

MORLEY (Yorkshire)

1928

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There is some doubt as to whether this track qualifies for inclusion on this speedway website. It is consistently referred to as "dirt-track" in *Yorkshire Post* reports, but is very long for a dirt-track (though not as long as Leicester Super) and may well have been a basically grass surface.

If you have any further information about this track, please let me know.

Sun 29.4.28 Morley, Yorkshire

Yorkshire Post 30.4.28

5,000. "...opening event of the Morley Motor Club's new dirt racing track in High Street" Eric Langton won "the trophy for the fastest time, taking 1m34s for 3 laps of the course – one lap being 550yds in length". Oliver Langton also rode. [Morley was a market town in 1928, but is now within the City of Leeds]

Solos 350cc General	Eric K Langton (New Hudson)
Solos 350cc Novices	G Jones (Rudge Whitworth)
Sidecars 500cc General	J W Mortimer (P&M)
Solos Unlimited cc Novices	Dusty Haigh (New Imperial)
Sidecars Unlimited cc	J W Mortimer (P&M)
Solos Unlimited cc General	Eric K Langton (Scott)
Sidecars 500cc	R V Scanor (Scott)

Sun 8.7.28 (aft) Morley, Yorkshire

Yorks Post 9.7.28

5,000.

350cc General (3 laps)	Billy Burrows (Dot)	91.0
350cc Novice (5 laps)	C Jones (Rudge)	165.0
Unlimited cc Novice	J M Rhodes(Norton)	157.0
Unlimited cc General	Billy Burrows	150.5
Sidecars 500cc General	E Hainsworth (Norton)	192.0
Sidecars 500cc Novice	George Greenwood (Norton)	171.0

Sun 22.7.28 : Morley, Yorkshire

Yorks Post 24.7.28

5,000. Frank Pearce (Aus) rode but could not get used to the track and crashed, putting his machine out of action. Geoff Taylor lowered the track record to 150.0 secs.

350cc General (heats 3 laps, final 5 laps)

Ht 1	Billy Burrows (Dot)
Ht 2	Geoff Taylor (Raleigh)
Ht 3	H Mitchell (Raleigh)
Final	Geoff Taylor

350cc Novice (heats 3 laps, final 5 laps)

Ht 1	F Hollingworth (Douglas)
Ht 2	E Haswell (AJS)
Final	E Haswell

Unlimited cc Novice (all 5 laps)

Ht 1	F G Barker (P&M)
Ht 2	L S Stephens (Ariel)
Ht 3	George Corney (Norton)
Ht 4	J M Rhodes (Norton)

Final F G Barker 175.0
 Unlimited cc General (all 5 laps)
 Ht 1 Eric K Langton (Scott)
 Ht 2 Geoff Taylor
 Ht 3 Oliver Langton (Scott)
 Ht 4 L S Stephens
 Final Eric K Langton 154.0
 Sidecars Unlimited cc General (heats 3 laps, final 5 laps)
 Ht 1 George Greenwood (Norton)
 Ht 2 E Hainsworth (Norton)
 Final George Greenwood
 Sidecars Unlimited cc Novice (heats 3 laps, final 5 laps)
 Ht 1 George Greenwood
 Ht 2 Geoff Taylor (Norton)
 Final George Greenwood 184.0

Sun 12.8.28 Morley, Yorkshire

Yorks Post 13.8.28

6,000.

350cc Novice (3 laps) W Watson (Douglas), H W Leach (Raleigh) 98.0
 350cc General (5 laps) Geoff Taylor (Raleigh), H W Leach, Billy Burrows (Dot) 158.0
 Unlimited cc General (5 laps) Billy Burrows, J M Rhodes (Norton), R G Breary (Norton) 155.0
 Unlimited cc Novice (5 laps) L S Stephens (Ariel), G L Sanderson (Norton), J M Rhodes 160.0
 Unlimited cc General (5 laps) Billy Burrows, R G Breary, Geoff Taylor 149.0
 Sidecars Unlimited General (5 l) J W Mortimer (P&M), E Hainsworth (Norton) 174.0

Sun 2.9.28 Morley, Yorkshire

Yorks Post 3.9.28

Young rider E H Patrick *"travelled 50 yards on a blazing machine, unaware until warned by the shouts of the onlookers. He hastily dismounted, but despite the efforts of an army of willing helpers the machine was practically burnt out. Patrick was, however, unhurt."*

350cc Novice (5 laps) Final: George Corney (Raleigh), H W Leach (Raleigh), E Hoswell (AJS) 160.0
 350cc General (5 laps) Final: Billy Burrows (Dot), George Corney, H H Frank (AJS) 169.8
 Unlimited cc General (5 laps) Final: Billy Burrows, N Peacock (Sunbeam), G L Sanderson (Sunbeam) 155.4
 Unlimited cc Novice (5 laps) Final: G Marshall (Ariel), George Corney, G L Sanderson 154.4 (*This race was re-run after a dead-heat*)
 Unlimited cc General (5 laps) Final: Billy Burrows, G Marshall, H W Leach 153.2
 Championship Race (5 laps) Billy Burrows 152.8
 Sidecars Match Race George Greenwood (Norton) beat J W Mortimer (P&M) 169.8

Sun 7.10.28 Morley, Yorkshire

Yorks Post 8.10.28

5,000.

Match Race Miss E Askwith (Velocette) beat Miss E Foley (Triumph) 104.0
 350cc Novice W Watson (HRD), H W Leach (Raleigh), Geoff Kilburn (Rex Acme) 113.0
 Unlimited General H/C R Sullivan (Ariel), Jack Dudding (Rex Acme), G L Sanderson (Sunbeam) 99.0
 Unlimited General Billy Burrows (Dot), H W Leach, G Marshall (Ariel) 90.8
 350cc General H/C W Watson, Billy Burrows, H W Leach 94.0
 Unlimited Novice G Sanderson, J M Rhodes, T Flint 65.0 (2 laps)
 Championship Race (Silver Peak) Billy Burrows 91.0
 Sidecars Unlimited General G S Taylor (Norton), J W Mortimer (P&M) 136.0

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