

## Gurston Down Sunday 23 April 2017

A visit to beautiful Wiltshire once again kicked off our hill climb season, with five drivers making up the entry. Alistair Dent brought the faithful Hornet, father John was in his trusty Mk VIII, Fin Mackintosh was sharing his Mk VI with son Max and Ainsley Barwick had the 650 Triumph twin powered Mk VI.

Practice times were quite close and promised a tight competition, although the first mechanical issues had arisen. Alistair had his engine fail half way up on the second run and Fin had shed the primary chain on his first ascent.

After the lunch break, during which Alistair swapped engines and Fin sorted a growing catalogue of problems, everyone hoped for a stress-free afternoon. For John, Alistair and Ainsley this was the case but for Fin it only got worse. At the end of the day John Dent was a worthy winner with some remarkably consistent times across all the splits and the only person to go below 43 seconds. On only his second time at the hill Ainsley quietly improved with each ascent.

A fuller report will appear in the next edition of *The 500*.

		<b>Run 1</b>	<b>Run 2</b>	<b>Best</b>
John Dent	Cooper Mk VIII	42.72	42.66	<b>42.66</b>
Fin Mackintosh	Cooper Mk VI	--	43.04	<b>43.04</b>
Alistair Dent	Hornet	45.00	43.25	<b>43.25</b>
Max Mackintosh	Cooper Mk VI	45.91	--	<b>45.91</b>
Ainsley Barwick	Cooper Mk VI	44.32	43.60	<b>43.60</b>

