

Speed Trials and Sprints

at

Staverton Airport, Gloucestershire

CLASS WINNERS 1952 - 1963

Saturday March 29th 1952 Cheltenham Motor Club Staverton Speed trial (Closed).
Course length: 1000yards.

Class 1 – Cars up to 850cc unsupercharged. 1 st FN Shelley, MG, 45.5s
Class 2 – Cars 851cc to 1500cc, unsupercharged. 1 st J Ebdon, Riley, 38s
Class 3? – Cars 1501 to 2000cc. 1 st HA Mitchell, Frazer Nash, 33.4s [Only runner in class. Fastest sports car]
Class 4 – Cars from 2001cc to 3000cc. 1 st F/Lt. R Brooks, Lancia, 42.8s
Class 5 – Cars over 3000cc. 1 st RH Streete, Bentley, 39s
Class 6 – Racing Cars. 1 st IL Bueb, Cooper, 31.8s
BTD - IL (Ivor) Bueb, Cooper, 31.8s

Sunday May 25th 1952 Cheltenham Motor Club “Sprint Speed Trials” (Closed Invitation).
Course length: 1 Kilometre.

Class 1 – Racing Cars up to 500cc unsupercharged. 1 st David Boshier-Jones, Kieft, 497cc, 31.8s
Class 2 – Racing cars 501cc to 1100cc unsupercharged and up to 500cc supercharged. 1 st Don Bennett, Cooper Vincent, 998cc, 29.6s
Class 3 – Racing cars 1101 to 2000cc unsupercharged and 501 to 1100cc supercharged. 1 st HA Richards, HAR, 1959cc, 34.6s
Class 4 – Racing cars over 2000cc unsupercharged and over 1100cc supercharged. 1 st AS Raven, Bugatti, 2994cc, 30.6s
Class 5 – Sports cars up to 750cc unsupercharged. 1 st RH Grimsley, Austin, 747cc, 43.8s
Class 6 – Sports cars 751cc to 1100cc unsupercharged and up to 750cc supercharged. 1 st HJ Coplin, AS, 918cc, 44.2s
Class 7 – Sports cars 1101cc to 1500cc unsupercharged and 751cc to 100cc supercharged. 1 st J Weber, Weber, 1087cc(s), 34.8s
Class 8 – Sports cars 1501cc to 2500cc unsupercharged and 1100cc to 1500cc supercharged. 1 st B Baxter, Aston Martin, 1950cc, 35.2s
Class 9 – Sports cars over 2500cc unsupercharged and over 1500cc supercharged. 1 st GN Mansell, Jaguar XK120, 3442cc, 34.6s

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Class 10 – Saloon cars up to 1100cc unsupercharged. 1 st RA (Roy) Spiers, Morris Minor, 918cc, 48.4s
Class 11 – Saloon cars 1101cc to 1500cc unsupercharged and up to 1100cc supercharged. 1 st JS French, Rover, 1500cc, 44.8s
Class 12 – Saloon cars over 1500cc unsupercharged and over 1100cc supercharged. 1 st JL MacVitie, Jaguar Mk.VII, 3442cc, 39.2s
BTD – Don Bennett, Cooper Vincent 998cc, 29.6s

Sunday 24th May 1953 Cheltenham Motor Club “Sprint Speed Trials” (Closed Invitation).
Course length: 1 Kilometre.

