

BARC North Western Centre report for BARC Magazine 2020 Autumn Edition

At the time of writing motorsport has only just started up again to the relief of many. John Leck our CNC Heads Championship Co-ordinator has successfully negotiated a short season for the sports saloon championship which will be four two round weekend meetings; one each at Cadwell Park and Donington and two at Oulton Park. This has been very well received by the drivers and this was shown by a very healthy grid at Cadwell Park on July 4th and the grid for Donington on 23rd August is full.

I am sure that conducting the activities of the club has changed for everyone, the use of Zoom for our monthly committee meetings may have removed the social and personal elements but seems to have been positively accepted by most people and the suggestion that most post Pandemic meetings could be held this way. They are more focussed, less time consuming and contain less irrelevant banter and chatter! There is also a personal saving on travel time and expense driving to meetings. Many things will be done differently from now on.

Graham Saul one of our driver reps commented: 'Our Cadwell Park race meeting on the 4th of July was the first in the UK in the easing of the lockdown, but it was strange. No spectators at the circuit, and everyone making sure they were social distancing. Masks and gloves being worn, and limits to the numbers of people in specific places'.

It was the same for everyone, drivers, crew, officials and marshals. But, it was great to see everyone in the racing family again, and be part of a race meeting again. Signing on was all done remotely, which seems great for the future even post Covid. A number of the drivers I spoke with commented on some form of surreal underlying tension, almost as if we were in some post apocalyptic environment where social contact was illegal and you were suspicious that everyone had a killer disease!

However, we were out racing, doing what we love, and long may it continue. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and hopefully the lockdowns will continue to ease'.

Peter Gorrie *NW Centre Secretary.*

