

## 2020 West Country Tour. Report

### St Day, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Heritage brigade arrived in good numbers and spirits for what was in fact their season opener owing to the Covid-19 disruptions. As is customary the driver took part in the pre-meeting Grand Parade and once again several took the opportunity to don fancy dress for the occasion, with particularly festive efforts by 342 Ross Taylor and 253 Alan Humphrey. Heat one was won by a rapid 728 Graham Bunter whilst 536 John Ferguson was the victor in the second race of the afternoon. Both of the previous race winners started further back down the grid in the meeting Final and 676 Mark Foster made the most of starting from the front group to streak clear. Behind him, the veteran cars and racers showed that they had plenty of competitive spirit as they through their cars around the tricky circuit with Bunter, gold top 533 Andy Kaye and 763 Andy Bateman fighting for second place. Foster headed the field home despite a few hairy moments coming into the home straight, with Kaye just fending off Bunter for second at the line to conclude a fine day's racing for the formula.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10th
<b>Heat 1.</b>	728	536	676	537	533	763	576	33	42	218
<b>Heat2.</b>	536	676	533	728	763	7	135	218	253	311
<b>Final.</b>	676	533	728	763	218	59	537	311	253	135

### Taunton August 3rd

A strong 22-car field was split into a 2/3 heat format, although one car failed to race. The first heat was won in impressive style by 47 Giles Carter. From the very back of the grid he moved into the lead before halfway and won from 763 Andy Bateman and 728 Graham Bunter after 198 Alan Nicholson and 559 Phil Hickerton hooked up while well placed. Hickerton bounced back to win heat two; he passed the fast 536 John Ferguson in the closing stages and while Ferguson gamely tried to fight back, his efforts only pitched his own car into the wall, so 762 Phil Smith came through for second with Carter third. Ferguson opened up a big lead as he motored to victory in heat three, although 580 John Perrett almost connected on the final bend. Fifteen cars survived for the final, and this time it was Perrett who built a big advantage he never looked like losing. Perrett won by nearly half a lap from veteran F2 driver Nicholson, with Smith completing the top three.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Heat 1	47	763	728	23	7	59	253	271	342	163
Heat 2	559	762	47	198	218	676	537	253	23	271a
Heat 3	536	580	342	728	763	676	218	762	59	135
Final	580	762	198	763	728	559	47	218	536	135