Class 1 – Racing Cars up to 500cc unsupercharged. 1 st CAN May, Cooper JAP, 497cc, 32.2s
Class 2 – Racing cars 501cc to 1100cc unsupercharged and up to 500cc supercharged. 1 st WF Morice (Ent: Ecurie Time), Cooper-Riley, 36.4s
Class 3 – Racing cars 1101 to 2000cc unsupercharged and 501 to 1100cc supercharged. 1 st CR Instone, Djinn, 1096cc(s), 30.8s
Class 4 – Racing cars over 2000cc unsupercharged and over 1100cc supercharged. 1 st PJ (Peter) Stubberfield, Bugatti, 2261cc(s), 30.2s
Class 5 – Sports cars up to 750cc unsupercharged. 1 st JS (Jack) French, Simplicity Itself, 747cc, 43.0s
Class 6 – Sports cars 751cc to 1200cc unsupercharged and up to 750cc supercharged. 1 st H Porteous, Porteous Special, 1172cc, 36.8s
Class 7 - Sports cars 1201cc to 1500cc unsupercharged and 751cc to 1200cc supercharged. 1 st AE (Tony) Marsh, Dellow, 1172 cc(s), 36.2s
Class 8 - Sports cars 1501cc to 2500cc unsupercharged and 1201cc to 1500cc supercharged. 1 st B Baxter, LMC, 1971cc, 33.0s
Class 9 – Sports cars over 2500cc unsupercharged and over 1500cc supercharged. 1 st J Berry, Bugatti, 2300cc(s), 33.2s
Class 10 – Saloon cars up to 1100cc unsupercharged. 1 st Gordon Wilkins, Dyna Panhard, 850cc, 44.8s
Class 11 - Saloon cars 1101cc to 1500cc unsupercharged and up to 1100cc supercharged. 1 st Jack Readings, MG, 1250cc, 45.0s
Class 12 – Saloon cars 1501cc to 2500cc unsupercharged and 1101cc to 1500cc supercharged. 1 st RP Lane (Ent: C Summers), Riley, 2443cc, 40.8s
Class 13 – Saloon cars over 2500cc unsupercharged and over 1500cc supercharged. 1 st Jack Readings, Armstrong Siddeley Sapphire, 3435cc,39.8s
BTD - PJ (Peter) Stubberfield, Bugatti, 2261cc s, 30.2s

Sunday 23rd May 1954 Cheltenham Motor Club Third Annual Staverton Sprint (Closed Invitation)
Course length: 1 Kilometre.

Class 1 – Racing Cars up to 500cc unsupercharged (Ecurie Demi-Litre Trophy). 1 st Ivor Bueb, Cooper, 499cc, 31.2s <i>[As Ivor Bueb had provided the trophy, he declined to accept it and it was instead given to 2nd in class EJ Moor (Wasp).]</i>
Class 2 – Racing cars 501cc to 1100cc unsupercharged and up to 500cc supercharged. 1 st FB Sowrey, Cooper, 1100cc, 28.6s
Class 3 – Racing cars 1101 to 1500cc unsupercharged and 501 to 1100cc supercharged. 1 st JB Welton, Cooper Mk.V, 1098cc(s), 31.8s

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Class 4 – Racing cars over 1501 to 2500cc unsupercharged and 1101 to 1500cc supercharged. 1 st J Berry, ERA Special, 1496cc(s), 30.6s
Class 5 – Racing cars over 2500cc unsupercharged and over 1500cc supercharged. 1 st PJ Stubberfield, Bugatti, 2261cc(s), 30.0s [also awarded the Turk's Motors Trophy for fastest time by a Cheltenham MC member]
Class 6 – Sports cars up to 750cc unsupercharged (Hinder Trophy). 1 st CG Summers, Arden, 40.0s
Class 7 – Sports cars 751cc to 1300cc unsupercharged and up to 750cc supercharged. 1 st Ivor Bueb, Cooper Riley, 1087cc, 36.8s
Class 8 – Sports cars 1301cc to 2000cc unsupercharged and 751cc to 1200cc supercharged. 1 st M Burn, Frazer Nash, 1971cc, 32.0s
Class 9 – Sports cars 2001cc to 2750cc unsupercharged. 1 st W Bradley, Austin Healey, 2660cc, 34.4s
Class 10 – Sports cars over 2750cc unsupercharged. 1 st B Baxter, Jaguar, 3442cc, 30.4s
Class 11 – Touring cars up to 1000cc unsupercharged. 1 st CM Wyatt, Austin, 803cc, 47.2s
Class 12 – Touring cars 1001cc to 1600cc unsupercharged. 1 st JS French, Rover, 1500cc, 42.8s
Class 13 – Touring cars 1601cc to 2500cc unsupercharged. 1 st EB Wadsworth, Healey, 2443cc, 37.4s
Class 14 – Touring cars over 2500cc unsupercharged. =1 st George Wood, Aston Martin, 2580cc, & WM Jasilkowski, Jaguar, 3442cc, 36.2s
BTD - FB Sowrey, Cooper 1100cc, 28.6s (new course record)

Sunday 15th May 1955 Cheltenham Motor Club Fourth Annual Staverton Sprint (Closed Invitation)
Course length: 1 Kilometre.

