

# **Morgan Sports Car Club Parc Ferme Speed Championship**

## **Round 21**

### **Loton Park Hill Climb**

**29<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

22 little Morganeers were scheduled to turn up. In the event Richard Robinson had to withdraw due to his daughter's nuptials, and Lord Unstone's back axle is still in bits.

So – 20 little Morganeers were expected on a fine, yet slightly nippy morning. Oh-oh.....no Jon Shanly, plus the unfortunate news that Paul Clarke's fuel pump had given up the ghost on the way to Loton.

18 little Morganeers all got through first practice. David Hobden showed son Laurence the way home (although the grin on Laurence's face at the finish demonstrated his enjoyment of the hill, and signaled 'more to come').

18 little Morganeers emerged intact(ish) after second practice. Although Paul Bennett's unusual line at Loggerhead meant some time was spent removing grass from his 'undercarriage'. Tim Hill freewheeled back to the start; rather a lot of oil appearing in unexpected places in the engine compartment; plus talk of 'piston rings'.

16 little Morganeers left to compete in the first run. The spectators counted them up the hill – 15 little Morganeers. Back in the pits we were met by Paul Bennett frantically trying to change his fanbelt in time for the second timed run. David Hobden nearly ran his +4 into the trees coming out of Triangle.

16 little Morganeers competed in and finished the second run (hooray!). Close battles were occurring throughout the field: Laurence won against his father; Simon Baines and Tim Ayres were nip and tuck to the final run.

Final scores on the doors: Well done to Clive Hall, Simon Baines and Tim Ayres; heir presumptive to the Speedmog crown, John Stephens came fourth.

This report would be incomplete without special mention to Mrs T, who excelled herself with flapjack, millionaire shortbread and gooey coffee cake. (The cake was said by Mrs T to be "a bit of a disaster" – well – bring on more disasters!!). All competitors wish to state that the reason for not improving as much as we should in timed runs, is entirely due to this devious strategy by Mr. T.

Jane Hill

(Disappointed competitor after husband broke the car- again!!)