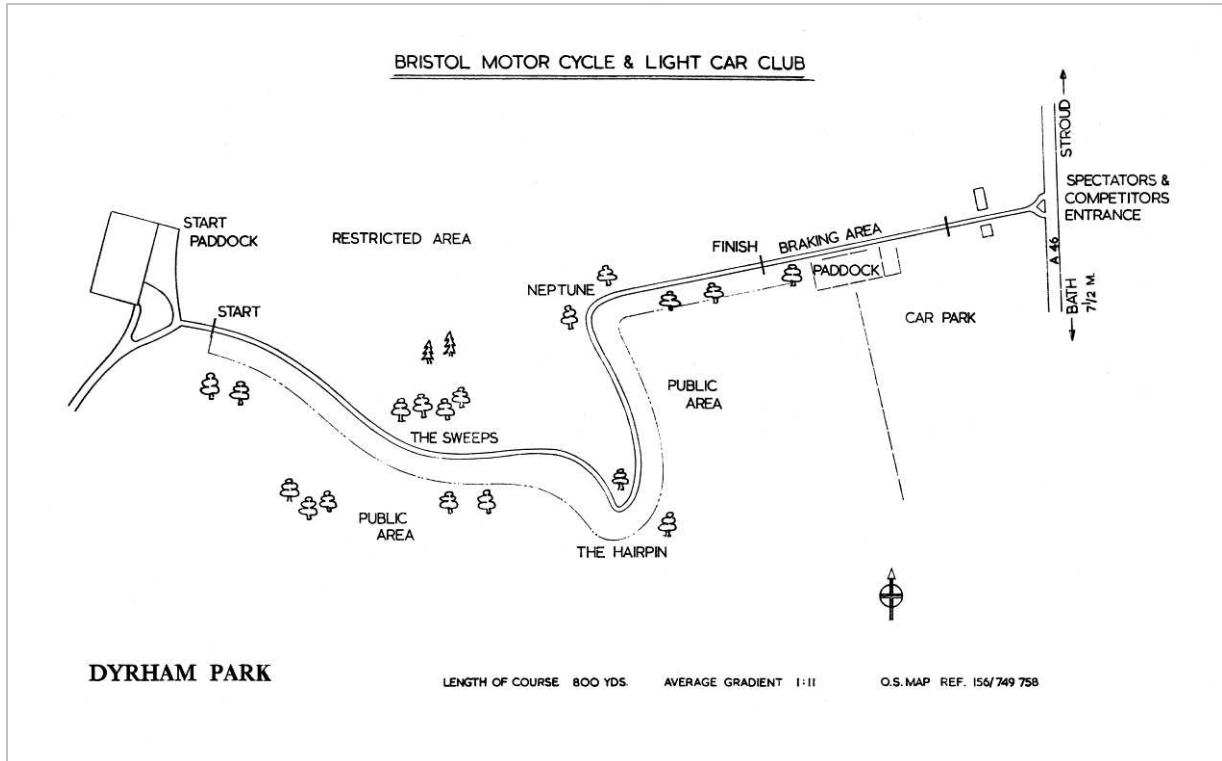


Bristol Motor Cycle & Light Car Club

Dyrham Park Hillclimb



"The hill starts with a straight run on only a slight gradient, and the faster cars reach a high speed before they reach the first gradual corners, named the Sweeps, which can be taken very fast. It is then necessary to brake hard for the Hairpin, which, although not a full 180° corner, is deceptively slow as there is an adverse camber on the exit. There must be few drivers who do not feel that they have more to learn about the Hairpin. The short straight before Neptune enables speed to be picked up again but again braking is necessary because Neptune, although faster than the Hairpin, must be treated with care as there is a long drop on the outside for those who try to go too fast."

(Description from the 28 July 1962 programme.)

Best Times of the Day 1961 -1966

Saturday 29th April 1961

Closed to club members only. Course length: 800 yards

John Browning, Jaguar XKSS, 37.8s (establishes course record)

Saturday 12th August 1961

Closed to club members only. Course length: 800 yards

George Fisher, Cooper, 1098cc, 35.96s (new course record)

Saturday 16th September 1961

Closed to club members only. Course length: 800 yards

WC (Wally) Cuff, Cooper, 1100cc, 34.88s (new course record)

Saturday 12th May 1962

Closed to club members only. Course length: 800 yards

WC (Wally) Cuff, Cooper-JAP 1100cc, 34.75s (new course record)

Saturday 28th July 1962

Restricted status. Course length: 800 yards.

Freddie W Floyd, Cooper-JAP 1098cc, 34.20s (new course record)

Saturday 22nd September 1962

National status. Course length: 800 yards

Peter Westbury, Cooper-Daimler, 32.08s (new course record)

Saturday 11th May 1963

Closed status. Course length: 800 yards. (Re-laid Track surface)

WC (Wally) Cuff, Cooper F1 1500cc, 37.96s

Saturday 27th July 1963

Restricted status. Course length: 800 yards

AE (Tony) Marsh, Marsh Special 2000cc, 34.11s

Saturday 21st September 1963

National status. RAC Hillclimb Championship round. Course length: 800 yards

Peter Westbury, Felday Daimler 2548cc, 31.60s (new course record)

Peter Westbury, Felday Daimler
(photo by Martin Warr)**Saturday 9th May 1964**

Closed status. Course length: 800 yards

WC (Wally) Cuff, Cooper Daimler 2548cc, 34.34s

Saturday 25th July 1964

Restricted status. Course length: 800 yards

AE (Tony) Marsh, Marsh Special 1962cc, 31.42s (new course record)

Saturday 19th September 1964

National status. RAC Hillclimb Championship round. Course length: 800 yards

Peter Westbury, Ferguson P99 Climax 2496cc, 30.32s (new course record)

Saturday 8th May 1965

Closed status. First event to include motorcycles (ACU permit). Course length: 800 yards.

Cars

ID (Ian) Swift, Cooper Cobra 4727cc, 39.34s

Motor Cycles

H Voice, Excelsior 498cc, 41.00s (establishes motorcycle record)

Saturday 24th July 1965

Restricted status. Course length: 800 yards

Ian Swift, Cooper Cobra 4727cc, 32.79s

Friday 17th September - Saturday 18th September 1965

National Status. RAC Hillclimb Championship round. Practice on Friday 17th.

Following an accident in Friday practice (Ian Swift) the course length was reduced from 800 yards to 690 yards to provide a longer braking distance after the finish line.

John Macklin, Cooper Buick 3500cc, 27.74s (establishes record for 690-yard course)

Saturday 7th May 1966

Closed status. Included motorcycles. Original 800 yard course shortened by 20 yards.

Cars

Ian Swift, Swift Ford 4700cc, 32.32s (establishes record for revised course)

Motor Cycles

N Higgins, Vincent 998cc, 34.84s (establishes motorcycle record for new course)

Saturday 23rd July 1966

Restricted status. Course length 780 yards

Ian Swift, Swift Ford 4700cc, 30.71s (New course record)

Friday 16th September - Saturday 17th September 1966

National British status. RAC Hillclimb Championship round. Practice on Friday 16th.

Course length 780 yards

Bryan Eccles, Brabham BT14 Oldsmobile 3500cc, 30.05s (New course record)

Sources

Entries and results from Bristol Motor Club records, programmes and results sheets.

Additional information: Bath Chronicle, Motoring News, Autosport, Auto News, Motor Clubman.

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