

The 1971 SIMMONS CUP TRIAL

Sunday 12th December 1971

Start and finish at the Warren, St. Mary Cray, Kent

Present Day Note:

Sidcup's Trials Secretary, Brian Goldsmith, wrote about the trial in his January 1972 "Trials Talk" in the Compass.

Trials Talk extended to four and a half pages this month of which the first three paragraphs was a gentle dig at various Club members and their brilliance (or not) in recent trials. Including.....

Other instant mini-news flashes are that Gordon Farley is being supported by kippers and Mick Herriot is supported by sugar mice and a girdle. Dick Jordon is moving to Rockall as it seems to be an easier journey to London than going from Tonbridge.

Which brings me onto my next point of waffle; the Simmons Cup Trial, organised by ourselves last month.

It involved four groups of sections, the Warren, Bourne Wood, Jackson's Gully and Canada Heights and contained thirty observed sections. Although those who set the course were not over-enthusiastic about the sections as everywhere was so dry and these areas are rather limited unless ridden in torrential rain. We had an excellent Steward's Report at the Combine meeting and the riders who spoke of it, spoke well (probably didn't want to be thumped!).

Many thanks to all those who came and helped out – pity there were not a few more trials riders there.

There was also a further small article written by 'Roger', who was probably Roger Bathurst (Club Steward).

As I was going round the sections at the Simmons Cup Trial, several of the members of other clubs who had volunteered (??) to act as observers made an observation that made me almost ashamed to being a club member.

They thought it surprising that with a membership of nearly 300, we had to rely on other clubs to provide about a third of our observers for a mere 30 sections. If it had not been for the fact that our riders were working instead of competing, we would have been in real trouble.

It seems that unless we start getting more club spirit and co-operation between sections, then we'll finish up with a bad name as organisers, as a certain other large club already has.

Present day explanations

Brian Goldsmith, Mick Herriot, Dick Jordon, and several others were known as the 'In Crowd'. They ran Sidcup's trials, as well as riding in a trial in the south of England just about every week of the year.

The Warren, Jackson's Gully and Bourne Wood were all areas to the west of Swanley.

Printed in the November 1971 issue of the Sidcup Club's magazine, The Compass was this.....

Alan and Marge working full pace
Building an outfit so they can race,
Waiting for the scrambles break
So they can both participate.
But this break is a disaster
Alan's arm it is in plaster.
I hope this rhyme does not offend
And hope his arm is on the mend.

The Official Results start on the next page.....

SOLO

Posn.	No.	Rider	Bike	Club	Pts.	Award
1	6	Ken Brooker	250 Baldwin Bultaco	Gravesend	10	The Simmons Cup & Replica
2	59	Mick Martin	250 Bultaco	Wickham	14	First Class Award
3	10	Chris Bond	250 Bultaco	Gravesend	16	First Class Award
4	45	Mick Wallis	250 Bultaco	Gravesend	17	First Class Award
5	35	Bob Adams	250 Banks Bultaco	Erith	22	First Class Award
6	44	Leslie Watts	250 Bultaco	Eltham	23	First Class Award
7	26	John Plant	250 Bultaco	Gravesend	26	First Class Award
8	39	Dave Randall	125 Saracen	Met. Police	29	First Class Award
9	25	Brian Friend	250 Deens Montesa	Gravesend	29	First Class Award
10	21	Les Matton	250 Trivil	Bexleyheath	29	Second Class Award
11	43	K. Macknay	250 Bultaco	Erith	32	Second Class Award
12	2	George Thompson	250 Sheene Bultaco	Wickham	33	Second Class Award
13	28	Barry Burns	250 Bultaco	Kent & Sussex	33	Second Class Award
14	5	Dave Taylor	250 Bultaco	Erith	33	Second Class Award
15	9	John Pattinson	250 Deens Bultaco	Gravesend	36	Second Class Award
16	14	Howard Beedle	250 Bultaco	Gravesend	41	Second Class Award
17	22	Bob Dodd	250 Montesa	Bexleyheath	42	
18	81	Mr Gordon Davis	250 Bultaco	Erith	43	
19	3	Ted Rides	250 Montesa	Erith	44	
20	32	Martin Rogers	125 Bramly Sprite	Gravesend	44	
21	30	J. Palmer	250 Bultaco	Grove Park	47	
22	48	Chris Dark	250 Bultaco	Wickham	50	
23	60	J. Martin	250 Montesa	Wickham	51	
24	17	Frank Rider	250 Montesa	Eltham	52	
25	47	J. Smith	250 Bultaco	Wickham	52	
26	75	P. Legrove	250 Bultaco	Grove Park	53	
27	15	Colin Seager	250 Bultaco	Gravesend	54	
28	4	Michael Mayers	250 Montesa	Erith	56	
29	74	Jim Jeffreys	250 Bultaco	Grove Park	57	
30	24	Roger Thompson	250 Montesa	Bexleyheath	58	
31	56	W. Porter	250 Montesa	Wickham	64	
32	31	B. Mills	250 Bultaco	Gravesend	65	
33	42	Colin Hedges	350 Matchless	Eltham	66	
34	13	Brian Horn	250 Bultaco	Wickham	69	Best Novice
35	57	K. Rogers	250 Bultaco	Wickham	71	
36	49	Peter Dark	250 Montesa	Wickham	73	
37	62	B. Walder	250 Montesa	Greenwich	74	Novice Award
38	27	John Peeling	250 Bultaco	Bexleyheath	75	
39	8	Stan Welsh	250 Deens Bultaco	Double Five	75	
40	19	Lou Roberts	250 Sprite	Erith	76	
41	68	Mike Shave	250 Slee Montesa	Wickham	76	Novice Award
42	53	Alan Bell	250 Bultaco	Wickham	76	
43	63	J. Thompson	250 Montesa	Wickham	79	Novice Award
44	46	Robert Baldwin	125 Sprite	Eltham	79	(Novice)
45	87	Roy Chapman	250 Greeves	Gravesend	81	
46	41	A. Bird	250 Montesa	Bexleyheath	82	
47	36	Stan Goffin	250 Montesa	Met. Police	84	
48	80	G. Wallace	250 Montesa	Gravesend	84	(Novice)
49	37	John Eldred	250 Bultaco	Kent & Sussex	85	

