

Martyn makes it two

MARTYN GRIFFITHS romped to his second victory of the year when he took the fourth round of the RAC Hillclimb Championship, held at Harewood, on Sunday. Roy Lane returned to form to take second place, followed by David Franklin. Alister Douglas-Osborn managed only fourth in the run-off after missing a gear on his second run. To complete a fine day, Griffiths also set the FTD with a time of 38.82s.

In the class battles, a good-sized crowd saw Terry Tattam and Palmer Hewardine take the touring car honours, while other notable wins were recorded by Ken Knott, Nigel Garland and John Meredith, who won his class by over 10 seconds. Des Richardson won in his Midget, yet again, whilst Robert Speak returned to Elans to beat Ronnie Craik. Haydn Spedding, and the one and only Chris Seaman won the Modsports classes with other victories going to Bob Prest, Richard Branson and Norrie Galbraith. Tony Bancroft returned to the hills in his old Chevron B19 to beat the present owner of the car, David Garnett. Tom Hart used his Chevron B9/15 to win the smaller racing car class, while Peter Kaye lowered the 1600cc class record and also qualified for the Top Ten Run-Off.

After the class runs Mike MacDowel found himself with 10th FTD and began the Top Ten Run-Off with two consistent runs to net himself eighth place. Next to run was Rob Turnbull who improved to seventh, while Ken MacMaster put in two strong runs to take sixth place. Peter Kaye found that power tells in the end and after qualifying seventh dropped to ninth in his 1600cc car. The mechanical gremlins struck Chris Cramer again, his car coming to a halt on the first championship run with throttle linkage problems. The Waring and Gillow team came fourth and fifth on their sponsors home ground, Alister Douglas-Osborn missing a gear on his second run as did Malcolm Dungworth.

David Franklin put in yet another strong performance to gain third while Roy Lane recorded two deceptively quick runs to take second.

The day however belonged to Martyn Griffiths who put in an outstanding first run of 38.92s in the Severn Advertising March to score his second victory of the year. **R.B.**

FTD: M. Griffiths (March 74B), 38.82s.

Class Winners: T. Tattam (Cooper S), 47.99s; P. Hewardine (Ford Mustang), 50.50s; K. Knott (Chrysler Imp), 47.51s; N. Garland (Cooper S), 48.35s; J. Meredith (Cooper S), 45.38s; D. Richardson (Midget), 50.75s; R. Speak (Lotus Elan), 48.56s; P. Garland (Morgan Plus 8), 47.25s; C. Seaman (Midget), 47.18s; H. Spedding (Jaguar E), 50.66s; B. Prest (Mallock U2 Mk16), 44.05s; R. Branson (HCS Mk1 Leyland), 50.35s; N. Galbraith (Mallock U2 Mk8/16), 43.10s; T. Bancroft (Chevron B19), 41.98s; T. Hart (Chevron B9/15), 45.24s; P. Kaye (Brabham BT35XP), 40.09s—record; M. Griffiths (March 74B), 38.82s.

R.A.C. CHAMPIONSHIP TOP 10
 1, M. Griffiths (March 74P Hart), 38.92s; 2, R. Lane (March 741 D.F.V.), 39.09s; 3, D. Franklin (March 742 BMW), 39.22s; 4, A. Douglas-Osborn (P i l b e a m R22 D.F.V.), 39.29s; 4, M. Dungworth (Brabham BT35XPRecco), 39.55s; 6, K. MacMaster (Modus M4 Hart), 39.81s; 7, R. Turnbull (Ralt RT1 BDG), 39.94s; 8, M. MacDowel (Ralt RT1 Hart), 40.41s; 9, P. Kaye (Brabham BT35XP FVA), 40.50s; 10, C. Cramer (March 76A Cosworth), no time.

► The Guyson/BARC Hillclimb Championship circus moves to the Wiltshire Downs for the fifth round of the series, being held at Gurston Down this Sunday. Gurston, notable for its 'roller-coaster' downhill start and the steep Karousel complex of corners, is one mile from Broadchalks and nine miles from Salisbury. All the regular contenders should be there, with racing starting at 14.00, following morning practice.

R.A.C. HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP (AFTER 4 ROUNDS)

1, A. Douglas-Osborn	35pts
2, M. Griffiths	34pts
3, D. Franklin	32pts
4, M. Dungworth	24pts
5, M. MacDowel	22pts
6, R. Lane	19pts
7, R. Turnbull	18pts
8, R. Brown	19pts
9, K. MacMaster	5pts
P. Kaye	5pts

R.A.C. LEADERS CHAMPIONSHIP (AFTER 4 ROUNDS)

1, J. Meredith	27pts
2, K. Johnson	27pts
3, N. Galbraith	22pts
4, T. Hart	21pts
5, J. Milford	18pts
D. Welch	18pts
B. Brant	18pts
C. Bigwood	18pts
T. Boshier Jones	18pts
S. Dominey	18pts
D. Gould	18pts