

Bright and Breezy – by John Moxham

Summer Championship Meeting

Would it rain or not and where did all that wind come from??? Oh! - sorry..... it's August Bank Holiday Weekend!!!!

Blustery winds greeted a full (over 150) paddock of 2 and 4 wheeled competitors. Guest class of the Hill this meeting was the TVR Championship. 6 cars of varying models (and ages !) were in the 67 sec bracket with Steve Cox's V8S thundering to victory in 67.13 some 4/10th's ahead of Stewart Lobley's Vixen S4. Mike Roe's Ermine White S4 finished off the top 3 in 67.76.

Mark Teale (206Gti) and Jamie Kerr (205Gti) were having their own battle in the 2litre Road going class, Mark being quicker on both runs to take victory in 67.68. Mike Geen guested very impressively in a Honda Integra R (Karl Jackson's) to take 4th. Place just behind the older version of David Blakeston. 7th. was Harewood "virgin" Peter Hart in his near standard Clio Williams – excellent result chasing his father – Tony – hard and finishing just 6/10ths behind.

With class record holder Bob Bellerby absent in Road modified kit, Henry – just recovering from the Leeds Festival – Moorhouse took class honours from the younger Bellerby – Michael – by over 2 seconds.

The larger kit cars proved an on-going battle between Simon Green and Karl Jackson – the latter in his super-charged Ariel Atom finishing tantalizing close by 11/100ths to the Duratech KT Green Westfield.

On a day when conditions were not conducive to record breaking only one record fell – John Graham broke his own Elise class record by 12/100ths in the 211 – is that 3 times this year?

This combo gets quicker and quicker – must be all the Dallara practice!!!

In the larger Mod Prods the Scooby of Steve Darley, whilst shy of his own record by ½ second, proved once again invincible heading up the Martin/ Brookes brace of Evos.

Probably one of the most eye-catching cars in the paddock was the impressive sounding Cotton/Edward Clio V6 Cup car – very pukka with all the factory gizmos.

Single seater time – was it going to be one of the "big boys" from 5D even though Colin Birbeck was a no show? Oh No – Mr. Spedding pulled all the stops out on run 2 (after a problematic first run) to take FTD in the Force from John Chacksfield's Vauxhall engined OMS by over a second.

Some 32 bikes graced Harewood for their annual visit.

Jimmy Hodges made the long trek from Devon worthwhile to take fastest time on the Honda CRF450 under ½ second ahead of Worcester man Martin Robins on the big engined 637KTM.

Spins, falling offs – fortunately without injury – and an exceptionally large entry caused numerous delays. In spite of a shortened lunch (a big thank-you to the marshalls) only 2 runs sadly were the order of the day.

Can we order more sun and less wind for the September double-header please!!