

Beam Breaker

Wiscombe Park Newsletter

Club Motorsport Since

1958

November 2023

*Dear spectator
Welcome to Beam Breaker!*

Where has the 2023 season gone? We had one extra meeting this season with the Wiscombe Manor Farm event providing our season finale. However, it seems to have gone in a flash - just like our fastest drivers on the hill. And what a year of records! Although drivers were still setting records on the old tarmac - the new tarmac which was used for the first time by Torbay MC in May has proved to offer prodigious levels of grip and it has been exploited to the full! Not only did we have numerous new Class records set, but the 2023 British Hillclimb Champion, Wallace Menzies, set a new outright Hill Record in July, beating Alex Summers' record by just a 100th of a second! Wow!

Our Tillicoultry Quarries Championship went down to the wire with four drivers all on the same number of points going into the final two rounds. It was Paul Reynolds who ultimately clinched the Title for the first time. The defending 2022 Champion, and five times winner, Ian Ingleheart, was runner up.

Well, we do not stand still at Wiscombe Park - racing may be over for another year, but our 2024 plans are well underway. Our provisional dates have already been announced, and Season Tickets are now on sale from our web site - they make excellent Christmas presents!

Thank you to all our spectators, supporters, followers and competitors for making 2023 another memorable year of motorsport and we look forward to welcoming you all back in 2024.

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2024 Calendar of Events

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SPEED HILLCLIMB

Join us for the very best in
'Speed Hillclimb'

Sat 27th April - Woolbridge Spring Hillclimb
Sun 28th April - Woolbridge Spring Hillclimb

Sat 11th May - 500 Owners Association
Sun 12th May - Vintage Sports-Car Club

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

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

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

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

* *exclusively motorcycles, trikes and sidecars*

How to find us -

- 6 miles south of Honiton, Devon
- SatNav Users - EX24 6JE
- what3words - tablet.fairy.hexes
- AA Road Signs on race days



*Wallace Menzies
2023 British Hillclimb Champion*

Gould GR59M / 3.3 litre Cosworth XD

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2024 Season Tickets



On sale now!

£55

66%

Discount!

Our Season Tickets offer great value for money - for £55 you have entry to 12 events over 6 race weekends including the British Championship weekend - that represents a 66% saving on the gate prices.

And they make excellent Christmas gifts!

They can be purchased from the web site

www.wiscombepark.co.uk/events

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

When you are spectating, do you wish that you could get closer to the action? Then why not volunteer to marshal? We are always looking for new volunteers - and without marshals, there would be no motorsport.

GIVE IT A GO! send us an e-mail



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Our 2023 season in the press



Alex Coles. Image: Nigel Cole

Hillclimbing motorsport at Wiscombe

The British Hillclimbing Championship took place

WISCOMBE Park held the biggest meeting of the South-West motorsport calendar when it hosted the prestigious British Hillclimb Championships, writes Nigel Cole.

It was clear from early on Saturday morning, the weather was going to play a big role in the weekend's proceedings.

After lunch, the drivers reported that the hill was almost dry, and the times tumbled with each run. There was an exciting finale to the day in the Top 12 Run Off - three times British Champion, and current Championship leader, Wallace Menzies, set a new outright Hill Record - 32.93s - beating the previous record set by Alex Summers last year, by just one hundredth of a second!

On Sunday, the hill was drenched

in heavy rain which did not abate until early afternoon. The drivers of the fastest cars had to run on wet weather tyres, resulting in times around seven seconds slower than those achieved on Saturday.

The Top 12 Run Off again provided the exciting conclusion to the day. And it was all eyes again on Wallace Menzies who looked on course to top the times, until he made a very uncharacteristic mistake at the final hairpin. Martini, only yards from the finish line.

Wallace realised that he had carried too much speed up Castle Straight - the fastest part of the course and was not going to make the hairpin, so he took to the escape road. This handed the win to 2015 British Champion, Alex Summers, who has finished runner

up to Wallace Menzies in the last three Championships.

The outstanding performance of the weekend was by 16 year-old Plymouth racer, Alex Coles. He is currently the BHC Cup Champion a national championship which he won aged 17 in his first season of motorsport. He clinched the title with two rounds in hand and set numerous hill records. This season, he is sharing an OMS 28 single seater racing car with his father, Neal, in the British Championship.

