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Newcomers to the Historic Formula Ford Championship and racing for the Novice Trophy were Zoe Newall and Nicola Cottrill seen here in action racing through Mcleans.

Historic Formula Ford Mid-Summer Update

With the nice long gap between Brands and Oulton I thought I'd bring things up to date with race reports, some event photos, a further update on Ross and some plans for the future.

Long Overdue Socials.

We had our first 'toe dip' of a social at Donington Park which was well received although, embarrassingly, I couldn't attend because I was in race control staring at on board video with Ken Tyrer, one of the Clerks. Thankfully, everything was sorted and I managed to get back just as Ross had stepped in to hand out trophies. Barbara Dix had laid on some fantastic cakes and I had taken some wine, beer and nibbles so people could relax and enjoy a chat amongst friends and fellow competitors.

We did the same at the Brands meeting with cakes laid on by Lesley, my wife, and more nibbles, wine, beer and soft drinks and sadly, due to Ross's accident I had to miss the Saturday get together but Lesley and young Tom held the fort and said loads of HFF competitors, family and friends attended which was lovely to hear. On the Sunday, immediately after the race we had a prize giving and tyre draw which was won by Alan Schmidt which was pleasing as he'd had a nasty, car damaging accident at the end of the race. Photo below.

Ross Drybrough update.

I have spoken to Ross a number of times and he has stressed that he greatly appreciates all the messages and has been touched by all the support he has been shown so thanks to everyone who have rallied around to help and support him. Ross especially wanted to thank Cormac Flanagan and Cormac's neighbour, Clive, who packed everything up and drove it home for Ross.

Driving Standards and other Contentious Issues.

I will listen to anyone with queries or complaints about any competitor or issue that is troubling them. However, I must stress that my role is not to be judge, jury and executioner on any topic as that is a job for technical scrutineers, stewards and clerks. If any of you have any questions or problems I will try to help resolve them but can only be the conduit between HFF and the relevant authority. I have been spending a lot of race weekends with stewards in the capacity of an observer providing the stewards with a competitors view of what is happening and discussing various matters. I will offer to support any competitor with problems as we all try and resolve issues that may arise. Please remember that any final decision is arrived at by stewards - or scrutineers - and I can only offer them an opinion and not in any way alter their decisions.

Importantly, there are time constraints which means that if you need assistance you **MUST** inform me/race control/Clerks immediately and not leave things festering for hours or days after which nothing realistically can be done.

I have already lodged some questions that needed clarification from both the Donington and Brands Hatch meetings as I was concerned by a couple of incidents, observed from race control, during both meetings that I felt needed questioning. I want to build a record of issues and clarifications to try and stop a lot of uncertainty and to try to ensure that race control shows fairness and impartiality to all competitors whether a front runner or lower in the field. All competitors are equally important.

If any competitor, entrant or preparer would like to offer to help me I would like to hear from you. I must stress that whoever helps **MUST** be impartial.

Looking ahead to Oulton Park Gold Park.

With less than four weeks to go until the Gold Cup meeting there are still plenty of spaces left on the grid so please, if you are thinking about an entry, do so as soon as you are able, thank you.

Driver's Briefing.

Following on from the previous point about driving standards I am pleased to say that there will be a driver's briefing at Oulton Park - and all future races this year - at a time and venue that will be announced. It will be obligatory for everyone to attend and penalties will be given if anyone is absent.

I have asked for our Qualifying and races to be on the Saturday and Sunday leaving people to chose whether they stay or return home for Bank Holiday Monday.

We will be trying to do an even larger social at Oulton Park and lay on a chilli evening on the Saturday night. Barbara Dix and Lesley have offered to help as have some others and I will be trying to get this all sorted out in the coming weeks before the event. If you are entered or think you will be entering and want to take part can you please let me know so that can cater for everyone? Thank you.

Donington Park and Brands Hatch Race Reports.

To try and make the newsletter slightly more compact I have added the race reports, courtesy of Rachel Bichener, as an attachment. Please support Rachel and her website as much as you can as she works tirelessly to promote our club and racing. Go to: <https://vintageformulaford.wordpress.com> to keep updated on all things Formula Ford.

To read the reports please click here:

https://mcusercontent.com/0cf6432791a214dcfa48e6a41/files/b9006057-a5b1-687b-d61d-ea3eb0b2afaa/Donington_and_Brands_reports_and_photos.pdf

Up-To-Date Points Positions.

Please click here to see points positions as they stand post Brands Hatch:

https://mcusercontent.com/0cf6432791a214dcfa48e6a41/files/e26e5b55-9f96-6f0c-efaa-68d87162b29a/HFF_O50_Championship_2021.pdf

https://mcusercontent.com/0cf6432791a214dcfa48e6a41/files/6223902e-c22e-4a07-c2e4-6c0439670a91/HFF_Overall_Championship_2021.pdf

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