

2017 Speed Championship – Rounds 8 & 9 Shelsley Walsh Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 July

‘In with the big league’

Into the second part of season, our Championship’s only double header this year joined the elite of the British Hill Climb Championship at Worcester’s Shelsley Walsh.

Although chased hard by Alistair Dent and Nick Reynolds, the undisputed maestro over the 2 days was ‘Fin’ Mackintosh who was able to almost break the illusive 37 sec barrier. A healthy entry of 500’s (the event was oversubscribed on both days) proved a popular spectator alternative to the revs and wings of the ‘23 second’ BHCC competitors although, with an entry of over 200 cars on each day the MAC organisation was fully stretched and Saturday’s 2nd run for the 500’s didn’t start until after 7 pm!

Saturday Results:

Up to 500 cc

(Current record: Steve Lawrence - 37.35 on 18.08.02)

Pos	Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
1	Finlay Mackintosh	Cooper Mk.6 JAP	39.46	38.47	38.16	38.47	38.16
2	Nick Reynolds	Cooper Mk.9 JAP	39.36	39.65	38.68	38.78	38.68
3	Alistair Dent	Hornet JAP	54.13	39.52	38.82	38.75	38.82
4	Jan Nycz	Staride Mk.III Norton	40.13	39.71	39.17	-	39.17
5	Mark Riley	Creamer JAP	43.75	40.02	39.52	39.35	39.35
6	Max Mackintosh	Cooper Mk.6 JAP	39.90	40.12	39.72	39.39	39.39
7	John Dent	Cooper Mk.8 JAP	42.04	-	41.67	-	41.67
8	Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	42.90	46.67	41.70	41.99	41.70
9	Ted Sharpe	Cooper Mk 9 JAP	53.22	46.11	44.06	-	44.06
10	Robin Baxter	Staride JAP	47.33	44.91	44.96	44.49	44.49
11	Tim Ross	RGR Special JAP	64.67	55.58	52.74	-	52.74

Over 500cc

(Current record: Charles Reynolds - 36.70 on 16.07.16)

Pos	Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
1	Phoebe Rolt	Elva 200 FJ	41.44	38.06	36.17	37.11	36.17
2	Charles Reynolds	Cooper Mk.7 JAP	50.13	37.46	36.76	37.20	36.76

Sunday Results:

Up to 500 cc

(Current record: Steve Lawrence - 37.35 on 18.08.02)

Pos	Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
1	Finlay Mackintosh	Cooper Mk.6 JAP	38.31	38.16	38.08	38.27	38.08
3	Alistair Dent	Hornet JAP	38.50	38.56	38.10	38.28	38.10
2	Nick Reynolds	Cooper Mk.9 JAP	38.55	38.68	38.88	38.33	38.33
4	Mark Riley	Creamer JAP	39.98	38.96	38.65	38.99	38.65
5	Max Mackintosh	Cooper Mk.6 JAP	39.63	39.05	39.18	40.22	39.18
6	Jan Nycz	Staride Mk.III Norton	39.60	39.53	39.63	39.52	39.52
7	Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	40.70	41.07	41.57	41.35	41.35
8	Robin Baxter	Staride JAP	45.20	44.10	44.09	43.35	44.09

9	Stuart Barnes	Iota P101 JAP	56.62	57.68	54.78	53.91	53.91
	Mike Lawrence	CBS Cooper JAP	-	54.47	-	-	-

Over 500cc

(Current record: Charles Reynolds - 36.70 on 16.07.16)

Pos	Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
1	Phoebe Rolt	Elva 200 FJ	37.28	37.34	35.14	-	35.14
2	Charles Reynolds	Cooper Mk.7 JAP	38.27	36.45	36.60	36.16	36.16

A full report will appear in the 2017 Yearbook.



3236: The 500's all used the push start slope at Shelsley to minimise hold ups. The clan gathers.



3237: Awaiting the timed runs start on Sunday. Alistair Dent and Stuart Barnes as first off.



Stuart Barnes in his early Iota goes to the line.



Mark Riley makes sure 'big Bruce' isn't still pushing.



Mike Wood starts up the 'younger' Iota at Sunday's meeting.



Jan Nycz's immaculately prepared Staride waits for Mike Wood to be called to the start line. The Staride was one of only two Norton powered 500s at the week-end.



Stalwart Mike Lawrence had a torrid Sunday. A reluctant to start JAP resulted in one practice run while the car clutch expired on his first run.



3253: With lots of pushing power Secretary Charles Reynolds coaxes the big V-twin JAP into life (thanks lads!).

Shelsley Walsh Sunday 13 August 2017

In contrast to Saturday's meeting, we were now scheduled as the last batch of each run. Tim and Ted had returned home to Bristol to be replaced in the line-up by Stuart Barnes and Mike Lawrence so there were 11 runners, including Charles V-twin.

Activity around the cars was relaxed as there was little attention needed, although Team Reynolds felt the engine in the 500 was not quite delivering and decided on a change. The engine on Mike Lawrence's Cooper was refusing to start and it was only after first practice that it was persuaded to fire.

Come the lunch break everyone was content and hoping there would be no hold-ups in the programme. Nick and Robin had adjusted their gear ratios to good effect and Charles had solved a slipping clutch issue.

Our first timed run came mid afternoon, which everyone except Mike L, whose clutch expired in a cloud of smoke at top S, completed without major drama. Alistair had lost his timing strut on leaving the start, which he claimed had kept him from matching Fin!

Robin Baxter exits top S
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And so we came to the final ascent of the weekend at around 5 pm. All the drivers hoped to shave just a little more and for six of our number, this was the case. Charles rounded off proceedings with a personal best, as did driver of the day Robin.

		Run 1	Run 2	Best
Fin Mackintosh	Cooper Mk VI JAP	38.08	38.27	38.08
Alistair Dent	Hornet JAP	38.10	38.28	38.10
Nick Reynolds	Cooper Mk IX JAP	38.88	38.33	38.33
Mark Riley	Creamer JAP	38.65	38.99	38.65
Max Mackintosh	Cooper Mk IV JAP	39.18	40.22	39.18
Jan Nycz	Staride Mk 111 Norton	39.63	39.52	39.52
Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	41.57	41.35	41.35
Robin Baxter	Staride Mk 111 JAP	44.09	43.45	43.45
Stuart Barnes	Iota P1 JAP	54.78	53.91	53.91
Mike Lawrence	Cooper CBS JAP	Fail	-	-
V-twin / FJ				
Phoebe Rolt	Elva 200FJ	35.14		35.14
Charles Reynolds	Cooper Mk VII JAP	36.60	36.16	36.16

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