On Saturday, he qualified for the Top 12 Run Off for the first time and finished 8th collecting his first points. He repeated this feat on Sunday, and finished a highly respectable 10th in very difficult conditions.

Exmouth Journal 9th August

A weekend of motor records

Action from Wiscombe Park

SEPTEMBER at Wiscombe Park started with the Five Clubs meeting. The man to beat was Ed Hollier in his Force HC he set fastest time of the day on the Saturday 36.56s - and bettered it on Sunday a 35.78s run. This was not only a new Class record for Wiscombe Park, but also a new ASWMC regional record too, writes Nigel Cole.

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Julian Rinaldi. Image: Nigel Cole

Ingleheart Westfield; and Paul Reynolds Caterham all entering the Wiscombe records book. The weekend also saw the visit of two great British Hillclimb Champions David Franklin, who won the Championship in 1978 and also the Sprint Championship in the same year. It was David's first visit to Wiscombe since 1982. He was joined by Martin Bolsover a triple Champion in 1982, 1983 and 1984. Martin was reunited with his Championship winning Pilbeam MP43 from 1984, now raced by Dorchester garage owner, Rod Thorne.

For the second race weekend Wiscombe welcomed the MG Car Club an event that was first held in 1973. It is a special year for the MG marque - the Centenary of this classic manufacturer. The earliest car in the display, the M (Midget) Type was built in 1930 and to reflect the future of motoring, there was the very latest electric MG HS PHEV.

On the hill, competitors competed in the MG Car Club Speed Championship, and another four new Class Records. It was Ed Hollier again topping the times - he finished with a best of 35.57s - beating the Wiscombe and regional records that he had set just a week earlier.

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The next action at Wiscombe Park is the season finale on September 23 and 24.



Steve Wareham - Morris Mini. Image: Nigel Cole

Midweek Herald 20th September

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Our 2023 season in the press

Records tumble at the end of the motorsport season

The man to beat in the latest Wiscombe Park motorsport event was Ed Hollier in his Force HC – he set fastest time of the day on the Saturday – 36.56s – and bettered it on Sunday – a 35.79s run. This was not only a new Class record for Wiscombe Park, but also a new ASWMC regional record too.

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Julian Rinaldi - Ford Fiesta

EXMOUTH
JOURNAL

MIDWEEK
HERALD

NORTH DEVON
GAZETTE

YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER FOR DARTMOOR
THE MOORLANDER
Local news from across Dartmoor

The Moorlander
27th October

North Devon Gazette
20th September

We have again received great support from the local press this season - thank you Newsquest Media Group Ltd and Tim Herbert

Final motorsport standings



JON LANGMEAD - LOTUS ELISE

The final meeting of the Wiscombe Park speed hillclimb season was held recently – the Manor Farm event. The weekend not only included cars, but bikes, sidecars and trikes too.

The main focus for a number of the drivers was the final two rounds of the Wiscombe Tillicoultry Quarries Championship with four drivers on the same number of points and only separated by a fraction of a point.

The four Championship contenders were all on fine form keeping up the pressure on each other. Paul Reynolds won Class C4; Ian Ingleheart won Class B3; Julian Rinaldi won Class A1 and Ed Hollier set the Fastest Time of the Day in Class

E1 – 36.11s. On Sunday, it was all the rapid drivers from Saturday who were out to make it a "weekend double" – messrs. Reynolds, Rinaldi, Ingleheart and Hollier all winning their classes again! Ed Hollier claiming FTD – 40.98s – in his Force HC single seater racing car. After the meeting, the final Championship points were calculated, and it was announced that Taunton MC member Paul Reynolds had clinched the title in his Caterham Hayabusa.

It has been a fantastic year of speed hillclimbing for Torbay Motor Club's Jon Langmead, from Kenton. This season he has been competing in the 24 Round BHC Cup which has taken him to courses all over the UK.

