

## Bolster Breaks Record.

## HIGH SPEEDS AT LEWES

## The "Shelsley Special" Element Much In Evidence

THE speed trials held on the Race Hill, Lewes, by the Kent and Sussex Light Car Club on Saturday last, June 16, were enlivened by the presence of a selection of cars "straight from Shelsley." There were Miss Barbara Skinner's very fast supercharged Morris Minor, with which she broke the ladies' record for the Worcestershire climb, John Bolster's twin-engined Bolster Special, R. G. J. Nash, with the famous "Spook," and J. Lemon Burton, in his 1½-litre Bugatti.

All the cars mentioned put up very good times, but honours for the day fell to Bolster, who recorded a time of 20.2 secs., only .2 sec. over "Dick" Nash's record for the course. The Bolster Special has now blossomed forth with a body and with a radiator which bears the initial "B."

The "very special" and very beautiful Morris Minor made two excellent runs in 22.6 secs. and 22.2 secs., under the capable guidance of Miss Skinner. This car has an exhaust note which rivalled that of any car on the hill, while its steadiness was remarkable.

As "Vox" advised us to do at Shelsley, so did the announcer at Lewes recommend us to listen with due appreciation to the lovely noise made by J. Lemon Burton's Bugatti during the runs in which he recorded 22.6, 22.4 and 22.4 secs.

Although the "Spook" was not up to its usual form on its first run, it was finally persuaded to cover the course in 22 secs. dead, after which its driver, R. G. J. Nash, was seen to smile again. His first run when the "Spook" was off colour was conducted with a gloomy yawn.

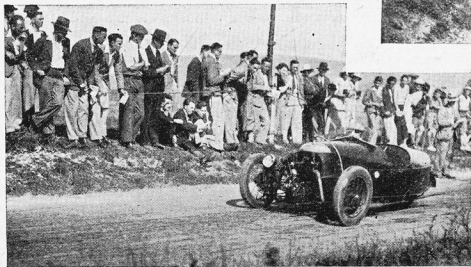
So far as the rest of the 48 starters were concerned performances were, on the whole, considerably better than those at the previous meeting, a rough calculation showing that the average time for the whole field was in the neighbourhood of 29 secs. F. R. G. Spikins made the same excellent gear changes on his Singer Nine, a feat which seemed difficult to some of the other competitors on their respective cars.

The only three-wheeler present, G. E. W. Oliver's Morgan, was much faster than during the previous trials on May 12, succeeding finally in putting up the meritorious time of 25.8 secs., at the beginning of which run his back wheel made large black marks on the roadway.

Finally, just a word of praise for

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(Right) In the Brighton - Beer Trial—E. A. Dicks (Morris Minor) finds no trouble on Windout Hill.  
(Below) G. E. W. Oliver (Morgan) getting off the mark in the Lewes speed trials.



The timekeeper's quarters buzzed with excitement as telephone bells rang and people shouted. Then the time was announced—24.5 secs., a record for the hill.

What was quite the most humorous incident of the whole afternoon occurred when P. F. Hughes banged and spluttered his way up in an old G.N., and one of its rear tyres blew off the rim and rolled straight into the open arms of the very mechanic who had been working so hard on it only a few minutes before.

Definitely an enjoyable day.