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Wet Wet Wet!

Tricky driving conditions faced the 140 drivers at the British Hillclimb Championship meeting at Harewood Speed Hillclimb in July. Practice on Saturday and the competitive runs on Sunday were mainly wet with the odd torrential downpour, thunder and lightning to keep the competitors on their toes.

The first British Championship Top 12 Run off on Sunday was wet and went to Martin Groves in his 3.5 litre Gould single seat racing car with a 61.52 second run, nearly a second clear of second placed man Trevor Willis in the 2.8 litre OMS. The wet conditions allowed both Tim Wilson and Eynon Price to mix it with the more powerful cars in their 1.4 and 1.6 litre OMS race cars and secure top ten places and championship points. Later in the day, with a virtually dry track for the second British Championship round, the results were a repeat of the May British Championship meeting at Harewood. Scott Moran set the fastest time of the day in his 3.5 litre Gould with a 49.77 second run, ahead of Groves on 50.04 and Jos Goodyear showing great pace yet again with a time of 50.75 seconds in the 4 litre Pilbeam.

Most of the other class wins were between 8 and 10 seconds off the class records due to the wet conditions. The battle for supremacy in the race car classes was most intense with Tim Wilson taking the class win from Eynon Price by just over half a second in the under 1600cc category. Whilst in the up to 2 litre class, current record holder Paul Haines managed to keep his Dallara ahead of Tom New's Pilbeam by just 0.15 of a second. The gap in the unrestricted race car class was even closer with Martin Groves just beating Scott Moran by 0.07 of a second.

OMS 1, 2, 3 again

Dave Banner took fastest time of the day at the Montague Burton Trophy meeting on Sunday 3 August in his 1098cc OMS 2000M race car and extended his lead in the Harrogate Audi Fastest Time of the Day (FTD) Championship. Second spot was secured by arch rival John Chacksfield, just 0.43 seconds behind in his similar OMS. Third place fell to David Grey in his 1600cc OMS CF04, who still holds on to second place in the FTD Championship, separated by just one point from John Chacksfield. This was almost a repeat of the result at the 8 June meeting, although Peter Hamilton suffered

engine problems and was unable to take a competitive run.

Harewood Champion and current championship leader Karl Jackson broke his own class record twice in his Mitsubishi EVO and extended his championship lead, despite a heart stopping off at Quarry corner in practice. Karl disappeared from view for a time but re-appeared with only minor bodywork damage, tree debris and a sore neck. The 41 strong, Lotus 7 cars class was won by Darren Luke in his Caterham, smashing the class record in the process, with both his runs being under the record.

The motorcycles were entertaining as ever, also with a number of class record breaking performances from Glyn Poole in the 350 to 500cc class, and Simon Blenkin/Paul Nelson in the sidecar class, who broke their own records. Paul Jarrett also broke the 500 to 750cc class record. Les Wilson was treated by paramedics for minor injuries following a fall from his 250cc Honda CR.

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Dave Wilson



Eynon Price



Dave Banner



Graeme Wight Jnr



Peter Jory



Scott Moran