

# “ Summer Tonic ”

The Wonderland 2021 story



**Wonderland 2021 was supposed to be on the first weekend of ‘freedom week’ but Covid had other ideas ...**

**It seemed too good to be true - our 20th Wonderland 2021 Classic & Sports Car Festival dates fell on what was to be the first weekend of ‘freedom’ from lock down! It was too good to be true.**

In early June it became obvious that we would somehow have to run our show with many Covid restrictions in place. It was only the week before the show that we finally got the final go-ahead and temporary event licence! Earlier in the year I really did think, as I prepared for the show, “Am I wasting my time this year?” ... “will we legally and morally be able to stage the event?”

We had attended the car show at Thoresby in late May where very little social distancing or cleaning/sanitizing precautions were in place. I had worked on and amended many times a Covid Risk Assessment and so was sure by the event dates that we had done everything possible to keep ourselves and our visitors as safe as possible.

From the sheer number of bookings and enquiries I knew that the classic and sports car community were just ‘bursting at the seams’ to get out and about to a proper car show again. They did not disappoint - we had our largest turnout of exhibitors and visitors EVER. We had a new site layout, extra camping field and Covid-safe plan and it all came good on the day - **it was the Summer Tonic that everybody had been craving!**

We were down at Ferry Farm marking out the fields on the Thursday in glorious sunshine. Duncan came over from Suffolk with his caravan and along with Pete and his caravan, they were the first two ‘campers’ on site. We had to prepare the fields and entrances in good time because sure enough, by 10am Friday morning, Hilary and the first arrivals from Fordsport were a very welcome sight - *was it really two years ago since we last saw them all?*

Ian’s panoramic view of our massive Capri display that greeted visitors this year



Gary Matthews drove his Perana V8 MK1 Capri rally car from Anglesey (above) and Barry Taylor kindly drove his father’s (Chris) ‘Colin McRae Tribute’ Transit van and Focus rally car (below) from Bath to be with us at Wonderland 2021. Barry and his family were badly delayed on Friday. It took them 7 hours to reach us ... 10pm when they finally arrived on site!



We had a bit of a ‘rally car’ theme this year with this 1970 Morris 1800 Land Crab rally car replica on Saturday joining the line up.



Fordsport never cease to amaze us with their themed displays and sheer energy and love for Wonderland! This year they went for ‘Wild West’ theme (above) and by the Meguiar’s Stage on Saturday night (below) >

