

## Wiscombe Park    Saturday 12 May 2018

Once again a good turn-out descended on the tranquil Devon countryside for our own hill climb. There were 11 entries in the pre '54 class, six in the post '54 group and two v-twins. The sun was shining and the track was in good condition, although a little damp in places under the trees for the first ascent. Sadly, John Dent had withdrawn though illness and JB's Cooper was not ready in time, so the post '54 was down to three drivers. In the absence of Nick Reynolds it was a question of who would be quickest 500 out of Fin Mackintosh and Alistair Dent.

### Practice

On song straight away was the Mackintosh Cooper with Max just ahead of Fin, the only drivers under 52 seconds. Thereafter there was a group of 7 in the mid 50's before the remainder a few seconds back. For Vic Deane and John Greenwood, this was their first visit to the hill, and John's first drive of the car. Unfortunately Ted's Kieft let him down on the first run and brought his day to an early close.

Over lunch to mark 50 years since the Club was formed, all the members of the Club present gathered by the bridge to mark the occasion with a photo. Fronted by Squanderbug, possibly the oldest car on the register, we were joined by Rodney Cummings, one of the original members.



## Timed runs

With the sun shinning down and not a trace of dampness, the scene was set for good times, and this proved to be the case. Fin picked up the pace to take the lead and across the board the times fell. For Stuart, disaster struck on the return to the paddock when his gearbox failed.

On the final climb of the day very few managed to shave times further. Max was unable to repeat his practice best but none-the-less came second by a good margin. Over the day Robin, Tim and Vic were notable in improving with each run.



### Results:

#### Up to 500 cc

(Current record: Nick Reynolds – 47.04 on 06.05.17)

Pos	Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
1	Finlay Mackintosh	Cooper Mk.6 JAP	53.36	51.90	50.19	50.33	<b>50.33</b>
2	Max Mackintosh	Cooper Mk.6 JAP	54.79	51.49	53.50	52.16	<b>52.16</b>
3	Alistair Dent	Hornet JAP	57.26	55.25	53.21	54.77	<b>53.21</b>
4	Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	57.92	57.28	54.16	62.38	<b>54.16</b>
5	Nigel Challis	Cooper Mk.9 Norton	58.82	54.75	54.26	55.26	<b>54.26</b>
6	Vic Deane	Cooper Mk.9 JAP	62.06	57.47	55.18	54.54	<b>54.54</b>
7	Andy Raynor	Cooper Mk.5 JAP	58.59	56.65	54.91	54.98	<b>54.91</b>
8	Robin Baxter	Staride JAP	62.26	58.35	56.82	56.36	<b>56.36</b>
9	Mark Riley	Squanderbug Rudge	61.12	58.10	56.57	56.57	<b>56.57</b>
10	Dennis Williams	Arnott JAP	65.36	62.19	60.23	61.15	<b>60.23</b>
11	Stuart Barnes	Iota JAP	62.70	62.25	61.87	-	<b>61.87</b>
12	Tim Ross	RGR Norton	73.31	67.28	65.66	63.71	<b>63.71</b>
13	John Greenwood	Cooper Mk.9 Norton	78.80	73.96	71.35	71.69	<b>71.35</b>

#### Over 500cc

(Current record: Richard Ashford – 48.10 on 09.05.15)

Pos	Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
1	Charles Reynolds	Cooper Mk.7 JAP	51.41	50.67	49.83	49.35	<b>49.35</b>
2	Guy Murray	Cooper Mk.4 JAP	62.61	57.81	57.39	57.99	<b>57.39</b>

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