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Posn.	No.	Rider	Bike	Club	Pts.
50	40	R. Willsher	250 Montesa	Wickham	86
51	79	C. Norton	250 Bultaco	Double Five	86
52	18	John Grebby	250 Bultaco	Gravesend	87
53	16	K. Warwicker	250 Montesa	Gravesend	91 (Novice)
54	54	P. Simmons	250 Bultaco	Wickham	92 (Novice)
55	33	George Mersh	250 Bultaco	Gravesend	94 (Novice)
56	50	W. Chibnall	250 Bultaco	Wickham	97 (Novice)
57	67	T. Mount	175 Greeves	Greenwich	97 (Novice)
58	23	Roger Briggs	250 Greeves	Bexleyheath	99 (Novice)
59	1	P. Jenner	250 Bultaco	Double Five	100
60	70	Martin Willgress	250 Slee Bultaco	Wickham	102 (Novice)
61	64	Brian Hall	500 Triumph	Greenwich	105
62	89	R. Warwicker	A.J.S.	Bexleyheath	105
63	76	D. Watts	200 Triumph	Wickham	106 (Novice)
64	86	Ted Philpot	250 Montesa	Wickham	109
65	82	Michael Cheese	350 B.S.A.	Bexleyheath	111 (Novice)
66	55	B. Simmons	250 B	Wickham	113 (Novice)
67	51	Ron Norman	250 Montesa	Double Five	123 (Novice)
68	69	T. Spaulding	250 Bultaco	Wickham	124 (Novice)
69	7	Gerry Palmer	250 Montesa	Double Five	126 (Novice)
70	66	M. Jones	250 Greeves	Greenwich	126 (Novice)
71	12	Jeff Douglas	250 Montesa	Erith	132 (Novice)
72	78	John Sharp	250 Montesa	Gravesend	139 (Novice)
73	73	Trevor Coleman	250 Greeves	Greenwich	139 (Novice)
	72	Derek Baker	250 Montesa	Kent & Sussex	Retired after 26 sections
	58	Ron Rance	175 Greeves	Greenwich	Retired after 23 sections
	85	John Tanner	250 Bultaco	Eltham	Retired after 20 sections
	83	Jack Moyce	250 Bultaco	Eltham	Retired after 20 sections
	84	Dave Moyce	175 B.S.A.	Eltham	Retired after 20 sections
	88	Terry Baker	250 Greeves	Gravesend	Retired after 18 sections
	52	Ernie Pope	250 Montesa	Double Five	Retired after 13 sections
	11	T. Betts	250 Bultaco	Erith	Non-Starter
	20	David Lee	250 Relf	Gravesend	Non-Starter
	29	R. Farley	250 Montesa	Kent & Sussex	Non-Starter
	34	Alan Ketley	250 Sheene Bultaco	Erith	Non-Starter
	38	John Excell	250 Bultaco	Kent & Sussex	Non-Starter
	61	C. Burrows	250 Bultaco	Wickham	Non-Starter
	65	Michael Hall	500 Triumph	Greenwich	Non-Starter
	71	R. Earnshaw	250 Bultaco	Erith	Non-Starter
	77	G. Goodman	250 Montesa	Wickham	Non-Starter

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SIDECAR

Posn.	No.	Rider	Bike	Club	Pts.	Award
1	93	John Hall / Terry Tidman	650 Tribsa	Greenwich	51	O'Donnell Cup
2	92	Den Etheridge / Dave West	500 Weslake	Gravesend	56	
3	95	Peter Pascoe / A. Adams	550 Ariel	Wickham	60	
4	90	Bob Head / M. Ramsey	500 B.S.A.	Gravesend	76	
	97	R. McGown / A. Moore	500 M.S.M.	Wickham		Retired after 22 sections
	91	Raife Carter / H. Maynard	500 B.S.A.	Eltham		Non-Starter
	94	Norman Devonshire / Clive Dodd	650 Ariel	Bexleyheath		Non-Starter
	96	Roger Abbott / David Taynes	540 Matchless	Eltham		Non-Starter