

## KIRKISTOWN 2025 – PRE--55 AND PRE-WAR CARS

This year we had 16 pre - 55 and pre-war cars in the paddock for the vintage racing at Kirkistown

Unfortunately, the turn out from the HRCA contingent was depleted due to graduations, weddings and whatever. This did not at all detract from a great day's racing.

The Historics arrived in convoy on the Friday afternoon and being vintage racers decided to forego any hectic practice in lieu of a decent burger in the track canteen. I have to say though that the chef in the Kirkistown restaurant needs to watch out for a budding young chef from Wicklow.





### **PART OF THE PRE-55 Paddock**

The racing was keen and clean.

In the first race Andy Johnson's big Alfa Romeo Monza could not be caught with the Frazer Nash of David Wylie and the Jaguar Xk120 of Simon O'Brien taking 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Ken McAvoy in the Riley 12/4 was 4<sup>th</sup>

In the second race in the Frazer Nash of David Wylie took first place after a spirited drive and Andy Johnson was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Alfa Monza. Ken McAvoy tried his best to catch the Jaguar XK120 without success and had to battle to keep ahead of the ex-works Aston Martin Le Mans car (LM1) driven by Ali Carver to once again finish 4<sup>th</sup> over the line

For the HRCA championship Ed Cassidy managed to beat Ken McAvoy after the application of handicaps

Separately the magnificent grid of Austin Sevens provided great spectator excitement as they battle around the track. Hopefully we can get them a slot at the Historic Festival in August.