Yorkshire Centre Report





So here we are, six months after the first meeting of the year at Harewood Speed Hillclimb and it's all over for another year. Both weather and action wise we've had another good year, with the sun shining on more than a few occasions.

Since the last issue we've had the final few meetings of the season, with the Harewood Championship going right down to the wire.

The first of our final outings, the Summer Championship meeting, took place over the Bank Holiday weekend, with Sunday playing host to the one day event. This meeting always proves popular, with both cars and motorbikes in action to offer something that appeals to everyone.

Heading into the weekend Henry Moorhouse was in control of the Harewood Championship standings, with Vini Dobson breathing down his neck. After two timed runs during Sunday's event Moorhouse set a personal quickest time of 62.24 seconds, meaning he has managed to hold onto the lead. Meanwhile, determined to

steal the position away from him. Dobson has minimised the gap, after his quickest time on the day of 61.86 seconds. With just two events spread over one weekend left in the 2010 championship, Moorhouse now leads with 103.83 points to Dobson's 103.14 points.

Elsewhere, in terms of the motor cycles riding up the hill, Glyn Poole was the man to beat after setting the quickest two wheel time, riding up the hill in 63.04 second. With the ever popular motor cycle and side cars also making an appearance, the best of the three wheeled times was awarded to Neil Paylor with a time of 68.11 seconds.

With our main championship taken care of, the FTD from the event went the way of John Chacksfield, with a time of 55.28 seconds.

As the finals weekend arrived, the Greenwood Cup kicked off the double-header, with Henry Moorhouse narrowly skipping ahead in the Harewood Championship standings, After setting a best time of 61.91 seconds on his fourth run of the day, the Westfield pilot scored 19.23 points, to strengthen his title charge.

Second in command in the standings after the Greenwood Cup, Vini Dobson, flew up the hill in just 61.40 seconds to give him a strong 110.91 points total with one meeting remaining. As the top two battled it out, third place was being held by Steve Mitchell, with Richard Vale breathing down his neck in fourth.

The fastest time of the day went the way of Peter Newton with a time of 53.48 seconds, just ahead of Peter Newton, who set a quickest time of 54.01 seconds. John Chacksfield secured the third fastest time to enhance his title campaign.

One more meeting of the 2010 season was soon upon us, with the ever popular Mike Wilson Memorial meeting taking centre stage. Heading into the season finale at the top of the standings gave Moorhouse the advantage. He was able to expand on this as the final round approached to steal championship honours from a chasing Dobson. With a total of 114.57 points to Dobson's 110.91 points total, Moorhouse steered his well-known yellow Westfield to the top when it mattered, after racking up the points all the way through the season.

On the day, Moorhouse's quickest time was 73.12 seconds, with another four runs per driver giving everyone ample time on the hill.

The fastest time of the day this time was awarded to John Chacksfield, as he soared up the hill in 62.25 seconds, edging out Peter Newton for the privilege, with David Newton left holding the third fastest time of the day.

Although the 2010 season is still pretty hot in terms of some championships, all of us at Harewood Speed Hillclimb are now focusing on 2011 - a little bit eager perhaps? Anyway, with that in mind, our 2011 dates have been announced, with the usual suspects taking up their place during the usually weekends. Our Practice Day kicks off the action on Sunday 27th March, with our first event (the Spring National) getting those engines revving on 17th March. Check out our website for more information www.harewoodhill.com.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us at Harewood Speed Hillclimb in enjoying some motorsport throughout this season, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Take care and see you soon, Leanne Fahy

