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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Since the last issue we've had three events at the hill. My wife and I got back from northwest Scotland on Saturday evening, just in time for the Summer Championship. Perhaps because it was a Bank Holiday weekend there seemed to be something of a holiday atmosphere, assisted by great weather. It was a great day with the bikes as well as a really eclectic mix of cars. Among the latter, loads of Escorts (always good value), historic Coopers and an NSUTT. I never expected to see the latter on the hill; it took me back to the 1960s European Touring Car Championship. I have to add that on several occasions the timing gear looked distinctly arthritic, but it survived.



What's the opposite of charging up hills? Using gravity to propel you down hill, of course, and between Harewood meetings we went to watch the annual Clifford Soapbox Derby, held on



— This rig set the FTD
(Keith Hunt)

a road closed for the occasion. As you can see from the accompanying photos,

— This 'galleon' didn't!
(Keith Hunt)

there are some serious competitors looking to set FTD, and some not-quite-so-serious...

For the Greenwood Cup meeting on 19th September, however, the weather was simply glorious, and again there was an amazing variety of cars competing. Great to see so many beautiful Renault Alpines, and the Noble was a notable visitor. Next day the weather wasn't quite so good, and there was no shortage of red flag incidents. However, there was an encouraging number of spectators.



— What goes up must... (Keith Hunt)

So there we are, it's the end of another enjoyable season, but we already have the dates for 2016 so there's light at the end of the winter tunnel – I can almost taste the bacon butties.



— ...hopefully... (Keith Hunt)



— ...come back down (Keith Hunt)

Don Chambers

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SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP HILLCLIMB 30th AUGUST 2015

Chacksfield to the fore!

The one-day August Bank Holiday event was again struck by an incident in the Paddock during practice when a spectator collapsed. Thankfully he was later found to be OK and after a long delay the meeting resumed. However it meant that there would only be time for two timed runs.

Kicking off proceedings were the guest classes, and in the first of the two TVR classes Class Record holder Geoff Stallard was dumped down to second by his son Iain who took the win with his first run. In the second TVR class,

Record holder Simon Cole dominated and on each successive run reduced his 2014 record leaving it at 63.03. This year there were three drivers contesting the 500 Owners Club class and Nick Reynolds lowered his class record as he swept to victory ahead of Finlay Mackintosh and Richard Grant.

Into the Harewood classes and in 1A David Taylor again took the victory ahead of Roy 'Bod' Bolderson (Mini 1275 GT) and William



Roberts (Daihatsu Charade). In 1B James Kerr led throughout with Jonathan Mounsey second and Russell Thorpe in his R5 GT Turbo third. In 1C Richard Archbould again took the win but in second, making his competition debut, was

Andrew Race in his Porsche 996. In 1F Roger Fish led throughout in his S2000 with the rest over 4 seconds adrift. In 2A Bob Bellerby was sharing Mike Smith's Striker in which he set the class record back in 2011. He again prevailed finishing just over half a second clear of Michael Bellerby in his Peugeot powered version. Mike Smith finished third despite still being on the 'road to recovery' from "chassis repairs'. Into 2B and it was that man again Derek Leetham taking the laurels followed closely by Simon Ambler and Sean Bourne. In 2E Ellen Worthington was making her Harewood debut far from her home venue of Pembrey and did well to get below 70 seconds. Taking the class win was Tracey Taylor-West once again as she pushes hard towards the 2014 Harewood Championship.

Into Mod Prod and the slicks and wings brigade were on fine form. In 3A Gavin Neate, on his first visit to Harewood, took the win ahead of Paul Makinson and Jon Jackson as Oliver Roberts retired during practice with turbo troubles. In 3B there was a raft of Escorts but out of this group emerged Sarah Bosworth in her Elise. The Sheffield barber cut through the Escorts for the win, setting a new PB and getting to within half a second of the 2001 record. Richard Hargreaves was the top Escorteer in second with Tim Pearcy third. In 3C Steve Darley again was unstoppable whilst Chris Berrisford took second ahead of James Hunt. Andrew Steel took a solo win in 3F before we moved into Sports Libre. In 4A

Ben Lovell set a new PB en route to the class win ahead of Robbie Birrell who is already planning another move of class to single seaters.

