

# SIDCUP AND DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

## THE 1949 SIDCUP SIXTY TRIAL

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 1949

Starting from the Hare and Hounds, Flimwell

*Information on the Trial is after these results*

### SOLOS

Posn.	No.	Rider	Bike	Club	Marks	Award
1	8	<b>Ted Usher</b>	347 Matchless	Rochester	20	<b>The Youngs Cup</b>
2	29	F. Prior	498 A.J.S.	Barham	20	Solo Runner-up
3	10	N.J. Gray	500 Norton	Rochester	25	First Class Award
4	61	E. Knowles	490 Norton	Ashford	26	First Class Award
5	116	J.E. Wicken	350 Matchless	Bexleyheath	26	First Class Award
6	4	A.B.N. Taylor	347 A.J.S.	Tenterden	29	First Class Award
7	83	R.E. Dunster	125 B.S.A.	Rochester	32	First Class Award
8	100	E.W. Smith	125 D.M.W.	Sidcup	32	First Class Award
9	77	R.E. Cave	350 B.S.A.	Eltham	33	First Class Award
10	18	P.W. Blundell	350 A.J.S.	Sittingbourne	34	First Class Award
11	12	J.C. Richardson	348 A.J.S.	Barham	35	First Class Award
12	120	J. Witham	347 A.J.S.	Bromley	35	First Class Award
13	19	K. Pugh	197 Norman	Tenterden	36	First Class Award
14	52	R. Peacock	347 A.J.S.	Bromley	38	First Class Award
15	89	P.G.K. Baldwin	490 Norton	OWLS	38	First Class Award
16	53	L. Grant	498 Matchless	Bromley	40	First Class Award
17	103	<b>Gordon Jackson</b>	347 Matchless	Double Five	40	First Class Award
18	1	T. Gilfillan	600 Ariel	Bromley	40	Second Class Award
19	107	A. Jackman	350 B.S.A.	Rochester	40	Second Class Award
20	24	K.R. Medgett	348 Matchless	Sittingbourne	41	Second Class Award
21	44	D.H. Street	490 Norton	Birchington	41	Second Class Award
22	25	R.E. Bowles	497 Norton	Ashford	43	Second Class Award
23	49	Tom Arter	498 A.J.S.	Barham	43	Second Class Award
24	7	S. Rowbottom	125 Excelsior	Wickham	44	Second Class Award
25	9	D.H.R. Gray	123 B.S.A.	Rochester	44	Second Class Award
26	14	Max Pring	350 Matchless	Sidcup	44	Second Class Award
27	30	D.V. Morley	347 A.J.S.	Barham	44	Second Class Award
28	132	<b>John Giles</b>	348 B.S.A.	OWLS	44	Second Class Award
29	137	S.A. Elliott	347 Matchless	Southern Observers	44	Second Class Award
30	75	H.H. Knight	347 A.J.S.	Barham	46	Second Class Award
31	39	O.E. Searle	347 A.J.S.	Sittingbourne	46	
32	98	B.W. Richardson	347 Matchless	Folkestone	47	
33	104	F.N. Doggett	347 Matchless	OWLS	47	
34	17	D.E. Whitebread	350 Matchless	Sidcup	48	
35	33	S.H. Blacklocks	343 Triumph	Ashford	48	
36	48	L.R. Cattell	490 Norton	Leatherhead	48	
37	110	T.A. King	346 Levis	Sanderstead	48	
38	34	D.L. Turner	348 Ariel	Tenterden	49	<b>Best Novice</b>
39	11	W. Crisp	350 A.J.S.	Eltham	51	

