

MANCHESTER 17 MCC Ltd . DEAD EASY TRIAL, HASLINS, BUXTON,  
SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014.

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Last Saturday saw the final Dead Easy trial of the year for Manchester 17 MCC and was held at the popular Haslins venue on the outskirts of Buxton. The weather in the morning was typical for this high area, driving rain and wind, so the course plotters took the conditions into consideration when setting out the ten sections. By the time the event started , the weather was more pleasant and didn't spoil proceedings.

The entry numbers were affected by the attraction of a certain Mr Bou performing not too far away in Manchester, but despite this thirty seven riders resisted the superstars and performed themselves.

Seven sections were set out in a sheltered valley and consisted in the main of tight turns on limestone and grass banking but in accordance with the very nature of these events, easy being key.

The final three sections were down a track on land used for the first time earlier in the year and added a nice bit of variety in the shape of rocks and mud of an old fashioned nature.

No clean rides on the Easy route but youngster Sam Slack was the best losing only three marks. Two of these were on the first section, which turned out to be a mark taker on both routes. Looking easy, it was deceptive, with delicate throttle control being vital. Sam was followed home by Howard Peake on his Fantic , tying with David Hallam, both on six marks.

Some very good riders turned out on the Harder route, with Bill Brown, Steve Thomas, Robert Mycock and Simon Clarke all going clean. Ben Townsend on a trusty old TY 175 would have joined the elite group had he resisted the temptation to show boat out of section six on the last lap to impress his Father who was observing at the time. A wayward tussock caught him for a dab!

Sisters Katy and Libby Cook both had good rides on their little Betas in the Youth class, in what were sticky conditions for small bikes.

That's it for this year for the Dead Easys. Thank you to all who have helped run the events and to the riders for their support. It all starts again next February.

## RESULTS

### HARDER ROUTE

Bill Brown ( Gas Gas) Steve Thomas ( Bantam) Robert Mycock ( Bultaco) Simon Clarke ( Beta) all clean, Ben Townsend ( Yamaha) Terry Harvey ( Gas Gas) both one mark lost, Garry Shaw ( AJS) 3

### EASY ROUTE

Sam Slack ( Beta) 3, Howard Peake ( Fantic) 6, David Hallam ( Beta) 6, Chris Heap ( Montesa) 7, Dean Williamson (Gas Gas ) 10, Jonathan Salem ( Gas Gas) 11