



Steve Darley won this year's Harewood Championship

Yorkshire Centre

As we steer our way through October we are reminded here at Harewood Speed Hillclimb about the year we have enjoyed. The season has now come to a close, and after a spectacular final weekend it was the ideal end to another season.

Since we last wrote to you we have had three more events to tick off of the 2011 calendar, so let's delve in and see what happened at each. The first event since our last magazine was the Summer Championship. With everything to play for in the Harewood Championship it was set to be a thrilling showdown in the final trio of meetings, and we weren't disappointed.

As usual the one day Summer Championship event brought with it the finest August Bank Holiday action. Accompanied with the usual array of Caterhams, Mitsubishi Evo's, Ariel Atom, classic machines and single-seaters we had the motorbike contingent return for another year and also a significant amount of TVR Championship cars.

A complete entry list of 155 two and four wheeled machines made for an exciting day out. After two timed runs each, the Harewood Championship saw Simon Green strengthen his grasp at the top of the standings. Behind, Steve Darley had elevated himself to second place, whilst Henry Moorhouse clung to third place, as

the top three started to gradually edge away from the chasing pack.

Elsewhere, Richard Spedding scored another Fastest Time of the Day award with his quickest time of 52.56 seconds. John Chacksfield steered his OMS CF04 machine to the second fastest time in just 53.75 seconds.

A few weeks later we were well into September, as the final weekend of the year made an appearance. Saturday 17th September made way for the Greenwood Cup, whilst Sunday played host to the Mike Wilson Memorial season finale.

A mixture of weather hit Harewood on both days, as the rain intervened to mix up the times on both Saturday and Sunday. The Greenwood Cup again saw Simon Green romp to another top finish as he again increased his grip on the provisional Harewood Championship title. Steve Darley still held onto second place and Henry Moorhouse third; however with just one more chance on the cards the tension was evident.

The fastest time of the day for the Greenwood Cup was achieved by Peter Newton and his Force PC in just 53.56 seconds, with the Morgan Jenkins/Pilbeam MP97 collaboration second fastest after securing a time of 54.74 seconds.

As the Mike Wilson Memorial meeting

leapt into action Harewood Hillclimb became a hotbed of thrills and spills. Sporadic rain showers during the afternoon made for an interesting conclusion, as Steve Darley usurped the Harewood Championship title from Simon's grasp on the final day.

Smooth running during each of the two concluding events allowed for a total of eight timed runs for each competitor. With four timed runs each day there was definitely a good reception from our entrants, with each securing ample track time.

As the meeting came to close there was the usual fun and laughter in the paddock, and also the obligatory posing from our marshals who enjoyed the annual 'team photo'. Now the Hill is silent once again, and the sheep are free to reign supreme, for a few months at least. Without seeming too eager the 2012 Harewood Hillclimb dates have already been established and are sitting pretty on our website, should any of you fancy a peek. Our regular batch of events have secured their now familiar slots on the calendar, with another eight rounds of the Harewood Championship to be contested, as well as the regular mix of Classic and Vintage and British Championship events.

Since the culmination of the season here at Harewood many messages of thanks have passed between the ranks of marshals, officials and drivers. Sadly I haven't had been able to make many appearances at Harewood this season due to clashes amongst other things, but I would like to express my thanks to everyone for a great time when I have been on the bank with my orange clad associates.

The next big event on the Harewood calendar is the awards dinner dance in November. We hope to see you there. Take care and we hope you enjoy what is left of your season.

Leanne Fahy



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