

## **Competition News – May 2026 – updated 29 May**

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### Curborough Cancelled

With only 10 days to go we were told by the Shenstone & District Car Club that they had double booked the 6 & 7 June and that they were cancelling our booking. I sought an urgent review of the decision, but they would not be persuaded. The Shenstone club has accepted without reservation that it is at fault and will compensate MTWC for its expenditure in connection with organising and cancelling the event.

Setting aside for the moment the extreme disappointment (to put it mildly) that we as organisers and you as participants, volunteers and attendees will be feeling, we are currently working frantically to get the word out that the event has had to be cancelled.

### Coming up...

Two excellent NHCA hillclimbs to which we have been invited – on Saturday 4 July at Shelsley Walsh and Saturday 18 July at Loton Park. We also have circuit racing at Darley Moor on the weekend of 18 & 19 July. If you haven't tried Morgan competition before, why not dip your toes in the water at either or both of these events. The entry fees are lower compared with last year's Shelsley and what we've had to charge for Loton so what's not to like?

Regs and entry forms can be downloaded here: [Calendar](#)

Not forgetting.....

Sat 27 June The Percy Duff Barbon Hill Climb 2026  
Barbon Manor, Nr Kirkby Lonsdale

Regs and entry forms are available from Mike Rapley [rapley47@outlook.com](mailto:rapley47@outlook.com)

### VSCC Curborough 2026

Report by Fin Cameron

Photos at the end of this issue of Competition Notes

An eclectic mix of Morgans were welcomed by the VSCC for their first speed event of the 2026 season.

Newcomers Stephen Wickers and Brett Gregson double-drove their recently resurrected 1935 MX4 Super Sports in the “Up to 1100cc Standard and Modified Sports Car” class in which they were given a tricky handicap time of 55 seconds.

Throughout the day they both got within 2 seconds of their handicap but ultimately Stephen took the win with a 56.09, just a whisper away from Brett’s time of 56.95. A great effort from both.

Tom Golland was also piloting his recently acquired JTOR powered Aero, a really cool looking car. As we were unloading COV, Tom was loading his Aero back onto his trailer ready to go home before the day had even begun! Due to a pesky ignition timing problem, the Aero didn’t want to start. But luckily, like Batman to the Bat Signal... Ewan Cameron dived head first into the problem before I’d even wiped the sleep from my eyes.

After a bit of fettling, Dad just about managed to get the Aero going again, albeit with a bit of misfire, but it was running. Tom was given a very tight handicap of 50 seconds but spectacularly, even with this mystery misfire, he managed a 50.51 on his first practice run. By the end of the day, he had taken over 2 seconds off that time with a 48.20 earning him the 2nd place handicap award for that class. Great my silencers and called the noise testers over for one final test... thankfully after all our efforts, it passed.

I then proceeded to run Tom’s lovely fishtails over on my next run as they perseverance.

I had a good time trying not to get stung by the Wasp GN which made a long awaited return to the “1100cc Racing Car Class”. Winston Teague

was once again behind the wheel after sheering the crank in half at Prescott a few years ago. We had a bit of a battle but eventually Winston took the class win with a 39.79, leaving me just behind in second place with a 40.59.

Throughout the day I was pestered by MSUK Noise Testers who were adamant that COV was the loudest car at the meeting and they were desperate for me to pack up and leave. After a long back and forth argument and a few exhaust silencer modifications, Tom Cowley stepped in and saved the day. He kindly removed the fishtail silencers from his Morgan, Maggot, and fabricated a couple of spacers from some beer cans Ferg found in the bin. We hammered them into immediately fell out around the first corner. Luckily the noise testers had gone home by this point.

Morgans - 1

MSUK - 0

Next up on the VSCC Speed Calendar is Wiscombe Park so stay tuned...

### Wiscombe Weekend – 9 & 10 May

Notes by Tony Quinn

500 Owners Association on the Saturday and the VSCC on the Sunday.

One of the many advantages of a Morgan three wheeler is that competition opportunities exist under both ACU (motorbike) regulation and Motor Sport UK (car) regulation. On the Saturday we had three Morgans entered under each, making it six in all. Unfortunately Tim and Alison Giddens had to drop out which left it to me/ballast in the green MX2 SS and Nancy Thomas/Chris McGann in her ex-Sue Darbyshire F4 in the ACU class. In the VSCC eligible class we had Fin Cameron in the 8/80 powered Chicken, Tom Golland, JTOR flat sided Aero, and Brett Gregson in Stephen Wickers' SS MX4.

