

# VSCC MADRESFEILD DRIVING TESTS & CONCOURS

The VSCC held their traditional driving tests at Madresfeild on the 27 August this year a move from the normal date of mid September. For those who have not been, the tests are held on the long drive of Madresfield house which is at the base of the Malverns. The VSCC have been using this venue since about 1938, this is a very easy going social event with a wide range of pre-war cars entered and the driving tests not that hard (at first glance!).

I entered my trusty but now somewhat tired 3 door tourer, the first test involved driving back-



wards and forwards stopping astride lines in the right order, I was able to demonstrate Hounsfield's wonderful transmission gliding smoothly back and forth without any of the grinding and crashing that seemed to come from the A7s. The next test was perhaps not so Trojan friendly this involved proceeding very slowly for a few yards and then at the drop of a flag

accelerating forward to a flying finish and stopping within a box (I was alright at the slow bit !). After a picnic lunch the afternoon tests began and the first of these involved going back and forth either over or to one side of a pork chop, not a real one but one of those plastic things people



buy for there dogs that squeak when bitten or in our case when driven over! as you can imagine penalty points mounted with the number of squeaks. Test 4 involved trying to accurately place your nearside and offside wheels in small squares against the clock. The final test seemed at first to be the one least suited to a Trojan and yet I did quite well at it, it involved a fast run over a short distance and then stopping within a braking ladder, penalty

points amounting the further your wheels went up the ladder marked on the ground, this seemed to catch out the more powerful cars, where as I had plenty of time to judge when to apply the brakes

All in all a most enjoyable event, interesting to note that the winner was a Wolsely Hornet and the final results had a lot of more standard cars getting 1st and 2nd class award, maybe a few more Trojans next year ?

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