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Posn.	No.	Rider	Bike	Club	Marks	Award
40	93	G.H. Baker	350 A.J.S.	Bexleyheath	51	
41	96	W. Dengate	490 Norton	Tenterden	51	
42	119	F.J. Jackson	348 Ariel	Bromley	51	
43	81	R. Roger	347 A.J.S.	Barham	52	2nd Best Novice
44	26	J.H. Frost	347 A.J.S.	Eltham	52	
45	46	K. Smith	347 Matchless	Sittingbourne	52	(novice)
46	63	N.R. Ralph	347 A.J.S.	Gravesend	52	
47	151	<b>Jock West</b>	350 Matchless	Sidcup	52	
48	2	K.S. Hurrey	498 Triumph	Brighton	53	
49	56	E.R. Bellett	348 B.S.A.	Ashford	53	
50	70	J.F.W. Brown	350 Matchless	Sanderstead	53	
51	16	L.G. Millbank	348 Velocette	Sidcup	54	
52	54	R.F. Matthews	349 B.S.A.	Folkestone	54	
53	69	A.W. Gurr	347 Matchless	Gravesend	54	
54	50	F.R. Howard	347 A.J.S.	Rochester	55	
55	138	E.C. Mash	350 Matchless	Southern Observers	55	
56	15	R.D. Reid	350 Matchless	Sidcup	56	
57	159	L. Spallward	347 Matchless	Bermondsey	56	
58	73	R.W. Fagg	347 Matchless	Invicta	58	(novice)
59	79	E.G. Brewin	347 Matchless	Southern Observers	58	
60	102	F.T. Down	347 Matchless	Barham	61	(novice)
61	125	J.E. Waters	498 Triumph	Sittingbourne	61	(novice)
62	129	N. London	350 A.J.S.	Bromley	61	
63	21	W.C. Pointer	250 Matchless	Wickham	62	
64	27	R.J. Broughton	350 Matchless	Sidcup	62	
65	97	G.C. Evans	349 Triumph	Horsham	63	
66	6	A.C. Rowbottom	197 James	Wickham	64	(novice)
67	42	W.I. Gladdish	125 B.S.A.	Tenterden	65	
68	28	W.R. Hopkins	498 Triumph	Folkestone	66	
69	55	R.D. Pope	350 B.S.A.	Ashford	67	
70	71	B. Arnold	348 B.S.A.	Canterbury	67	(novice)
71	37	B.C. Davies	347 Matchless	Croydon	68	
72	111	E.W. Brown	350 Matchless	Sidcup	68	
73	35	M.J. Back	347 A.J.S.	Bromley	69	(novice)
74	59	D.F. Lovell	125 B.S.A.	Wickham	70	(novice)
75	74	D. Whitling	347 Matchless	Invicta	70	
76	86	L.C. Harvey	348 Triumph	Southern Observers	70	
77	20	G. Goatley	125 B.S.A.	Wickham	71	
78	22	L.F. Parham	350 A.J.S.	Sittingbourne	72	(novice)
79	80	D.G. Russell	499 B.S.A.	Brighton	72	
80	68	A.W. Wallis	348 B.S.A.	Tenterden	73	
81	85	D.F. Hudson	347 Matchless	Wickham	74	(novice)
82	117	J.W. Philpott	347 Matchless	Bermondsey	75	(novice)
83	62	T.C. Collingwood	498 A.J.S.	Tenterden	76	
84	106	W. Bennett	347 A.J.S.	Sidcup	77	
85	66	J. Stonely	350 Matchless	Tenterden	78	(novice)
86	145	R.G. Bryant	350 Matchless	Double Five	78	(novice)
87	58	<b>Alex Brett</b>	125 James	Sidcup	79	
88	65	L.B. Latter	348 B.S.A.	Tenterden	79	(novice)

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Posn.	No.	Rider	Bike	Club	Marks	
89	95	J. Mott	347 A.J.S.	Double Five	79	
90	94	E. Phillips	490 Norton	Double Five	81	(novice)
91	128	J. McNeill	250 Levis	Invicta	81	
92	136	C. Johnson	358 B.S.A.	Southern Observers	81	
93	5	D.C. Clark	347 A.J.S.	Sidcup	82	
94	91	R.H. Reeves	348 B.S.A.	OWLS	82	(novice)
95	123	J.B. Hyde	347 A.J.S.	Bermondsey	82	
96	32	A.J. Targett	249 Rudge	Sunbeam	83	(novice)
97	60	F.G. Huggett	348 Ariel	Reigate	83	(novice)
98	92	E. Mephram	498 B.S.A.	Sunbeam	83	(novice)
99	133	R.G. Curd	350 Ariel	OWLS	83	(novice)
100	90	E. Foreman	348 B.S.A.	OWLS	84	(novice)
101	31	A. Pocock	347 A.J.S.	Sidcup	88	(novice)
102	152	<b>Les Graham</b>	350 A.J.S.	Sidcup	89	(novice)
103	153	A.W. Booth	248 Ariel	Tenterden	90	
104	146	F. Hawke	498 Matchless	Bromley	91	(novice)
105	154	Norman Devonshire	500 Matchless	Bexleyheath	91	(novice)
106	105	G.W. Chatham	348 Velocette	Bermondsey	95	(novice)
107	143	K.G. Norman	350 Matchless	Double Five	100	(novice)
108	23	H.J. Brown	350 Matchless	Sidcup	101	(novice)
109	130	B.E. McCarthy	350 R. Enfield	Bromley	102	(novice)
110	109	V.E. Eastwood	350 B.S.A.	Bexleyheath	103	(novice)
111	139	M.J. Bach	123 B.S.A.	Dons	103	(novice)
112	87	H. Harvey	348 Ariel	Southern Observers	105	(novice)
113	149	D.T. Snatt	350 R. Enfield	Hastings	105	(novice)
114	131	R.H. Treadwell	350 Matchless	Barham	113	(novice)
115	115	A.J. Tofield	350 Douglas	Invicta	116	(novice)
116	101	C.M. Sharp	349 Ariel	Invicta	117	(novice)
117	140	G.A. Head	499 B.S.A.	Dons	117	(novice)
118	144	E.A. Pope	350 B.S.A.	Double Five	118	
119	3	R.E. Philpot	350 Ariel	Kent & Sussex	128	(novice)
	36	S.C. Cornish	347 Matchless	Croydon	(novice)	Retired after 33 sections
	47	G. Orpin	350 Ariel	Tenterden		Retired after 12 sections
	57	G.J. Dee	490 Norton	Bromley	(novice)	Retired after 12 sections
	78	Bernard Sturdey	350 Ariel	Sidcup	(novice)	Retired after 12 sections
	112	E.C. Hambridge	347 Matchless	Sidcup	(novice)	Retired after 12 sections
	134	R.A. Hill	125 B.S.A.	Greenwich	(novice)	Retired after 12 sections
	142	P.T. Wicks	349 A.J.S.	Hastings		Retired after 12 sections
	156	P.S. Webb	347 A.J.S.	Folkestone	(novice)	Retired after 12 sections
	64	J. Spray	172 James	Tenterden	(novice)	Retired after 11 sections
	141	J.T. Edge	499 Rudge	Sidcup	(novice)	Retired after 11 sections

