



Lulworth Cove Trophy Trial Woolminstone near Crewkerne

Tim Dovey takes his first win of the season

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The first two trials of the season fell to Charlie Dovey and now, following round four of the series, the engraver will be inscribing the Dovey name on the Lulworth Cove Trophy but in this instance the christian name will that of his father Tim. The agricultural contractor from Winterbourne Steepleton was invincible at the Woolminstone venue near Crewkerne taking his rear-engined Toyota MR2 to a decisive victory in Woolbridge Motor Club event which saw a twenty-five strong entry do battle over thirty sections.

Dry ground conditions certainly suited the Dovey/Toyota combo evidenced by a decisive start and a 'clean' (no penalties incurred) on the first test as the other twelve drivers in Class One (front wheel drive cars without ballast) all acquired penalties with Clive Morgan in his 1600 cc Citroen Saxo being the 'best of the rest' with four penalties. The die was cast with the completion of the first stanza of six tests revealing Tim Dovey's superiority as he led Weymouth's Andy Webb (Citroen Saxo) by eight points but by the time round two was complete and the competitors halted for lunch the pilot of the Japanese machine and only dropped one further penalty and now led second place man Clive Morgan by seventeen points with Webb third a further three in arrears.

As the Dovey patriarch forged his lead son Charlie was delivering a similarly emphatic performance in Class Two (front wheel drive cars carrying ballast) with his Renault Clio Cup. In fact Charlie only dropped three points across the first round which put him five up on Chris Tite but the Cerne Abbas driver's challenge ended on the eighth section when gearbox failure sidelined the Citroen Saxo he shares with daughter Darcy which allowed the Ford Ka of Stephen Tite to move into second place at the completion of round two trailing the Renault man by ten points but in turn ten points ahead of Mike Dore in his Citroen Saxo.

Competition in the Rear Wheel Drive category (Class 3) could not have been tighter with Adam Smith looking to improve his championship position at the wheel of his Reliant Scimitar SS1. The Wool driver however, not only had his co-driver Ryan Whincop as opposition, but previous British Champion Mark Hoppé who had eschewed his Suzuki Alto, with which he won last month's Maurice Crabb Memorial trial, in favour of the more powerful Dutton Melos. The duo were tied at lunch with six penalties apiece but during the third round of tests Hoppé eked out a lead of three and added a further five on the penultimate circuit and made the finish seven points to the good to win the class.



Eleanor Tite works hard to find grip in the Ford Ka Sal Aziz urges his 1400 cc Chevrolet Lacetti onwards

During the lunch interval Clerk of the Course Gary Morris and his team instigated a number of changes to the sections to keep the pressure on the drivers as they became familiar with the sections and the ground conditions, but this did little to halt the progress of the Dovey duo. In Class 2, Charlie reigned supreme throughout the afternoon dropping twenty-six marks compared to the sixty of his nearest challenger Stephen Tite giving the pair finishing tallies of thirty-one and seventy-five respectively. A class win and third overall for the early leader of the car trials championship. Mike Dore finished third in the division on a score of eighty-eight.

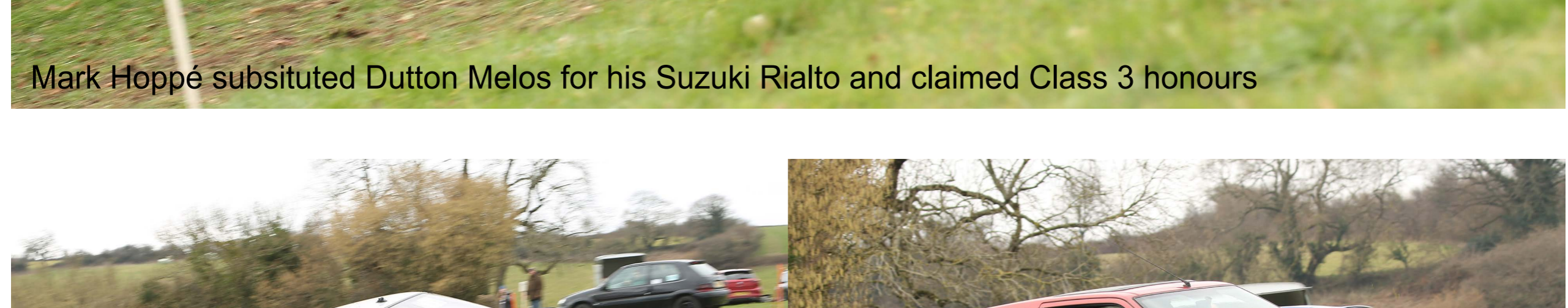
In Class One the battle was somewhat closer throughout the final three rounds with messers Dovey and Morgan locked in combat with the challenger letting three marks slip in an effort to keep the pressure on Dovey but the damage had been inflicted prior to lunch with the sportscar driver finishing on twenty-six penalties to the forty-six of Morgan which when the index of performance was applied it gave overall victory to Tim Dovey and class honours, plus second overall, to Clive Morgan ahead of Citroen Saxo driver Graham Timbers who slotted into the runner-up slot in class with a total of seventy-six penalties which was twenty-one up on third place finisher fifteen year old Evie Dovey who shared the drive with her victorious father in the 1800 cc Toyota MR2.

