

Prescott 26 May 2019

Part of the extravaganza which is the **La vie en bleu** meeting, this was the second hill climb round of our speed championship this year. Entries were a little down at only 8, plus Charles in his twin, but included new member Richard Roberts in a newly resurrected Mk IV Cooper.

The day was warm and dry for the first practice run but the forecast and clouds spoke of rain to follow. Vic and John were clearly ahead, in the 56 second bracket, whilst Andy, Steve, Alistair and Robin were in a tight 60 second group. Jan had been unfortunately red flagged as he crossed the line when well down the return road John's gear linkage parted!



Shortly afterwards there was a light shower so when the second practice eventually came around, the course was slippery, especially at the start line. However, everybody made it without mishap.

Over the lunch break the drizzle continued, so the first event runs were comparatively slow although John produced a magical run that gave him a clear lead over Alistair, who was in turn way ahead of everyone else.

And so we arrived at the final climb in mid afternoon. Fortunately the track had dried so the times fell dramatically. In a class of his own, John completed the day nearly two seconds clear of Jan in second place.

Under a watery sun everyone packed up relieved that there had been no mechanical dramas.

| Results | | T1 | T2 | Best |
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| John Dent | Cooper Mk VIII JAP | 61.03 | 55.15 | 55.15 |
| Jan Nycz | Staride Mk 111 Norton | 65.42 | 57.07 | 57.07 |
| Vic Deane | Cooper Mk IX JAP | 64.01 | 57.85 | 57.85 |
| Alistair Dent | Hornet JAP | 62.46 | 58.77 | 58.77 |
| Andy Rayner | Cooper Mk V Norton | 65.38 | 61.19 | 61.19 |
| Robin Baxter | Staride Mk 111 JAP | 67.80 | 62.37 | 62.37 |
| Richard Robarts | Cooper Mk IV JAP | 69.87 | 64.60 | 64.60 |
| Steve Lawrence | Cooper Mk VIII JAP | 67.29 | ---- | 67.29 |
| Charles Reynolds | Cooper Mk VII twin | 60.52 | 54.56 | 54.56 |

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