

Optoma Loans Percy Duff Barbon Speed Hill Climb

Sun and Stars shine for big crowd at Barbon

The Barbon motorcycle hill climb took place on Saturday 28th July in front of a bumper crowd, where the long awaited sun shone on the stars of the motorcycle world. Taking part in the Optoma Loans sponsored event, were 13 times TT winner John McGuinness, Kendal's World Super Bike racer Dean Ellison and former 3 times British Supermoto Champion Leighton Haigh. Added to this were the appearances of top British Superbike racers Michael Rutter and Optoma Loans rider Steve Plater. Racing got underway after the stars were introduced to the public and Leighton gave the crowd some entertaining wheelies up and down the main straight.

The event in doubt due to the bad weather was held in the dry with only one very brief shower, which did not even wet the tarmac. Number 1 Adam Bentley was flagged away in bright sunshine to start his first run and the event proper. In class 1 Les Wilson was fast out of the traps and never headed, with a big winning margin in hill climb terms of 0.8 of a second over Morecambe's Karl Geary. Class 2 was closer with hill climb regular Robin Sim getting the better of Ulverston's Chris Byron on the Kendal based D3 Racing KTM.

Class 3 was where the action was though, this class is for bikes not over 500cc, not the biggest bikes, but this is the size of bike that holds the outright solo hill record. Standing guard and present, was the record holder himself, Paul Bird, Team Principle of the Stobart Honda Racing Team, who were displaying at the event. Due to track temperature, his record would be safe for another year, set in 1998, every passing year is testament to how impressive his time was at the time. In this class were TT flyer John McGuinness, Leighton Haigh, together with hill climb regulars Glynn Poole and Paul Jarrett. Glynn was first up and quick with the only time under 27 seconds on the first run. John was to follow and was very quick, sideways through the second corner and very quick into the hairpin, only to find his brakes still weren't fully cured and he over shot, staying upright and rejoining the course to set an irrelevant time, Leighton ran at the end of the class and backed it into the hairpin as only Leighton can do, entertaining the crowd on the way to a 27.17, this would leave him third behind Glynn and the fast starting Paul Jarrett. Second runs saw improvements for all four but Leighton made the biggest improvement to net second from Glynn who stormed up the hill to set the quickest overall solo time of 26-24 which the others couldn't match. John finished fourth but crucially quick enough to make the top 6 run off, held at the end of the day.

Class 4 was a closely fought affair featuring again Paul Jarrett on his second machine, Dean Ellison on the D3 Racing KTM, also local flyers and supermoto aces Karl Geary and Neil Crayston from Holme also on a D3 Racing KTM. Add to this multiple hill climb champion Paul Jeffrey, and we were on for a ding dong battle for the class win. As the weather got hotter the times dropped and Jarrett's second run was to be best beating Jeffrey by just one tenth to post 26-53. The local grudge match went the way of Neil beating Karl by only three tenths, but with it the bragging rights! Local ace Dean Ellison did a best of 28-72, but Dean was carrying an injury that he struggled with all day, and the club were very happy that he choose to ride and entertained the spectators, giving the local people a rare chance to watch Dean race.

Class 5 for the biggest bikes was won by hill climb regular Alan Jolly with a time of 28-18 with Doug Parnell second. Class 6 for quads was a sea saw battle between Paul Dickinson and New Hutton Quad Dealer Pete Ellis, with each run breaking the class record, they just got faster and faster, unfortunately for Pete he was unable to go quite fast enough, still adjusting to and setting up his new KTM engined Polaris, Paul took the class win and new class record with a 28-59.

Class 7 for three wheelers and sidecars was a stop start affair due to a first run crash for Trevor Youens and Tony Jennison in the second corner, which resulted in a visit by the air ambulance. This meant a long delay and resulted in all classes losing one run. The class was easily won by Jason & Dawn Reeves setting the fastest overall time of the day and taking with it The Handley Rose Bowl, second went to Simon Blenkin & Paul Nelson. Class 8 for vintage was won by Ian Cramp in 30-51 with second going to Grant Sellars.