Class 1 – Racing Cars up to 500cc unsupercharged. 1 st Ivor Bueb, Cooper, 500cc, 30.06s
Class 2 – Racing cars 501cc to 1100cc unsupercharged. 1 st AE (Tony) Marsh, Cooper, 1098cc, 28.51s
Class 3 – Racing cars 1101 to 1500cc unsupercharged and 501 to 1100cc supercharged. 1 entry, no starters.
Class 4 – Racing cars over 1501 to 2500cc unsupercharged and 1101 to 1500cc supercharged 1 st J Broad, ERA, 1500cc(s), 29.51s
Class 5 – Racing cars over 2500cc unsupercharged and over 1500cc supercharged. 1 st PJ Stubberfield, Bugatti, 2261cc(s), 29.09s
Class 6 – Sports cars up to 750cc unsupercharged. 1 st JS (Jack) French, Simplicity, 747cc, 41.85s
Class 7 – Sports cars 751cc to 1300cc unsupercharged. 1 st Ivor Bueb, Cooper, 1100cc, 29.67s or 29.51s
Class 8 – Sports cars 1301cc to 2000cc unsupercharged. 1 st JM Burn, Frazer Nash, 1971cc, 31.76s
Class 9 – Sports cars 2001cc to 2750cc unsupercharged. 1 st LS Richards, Riley, 2443cc, 39.92s
Class 10 – Sports cars over 2750cc unsupercharged. 1 st CG Summers, Jaguar, 3442cc, 34.90s
Classes 11 & 12 combined – Touring cars up to 1600cc unsupercharged. 1 st JM Burn, DKW, 896cc, 43.79s
Class 13 – Touring cars 1601cc to 2500cc unsupercharged. 1 st Ivor Bueb, Ford Zephyr, 45.03s

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Class 14 – Touring cars over 2500cc unsupercharged. 1 st G Wood, Aston Martin, 39.49s
BTD - AE (Tony) Marsh, Cooper 1098cc, 28.51s (New course record)

Sunday 13th May 1956 Cheltenham Motor Club Fifth Annual Staverton Sprint (Closed Invitation)
Course length: 1 Kilometre.

Class 1 – Racing cars up to 500cc unsupercharged (Demi-Litre Challenge Cup). 1 st JB Welton, Cooper, 500cc, 31.60s [Also awarded the Turks' Motors Trophy for best Cheltenham MC member]
Class 2 – Racing cars 501cc to 1100cc unsupercharged. 1 st AE (Tony) Marsh, Cooper, 1100cc, 28.12s
Class 3 – Racing cars 1101 to 1500cc unsupercharged and 501 to 1100cc supercharged. No entries
Class 4 – Racing cars over 1501 to 2500cc unsupercharged. 1 st D Haigh, Cooper, 1132cc(s)
Class 5 – Racing cars over 2500cc unsupercharged. 1 st J Berry, ERA Special, 29.84s
Class 6 – Sports cars up to 750cc unsupercharged (Hinder Trophy). 1 st JS French, Simplicity, 747cc, 40.34s
Class 7 – Sports cars 751cc to 1300cc unsupercharged. 1 st AE Marsh, Cooper Climax, 1100cc, 30.41s
Class 8 – Sports cars 1301cc to 2000cc unsupercharged. 1 st RD Jennings, AC Ace, 1971cc, 33.40s
Class 9 – Sports cars 2001cc to 2750cc unsupercharged. 1 st F Preece, 33.41s
Class 10 – Sports cars over 2750cc unsupercharged. 1 st JM Trimble, Jaguar XK120C, 3442cc, 31.65s
Class 12 – Touring cars 1001cc to 1600cc unsupercharged. 1 st CM Walker, Simca Aronde, 1290cc, 42.76s
Class 13 – Touring cars 1601cc to 2500cc unsupercharged. 1 st RS Hawkeswood, Healey, 2443cc, 38.73s
Class 14 – Touring cars over 2501cc unsupercharged. 1 st Miss D Griffin (Ent: D Porter), Jaguar, 3442cc, 37.92s
BTD - AE (Tony) Marsh, Cooper 1100cc, 28.12s (New course record)