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Wiscombe Park - British Championship 29th/30th July - Report



SATURDAY



WOW! What a memorable day of speed hillclimbing at Wiscombe on Saturday. The day started under dark skies, and when the first practice runs got underway, a number of drivers soon found out that it was likely to be a difficult day and the hill was a challenge to read. Unfortunately, there were a few "offs" - the good news being, that the most serious injury was a possible broken finger caused by a steering wheel. However, there were a number of cars looking slightly "second hand" by mid morning.

James Wills summed it up - usually on his first practice run he really pushes into Wis Corner - an open and "safe to push" corner - this morning the front end on his Renault Clio 197 washed out completely.....he treated the hill with great caution after that!

Because of the need to recover cars, the normally metronomic organisation became rather "stop start" and then, just as the large capacity single seaters were about to run, there was then a very heavy shower.

The decision was taken for an early lunch, the judging of the Great Wiscombe Cake Off was completed and surprise surprise, the sun came out! Many drivers remarked how quickly the hill was drying. This is quite possibly down to the recently laid tarmac. And the times started to tumble....the hill was getting progressively quicker. And what a treat we had at the end of the afternoon with the Round 21 Top 12 Run Off. Current Champion, and Championship leader, Wallace Menzies set a bistering 32.93s time - a new Wiscombe Park Outright Hill Record, beating the previous Record set by Alex Summers, by 1 100ths of a second. Alex Summers was so close, finishing second, just 3 tenths of a second behind Wallace. As mentioned in a recent FB article, the margins in speed hillclimbing are incredibly fine.

Today's achievement by Wallace means that he has set two new Hill Records in eight days - adding to the Val des Terres record he set last Saturday. A huge congratulations to Wallace, and of course his crew - Russell, Duncan and engine supremo, Tom New.

A special mention to Plymouth racer, Alex Coles who won the BHC Cup last season. Sharing an OMS 28 with his father Neal, he qualified for the Top 12 Run Off for the first time and finished 8th picking up 3 points. Alex is certainly a rising star of the future in speed hillclimbing. Congratulations Alex!

Well what can we expect on Sunday? More of the same please! Will Alex try and take the record back? - I bet he will give it a good go! Come to Wiscombe Park and see for yourself.

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Wiscombe Park - British Championship

29th/30th July

SUNDAY

After the excitement of a new outright Hill Record set by Wallace Menzies on Saturday, what could we expect on Sunday? Well our hopes of further records were dashed by the rain, very heavy at times, that blighted the morning, and continued into early afternoon, before abating. However, unlike Saturday, we did not have too many "offs". It was an easy decision for the very quick runners - full wets!

It was pleasing to see a good crowd, despite the weather, which was bolstered by the visit of Porsche Club GB and The Independent Porsche Enthusiasts Club. The Club's displayed Stuttgart's finest in the car park - a lovely selection of cars and we thank them for their support.

Sunday's British Championship Top 12 Run Off produced further surprises. Amongst some familiar faces, Alex Coles again qualified. We also had a "tin top" car qualifying - the Run Off usually fully subscribed by the single seater race cars. The man who achieved this special feat was Steven Darley who was sharing the incredible Subaru Legacy with Damien Bradley. It may well have been Damien himself in the Top 12 had it not been for a little "off roading" exiting Wis Corner spoiling his last run of the day. Other qualifiers included Tom Weaver (Empire Evo), and Stuart Bickley (Force TA) which wins the prize for the most stunning paint job!

There was just six 10ths separating Alex Summers from Scott Moran, and all eyes were on Wallace Menzies. His run appeared to be quick - however, Wallace made a very uncharacteristic error, and had to bale out at Martini and take to the escape road - game over - Round 22 to Alex - congratulations!

In the paddock at the end of the afternoon, drivers and families gathered for the prize giving. Wiscombe MD Peter Isaac presented Wallace with a bottle of champagne - his reward for setting a new hill record on Saturday. This has been a Wiscombe Park tradition for many years.

Of course, in addition to the National Championships, local drivers were contesting the Wiscombe Tillicoultry Quarries Championship. Look out for an updated table due out on Monday - will Julian Rinaldi still top the table? Has current Champion Ian Ingleheart overtaken him?

It was a great weekend for Ed Hollier (Force HC) - he set FTD on both days - 36.76s on Saturday and 41.24s on Sunday - congratulations Ed.

