

TALBOT OWNERS' CLUB

THE following have joined the Committee of the Club :—

Messrs. E. Burt, G. Roesch, T. E. Rose Richards, and Flt.-Lieut. C. S. Staniland.

New Members elected are :—

Messrs. A. C. Akers, C. V. Applegate, W. Neville Berry, A. Boorer, C. V. Broke, E. Burt, R. L. Chesterton, C. T. Delaney, Sir Oliver Hart Dyke, Bart., Messrs. J. M. England, C. P. Gliksten, R. B. Glover, G. R. Green, T. A. Hawkley, R. Ingram, J. R. Durham-Matthews, E. Todd Naylor, Col. J. Powell, Major G. W. Panter, Mr. L. Pasco, Mrs. D. Quest, Messrs. T. E. Rose Richards, G. Roesch, F. R. Smythe, Flt.-Lieut. C. S. Staniland, Messrs. W. M. Shaw, F. M. Thornton, F. Vincent, Mrs. L. H. Woods, Messrs. C. Whiteside, J. M. Wise.

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THE JUNE TRIAL

THE opening event of the newly formed Talbot Owners' Club was held on Sunday, June 24th, and took the form of a reliability trial, concluding with a speed test over a quarter of a mile of private road in the grounds of the Howard Park Hotel, Aston Clinton, Bucks, and in view of the fact that the Club had only been in existence for a few weeks before the event, an entry of 37 cars, apart from the army of marshals and officials, was truly amazing, and included

members from Glasgow, Kidderminster, Penzance, Bournemouth and Woodbridge.

The start was made from the Royal Saracen's Head Hotel, Beaconsfield, after lunch at 1.30 p.m. and followed a well-marked course through the beautiful lanes to Bourne End, and thence to Marlow, where at Shillingridge Wood the first hill was observed.

This hill, which runs through a beech wood, is steep and covered with decayed leaves and owing to the heavy rains of the previous evening many competitors came to a stop in the observed section owing to wheel spin.

From Shillingridge Wood the route wound through the lanes to the pleasant valley of Maidens Grove, where competitors found the hill of that name in excellent condition, in fact the hill claimed no failures and many very fast climbs were made, and so on to Lewknor Hill where a Stop and Restart Test was held.

Here the chalk was in a wet and very sticky condition and many drivers found that owing to wheel spin they were unable to cover the 20 yards in the allowed eight seconds, nevertheless some excellent times were made, including I. M. Service (105) who simply shot over the line in 6½ seconds.

The route then went on by the way of the old Roman Icknield Way to Crowell Hill, at the foot of which a driving test was held; here whilst many put up excellent performances, some drivers became lost in a



Competitors waiting their turn for Reversing Test at bottom of Crowell Hill



Driving at the foot of Crowell Hill

maze of lines A, B and C. However, after many inspections of their positions the very worst made their way up the hill to the observed section of this famous trials hill, but only four competitors fell into its clutches!

And so on to a time test on Kop Hill, where one had to cover two sections in as near the same time as possible to a braking test down Whiteleafe Hill and thence to the finish and tea.

After tea one was amazed to see the long line of Talbots neatly parked opposite the hotel, big Talbots, little Talbots, new Talbots, and old Talbots, all awaiting their runs over the timed quarter of a mile speed test. An exhibition run was made by G. Poppe in a "105" and from a standing start covered the course, which is over a slight gradient, in 18.4 seconds.

The Committee would like to thank those members and friends who so kindly assisted in acting as marshals and would tender their regrets to Mrs. Couper Smith, who sustained an injury to her ankle when assisting at the brake test.

The complete list of awards and times is given hereunder:—

Ladies Award.

7. Mrs. Harrison.

Speed Test Winners.

36. L. H. Naylor, "105"; 9. Lord Brecknock, "95"; 11. W. M. Couper, "90"; 30. B. J. Cox, "75"; 5. H. S. Gaussen, "65."

Speed Test for Marshals.

D. Jack, "105," 19 secs.; A. O. Saunders Davies, "105," 20 secs.; Ll. Schofield, Singer "9," 22 secs.; N. Mears, Singer Le Mans, 24½ secs.

A=Shillingridge Wood Hill, B=Maidens Grove, C=Lewknor Hill, stop and restart (a=time, b=result), D=Crowell, (a=driving test, b=hill), E=Kop Hill Special Test, F=Whiteleafe Brake Test, G=Time in Speed Test, H=Awards.

