Parry 'Flatiron' Special was entered in the '26 race. Left: unusual front-drive Alvis has just been restored

Bugatti crew takes on the challenge of the 352ft Test Hill, which rises to 1 in 4

Displays of every era (left-right): Osella leads 1980s F1 turbo monsters; 1920s Bugatti Grand Prix machinery; March and BRM duo from the '70s

French drivers Robert Sénéchal and Louis Wagner. Shadowing the Delage were two surviving entrants from that first race: the Thomas 'Flatiron' Special, which was returning to action at its Brooklands birthplace for the first time in more than 80 years, and the Aston Martin Halford Special (*C&SC*, August).

Adding to the line up was the 1922 Aston Martin TT1 'Green Pea', the marque's first Grand Prix car, and the sensational Béquet Delage (*C&SC*, March 2015), which was the first V12-powered Grand Prix car and was entered in the 1923 French GP with René Thomas at the wheel. The ceremonial grid was 'started' by David Brabham, Le Mans winner and son of triple F1 World Champion Sir Jack, who dropped the flag to replicate the role originally filled by Brooklands starter AV 'Ebby' Ebblewhite.

Other well-known drivers were spotted enjoying the day, such as 1996 World Champion Damon Hill, president of the Brooklands Trust Members, who was reunited with his race-winning Williams FW18 and Jordan 198, as well as his father Graham's Embassy Hill Lola T370 from the mid-'70s.

"This was the biggest and most ambitious event we have ever staged at Brooklands Museum, and I think it is fair to say that everyone absolutely loved it," enthused Alex Patterson, CEO of Brooklands Museum. "What made the weekend particularly special was that these were not simply cars to look at. We brought so many of them back to life and on to the track, allowing visitors to experience the sights, sounds and sheer drama of Grand Prix racing across the generations. To recreate the 1926 start in the same place 100 years later, and then to see and hear these extraordinary machines running at Brooklands, was genuinely emotional."

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EMISSIONS UNDER REVIEW

A consultation on making poor maintenance and the removal of emissions equipment, resulting in excess pollution, illegal on cars built from 1 January 2001 is under way. As well as some enforcement during MoT testing, the focus will be on addressing the practice of modifying emissions systems.

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RACERS HIT THE 'RING

The Nürburgring drew 43,000 visitors for the annual Oldtimer-Grand Prix from 7-9 August, with new races added including a grid for 1993-2000 touring cars, the Trophy Race for Ferrari Challenge models and a Formula Heritage group for historic F1 cars.

VOLVO WINS IN LINCS

Boston Classic Car Club hailed its 9 August annual show at Orchard Park its most successful ever, with more than 500 classic cars, light commercials, trucks and 'bikes, spanning from 1916 to the 2000s. Car of the Show was awarded to Suzy Mitchell for her superb 1967 Volvo 1800S (above).