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Harewood Season Underway

The season is well underway with 5 hillclimbs having already taken place, and the July MSA round fast approaching. Fingers crossed for good weather!

The season got off to a difficult start as snow forced the postponement of Practice Day until the day before the first event, the Spring National Hillclimb. The day was cold but at least it stayed dry! May saw the 2nd round of the Harewood Hillclimb Championship on Saturday which was closely contested as ever. The popular Pirelli Ferrari Hillclimb Championship gave a

good spirited display, both Saturday and Sunday. The Avon Tyres/TTC Group MSA British Hillclimb and Hillclimb Leaders Championships crossed the Pennines from a waterlogged meeting at Barbon on Saturday to demonstrate the fastest hillclimb cars in the country to a welcoming Yorkshire crowd.

June saw the annual visit from VSCC for Saturday's Classic & Vintage Hillclimb, near perfect weather resulted in 3 new class records being set, and a great display of historic cars, both on track and in the hillside car park. Sun-

day's Jim Thomson Hillclimb was another glorious day and competitors enjoyed a rare treat of 4 timed runs.

So with 3 rounds of the Harewood Championship completed Ben Lovell leads the main championship, closely followed by James Kerr. James will miss the July round so dropped scores will definitely come into play later in the season.

We have already started planning next season's events as well as working on a number of marketing initiatives and developments to the venue.

I hope you enjoy this mid season Times, but do keep up to date by looking on our website for all the latest updates.

Jim

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2013 Event Dates

6 July July Harewood Championship Meeting
6/7 July July MSA British Championship Hillclimb
11 July Harewood Hillclimb Driving School
3 August Yorkshire Speed Hillclimb
4 August Montague Burton Hillclimb

25 August Summer Championship Hillclimb
5 September Harewood Hillclimb Driving School
21 September Greenwood Cup Hillclimb
22 September Mike Wilson Memorial Hillclimb

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PRACTICE DAY—should have been 24th March 2013

Snow, Snow, and more Snow

This was Harewood on what should have been Practice Day—24th March 2013

Practice Day was re-arranged to the 13th April, only the day before the first event, the Spring National, on the 14th April. The hill was clear but unfortunately the access road was not passable without 4 wheel drive, and many competitors were also snowed in at home.



PRACTICE DAY—13th April 2013



Chris Jessop



Steve Bussey



Ben Yates



Richard Palmer



Simon Ambler



Richard Spedding

SPRING NATIONAL HILLCLIMB—14th April 2013

Bright and breezy and raring to go!

Over 110 drivers took to the famous Stockton Farm Hill to launch the 51st continuous year of Speed Hillclimbing at Harewood. A brief glimpse of the sun first thing soon gave way to rolling cloud and a fierce southerly that blasted all those in attendance for the rest of the day; it did however keep the rain away! Even with the fair conditions there were a number of delays throughout the day due to early season "enthusiasm", most spectacularly when the Mitsubishi Evo of Peter Milne took to the field between Country and Willow by way of the fence, the car remained driveable but took some time to release from the netting.



Peter Milne



Peter Herbert

Ben Tranter proved the man to beat again in the Formula Ford class, Ben has Robert Spedding sharing the driving this season and they will keep the pressure on each other no doubt. Wil Ker was flying in Class 3A, his clubman nosed Austin mini is developing nicely, can he make up the 1.7secs he needs during this season to reach Richard Caseys class record from 2011?

No shortage of drama elsewhere during the day with a full spectrum of woes ranging from "housekeeping" (No Fuel - Les Proctor) to "irritating but just one of those things" (Driveshaft - John Chacksfield) and ending with "I think I need a new car" (Holed Block - Peter Herbert!).

Meanwhile, the comparatively dusty, "green" and cold track was never going to supply class records BUT it did bring into focus our possible 2013 Harewood Championship contenders...



Wil Ker



James Kerr

Last years championship winning class 2E is in rude health and with another lady driver on the up, Tracy Taylor West has taken up the mantle in our 2012 champions absence and is keeping the boys honest, her new Personal Best secured runner-up spot in the class to winner Ben Lovell, Ben scored 18.84pts and now sits 2nd in the Harewood Championship.

