

Gurston Down, Sunday 17 April 2016

The beautiful Wiltshire Downs welcomed just two 500's for the opening round of our hill-climb championship, Alistair Dent in the Hornet, now sporting the original nose profile and dark green colour, and Charles Reynolds in his Cooper Mk IX 500. John Dent and Mike Wood had also entered but both had been forced to cancel at the last minute.

Both cars had small issues in first practice, which brought out the spanners for minor adjustments. Second practice saw improvements and so both cars were set ready for the afternoon timed runs.

In warm sun, Charles was to head Alistair by 4 hundredths after run 1 but both felt there was more speed to come when compared to previous visits to the hill, the problem was to identify where it was hiding.

On the second run, Charles found some of it but Alistair could not and so had to settle for second. However, both left for home broadly satisfied with the days' proceedings and holding ideas on how to improve the cars for Wiscombe and round two.

A full report will appear in The 500.

Results

| | | Run 1 | Run 2 | Best |
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| Charles Reynolds | Cooper Mk IX JAP | 43.35 | 42.78 | 42.78 |
| Alistair Dent | Hornet JAP | 43.39 | 43.40 | 43.39 |



Alistair in the Hornet



Charles in the Cooper