**SIDECARS**

Posn.	No.	Rider	Bike	Club	Marks	Award
1	45	John Catchpole	596 Scott	Sidcup	36	<b>The Burlingham Cup</b>
2	126	G.G. Hollamby	490 Norton	Bromley	40	First Class Award
3	99	D.V. Watts	498 A.J.S.	Bexleyheath	47	First Class Award
4	51	Bill Peacock	498 Matchless	Bromley	48	Second Class Award
5	67	A.E. Stracey	498 Sunbeam	Bromley	49	Second Class Award

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Posn.	No.	Rider	Bike	Club	Marks	Award
6	158	S.J. Atkinson	498 Triumph	Bexleyheath	51	Second Class Award
7	76	R.R. Meier	497 Ariel	Wickham	56	
8	127	F. Eldridge	500 Norton	Sidcup	56	
9	108	J.A. Simcocks	490 Norton	Bromley	64	
10	118	D.G. Cloake	490 Zenith	Bromley	65	
11	38	Bill Ridgewell	526 Ariel	Sidcup	70	
12	160	A.E. Appleby	498 Ariel	Bexleyheath	73	(novice)
13	148	F.E. Bartlett	500 Norton	Norwood	88	(novice)
14	40	R.J. Burns	596 Scott	Carshalton	92	
15	43	J.H. Hodge	497 Ariel	Streatham	106	
	157	H.J. Rayner	500 A.J.S.	Bromley		Retired after 26 sections

The January 1950 "*Compass*" gives a report of the trial; points from the report are:

- The organisers, Norman Smith, Max Klein and Dick Tremearne plotted an excellent course in which almost every section was new.
- Regrets were felt at returning some 40 entries to limit the list to 160, but the decision was wise as, in spite of shortening the original course, the last man signed off only just before dark.
- John Catchpole again won the Sidecar Premier.
- E. G. Smith was the best Sidcup, so won the Palmer Cup with a performance equal to a First Class.
- Max Pring [*Sidcup Trial Secretary and the author of the report*] won a Second Class Award.
- Great interest was aroused by the entries of our President [**Jock West**] and his sparring partner **Les Graham**. Many were disappointed that **Harold Daniell** was a non-starter. [*All three were famous in road racing, and all three were Sidcup Club members.*]
- Our mixed team of Catchpole, Smith and Don Whitebread came second to Rochester out of the nine teams entered.

### More on Les Graham DFC:

Born in September 1911, Les's first racing was in Speedway at Liverpool in 1929, but turned to road racing in 1936. He also competed in grass track racing in 1938.

His first Isle of Man TT race was in 1938. Jock West signed Les to race a Velocette in the 1940 TT, which did not happen due to World War 2.

Les flew Lancaster bombers and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for bravery.

After the war he won the first 500cc world championship on an AJS Porcupine. He was second in the 1950 World Championship in both 350cc and 500cc classes. Ever the all-rounder, Les competed in the 1950 International Six Days Trial (ISDT) in Wales on a 350cc AJS.

In 1951, 52 and 53 he was a works MV Agusta rider, with three GP wins, including MV's first 500cc GP win in Italy, and the 125cc race in the 1953 I.o.M. TT, at new lap and race records.

In the 1953 Senior TT, Les lost control of his MV Agusta at the bottom of Bray Hill, he crashed and was killed instantly. In 1955 a stone shelter was built alongside the mountain TT course and named the Graham Memorial.