

EASTBOURNE 1929

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Sources of information : EG = Eastbourne Gazette; E Cour = Eastbourne Courier; E Chron - Eastbourne Chronicle SCH = Sussex County Herald; TMC = The Motor Cycle; 75YES = 75 Years of Eastbourne Speedway (Jacobs & Burnett); HoBS = Homes of British Speedway (Bamford & Jarvis)

The official opening scheduled for Whit Monday, 20th May 1929, was postponed owing to it being impossible to complete the necessary arrangements for the accommodation of the public (EG 15.5.29)

August Bank Holiday Mo 5.8.29 (3.30pm) Arlington, Eastbourne

HoBS ; 75YES; EG 7.8.29

Meeting no.1 - first-ever meeting.

Track length: 300 yards. Meetings run by Arlington Motor Sports Club, President: Major P C Bird.

ACU Steward: Mr H R Taylor. Entrance: 1s2d [6p] adults, 6d [2½p] children.

Arlington Scratch Race

- 1 Jack Polley [line-up also included F. Knott, J. Green]
 - 2 *Cancelled*
 - 3 Bert Hele [Jimmy Horton, Bert Gerrish]
 - 4 Les Ashdown [J. Honey, Bert Spears]
 - 5 Eddie Allchorn [N. Petch, R. Dutton]
- SF1 Bert Hele, Jack Polley
SF2 Les Ashdown, Eddie Allchorn
Final Les Ashdown, Bert Hele 119.4

Eastbourne Handicap

- 1 *Cancelled*
 - 2 E Palmer (scr), [Bert Gerrish (2secs), Eddie Allchorn (5secs)]
 - 3 Jimmy Horton (scr), [Jack Polley 6secs, J. Green 6secs]
 - 4 Bert Spears (6secs), [R. Dutton (scr), Les Ashdown (2secs)]
- Semi Finals cancelled, heat winners to Final
Final Jimmy Horton, [Bert Spears, E. Palmer] 97.8

Match Race

- 1 Jimmy Horton beat Bert Hele 94.4
- 2 Jimmy Horton beat Bert Hele 92.6

Team Race

London 10 Eastbourne 8 Arlington 0

	London		Arlington		Eastbourne	L	A	E	
1	Bert Gerrish	2	Bert Spears	0	R. Dutton	4	2	0	4
2	E. Palmer	4	Eddie Allchorn	0	Jack Polley	2	6	0	6
3	Jimmy Horton	4	Bert Hele	0	Les Ashdown	2	10	0	8

Sa 24.8.29 Arlington, Eastbourne

HoBS ; 75YES (but match date is wrong); ECour 30.8.29; EG 28.8.29

Meeting no.2. Rod Dutton lowered the track record to 87.8 sec.

"ACU Steward H R Taylor said that the Arlington Speedway was the only track he knew of in England to be run by an amateur club, and where the officials were unpaid" (EG).

Attendance: c.1,000 (ECour).

Arlington Scratch

- 1 D Howells (Douglas) 111.6
- 2 Rod Dutton (Douglas) 87.8 (track record)
- 3 Bert Hele (Wenley Special) 91.8
- 4 Bert Spears (New Imperial) 100.4
- SF1 Rod Dutton 104.2

SF2 Bert Hele	92.4
Final Rod Dutton	96.8
<i>[ECour - Dutton won, EG - Hele won!]</i>	
Hailsham Handicap	
1 Jimmy Horton (Rudge)	96.8
2 H Jones (New Imperial)	116.4
3 Rod Dutton	99.4
Final Jimmy Horton [Rod Dutton f when leading on last lap]	94.4
Match Race	
1 Bert Hele beat Jimmy Horton	90.8
2 Jimmy Horton beat Bert Hele	89.8
350cc	
Bert Spears (New Imperial), J Green (Raleigh)	103.4

Sa 14.9.29 Arlington, Eastbourne

75YES; ECour 20.9.29

Meeting no.3 (last of season). Riders included Bert Gerrish.

350cc	Bert Spears	
Special 350cc	Jack Polley	104.8
Arlington Scratch Race	Final: Jimmy Horton	91.8
Hailsham Handicap	Final: Les Bourne	104.0
Match Race	Jimmy Horton beat Les Bourne	94.8
” ”	Sparks Burgess beat Jimmy Horton	96.8

Update:

15.8.17

Information added to 1st meeting 5.8.29 from partly marked programme (Keith Corns)