



(Affiliated to the Auto-Cycle Union  
through the S.W. Centre)

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL

# WEST OF ENGLAND TRIAL

(A NATIONAL COMPETITION)

FOR

## THE MOTOR CYCLE CHALLENGE TROPHIES

to be held on

### SATURDAY, 8th OCTOBER, 1955

Held under the General Competition Rules of the Auto-Cycle Union ; these Supplementary Regulations and Final Instructions to be issued later. A.C.U. Permit No. 630.

#### OFFICIALS

Stewards of the Meeting: V. C. Anstice (Auto-Cycle Union), H. W. Louis ("The Motor Cycle"), Dr. G. H. S. Letchworth and L. J. Hawkins (Club).

A.C.U. Timekeeper: T. C. E. Clapp (Certified Grade 'A').

Scrutineer: J. E. Green.

Chief Marshal: C. W. Bartlett.

Assistant Clerk of the Course: E. G. Pascoe.

Clerk of the Course and Secretary of the Meeting: R. P. Walford,  
Clovelly House, Bovey Tracey, Devon. Tel.: Bovey Tracey 3271.

The organisers place on record their grateful thanks to the Landowners, Tenants, Police, and friends whose co-operation has made this event possible. **Kindly close gates, avoid damage to crops and take great care of fires near woodlands.** Spectators and drivers are warned not to trespass on land at Merrifield Farm, S. Brent, i.e., between the top of Diamond Lane and the next road. This is **Private Land**, permission for trial granted on the day only.

Awards will be presented at the W.E.M.C. Annual Dinner and Dance at the Trecarn Hotel, Babbacombe, Torquay, on Thursday, Dec. 1st.

# MOTOR CYCLING



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**EVERY THURSDAY EIGHTPENCE**

## LIST OF ENTRIES

No.	Name of Entrant	Lic. No.	Driver	Lic. No.	c.c.	Machine
<b>SIDECARS</b>						
		55/		55/		
1	R. Williams	608	Entrant		497	Ariel
2	A. Pulman	266	"		498	A.J.S.
3	R. G. Collier	357	"		497	Norton
4	P. G. K. Baldwin	999	"		700	Royal Enfield
5	M. Sowden	3187	"		350	A.J.S.
6	D. Bryant	432	"		498	Ariel
7	A. J. Humphries	212	"		490	Norton
<b>SOLOS</b>						
11	Matchless M/Cycles Ltd.					
		E1755	L. A. Ratcliffe	139	347	Matchless
12	James M/Cycles Ltd.	E1815	W. H. Martin	931	197	James
13	D. M. Warne	3019	Entrant		197	D.M.W.
14	A. K. Willicott	1610	"		197	James
15	A. R. Dove	257	"		197	Norman
16	L. G. Jarman	1328	"		197	James
17	R. G. Seymour	1339	"		346	Royal Enfield
18	A. Harris	605	"		197	James
19	E. A. Austen	11	"		348	B.S.A.
20	D. A. Webber	1916	"		197	D.M.W.
21	W. G. B. Traves	3145	"		490	Norton
22	Matchless M/Cycles Ltd.					
		E1755	S. R. Wicken	36	347	Matchless
23	A.J.S. M/Cycles Ltd.	E1755	S. B. Manns	108	347	A.J.S.
24	P. Stevens	3075	Entrant		346	Royal Enfield
25	L. E. Till	1879	"		197	Francis Barnett
26	E. H. J. Short	2563	"		197	James
27	D. Lane	1914	"		197	Norman
28	Triumph Eng. Co. Ltd.					
		E1712	J. E. Wicken		498	Triumph
29	B. L. Ellis	386	Entrant		197	James
30	L. E. Wyer	326	"		197	Cotton
31	B. J. Pepler	2014	"		197	Francis Barnett
32	Ariel Motors Ltd.	E1711	W. S. G. Parsons	121	348	Ariel
33	Matchless M/Cycles Ltd.					
		E1755	E. Usher	233	347	Matchless
34	Triumph Eng. Co. Ltd.					
		E1712	P. H. Alves	151	199	Triumph
35	E. L. Hine	1770	Entrant		346	Royal Enfield
36	H. W. Ellis	70	"		347	A.J.S.
37	Triumph Eng. Co. Ltd.					
		E1712	J. R. Giles	5	498	Triumph
38	M. C. Spurgin	3214	Entrant		500	B.S.A.
39	H. D. Smallshaw	1050	"		200	Smallshaw
40	A.J.S. M/Cycles Ltd.	E1755	G. O. McLaughlan			
				72	347	A.J.S.
41	R. J. Roberts	3144	Entrant		197	Francis Barnett
42	A.J.S. M/Cycles Ltd.	E1755	G. L. Jackson	3	347	A.J.S.
43	G. A. Greenland	2016	Entrant		348	B.S.A.
44	W. M. Body	845	"		498	Triumph