All this left was the top six solos and top 4 threewheelers for the run off, the heat was rising and the times dropped with each run, resulting in a 26-29 for Paul Jarrett being the best and Jason & Dawn Reeves posting a 26-13 to take the three wheelers. This was finished off by some impressive wheelies up and down the main straight by McGuinness, Haigh and Kendal's Simon "the wheelie" Walker to show appreciation to the large crowd watching. The club was pleased with how the event went, with the difficult circumstances leading up to the day, and the quality of the event on and off the track. The day finished with a presentation of awards by Club President Percy Duff MBE and Optoma Loans Representatives.

Results

Class 1: 1st Les Wilson 2nd Karl Geary 3rd Ian Hainsworth

Class 2: 1st Robin Sim 2nd Chris Byron 3rd Doug Parnell

Class 3: 1st Glynn Poole 2nd Leighton Haigh 3rd Paul Jarrett

Class 4: 1st Paul Jarrett 2nd Paul Jeffrey 3rd Jon Staden

Class 5: 1st Alan Jolly 2nd Doug Parnell 3rd John Golda

Class 6: 1st Paul Dickinson 2nd Pete Ellis 3rd Eddie Readfern

Class 7: 1st Jason & Dawn Reeve 2nd Simon Blenkin & Paul Nelson 3rd Fred Reeve & James Beesley

Class 8: 1st Ian Cramp 2nd Grant Sellars 3rd Michael Harrison

Handley Rose Bowl, fastest time of the day (ftd) Jason & Dawn Reeve

Well! all that rain for weeks and then we get a day that made it all worthwhile.....!!

Well that was Barbon bikes 07, hope you all enjoyed the event through at times, difficult circumstances. It's never good when you have any accidents but worse still when the air ambulance has to attend. Firstly it means the competitors haven't walked away and it also delays the day. As a result we had to loose a run which I apologise for, but I'm sure you will agree that its more important we make sure that riders and in this case passenger too, are dealt with in the best way possible. As I write this, I have no further knowledge to their injuries but I'm sure you will join me in wishing them a speedy recovery. Barbon very nearly never happened this year due to the excessive amount of rain falling on the park. This made it very difficult to set out and arrange, due to a, will it wont it situation, luckily for us, the weather held and the dry period before the event made it possible. Obviously there were compromises to be made, re-arranged paddock, (less space) no spectator entrance and virtually no use of the normal spectator car park. This meant parking cars on the first corner, good for spectators but bad for the event. This made things very awkward and I really do thank you all for your patience dealing with a far from perfect situation. I hope the event overall looked better, and that we are still on track in taking the event forward. It was great to have a new title sponsor in Optoma Loans, their help in not only sponsoring and having a presence at the event, but also in promoting the event before hand via www.optomaloans.co.uk Many thanks also to all our other sponsors, including Putoline Oils, www.putoline.com who helped make the event what it is. A very big thank you also to John McGuinness, Leighton Haigh, Dean Ellison, Jason & Dawn Reeves, Optoma Loans rider Steve Plater and also to Michael Rutter for coming on the day to watch and support his friends, and for being part of the event where possible. Having the stars gives you a true example of being able to compare your times against their's. the club is proud to have their support and for making the event what it is, due to their attendance. Many thanks also to Paul Bird, Stuart Bland and Rob Elliot who did us proud with their Stobart Honda Race Team Display, and to all our other trade stands, which made our event, that little more special. Many thanks to all our helpers who put the event on, working at times in very wet weather and having a more difficult job during the day, due to the parking arrangements and the accident. Special thanks go to our Doctor, St Johns personnel, air ambulance and county ambulance. Lastly but by no means least, thanks and praise go to the farmer of the park Mr John Pedley, the Estate Office and the Kay Shuttleworth Estate, without who's help and co-operation the event could not have happened. Also to Andrew Bingley, John Howson, Phil Harris and Andy Fell for their efforts and time spent preparing the event and on the day. We look forward to seeing you next year, hopefully a lot drier and for Margaret and myself, a lot less stressful.... Whilst the day seemed to fly it was not as much fun, with less time to chat, see people and watch some of the bikes.... As soon as we got a job done, two more came along!

