



EDITORIAL

With the publication of this edition of the Times falling within a few days of our Guyson USA British Hillclimb Championship round I am sure you will forgive us if we devote the majority of this issue to what was undoubtedly a tremendous success story for the Yorkshire Centre of the B.A.R.C.

Travelling as I do, to each and every one of the National Championship rounds, I feel that it must be said that the Yorkshire Centre totally overshadow the vast majority of other organisers when it comes to promoting our sport of hillclimbing. The response at Harewood was tremendous, a large crowd, which reacted enthusiastically to some of the best hillclimbing seen for a long while. It was most gratifying to see the crowd almost becoming a part of the meeting, especially when Ray Rowan broke the hill record. If only we could maintain this momentum across the country, I am sure that it would not be long before the mass media and television in particular, realised just what an exciting and enthralling sport speed hillclimbing can be.

I really feel whilst talking about Harewood that a special vote of thanks is due to Chris Seaman. He obviously read the programme notes before setting off on his competition runs and stuck rigidly to the script, marvellous stuff Chris, which the spectators as well as the regular hillclimb followers thoroughly enjoyed. There were however slight mutterings in the paddock afterwards, the general thoughts being that whatever happens he must be kept well away from a modern chassis!

As we said in the last edition of the Times we really do need your help to develop the magazine. This month has been a particularly difficult one with so much preparation and hard work being required for our event at Harewood and it is not surprising that we have received virtually no communication from our members. However, with the pressure now off for a couple of months, well until September, perhaps one or two of

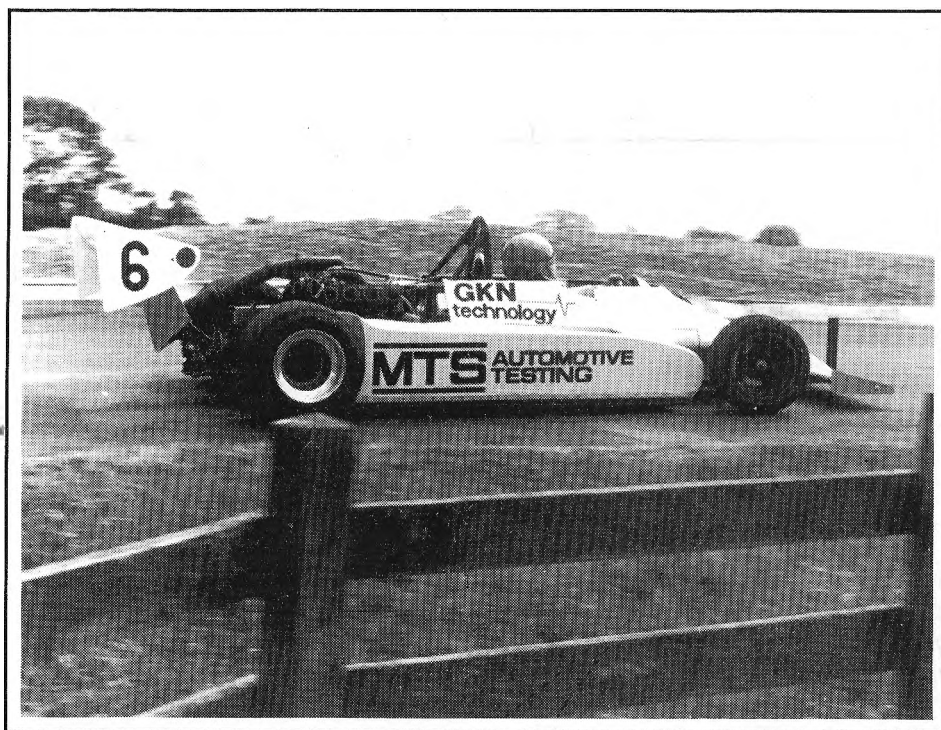
you would like to pen your thoughts onto paper. There must be many of you who have an idea or two for improving either the Harewood events or the Centre itself. Come on, PLEASE write to us. Your committee are trying very hard on your behalf, but unless you let them know of any changes you would like to see, their difficult task is even more onerous. We would also like some feature articles and maybe, from those of you who have attended events in other parts of the country, or even abroad, an insight into the way that other organisers cope. The sky's the limit, the Times is there to help you air your views and we really do want to hear from you. Help us to help you by putting pen to paper in time for our next edition.

