

# PRESS INFORMATION

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## The Tipton Garage/Alansway Body Repairs Wiscombe Hill Climb – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Torbay Motor Club's opening speed event in 2015, their annual hill climb at Wiscombe Park on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, has again received a full capacity entry, the 130 cars and nearly 50 motor bikes matching 2014's record field. Supported once more by loyal sponsors, The Tipton Garage and Alansway Body Repairs, the competitors are contesting regional, club, venue and series-specific championships in a wide variety of saloon, sports and racing cars, with the motorcycle riders tackling a round of the National Hill Climb Association series. The season-opening events at Wiscombe on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April saw keen competition for early championship points and further intense action is in prospect on the 914 metre East Devon track near Southleigh.



The event has drawn competitors from as far afield as Surrey, Hampshire, Wales and the Midlands; Torbay Motor Club members will again be strongly represented, with 25% of all the entries coming from the host club.

Local drivers in the smallest production car class include Newton Abbot's Les Connett (Seat Arosa Sport) and Tiverton's Allen Sydenham in his Nissan Micra; class A2 sees Exminster's Jonathan Langmead (Elan S3), Mostyn Sherlock from Exeter (MG ZR) and Ottery St Mary's James Hudson (VW Golf) take on six other competitors in the class. Colyton's George Koopman takes on 11 other rivals in class A3 in his Honda Integra but once again the Mk 2 Ford Escorts of Gary Pitt and Richard Sanders will provide stern opposition. The over 2-litre A4 class always gives the spectators value for money - Exeter garage-owner Steve Clarke (Subaru Impreza) will renew his rivalry with Yeovil's Simon Neve (Mitsubishi Evo 6 RS), with Roy Bray's Ford Escort Cosworth, two more Subaru Imprezas and the Mitsubishi Evo 4 RS of Exeter-resident Simon Glover amongst the strong entry in the class. Westfield SEi sports cars again look likely to dominate class B2, with Exeter father and son pairing David and Jan Yeo up against the similarly-equipped Ian Hodgson (from Exeter) and Westward Ho! resident Andy Cawsey. Class C2 is one of the biggest of the day with Gordon Iles (Vauxhall Tigra), Newton Abbot's Andy Stoddart (Vauxhall Nova) and Honiton resident Duncan Beer (Ford Escort Mk3) battling Feniton's popular, and spectacular, Martyn Pike in his Mk 1 Ford Escort; this class also includes Seaton-residents Neil Moorcroft and Adrian Slade double-driving their Toyota MR2. Having forsaken his long-serving Vauxhall Astra, Yeovil's Stewart Lillington brings his Radical SR4 and class D2 is a straight contest between Rodney and Hayley Thorne, who share their 5-litre Pilbeam MP43.

No less than five OMS machines are entered in the racing car classes, with Forrest Eyles, Ian Tucker, Neil Coles, Stuart Browne and Exeter's Andrew Short all challenging for victory, with Torbay Motor Club stalwart Kevin Frost joining the fight in his self-built KDN04 special.

In the one-make classes, seven DEWS club, seven TVR Car Club five MG Car Club and eight Classic Marques entrants will all be aiming for maximum scores in their respective championships.

The NHCA motorcycle riders round out the entry, including sidecar combinations and most of the top ten national riders, all competing for honours in this year's championship.

The event is a qualifying round of the two regional, two local and three marque hill climb championships:

The 2015 Association of South Western Motor Clubs Bridge Tyres and Wheels Point S Hill Climb Championship,  
The 2015 Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs Top Performance Services Speed Hillclimb Championship,  
The 2015 Bridge Tyres and Wheels Point S Wiscombe Hill Climb Championship,  
The 2015 Torbay Motor Club Speed Championship,  
The 2015 TVR Car Club Speed Championship,  
The 2015 Luffield MG Speed Championship,  
The 2015 Downton Engineering Works Social (DEWS) Club series  
The 2015 Classic Marques Speed Challenge  
The 2015 Alpine Renault Championship

The action starts with practice sessions in the morning, followed by the first of two competitive timed runs after lunch.

**Photo: Mike Lee (OMS 2000M) rounding Sawbench hairpin on his way to Fastest Time of the Day at Torbay Motor Club's 2014 Wiscombe event (photograph courtesy of Terry Thorne at Tel T Motorsport Photography) – [www.teltphotography.com](http://www.teltphotography.com).**

The following day's event, Sunday's Wildlife Wiscombe Hill Climb, promoted by Taunton and Burnham-on-Sea Motor Clubs, is also a qualifying round of the first four of the above championships.

Entry on the day is £8, including free parking and paddock transfer; accompanied children under 14 are admitted free. The gate is open from 10.00 a.m., with food and refreshments available all day.

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