Next to the line were the Racing Cars. In 5A Richard Vaughan led all the way with Steve Carter second ahead of Eve Whitehead in her father's RBS8. In 5C Gary Thomas took the win on his first visit to Harewood since moving up a class. Paul Martin finished second whilst pre-event favourite Richard Spedding retired the GWR Raptor. In 5D John Chacksfield cruised to victory and also set FTD as he led home Robert Macvean and Brian Walker.

— Simon Cole TVR 350i
(PWPics)



— Andrew Race Porsche
996 (PWPics)



— Ben Lovell OMS
SC4CF (PWPics)

In the two classic classes the entry was light but the cars were on fine form.

In 6A Charles Reynolds took a solo win in his Cooper JAP V-Twin, setting a new PB over a second better than on his last visit. In 6C Steve Rogers in his smart Lotus Elan took the class win and set a new class record in the process. Jim Johnstone took second ahead of Les Procter, who was possibly making his last appearance with his pretty Austin Healey Sebring Sprite before the 'new' car takes its place, and David Smithies in the novel NSU TT.

With just two more events to come the 2015 season is looking like it will be another one to remember and the final weekend is going to be one not to miss.

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Reported by Steve Wilkinson



— Charles Reynolds
Cooper Mk7 (PWPics)

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Harewood 30th August Motor Cycles

Class winners

Class



B1 Motor Cycles not over 250cc

1st Andrew Lupton, Honda RS



Class B2 Motor Cycles over 250 not
over 350cc

1st Patrick Dolan, KTM

Clas



s B3 Motor Cycles over 350 not over 500cc

1st Pete Ford, KTM

over 750cc

1st Martin Robbins, KTM-SMR



Class B5 Motor Cycles over 750 not
over 1300cc

1st James Godman, Suzuki



Class B6 Motor Cycle Side Cars and Three Wheelers One Wheel
Drive

1st Simon and Jayne Foster, Honda F2

Class B6 Motor Cycle Side Cars and Three Wheelers Two Wheel
Drive

Len and Nick Auckland, Norton Commando



Pictures by Law Photography

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DRIVER PROFILE – ANDY SHERRATT

Like it or not, most of us with an interest in speed hillclimbing are branded as ‘petrol heads’. Far fewer of us can claim that their earliest memory is of their parents’ car, but the recollection of sitting in the family turquoise-and-white Austin Metropolitan has remained with Andy Sherratt since he was around three years old. As well it might...

Fast forward to the first car that Andy owned, and the marque Austin turns up again, and this time it’s a diminutive A30, but as Andy points out, “It may only have had 28 bhp, but you could still power-oversteer it!” Not that that driving style will be of much help with Andy’s competition car, a 20 valve, 2 litre, turbocharged Fiat Coupé.

Andy was for many years a marshal at Harewood, but when three years ago he decided that he had to change his ‘everyday wheels’ (the aforementioned Fiat) after 11 years ownership, he thought that rather than sell it for peanuts, it might as



well become his hillclimb machine. So here it is, still going strong, road-legal and driven to meetings but nowhere much else. The mileage? A rather astounding 194,000 miles, still with the original engine, turbo and gearbox and it's only ever let Andy down once! From the forgoing you'll have deduced that it's not been greatly modified; in its first year of competition it was absolutely standard, in the second it received uprated suspension and finally for year three Andy had the engine mildly 'chipped' to give a claimed extra 20 bhp. In theory this meant that the engine produced 240 bhp, but more realistically probably only puts back what the mileage has taken out!

Andy prepares the car himself, and due to time constraints, limits himself to meetings at Harewood. He has no plans to modify the Fiat much further, because as he says, "With front-wheel-drive and 65% of its weight over the front wheels, it's never going to beat the Evos, no matter how much I spend." So what are his goals? To keep striving for new personal bests, recently set at 70.35 secs, and to try to arrange things so that the magic 200,000 miles comes up somewhere on the hill at Harewood. Get ready to tell the spectators, Mr Wilkinson!



