

# BARNET 1929

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## Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 1929, Off Barnet By-Pass, Barnet

*Hendon & Finchley Times 2.8.29, information supplied by Graeme Frost.*

### Match Race

#### Barnet Handicap

Doug J Pirie, E C Cornwell, C Pallanza 34.48 m.p.h.

#### South Herts Scratch Race

Doug Pirie, G Burlingham, T H Mitchell 34.48 m.p.h.

### Match Races

E C Cornwell beat W Holland

Doug Pirie beat E C Cornwell

Doug Pirie beat H G Wallis\*

\*Likely to be Henry Wallis

## Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1929, Off Barnet By-Pass, Barnet

*Reynolds's Newspaper 4.8.29*

### Handicap Race

Ginger Vincent (scr), Ernie Barber (2) 99.4

### Match Race

Ginger Vincent bt Buzz Calvert\* 2-1

Ht 1: Vincent, Calvert 94.0

Ht 2: Calvert, Vincent 95.4

Ht 3: Vincent, Calvert 92.3

### Totteridge Scratch Race

Ht: Ginger Vincent 90.2

Final: Charlie Traynor, Buzz Calvert\* 92.4

### Lap Record Attempt

Charlie Traynor 21.4 (record)

\*Probably J H Calvert

## Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 1929, Off Barnet By-Pass, Barnet

### Barnet Handicap

Ht: Ernie Barber, Puff Morley

Ht: Buzz Calvert\*

Ht: Charlie Traynor

SF: Puff Morley, [Ernie Barber (f), Buzz Calvert\* (f)]

SF: Charlie Traynor

Final: Charlie Traynor (2), R Reynolds (3) 39.55 mph

**Match Race**

Ginger Vincent bt Eddie Rainbow 2-0

\*Believed to be J H Calvert who rode at West Ham in 1928.

**Totterbridge Scratch Race**

Final: A Header, C Downham, R Reynolds

94.2

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 1929, Off Barnet By-Pass, Barnet**

*Hendon & Finchley Times 16.8.29*

Fourth meeting of the season staged by the North London Motor Club, on grass.

**Track Record Attempt**

Doug Pirie

37.34 mph (new record)

**Challenge Match Race**

J Blocksidge beat B Bickell\*

**South Herts Scratch Race**

Ht 1: R A E Holme

32.03 mph

Ht 2: Doug Pirie

37.04 mph

Ht 3: J Blocksidge

35.29 mph

Ht 4: H French

36.89 mph

Final: H French

37.14 mph

**Barnet Handicap**

Ht 1: E C Cornwell

34.75 mph

Ht 2: G Morris

36.43 mph

Ht 3: H French

35.93 mph

Ht 4: B Bickell\*

35.23 mph

Final: Doug Pirie

36.36 mph

\*Believed to be Charles Benjamin Bickell

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 1929, Off Barnet By-Pass, Barnet****Barnet Handicap**

Final: E D Lawrence, George Wilks, [R E Riley]

**South Herts Scratch**

Final: Charlie Traynor, E C Cornwell, [R E Riley]

**Match Race**

Final: Charlie Traynor

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 1929, Off Barnet By-Pass, Barnet****Match Race**

W Holland

**Mill Hill Scratch**

Ht: Charlie Traynor

Final: W Holland, Charlie Traynor (ns)

**Arkley Handicap**

Final: Unknown, W Holland

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 1929, Off Barnet By-Pass, Barnet**

*Hendon & Finchley Times 26.9.29*

**Arkley Handicap**

Ht 1: Charlie Traynor

Ht 2: E C Cornwell

Ht 3: C E Reynolds

Ht 4: W Holland

Final: Charlie Traynor, D J Spire

34.61 mph

**Mill Hill Scratch Race**

Ht 1: W Holland

Ht 2: D J Spire

Ht 3: Charlie Traynor, G Grace

Ht 4: E C Cornwell

Final: C E Reynolds, E C Cornwell

36.28 mph

**Events were advertised as taking place every week from July through to November.**

### **Additional information provided by Graeme Frost**

“**Barnet Speedways Ltd.**, whose track at Mays Lane, Barnet, I described in detail some few months ago, opened for practice on Tuesday of last week. One of the principal functions of the track will be to provide real practising facilities for those who, having all the necessary inclination to ride on the cinders, have not been given the opportunity through lack either of proper kit or of a machine. At Barnet both machines and riding clothes will be available.

