

Shelsley 30 June 2018

It was a beautiful summers day for our first visit of 2018 to the historic hill. This year the Reg Phillips meeting was not part of the championship but brought together eight cars, three of which were to be driven by the Dent family. Steve Lawrence was double driving with nephew Jonathan, so there was very much a family feel. Tom Cowley had brought out his fearsome twin.

Practice started badly for Alistair, who was to lead the class away, when an issue burnt a hole in the piston before he reached the esses! Everyone else was happy enough, although Tom said his engine felt flat and lacking in power so set about adusting his timing, and Steve felt his clutch was slipping a little.

After a rapid engine change, Alistair led us away on the second practice and without exception the times fell. This was followed by the lunch break during which some slight tinkering took place, but nothing dramatic.

With the sun beating down strongly, the main event runs got underway early on. The times recorded were very close and so the scene was set for a great final run. However, before our class was called, there was plenty of time to celebrate Alistair's 60th birthday with a remarkable cake.

And so to the final run of the day and having been fortified by cake everyone charged up the course. Jan was easily quickest, and the only 500 under 39 seconds, but behind him Jonathan led a closely packed field on this his first visit to Shelsley!



Results

		Run 1	Run 2	Best
Jan Nycz	Staride Mk III Norton	39.16	38.82	38.82
Jonathan Lawrence	Cooper Mk 8 JAP	39.27	39.59	39.27
John Dent	Cooper Mk 8 JAP	39.62	40.10	39.62
Mark Dent	Cooper Mk 6 JAP	40.36	40.38	40.36
Steve Lawrence	Cooper Mk 8 JAP	40.47	41.52	40.47
Alistair Dent	Hornet JAP	41.65	40.55	40.55
Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	43.62	41.49	41.49
Andy Raynor	Cooper Mk 5 JAP	42.00	41.55	41.55
Tom Cowley	Cooper Mk 6 v-twin	38.45	39.07	38.45