— Andy heads towards a new PB (Keith Hunt)

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GREENWOOD CUP HILLCLIMB 19th SEPTEMBER 2015

Despite there being the final round still to come on Sunday the Harewood Championship would be decided today whilst the FTD Trophy would be in the balance. The conditions on Saturday were more or less ideal and with the sun shining all was set for a great day of competition. There were dozens of PBs but only one class record was broken which had a massive impact on the destination of the overall Harewood Championship.

Kicking off proceedings were the two guest championships. In the MG section there were three classes; in the first class Harewood stalwart David Coulthard took the win from Harewood veteran John Wilman; in the second class Christopher England narrowly beat Tim Kirkman and set a new PB in the process, and in the final class Andy Walker thundered to victory in his MGB Roadster V8. Next up were the Club Alpine Renault members and this year they did Harewood proud with no less than six of the drop-dead gorgeous A110s taking part.

Class Record holder Bob Gibson took the class win in his much modified A110 with Neil Brogden (Peugeot 205) second.

Into the Harewood class structure and in Class 1A David Taylor took yet another class win in his immaculate Mini with Roy 'Bod' Bolderson (Mini) in second and William Roberts (Daihatsu) third. Emily Evans gave the BMW I3 its debut and finished a creditable fourth. James Kerr led home a Peugeot 205GTi 1-2-3 in class 1B with David Marshall and Deryk Jones hot on his heels.



— Bob Gibson Alpine
A110



— Stephen Moore
Mitsubishi EVO 6

In 1C Stephen Moore was again visiting Harewood, but this time as Gurston Down Champion, and took the class win ahead of Joe Cross (Impreza) and Paul Anderson (Mitsubishi). In 1F we had a battle of the Honda S2000s and it was Wigton MC's Ronnie Macgregor who took the class win just ahead of Martin Rowe whilst the superb looking Noble of David McGeachie was third and Jim Semple's Focus fourth.

In 2A Michael Bellerby recovered from a first run glitch to take the win ahead of Daniel Hollis and Leon Franks whilst in 2B Derek Leatham had to rely on his first run for victory as the Westfield went onto two and a half cylinders. In 2E Tracey Taylor-West was all fired-up for the final push for the Harewood Championship and on her first run she finally broke Ben Lovell's 2013 class record. This feat effectively handed her the Harewood Championship despite there being another round to go. Chris Harris, one of the many Wigton member taking part, was second setting a new PB in the process.

Into Mod Prods and in 3A Oliver Roberts took another class win and continued his impressive season with the turbocharged Mini. In 3B Steve Bailey switched from his Peugeot 205 to an Escort Mk 1. The Escort has been rebuilt from the ground up using a new shell and was immaculate. Having used it a couple of times already at Loton Park Steve was now ready to give it its head. He led throughout as Richard Hargreaves hit problems early on recovering to take second. Making a welcome return after a complete rebuild of the Golf was Knaresborough's finest Vini Dobson who took third spot just ahead of Daniel Mennell (Renault Clio). In 3C Steve Darley fluffed his lines when the Satnav failed! He rocketed into the lead on his second climb and extended it on his third. In second was William Jarman in his rally prepared Escort Cosworth whilst third went to the returning Paul Nutter. Paul was fed up with the slow progress on bolting together a 'new' Escort so entered the family Renault Espace. In 3F Bob Bellerby had dusted off the Sylva Riot and after a nip and tuck battle with Malcolm MacKay's similar car emerged triumphant. Chris Boyd also in a Riot had a suspension failure on his first timed run and ended up hitting the old barn as he headed out of Orchard. Boyd was OK but the

Riot looked second-hand to say the least.



— Mark Purdham MJ
Hosson-Bouler

In 3G it was all Wigton members and the Colemans were up against it as Mark Purdham has upgraded his MJ Hosson-Bouler since his last visit. The Penrith driver got to within 0.04 of the 2012 class record of Les Mutch. There was just one Sports Libre class and Ben Lovell took it with the third fastest time of the day finishing ahead of Alisdair Mercer (Force LM) and John Prickett (Radical PR6).