No.	Name.	A	B	C		D		E	F	G	H
				a	b	a	b				
1	R. Yager ...	OK	OK	8½	F	OK	OK	OK	OK	19.6	2nd
2	F. Allard ...	F	OK	10½	F	OK	F	OK	OK	24	—
3	Mrs. Quest ...	Non-starter									
4	F. Marcel ...	Non-starter									
5	H. S. Gaussen ...	F	OK	11½	F	F	F	OK	OK	22	—
6	R. P. Payne ...	OK	OK	10½	F	F	OK	OK	OK	23.4	3rd
7	Mrs. Harrison ...	OK	OK	8½	F	F	OK	OK	OK	22.2	3rd
8	S. W. Mason ...	OK	OK	8½	F	OK	OK	OK	OK	23	2nd
9	Lord Brecknock ...	F	OK	8	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	21	2nd
10	T. G. Moore ...	Non-starter									
11	W. M. Couper ...	OK	OK	7	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	20	1st
12	A. C. Akers ...	Retired									
14	I. M. Service ...	F	OK	6½	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	19.8	2nd
15	W. J. Riant ...	Non-starter									
16	A. E. Harvey ...	Retired									
17	A. E. Leaf ...	F	OK	9	F	OK	F	OK	OK	22.8	—
18	P. G. W. Craft ...	OK	OK	7½	OK	F	OK	OK	OK	23	2nd
19	J. E. Scott ...	OK	OK	8	OK	F	OK	OK	OK	22.6	2nd
20	F. J. Carquest ...	F	OK	10	F	F	F	OK	OK	25	—
21	E. L. Brynildsen ...	F	OK	8	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	23.2	2nd
22	E. S. T. Johnson ...	OK	OK	9	F	F	OK	OK	OK	20.2	3rd
23	Ll.-Cr. K. G. Fowle ...	OK	OK	7½	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	20	1st
24	E. L. Tomkinson ...	OK	OK	7½	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	—	1st
25	L. Pascoe ...	F	OK	8	OK	F	OK	OK	OK	20.6	3rd
26	D. C. Side-bottom ...	Non-starter									
27	S. P. M. Boulting... ..	OK	OK	7½	OK	F	OK	OK	OK	20.2	2nd
28	F. Vincent... ..	OK	OK	8½	F	OK	OK	OK	OK	24.8	2nd
29	A. R. Barltrop ...	OK	OK	7	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	—	1st
30	B. Cox ...	OK	OK	7½	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	21.4	1st
31	C. J. Joyce ...	OK	OK	7½	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	22	1st
32	F. C. Peebles ...	Non-starter									
33	Gunnar Poppe ...	OK	OK	7	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	18.4	1st
34	W. M. Ford ...	OK	OK	8	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	23.2	1st
35	C. P. Gliksten ...	F	OK	9	F	OK	OK	OK	OK	22.8	3rd
36	L. H. Naylor ...	OK	OK	7	OK	F	OK	OK	OK	19	2nd
37	J. R. Mitchell ...	OK	OK	9	F	OK	OK	OK	OK	24	2nd

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TALBOT OWNERS' CLUB

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AT the last Committee Meeting, 75 applicants were elected members; proposed by Lord Brecknock and seconded by Mr. Scott.

Mr. Paul Hardy was elected Honorary Trials Secretary; proposed by Lt.-Cmdr. Fowle and seconded by the Hon. Brian Lewis.

The design for the Club Badge was discussed, and artists who specialise in this type of art are preparing designs. As soon as these are ready, the Committee will decide on the badge.

A provisional Trials Committee was elected to arrange the first fixture, which is to be held on Sunday, June 24th (not on June 3rd, as originally intended and as announced in the May number of *Modern Travel*).

It was agreed to hold an Annual Dinner and Dance—the date proposed being Friday, October 19th, during the Motor Show Week.

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THE JUNE TRIAL AND SPEED TEST

THE first event of The Talbot Owners' Club will be held on Sunday, June 24th, 1934, and is to take the form of a Reliability Trial and Speed Test. Although from the name this event may appear unsuitable for the owner driver, the Committee of the Club would assure all members that this is not the case, as the course has been carefully arranged so that any car may compete without any fear of damage to the car.

The start will be made from the Royal Saracen's Head Hotel, Beaconsfield, where lunch may be obtained before the commencement of the event, if required, and will follow a course through beautiful country of about two and a half hours duration, finishing at the Howards Park Hotel, Ashton Clinton, near Tring, where tea will be served.

Special tests will take place during the road section, which will make the event most enjoyable, whilst competition tyres will be barred, so that every car entered, saloon or tourer, will stand an equal chance.

After tea, the club have obtained the use of a section of private road in the most pleasant of surroundings of the hotel, over which the Speed Trial will take place, and apart from the road section awards, special awards will be made for the best speeds made by the following models.—

Class A	14/45 and "65"	Saloons and open cars.
Class B	"75"	" "
Class C	"90"	" "
Class D	"95"	" "
Class E	"105"	" "

What an excellent chance to show your prowess at the wheel! and for an entry fee of five shillings!

If some members are unable to enter for the event, the club will be grateful if they will assist as marshals, in which case they should advise the Trials Secretary at their very earliest convenience, and the Club, in order to show their gratitude to the marshals, are making a special award for the fastest time made by a marshal at the speed test.

