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Harewood Hillclimb

Group Two – 1st August 2004

Back at Harewood again, this time with Group Two. Weather was not very welcoming to start with, very misty and quite cold and damp, but spirits were not dampened by this at all. Having travelled up the day before in shorts, it was a shock to have to put on a warm fleece.

All of you arrived in very good time and were ready to walk the course with Brian Kenyon. Some of you had been to the school and did not feel the need to waste energy by walking the hill. I had lots of organising to do so was unable to join you!! We did have two very experienced Harewood Hillclimbers in ex academists, James Kerr and Jonathan (Cheers M'Dears) Medley, who were very kind and gave advice and support all day.

Scrutineering went without problems, and soon it was time to get ready for first practice, as we were first in line to compete. I have to say I was very impressed with the turn out of the cars, and also the fact that no one seemed to have forgotten anything! Well done guys.....

Caroline, the paddock marshal soon had you under control, and you were off in number order, for your first practice run. Conditions were overcast and quite damp; therefore the track was fairly slippery to start with. Quite a few of you had some interesting moments in this first run, Steve having a big spin at Country but managing to keep it together very well in the end. Second practice was entertaining; Simon had a bit of a moment and it looked as though he may have had a big problem as his car seemed to lose all power. Luckily for him (and his dad) somehow the inertia switch had been hit so problem easily rectified back in the paddock.

The officials decided that there was time for the first of the timed runs before lunch. Conditions had improved a little but it was still misty and damp. Mark Johnson had an off at Quarry, and Jeremy Ellis amazed us all by spinning at Farmhouse. This was the first time Jeremy had spun and he came in with the worst time of the day! This obviously gave the rest of you some hope but knowing Jeremy he would not make the same mistake

twice! The rest of you seemed to get round in one piece, and at the end of the first run, Guy was in the lead with an astonishing 66.72, which was in fact a new record. Fantastic, well done Guy. Peter was second with 67.43 and Chris Fryar third with 68.05, followed by Tim and Keith..

Time then for lunch and reflection on the mornings work. Simon from Midlands was having a very easy time of things so far and was making the most of it!

The sun did start to come out and it got warmer, which was great news for family and friends who had come to support. It was wonderful to see the mist start to roll away so that we could see the fantastic views over the valley.

In no time at all Caroline (paddock marshal) was calling you for your second timed run. By this time I think you all realised that when Caroline called you, you had to be ready, and she had you all running like clockwork by the end of the day! Conditions were improving all the time and the track was obviously warming up and most of you bettered your previous time. Jeremy did better his previous run but still had a couple of dodgy moments and managed to spin at Quarry! More encouragement for the rest of you. Keith also had a spin at Country so his second run came to nothing. Guy could not better his first time, neither could Peter, Tim came in with a 67.83 and Andrew had an excellent run with 68.89.

So the time to beat was Guy's 66.72, was Jeremy going to do it!

Some were obviously saving their best until last, not Guy though, he was going slower with each run but had the advantage of having such a good first run. Chris managed to improve his second run time as did Jeremy, but it was not enough. Simon also did his best time on this run, and he kept in on the track! Charles, Dominic, Robin, Nick, Chris, Steve, Paul Mike, and Mark, all saving their best until last. Keith had his worst run, but his first run managed to put him in 6th place. Peter had another very quick run, but this was eventually disallowed due to the fact that he had crossed the yellow line at the end of the run. Very disappointing for him.

So at the end of what was a wonderful days competition, Guy won with his amazing 66.72, Chris second with 67.38, Peter third with 67.43 Tim fourth with 67.83 and Jeremy 5th with 68.18. All this and hardly a red flag all day, well done!

I apologise for not staying for prize giving, and thanks to those of you who did. Tim your trophy was picked up by Peter, don't forget to claim it! It was lovely again to see so many family and supporters, thanks to all of you for coming to cheer the boys on.

The next event will be your first race at Snetterton!! I am sure you are all looking forward to it very much, I know I am!

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