2016 Speed Championship Round 5

Manor Farm

Sunday 12 June

Preceding the Championship round on Sunday was Saturday's 'practice' day on the short, 700 m course which goes under the main A35. Alistair Dent and Richard Grant were joined by Hillclimb newcomer Steve Edwards from Sherbourne in his Kieft Prototype.

Alistair had elected to use the Hornet and both he and Richard turned in good Saturday practice times. However, Richard's engine was smoking badly, also to the consternation of the Torbay MC organisers, and kept oiling its plug. Close inspection revealed some of the clack valves had also disappeared so the decision was made to fit the spare 84S which then blew its head gasket on warm up.

Sunday loomed damp to be followed by full rain, so any chance of snatching Andrew Forsyth's 500 hill record went by the board with Alistair's timed runs 8 to 10 secs off Saturday's pace.

Mark Edwards had a number of teething problems with the Kieft including an over oiling engine, and exhaust which fell off. The absence of a hand brake presented difficulty for him approaching the start line and he recorded no times.

Results

(Record: Andrew Forsyth - 30.83)

Saturday	Pos	Driver	Car	P1	P2	P3	T1	T2
	1	Alistair Dent	Hornet JAP	32.62	31.72	31.99	31.45	30.94
	-	Richard Grant	Kiehn Sp JAP	39.91	33.22	31.92	-	-
Sunday	1	Alistair Dent	Hornet JAP	33.38	32.07	1	41.70	37.91

A full report will appear in the next edition of 'The 500'