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### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Well, it's taken longer than we expected (no surprises there) but here at last is the first Issue of BARC Yorkshire's online magazine. We know we have a lot to live up to given the quality of the paper magazine and I'd guess that some of you will still be yearning for the old format.

There will doubtless be hitches and glitches in the coming months, but putting the magazine online offers the prospect of it evolving in all sorts of exciting ways. We hope you find it easy to locate the information you need on the website. You'll have seen that the 'static' information (e.g. contact details) can be found at the top level along with a link to the current issue of the magazine. When a new issue of the magazine is published, the previous version will be added to the archive, giving you easy access to earlier information. We'll aim to keep the contents of the magazine interesting, so you'll still find write-ups of recent events, but we really want this to be a magazine that's relevant to our members, so we'll be very pleased indeed if you'd like to contribute with letters or articles about your experiences, past or present. Please send any contributions to [Editorbarcy@outlook.com](mailto:Editorbarcy@outlook.com)

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### STOP PRESS NEWS

#### BARC Harewood Speed Hillclimb Championship

The Yorkshire Centre are pleased to announce that the BARC Harewood Speed Hillclimb Championship is to be sponsored by KT Green Ltd, Subaru and Isuzu main dealers. Chris and his son Simon have competed at Harewood for some years and we welcome them as our Championship sponsors. KT Green will continue with their sponsorship of Class 2B

Positions after 1<sup>st</sup> round 13 April 2014

1	Sarah Bosworth	19.11
2	Tracey Taylor-West	18.92
3	Daniel Hollis	18.82
4	James Kerr	18.38
5	Ben Tranter	18.27

Harewood FTD Championship Positions after 1<sup>st</sup> round 13 April 2014

1	Richard Spedding
2	Steve Owen
3	John Chacksfield

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### **NEWS**

Welcome to our on4ine newsletter, for Yorkshire Centre Members, with up-to-date reports soon after each event and the latest Centre news.

NEW for this year, we are offering FREE ENTRY to the BARC Harewood Championship, for all Yorkshire Centre members. Why not join the challenge, the awards for the overall Championship and the FTD Championship include free entries to 2015 events and an impressive array of silverware. No need to fill in a registration form, no need to part with a £10 entry fee, just stick the new Championship decals on your car to score points!

Also NEW for this year, we are issuing season passes to all competitors, plus 2 guest passes, instead of the 3 admission tickets for each event. These will be valid for the full season at all Harewood Speed Hillclimb events throughout the year and you and your guests are invited to attend Harewood whether competing or not, by showing your season pass at the gate.

PLUS all Yorkshire Centre members can gain admission by using their membership card.

We look forward to seeing you soon, or would be delighted to hear from you if you have any questions about the new season at Harewood

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We were very sad to learn of the death of long-standing member George Tatham. Below John Green shares some memories of George.

### George Frederick Tatham

1935-2014

Speedhillclimbing lost one of its larger than life characters with the recent death of George Tatham.

George's parents were farmers then gold miners in Africa before returning to England for his birth. The family settled in Norton-on-Derwent, then in the East Riding of Yorkshire and purchased Welham Trout Hatcheries.

George went to Bramcote prep school, which he hated, then to Ragley School, which he loved. The staff encouraged his flair for engineering and other practical subjects.

National Service with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers followed, George was based in Regents Park where amongst other vehicles he looked after was Field Marshall Montgomery's Rolls Royce.

Upon leaving the Army he joined the family business. He met his future wife, Louida, who was an actress then appearing at York Theatre, they married in 1971. They expanded the business to include other fish farms. The business was sold in 1984 and they went arable farming at High Farm. Welham.

George had various sports cars including an Austin Healey and a Lotus 7, but his first taste for competition came with the purchase of an AC Ace Bristol. This was followed by a pre-production Lister Jaguar - the car built for London jeweller Norman Hillwood and later a Lister Chevrolet. His next acquisition was a Brabham BT17 with a 5.3 litre Chevrolet power, a car actually driven by "Black Jack" himself. His last car was the 7.5 litre McLaren M12 fitted with M6 bodywork which was built for Phil Scragg especially for hillclimbing.

George hillclimbed and sprinted these cars during his long competition career taking in local events at Harewood, Catterick, Castle Howard to all the championship hills from Bouley Bay to Doune. His last event was at Shelsley Walsh in late 2013 where George drove his McLaren and at the same meeting his sons Peter and David also competed in Peter's Terrapin.