Sunday 30th September 1956 Hagley & District Light Car Club, in collaboration with the Cheltenham Motor Club, Speed Trial at Staverton Airport (Restricted).
Course length: 1 Kilometre.

Class 1 – Sports cars up to 1500cc. 1 st WA (Ashley) Cleave, Morris, 1086cc, 36.87s [Awarded the GH Cup for best time by a sports car up to 1172cc; class award presented to 2 nd in class, J Looker, Morgan Plus 4 Climax, 1098cc, 37.75s]
Class 2 – Sports cars 1501cc to 2700cc. 1 st Dennis O'M Taylor, Triumph, 1991cc, 33.82s
Class 3 – Sports cars over 2700cc. 1 st Miss Patsy Burt, Aston Martin DB2/4, 32.10s
Class 4 – Racing Cars up to 500cc. 1 st JB (Jack) Welton, Cooper, 500cc, 31.50s

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Class 5 – Racing cars 501cc to 1500cc. 1 st AE (Tony) Marsh, Cooper, 1100cc, 27.85s
Class 6 – Racing cars over 1500cc. 1 st Ken Wharton, ERA R4D, 1980cc(s), 27.48s [also BTD; class award presented to 2 nd in class Jimmy Stuart, ERA, 1963cc (s), 28.34s]
Class 7 – Sports/Racing cars up to 1100cc. 1 st AE (Tony) Marsh, Cooper Climax, 1098cc, 29.32s [Awarded the Miller Cup for best time by Sports or Sports Racing car; class award presented to 2 nd in class, W (Bill) Bradley, Cooper Climax, 1098cc, 30.98s]
Class 8 – Sports/Racing cars 1101cc to 2000cc. 1 st AJ (Austen) Nurse, Lister Bristol, 30.76s
Class 9 – Sports/Racing cars over 2000cc. 1 st M Trimble, Jaguar C-type, 3442cc, 30.43s
Class 10 – Saloon Cars, on handicap. (Hagley & District LCC members only). 1 st Miss V Domleo, Austin A30, 800cc, 40.54s
BTD (The Cox Cup) - Ken Wharton, ERA R4D 1980cc(s) 27.48s (New course record)

Sunday 15th September 1957 Jaguar Drivers Club Staverton Sprint.

Class 1 – 1 st WP Shepherd, Jr., Jaguar Mk.V
Class 2 – 1 st TH Rowe, Jaguar Mk.VII
Class 3 – 1 st E Hodson, Jaguar 2.4
Class 4 – 1 st GA Powell, Jaguar XK120
Class 5 – 1 st Miss E Griffin, Jaguar XK140
Class 6 – 1 st RG Playford, Jaguar XK120
Class 7 – 1 st RE Berry, Jaguar D-type
BTD - AC Barrett-Green, Jaguar C-type, 32.25s

Whit Monday 18th May 1959 Dowty Motor Club Sprint Meeting (Restricted)

Course length: 1 Kilometre.