Our spectators were again treated to a magnificent display of speed hillclimbing in often extremely difficult conditions. Thank you to the drivers who put on such a great show. A big "thank you" also to the marshals, emergency support, and the many other volunteers who make it possible for us to enjoy motorsport of the very highest calibre at Wiscombe Park. Fantastic work one and all!

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Wiscombe Park - British Championship 29th/30th July



Damien Bradley - Subaru Legacy



Spectators line Wis Straight



Alex Summers - DJ Firestorm



Wallace Menzies - Gould GR59M



Marshals on The Gate



Stuart Bickley - Force TA



Sarah Forsyth and Wallace Menzies



Ed Hollier - Force HC

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Wiscombe Park - British Championship - on the air waves and in space!

We were very pleased to receive great publicity from BBC Radio Devon this year for the British Championship weekend. This included live interviews before the event with Rick Edwards and on the Saturday - Richard Green interviewed Wallace Menzies, Tim Wilson and Peter Isaac



Rick Edwards



Richard Green



Our live streaming partners - Speed on Screen www.facebook.com/SpeedOnScreen/ used Elon Musk's Starlink satellite system for the first time to ensure that the BHC weekend's coverage was of the highest HD quality. We hope that those of you who could not be with us, enjoyed the action on your screens.

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Wiscombe Park Championship 2023

TILlicOUNTRY QUARRIES

It has been another exciting season for the Wiscombe Park Tillicoultry Quarries Championship. Going into the final two Rounds at our season finale, the Manor Farm event, four drivers had the same number of points - only separated by a small margin of a point. Paul Reynolds moved into first place at the MG Car Club event - Julian Rinaldi had led the Championship after every Round up until then. During that weekend, all four drivers won their Class on both days, and Paul was crowned Champion!

The full table is now available to view on our web site - [Championship page](#)

Final Championship positions

1. Paul Reynolds	Caterham	105.81pts
2. Ian Ingleheart	Westfield SE	104.58pts
3. Ed Hollier	Force HC	104.38pts
4. Julian Rinaldi	Ford Fiesta	104.27pts
5. Rod Thorne	Pilbeam MP43	99.84pts
6. Tim Porter	Darrian T90	99.68pts



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Wiscombe Park Championship 2023

TILlicOUNTRY QUARRIES

Ed Hollier - Force HC



Third place - 104.38 pts

Julian Rinaldi - Ford Fiesta



Fourth place - 104.27 pts

Rod Thorne - Pilbeam MP43



Fifth place - 99.84 pts

Tim Porter - Darrian T90



Sixth place - 99.68 pts



Paul Reynolds



Ian Ingleheart



Ed Hollier

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Wiscombe Park Awards Evening

It was an evening of glittering prizes at Wiscombe Park on Saturday 11th of November as over one hundred guests gathered for the Awards Evening - the social highlight of the Wiscombe calendar.

The top six in the Wiscombe Park Tillicoultry Quarries Championship received their cups and salvers presented by Wiscombe Ltd Director Maddy Raynor.

The award for the Club of The Year was won by the Five Clubs - the Award was presented to Peter Locke, Plymouth MC Director.

Downton MC's Kieran Stevens was named Young Driver of the Year - Kieran has put in some great performances at Wiscombe this season - his first year in the sport. We look forward to following his progress.

There was a special award presented by Wiscombe Ltd MD, Peter Isaac, to Steve Wareham - this was in recognition of Steve's work as a Wiscombe volunteer - helping to maintain the venue in tip top condition - no easy task!

Dave Pearce also announced the winners of the Marshals Draw - the winning tickets were drawn by Wiscombe competitor, and Draw donor, Adrian Lewis.

After the Awards, the guests tucked in to a magnificent buffet. We say a very big thank you to the Chichester family for making Wiscombe House available for the Awards Evening.



L-R Back - Paul Reynolds; Ed Hollier, Ian Ingleheart;
Front - Rod Thorne; Tim Porter; Julian Rinaldi



Champion Paul Reynolds

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Marshals Draw

At Saturdays Awards Evening, we made the Marshals Draw – and we are now pleased to announce all the winners. The Draw has been administered by Dave Pearce and assisted by Mervyn Brake. The Draw was made by Wiscombe competitor and Draw donor Adrian Lewis.