No.	Name of Entrant	Lic. No.	Driver	Lic. No.	cc.	Machine
45	Ariel Motors Ltd.	55/ E1711	C. M. Ray	55/ 294	500	Ariel
46	R. E. Thomas	1110	Entrant		122	Francis Barnett
47	T. A. King	1109	"		346	Levis
48	Ariel Motors Ltd.	E1711	N. S. Holmes	95	500	Ariel
49	Miss G. Wickham	1072	Entrant		197	James
50	W/Cdr. K. C. Browne	12	"		246	Royal Enfield
51	M. King	1649	"		197	Francis Barnett
52	V. M. Young	109	"		499	Royal Enfield
53	A. Sutton	513	"		197	Norman
54	W. A. Wright	1833	"		197	James
55						
56	D. Knight	1473	Entrant		197	Special
57	G. A. Skerrett	3228	"		197	Norman
58	T. Mooney	983	"		350	Royal Enfield
59	R. M. Brean	3219	"		350	Matchless
60	A. Bouttell	1818	"		498	Triumph
61	James M/Cycles Ltd.	E1815	J. B. Houghton	143	197	James
62	D. W. J. Seward	2597	Entrant		248	B.S.A.
63	H. R. Kemp	78	"		197	Francis Barnett
64	D. G. Huxford	1267	"		197	Francis Barnett
65	J. H. C. Burnett	3235	"		197	Francis Barnett
66	J. R. Matthews	2896	"		197	James
67	E. L. C. Bray	3173	"		197	James
68	A. C. Irish	3215	"		197	Francis Barnett
69	B. D. Haynes	3224	"		498	Triumph
70	G. E. Duke	99	"		348	B.S.A.
71	B.S.A. M/Cycles Ltd.	E1710	W. Nicholson	806	499	B.S.A.
72	R. W. Peacock	467	Entrant		197	Norman
73	J. L. Preston	3217	"		500	Triumph
74	Francis & Barnett Ltd.	E1742	E. W. Smith	342	197	Francis Barnett
75	W. R. Penberthy	2800	Entrant		197	D.O.T.
76	A. Turtle	3220	"		197	Tandon
77	J. E. Lees-Baker	3208	"		347	A.J.S.
78	C. R. Short	3212	"		197	James
79	B. Van der Vliet	3205	"		197	Greeves
80	R. Ralph	1931	"		197	Norman
81	E. J. Hain	1825	"		197	James
82	A. Palmer	276	"		347	Matchless
83	R. S. Hart	1547	"		147	James
84	D. H. Barrett	1159	"		197	Norman
85	M. A. C. Birtchnell	1872	"		499	B.S.A.
86	D. F. Martin	214	"		197	Francis Barnett
87	M. Southwood	3229	"		197	Francis Barnett
88	M. G. Edwards	1884	"		197	D.O.T.
89	M. A. Hubert	3204	"		197	Francis Barnett
90	Francis & Barnett Ltd.	E1742	G. E. Fisher	21	150	Francis Barnett
91	A. J. Lampkin	470	Entrant		346	Royal Enfield
92						
93	J. A. Matthews	682	"		197	D.O.T.