Robin Boucher.

with the reaction received from members. Please support Robin by sending him your contributions on both sporting and social matters.

Speaking of support, leads me to the question of Club Nights. I am particularly disappointed by the small number of members who turn out for these informal, friendly and most enjoyable events. There is also little satisfaction for an organiser in this situation, for it does little to repay his or her efforts. If you want something different in the way of Club Nights, please let any officer or committee member know your views.

The very good crowd attracted to our successful championship Speedclimb at



The highlight of the July Harewood meeting was a record breaking run from Ray Rowan

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Member,

This is the second edition of the Times to be edited by Robin Boucher. I am sure that you will agree that the first effort has raised the standard and your committee are delighted

Harewood on July 20th. has resulted in a very happy treasurer, but will lead to considerable discussion within committee as to the benefit of the television advertising campaign during the preceding week. A market research team ran a survey at the entrance gate and their report will form the basis of discussion and help to formulate future promotional policies.

We still have a busy time ahead, with Harewood Speedclimbs in August and September, details of which will be found elsewhere. Our season this year ends with a truly grand finale, a second Guyson USA British Hillclimb Championship round and the finals of the Harewood Hillclimb Championship, in addition to a Maestro Challenge round, all taking place at Harewood on September 28th. Your committee will obviously be very busy with these events, the August meeting again featuring the Radio Aire roadshow. The station will again be assisting us with their write-in competition. Details will be found elsewhere in the Times.

Jimmy Johnstone.

JULY CLUB NIGHT GYMKHANA

The July Club Night took the form of a Gymkhana. Organised by Simon Clark, the venue was Patrick Snowdon's field at Dunkswick near Harewood.

The event provided a most enjoyable evening of good weather, which was only matched by the fun. The events comprised of The Potato Race, Judge The Distance, Hockey, Fancy Dress and Fishing. All the tests were of course carried out by the driver and/or passenger from within the confines of the car.

The event welcomed Peter Needham to his first Club Night and showed him a different side to the sport from hillclimbing. Peter appeared to enjoy and get to grips with the tests very quickly indeed. The "Old" regulars were in attendance with welcome newcomers joining in and taking the first three places.

Thanks go to Boris Hardcastle, Alan McKinney, Centre chairman Jimmy Johnstone and Wendy Mawson for all their help. We hope that all will make the effort to appear at the next Club Night which is being organised by Denys Townsend.

RESULTS

1. Marc Dawson	232.20pts
2. Nick Johnstone	251.00pts
3. John Irwin	265.55pts
4. Denys Townsend & April	294.00pts
5. Tim Smith	299.25pts
6. Bob Chesterman	300.20pts
7. Martin Frost	319.00pts
8. Morris Whaley	331.60pts
9. Peter Needham	341.40pts
10. Harry Mason	496.40pts

CALENDAR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1986

AUGUST 4th
Committee Meeting

AUGUST 13th
Club Night
Denys Townsend's
Nostalgia Quiz

AUGUST 17th
Harewood Hillclimb
Montague Burton Trophy
Members Meeting
One Day Event

SEPTEMBER 1st
Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER 10th
Club Night
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For Details

SEPTEMBER 27/28th
Harewood Hillclimb
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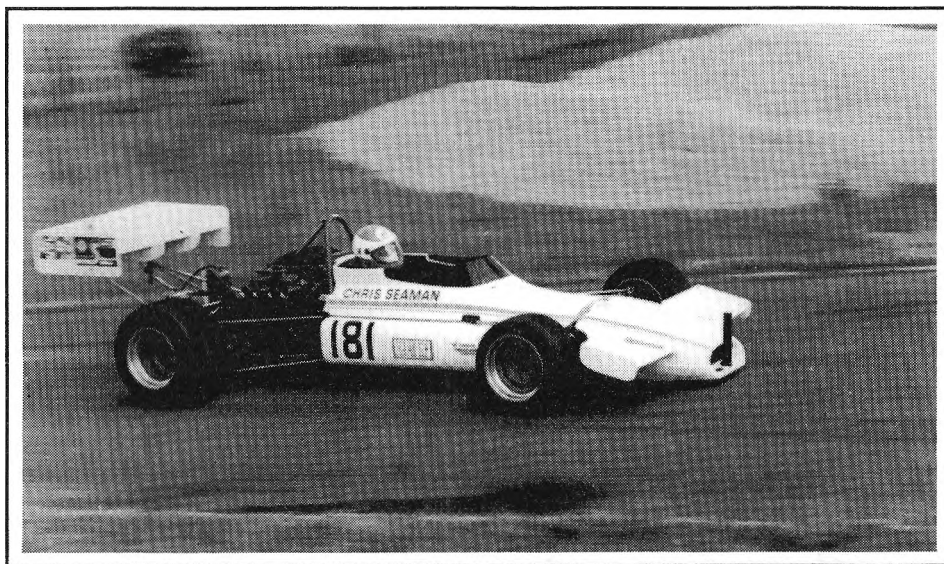
SEEN AND HEARD AT HAREWOOD

