

Beam Breaker

Wiscombe Park Newsletter

Club Motorsport Since

1958

March 2024

*Dear spectator
Welcome to Beam Breaker!*

Our first of 2024!

We have another exciting year of speed hillclimbing to look forward to. From the end of April through to mid September, you can see a wide variety of cars, bikes and sidecars in action, including the highlight's of our season – the visit of the Vintage Sports-Car Club in May and the British Championship in July.

Last season 7 new Class Records were established – including current, and quadruple, British Champion Wallace Menzies with a new outright Hill Record – set on the Saturday of last year's British Championship event on the last run of the day in far from ideal conditions! The new surface gives great grip in the dry.....but can be quite a challenge when the conditions are less than perfect. I am sure that we will see more records set in 2024.

Our 2023 Wiscombe Tillicoultry Quarries Champion, Paul Reynolds, returns to defend his title in the awesome Caterham Hayabusa. We are expecting last year's Top Six to be back in action again. You will recall that it was so very close in 2023. Julian Rinaldi led the way for so much of the season in his Ford Fiesta, only to lose ground towards the end. Then there was the pacesetter in single seaters – Ed Hollier – in his Force HC. Ed enjoyed a tremendous season, winning the ASWMC Championship. I think he may have been in the workshop over the winter.....so we wait to see what Ed, and father Bob, have come up with!

We have a new championship for you, featuring classic race cars, and the return of arguably the most famous marque in the world – a marque not seen on the hill for many years. Further details in this newsletter!

We will also have a number of car clubs visiting again – so look out for displays in the public car park. Our Season Tickets offer great value and are on sale now from the web site www.wiscombepark.co.uk/events and help us to promote Wiscombe Park by purchasing some of our new, very high quality merchandise. Also available from the web site www.wiscombepark.co.uk/shop

We look forward to seeing you at Wiscombe Park in 2024 for another memorable season of exciting motorsport!



Wiscombe Park

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THE SOUTH WEST'S PREMIER MOTORSPORT VENUE



Club Package

We are again promoting our Club Package - it proved very popular in 2023.

If you are a member of a car club, and your club would like to attend an event, contact us for more details.

You receive extra discounts on tickets and your club will be allocated a dedicated area of our car park to display their cars.

Send an e-mail to wiscombe.hillclimb@gmail.com



Wiscombe Tillicoultry Quarries Championship

Our 2023 Wiscombe Championship was one of the closest in its 21 year history with the Top 6 being decided on the results of the final Championship weekend!

And it was Paul Reynolds who clinched it - he hunted down the season long Championship leader, Julian Rinaldi, Ian Ingleheart and Ed Hollier - Julian finishing in 4th place - the top four covered by just 1.5 points!

I am sure it will be just as hard fought in 2024!



Season Tickets

Our season tickets are fantastic value - £55 for 12 events over 6 race weekends including the British Championship weekend.

A 66% discount!

Obtain yours from our web site www.wiscombepark.co.uk/events

You can purchase tickets for our individual events, at a discount, from the web site up to 6pm on the Friday before the event. They go on sale a month before each event.

Tickets can also be purchased on the gate.



Spectators guide

If you are new to speed hillclimbing, then you will be interested in our Spectators Guide.

This useful reference source will enable you to enjoy your visits to Wiscombe Park even more!

If you would like a copy, please send an e-mail to wiscombe.hillclimb@gmail.com

2024 Calendar

27th April - Woolbridge Spring Hillclimb
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11th May - 500 Owners Association
12th May - Vintage Sports-Car Club

18th May - Torbay Motor Club Hillclimb
19th May - Wildlife Autosport Hillclimb

27th July - British Hillclimb Championship
28th July - British Hillclimb Championship

7th Sept - 5 Clubs Hillclimb
8th Sept - 5 Clubs Hillclimb

14th Sept - MG Car Club Hillclimb
15th Sept - National Hill Climb Association
- Arnold Gimblett Hillclimb *

**exclusively motorcycles, trikes and sidecars*



Want to become a marshal?

Volunteering for marshaling duties will get you close to the action!

No experience is necessary - training will be provided.