Other drivers making up the top 8 overall include 3 from class 1B, William Roberts, Daniel Hollis who scored 18.44pts which puts him 3rd in the Harewood Championship and James Kerr who took the 2013 Harewood Championship lead in his trusty 205 GTi scoring 19.15pts.

In spite of his driveshaft woes John Chacksfield also did enough on his only timed run of the day to take an early lead in the Fastest Time of the Day (FTD) Championship.

Full details can be found under Events and Results with Photos online at PWPics.

James Kerr



John Chacksfield

FTD Richard Spedding 53.05, 2nd FTD John Chacksfield 56.05 3rd FTD Sarah Holdsworth 59.03

Class wins

David Holden 75.96, Fred Currell 67.61, Richard Archbould 65.54, Michael Bellerby 63.68, Karl Jackson 60.94, Robert Bellerby 62.76 **CR**, Ben Lovell 64.10, Wil Ker 65.14, David Purdy 68.47, Steven Brown 60.59, Mike Tate 61.56, Sarah Holdsworth 59.03, Ed Carter 60.18, Ben Tranter 62.95, Richard Spedding 53.05, John Chacksfield, 56.05, David Coulthard 72.36, John Wilman 74.09, Andy Walker 64.30, Stewart Arklay 82.48, John Mansfield 82.83, Geoff Stallard 67.30, John Carter 66.84

Ne'er cast a clout!



Sean Doyle

The relentless westerly brought the rain in just after the lunch break although it barely did enough to wet the track before it was replaced with a much brighter sky which held for the day, in fact most competitors made their quickest ascents on their third and final timed runs!

A couple of absentees from last time out meant that Wil Ker and William Roberts have dropped out of the Championship top ten, although keep an eye on their progress as when dropped scores come into play after round 6 drivers



Michael Bellerby

Saturday's event at Harewood was a real treat for lovers of Italian supercars with our guest class from the Pirelli Ferrari Hillclimb Championship bringing 20 of Maranello's finest prancing horses for a canter up the hill.

The Harewood Open is Round two of the season long Harewood Hillclimb Championship and Fastest Time of the Day (FTD) championship and from the start it looked as though the weather would play its part, although perhaps not in the way it transpired, many were fearing rain to arrive as early as 11am and stay for the day. This would seriously hamper the aspiring championship contenders as it is nearly impossible to get on class record pace and score big points in adverse conditions.



Richard Archbould

can leap back into contention. So, how are things shaping up in the Championship after round 2? Elise driver Chris Brooks enters the top 10 with a good points score although his time was only good enough for 5th in class on the day; such is the strength of 2el

Richard Archbould won class 1c in his Evo and moved up to 9th overall, Michael Bellerby was an-

other new entry in the top ten with his class win in 2a putting him 8th. A 3rd place in 2e for David Ormerod pushes him up to 7th overall, Karl Jackson took 2nd place in class 2b and holds station in 6th. Ben Tranter quietly consolidated his 5th overall with a good time running uncontested in 5b.

Tracey Taylor West set a new PB to finish runner-up in the Elise class and move up to 4th, Dan Hollis tapped out another low 68 in the Integra to finish runner-up in class 1b and retain his third place overall. There has also been a change at the top with James Kerr slipping to second spot, his 1b class win just wasn't quick enough to score the most points on the day, that honour went to Ben Lovell who took the class 2e in his Sliver Elise and was a mere 0.31 away from Sarah Bosworths record. Roll on round 3!



Karl Jackson



Tracey Taylor-West

In the FTD championship it was another maximum for John Chacksfield who opens up a 7 point lead after round 2.