During the second runs from the 1600cc single seaters Chris Seaman came rushing by in his Brabham, hell bent on something or another. As he approached Quarry Corner, over the P.A. came the

The Sunday morning practice session saw one certain competitor rushing into the bus to query his time. It can't be right he said. It is, replied the timekeeper. No it can't be, can it? Well we've heard it all before haven't we, or have we, for the competitor in question then turned round and said, "I didn't think it was anywhere near as quick as that, I've just broken the class record". Well it's almost unheard of for a competitor to actually query a time which he thinks is too fast. Just for the record, that same competitor, who is well known and has come back to the sport after a rather long period in retirement, did in fact break the class record during the event, which only goes to prove, you should never argue with the timekeeper.

A little birdie tells us that Pilbeam sports racing driver John Lambert has somehow or another shoehorned a 3.6 litre Cosworth DFV power plant into the rear of the car. Now if John can only be persuaded to give the winner of the Radio Aire contest a ride up the hill at the August event, as he did in 1985, with the new engine on song, who knows, the club may be forced to strike another class record breaker plaque for a spectator!

It was nice to see Allan Staniforth up and about again after his very nasty accident at the New Brighton Sprint. The stalwart Harewood supporter refused to miss the Guyson USA Championship event and was present during the Sunday, although he does reckon that it will be a few more months before he can try out for Leeds United!



"Will he make Quarry Corner?" Answers on a postcard to

question "Will he make Quarry Corner". In absolute unison the officials on the top deck of the bus responded "No way". They were right!

Comment from one competitor having improved dramatically, "I knew I could do it, the wife had told me so". Apparently he has now got out of the washing up!

ON THE TRACK

The first of our two qualifying rounds in the Guyson USA British Hillclimb Championship at Harewood on July 20th, provided quite a few surprises. The first one was the fact that the hill record fell, for during the Saturday practice session many competitors were really struggling to find grip and there were more than a few unscheduled moments. However, it is amazing what a little drop of rain can do and the overnight precipitation seemed to be "Just what the doctor ordered" for the conditions on Sunday were ideal.

Congratulations must go to Ray Rowan who trimmed his own outright hill record, a superb achievement considering that the Harewood event was the first time that his Toleman had turned a wheel following a very heavy accident at Doune during the previous month. Until the meeting Ray was the only sub 36secs climber of our hill, but was joined during the championship run-off by Chris Cramer, the reigning British champion proving what a tenacious competitor he is with a fighting last run in the Unidraw Gould, which just clipped the 36secs barrier. The championship run-off seemed to bring out the best in everyone, none more so than Charles Wardle. Already an outright winner at Harewood this year, his first in single seaters, Charles staged a marvellous battle with former champion Martin Bolsover. The latter, struggling with a poorly handling Guyson Pilbeam, only failed by 0.05secs to match his previous best on the hill, which until the arrival of Mr. Rowan at Harewood last September was also the outright record. Computer expert Wardle however was well "programmed" the Broadshot Pilbeam Repco certainly firing on all eight as he turned in a superb climb which exactly equalled the former hill record. Thus the newcomer to the class not only emerged as the leading Pilbeam driver at the meeting, but also as the all time joint third fastest climber of Harewood along with Bolsover, marking himself as a definite candidate for a 35secs run when the championship returns for the final round on September 28th.

