

Champions decided at HSCC Mallory Park

At least two Historic Sports Car Club racing champions for 2021 were crowned as the club returned to Mallory Park for the first time in a decade for a weekend of racing (18/19 September).

The weekend delivered some great racing in generally warm and sunny weather, despite a torrential downpour on Sunday morning that disrupted qualifying for a while.

Grids were a little down on what had been expected and it is clear that the clash with the Goodwood Revival had kept some entrants away, while some others were still resolving issues from Oulton Park three weeks earlier. However, those that were there enjoyed a double-header on this friendly circuit, where slick organisation ensured both days ran smoothly despite the weather interruption on Sunday.

One of the champions crowned in fine style was Jeremy Timms who took two resounding victories in Historic Formula 3 to settle the title in the final races of the season with his Chevron B15.

After a soaking wet and shortened qualifying session the grid was very jumbled and Timms started only eighth. However, he was quickly into his stride and swept up the order to move ahead of Ian Bankhurst and Steve Seaman in a thoroughly entertaining race. Sam Wilson had been right with them in Paul Waine's De Sanctis but spun at Gerard's and a starter motor problem ensured that he was not able to continue.

At the end of the afternoon Timms had an easier time to romp clear as Wilson, Bankhurst, Simon Armer and an inspired Mike Walker battled. Bankhurst finally took the place from Walker who had his best performance so far in Historic F3. Wilson went out when the De Sanctis lost drive and Armer had his March cut out at the Hairpin on the final lap. He coasted down the hill to get to the finish line but dropped several places as a result.