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James Kerr

FTD Deryk Young 53.41, 2nd FTD John Chacksfield 54.85, 3rd FTD Steve Day 56.90

Class wins

Steve Shersby 83.24, James Kerr 67.57, Richard Archbould 64.92, Michael Bellerby 62.31, John Hoyle 60.15, Robert Bellerby 61.78 CR, Ben Lovell 63.25, Max Rostron 72.05, Ralph Pinder 64.52, Chris Jessop, 71.97, Matthew Turner 60.74, Michael Smith 60.83, Les Procter 59.65, Ed Carter 58.92, Ben Tranter 63.14, Steve Day 56.90, John Chacksfield 54.85, Deryk Young 53.41, Nick Taylor 66.31, David Smithies 82.84, Tom Whittaker 70.29 CR

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The Roger & Scott Show



Scott Moran—FTD



Wallace Menzies

The Hillclimb Championship one day meeting was hit by showers throughout the first part of the day but after lunch things settled down. In the Run-offs the family Moran dominated. In the first wily old fox Roger despite having to run early set an unbeatable time whilst Trevor Willis just pipped Scott for second spot.

In the second run-off Roger again set a great benchmark but after Trevor Willis spun-out at Orchard Wallace Menzies nipped through to take the lead only for Scott Moran, fastest qualifier, to grab a late victory with the fastest run of the day.

Karl Jackson had to switch to the Honda S2000 after the Atom expired yet he still took two class wins!

The Yorkshire Centre Members class saw Sarah Holdsworth set the best time but on Bogey Improvement the class winner was Graeme Laslett with Richard Archbould and Graham Cox snapping at his heels. Elsewhere there were stellar performances by John Chacksfield and John Hoyle both of whom won against stiff opposition.

Stephen Wilkinson



Roger Moran



Karl Jackson



Sarah Holdsworth

FTD Scott Moran 50.04, 2nd FTD Wallace Menzies 50.88, 3rd FTD Roger Moran 50.96

Class wins

Karl Jackson 69.93, Karl Jackson 69.41, Mark Dempster 60.76, Tom Brown 56.73, Steve Owen 60.03, Simon Fidoe 57.29, Eynon Price 53.42, John Chacksfield 54.17, Scott Moran 50.95, Nick Taylor 65.98, Sarah Holdsworth 58.97, John Hoyle 61.11, Ralph Pinder 64.51, David Finlay 70.75 **CR**

Class(ic) Act

The weather was near perfect for the annual visit of the VSCC to Harewood. There were three class records re-written and a close call when it came to FTD.

Ewen Getley extended his Bentley class record by just 0.01 despite the opposition being some 12 seconds off his pace. The family Harrison had a close battle in the Austin 7 road class with son Greg just piping dad Geoff on the final run.



Geoff Harrison



Ewen Getley

Despite running solo VSCC President Tony Stephens broke his own class record in the Edwardian class on each run that he took.



Jeff Edwards



Amy Tomlin

Morgan Jenkins who is more at home in a two litre Pilbeam came home second behind Jeff Edwards in Class V11 whilst his wife, Amy Tomlin, brought the Tomlin family Alta-Jaguar home in fifth place in class C21.



Chris Williams

As always Chris Williams gave the Napier-Bentley full throttle exiting every corner and was wreathed in tyre smoke which obliterated the classic marshals at Orchard.

Vintage FTD went to James Baxter who was making his debut in ERA R4A and he also reset the class record for V15 in the process. Just piping James to overall FTD by just 0.12 was Neville Alderson in the pretty Nike Mk 7 as he finished clear of Wayne Mansfield (Elva Mk 7) and Fyrth Crosse (Mallock U2 Mk 2B) in class C21.

Steve Wilkinson



Neville Alderson—Classic FTD



James Baxter—Vintage FTD

FTD—Vintage James Baxter 68.18 **FTD—Classic** Neville Alderson 68.06

Class wins

Jolyon Harrison 85.24, Greg Harrison 87.71, Keith Pointing 81.54, Charles Gillett 72.84, Peter Greenaway 77.46, John Guyatt 77.26, Tony Stephens 104.15, Kevin Morton 80.99, David Pryke 73.23, Alan Foster 70.98, Neville Alderson 68.06, Durward Lawson 77.28, Jeff Edwards 79.68, Mark Purnell 80.43, Rob Cobden 68.58, James Baxter 68.18 **CR**, Chris Williams 76.48

Fourmidable !

