

MANCHESTER 17 MCC LTD. DEAD EASY TRIAL, HASLIN'S, SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2013 .

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Last weekend was a busy one for the boys and girls of Manchester 17 MCC with a double header of trials. Sundays Hipwell road trial was preceded on the Saturday afternoon with the penultimate Dead Easy trial for this year.

The venue was the popular Haslins on the outskirts of Buxton in the Peak District. Fifty four riders turned out to ride four laps of ten sections with Club President Ken Roberts in his address at the start advising riders to crack on to avoid the trial ending in darkness.

The weather stayed kind for the trial although as the evening approached it turned very cool, particularly for the observers on the exposed top sections.

Following a damp week the grassy limestone outcrops were in very greasy mode with throttle control and concentration needing to be spot on to avoid careless marks being cast away. As a result, there were only two clean sheets, one on each of the routes.

Jess Bown had a very good ride to clean the harder route, looking in confident mood from the very start of the trial. Rob Bowyer, enjoying a canter round on his rorty Triumph twin had a stray dab, with Matt Bown coming in third with a couple of dabs on a twin shock Yamaha, a change from his normal modern mount.

On the Easy route, making a return after a lengthy break from trials due to mountain biking was young James Frost. The break has clearly done him no harm as he went clean. In second place was Steve Bower on his very nice Bultaco with just a couple of dabs. All these rides were very commendable and did not reflect how slippery the conditions were.

Two sections took the most marks. Section three observed by Jess Austin, consisting of a drop down a grass bank, then a tight turn onto rocks, followed by another turn across an outcrop, had to be taken carefully but with confidence.

Section nine also caught many riders on the night. A series of tight turns round and over limestone rocks caught the unwary, particularly the first left turn in to the section.

To emphasise the friendly nature of these trials, it was fascinating to see the high number of fathers and their families riding together, thoroughly enjoying themselves in what are basically fun events. These included the Bown family, the Bowyers, the Hipwells, Cockers, Frosts, and the Wilsons. How great and what a wonderful advert for the sport.

Final Dead Easy for the year is 6th October. Watch TMX for details. Huge thank you to the Observers and all who helped to put the trial on.

RESULTS

HARDER ROUTE

Jess Bown (MRS Sherco) clean, Rob Bowyer (Triumph Twin) one mark lost, Matt Bown (Yamaha) , Scott Hipwell (Beta) 6, Martyn Nelson (Yamaha) 6, Andy Atkinson (Montesa) 7, Robert Mycock (Bultaco) 7, Andy Abraham (Ossa) 7.

EASY ROUTE

James Frost (Beta) clean, Stephen Bower (Bultaco) 2, Ian Shaw (Beta) 6, Jordan Frost (Beta) 10, Steve Rodgers (Beta) 10, Ian Dommet (Suzuki) 12, Phil Granby (BMS Scorpa) 12