

MANCHESTER 17 Ltd DEAD EASY TRIAL

SATURDAY 26th JUNE 2021

PERRYFOOT FARM, PEAK FOREST, DERBYSHIRE

REPORT: Roger Townsend

Manchester 17 Club is very lucky with the locations of venues available for their trials and Saturday's Dead Easy was no exception. Set in the heart of the Peak District, the land near Peak Forest rises steeply from the car park field to the trials area with tremendous views over a wide area. The weather, clear and sunny, was perfect for riding.

Seventy solos and four sidecars set out to tackle the four laps of ten sections.

Five sections were set out on the limestone outcrops, with a further five in the woods comprising of turns around trees and drops and climbs in and out of gullies. After the last of the limestone sections riders enjoyed a long blast down the fields to the start of the wood.

On the Harder route, Section ten proved to be the trickiest. It looks innocuous, twisting and turning around trees but the roots and loose stones caught out anyone who lost concentration for a moment.

On the Harder Route, Neil Muir, Thomas White and Colin Stubbs went round clean, an excellent achievement given the nature of some of the sections.

Club stalwart Pete Hallam burned the midnight oil to complete his project, a 250cc BSA, and after a couple of teething problems completed the course for only a credible four marks lost.

A sign of things to come, Adult riders Paul Stewardson and Andy Davis rode their full size electric bikes to very good effect "whispering" their round for very credible scores, with Andy clean on the Easy Route.

He was joined on that route by Ryan Jones and young Harry Craig.

It was nice to welcome back sidecars following previous Covid restrictions. Four outfits entered with Heath Dando, passengered by Judith Waldren coming out the clear winners losing seven marks followed by Stuart Riches and Sophie Hall on twenty two marks lost.

Thanks to everyone who made the event possible, particularly the Observers without whom it is very difficult to run trials, and all the riders for their support.

RESULTS

HARDER ROUTE: Neil Muir (Gas Gas) Thomas White (Fantic) Colin Stubbs (Honda) all clean, Martin Howarth (Gas Gas) one mark lost, Rene Stubbs (Suzuki) 2, William Tyler (Motogori) 2, Stephen Simpson (Montesa) 2.

EASY ROUTE : Ryan Jones (Gas Gas) Harry Craig (Oset) both clean, Andy Davis (EM) 4, Geoff Browne (Montesa) 5, Peter Futers (Yamaha) 6, Arthur Densem (Oset) 8

SIDECARS: Heath Dando/Judith Waldren (Montesa) 7, Stuart Riches/Sophie Hall (Gas Gas) 22