Into the Racing Car classes and in 5A Ed Carter took the win having missed his first run as his father Steve, who would finish second, had spun off at Quarry damaging the car. In third it was Gurston regular Tony Levitt in the Empire Evo with Stephen Gamble in his neat SG Sprint fourth. In 5B despite running first Ben Tranter beat co-driver Robert Spedding. In 5C Paul Martin took the class win but was only fourth fastest overall and his challenge for the Harewood FTD title would be dependant on his closest rival failing to score on Sunday. Amy Tomlin (Force) took a fine second ahead of John Stockley (OMS) and Mike Jenkins (Terrapin). John Chacksfield took a solo win in 5D but also managed to grab FTD to all but clinch the Harewood FTD championship. In 5E Morgan Jenkins took the class win and also second FTD sharing the big Pilbeam-Judd with his mother-in-law Sandra Tomlin who was second in class ahead of Paul Crute in the Pilbeam-Jaguar.

There was just one Classic Car class (6C) to round out proceedings and Jim Johnstone, fresh from his foray to Bo'ness, took the win ahead of Carl Wattam (Escort), Peter Sewell (MGB) and Angus Buchan (Jeffrey). This burgeoning class really is providing some classic battles.

The Championship was sealed leaving just the FTD Trophy to find a home and as people squared away their cars in the paddock the sun still shone and it look set for another good day on the hill but would the weather play ball?



— Jim Johnstone
Triumph TR6

RESULTS

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From the pen of Steve Wilkinson

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MIKE WILSON MEMORIAL HILLCLIMB 20th SEPTEMBER 2015

Super Season Finale

As I drove along the A61 towards Harewood the sun was shining and there was hardly a cloud in the sky. Turning onto the A659 there was a sudden change with wisps of mist drifting through the fields. Arriving in the Hill Top Car Park there was no sign of the valley below as it was filled with heavy mist. Mist swirled around the paddock and dampness filled the air. As we waited and waited for the conditions to improve the officials monitored the state of the visibility and just as the clouds started to drift in so the mist started to clear. Having lost just over an hour most people thought that there would be just the two timed runs rather than the customary three. During practice several competitors fell by the wayside including Simon Smith with what sounded like a big-end failure and Chris Thomas with bodywork damage from an off. The remaining competitors came out to take their timed runs after a shorter than normal lunch break.

In the three MG classes the top dogs were again David Coulthard, Christopher England and Andy Walker but the latter had his work cut-out after problems on his first two runs. Thankfully the Harewood team rattled through the entry and managed to get in that elusive third run. On it Walker stormed through to take the class win. In the Club Alpine Renault class Bob Gibson was again the winner with Neil Brogden (205) second once more.

Into the Harewood classes and in 1A David Taylor suffered a rare defeat as Ben Spencer in his Vauxhall Nova Saloon took the win over half a second clear of Taylor and the rest. In 1B Deryck Jones just edged out James Kerr, who was second in the Harewood Championship, for the class win with David Marshall once again completing the 205 clean sweep. In 1C Richard Archbould, who was MIA the day before, took his customary class win with the novice Joe Cross second again. Paul Anderson was third and Simon Green took fourth in a brand new Subaru BRZ Cosworth. In 1F Ronnie MacGregor and Martin Rowe made it a Honda S2000 1-2 for the second day running whilst Jim Semple was third in his 4-w-d Focus. Into the two Road going Kit Car classes and in 2A Michael Bellerby led throughout with Daniel Hollis equally comfortable in second ahead of Leon Franks (Striker) and Andy Taylor (Caterham). In 2B Simon Ambler kept his Caterham ahead all day despite a recovering Derek Leetham moving up from sixth to second. In 2E the 2015 Harewood Champion Tracey Taylor-West took the win in her Elise, today she only equalled the old record but her place at the top of the points table remained unchallenged.



