

Shelsley Walsh Sunday 20 September 2020

Our last possible hill-climb of the year took us back to Shelsley for a third time. On this occasion there were seven drivers in the 500 class and two twins, Mike Bell joining with Charles Reynolds.

Fin, who was co-driving the Mark VI on this occasion, led us away. He was to report the handling was a little off, but only because the tyre pressures were down. This was easily corrected in time for Max's climb. For the rest of us, Andy had the carburettor come adrift, bringing him to a halt, and Alistair Howells clutch was slipping badly which prevented him starting. Otherwise the only other issue was for Vic who detected a slight miss-fire. This was Mike Bell's first visit to the hill so he took it very easily.

Second practice saw improvements for virtually everyone, with Max dipping into the 38's. Mechanically all was largely well, although the Angle Iron Special clutch could still not be persuaded to perform properly. Mike Bell improved but felt one cylinder was sick on the return down so he was forced to pack up.

After lunch, and with the sun still shining, the event runs got under way. Uncharacteristically, Fin stalled on leaving the line having selected the wrong gear. For Max the day was going well as he recorded a personal best, but for Vic disaster struck when the timing slipped causing the engine to miss-fire badly, ending his day.

And so we came to the final ascent of the competition and our hill climb year. Fin blazed away with a low 38 but Max was not to be denied the win with yet another personal best and almost breaking into 37's. For the rest of us, Jan was a whisker short of dipping under 40 seconds. Poor Andy had rather a moment on the exit from the esses which wrecked his time.

Results

		Run 1	Run 1	Best
Max Macintosh	Cooper Mk VI JAP	38.46	38.06	38.06
Fin Mackintosh	Cooper Mk VI JAP	F	38.28	38.28
Jan Nycz	Staride Mk III Norton	40.13	40.09	40.09
Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	41.49	41.11	41.11
Andy Raynor	Cooper Mk V Norton	41.44	45.94	41.44
Vic Deane	Cooper Mk IX JAP	64.95	---	64.95
Alistair Howells	Angle Iron Special		No runs	

V-twins

Charles Reynolds	Cooper Mk VII	37.17	38.34	37.17
Mike Bell	Cooper Mk X		No runs	