Charlie Etwell was awarded the Novice Award having completed the five rounds with one hundred and eight penalties sharing the drive with Graham Timbers in the Saxo.

Award Swanage driver Alistair Moss took his second successive award for the Best Performance by a Driver of Under Twenty-Three years at the wheel of the diesel engined Ford Fiesta he shares with his father David. Alistair finished on a total of one hundred and fifty-two points.



Mark Hoppé substituted Dutton Melos for his Suzuki Rialto and claimed Class 3 honours



Championship leader Charlie Dovey won Class 2 Best Notice was won by Charlie Etwell driving a Saxo

Lulworth Cove Trophy Trial		5th March 2023		Round 1													Round 2												
Class	No.	Driver	Club	Car	cc	E/N	J	1	2	3	4	5	6	Sub Total	Cum Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	Sub Total	Cum Total						
1	101	David Moss	WMC	Ford Fiesta	1300	E		5	7	8	1	3	7	31	31	4	3	2	9	0	2	20	51						
1	102	Will Lawrence	WMC	Peugeot 206	1587	E		6	6	0	0	1	7	20	20	5	5	2	0	2	3	17	37						
1	103	Alistair Moss	WMC	Ford Fiesta	1300	E	J	6	6	9	2	2	7	32	32	4	3	7	6	1	3	24	56						
1	104	Tim Dovey	WMC	Toyota MR2	1800	E		0	2	0	0	2	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5						
1	105	Sal Aziz	WMC	Toyota MR2	1400	N		8	8	9	3	7	7	42	42	7	7	6	2	2	8	32	74						
1	106	Evie Dovey	WMC	Toyota MR2	1800	N		5	4	0	0	2	3	14	14	6	4	0	6	0	4	20	34						
1	107	Graham Timbers	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1600	E		5	5	1	0	2	3	16	16	6	3	2	0	2	2	15	31						
1	108	Clive Morgan	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1600	E		4	5	0	0	0	4	13	13	5	3	0	0	0	1	9	22						
1	109	Charlie Etwell	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1600	N		5	7	8	0	2	7	29	29	6	3	0	0	0	4	13	42						
1	110	Andy Webb	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1600	E		5	3	0	0	1	3	12	12	5	3	2	0	0	3	13	25						
1	111	David Mears	WMC	VW Polo	1390	N		6	7	9	2	2	7	33	33	5	5	2	6	0	3	21	54						
1	112	Richard Wilson	WMC	Mini One	1600	N		5	6	8	2	4	7	32	32	5	7	2	6	2	5	27	59						
1	113	Mike Flack	WMC	Hyundai	1250	N		7	8	9	2	3	7	36	36	5	7	8	6	1	2	29	65						
2	201	Chris Tite	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1600	E		4	0	0	1	3	8	Ret	Ret	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Ret						
2	202	Charlie Dovey	WMC	Clio Sport	2000	E	J	0	1	0	0	2	3	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	5						
2	203	Darcy Tite	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1600	N		9	0	3	7	7	19	Ret	Ret	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ret						
2	204	Mike Dore	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1360	E		3	1	0	3	4	14	14	10	0	3	6	0	0	1	11	25						
2	205	Stephen Tite	WMC	Peugeot 205	1800	E		0	6	0	0	2	3	10	10	0	3	0	0	0	1	5	15						
2	206	Vic Rose	WMC	Citroen Saxo	1124	E		6	3	9	0	3	4	25	25	5	3	2	6	1	2	20	45						
2	207	Eleanor Tite	WMC	Peugeot 205	1800	N		6	7	9	2	3	3	30	30	5	6	8	6	3	3	29	59						
2	208	Donal Doyle	WMC	Micra	999	N		5	7	9	6	3	7	37	37	5	8	8	6	1	2	30	67						
3	301	Adam Smith	WMC	Scimitar SS1	1600	E		0	1	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	6						
3	302	Mark Hoppé	WMC	Dutton Melos	1600	E		0	1	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	6						
3	303	Ryan Whincop	WMC	Scimitar SS1	1600	N		0	1	0	0	0	7	8	8	0	0	0	6	0	1	7	15						
5	501	Alistair Stevenson	WMC	Liege	848	E		0	3	0	0	0	1	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	6						