Dave was able to provide a wide range of exciting and interesting prizes, including a “Mystery Prize” - a lunch for four people to be hosted by David Richards CBE, the Chairman of Motorsport UK at The Idle Rocks Hotel, St Mawes. A very special prize that money cannot buy! Dave excelled himself in securing this prize and a very big “thank you” to David Richards.

And for those marshals who did not win one of the main prizes.....Dave will be contacting you.....there will be something for everyone.

The winners:

- 1st **John Manser** £500
- 2nd **John Howard** £250
- 3rd **Steve Lawley** £175

Then the following were drawn and randomly allocated an envelope containing prize details.

- **Darren Fry** - A visit to Brooklands Motor Museum, as a guest of Julian Grimwade with a 2 night Hotel including B&B plus a ride in Julians vintage Bentley.
- **Malcolm Charlesworth** - Action Adventure Experience.
- **Roger Morris** - Police Interceptor Experience.
- **Craig Davey** - Kernow Rally Experience.
- **Ted Marynicz** - Lunch for 4 at “The Idle Rocks Hotel” St Mawes, kindly donated by, and to be hosted by David Richards CBE the Chairman of Motorsport UK (Mystery Prize)
- **Worth Birkill** - Action Adventure Experience.
- **Ro Greening** - 3 Super Car Experience.
- **Kingsley Beck** - A full car valet from Yarty Valet.
- **Mick Dunning** - A 2 night Hotel with B&B for 2.
- **Dave Eardley** - A 1 night Luxury Hotel with Dinner and Fizz for 2.

Once again, thank you to all those who donated cash and prizes – a magnificent effort to reward our hard working marshals who make our sport possible – THANK YOU MARSHALS!



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2023 Photography Competition

This years Photography Competition produced another great selection of images - we have some very talented photographers out on the hill! This made it a very difficult job for our judges with much deliberation!

These were the winning images:

WINNER



WINNER



RUNNER UP



Top left - **Jonathan Salisbury** -
Jo Keep - Westfield

Top right - **Mark Sutton** -
Cameron Williams - Aprilia

Middle - **Ryan Oliver** -
Mark Everett - TVR Griffith

Bottom - **Tim Sanders** -
Mark Jones - Gilbern Genie



RUNNER UP

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Our year in images



**Aston Martin Owners Club
Vintage Sports-Car Club
- May**

**The Independent Porsche
Owners Club
British Championship
- July**



**South West Blood Bikes
Arnold Gimblett
- September**

**Wallace Menzies - Gould GR59M
new Outright Hill Record - 32.93s
British Championship
- July**



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Our year in images



David Morris -
ERA R11B "Humphrey" -
Vintage Sports-Car Club
- May

Scott Moran - Gould GR59J -
Runner up in the British
Hillclimb Championship
- July



L-R David Franklin; Rod
Thorne; Martin Bolsover
Five Clubs - September

Bruce Weston in his MG TC (1949) -
celebrating the MG Centenary
MG Car Club - September



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Wiscombe Park Club Package

This season we launched our Club Package offering a discount on tickets and it proved to be very popular. The following clubs were in attendance:

- North Devon Sports & Classic Car Club
- Aston Martin Owners Club - Devon & Cornwall - Area 20
- Porsche Owners Club - Region 15
- The Independent Porsche Enthusiasts Club - Region 15
- Gilbern Owners Club
- Mercedes-Benz Club - Two Coasts Region
- MG Car Club
- MG Owners Club

If you belong to a car/owners club and would like to attend one of our 2024 events, please send an e-mail to wiscombe.hillclimb@gmail.com and we will send you details.



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Wiscombe Park FTD's 2023

Here is a summary of the Fastest Times of the Day at this years events. The man to beat in 2022 was Andrew Forsyth, however, this year Ed Hollier gained the upper hand. Of course, our new tarmac which was in use from the Torbay MC event, had a part to play.

