

The **first** SIDCUP SIXTY TRIAL

Sunday 18th October 1931

**Start at the Clearway Filling Station, between Farningham and Wrotham at 10:30am.
Finish at the Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst at approximately 1.31pm.**

RESULTS

"Youngs" Challenge Cup	H. Williams	346 Levis	Streatham Club
"Burlingham" Challenge Cup	E.W. Whiffin	490 Norton Sidecar	Sydenham Club
Palmer Challenge Trophy (Best performance by a lady rider)	C.J. Bond	248 Ariel	Sidcup Club
"Endurance" Novice Cup	J. St.John	600 Douglas	Carshalton Club

Silver Cups:

N.W. Mears, E.R. Phillips, J. Balchin, E.F. Robbins, J. Messent, D. Griffen, L.J. Foley, T. Wakem, D.F.W. Wheatley, J.G. Hewett, O.V.M. Booth, R.E. Gowers, R. Abbott, W.B. Jury, S.Allen

Silver Medals:

J.J. de Boos, L.H. Swift, C.H. Pearsall, H.W. Varndell, **J.M. West**, P.R. Guest, C.T. McCallan, J.C. Watts, A.T. Smallwood, H.E.R. Polden, W.E. Brook, A.W. Hunter, L.F. Smallwood, F.J. King, J.C. Thyne, H.W. Downton

Bronze Medals:

H.W. Collier, R.R. Writer, A.P. Smith, H.C. Davis, W.L. Gray, W.G. Job, E.A. Dussek, H.M. Newbery, S.J. Mullinger, K.Pugh, J.R. Allen, W. Graham

Team Award:- Tunbridge Wells Club

P.R. Guest, D. Griffin, W.B. Jury

2020 comment: The 'Prospectus' for the 1931 Sidcup Sixty Trial (Prospectus = Regulations) said: the entry fee is 5 shillings [25p. That's the equivalent of £17.14 in 2020]. The route will be approximately 60 miles, to be covered at a schedule speed of 20 mph. After the Trial refreshments and meals will be available in the Clubroom at moderate prices. All riders and friends are invited to stay for the SPECIAL SOCIAL EVENING. Selections on a Super Electric Gramophone, Dancing and Popular Songs.

There were 114 entrants, of which the 47 listed above won awards. The report in the November Sidcup Club Monthly Bulletin stated that "A merry evening was spent afterwards at Club Headquarters with members of the Bayswater and Eltham Clubs."

None of the award winners went on to win another Sidcup Sixty Trial. Silver Medal winner, J.M. West was Jock West who had already ridden a works Ariel in the 1931 Manx Grand Prix, and he went on to win the 1937 Ulster Grand Prix on a 500cc BMW.

Jock rose to the rank of R.A.F. Wing Commander during World War 2 and was awarded a MBE. After the war he became Sales Director of Associated Motorcycles (AMC), and he was the first person to race the AJS Porcupine in the 1947 Isle of Man TT.