Racing Cars up to 500cc (Cavendish House Trophy). 1 st Miss Pauline Brock, Cooper Mk.X, 500cc, 34.60s
Racing Cars 501 to 1200cc (Cheltenham Car Mart Trophy). 1 st David Boshier-Jones, Cooper Mk.X, 31.32s [also BTD; class award presented to 2 nd in class DR Good, Cooper, 32.15s]
Racing Cars over 1200cc (Walker & Watt Trophy). 1 st A Owen, Cooper F2, 1980cc, 32.20s
Sports Racing cars up to 1500cc (Nibley Garage Trophy). 1 st K Farr, Lotus, 35.63s
Sports Racing Cars over 1500cc (AH Jones Trophy) 1 st PHG Cottrell, Lotus Bristol, 1971cc, 35.40s
Sports cars up to 1200cc (Morgan & Co. Trophy) 1 st WA Cleave, Morris Special, 1086cc, 39.35s
Sports cars 1201cc to 2000cc (Andrews Challenge Trophy) 1 st ET Lundegaard, Frazer Nash Targa Florio, 1971cc, 37.53s
Sports cars over 2000cc (John Dobell & Bartholomew Trophy) 1 st RA Colburn, Healey Silverstone, 39.20s

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750 Formula Sports cars (Regent Motors Trophy). 1 st JS (Jack) French, Austin Simplicity, 42.76s
Saloon & Touring cars up to 1200cc (Cheltenham & Hereford Breweries Trophy). 1 st GM Hopkinson, Austin A35, 41.35s
Saloon & Touring cars 1201 to 2000cc (Dowty MC Trophy). 1 st BD Rodger, Peerless GT, 38.45s
Saloon & Touring cars over 2000cc (Lundegaard Trophy). 1 st W Bradley, Jaguar 3.4, 39.29s
BTD (Belle Vue Motors Cup) - David Boshier-Jones, Cooper Mk.X, 31.32s (Establishes record for course)

Whit Monday 6th June 1960 Dowty Motor Club Sprint Meeting (Restricted)

Course length: 1 Kilometre.

Racing Cars up to 500cc. 1 st JB Welton, Cooper, 37.14s
Racing Cars 501 to 1200cc. 1 st David Boshier-Jones, Cooper Mk.X, 32.36s
Racing Cars 1200cc to 2000cc. 1 st RW Philips, Fairley, 33.99s
Racing Cars over 2000cc. 1 st A Owen, Cooper F1, 2200cc, 32.36s
Sports Racing cars up to 1500cc. 1 st RB (Dick) James, Lotus Super 7 Climax, 1100cc, 35.18s
Sports Racing Cars over 1500cc. 1 st J Randles, Cooper Monaco, 35.70s
Sports cars up to 1200cc. 1 st GM Hopkinson, Lotus, 39.47s
Sports cars 1201cc to 2000cc. 1 st J McKechnie, AC Ace Bristol, 37.80s
Sports cars over 2000cc. 1 st DB Winyard, Allard, 4375cc, 39.05s
750 Formula Sports cars. 1 st JS French, Austin, 44.18s
Grand Touring Cars (Handicap). 1 st P Scragg, Jaguar
BTD (Belle Vue Motors Cup) - David Boshier-Jones, Cooper Mk.X, 32.36s <i>[tie decided in a run-off with Arthur Owen]</i>

Whit Monday, 22nd May 1961 Dowty Motor Club National British Sprint Meeting

Course length: 1 Kilometre.

Class A1 – Racing cars up to 500cc (Cavendish House Challenge Trophy). 1 st P Bryan, Cooper Mk.IX, 500cc, 37.76s
Class A2 – Racing cars from 501cc to 1200cc (Cheltenham Car Mart Trophy). 1 st Mike Hatton, Cooper Mk.X, 1100cc, 32.64s [also BTD; Trophy presented to 2 nd in class, JD Evans, Cooper Mk.VIII, 1100cc, 36.40s]
Class A3 – Racing cars from 1201cc to 2000cc (Walker & Ward Challenge Trophy). 1 st Miss Patsy Burt, Cooper F2, 1460cc, 33.71s

