

# PRESS INFORMATION

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## Lee reigns supreme again at Wiscombe

Torbay Motor Club member Mike Lee took Fastest Time of the Day at the club's Wiscombe Park hill climb on Saturday, reprising his 2014 win at the club's opening speed event of the season. Sponsored once again by the local partnership of The Tipton Garage and Alansway Body Repairs, the event proved popular with competitors, with a maximum entry of cars and nearly 40 motorcycles contesting a total of nine national, regional, club, venue and marque championships.

History repeated itself from 2014, with once again the main challenge to Lee coming from Dorchester's Rodney Thorne in his Sports Libre Pilbeam MP43, whose first effort set the benchmark at 38.87 seconds. With three other rivals all dipping below the 40 second mark, the contest was by no means a foregone conclusion; Neal Coles (OMS CF4), Simon Clemow (Force PT) and Andrew Short (OMS PR) all kept the pressure on the leading pair with first runs in the 39 second bracket although Lee eclipsed their best efforts by a mere two-tenths of a second,

The fine weather contributed to improving track conditions, although proceedings were interrupted for two lengthy delays, firstly when eventual Class A1 winner Ian Sydenham demolished the finish-line timing equipment and later when Richard Hearnden rolled his (previously immaculate) Mk 1 Ford Escort at Martini hairpin, necessitating much work by the marshals to clear the resulting oil spillage. Action resumed with Thorne posting an improved time on his second run at 38.52, narrowly shading Lee's opening effort by just eight-hundredths of a second, whilst both Coles and Clemow also improved. Neither could threaten Lee however, who rose to Thorne's challenge with a supreme effort, taking over 5-tenths off his first time to post FTD at 38.04 seconds.

In the one-make and club championships, Graham Beale from Basingstoke repeated his 2014 success to win the Classic Marques Speed Challenge, whilst Lee Kessell (Austin Mini) was the best of the Downton Engineering Social Club Speed Series' seven entries. Eight contenders disputed the TVR Sports Car Club speed championship, with victory going to Simon Coles in his TVR 350i and in the MG Luffield Speed championship Richard Withers (MGB GT) led home five other entrants.



<b>Class Winners:</b>		<b>Motor Club:</b>	<b>Home Town:</b>	<b>Car:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
A1	Ian Sydenham	Woolbridge	Tonedale	Nissan Micra	49.42
A2	Jonathan Langmead	Torbay	Exminster	Lotus Elan S3	44.94
A3	Anthony Wright	Burnham on Sea	Wellington	Audi A3	44.42
A4	Steve Clarke	Woolbridge	Exeter	Subaru Impreza	42.69
B1/B2	Ian Ingleheart	Plymouth	Plymouth	Westfield	42.65
B3	Andrew Forsyth	Woolbridge	Blandford Forum	Westfield Megabus	42.41
C1	Mark Shilaber	Plymouth	Launceston	Ford Fiesta Supersport	43.19
C2	Dean Gammon	Plymouth	Holsworthy	Peugeot 106	41.87
C3	Nicholas Benton	Camel Vale	Wadebridge	Renault Clio	43.22
C4	Geoff Blake	Woolbridge	Weymouth	Westfield SEIW	41.98
D1	Luke Trotman	Bristol	Chipping Sodbury	Mallock Mk18B	41.79
E1	Forrest Eyles	Taunton	Wellington	OMS CF-97	41.68
E2/E3	Simon Clemow	Torbay	Chard	Force PT	39.20
F1	Lee Kessell	DEWS	Saltash	Austin Mini	47.85
F2/F3	Simon Coles	TVR	Scotton	TVR 350i	44.62
F4	Richard Withers	MGCC	Forest Row	MGB GT	47.43
F5	Graham Beale	Classic Marques	Basingstoke	Ginetta G20	47.09
Best Torbay:	Stuart Browne	Torbay	Chard	OMS SF2	40.35
<b>FTD</b>	<b>Mike Lee</b>	<b>Torbay</b>	<b>Saltash</b>	<b>OMS 2000M</b>	<b>38.04</b>

**Class Winners (motorcycles):**

250cc	James Gibson	NHCA		Honda CR	47.48
350cc	Paul Machon	NHCA		Aeromacchi	50.25
500cc	Allan Harvey	NHCA		KTM SMR	46.19
1300cc	Alan Jolly	NHCA		KTM	45.52
<b>FTD (2W)</b>	<b>Martin Robbins</b>	<b>NHCA</b>		<b>KTM (1st - 750CC)</b>	<b>42.25</b>
<b>FTD (3W)</b>	<b>John/Isaac Warren</b>	<b>NHCA</b>		<b>Suzuki (1st - Combo)</b>	<b>46.98</b>
Most Entertaining:	Hayley Thorne	Woolbridge	Dorchester	Pilbeam MP43	
Spirit of Event:	Kevin Dewell	NHCA		SKR Honda	



**The event was a round of:**

The Association of South Western Motor Clubs Bridge Tyres and Wheels Point S 2015 Hill Climb Championship,  
 The Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs Top Performance Services 2015 Speed Hillclimb Championship,  
 The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs Trident Engineering 2015 Speed and Hillclimb Championship,  
 The Bridge Tyres and Wheels Point S 2015 Wiscombe Hill Climb Championship,  
 The 2015 Torbay Motor Club Speed Championship,  
 The TVR Car Club 2015 Speed Championship,  
 The MG Luffield 2015 Speed Championship,  
 The 2015 Classic Marques Speed Championship,  
 The Downton Engineering Social Club 2015 Speed Series, and  
 The National Hill Climb Association Championship.

The event supported the Devon Air Ambulance Trust. Web-link: [www.daat.org](http://www.daat.org)

**Photographs:**

15 Mike Lee on his way to setting Fastest Time of the Day in his OMS 2000M  
 150 Exmouth's Jonathan Langmead breaking hard for Martini hairpin – winner class A2  
 97 Ian Ingleheart - winner of classes B1 and B2 combined – at Sawbench hairpin  
 8 Martin Robbins at Martini – 2W FTD  
 914 Jon and Isaac Warren – also at Martini hairpin – 3W FTD

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