Many thanks,

Peter

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Class 1	Not over 250cc						
Number	Name	Practice 1	Practice 2	Timed 1	Timed 2	Fastest 6	Position
10	Les Wilson	29-77	28-87	28-38	28-30		1
3*	Karl Geary	30-32	29-84	29-11	29-38		2
8	Ian Hainsworth	34-08	31-46	31-13	31-00		3
161	Brian Clark	32-73	32-48	31-63	31-97		4
4	Mark Hall	32-49	31-99	31-79	31-67		5
5*	Nigel Fallows	33-03		32-24			6
9	Kurt McGuinness	37-95	35-19	33-13	32-82		7
2*	John Holt	35-43	33-51	32-89	34-61		8
6	Allan Wilkinson	37-42	36-50	35-96	36-96		9
1*	Adam Bentley	39-16	36-25	36-64	37-40		10
11	James Hathaway	39-78	40-52	37-24	37-91		11
12	Andrew Lupton	40-45	38-05	38-52	38-41		12
7	Ernest Brown	44-09					
14	Ronnie Pidgeon	non starter					
Class 2	Over 250cc Not over 350cc						
17*	Robin Sim	32-41	30-44	29-57	29-58		1
19	Chris Byron	31-99	31-45	29-90	30-19		2
16*	Doug Parnell	32-51	32-04	31-70	32-38		3
45	Phil Cole	34-73	33-56	32-02	32-52		4
15*	Howard Ostle	38-26	34-70	34-31	34-17		5
18	Keith Wood	37-13	35-79	35-23	35-62		6
21	George Corner	42-59	40-39	39-16	40-44		7
20	Richard Carr	non starter					
Class 3	Over 350cc Not over 500cc						
36	Glynn Poole	28-30	27-01	26-57	26-24	26-55(3)	1
62	Leighton Haigh	29-66	29-01	27-17	26-97	26-70(4)	2
22*	Paul Jarrett	28-54	27-63	27-07	27-07		3
37	John McGuinness	27-88	27-55	32-70	27-19	26-85(6)	4
30*	Neil Crayston	29-03	28-01	27-34	27-76		5
40	Mark Wigham	29-47	28-30	28-14	28-01		6
32	Richard Bowker	30-78	29-33	28-68	28-84		7
28	Frank Melling	32-18	31-18	30-03	30-28		8
24*	Simon Foster	32-30	31-03	30-19	30-05		9
26	Antony Little	32-09	30-35	30-25	30-06		10
29	Roy Postlethwaite	32-39	31-12	59-33	30-80		11
23	Robert Dunn	rtd	32-17	31-29	33-14		12
27	Andrew Nicholls	33-92	32-82	32-10	32-00		13
44*	Howard Ostle	33-88	32-54	32-60	33-00		14
43*	John Holt	35-49	34-11	33-42	35-15		15
31	Andy Berry	38-10	35-20	34-13	34-05		16