Woolbridge Spring – Saturday	Rod Thorne – Pilbeam MP43	39.97s
Woolbridge Spring – Sunday	Ed Hollier – Force HC	38.60s
Torbay MC	Andrew Forsyth – OMS CF04	36.07s
Wildlife Auto	Andrew Forsyth – OMS CF04	36.30s
500 Owners Association	Andrew Forsyth – OMS CF04	36.44s
British Championship – Saturday	Ed Hollier – Force HC	36.76s
British Championship – Sunday	Ed Hollier – Force HC	41.24s
Five Clubs – Saturday	Ed Hollier – Force HC	36.56s
Five Clubs – Sunday	Ed Hollier – Force HC	35.79s
<i>New Class E1 Record and ASWMC Record – previous record Alex Summers 36.21s July 2016</i>		
MG Car Club	Ed Hollier – Force HC	35.57s
<i>New Class E1 Record and ASWMC Record</i>		
Manor Farm – Saturday	Ed Hollier – Force HC	36.11s
Manor Farm – Sunday	Ed Hollier – Force HC	40.98s

Ed Hollier



L-R Ed Hollier & Andrew Forsyth

Rod Thorne



Andrew Forsyth

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National Hill Climb Association

It is not all about speed on four wheels at Wiscombe Park - we also enjoy two and three wheel action provided by the members of the National Hill Climb Association on two and three wheels.

At some meetings the NHCA share the meeting with cars. The highlight is the Arnold Gimblett Speed Hillclimb which is exclusively for NHCA members.

The first "all bike" event was held at Wiscombe Park on the 14th September 1969. Bikes had run during the 60's, together with cars, twice a year at the Aston Martin Owners Club and Three Clubs meetings.

The Arnold Gimblett is named in honour of one of those early competitors.

Here is a selection of photo's of the Wiscombe bike, sidecar and trike action. If you want to know more about the NHCA please visit their web site www.nhca.co.uk

Simon & Jayne Foster



Tom Short



Josh Williams



Danny O'Donoghue & Phil Roach



Tommy Hodges



Kevin & Sara Dewell



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Wiscombe Park merchandise

We are very excited to launch our new logo and range of merchandise. We hope that this will be very popular with our spectators, competitors and followers.

The items are of a high quality and produced by Regatta, ProRTX and Beechfield and will be available in a range of colours and sizes.

The items are available from our dedicated web site - [Wiscombe Park Merchandise](http://www.wiscombepark.co.uk)



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Wiscombe Park at Re:Fuel 2024

Something new for the New Year - Wiscombe Park is going out on the road!

We will be holding a Celebration of South West Motorsport event at Re:Fuel, Cullompton on Sunday 17th March 2024.

We are hoping to have a representation from all the SW motor clubs, and everyone involved in the motorsport community including the marshals, Westcountry Rescue and South West Timekeeping. We will have a selection of competition cars on display.

We have also received an invitation to attend Re:Fuel's "Track Toys / Apex Race Centre Day" on Sunday the 21st January 2024.

If you want to know more about Re:Fuel please visit their web site www.re-fuel.co.uk

You can also enjoy a great coffee and food from [The Steamer Coffee House & Kitchen](#) and race on the SIM's at the [Apex Race Centre](#)

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Wiscombe Park at Re:Fuel



CELEBRATION OF SW MOTORSPORT

Sunday 17th March

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Getting started at Wiscombe Park

When you have been spectating at Wiscombe, have you ever been tempted to have a go yourself? take on the test of one of the most challenging speed hillclimb courses in the UK?

Two of our regular competitors, Graham Vingoe and George Koopman, have written this very useful guide covering everything that you need to know in advance of entering your first event.

It is available to view and download from our web site www.wiscombepark.co.uk If you have any questions, please send us an e-mail wiscombe.hillclimb@gmail.com

Getting Started in speed events

Got a car? - Interested? - Like what you see?
Want to have a go?

An introduction to preparing yourself and your car for hillclimbs
and other speed events



If you fancy some motorsport and want to start on a small budget, (can be done for under £1,000 including the car) then hill climbing or sprinting are great options. If you are not already a spectator, do come along and get a feel for the sport - access to the paddock is included in the admission price and the drivers are very happy to chat.



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Norrie Galbraith Shield

Wiscombe Park started the year by winning a very prestigious Award. At the end of January, organisers of the British Hillclimb Championship held the 2022 Awards Dinner at the Best Western Plus Manor Hotel Solihull. Wiscombe Park, together with Woolbridge MC, were awarded the Norrie Galbraith Shield.