No.	Name of Entrant	Lic. No.	Driver	Lic. No.	cc.	Machine
94	J. D. Poingdestre	55/ 3207	Entrant	55/ 3207	499	B.S.A.
95	A. S. Gully	1834	"		350	Royal Enfield
96	G. A. W. Oaten	732	"		197	James
97	J. L. Hayward	2027	"		346	Royal Enfield
98	M. Trott	3221	"		197	James
99	H. J. Potter	880	"		197	James
100	Enfield Cycle Co. Ltd.	E1724	J. V. Brittain	9	346	Royal Enfield
101	B.S.A. M/Cycles Ltd.	E1710	B. W. Martin	66	348	B.S.A.
102	B.S.A. M/Cycles Ltd.	E1710	G. Pickering	67	123	B.S.A.
103	W. A. Seldon	1950	Entrant		197	Francis Barnett
104	D. F. Boucault	3202	"		197	James
105	James M/Cycles Ltd.	E1815	J. M. Simpson	270	197	James
106	Cpl. C. Redgrave	3193	Entrant		197	D.O.T.
107	Enfield Cycle Co. Ltd.	E1724	P. T. Stirland	6	346	Royal Enfield
108	Enfield Cycle Co. Ltd.	E1724	P. N. Brittain	206	346	Royal Enfield
109	A. R. Roper	3226	Entrant		500	Triumph
110	B.S.A. M/Cycles Ltd.	E1710	G. J. Draper	68	150	B.S.A.
111	R. J. Langston	263	Entrant		348	B.S.A.
112	C. Portlock	2171	"		197	James
113	Francis & Barnett Ltd.	E1742	A. Shutt	550	197	Francis Barnett
114	B.S.A. M/Cycles Ltd.	E1710	J. V. Smith	8	499	B.S.A.
115	P. F. Hammond	906	Entrant		197	Greeves
116	J. R. J. Webb	335	"		490	Norton
117	Enfield Cycle Co. Ltd.	E1724	W. A. Lomas	316	346	Royal Enfield
118	R. J. Armstrong	2241	Entrant		500	Royal Enfield
119	R. E. Northey	3183	"		197	James
120	M. Jackson	1268	"		490	Norton
121	C. R. F. Cope	197	"		500	Ariel
122	M. E. Daghorn	3206	"		499	B.S.A.
123	F. M. O'Brien	1961	"		347	Matchless
124	W. P. Le Marquand	3203	"		197	D.M.W.
125	James M/Cycles Ltd.	E1815	B. Povey	416	201	James

A leaflet will be issued free of charge giving times of arrival of first man and directions for finding the hills. These will be available at the Globe Hotel, Newton Abbot on Friday evening and at the start Denbury Green, near Newton Abbot from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. They will also be available from the following on Friday: Exeter Pram & Toy Shop, Sidwell Street, Exeter Motor Cycle Exchange, Coombe Street, Bartlett & Son, Cowick Street, J. E. Green & Co. and F. C. Hawken both at Newton Abbot, P. H. Sharam Ltd., Torquay, The Manor Garage, South Brent, Harrison's Garage, Toines, Wm. Croft, Ltd., Paignton.

Competitors are requested not to practice on the following private sections: \*Cuming, Diamond Lane, Watery Lane, Deep Waters, Ewings Delight, Millbrook, Burton's Pit, Bagtor, Pixie Pool, Steeper, Meadow Splash, Clennons and Gatcombe. Please refer to Regulation No. 12.

\*Practising on Cuming is absolutely forbidden. Permission has been granted for one day only.

**FOR TRADE AND CLUB TEAMS SEE OVERLEAF.**

### TRADE TEAMS

**A.J.S.**  
23 S. B. Manns  
40 G. O. McLaughlan  
42 G. L. Jackson

**B.S.A. No. 2.**  
71 W. Nicholson  
110 G. J. Draper  
114 J. V. Smith

**Matchless**  
11 L. A. Ratcliffe  
22 S. R. Wicken  
33 E. Usher

**Ariel**  
32 W. S. G. Parsons  
45 C. M. Ray  
48 N. S. Holmes

**Francis-Barnett**  
74 E. W. Smith  
90 G. E. Fisher  
113 A. Shutt

**Royal Enfield**  
100 J. V. Brittain  
107 P. T. Stirland  
108 P. N. Brittain

**B.S.A. No. 1**  
101 B. W. Martin  
110 G. J. Draper  
114 J. V. Smith

**James**  
12 W. H. Martin  
61 J. B. Houghton  
125 B. Povey

**Triumph**  
28 J. E. Wicken  
34 P. H. Alves  
37 J. R. Giles

### CLUB TEAMS

<b>Bradford M.C.C.</b>	<b>Jersey M.C.C. 'A'</b>	<b>Jersey M.C.C. 'B'</b>	<b>Moretonhampstead M.C.C.</b>
11 L. A. Ratcliffe 48 N. S. Holmes 91 A. J. Lampkin	77 J. E. Lees-Baker 94 J. D. Poingdestre 104 D. F. Boucault	79 B. Van der Vliet 89 M. A. Hubert 124 W. P. Le Marquand	16 L. G. Jarman 24 P. Stevens 65 J. H. C. Burnett
<b>Otter Vale M.C. 'A'</b>	<b>Otter Vale M.C. 'B'</b>	<b>Sunbeam M.C. 'A'</b>	<b>Sunbeam M.C. 'B'</b>
26 E. H. J. Short 96 G. A. W. Oaten 103 W. A. Seldon Reserve: 51 M. King	62 D. W. J. Seward 78 C. R. Short 119 R. E. Northey Reserve: 14 A. K. Willicott	37 J. R. Giles 42 G. L. Jackson 107 P. T. Stirland	22 S. R. Wicken 28 J. E. Wicken 105 J. M. Simpson
	<b>W. of E.M.C. 'A'</b>	<b>W. of E.M.C. 'B'</b>	
	12 W. H. Martin 32 W. S. G. Parsons 45 C. M. Ray	36 H. W. Ellis 75 W. R. Penberthy 81 E. J. Hain	

