



# Yorkshire Centre Report

## SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP AUGUST 30TH, 2009

The Summer Championship meeting at our very own Harewood Hillclimb saw a familiar name top the time sheets. After three timed runs each, Harewood regular Richard Spedding powered to top spot, with a time of 53.87 seconds, giving him the fastest time of the day. Colin Birkbeck secured the second fastest time, flying up the hill in 54.81 seconds. These times also gave the duo the two fastest times within Class J.

John Chacksfield managed the third fastest time of the day, with Dave Banner and George Bleasdale following with fourth and fifth times, respectively. Completing the top ten of fastest times were David Grey, Gary Thomas, Iain Davidson, Clive Lightburn and familiar face, Les Procter.

Lotus expert Chris Brooks managed to record the top time within Class 7's Modified Production Cars category. Starting off with a first timed run in 68.22 seconds, his times progressed from there, moving up to a third timed run of 66.91 seconds on his final attempt.



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## GREENWOOD CUP 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2009

With the final meeting of the year fast approaching, the penultimate round at the Yorkshire-based Harewood Hillclimb was soon upon us. Saturday 19th September saw a healthy field turn out for the annual Greenwood Cup meeting. Basking in the early autumn sunshine, spectators saw Richard Spedding soar to yet another Fastest time of the Day, with a time of 53.71 seconds, achieving the feat on his third timed run - just heading Morgan Jenkins to the top spot.

John Chacksfield rocketed to the third quickest time, just inches ahead of fourth placed Jason Mourant, while Colin Birkbeck completed the top five fastest competitors of the day. The remaining five spots in the ten fastest times of the day were filled by Harewood regular, Dave Banner, Piers Thynne, Drew Dawson, Len Amy and finally, Iain Davidson.

The Greenwood Cup meeting also welcomed another annual visit by the Ferrari Owners Club, bringing with them some spectacular cars. Christian Mineeff topped the times out of the twenty glorious Ferraris, being the only driver in the class to tear down the 65 second barrier, with

a time of 65.79 seconds, which he secured on his second timed run. T

The MG Car Club was another feature of the Greenwood Cup meeting, with an impressive showing of various MG cars, from MGB GT models ZR machines, and everything in between. A popular addition to the programme was David Coulthard - not the F1 superstar, his namesake who, along with his Hillclimb outing is also an MG Trophy regular.

Coulthard powered to the top of the times in the MG Cars Group 1 Class, just ahead of another MG trophy regular, Helen Waddington. Meanwhile, it was John Payne and David Morrison who stole honours in the Group 2 & 3 Class and Group 4 & 5 Class, respectively.

Despite a few dramas during the sessions the Greenwood Cup was still as magnificent an event as ever, and a great way set-up to the final event of the year.



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## MIKE WILSON MEMORIAL TROPHY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2009

For Sunday's event, and in keeping with what seemed to be the theme of the season, there were more familiarities at the top of the timing sheets. Saturday's quickest duo of Spedding and Jenkins gracefully traded places for Sunday, giving Jenkins the Fastest Time of the Day, with a 53.21 seconds.

There was an array of well-known names just behind, with Jason Mourant stealing third, having progressed on his fourth fastest time the previous day, heading John Chacksfield and Piers Thynne. Not far behind, Dave Banner, Sandra Tomlin, Iain Davidson, Len Amy and George Bleasdale recorded the remaining fastest times within the top ten, which they each achieved within their three times runs.

With the season now completed the championship scores are in, and, despite being provisional at the moment, Richard Spedding has risen to the forefront of the FTD Championship, beating a quality field including 2nd and 3rd placed John Chacksfield and single seater newcomer Richard Pope.

David Sturdy has secured the premium spot in the overall Harewood Championship closely followed in second place by his Polo G40 co-

driver Richard Vale. 2008 Harewood Champion, Karl Jackson, managed to secure third place in what turned out to be a close run thing with only 3 points separating the top 3 places!



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## OMS HAREWOOD HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

The Mike Wilson meeting brings the 2009 season at Harewood to a close. It's been a memorable year in lot's of respects. We've had Festival Days in May and June, British Championship Rounds in May and July and of course lots of rainy days. The atmosphere on the hill all year has been great and the competition superb in spite of the slimmer entries - due in the main to the economic climate. Let's hope that the 2010 season will see a turnaround when we can get back to capacity entries on gloriously English summer afternoons like those of previous years.

Promoting and running the 2009 OMS Race Cars Harewood Championship would not have been possible without the help and support of our many sponsors. Harewood stalwart Steve Owen stepped into the breach with support for the main Championship from his OMS company. A worthy mention must also be made of all our other sponsors who rallied round despite what must have obviously been a lean year for business.

So here goes:

K T Green of Otley; The Cubicle Centre, Dewsbury; David Auden Rally Car Insurance; Performance5 Car Hire; Thunder Road prestige cars of Collingham; Pure Lotus of Wetherby; Elite Systems (GB) Ltd and Richard Eggar Insurance. Mention must also be made for the great food supplied all year by The Crusty Pie Company and fantastic photos taken in all weathers by Tony Sissons of Full Frame Photographic.

And finally we certainly could not enjoy any sport at all were it not for the dedicated band of officials, timekeepers, clerks and most especially the marshalls who give of their time so freely so the rest of us can have a good thrash up the hill! Thanks to you all and see you next season.

Richard Vaughan and Leanne Fahy