

This past weekend's inaugural Yorkshire Motorsport Festival saw a total of 18 stock cars taking up residence for three days in the 'Stuart Bamforth Paddock' situated in a prime spot at the top of the huge festival site at Meltham, near Holmfirth.

This was a large scale event, first proposed last year but cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic. This year's YMSF was still a big event however, with 4,000 visitors per day and seemingly something for everyone, particularly if they were a racing aficionado or vintage petrol head!

A major part of the festival was the running of the Wolfstone Hillclimb run by the MSA which saw some truly exotic vintage & modern racing machinery of all eras taking timed runs up the course on a closed public road. Being in the heart of Yorkshire, and held on land owned by the Bamforth family, an invitation was extended to the 'Golden Years' F1 Heritage & F2 Heritage stock cars which included the opportunity to give the classic Senior & Junior stock cars a few demonstration runs on the course. However, literally days before the start of the show Covid restrictions dictated that the stock car paddock should be moved to a bigger area, which allowed us to bring a few more cars into the display space. At very short notice, Heritage F2 racers stepped up to the plate and very kindly brought their cars along to the event, and the paddock were pleased to welcome Dan Jeffrey, Peter Fenton, Jason Lambourne and Paul Ferguson who made an incredible 430-mile round trip back up north to his home town of Holmfirth!

Over the three days, the stock cars put on a wonderful show and proved to be an extremely popular attraction with thousands of visitors throughout the weekend. These ranged from die hard oval race fans, to curious first timers, but no matter what – they all loved the stock cars! We also had a surprise visitor when Sarah Crabtree from the TV show 'Bangers & Cash' came along to judge the 'Best Stock Car Award'. Sarah eventually decided on the Team Yarrow Willie Harrison car, but the endearing Yorkshire lass was quite smitten with the 'pretty' HF2s, and spent a while chatting with the teams.



Represent. The Brisca Heritage F2 Crew.

The lads had three demonstration runs on the hill each day and were a truly spectacular sight (and sound!), as they blasted their way along the narrow dry stone wall lined Yorkshire lanes. Pete Fenton brought his beautiful new Model Y bodied HF2 along which was finished literally hours before he arrived at the show. The Middleton man wanted to use the event to shake down his new mount prior to making the long trek to Crimond next week, and had no trouble keeping pace with the mighty V8's. We haven't seen Jason Lambourne at the wheel of his Pop for a while, but the familiar #261 Edwards Towbar car stayed on static display all weekend. Why? Well, Jason was unexpectedly drafted in to pilot the historic Stu Smith #1 and stunning #212 'Unipart Special' belonging to fellow Yorkshireman Derek Brown for several runs over the three days. The huge smile on Jason's face each time he exited the cab just about said it all! Team Lambourne excelled themselves in the kitchen department too, and Messer's Jeffrey and Fenton (along with Mr & Mrs Rimmer), would like to sincerely thank them for their fantastic hospitality over the weekend.

George Rimmer & Dan Jeffrey: