



"Kings of the Castle"

Victory at the Tim Rogers & Dave Hardy Memorial Trophy

Castle Combe – venue for many iconic Healey battles in the past ... and where Anders won the John Gott Memorial Race in 2012 was the venue for the Tim Rogers & Dave Hardy Memorial Race on 6th October.

The Healey Driver International race was the only Big Healey race of 2013, and David Grace teamed up again with Anders in David's 3000, having previously shared a race at the Silverstone Classic earlier in July.

Qualifying 2nd (only 0.2 second behind pole) in dry conditions was very encouraging, especially as the pole was set by a local professional racing driver ... things were looking good for the race.



*"3020 UE"
minutes before it
went out to win
one of its' most
prestigious races.*



David pushing hard and drifting onto the straight at 125km/h!

David took the first stint, and kept hard on the tail of the local professional race driver, never letting him get away. David pitted after 16 minutes of the 45 minute race handing over to Anders, who blasted his way out of the pits back onto the circuit in a cloud of tyre smoke. Anders soon led the race pulling nearly a 30 second lead after the pit-stops. "I never saw anyone in the mirrors ... the Healey felt great with lots of power, and good balance"



30 minutes into the race brought out the safety car after a Dutch driver lost his brakes, crashing hard with a British driver in a one of the chicanes. The safety car picked up the leaders ... the Grace/Schildt 3000.

"I let everything cool down - the tyres, brakes and engine as I knew that there would still be a few laps to go before the end of the race. I gave it all I had at the re-start, as I had lost my advantage with the field back on my boot-lid ... it was like starting all over again!". Anders took the chequered flag with an 11 second margin after the last remaining two laps to win the Trophy!



The two drivers were interviewed and got a victory lap around the circuit in the classic bus.



Anders on the phone with friends, family and supporters soon after the race



"The Healey has been up-graded after the Silverstone Classic and fully prepared over the last few weeks By Bill Rawles and Sidewas Engineering... the hard work really paid off. It has been too long since I have been on the top step of the podium ... it is good to be back!" commented David, past British hillclimb champion after the race.

David and Anders had one goal for the weekend – victory in the only Big Healey race of the year. The two enthusiastic amateurs proudly delivered on their goal and have added this prestigious trophy to their cabinet.



Thanks to!

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