Our President has stated his intention to compete in the event, and the Committee trust that all members will follow his example and on receipt of the Regulations and Entry Form, which will be forwarded in due course, return the form at their earliest convenience to the Trials Secretary, so that he may be assisted in the running of the event.

The Committee would again remind members who have never before entered for a trial of this description that the route is one which will not damage their cars in the slightest degree.

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Members of Talbot Owners' Club.

Messrs. H. K. Atkins, F. Allard, Dr. John Bodkin-Adams, The Rt. Hon. Lord Ashley, Messrs. H. Barber, J. A. Brown, A. R. Bartrop, S. F. M. Boulting, L. M. Bodlender, H. Collins, A. F. Craig, W. M. Couper, D. G. Cook, P. G. W. Craft, B. Cox, A. W. Cruikshank, F. J. Carquest, D. P. Dickson, A. O. Saunders Davies, W. A. Edwards, C. Fane, W. H. Feltham, N. W. Freeman, Lt.-Comdr. R. G. Fowle, Messrs. J. Brankin-Frisby, A. B. Gilbert, F. M. Garnham, Dr. 'J. S. Gausson, Messrs. Wolf Hamer, R. Hampton, Mrs. A. Harrison, Major E. J. Hudson, Mr. R. S. S. Hebler, Capt. F. R. Harford, Mr. A. E. Harvey, Lt.-Col. G. Holroyd, Messrs. E. S. T. Johnson, R. T. Jenkins, C. J. Joyce, J. B. R. Laidlaw, A. E. Leaf, Jnr., A. M. Laing, The Hon. Brian Lewis, Messrs. F. H. Lye, W. D. McCombe, F. Marcel, J. N. Midwood, The Hon. E. E. S. Montagu, Mrs. Hume Mather, Messrs. H. Th. Van Marken, R. C. Martin, J. W. L. R. Mitchell, A. E. Marriner, T. G. Moore, L. T. H. Naylor, Lt.-Col. F. Phillips, Messrs. L. F. Pulham, D. P. Panting, A. H. Pass, F. C. Peebles, R. P. Payne, W. J. Riant, B. E. Randall, Dr. John Roth. Messrs. F. F. Roberts, R. P. Smith, H. G. R. Stewart, R. Surridge, R. Sunter, C. J. Steadman, D. C. Sidebottam, I. M. Service, Wing-Commander E. L. Tomkinson, Messrs. P. E. A. Talbot, E. Vigor, J. M. Weiss, Mrs. Ada Wesley, Mr. R. Yager.

Overcliff Drives wind their way round the contour of the coastline affording many a changing aspect of the bay, the sun-lit cliffs of the Isle of Wight, and the green hills of the Ballard Down which define its flank on either hand. Along the foot of the cliffs there is more animated evidence of Bournemouth's popularity, but still nothing to spoil the natural charm. Thousands of picnic bungalows shelter unobtrusively below the cliffs; the sea is closely attendant, and has practically

Development has to an exceptional degree respected natural beauty.

One may enter gardens in the very centre of the town, at the Pier Approach, and, following the course of the rippling Bourne stream through the heart of the town, continue for a distance of two miles beyond the Borough boundary. From the Town Hall in the centre of the town one can almost throw a stone on to the golf links at Meyrick Park, a most delightful



Bournemouth Beach—a Children's Paradise.

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no ebb. There is a choice of about 18 beach cafés where one may lunch or take light refreshments, where soft sea breezes mingle with the pine-scented air.

Away from the sea front, throughout the confines of the town, there are over a thousand acres of public parks and gardens, and many thousand acres more of well-kept private gardens. They give the impression of a town gently resting along a verdant valley.

undulating stretch of country covering nearly 200 acres. Within 15 minutes by tram from the Square, in the centre of the town, there is another sylvan estate, with golf links, of over 170 acres at Queen's Park.

Further, public and private enterprise have made generous provision for entertainment. Many hundreds of thousands of pounds have been expended in the provision of amusement and recreational amenities.

TALBOT OWNERS' CLUB NOTES

THE first General Meeting of the Talbot Owners' Club was held on Thursday, April 19th, at the Clement Talbot Works, Barlby Road.

Lord Brecknock, in the Chair, informed those present that the objects of the Club are to promote Rallies, Hill Climbs, Speed Trials, Reliability Trials, Racing, Concours d'elegance, Tours (home and abroad) and other social events.

There were, he said, already 100 applications for membership and official application forms would be sent shortly to those interested.

Mr. Andrew Robertson was unanimously elected a

Vice-President of the Club and Mr. J. E. Scott, Honorary Treasurer.

The meeting decided that the first fixture should take place on or about Sunday, June 3rd, and would consist of a Reliability Trial, tea and conclude with a Speed Trial.

A suitable route and place for the Speed Trial are now being explored, particulars of which will be sent to members as soon as possible.

Arrangements are being made already to form sub-sections of the Club at Liverpool, Birmingham, Bradford and Glasgow.