The first meeting will be held on Saturday next.” [Source: Cyntrax, Motor Cycling, 31 July 1929, page 411]

#### **“The new grass track**

Weekly grass-track racing will be instituted at a track in the South next Saturday, when London will see its first meeting at the new track opened by the North London M.C. on the Barnet By-pass.

The track is easily found, for it is distinguished by a large notice-board on the By-pass itself. The meeting begins at 3.30 p.m.” [Source: The Motor Cycle, 25 July 1929, page 156]

**BARNET GRASS SPEEDWAY.** Thrilling races amidst rural surroundings. On Barnet By-pass road two miles north of Mill Hill. Every Saturday, 3.30 p.m. Extra meeting Bank Monday, 3.30. Fast course, star riders, special holiday programme. Admission 1s 2d, children 6d. Unlimited parking facilities. Refreshments. Loud-speaker installation. promoted by North London Motor Club. Britain's finest grass speedway. [Source: Motor Cycling, 31 July 1929. (Supplement xvii.) 39]

**BARNET CINDER TRACK.** Opening meeting Saturday August 3rd, 3.30 p.m.; also Sunday, August 4th and Monday, August 5th, 3.30 p.m., and every Sunday. Practice daily 10 a.m. to dusk. Riders wanted report immediately. Car park. Track is one mile down May's Lane from the bottom of Barnet Hill. [Source: Motor Cycling, 31 July 1929. (Supplement xvii.) 39]

#### **BARNET GRASS TRACK OPENS.**

ON Saturday last the North London Motor Club, which last year was responsible for the organization of the dirt-track meetings at Stamford Bridge, ran the first of a series of grass-track meetings on its new speedway situated some five miles "up" the Barnet bypass road. Both in regard to the shape and size of the track (½-mile oval) and also to the lines on which the events were organized, the new Barnet Grass Speedway almost exactly resembles many dirt tracks, but it is not, of course, intended in any way to compete with them. Admission charges are 1s. 2d. for adults and 6d. for children, and at Saturday's meeting there was an estimated attendance of about 1,300. Quite the outstanding performer was the well-known grass expert, D. J. Pirie (348 Velocette), whose brilliant riding and fast machine took him into first place in every event on the programme—and one which was not. His treatment of the corners—which were as slippery as only bone-dry grass can be—was really excellent. Amongst the other outstanding performers were E. C. Cornwell, J. Blocksidge, G. Burlingham and T. H. Mitchell, all riding Cottons.

Of a series of close finishes the closest was the final of the scratch event, in which Pirie and Burlingham took the final turn abreast, the former squeezing in to win by a length.

The afternoon passed off pleasantly and without any serious damage, either to competitors or their machines. A trick-riding display by Ellen and Dick Cutlack was very much enjoyed.

The only justifiable criticism of the meeting was that two and three-quarter hours was rather long.

#### **RESULTS.**

Barnet Handicap: 1, D. J. Pirie, 34.48 m.p.h.; 2, E. C. Cornwell; 3, C. Pallanza (Triumph). S. Herts Scratch Race: 1, D. J. Pirie, 34.48 m.p.h.; 2, G. Burlingham; 3, T. H. Mitchell. Match Races: E. C. Cornwell beat W. Holland, D. J. Pirie beat E. C. Cornwell. Pirie beat H. G. Wallis. Fastest Time: D. J. Pirie, 35.32 m.p.h.

Source: Motor Cycling, 31 July 1929, pages 406, 407