A terrible pun I agree but possibly the best way to express many a competitors delight as a mixture of slick organisation and few incidents resulted in FOUR timed runs at Sundays Jim Thomson Trophy meeting.



Will Roberts

Elsewhere, outside the top ten messers Roberts, with a new PB (Polo G40) and Ker (Turbo Mini) were back after missing the May round and scoring strongly, they will rocket back up the table when the dropped scores start to come into play.

The 3rd round of the Harewood Championships were held under clear skies and a strange glowing yellow orb? Unfamiliar so far this year but very welcome! It warmed spectators and competitors alike and certainly helped the times with many new PBs on the day - let's hope it's here to stay.

A fantastic run from John Chacksfield saw him secure another maximum score in the FTD Championship and he's also now knocking on the door of the top ten overall.



Michael Bellerby



Ben Tranter

Into the Top Ten and some movers and shakers, as David Ormerod was an absentee this time round the beneficiary was Graham Laslett who leapfrogged fellow Elise Driver Chris Brooks to finish the day 9th overall. Four other drivers set Personal Best times; Michael Bellerby scored 19.10 points and moved up a place to 7th, whilst Ben Tranter made his fourth and final run count to consolidate his 5th position with a storming time of 61.58 in his Formula Ford.



Tracey Taylor-West

The top two positions were held over from the May meeting and both drivers won their respective classes on the day, James Kerr pushed his 205 GTi to a seasons best score of 19.71 but it still wasn't enough to get the better of Championship leader



Dan Hollis



James Kerr

Tracey Taylor West continues her fantastic start to her season with a new PB of 63.41 keeping her in touch with the class leaders and moving up to 3rd overall, in fact Tracey's score was so good that even though Integra driver Dan Hollis also set a new PB on Sunday he's now down to 4th overall!

Ben Lovell, the Elise driver scored 19.90 points, just a tenth of a second outside the class record!

So, with a Harewood Championship record still to be broken this season all eyes now turn to Rd 4 on Sat 6th July, here's hoping for more sunshine and good times, see you then.

James Kerr

P.S. Don't forget our comprehensive results service and photos online at [PWpics](#).

FTD—John Chacksfield 53.66, 2nd FTD Bradley Dickerson 55.21, 3rd FTD George Bleasdale 57.71

Class wins

David Taylor 73.49, James Kerr 67.08, Richard Archbould 64.24, Michael Bellerby 61.19, Karl Jackson 60.27, Robert Bellerby 61.75 **CR**, Ben Lovell 63.04, Wil Ker 64.43, Sarah Bosworth 62.57, Leon Bachelier 69.62, Robbie Birrell 59.76, Sarah Holdsworth 58.21, Bradley Dickerson 55.21, Ben Tranter 61.58, John Chacksfield 53.66, Les Procter 72.28, Tim Harrison 64.96 **CR**, Geraint Evans 64.39, Martin Dyson 74.95, Steve Louch 66.61

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Results after Round 3

Harewood Championship

Pos	Name	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Ben Lovell	18.84	19.69	19.90	58.43
2	James Kerr	19.15	19.22	19.71	58.08
3	Tracey Taylor-West	18.20	18.39	19.53	56.12
4	Daniel Hollis	18.44	18.51	18.75	55.70
5	Ben Tranter	18.00	17.81	19.37	55.18
6	Karl Jackson	18.14	17.47	18.81	54.42
7	Michael Bellerby	16.61	17.98	19.10	53.69
8	Richard Archbould	16.82	17.44	18.12	52.38
9	Graeme Laslett	15.94	17.59	18.05	51.58
10	Chris Brooks	16.29	17.34	17.72	51.35
11	John Chacksfield	15.82	17.02	18.21	51.05
12	Ian Butcher	16.18	17.07	17.54	50.79
13	Robert Bellerby	16.16	17.14	17.17	50.47
14	Graham Cox	16.10	16.40	16.76	49.26
15	Mike Geen	14.76	15.85	15.74	46.35
16	Paul Blackwell	13.63	15.72	16.88	46.23
17	Quin Evans	13.02	13.57	13.85	40.44
18	Wil Ker	18.30	0.00	19.01	37.31
19	William Roberts	18.03	0.00	19.26	37.29
20	David Ormerod	17.25	17.96	0.00	35.21
21	Francis Cooper	11.29	11.94	11.50	34.73
22	Robert Spedding	16.39	0.00	18.25	34.64
23	Michael Smith	0.00	17.22	17.16	34.38
24	Steve Carter	9.63	11.91	12.71	34.25
25	Joe Jackson	0.00	16.30	17.08	33.38
26	Simon Ambler	14.35	14.50	0.00	28.85
27	David Ormerod Snr	14.47	14.30	0.00	28.77
28	Jonathan Armitage	16.65	9.50	0.00	26.15
29	Richard Vaughan	0.00	11.71	14.07	25.78
30	Pete Cahill	10.56	0.00	11.71	22.27