It was not just the championship run-off which excited the crowd however, there were many excellent drives, none more so than in the 1600cc single seater class. We have already mentioned Chris Seaman's amazing efforts with his Brabham but must not forget Barrie Dutnall. The Medway driver was in

superb form with his Pilbeam, annexing the longest standing record in the Harewood book as he bettered Martin Bolsover's previous mark in the class. A quick change of settings failed to work, Barrie spinning on his second run and struggling a little on the first championship climb. Having done marvels to qualify, he was determined to make his mark and reset the car to the original settings for his last climb of the day. It was a stormer, for not only did he post the first sub 38secs passage of the hill by a car of that capacity, but did it by a large margin, a truly superb effort and one which pleased everyone, for there has been no greater supporter of Harewood this season than the Kentish driver.

It is always good to see new faces at Harewood and amongst those competitors enjoying themselves at the hill for the first time was Andrew Parffrey. In only his second season of hillclimbing Andrew mastered the hill in double quick time, surviving a first run contretemps with his Imp Californian to sprint through to a fine second place, astern of prolific winner Dave Whitehead in the up to 1300cc special saloon car class. It is pleasing to report that the talking to which Bob Dayson received from the Team Manager (alias the wife) following a couple of disappointing results was taken to heart, the up to 1600cc modified sports car record holder returning to the winner's circle with his Cougar Developments Caterham, although he was kept on his mettle by Paul Turner's cheeky little Clan Crusader. In the previous class, the happy go lucky Bob Claxton entertained everyone with a little pirouette at Country Corner during his second climb in the Stelrad Firenza as he vainly chased Mike Kerr's new Mobil Tiga Skoda which dominated the over 1300cc saloon car division and gave notice that Brian Walker's record in the class is under attack.

Following what has been for him a miserable season, it was encouraging to see the tide turning Tony Bancroft's way, his Porsche Turbo easily taking the unlimited capacity modified sports car class, aided to some extent by the fact that his regular sparring partner Paul Tankard suffered "One of those days" with his brutish TVR Tuscan. The ever cheerful Haydn Spedding turned in one of his best drives to date in John Walker's Jaguar E whilst co-driver Chris Mason decided that Farmhouse Corner was the place to entertain the crowd, indulging in a nicely executed "moment".

The first sub 38secs climb by a Clubmans car did not materialise at this event, maybe it will happen in August. It was Allan Warburton who led the way on the first runs, from co-driver David Grace, the latter suffering slightly from "Early morning starting problems". David however was on form in the afternoon, nearly clipping the class record as he came through to win, but Peter Harper was perhaps trying a little too hard and the expected challenge to the class winner failed to materialise, the Vision driver, although under 40secs, being forced to settle for fourth place astern of John Istead.

The Scottish invaders cleaned up in the 1600cc sports racing car class, Alex Graham overcoming numerous problems (one of which appeared to be Kenny Allen who was sharing the car!) to just eclipse the similar Mallock U2 of Bill Wood, both under forty seconds as they powered away from Roger Gregory who ruined his best run by doing a "Seaman" at Quarry! Fresh from his exploits at the Gymkhana, Peter Needham was in superb form with his very rapid Lotus 7 copy in the unlimited capacity sports racing car class, easily disposing of the opposition with two very impressive runs, both of which were under 45secs.



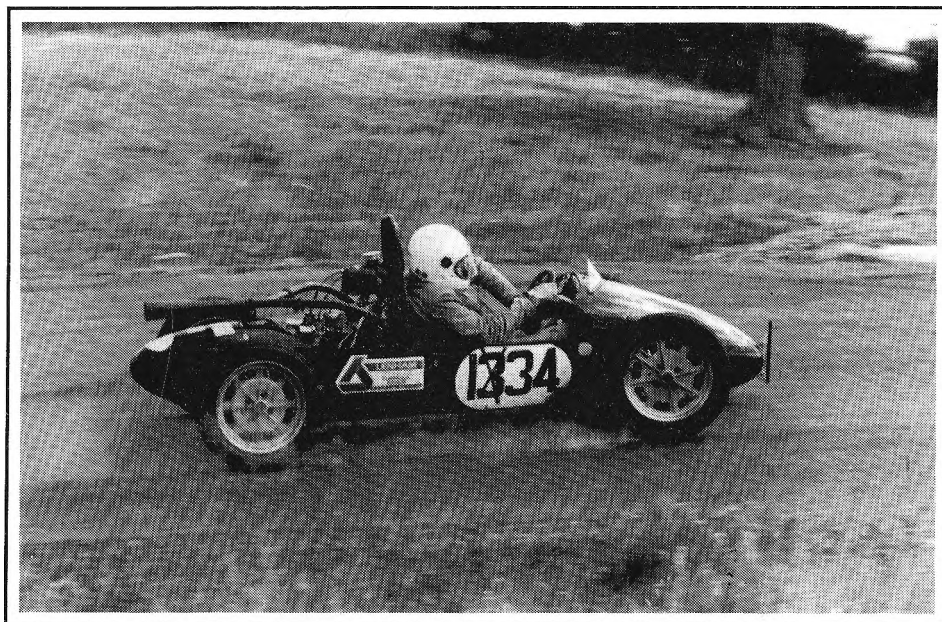
Brian Kenyon broke the small capacity Marque Sports Car record at Harewood

