



Yorkshire Centre Report



We're well into August now and the end of the season is in sight. First of all where has this year gone? The months have been soaring passed and here at Harewood Hillclimb we've had another batch of events for you all to read about.

As July approached so did the next round of the British Hillclimb Championship. The 3rd and 4th July brought out the crowds as the MSA assemblage made the trip back to Yorkshire for some action on the longest Hillclimb course in Britain.

A number of smooth running practice sessions during the Saturday lead the way for the much anticipated Top 12 run-off during Sunday. Sunday, 4th July gave the sea of competitors strong winds and threatening rain to contend with, whilst they embarked on their second day of excitement at Harewood. With the wind holding off the rain, a brand new hill record saw title contender, Martin Groves, soar up the hill to steal the quickest time on Saturday with a time of 49.13 seconds. Next up saw Scott Moran hold the advantage in the Moran family, with father, Roger, close behind with the third fastest time.

The weather seems to be on our side so far this year, which makes a nice change, much to the delight of our regulars and marshals. With the good weather theme continuing, the weekend of 7th and 8th August was another good round to mark off of the 2010 calendar, as the Yorkshire Speed Hillclimb and Montague Burton Trophy made their annual visit to the BARC Yorkshire Centre.

The fastest time of the day on Saturday went the way of Mark Hemingway, as he rose to the top of the times with a time of 54.19 seconds. John Chacksfield wasn't too far adrift in second,

with Graham Smith rounding out the top three. A smooth running day gave each competitor a sometimes rare four timed runs, ensuring they each secured plenty of time on the hill.

As Sunday, 8th August arrived Richard Spedding was the man to watch, as he took his place at the top with the fastest time of the day, after racing up the hill in 51.34 seconds. This time around it was Hemingway who slotted into second, whilst Colin Birkbeck held the third fastest time.

One of the main focuses at Harewood is, of course, the Harewood Speed Hillclimb Championship. After the last competition weekend, Henry Moorhouse is leading the way at the top, with a present total of 84.93 points. Vini Dobson is a close second with 84.49 points, whilst Steve Mitchell has romped to a respectable 82.95 points in third.

With three rounds spread over two weekends remaining in the 2010 Harewood calendar, it's still extremely close at the top of

the table. At the moment everything is still very much to play for as the next double header event draws near.

Bank Holiday weekend (29th August) will see the Summer Championship meeting return to Yorkshire, as we head towards the close of the season. 18th September will host the Greenwood Cup, whilst the 19th September is reserved for the ever popular Mike Wilson Memorial meeting, which is always a good end to the year.

Elsewhere at our Yorkshire Centre, our new website is proving a hit, with all of the latest news and results featured throughout the various sections. One feature we have found to be useful to our visitors is the 'next event' information, which gives you all of the necessary details you need before making your trip to see us.

In other news our popular school days have come to an end for another year, however, dates for 2011 will be announced over the coming months, in case you missed out this year. Our online entry system is still in progress and will be with you as soon as possible. It will definitely be a feature that our competitors will benefit from.

As the season comes to an end it will soon be time to reflect on what has happened throughout the year. There are always memorable moments to recollect, and there are always those moments that might slip by the wayside. In our next letter we will look back over the year as a whole and see how it has gone for us all here at the BARC Yorkshire Centre. We will also give you the ins and outs of our final three meetings and let you know who managed to pin down that all important Harewood Championship title.

We look forward to seeing you at Harewood in the very near future. Take care and see you soon.

Leanne Fahy