Lulworth Cove Trophy Trial		Round 3													Round 4													Round 5												
Class	No.	Driver	B/w/d	1	2	3	4	5	6	Sub Total	Cum Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	Sub Total	Cum Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	Sub Total	Grand Total	Class Pos'n	Overall Pos'n	Class Avg%	Index %	Award								
1	101	David Moss	51	4	5	7	6	3	2	27	78	2	3	7	5	9	1	27	105	4	4	2	7	2	0	19	124	8	12	82.1	150.96									
1	102	Will Lawrence	37	6	7	6	6	2	1	28	65	5	3	0	11	9	3	31	96	4	2	7	7	2	2	24	120	7	10	82.1	148.09									
1	103	Alistair Moss	56	5	4	7	7	1	2	26	82	4	4	7	9	9	5	38	120	4	3	4	10	9	2	32	152	9	14	82.1	185.05	Under 23								
1	104	Tim Dovey	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	6	0	2	8	18	0	1	1	6	0	0	8	26	1	1	82.1	31.65	1st O/A								
1	105	Sal Aziz	74	5	6	7	6	7	7	38	112	5	6	8	10	9	3	41	153	5	7	7	8	9	8	44	197	13	18	82.1	239.83									
1	106	Evie Dovey	34	4	4	7	6	7	2	30	64	2	3	0	8	2	1	15	79	1	1	1	8	0	7	18	97	4	6	82.1	118.09	2nd Class								
1	107	Graham Timbers	31	3	3	7	5	0	1	19	50	1	3	0	7	1	1	13	63	1	2	2	7	0	1	13	76	3	5	82.1	92.52	1st Class								
1	108	Clive Morgan	22	5	1	0	0	1	1	7	29	0	1	0	7	0	0	8	37	0	1	2	6	0	0	9	46	2	2	82.1	56.00	Novice								
1	109	Charlie Etwell	42	5	4	7	6	0	1	23	65	5	6	0	7	9	3	30	95	2	2	2	6	0	1	13	108	6	8	82.1	131.48									
1	110	Andy Webb	25	5	6	7	6	3	2	29	54	4	2	0	10	8	3	27	81	5	2	2	8	1	3	21	102	5	7	82.1	124.17									
1	111	David Mears	54	5	5	7	6	8	3	34	88	4	2	7	10	9	3	35	123	3	6	7	7	9	7	39	162	10	15	82.1	197.22									
1	112	Richard Wilson	59	4	4	7	6	7	2	33	92	4	12	7	10	10	7	50	142	3	4	7	8	7	2	31	173	11	16	82.1	210.61									
1	113	Mike Flack	65	5	6	8	6	8	2	35	100	5	7	8	10	9	7	46	146	4	6	8	7	9	7	41	187	12	17	82.1	227.65									
2	201	Chris Tite	Ret							0	Ret							0	0							0	Ret	N/A	N/A	51.2	N/A									
2	202	Charlie Dovey	5	0	1	7	0	0	0	8	13	0	1	0	0	9	0	10	23	0	0	1	2	5	0	8	31	1	3	51.2	60.54	1st Class								
2	203	Darcy Tite	Ret							0	Ret							0	0							0	Ret	N/A	N/A	51.2	N/A									
2	204	Mike Dore	25	4	3	7	5	1	1	21	46	1	2	0	9	9	2	23	69	0	1	2	6	8	2	19	88	3	13	51.2	146.49	2nd Class								
2	205	Stephen Tite	15	4	3	7	6	1	2	23	38	4	1	0	10	9	2	26	64	0	1	1	6	2	1	11	75	2	11	51.2	171.88									
2	206	Vic Rose	45	4	3	7	6	0	2	22	67	2	7	8	8	1	3	30	100	1	3	7	8	8	1	28	128	4	19	51.2	250.01									
2	207	Eleanor Tite	59	4	4	7	6	8	2	31	90	5	3	0	10	9	3	30	120	3	4	4	8	1	8	28	148	5	21	51.2	289.07									
2	208	Donal Doyle	67	5	9	8	10	8	2	4																														