

## SIDCUP AND DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

### The THIRD SIMMONS CUP TRIAL

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1931

Report in the January 1932 issue of the Sidcup Club Monthly Bulletin

Only 36 competitors for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual, but they found some interesting sections (and water).

The first section, Crouch Slip, proved more difficult than the organisers expected, Basted was a very fair hill for the solos, Rooks caught most of the Sidecars, Figstreet was tricky, Pine Puddles was only negotiated clean by 3 competitors, and Hulbury's mile of mud tired competitors.

The Committee wish to thank all members who assisted as observers, etc.

#### Results:-

##### **SIMMONS CHALLENGE CUP AND REPLICA**

C.J. Bond (248cc Ariel) Sidcup Club

**"SWASTIKA" CUP** M.W. Pring (346cc Grindley Peerless) Sidcup Club

**"EXPERIENCE" CUP** R.M. Ascoli (172cc S.O.S.) Sidcup Club

**SILVER CUPS** A.L. Savage, Bexleyheath Club; R.M. Ascoli, Bexleyheath Club

**GOLD CENTRE MEDALS** J. Ockenden, Eltham Club; C.R. Moore, Eltham Club

**BRONZE MEDALS** F. Eldridge, Sidcup Club; W.J. Davies, Bermondsey Club

**TEAM AWARD** Sidcup No. 2 - M.W. Pring, E.F. Robbins, F. Eldridge

**Present Day Note:** The Sidcup Club Bulletin of December 1931 gave details of the Simmons Trial in the Calendar of events for December:

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SIMMONS CUP TRIAL. Start Clearway 11 a.m.

Entry fee for Sidcup riders 3/6d. New sections – no chalky hills. Observers wanted.

For readers born after 1965 – 3/6d means 3 shillings and 6 pence – 17.5 pence decimal!

The same Bulletin said:

SIMMONS CUP TRIAL. Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

The following Clubs have accepted invitations to compete in this Trial, which will start from the Clearway filling station at 11 a.m. and finish at H.Q. at approx., 1.15 a.m. Bexleyheath, Bermondsey, Sydenham, Gravesend and Eltham. The course will be interesting, but not super sporting. No chalky hills will be used.

Was the Clearway Filling Station somewhere near Brands Hatch, hence the name of that part of the Brands Hatch circuit?

Did it really mean the Trial will end at a quarter past one the following morning, or was that a misprint for 1.15 p.m., so the Trial was expected to be over in two and a quarter hours?