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The 2015 HRCR Mintex 'Old Stager' Historic Stage Rally Championship incorporating the Mini Sport Mini Cup to be featured on Motors TV



To ensure that the very best historic rallying reaches the widest audience, the organisers of the 2015 HRCR Mintex 'Old Stager' Historic Stage Rally Championship incorporating the Mini Sport Mini Cup are pleased to announce they have secured an initial Television deal to promote the Championship on four of the six events.

Each event will get a 15 minute slot in a magazine programme produced by Special Stage Extra Team featured on Motors TV.

Agreement has been reached for the following rounds to get TV coverage:

1. Rally North Wales
2. Sweet Lamb Historic Rally
3. Isle of Man
4. Cambrian

Date and Times will be released nearer to the proposed televised dates.

HRCR Clubmans Rally Championship

The new year has seen an overwhelming demand for entries in the initial rounds of the 2015 HRCR Clubmans Rally Championship. The opening round Tour of Cheshire (7th March) filled its list, plus numerous reserves, within days of opening entries on 1st January. Now the next two rounds, the North Yorkshire Classic (29th March) and the Ilkley Jubilee (12th April), are both approaching full entry lists. Championship contenders are urged to act quickly if they have not yet placed their entry in either of the two Yorkshire events.



The Tour of Cheshire organisers have managed to extend their maximum number of starters by 10, from 75 to 85, so most of the initial reserves now have a place.

Registrations for the 2015 HRCR Clubmans Rally Championship will be accepted at signing-on for the Tour of Cheshire on Friday 6th March. You can download the Registration Form from the Clubmans Championship section of the HRCR website www.HRCR.co.uk

A reserve event has been added to the calendar, which will become a championship round if one of the nine scheduled rounds is cancelled for any reason. It is the HERO Throckmorton Challenge, to be held on Saturday 10th October 2015.

Regs and the entry form for round 4, the Leukaemia Historic Rally in South Wales on Saturday 16th May, are on the event's website www.leukaemiahistoricrally.wordpress.com

Regs and the entry form for round 5, the Hughes Historic Rally in Kent on Sunday 31st May, will be available via the event's website www.hughesrally.co.uk from the beginning of April.

HRCR Speed Series

The regulations for the HRCR Speed Series have now been released. They are subject to MSA approval. They can be viewed via the www.hrct.co.uk website for the time being until the new HRCR website is up and running.

HRCR Scenic Tours

The HRCR Scenic Tours Coordinator has lined up a mouth-watering selection of Scenic Tours for 2015. Listed below are the events for the first part of the 2015 Scenic Tours season



Taith Cymru – Sunday 29th March - Powys HRCR South Wales email: taithcymru@aol.com

The Corinium Run – Sunday 19th April – Cirencester & The Cotswolds. Cirencester Car Club Ltd www.cirencestercarclub.com

The Bluebell Run – Saturday 9th May – Hereford, South Worcestershire & Gloucestershire. Ross & District Motor Sports Club Ltd – www.rossmotorsports.co.uk

Hills & Valleys – Sunday 17th May – Powys, Shropshire & Denbighshire Kidderminster Motor Club – www.kidderminstercarclub.co.uk

Derbyshire Dales Drive – Sunday 31st May – Staffordshire/Derbyshire. HRCR Midlands Centre – www.derbyshiredalesdrive.co.uk

Notes from Our Chairman

Speed Series

The HRCR Speed series is up and running, there has been a lot of interest in this new championship. It has been formulated to give HRCR members an opportunity to use their cars on Hill Climbs and Sprints. The series will comprise 10 rounds with eleven point scoring opportunities. There will hopefully be the added attraction of some Group B rally cars taking part. Nigel Mummery with his ex-works Ford RS200 has confirmed that he will attend some of the rounds. The first round of the series is a sprint at Rockingham raceway on Sunday 22nd March. The regulations and championship registration forms are available on www.hrct.co.uk or email speed@hrcr.co.uk

Premier Rally Championship

The new premier championship is going well, Daniel reports that he has over thirty registrations. The first two rounds were run last weekend. He was competing on the Bath Festival road rally, it was his best result to date finishing 8th o/a and second in class. Well done!

Old Stager Championship

There is a lot of interest in the stage championship, I recently went to Minisport of Padiham and was given a conducted tour of their premises and engineering section. Very impressive coupled with their genuine enthusiasm for being involved with the championship.

A number of competitors are waking up to the fact that the championship has been set up to enable competitors to receive recognition for their efforts in each category. This is as a result of there being no overall winner but a winner in each individual category. This is not going to be a Mk2 Escort benefit series! Competitors will quite rightly be rewarded for their competition success in each category.

The first round is the Rally of North Wales at the end of March. The regulations are out with an encouraging 27 entries already!

Paris

I was recently in Paris for a FIVA meeting and had the opportunity to visit the Paris Retromobile show. The show is well worth a visit with each year having a theme to it. One theme this year was Bugatti coupe DeVille, there were a number of these on display. They have beautiful bodywork with sleek lines and that classic Bugatti workmanship and design.

