

MANCHESTER 17 MCC LTD. DEAD EASY TRIAL. HASLINS, NR BUXTON.
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Heat wave! What heat wave? Certainly not at Haslins overlooking Buxton last Sunday when Manchester 17 MCC ran the latest in their series of Dead Easy trials. Low cloud, drizzle, and cool conditions were the order of the day. In fact , normal for this part of the world.

Only 48 riders turned up for this event which is way below the normal for these very popular trials. May be the fact that schools had just broken up had something to do with it. Those who stayed away missed a cracking event with many riders saying just how much they had enjoyed it at the end of the trial.

The course plotters had unearthed some new sections or had modified some of the old favourites just to add a bit of spice.

Also, as well as many familiar faces, there were some new riders and quite a few youngsters, who are always made welcome.

On the harder route, two riders kept their feet up all day, Anthony Spinks on a very tidy Bultaco, and regular supporter Terry Harvey . Ellis Marsh who had popped over from Sheffield had a couple of dabs to finish in third place. He was unlucky with his second dab, which was on section four, with his front wheel kicking out but he wrestled through for a dab. Youngster Scott Hipwell has moved up to the harder route and finished a creditable sixth, tying with local farmer Carey Sharpley who had a cracking ride.

No clean rides on the Easy route but Ray Critchlow finished top of the class with just a dab, on his Comerford Cub, with Russell Lister and Wilf Cauldwell snapping at his heels on two marks lost apiece. Wilf deserves huge credit for making the long journey from South Wales to compete, always enjoying it despite his veteran status. Ian Dommatt piloted his Suzuki round in fourth spot, making a comeback after a lengthy lay off, with Connor Abraham and Phil Granby completing the top six.

Thank you to all who helped make the event possible , in particular the few observers who picked up a board, , without whom trials are very difficult to run.

Next Dead Easy, August Bank Holiday Monday, watch TMX for details.

RESULTS

HARDER ROUTE

Terry Harvey (Gas Gas), Anthony Spinks (Bultaco) both clean, Ellis Marsh (Gas Gas) 2, Robert Mycock (Bultaco) 5, Will Tyler (Beta) 5, Scott Hipwell (Beta) 6, Cary Sharpley (Gas Gas) 6

EASY ROUTE

Ray Critchlow (Cub) one mark lost, Russell Lister (Gas Gas) 2, Wilf Cauldwell (Beta) 2, Ian Dommatt (Suzuki) 6, Connor Abraham (Beta) 7, Phil Granby (BMS Scorpa) 8