

## REPORT: OULTON PARK GOLD CUP

Once again, the Historic Sports Car Club's Oulton Park Gold Cup weekend (28-30 August) delivered some outstanding racing on the beautiful parkland circuit in Cheshire.

With bumper grids for most races, fine weather, a large and enthusiastic crowd and lots of off-track attractions, it all added to a great weekend of historic racing with 21 races across Sunday and Monday.

The opening laps of the Guards Trophy featured a great contest between Andy Newall in his Chevron B6 and Ben Tusting in the family Lenham. Newall drove a measured race, knowing that the race would come to him once Ben handed the Lenham over to his father Robert and, sure enough, when Robert had a time consuming spin on his out lap, Newall was left with a handy lead.

However, all was not well in the lead car as concern over engine temperature forced Newall to ease his pace and short shift in search of a fourth straight Guards Trophy win. Up to second with a stirring drive came the B8 of Westie and Ben Mitchell, with Ben doing a fine second stint and setting fastest lap in the process. Meanwhile, Jason and Guy Minshaw brought their B8 into third on its first race for six years. The Tustings slipped to fifth behind Mark Colman's B8, while John Davison again topped the GT runners in his Lotus Elan 26R.