**Note:** Additional teams and amendments may be made up to 30 minutes before the Start, i.e. 8.30 a.m.



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## FACTS

### . . . about the Trial

The National West of England Trial, locally known as "The Open," which you are seeing today, was first held in 1927, at the suggestion of B. W. Swabey. Dr. G. H. S. Letchworth, now President of the Club, route-marked that first event; and at least three people who rode in it, Mrs. M. L. Ramsay (Miriam Anning), S. R. Shepherd and L. R. Bissett, are still very active members of the Club.

Ever since 1931 the Trial has enjoyed trade support; and the "Figure Eight" course layout, spreading the entry over two loops alternately, has been widely copied.

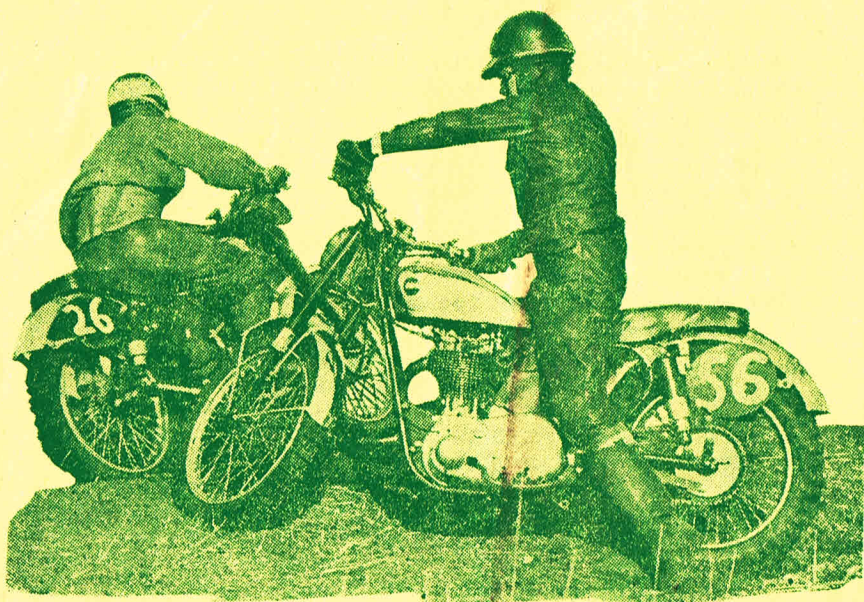
The record number of competitors was 151 in 1947; the previous record 130 in 1930. The first Westcountryman to win the splendid "Motor Cycle" Trophy, the premier award, was R. M. Warren (Ariel) in 1932; and the most recent, P. H. Alves—twice winner and twice runner-up since the war. In 1954 the solo winner was S. B. Manns (A.J.S.), a Kentishman; the runner-up J. M. Simpson (James), from London; and the winner of the sidecar trophy, P. G. K. Baldwin (Matchless) from Tunbridge Wells.

Characteristic of this trial are the truly natural hazards, not artificially made, with Dartmoor hill climbs at one end and sticky mud at the other combining to form a course to test the finest of machines and riders to the utmost. Each year it is our privilege to welcome to this event the finest trials riders in the country, many of them internationally famous. With them compete on equal terms "the local boys," the backbone of any and every club—our own members, and others like them from far and wide. To all the entrants we wish a good time and Good Luck!

Running this Trial requires as many officials as if it were a department of the Welfare State. The officers, marshals and observers are all volunteers, and we are very grateful indeed (as you should be too) to all these enthusiasts who annually and readily give up their Saturday to the cause of Motor Sport. This is to say nothing of the weeks of planning that have gone before.

The West of England Motor Club was formed by a band of enthusiasts in February 1925 and has been in continuous existence ever since. It stages four or more trials and three scrambles each year, and circulates a monthly magazine listing the events of all clubs in the South Western area. Full particulars of membership can be had from the Hon. Secretary, R. P. Walford, Clovelly House, Bovey Tracey, or the Hon. Treasurer, L. J. Hawkins, 174 Sidwell Street, Exeter. The subscription is 10/- a year.

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