

MANCHESTER 17 MCC Ltd DEAD EASY TRIAL SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014  
HASLIN FARM BUXTON.

REPORT : Roger Townsend

Driving rain and wind greeted the course plotting team when they met on Saturday morning to set out the second in the series of Manchester 17's Dead Easy trials. With this in mind, best efforts were made to make the trial as easy as possible knowing that water on limestone and grass produces a slippery cocktail.

Although it stopped raining by the start of the trial, the sections turned very greasy but although marks were taken there was nothing dangerous and very favourable comments were received at the end from the majority of the 71 entrants, a superb turnout given the weather.

Permission had been given to use some land not previously used and this made for a longer lap and the chance to vary the old tried and trusted pockets of sections at this well used venue. More rocky sections could now be introduced which added to the interest.

On the harder route, young Scott Hipwell had a superb ride to only lose three marks, given the conditions on the night .He narrowly beat Chris Bown who dropped four and Danny Taylor on five. Credit to all these three for great rides.

The major mark stealer on this route was section six, a series of turns on limestone, with a sting in the tale U turn exit .After the first lap, anything less than a three was a good ride.

Good to see club stalwart Jude Mellor having one of her rare rides out. Riding round with young Callum Cocker, she clearly coached him too well as he narrowly beat her. A throw back to the old days, local lad Rob Goodwin actually rode his Francis Barnett to the trial and home again after a steady ride round the harder route.

On the easy route, Pete Kirkman rode his standard Royal Enfield round for just a dab, again an excellent ride on a big old heavy machine. He was closely followed by Stephen Simpson on three, and young Jordan Frost on his Beta on four.

Phil Granby rode his immaculate recently rebuilt Fantic attracting many admiring comments. Having a good ride Phil finished just ahead of veteran Alan Critchlow who is now back to good health on his very original 225cc James.

As ever a wide variety of marks lost on this route but judging by the smiles all enjoyed it.

Thank you to the land owner and all who helped to make the trial possible.

Next Dead Easy, Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May, watch TMX for details.

## RESULTS

### HARDER ROUTE

Scott Hipwell ( Beta) 3, Chris Bown ( Montesa) 4, Danny Taylor ( Gas Gas) 5, Robert Mycock ( Bultaco) 9, Andy Abraham ( Beta) 12, Colin Fray ( Dot) 14

### EASY ROUTE

Peter Kirkman ( Royal Enfield) one mark lost, Stephen Simpson ( Montesa) 3, Jordan Frost ( Beta) 4, Andrew Renshaw (Beta) 8, James Hubbard ( Beta) 12, Michael Jones (Yamaha) 13