

MANCHESTER 17 MCC LTD DEAD EASY TRIAL, SUNDAY 25 JULY 2010, at
HASLINS, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

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The previous night's club trial and BBQ meant a few hangovers were in attendance at the start of the latest of the popular Manchester 17 Club's Dead Easy events but the fresh wind which always blows at Haslins on the hills above Buxton soon concentrated the mind on the job in hand.

Again a splendid entry of 99 riders turned out with 53 riders tackling the harder of the two routes on offer

After listening to feedback from the last two trials, the course plotters took on board comments, the result being generally a very low scoring event. Nevertheless, you had to concentrate and many a stray mark was cast either by mechanical issues with the bike or that rogue rock rolling at the last minute!

These events are attracting an even wider spread of both rider and machine. Nine ladies and girls rode which is excellent, as well as all ages from youths to bus pass holders.

As for the machinery, the variety seems to grow with each event. The trials have always attracted the more popular Pre 65 and twin shock machines but this time Phil Granby turned out on his pretty standard 500 Ariel, and rode the Easy course clean, whilst having a private dual with John Critchlow on an equally large beast in the form of a 350 Triumph, probably more in ISDT trim than one day trials. Throw in the lovely looking Dot of Colin Fray, and the workmanlike Cotton of Dion Osborne and you have a veritable feast of machinery on view and all being ridden which is how it should be.

Modern machinery still dominates the entry of course.

No fewer than 11 riders went clean on the day but a few to mention in dispatches include Over 40 rider Tony Field on the Hard Route, all the way from Stratford, and also on the Hard Route, two Pre 65 riders who went clean, Mark Newman on his Cub and Derek Brooks on his Beeza, beating a lot of modern machinery on the way.

After a slight threat of rain at the start, the weather stayed kind and perfect for riding if a little breezy for the Observers, for whom of course we must extend our appreciation. Thanks also to the course plotting team and all who helped on the day. The club's next Dead Easy event is the annual Charity trial, a joint venture run with other local clubs on August Bank Holiday Monday at Ruston Spencer near Macclesfield. Watch TMX and Club website for details.

RESULTS

HARD ROUTE

INTER : Thomas Redfern (Gas Gas) 3, Andrew Yiatrou (Beta) 3

NOV : Ash Wall (Gas Gas) 0, Will Tyler (Beta) 0

OVER 40 : Tony Field (Beta) 0, Andy Hipwell (Yamaha) 0

PRE 65 : Mark Newman (Cub) 0, Derek Brooks (BSA) 0

T/S : Paul Glendenning (Suzuki) 7

YOUTH A : Toby Brooks (Gas Gas) 6

YOUTH B : Matt Brown (Gas Gas) 3

YOUTH C : Alex Yiatrou (Beta) 3

EASY ROUTE

NOV : Neil Redfern (Montesa) 2, Billy Oakley (Gas Gas) 2

OVER 40 : Lee Edwards (Sherco) 0, Bryan Robinson (Gas Gas) 0

PRE 65 : Phil Granby (Ariel) 0

T/S : John Milner (Yamaha) 0, Michael Jones (Yamaha) 0

YOUTH A : Sam Trafford (Gas Gas) 4

Youth B : Tom Ellis (Gas Gas) 2

YOUTH C : Quinn Webster (Beta) 1 mark lost

YOUTH D : Phobe Hallam (Beta) 9