

# Johnstone back on top

Since he has been out of hillclimbing for some eight years Jimmy Johnstone qualifies as a novice and, on June 12, he duly set BTD at the ShellSport-sponsored BARC Yorkshire Centre Novices, Vintage and Historic meeting at Harewood with his Brabham BT18, although he still reckons to be well out of practice. Away from the pressures of championship events this informal meeting was rather refreshing although everyone had a bit of a scare near the end of the day when Phil Fay's errant Morgan Plus 8 bowled over marshal John Tyas at Orchard. Happily, John suffered nothing worse than a bruised leg and a nasty shock.

Johnstone ended the day 3.45 secs ahead of his nearest rival who turned out to be Sheffield driver Phil Chapman (remember his rather terrifying Chapman-Mercury sports car?) who is sharing the ex-Noel le Tissier McLaren M10B with John Keefe. Others to shine among the Novices were Neville Alderson, who finished third in the Novices Top Five run-off in his newly acquired Ward-Ford WD4; Ron Mackinnon, who fairly flung his Datsun 240Z up the course; and John Booth who narrowly beat Tommy Clapham's 1959 Lotus-Climax 7 in his reclassified Lenham Sprite.

Unfortunately, the Vintage section of the entry (incorporating all prewar machinery and also the old 500cc and 1100 Cooper-JAP machinery) was short on numbers. Quickest overall was Barry Brant (Cooper-Triumph), over a second faster than John Shapley's 1100 JAP-engined Cooper which had a plug

go off on one run. Guy Smith was predictably well in the hunt with the ever-consistent Norris Sp1 Frazer Nash-Alvis. The remaining classes were for a wide variety of Historic machinery from which emerged John Baker-Courtney (4.7 McLaren-Ford M1B) with a hard-trying 47.14s. Robin Rew was right on the limit with his Reliant Sabre Six in the same class and defeated even Stephen Smith's GT40 and John McCartney's admittedly off-song Les Redmond-designed and unique Parnell-BRM V8 RP64 sports-racer. A good number of Morgans turned out with Mile Hall winning the Plus 8 class and Loll Ryan (Family Four) scoring one of the day's most popular results by winning the ten car four-cylinder class. Geoff McAuley lowered the record for the serviceable if unglamorous Jowett Jupiters.

## CHRIS MASON

**BTD:** Jim Johnstone (1.6 Brabham Vegantune BT18), 42.51s.

**Class winners:** Robert Staley (1.2 Ford Anglia), 51.96s; Dave Stephenson (1.0 Chrysler Imp), 49.27s; David Walton (1.3 Leyland Mini Clubman), 50.99s; Paul Adelman (1.7 Ford Escort TC), 54.84s; Ron Mackinnon (2.4 Datsun 240Z), 53.32s; Neville Alderson (1.6 Ward-Ford WD-Ford WD4), 48.33s; John Booth (1.1 Lenham Healey Sprite), 51.08s; Robert Shapley (1.1 Cooper-JAP Mk10), 47.95s; Johnstone, 42.77s; Phil Chapman (5.0 McLaren-Chevrolet M10B), 45.96s; Alastair Barker (4.5 Lagonda V12 Le Mans), 56.35s; John Shapley (1.1 Cooper-JAP Mk10), 49.06s (**record**); Guy Smith (3.5 Frazer Nash-Alvis), 49.81s; Geoff McAuley (1.5 Jowett Jupiter), 58.19s (**record**); Alastair Naylor (1.5 MG TC), 53.02s; Loll Ryan (1.6 Morgan Family Four), 52.24s (**record**); Mike Hall (3.5 Morgan Plus 8), 48.31s (**record**); Philip Rambaut (2.0 A.C. Ace-Bristol), 55.57s; John Baker-Courtney (4.7 McLaren-Ford M1B), 47.14s (**record**); Barry Brant (0.5 Cooper-Triumph Mk10), 47.27s (**establishes record**).



