

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2024

Venue: Gurston Down Hillclimb

Date: 7th July 2024

The Gurston Down hillclimb in rural Wiltshire is on a working farm and the old farm buildings around the paddock area give good shelter when it rains which was going to be appreciated by the drivers and supporters of the seven Morgans present.



Was the weather going to stay fine?

Cars of Philip Cowpland, Andy Nichols, James Walter, George Proudfoot, Jim Andrews, Paul Bryan, Jane Peck and Alan Foster ready to go - almost

In fact the forecast was worse than the weather actually turned out to be as we were at the beginning of the running order and were able to get two good practice runs in the morning in dry conditions. Philip Cowpland and George Proudfoot had competed on the course on the previous day and were up to speed straight away with George recording his best ever time in second practice. We were optimistically looking forward to two dry timed runs in the afternoon.

Then the rain started mid way through the second practice session and continued through the lunch break with the odd clap of thunder thrown in and not surprisingly we all took our first timed run somewhat cautiously.

By the start of the second timed run the rain had temporarily passed but the track had not dried fully and with a lack of grip from the tarmac off the start line not inspiring confidence we were all a little slower than practice apart from Jane who bravely put in her fastest time of the day.

Fastest of the day overall and winner on handicap was Philip followed in the handicap order by George with Jim Andrews close behind in third.

Never mind the rain, we had fun and enjoyed the company.

Paul Bryan