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Class A4 – Racing cars from 2001cc upwards (Pirton Corner Service Station Challenge Trophy). 1 st Arthur Owen, Cooper F1, 2200cc, 32.74s
Class A5 – “Formula Junior” Racing Cars (Lundegaards Challenge Trophy). 1 st D Richmond, Venom BMC, 994cc, 35.75s
Class B1 – Sports Racing Cars up to 1500cc (Nibley Garage Challenge Trophy). No entries.
Class B2 – Sports Racing cars from 1501cc upwards (Jonas Challenge Trophy). 1 st J Randles, Cooper Monaco, 1960cc, 34.45s
Class C1 – Sports cars up to 1200cc (Morgans of Cheltenham Challenge Trophy). 1 st WA Cleave, Morris Special, 1086cc, 39.41s
Class C2 – Sports cars from 1201cc to 2000cc (Andrews Challenge Trophy). 1 st RE Meredith, Morgan Plus 4, 1991cc, 36.55s
Class C3 – Sports cars from 2001cc upwards (J Dobell & Bartholomew Challenge Trophy). 1 st P Farquharson, Allard J2X, 5420cc, 37.18s
Class D1 – Grand Touring Cars up to 1200cc (Cheltenham & Hereford Breweries Challenge Trophy). 1 st D Richmond, Austin Seven, 848cc, 38.94s
Class D2 – Grand Touring Cars from 1201cc upwards (Regent Motors Challenge Trophy). 1 st AT Nurse, Lotus Elite, 1220cc, 37.56s
BTD (Belle Vue Motors Challenge Trophy) - Mike Hatton, Cooper Mk.X 1100cc, 32.64s

Whit Monday 11th June 1962 Dowty Motor Club Second National British Sprint Meeting
Course length: 1 Kilometre.

Class A1 – Racing cars up to 500cc. 1 st WD Adams, Cooper Mk.IX, 37.10s
Class A2 – Racing cars 501cc to 1200cc. 1 st B Eccles, Cooper Mk.XI JAP, 998cc(s), 32.11s
Class A3 – Racing Cars 1201cc to 2000cc. 1 st Josh Randles, Cooper Monaco, 33.94s
Class A4 – Racing Cars 2001cc upwards. 1 st Arthur Owen, Cooper Inter-Continental, 2500cc, 31.90s [also BTD; award presented to 2 nd in class, RC Soans, Cooper F2, 36.19s]
Class A5 – Formula Junior Racing Cars. 1 st CAN May, Lotus 18, 34.16s
Class B2 – Sports Racing cars 997cc upwards. 1 st Josh Randles, Cooper Monaco, 33.40s
Class C1 – Sports Cars up to 1200cc. 1 st DW Firkins, Lotus 7 BMC, 38.12s
Class C2 – Sports cars 1201cc to 2000cc. 1 st RE (Richard) Meredith, Morgan Plus 4, 36.19s
Class C3 – Sports cars 2001cc upwards. 1 st AB Griffiths, Jaguar E-type, 36.98s
Class D1 – Grand Touring Cars up to 1200cc. 1 st Nick Porter, Austin Mini Cooper, 40.36s
Class D2 – Grand Touring Cars 1201cc upwards. 1 st RE (Richard) Meredith, Morgan Plus 4, 36.13s
BTD (Belle Vue Motors Challenge Trophy) - Arthur Owen, Cooper Inter-Continental 2500cc, 31.90s

Sunday 7th July 1963 Mini Se7en Club (Western Centre) Staverton Sprint (Closed).

AD Belcher, 32.99s
CHB Wadsworth, 30.04s
DW Warren, 34.10s
JL Arnold, 34.21s
CJ Rogers, 30.88s
AJ (Tony) Wells, Austin Cooper, 30.12s
Digby Martland, Mini Cooper, 27.33s <i>[Also best time by a Mini]</i>
BTD - K Wilson, Jaguar E-type, 27.09s

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Location

Coordinates: 51.8935639°N 2.1687045°W

Originally known as Staverton Airport, in 1993 it was renamed Gloucestershire Airport.

Information sources.

Event programmes & results sheets, Cheltenham Motor Club archives, Gloucestershire Echo, Coventry Evening Telegraph, Motor Rally & Club World, Motoring News, Autosport.

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