— Ben Spencer Vauxhall
Nova

Next it was the Mod Prods and in 3A Oliver Roberts clinched the class win with a new PB. In 3B Sarah Bosworth took the win with Steve Bailey just half a second adrift in his Escort and Vini Dobson third. Richard Hargreaves was another to fall foul of mechanical woes. No first run jitters for Steve Darley today as he led 3C from the first timed run and clinched third place in the Harewood Championship. Stephen Moore, the 2015 Gurston champion, moved from Road-going to Mod Prod by just strapping on some slicks and came home second just ahead of William Jarman. In 3F Bob Bellerby won again but the class was decimated with withdrawn and none-starting cars leaving Chris Gibson as the only other runner finishing some 10 seconds adrift. In 3G Mark Purdham was on fine form and on his second run he clipped a precious 0.05 off the 2012 record set by Les Mutch – this was certainly my Drive of the Day. In second it was Jonathan Woolfitt who was less than a second in arrears as he led home the Colemans. With Ben Lovell withdrawing this left class 4A open and Alasdair Mercer set a new PB clinching the win on his first run. John Prickett was second just ahead of fellow Radical driver Robbie Birrell with Paul Woolfitt in the rapid Z-Cars Mini fourth. Peter Green took a solo win in 4B with his immaculate Cobra replica.

Into the Racing Car classes and in 5A Ed Carter equalled his PB to take the class win ahead of Robert Bailey and Richard Vaughan. After two runs Simon Bailey had failed to trouble the timekeepers a spin on each run however on his third run he cruised up the order to fourth. In 5B it was a delighted Robert Spedding who took the class win ahead of co-driver, and for this



— Robert Bellerby Syla
Riot

week-end tyre-warmer, Ben Tranter.

In 5C Morgan Jenkins was back in the Force PC and duly took the class with a new PB netting third FTD as well. Paul

Martin was second and ended up fourth FTD with Morgan's wife, Amy Tomlin, third. In 5D John Chacksfield took the class win and with a time that saw him post second FTD thus clinching the Harewood FTD Trophy. George Bleasdale was second with Brian Walker third and Taylor Macvean, who missed his first run due to a broken drive-shaft, fourth.



— Morgan Jenkins Force
PC



— Oliver Tomlin
Pilbeam MP97

In the final Racing Car class, 5E, Oliver Tomlin moved into the MP97 and duly won the class and set FTD. His mother Sandra was second and Paul Crute third with his first ever sub-59 second run. This left the Classics; Peter Fletcher took a solo win in 6A with his pretty Speedwell Sprite whilst in 6C Jim Johnstone cruised to the win ahead of Angus Buchan and Peter Sewell.

So ended the 2015 season at Harewood. We had a new Champion in Tracey Taylor-West whilst John Chacksfield regained his FTD crown. The whole organising team performed excellently throughout the year with the Marshals and Paddock

Team once again providing the friendly face of Harewood for the competitors. Very few hillclimb courses can draw in competitors from so far afield on a regular basis. The whole team must be exceedingly proud of their efforts and rightly so.

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Your reporter – Steve Wilkinson

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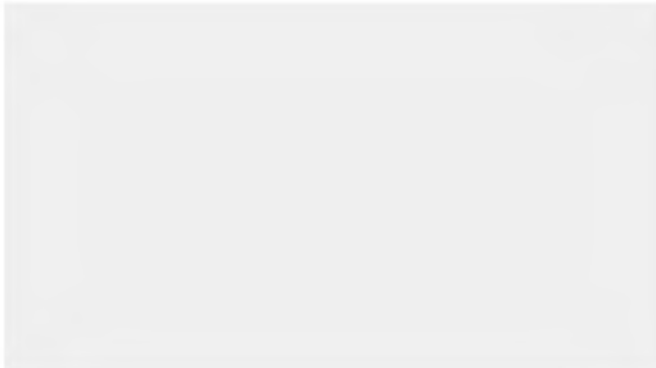
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Harewood Speed Hillclimb Championships 2015

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Harewood Championship

1 st	Tracey Taylor-West	118.27 points
2 nd	James Kerr	115.56 points
3 rd	Steven Darley	115.02 points





— Tracey Taylor-West Lotus Elise (PWPics)



— James Kerr Peugeot 205 GTi (PWPics)



— Steven Darley Subaru Impreza (PWPics)

Harewood FTD Championship

1st John Chacksfield 56 points

2nd Paul Martin 52 points



— John Chacksfield OMS 28 (PWPics)



— Paul Martin OMS 2000M (PWPics)

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OMS NEWS & VIEWS

Harewood FTD Champion

Congratulations to John Chacksfield who has won the 2015 BARC Yorkshire Centre Harewood Speed Hillclimb FTD Championship. Paul Martin in his 1300cc OMS 2000m, the 2014 FTD Champion, finished in second place.

