

"The Robin Rew Memorial Sprint" was superb with sunshine by the bucket-load, an enthusiastic crowd of spectators and exciting competition. We had decided to have a party on the Saturday evening, the usual BBQ was enhanced by my and Sue's Ruby Anniversary. Parties are becoming a feature of our events and even the ACU track inspection didn't spoil the atmosphere. There were only 8 bikes this year, partly because we clashed with a VMCC event and partly due to the limit on 70+ riders getting a one event licence. This had two effects, more new young Morgan drivers entered and we had more practice runs; we even gained a couple of new members. All the newcomers double drove existing entrants cars, Becky Washington drove my F-Type as did Jim Edwards, Nick Clegg drove Danny Hodgson's car, Hannah Enticknap drove her dad's car and persuaded him to take the wheel after a 15 year layoff. Julia Perry drove Austin Smith's car, Bronte Pearson drove Dave Hodgson's TM car and a young Lesley Reynolds drove Chas's car and The Scrutons were hot seating their 5 Speeder! Mike Guess (he of "The wicked sense of humour" according to the lovely young lady from the ACU) and Laurie Weeks did a sterling job of sorting out who was who for the spectators by using a pair of binoculars! John Minns came out of semi-retirement especially for the occasion and Ned Stephens worked through Saturday then drove up to compete in his F-Super. Robin's new book, "A Morgan-JAP Anthology" was brought up to the meeting for its release and sold very strongly with Alistair signing copies on behalf of his late father.

Oh yes, there was the competition as well.... John Minns triumphed in Standard Class beating Graham Slater by 4 seconds. TM class was led by Tony Quinn (43.99) but Eric Bayley who comes out of retirement just for Curborough, popped up ahead of David Poplar, Cathy Quinn and Rob Pike. Tony and Bronte Pearson's times were enough for third and fifth but lost their Challenge points when the car was found to contravene the TM Sporting Formula. As the 5 Speeders are now in different classes the double drives had everything to go for. In spite of Jackie's efforts John Scruton took Standard Class (44.73). Austin Smith was very convincing in TM class even beating Graham Sherwood with 41.26.

Hamish Bibby is currently on top form but was just under 3 tenths of a second ahead of Bill Tuer to win Racing Class and set Morgan FTD. Chas Reynolds was 3rd with 39.67. The newcomers did well. Nick Clegg celebrated his birthday in Danny's racer (46.05) Jim Edwards drove my F-Type to 48.43 and Becky Washington in her very first drive of a 'vintage' car of any type did 55.79 going over the line 1 mph faster than either Jim or myself! Hannah Enticknap (young but not new to Morgans) beat her dad's time Julia Perry managed 47.19 in the 5 Speeder and Lesley Reynolds 51.87.

Class 5 was for non Morgan Three Wheelers and consisted of the Buckland Ford driven by Danny Hodgson to a time of 40.05 and Alan Wilcox with 41.38. Also in this class because it had not been through Eligibility was Ned Stephens 1938 F-Super. Ned had worked very hard to get the car to Curborough, borrowed helmet and leathers and rejoined the club but competition is cruel and a persistent fuel problem prevented him registering a time. Well done Ned, it'll be there next time. Finally there was Jake Challenger, a VMCC member in his Tarkus, a three wheeled Mazda MX5!

Curborough was a wonderful tribute to Robin Rew and only possible because of the amazing team who come to organise and marshal each year. Particular thanks go to The Reaneys, Steve Kowalski and Graham Marshall the BHR officials, the Darbys shires and the Bridges, Bob Cope and Bob Towell. The team of Marshals led by Jim Baker included Jonathan and Richard Garside, Mike Guess and Lol Weeks, our programme sellers Marie Guess, Sue Weeks and Maggie Bridge and finally to my wife Sue for all the help with administration, being gofer and most importantly as ACU Steward. Thanks to you all for making such a wonderful tribute to Robin Rew happen.

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