

Yorkshire Centre



Well hello to you all once again from everyone at the BARC Yorkshire Centre. We've had a good start to the year so far at Harewood Speed Hillclimb, with a few events already ticked off the 2011 calendar.

April saw the Spring National event get things in motion here at Harewood with our first 'club' style meeting of the year and, despite entries being slightly lower than previous years, we were able to hold a good event with each driver getting six runs throughout the day.

As we moved onto our sole May event weekend, we saw the British Hillclimb Championship make its way to Harewood for the first of two visits this year, as well as our first double header of the season. Saturday 14th May played host to the May Open Championship and with a good turnout everyone fought through the wind to enjoy the second round of the Harewood Championship. Joining many of our regulars throughout the weekend we had the Ferrari Owners Club out in force with a great array of cars from the Pirelli Ferrari Championship.

Sunday 15th May was dedicated to the May British Championship. A wet start to the day meant the excitement rose as the day progressed. As the tarmac started to dry out throughout the day, the times gradually became faster and faster with Scott Moran eventually setting the fastest time in his Gould single-seater, ahead of his father, Roger, and Harewood regular Richard Spedding. Again Sunday saw the Ferrari Owners Club in attendance, whilst Lee Adams enjoyed a sensational run in the British run-off, courtesy of his 1600cc GWR Raptor. Lee

secured the fastest time in the first top 12 run-off being the only driver to fall below the 60 second mark first time around.

So far in terms of the Harewood Championship, the excitement has come in leaps and bounds with a tight battle at the top of the standings. It's been a battle of the Westfields so far with Henry Moorhouse and Simon Green trading class records in their efforts to lead the championship standings. After round one honours went the way of Henry, whilst the privilege was passed to Simon after the second round.

Now with the third round of the Harewood Championship done and dusted, the pair are still locked in what is likely to be a season long challenge.

The first weekend of June saw the ever popular Classic and Vintage meeting make its annual return to the BARC Yorkshire Centre. Saturday 4th June took a step back in time here at Harewood, with cars dating back to pre-1941. With a full entry list consisting of Aston Martins, Frazer Nash machines, Austin 7's, Riley, amongst many others, another great event was on the cards. Added to the intriguing entry list was the ultra impressive 27 litre Hispano Delage, piloted by Anthony Howat and also the 24 litre Napier Bentley at the hands of Chris Williams.

Sunday 5th June saw round three of the Harewood Championship roll in with the Jim Thomson Trophy meeting creating an exciting atmosphere. After a step back in time on Saturday, Sunday saw us return to the modern day, with many of our regular single-seater race and road going cars providing the entertainment. Another good day with regards

to the entry list sees the season pick up here at Harewood as we approach the half-way stage of our season.

Aside from the on-track action we have other news you may not be aware of here at Harewood. First of all, which you will likely read about in a separate article, we now have a brand new paddock office. The permanent feature is a welcome addition to our paddock with everyone happily enjoying the new facility.

Last year you may remember we announced we would be introducing an online entries system to allow competitors to register for events through our website. Well, after a great deal of preparation, for those of you who don't yet know, we have gone live with the system and can now accept entries via an online service. This too is a welcome element for us but most importantly it makes the process quicker for you. Many of you have already started using our online entries system, however, our paper system is still in force for those who prefer to use that or don't have access to a computer and the internet.

That's all of the news from us for now but until next time we hope you all enjoy your summer of motorsport; hopefully the summer weather will kick in any day now. The next meeting at Harewood is the British Championship double header, over the weekend of 2nd-3rd July. We hope to see you there.

Take care, enjoy your motorsport, wherever you may be heading this summer. We look forward to seeing you at Harewood Speed Hillclimb very soon.

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