George's wife Louida was always at these events, helping with the car and looking after things generally from the support vehicle, a single decker bus which George converted into a motorhome/ transporter.

I'm sure that everyone in hillclimbing will wish to offer their condolences to Louida and the family at this time.

*John Green*

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### PRACTICE DAY SUNDAY 23rd MARCH 2014

(click on images to enlarge)

Harewood Hillclimb 2014 is off to a flying start as 56 drivers took to the hill on Sunday 23rd March under bright if somewhat cool skies. With each driver offered at least 8 runs it proved to be an excellent value day and one with broader appeal as we accepted entries from non-BARC-Y members for the first time.

With four former Harewood champions (and some complete novices) out on the hill it was clear to see that everybody was taking things seriously and were keen to make each practice run count, there were very few accidents or incidents as drivers blew off the cobwebs and shook down their machinery prior to the new season. It was good to see some of last year's Top Ten runners out on the hill, notably Ben Tranter and Robert Spedding in their new and very smart looking Formula Ford Vector TF93K. 2011 champion Sarah Bosworth was back in action although had to give best on the time sheets to Tracy Taylor West. After many seasons there or thereabouts, could 2014 result in a new Elise class leader and potential champion?

It was also fantastic to see some newcomers not only to Harewood but also to the



sport and it's good to see that the combination of an open stretch of road and a clock are still proving irresistible as Neil Oldham and Craig Peace from Sheffield found as they pooled their resources in a Volvo S60 T5; a quite unlikely choice for an unlimited road going car but these newcomers were putting in some great times and said they would definitely be back to compete later in the season.

Finally, a couple more photos.



Firstly one of Jolyon Harrison's Brabham BT30, just because it looks so great...and here's Deryck Jones, who looks a bit lost...



From the pen of James Kerr, photos by Don Chambers

## HAREWOOD SPRING NATIONAL SUNDAY APRIL 13th 2014

(click on images to enlarge)

### Ladies First (and Second...)!



— Sarah Bosworth, Lotus Elise

After a vagabond 2013 season, 2012 Champion Sarah Bosworth in her Lotus Elise returned to give a champions performance to win her class and stamp her authority on the 2014 Harewood leaderboard after the first round.

On a bright but very cool and breezy day at Stockton Farm, Tracey Taylor West also in a Lotus Elise was in hot pursuit for 2nd in class 2E behind Sarah, securing 2nd in the championship. 3rd place after round 1 was taken by



Integra R

Dan Hollis driving the Honda Integra R who put in some solid 67s runs in class1B to edge out long-time rival and Harewood curmudgeon James Kerr in his Peugeot 205 GTi. Kerr was distinctly off form, with a couple of trips to the scenery and mechanical gremlins leaving him 4th overall.

Our previously crowned “most promising” driver continues to deliver the goods, getting to grips with his new Formula Ford Vector TF93K and putting in some smooth runs, Ben Tranter lies 5th. Ian Butcher. Renault 5GT. overcame some communication issues in the paddock to consolidate his credentials as a contender in class 1B, 4th in class was good enough to leave him 6th overall. In seventh after the first event we have the hirsute Michael Bellerby in the Sylva Striker, who seems as cheerful as ever. Richard Archbould's Mitsubishi Evo 6, led the way in 1C and is in 8th position overall, Richard may have his work cut out when another former champion, Steve Darley, returns to the hill in his new road-going Subaru at the next event.



— John Chacksfield, OMS

CF04



Yet another class 1B competitor in the top 10, Deryck Jones pedalled his very pretty 205 Gti to 6th in class on the day, but such is the strength in the class that it was enough to put him 9th overall, and finally; rounding out the top ten is reigning FTD champion John Chacksfield in his OMS CF04.



– Richard Spedding, Force  
PC

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After round one of the FTD Championship, it's British Hillclimb Championship leading light Richard Spedding's Force PC in 1st place from OMS owner/constructor Steve Owen in 2nd in his OMS28, with John Chacksfield in the OMS CF04 rounding out the initial podium.

The next action at Harewood is round two of our 2014 Championship on Saturday May 10th. On Sunday 11th May we have our first visit from the British Hillclimb Championship Contenders, hopefully they will bring some warmer weather with them.

From the pen of James Kerr, photos by PW PICS ([www.pwpics.net](http://www.pwpics.net))