This is presented to the venue and organising motor club, judged by the Championship organisers, to have been the best event in the calendar – 30 rounds held at 10 venues. Winning the Award was the perfect way for Wiscombe Park to celebrate its 60th Anniversary of hosting rounds of the British Championship.

We are now approaching the end of the shared tenure of the Shield with Woolbridge MC, and it is perhaps a timely moment to remember the late Norris “Norrie” Galbraith – the triple Scottish Hillclimb Champion whose memory is honoured by the Award.

Norrie began his hillclimb career in the late 60’s and he achieved his first title - Scottish Speed Champion – in 1971. He was renowned for racing a wide variety of cars in the pursuit of success – these included a Ginetta G15, Mallock U2 Mk 8B/16 - winning both the Scottish Sprint and Hill Climb Championships in 1977 - March 742/772 Hart 420R (ex Patrick Depailler/Ronnie Peterson), Chevron B48S (48-79-10) BMW and March 782/79B (26) Hart 423R (ex Roy Lane).

Norrie added a further two Scottish Hillclimb Championships to his tally in 1980 and 1982 (narrowly missing out on the 1981 title to Jimmy Jack). He also competed in the British Hillclimb Championship for four years 1979-1982 achieving an overall tenth place Championship position in 1980.

The late 70’s also saw the formation of a Scottish “super team” - ScotSpeed Racing – headed up by Norrie in 1979 with Jim Campbell, Tom MacMillan and Kenny Allen. The Team achieved great success winning a Scottish Speed Championship and four Scottish Hill Climb Championships between 1979 and 1983.

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Norrie Galbraith Shield

Norrie was quite a Scottish legend – fiercely patriotic and a hard and determined charger – he had one memorable moment at Wiscombe when he hit a bank tearing off the nosecone and re-arranging the front suspension, however, when the car touched down on the tarmac, Norrie still put the pedal to the metal for the straight!

On September 8th 1982, sadly Norrie lost his life in a tragic accident whilst filming a programme with Scottish TV celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Doune Hill Climb – Norrie’s spiritual home.

A great loss to the sport of speed hillclimbing - his memory will always live on with the Norrie Galbraith Shield. It was very appropriate that the Award was presented to Wiscombe MD, Peter Isaac and Woolbridge MC Chairwoman, Sarah Forsyth, by Hazel Galbraith, Norrie’s daughter.

A big “thank you” to journalist Jack Davidson, who was a friend of Norrie’s, for sharing his wonderful photo’s with us and allowing their publication. You can view more of Jack’s great images on his web site “Historic Motor Sport” www.j777awd.co.uk/about.html



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L-R Hazel Galbraith; Sarah Forsyth and Peter Isaac -
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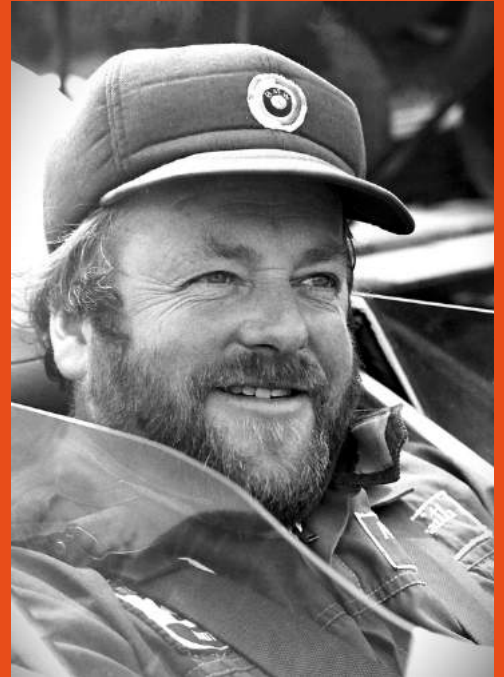
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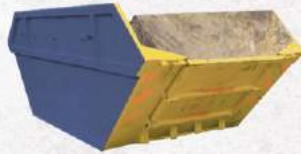
Norrie with Martin Bolsover
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