The 500cc single seater class turned into another Jedi/Trakstar battle with the former emerging ahead on this occasion, class record holder John Corbyn being forced to push on at a high rate of knots to hold at bay his compatriot John Perkins. Having spun on the first run, Phil Jefferies, making his first visit to Harewood, screamed his little 250cc Trakstar to the finish to claim third place, only a further 0.15secs down, in what was the best turnout of 500cc single seaters to be seen at Harewood for many a long day. The September meeting in particular should see the class record under serious attack.

The up to 1100cc single seater racing car class looked on paper to be a total Delta benefit, but it didn't quite work out that way thanks to a spirited climb from Paul Bennison. The Lola driver was in great form and so nearly caught the Delta of Andy McBeath, the third placed man in the national AWS Group Leaders Hillclimb Championship who was paying his first visit to the hill. However, out front was the "Teddy Bear Racing Team" Delta of another Harewood regular, Sutton Coldfield driver Richard Homer who produced two consistent runs to take victory by half a second.

As reported earlier, the 1600cc racing car class was full of action with Barrie Dutnall record breaking and Chris Seaman (Oh you know about that already). Despite driving his Toleman for the first time since a major rebuild, Ray Rowan immediately set the pace in the over 1600cc racing car class, approaching Martin Bolsover's record as he headed home the opposition. Second place fell to the championship winning Unidraw Gould, but not with Chris Cramer at the wheel. David Gould hit his very best form on the second class run to challenge Rowan's lead, in the process heading home his co-driver by 0.02secs. It was close from there on, Martin Bolsover, making a welcome return to Harewood at the wheel of Jim Thomson's Guyson Pilbeam MP57, only a further 0.03secs in arrears and in turn just a whisker ahead of Charles Wardle's Pilbeam Repco.

Your committee had worked hard to make the July Harewood a real success and a family event. We think it worked, the spectators certainly enjoyed the off-track entertainment, whilst one could have not have asked for a better performance from all the drivers, they rose to the occasion to make the event a great success. Thanks to everyone involved.



The historic 500cc single seaters entertained at Harewood

AUGUST HAREWOOD

Our Montague Burton Trophy meeting for members will be held at Harewood on August 17th. This is a one day meeting but as usual there will be plenty of entertainment in addition to what promises to be an all action event on the track.

Once again our good friends at Radio Aire will be running the write-in competition which proved so popular in 1985. It seems as though the Harewood competition which the station ran last year attracted the biggest response ever from their listeners, which is of course very good news as far as we are concerned. The quiz will be based upon motoring matters and as last year the winner will receive a ride from Leeds to Harewood in a classic car and will round

off what will surely be a memorable day with a fairly rapid trip up the hill in a two seater competition car, in the passenger's seat, however.

Radio Aire will also be supporting the event by again providing their popular roadshow, whilst, thanks to the hard work from Yorkshire Centre member Bob Chesterman, the enthusiastic members of the Thoroughbred Car Club will be on hand, complete with many highly desirable cars. In the past our member's meetings have produced some incredibly close competition, especially within the classes. We have no reason to believe that it will be any different on August 17th, do make sure that you join us for what is sure to be another memorable Harewood Speedclimb.

AUGUST CLUBNIGHT BY DENYS TOWNSEND

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