Class3 Contd...	Over 350cc Not over 500cc						
Number	Name	Practice 1	Practice 2	Timed 1	Timed 2	Fastest 6	Position
38	Adrian Wright	37-26	36-36	35-62	36-35		17
34	Sue Stelfox	38-53	36-59	36-13	36-29		18
33	Alan Morgan	39-45	39-43	37-03	36-40		19
41*	Adam Bentley	39-50	39-01	37-57	38-92		20
35	Eric Bushell	40-50	39-24	38-75			21
25*	Alan Jolly	42-30					
39	Ian Hutchinson	non starter					
Class 4	Over 500cc Not over 750cc						
67*	Paul Jarrett	26-93	26-67	26-55	26-53	26-29(1)	1
46	Paul Jeffery	27-19	26-78	26-88	26-63	26-44(2)	2
57	Jon Staden	28-11	27-37	27-17	26-94	26-71(5)	3
420*	Neil Crayston	27-94	27-48	27-68	27-31		4
691*	Karl Geary	28-98	28-87	27-93	27-68		5
621	Mick Raynor	29-57	28-66	28-10	28-26		6
54	Neil Hutchinson	29-34	28-78	28-26	28-38		7
70*	Robin Sim	30-06	29-73	28-49	38-79		8
59	Andy Larton	41-76	29-39	28-79	28-60		9
53	Duncan Dixon	29-88	29-29	28-68	28-77		10
42	Dean Ellison	37-65	29-80	29-00	28-72		11
66	Simon Walker	30-44	31-38	29-27	29-63		12
69*	Nigel Fallows	30-03	29-08	29-46	29-28		13
55	Terry Hall	33-16	30-42	29-57	30-41		14
68*	Simon Foster	32-03	31-89	29-99	29-67		15
58	Clint Davis	31-21	30-01	29-70	29-91		16
61	Mark Chadwick	31-22	30-66	30-48	29-80		17
60	Patrick Hughes	32-08	31-35	30-27	30-03		18
50	Gary Haxby	32-82	30-90	30-61	30-39		19
48	Alan Quincy	32-96	31-87	31-03	31-27		20
51	Stephen Gardner	32-58	31-11	31-48	31-34		21
49	Peter Taylorson	32-65	31-93	31-69	31-55		22
47	Richard Temple	33-96	33-55	32-68	33-12		23
52*	Eddie Readfern	34-70	33-26	33-37			24
152	Ian Bell	38-00	33-77	33-65	34-22		25
64	Paul Taylorson	35-37	34-87	34-25	33-81		26
63	Ernie Thompson	37-02	36-96	36-17	34-62		27
65	Richard Walker	37-60	36-97	36-95	36-32		28
Class 5	Over 750cc Not over 1300cc						
80*	Alan Jolly	29-50	29-32	28-43	28-18		1
78*	Doug Parnell	30-24	29-86	29-73	29-27		2
71	John Golda	31-20	30-24	30-58	31-07		3
76	Jason Brumby	35-09	33-61	31-19	30-71		4
75	Mark Savage	34-10	33-00	32-34	31-97		5
72	Andy Nicholson	36-40	33-50	33-25	33-18		6
79	John Reed	35-07	34-06	33-29	33-42		7
74	Pip Moseley	35-17	33-72	34-03	33-49		8
73	John Woods	rtd					

Class 6	ATV Quad Unlimited						
82	Paul Dickinson	29-59	29-23	28-71	28-59		1
83	Peter Ellis	29-63	29-45	29-16	29-24		2
81*	Eddie Readfern	32-09	31-78	31-58			3
Class 7	3 wheelers not over 1300cc					Fastest 4	
91	Jason Reeve	28-06	29-53	26-57	26-10(ftd)	26-13(1)	1
Passenger	Dawn Reeve						
84	Simon Blenkin	49-28	30-13	29-80	29-77	29-11(2)	2
Passenger	Paul Nelson						
87	Fred Reeve	31-46	30-98	30-54	29-97	29-40(3)	3
Passenger	James Beesley						
89	Alan Blacklock	33-74	30-54	30-99	30-65	29-66(4)	4
Passenger	Jason Humble						
90	Tony Street	32-67	32-20	30-94	31-35		5
Passenger	Mark Child						
86	Tony Banister	38-00	35-30	34-62	34-43		6
Passenger	Susan Banister						
88	Eric Banister	36-86	35-44	36-73	36-12		7
Passenger	Ian Barnes						
85	Trevor Youens	41-34	40-23	rtd			
Passenger	Tony Jennison						
Class 8	Vintage					Fastest 6	
94	Ian Cramp	35-47	32-45	31-69	30-51		1
92	Grant Sellars	35-06	34-40	34-00	33-76		2
95	Michael Harrison	38-52	35-90	36-24	35-85		3
77	Ivan Rhodes	38-35	37-79	37-85	37-19		4
93	John Hannis	39-54	38-13	38-11	37-25		5
96	Robert Rushton	41-82	37-14	38-22	37-71		6

Fastest time of the day and holder of "The Handley Rose Bowl" No. 91 Jason & Dawn Reeve, timed run 2 - 26.10