The forecast leading up to the weekend promised, but never delivered, rain and we had ice cream weather.

Predictably Fin was fastest Morgan, although the Chicken sounded a bit fluffy around and out of the 90 degree left hander. Tom Golland's JAP sounded crisp which is more than could be said Brett's Matchless which seemed reluctant to fire cleanly on both cylinders.

Nancy's F4 was running well, having competed at the previous weekend's hillclimb at Gurston Down, but was overgeared for the two tight corners bench and Martini on the second half of the hill. My Mx2 was running well except, like Fin, it was fluffing through the first left hander. My cure was to give the engine a bigger boot of throttle earlier in the corner. That seemed to work, but was really curing the symptom not the disease.

#### Best Morgan times for Saturday

Fin Cameron	51.67 (2 <sup>nd</sup> in VSCC class)
Tony Quinn/ballast	56.85 (1 <sup>st</sup> in ACU class)
Tom Golland	58.65
Nancy Thomas/Chris McGann	74.77
Brett Gregson	77.02

#### Best Morgan times for Sunday

Fin Cameron	50.66 (1 <sup>st</sup> in class 13)
Tom Golland	57.51 (2 <sup>nd</sup> in class 2)
Stephen Wickers	79.23 – practice only

#### Doune Classic – 16 & 17 May

Report by Alistair Rew

This was my first venture north of the border with a Morgan - heading to support a friend competing for the first time in a newly completed "Wragg" single seater Austin 7.

A very well organised affair by the Lothian Car Club with a wonderfully "clubby" atmosphere - very welcoming - the event attracts an eclectic

mix from bike engined Minis to the wonderful 4 wheel drive Hepworth single seater that won the British Hillclimb championship in 1969 and 1971.

We were car number 1 - in a new class for VSCC members of just 3, a "ducks back" Alvis and a Riley Brooklands.

The 1350 metre course is a challenge with unforgiving stone walls, negative camber corners and staying on the black stuff is very important. I made enough improvement on both days to win the class but there's a lot more time to be had for the more skilled and/or brave..

We've stayed on for some sight seeing: - Doune castle - the location for Monty Python and the Holy Grail (and Game of Thrones); the local distillery....

It is such a pity that the course is an 8 hour drive away - but in many ways that is the charm of the place.

I hope this might encourage others to think about the event in the future...

### Medicals and Eyesight tests

From Iain Stewart

For the past 3 years I have had my MSA & ACU medicals done by "Just-Health". They are really brilliant (and fast). The head office is in Burnley and they perform all types of medicals nationwide.

The MSA & ACU medical is £75 (including free eye test). They have hundreds of locations, but the motor sport medicals are limited to fewer areas. Not every doctor is qualified for MSA / ACU medicals. They often operate from a mobile fully kitted out van (including ECG etc). Useful when they visit fleet transport and process lots of HGV drivers.

### Competition Calendar

The next ACU events are:

**Sat/Sun 6 & 7 June – MTWC Curborough special event & twisty sprint** – regs and entry forms on the club website

Sat/Sun 13 & 14 June – BHR Pembury circuit – enter via [britishhistoricracing.co.uk](http://britishhistoricracing.co.uk)

Sat 27 June – Westmorland MC Barbon Manor hillclimb – Regs and entry forms are available from Mike Rapley [rapley47@outlook.com](mailto:rapley47@outlook.com)

**Sat 4 July – NHCA Shelsley Walsh hillclimb** – see [nhca.co.uk](http://nhca.co.uk) for regs and entry forms

Sat 18 July – NHCA Loton Park hillclimb – as above

**Sat/Sun 18 & 19 July – BHR Darley Moor circuit** – enter via [britishhistoricracing.co.uk](http://britishhistoricracing.co.uk)

Note: Events in bold are Morgan Three Wheeler Club Challenge Series rounds.

The next VSCC MS(UK) events are:

Sat 20 June – Cadwell Park circuit – mixed race 500s and Morgans

Sun 5 July – Shelsley Walsh hillclimb

Sun 19 July – Loton Park hillclimb

[VSCC Curborough – Photos by Steve Shelley](#)



Stephen Wickers



Brett Gregson



Fin Cameron



Tom Golland