

## Harewood hillclimb Saturday 1 June 2019

The longest course on our calendar and for many the longest journey as well, but really worthwhile. This meeting brought together under cloudy skies seven 500's, and competing for the Wally Cuff Trophy, two in the over 500 class. For Andy Turner and Jan, this was to be their first experience of the hill, whilst for John Turner it had been a gap of 46 years!

### Practice

Max led the group away followed by Jan and then Andy T before John, Stuart, Andy R and Mike ahead of Charles and Phoebe. Once we were all back in the paddock, reactions were mixed. Andy T had found the groove straight away, Jan had explored the track boundaries and Stuart had experienced gear selection issues on the start line.

On second practice, things settled down with improvements across the board. There were no real technical issues, although Stuart's clutch was temperamental and Charles felt he had some fuel pick-up questions.



*Andy Turner at Farmhouse*

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### Event runs

Over lunch there was a light shower so the first climb was a little slower for all except John. Andy T led Max by a whisker, both well clear of Andy R in third. Charles and Stuart had fettled the cars over lunch and reported improvements.

A dry track for the second ascent delivered much hoped for reductions in times, especially for Jan.

By around 4pm it was looking as if there would be time for a third run and shortly afterwards this was confirmed, the slick organisation by BARC Yorkshire having got the full field to the top of the hill in not much more than an hour.

And so with the sun coming through the ever-present clouds, the final climb got underway. Red flags by other competitors caused a few delays early on but we all gave it our best shot. Indeed, Andy T managed to break the 72 second barrier and extend his margin over Max, both well clear of Mike, who had found a chunk of time somewhere. Poor Andy R had been going really well until the engine cut-out lead caused the Norton to shut down just after the farmhouse. Charles took the Wally Cuff points even though the front cylinder was still not quite pulling its weight.

Thanks to the very efficient organising team for a great meeting.

<b>Results</b>		<b>T1</b>	<b>T2</b>	<b>T3</b>	<b>Best</b>
Andy Turner	Cooper Mk VI JAP	73.34	72.17	<b>71.85</b>	<b>71.85</b>
Max Mackintosh	Cooper Mk VI JAP	73.83	73.19	<b>72.47</b>	<b>72.47</b>
Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	80.63	77.12	<b>74.81</b>	<b>74.81</b>
Andy Raynor	Cooper Mk V Norton	<b>76.79</b>	77.68	DNF	<b>76.79</b>
Jan Nycz	Staride Mk III Norton	84.52	<b>78.36</b>	79.63	<b>78.36</b>
John Turner	Cooper Mk IX JAP	82.37	79.79	<b>79.45</b>	<b>79.45</b>
Stuart Barnes	Iota P101 JAP	96.98	92.72	<b>92.26</b>	<b>92.26</b>
Charles Reynolds	Cooper Mk VII twin	70.23	69.98	<b>69.87</b>	<b>69.87</b>
Phoebe Rolt	Elva 200	<b>71.35</b>	74.10	72.12	<b>71.35</b>

## **Harwood Sunday 2 June 2019**

The second day of competition saw the VSCC cars replaced by a class of Morgans and a broad range of saloon cars. Max, Andy R, Phoebe and Mike had stayed on and had been joined by the ex Paul Harris BJR, to be driven by the father and son team of Mark and Adam Forster. The weather was much like the Saturday, cloudy.

### **Practice**

The first run was taken cautiously to gauge the condition of the hill after the overnight rain. Adam took his seat in the BJR, but unused to the peculiarities of a 500, found the gears and clutch a challenge, the car stopping before he reached the finish line. Back in the paddock, problems with the fuel pump, clutch and gearbox were looked into.

Second practice saw improvements for all and this time Mark tried his luck but was red flagged around Orchard and was unable to re-start the car for a re-run. Once the car was recovered, he decided that the catalogue of issues deserved workshop attention so decided to retreat home.

### **Event runs**

The slick organisation meant the first run took place before lunch, and the first light shower. Times fell again, Andy recording a personal best and Phoebe what was to be her best of the weekend.

After lunch, and with the course fully dry, we set about trying to match or better the Saturday times, and although Max and Mike found a little over the days' first run, Andy and Phoebe could not.

With the clouds threatening rain, we lined up for our third and final climb of the meeting and weekend. Unfortunately a short shower fell just as our turns came around so discretion ruled the roost, but none-the-less, we went home happy.

<b>Results</b>		<b>T1</b>	<b>T2</b>	<b>T3</b>	<b>Best</b>
Max Mackintosh	Cooper Mk VI JAP	73.48	<b>73.08</b>	78.61	<b>73.08</b>
Andy Raynor	Cooper Mk V Norton	<b>75.31</b>	75.33	79.33	<b>75.31</b>
Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	75.96	<b>75.92</b>	84.33	<b>75.92</b>
Phoebe Rolt	Elva 200	<b>71.02</b>	71.92	84.69	<b>71.02</b>

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