This is John's first season in his OMS 28 1300s and a great finish to the year. John has previously won the FTD Championship on three occasions, making John the only driver to have won the championship on four occasions.

Drivers of OMS cars have won the FTD Championship nine times in the last ten seasons.

Lyn Owen

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Notice

The BARC Yorkshire Centre Dinner and Annual Awards Presentation will take place on Saturday 28th November 2015, at the Holiday Inn Brighouse, 7.00 for 7.30pm.

Tickets; £36.00 per head

For details and bookings contact Edith Davison, The Sidings, 7 Caister Close, Greenacres, Birstall, WF17 9QY

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A limited number of rooms are available. Closing date for booking 28th October 2015

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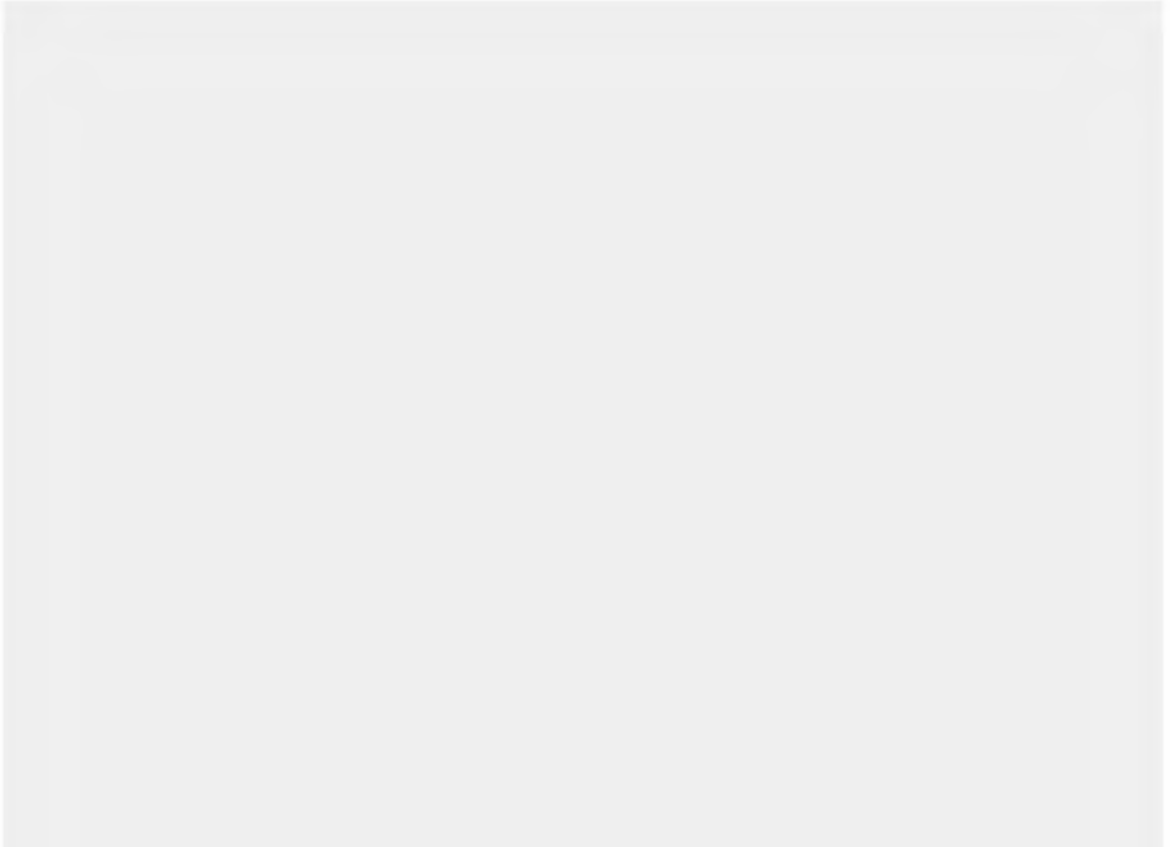
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TAIL PIECE





— World's first vindaloo-fuelled rocket-car undergoing testing at Harewood.. (Mr C)