FTD Championship

Pos	Name	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	John Chacksfield	10	10	10	30
2=	Steve Carter	6	6	8	20
2=	Karl Jackson	9	4	7	20
4=	Richard Vaughan	0	5	9	14
4=	Robert Bellerby	8	3	3	14
6	Michael Smith	0	7	6	13
7=	Ben Tranter	7	1	4	12
7=	Michael Bellerby	5	2	5	12
9	Les Procter	0	9	0	9
10	John Prickett	0	8	0	8
11	Ben Lovell	4	0	0	4
12	Robert Spedding	3	0	0	3
13=	Simon Ambler	2	0	0	2
13=	Paul Blackwell	0	0	2	2
15=	Tracey Taylor-West	1	0	0	1
15=	Richard Paterson	0	0	1	1



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Hi Jackie & Tim

We have managed to get settled in here in Adelaide and the car arrived in one piece. I've joined my local club and got my Speed licence. I did my first hillclimb a couple of weekends ago and managed 4th FTD (75 cars) and third in class so not to disappointing as mine was the smallest engined car at the meeting, the class was up 1300 so the rest were busa's. I was made very welcome and other competitors couldn't have been more helpful. Just as well because things are very different here.

I entered the event and expected some final instructions, tick-ets, a number etc. but nothing arrived so I decided to turn up anyway, the venue is in the Barossa Valley 2 hrs from Adelaide so it was an early start. I managed to park on one of the few bits of grass in the paddock near another bloke with a single seater, he clued me up:-

No refuelling in the paddock, luckily I'd filled my 5 litre tank , no jacking up the car, no front strut required, no practice it all counts, how many runs do we get, until you get fed up or it rains, you are allowed one tyre warm up, walk the course never heard of that! I signed on and they gave me a number to stick on the car which is now 'my number' and a yellow egg cup! This you place on the top of your car so the scrutineer knows you haven't been checked I had found out that I had to have a household fire extinguisher fixed anywhere on the car, I couldn't get it inside the cockpit so as you can see it's on the undertray.

The scrutineer passed the car ok and I managed to get him to take me up the track before things got under-way it is a 30 second hill with a series of 4 hairpins and one 30deg banked corner called 'the wall'. Very narrow, bumpy with deep ruts at each side. I found on my first run that the track was so dusty that setting off was like leaving the line at a wet Harewood so started in second and that was it, no gear changes required, just stay in second!

After about 7 runs someone said they had seen 2 spots of rain at the top of the hill so we all went home. No results were published and no trophy's presented.



When you consider I had 23 gear changes in a Harewood run in the OMS it seemed I didn't need the latest strain gauge flatshifter gear knob I'd just fitted at vast expense. I've now repaired the diffuser that took a pounding and I'm wondering what time I'll need to set off to get to the next nearest hillclimb 1000 miles away in Victoria! I had hoped to do some sprints at the local air-field circuit but believe it or not you have to have a reverse gear for sprints but you don't need a fire extinguisher!!!

Anyone want an Empire? I'm looking for an EVO which incidentally was FTD!!

God how I miss Harewood

Regards Graham (Smith)



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