

# SOUTHERN STUFF 1 2014

## WISCOMBE PARK HILLCLIMB

This was our first event at Wiscombe this season and we arrived bathed in glorious sunshine. There were 13 Luffield competitors present with usual cross section of models ranging from a 1934 PA up to MGs and Z's.

First practise soon got under way and conditions were good although some thought the grip had been affected by dust and mud in the tarmac caused by previous events becoming a mud bath, most drivers took it fairly steady, familiarising themselves with the course. Second practise produced quicker times for most of us, everyone seemed to be running well apart from Martin Woolacott who had his ignition light glowing indicating a battery charging fault on his MGA



*A view of Wiscombe Paddock - Probably the best Hillclimb setting in the UK*

After the lunch break the 'event' runs began, the weather was hot although we weren't complaining. Proceedings shortly came to halt when an Audi Quattro dumped a couple of gallons of petrol on the start line due to a split fuel tank, the clean-up operation took over half an hour. Most of this time was spent drain the remaining and making the car safe to move. My first timed run was scuppered by a trip through the stinging nettles just after Wis Corner, fastest time was set by Richard Withers MGB with 48.38. Martin Woolacott's time of 52.20 gave him a new record so he decided to head for home due to his

battery problem. Our final runs went without incident and most of us improved on our times, fastest time was set by myself with a 47.35, new class records were set by Martin Woolacott, Chris Warden MGF 50.83; Ian Beningfield Midget 54.42 and Richard Withers 47.68. .100+ scores went to Martin and Chris, well done to them. Class awards winners were Rob Orford 4<sup>th</sup>, Mike Cole 3<sup>rd</sup>, Richard Withers 2<sup>nd</sup> and myself 1<sup>st</sup>

As always thanks to the Marshals and Torbay Motor Club for a great day at Wiscombe Park Hill Climb.

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