If you would like to see what is involved, we will be organising some "taster days" this season.

Drop an e-mail to wiscombe.hillclimb@gmail.com to register your interest.



Wiscombe Park @ Re:Fuel

We held our Celebration of SW Motorsport at Re:Fuel www.re-fuel.co.uk recently and mounted a spectacular display of cars and bikes.

Re:Fuel and the Apex Race Centre <https://apexracecentre.co.uk/> has become the number one destination for petrol heads.

Great food is also available from the The Steamer <https://the-steamer.co.uk/>

Look out for more events at Re:Fuel



Who is fastest?

Wallace Menzies currently holds the Outright Hill Record - 32.93s - set in July 2023.

Who is the quickest in the various Classes?
We had 7 new Class Records set in 2023

You can see the full list on our web site www.wiscombepark.co.uk

Click on the "current records" button



HWM Stovebolt Special

We will hopefully see a very special and famous car competing at Wiscombe this season.

I understand from Downton MC that acclaimed motorsport journalist and former BBC Radio's Formula 1 correspondent, Simon Taylor, will be entering his HWM in the Downton Speed Championship.

The car was built in 1950 to compete in Formula 2 and was raced by Sir Stirling Moss. The car then went to Hollywood and featured in the 1955 film "The Racers" starring Kirk Douglas.

Simon has owned and raced the car since 1999.



Ferrari return to Wiscombe!

We will be welcoming Ferrari back to Wiscombe Park this year. The Prancing Horse's (Cavallino Rampante) have not competed at Wiscombe since the days of the Aston Martin Owners Club events that ran from 1963 to 2005.

The Ferrari Owners Club will be holding Round 10 of their CSA Service Group Ferrari Hillclimb Championship at Wiscombe hosted by the MG Car Club on the 14th of September.

We look forward to the sound of those awesome Italian engines!

National Historic Speed Club

The NHSC have launched a brand new speed championship for 2024. To be eligible, cars must have been built before 1977. The Championship comprises 12 rounds - 8 hill climbs and 4 sprints.

The MG Car Club event on the 14th of September will be hosting Round 11.

The overall champion will be awarded the Innes Ireland Trophy, a trophy kindly donated by Christianne Ireland, Innes' daughter. Christianne also hopes to be competing herself.

Innes Ireland was a very successful racing driver during the period 1954-1967. One of his last races was the famous Daytona 500. After retiring from racing he became a journalist and covered F1 for television. He was also President of the British Racing Drivers' Club.

Two & three wheels at Wiscombe

We will again be welcoming the members of the National Hill Climb Association to Wiscombe - showing off breathtaking skills on bikes, sidecars and trikes.

There is a long history of bikes at Wiscombe - George Brown rode his 1000cc Vincent, known as "Nero", on a demonstration run in May 1961. Throughout the 60's small numbers of bikes competed, until the first "all bike" event was held in September 1969.

The NHCA will be competing at the 500 OA, Torbay MC, Wildlife Autosport and the "all bike" Arnold Gimblett events.



Photography Competition

We will again be holding our very popular Photography Competition - now in its third year.

The Competition is open to all amateur photographers. The standard of entries is always very high and presents quite a challenge for our judges at the end of the season.

Look out for full details on our social media channels - we look forward to seeing your photo's!

2023 Winner - Jonathan Salisbury's great shot of Jo Keep in his Westfield



Do you want to compete?

We have produced a "Getting Started Guide" and this is available to view/download from our web site www.wiscombepark.co.uk

The Guide covers everything you need to know about competing at your first Wiscombe Park event.

If you have any questions, or would like a copy of the Guide, please send an e-mail to wiscombe.hillclimb@gmail.com



Young Driver of the Year

Who will be following in the wheel tracks of our 2023 Young Driver of the Year - Downton MC's Kieran Stevens?

The 16 year old racer had a fantastic debut season in his Citroen C2 Furio which he purchased for £800.

Hopefully we will see Kieran in action again at Wiscombe Park this season.



Volunteers please!

The course and grounds at Wiscombe Park are maintained by an army of volunteers under the leadership of Wiscombe Ltd MD, Peter Isaac.

