

Yorkshire Centre Report



This year is definitely beginning to fly by rather too quickly, where on earth did June come from? The summer is fast approaching and we're not far away from the half-way point in the motor racing season. Crikey!

Since our last article, here at Harewood Speed Hillclimb we've enjoyed quite a variety of events, and even been blessed with sunshine at some of them (minus the last one), but here's hoping it continues.

Saturday 8th May saw the return of some of our regulars after a month's break, with our May Open Hillclimb event kicking off the weekend. A busy day as ever saw Paul Martin collect the points he needed to place him nicely at the top of the Harewood Championship table, much to his delight, whilst Henry Moorhouse slotted into second place.

Oliver Tomlin rose to the challenge during the meeting, to set the fastest time of the day and gain honours in the FTD Championship, with a time of 52.91 seconds. However, it was Clive Lightburn who came away from the day sitting in the prominent position at the top of the Harewood FTD Championship standings.

On Sunday 9th May we welcomed the first appearance of the MSA fraternity at our venue, as the big names in the series arrived. An exciting event, as ever, saw the usual suspects go forward into the Top 12 Run Off, with Scott Moran coming out on top. Not far behind was one of his chief rivals, Martin Groves, whilst Scott's father, Roger followed with the third quickest time. Trevor Willis and Deryk Young were next up in fourth and fifth, with Chris Merrick not far off the pace in sixth. Richard Spedding, Eynon Price, Tom New and Steve Owen completed the runners in seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth, respectively.

The British Championship is set to return to Harewood on the 3/4th July, with Scott Moran no doubt eager to extend his lead at the top of the championship.

Onto June and two more events we've now ticked off of the 2010 calendar. The weekend of 5/6th June welcomed the arrival of the annual Classic and Vintage meeting at Harewood, followed by the ever popular Jim Thomson Trophy meeting.

The Classic and Vintage outing saw many very prestigious cars from the VSCC, amongst other clubs, take to the hill in true style. A strong presence of Austin machines took on the challenge, whilst the usual array of Aston Martins, Fraser Nash models, Talbotts and MG's, together with many others made for an interesting day.

After a successful day on Saturday 5th our

Jim Thomson meeting on Sunday 6th was a wet meeting, with rain making a seemingly rare appearance this season. Many of our regulars were once again out in force, with the big names keen to show what they could do, despite the wet conditions.

Now with three rounds done and dusted, it's still Paul Martin who holds station at the very top of the Harewood Championship standings. Vini Dobson has been quietly creeping up on him, and has risen to second place, dragging Kenny Brookes with him, to demote Henry Moorhouse down to fourth place. Clive Lightburn is still currently dominating the FTD Championship, with David Grey a close second and John Chacksfield keeping a close eye on things in third. However, there is still a fair way to go, with many big meetings still to come.

Aside from the competition events held at Harewood we also have our popular school days. It is a full day to ensure you get the full understanding of what it takes to drive Britain's longest permanent hillclimb course. The day enables you to come along to the venue, learn the ins and outs of the course from some top instructors, who have experienced it first hand, and put your skills to the test in your own road going car, to demonstrate what you have learnt.

For the remainder of this year we have the following school dates on offer, the 24th June and the 29th July. For those of you interested in sampling the view the drivers get, book your place now by contacting Jackie Wilson on 01423 339062.

As we leave Harewood for another few weeks everyone is set to take a slight breather, as we gear up for the second British Hillclimb Championship appearance of the season. Fingers crossed the weekend of 3rd and 4th July will bring glorious sunshine to the



BARC Yorkshire Centre, and we'll all be able to bask in the warmth, whilst enjoying some top motor racing action and working on our tan at the same time. Oh and don't forget the ice-creams. What more could you want?

We look forward to seeing you at Harewood in the very near future.

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