# It's Jim at Harewood

THE ANNUAL Shellsport Vintage, Historic and Novices hillclimb, held at Harewood on Sunday, June 19, was dominated by Jim Johnstone in his Brabham BT18. Johnstone, who was a regular RAC competitor a number of years ago, is making a return to hill climbing this year and thus, still being a novice as far as the rule book was concerned, gained FTD by almost 3s. The event was ably organised by the BARC (Yorkshire Centre) who overcame such diverse problems as hens getting on the track and an errant Morgan hitting a marshal (who fortunately was shocked by not injured).

In the novices section Robert Staley's 1198 cc Anglia managed to beat the exotic Lancia Beta HPE of BARC man Harry Mason by almost 5s, whilst other victories fell to Dave Stephenson, David Walton and Paul Adelman, with Ron MacKinnon taking the Sports Car honours in spectacular fashion. Neville Alderson put up a good performance in one of Joe Ward's old cars to take the Clubmans class, whilst John Booth and Robert Shapley won their respective categories.

Man-of-the-meeting, Jim Johnstone, took the up to 1600 cc racing car class with a time of 42.77s which he lowered to 42.51s to win the Novices Top Five Run-off. The big racing car category fell to the almost lethal McLaren M10B of Phil Chapman, whilst the similar sized, but not as terrifying, Lagonda V12 Le Mans of Alistair Barker took the Vintage and PVT Sports class. John Shapley, forsaking his Carburel Special on this occasion, was on record braking form, taking his Cooper Mk 10 up the hill in 49.06s and lowering this to 48.37s in the Vintage Top Five. The Vintage and Historic sports car class fell to Guy Smith (Frazer Nash Alvis) whilst Geoff McAuley took his customary Jowett Class victory in his Jupiter, futher lowering his old record. MG restoration ace, Alistair Naylor, took his

beautifully prepared MG TC to victory, whilst, after years of trying, everybody was pleased to see Loll Ryan win his class at Harewood for the first time in his familiar Morgan Family Four. Mike Hall's record breaking Plus 8 took the big Morgan Class whilst other victories fell to Philip Rambaut, John Baker-Courtenay, who also took the Historic Top Five Run-off, and the well driven Cooper of 500cc class king, Barry Brant.

R.B.

FTD: J. Johnstone (Brabham BT18 Ford), 42.51s.

Class Winners: R. Staley (Ford Anglia), 51.96s; D. Stephenson (Chrysler Imp), 49.27s; D. Walton (Mini Clubman), 50.99s; P. Adelman (Ford Escort TC), 54.84s; R. MacKinnon (Datsun 240Z), 52.32s; N. Alderson (Ward Ford), 48.33s; J. Booth (Lenham Healey Sprite), 51.08s; R. Shapley (Cooper Mk10 JAP), 47.95s; J. Johnstone (Brabham BT18 Ford), 42.77s; P. Chapman (McLaren M10B Chevrolet), 45.96s; A. Barker (Lagonda V12 Le Mans) 56.35s Record; J. Shapley (Cooper Mk10 JAP), 49.06s Record; G. Smith (Frazer Nash Alvis), 49.81s; G. McAuley (Jowett Jupiter), 58.19s Record; A. Naylor (MG TC), 53.02s; L. Ryan (Morgan Family Four), 52.24s; M. Hall (Morgan Plus 8), 48.31s Record; P. Rambaut (AC Ace Bristol), 55.57s; J. BakerCourtenay (McLaren M1B Ford), 47.14s Record; B. Brant (Cooper Mk10), 47.27s record.

Novices Top Five Run-off; 1, J. Johnstone 42.51s; 2, P. Chapman 64.07s; 3, N. Alderson 47.36s; 4, T. Tannent 49.93s; 5, M. Gerrard 49.74s.

Vintage Top Five Run-off: 1, J. Shapley 48.37s; 2, G. Smith 49.74s; 3, Barker 57.12s; 4, J. Malyan 58.10s.

Historic Top Five Run-off: 1, J. Baker-Courtenay 45.27s; 2, M. Hall 47.92s; 3, B. Brant 47.98s; 4, R. Rew 49.85s.