We always welcome new volunteers to help us maintain the course to the very high standard required to hold a motorsport track licence. You will be amongst motorsport enthusiast's - many of whom compete at Wiscombe.

If you would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. Please drop an e-mail to wiscombe.hillclimb@gmail.com



Social media

Do you follow us on social media?

We have many followers....if you are not yet one of them, please hit the "follow" button - Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter) or "subscribe" to YouTube now! Links for our channels are on the web site.

Its free and helps us to promote Wiscombe Park - you will also receive all the latest Wiscombe news!

Lets gets those numbers up please -
Thank you!



Wiscombe Park merchandise

We now have a range of great value, high quality branded merchandise from Pro RTX, Regatta and Beechfield.

By wearing our clothing, you are helping to promote Wiscombe Park - Thank you!

All orders are fulfilled by our merchandise partner, Loopy Parrot www.loopyparrot.co.uk

Check out the range
www.wiscombepark.co.uk/shop

Set in seven acres the Sid Valley Country House Hotel, originally 17th Century, is one of those special places that is rarely found. There is no better way to discover Devon, inland and coast, than at the Sid Valley, which provides a relaxed atmosphere with professional service and luxurious surroundings, spacious and comfortably furnished lounges, attentiveness, efficiency and hospitality and staff to aid relaxation and provide a peaceful retreat. Relax and enjoy a drink and good company in the bar or one of our residential lounges, where we offer unobtrusive service. Flowers adorn all the rooms, their scent in competition with the tang of wood smoke from the log fires.

All our food home made and prepared daily from fresh produce - with our own home baked bread. We use seasonal and local ingredients wherever possible - some of our produce is even home grown! A wide and varied menu is always available in our restaurant.

The well stocked wine cellar offers European and New World wines, and perhaps afterwards a liqueur to round off the evening. We look forward very much to welcoming you - from the moment you arrive you'll know you have made the right choice.

<http://www.sidvalleyhotel.co.uk/>

Home Farm is a 13 bedroom family run hotel/restaurant/bar, situated in 3 acres, and is located on the A35 between Honiton and Axminster. All our rooms are renovated in a country cottage style.

Our award-winning restaurant (Taste of West Gold 2016) is open to both non-residents and residents 7 days a week, from 6pm to 9pm. There is a reduced menu on a Sunday evening. All of our food is freshly-cooked, locally sourced and seasonal. To look at a copy of our Classic menu, please go to the Our Restaurant tab on the website.

Exeter city centre and Exeter Airport are both approximately 20 minutes away, whilst the Jurassic coast towns of Beer, Branscombe, Seaton, Sidmouth and Lyme Regis are all within a 15 minute drive.

Activities in the area are numerous and include Wiscombe Park.

<http://www.homefarmhoteldevon.co.uk/>

Accommodation

We have some beautiful accommodation listed on our web site, and all within easy reach of Wiscombe Park.

If you have friends or relatives visiting the area then check out these establishments first www.wiscombepark.co.uk/accommodation

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Thank you Axe Skip Hire & Tillicoultry Quarries!

Photo gallery - Duke of Edinburgh's Award Classic Car Tour

We had some very special visitors at Wiscombe Park on the 19th of March. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Classic Car Tour visited and completed some runs up the hill (non timed). We provided some Wiscombe "sun" as you can see!

The four day Tour was organised by the well-known Historic Endurance Rally Organisation (HERO) www.hero-era.com and visited beautiful South West villages and properties.

The cars taking part:

Austin Healey 3000 Mk3 (1964)

Bentley 4.4L (1928) - has covered 459,262 miles!

Jaguar XK150 (1958)

BMW 328 (1939)

Rolls Royce Silver Shadow (1977)

Bentley 4.4L (1926)

Bentley Continental GT Auto (2006)



Photo gallery - Celebration of SW Motorsport at Re:Fuel

On the 10th of March we held our Celebration of SW Motorsport at Re:Fuel www.re-fuel.co.uk and we staged a great display of competition cars and bikes. Enjoy this photo gallery and look out for more events at Re:Fuel

