25

EASY ROUTE

NOVICE : Nigel Rigg (Gas Gas) 1 mark lost, Daniel Robins (Gas Gas) 7
OVER 40 : Wilf Cauldwell (Beta) clean, Rodney Howarth (Scorpa) 7
TWIN SHOCK : Roger Townsend (Montesa) 2, Mark Hallam (Fantic) 16
BEG : Paul Buckland (Yamaha) 5, Jack Wormald (Gas Gas) 17
YOUTH A : Toby Brookes (Gas Gas) 2
YOUTH B : James Hall (Beta) 5, Danny Brookes (Gas Gas) 14
YOUTH C : Josh Bailey (Gas Gas) clean, Jim Bown (Beta) 10
PRE 65 : Tilly Wallwork (Cub) 20