

Blyton Park Sprint
19th/20th September 2020
Weather generally bright and breezy

Our first sprint event for a year and at one of the best venues

Organisers had to work extra hard to comply with all the requirements of risk assessments and regulations and full marks to Nottingham Sports Car Club for putting on the event and for organising it so efficiently.

For those who do not know the venue it is located a little North of Gainsborough and is a purpose built race track on the site of a large old airfield which is now owned by Ginetta.

We were there for the weekend with events on the Saturday and Sunday having slightly different configurations of the circuit for each day

Arriving on Friday evening we found that Paul Clarke and Audrey were already there in their newly acquired camper van which was to be our bubble for the weekend with George Proudfoot and Julie joining us on Saturday morning.

So there were three Morgans, a Series 1, a Roadster lightweight and a +4 Supersports in a limited field of 80 cars, a large proportion being Caterhams.



Saturday morning had a rather relaxed feel as the new normal of online registration and declaration meant no panics to sign on and get the cars ready for scrutineering and plenty of time to stroll around the course. We were also running last in the order so we were not on track until about 10.00 am but after that there was little rest as general good behaviour allowed a total of seven runs during the day.

George had already had a few competitive outings this year but for the two Pauls it was the first chance for a year to give their cars proper exercise. Not that Mr Clarke wasted much time in getting used to things and by the end of the day was close to his best ever time and George went one better by posting his fastest time.

Both continued their good form on the Sunday and Paul C was setting new bests throughout the afternoon and took nearly three seconds off last years' time. George and I were also close to our best previous times after another very busy day with eight runs each despite a 4pm close.

No championship points this year but on the new handicap basis Paul Clarke would have come out on top ahead of George with me finishing comfortably third.

Regardless of achievements however it was a great weekend with good company and we all finished safely and looking forward to more of the same.

Take note that George and Paul C are both looking at having their tired engines rebuilt this Winter and watch out next season.

Paul Bryan

