

A WET AND WINDY ROUND TWO AT WISCOMBE PARK

Saturday 8th May dawned grey, windy and very wet for the second round of the HRCR Speed Series at Wiscombe Park. Despite the conditions, over 80 cars and innumerable motorcycles gathered at the Historic venue for a days motorsport. Amongst those were two newcomers to Speed Events, Leslie Andrew in his specially prepared Peugeot 104 ZR and Paul Critchley in his standard Lotus Elan SE. They joined other HRCR contenders namely Jamie Jameson in the Volvo and Charles Reynolds in his Alpine 110.



Wiscombe, for those unfamiliar with the venue, is an interesting course of 915 metres with 2 hairpins. The average gradient is 1:13.6 but the wet conditions led to some “interesting” traction issues after the second Martini hairpin with a gradient of 1:6.9

Paul managed to shave 4 seconds off his initial run time and achieved a creditable time of 63.03 seconds for his second timed run.

Sensible Covid restrictions were in place with spectators banned and a socially distanced paddock. The gusty wind and wet conditions made for a stoic atmosphere in the paddock with several umbrellas and shelters giving up the unequal struggle with the wind.

All the HRCR runners did what they could against the dreadful weather conditions with Jamie getting down to 64.07, Leslie



recording a best time of 61.49 but as expected the very nice Alpine 110 of Charles Reynolds breaking the 1 minute mark with a 57.00.

The HRCR members would like to thank the 500 Owners Association meeting secretary, Xavier Kingsland, his team and the Marshals on the hill for an enjoyable and well organised days motorsport.

Next up, our northern double header with the Blyton Sprint event on Saturday May 15th followed by Scammondon Dam hill climb on the Sunday.

Grateful thanks to Paul Critchley and Leslie Andrew in supplying both text and photo's for this report as championship co-ordinators are still not able to attend.

Best wishes to those competing at Blyton and Scammondon.

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