The talk of the show was the collection of vehicles that were found in derelict farm buildings. It would appear that the new owners of the farm found the vehicles in a series of dilapidated outbuildings. The star of the collection was a Ferrari that had been owned by a film star in its early life. There were only around 130 of this model made with a small number of survivors. There was a lot of interest in this vehicle at the show auction which saw it reach a knock down figure of 10.7 million! There was also a Maserati and numerous other collectors' vehicles in various states of disrepair. A lot of committed restoration would be needed for sure!

Paul Loveridge

Dinner Dance & Presentation Night

The Annual HRCR Dinner Dance and Presentation Night took place at the Hellidon Lakes Spa Hotel near Daventry last Saturday, and positive feedback suggests those who attended had a fantastic time. We were graced with the attendance of our President Paddy Hopkirk accompanied by his wife Jenny and also Bill Gwynn and his wife. Both Paddy and Bill assisted in giving out the awards for which we were able to pull Mike Sones out of his retirement to oversee and compere proceedings with his inevitable flair and efficiency. Once the formal side of the evening was over, participants were able to continue their celebrations to the live music of Steel Weasels. A full report will appear in the April issue of the Old Stager magazine.

The Ignacio Sunsundegui HRCR Clubman of the Year Award went to Alan Turner in recognition of all his work in connection the HRCR PR image.

The Don Pither Area of the Year Award went to the North West Area for their work in organising HRCR Rally Training Days.

The President's Award was presented to sisters Seren and Elise Whyte for their achievement on the HRCR Clubmans Road Rally Championship.

HRCR Annual General Meeting

The HRCR Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday the 18th of April at Hellidon Lakes Hotel centrally situated near Daventry and will start at 2pm The formal notice for the AGM will be distributed together with this month Old Stager magazine.

Membership Survey

The membership survey was distributed to HRCR members last month and we have had a good response. If you haven't done so yet, please follow the link below to the beginning of the survey which will be open until 28th February 2015. You might win a case of wine!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HRCRFINSUR>

HRCR Membership - Please help

We are currently in the busiest period of the year for membership renewals. For those members who have submitted direct debit mandates, your memberships are updated automatically during the middle of the month that the membership is due for renewal. **If, for whatever reason, we are unable to process a membership via this route, we send out a note stating this is the case.**

For those members who are not on the direct debit system, reminders are sent out during the middle of the month the membership is due to expire. To ensure you receive your up-to-date membership card before your expiry date, it is advisable for you to return your remittance as soon as possible.

Members can update their membership via the HRCR web site.

We are experiencing an increasing number of incomplete renewal forms which inevitably hold up the renewal process, so please can we ask everyone to double-check that all the information needed is completed and if individuals are concerned about sending information via the post, there is also the secure renew facility on line, go to www.hrcr.co.uk and follow the membership links. It is also possible to renew via Bank Transfer, our bank details are RBS Allestree Derby Branch Sort Code 16-11-31 Account 10028929. Use reference HRCR Membership

Membership Numbers

As we closed for business at the end of January we had enlisted 60 new members. This represents quite an upturn over recent months. A warm welcome to all those who recently joined our ranks.

Are You Receiving your Old Stager Magazine?

The Old Stager magazine is distributed to members on a bi-monthly basis and the next issue is due to go out this Thursday 12th of February. Magazines are only posted to members whose membership is up to date, so if you haven't got your copy by the following week check your membership card for your expiry date.

New Distribution Day for the Old Stager Magazine

For as long as its Editor, Ian Shapland, can remember, the magazine has been distributed to members on the second Thursday of alternate months and latterly this has presented some problems when finalising advertising deals. From the April issue, the distribution date will move forward to the **first Thursday in the month**. This will mean any copy will need to be in one week earlier than has been the case in the past.

Local Area News

DEAN & THE MARCHES

For our first meeting of 2015 we gathered at the Ross & District Motor Sports Club in Ross-on-Wye. We reviewed the plans for the year and also held an 'Odd Object' competition. Some of the objects were very odd but most were of a motoring or engineering nature and not a lot of people managed to identify many items. But perhaps we all learnt something when the true nature of an item was revealed!

Our next meeting will be on Monday 16th February, 8.00 pm at the Ross & District Motor Sports Club, Kyrle street, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7DB.

The evening will be given over to a quiz of general knowledge and motoring questions. The questions will be set by a few of the regulars.

Members and friends are as usual all welcome.

Stuart Harrold

BRISTOL/BATH

The HRCR Bristol and Bath area will meet at the White Post at Stratton on the Fosse on Tuesday 17th February 2015 from 7.30 pm onwards.

The White Post is situated on the A 367 Radstock to Shepton Mallett road. Tel No 01761 413394 Please come and join us. Keith Wilson

NORTH WEST AREA

Following the meeting in January the calendar has been slightly altered. Thanks to all those who went along to organise things. Unfortunately illness prevented me going. I understand the Area came second in the Ian Harwood Quiz-another fine showing so well done.

Tuesday February 17th It's back to Gawsorth Hall again. Mike and Lorna Harrison have kindly agreed to talk about their tour with Jaguars to the Pyrenees that they completed last year. More details in the newsletter. Starts 8pm.

Tuesday 17 March is St Patrick's Day and there is another running of the Chip Butty Run. Shon Gosling is kindly doing it this time, there will be details in the Newsletter or contact him on swg@gosling96.fsnet.co.uk

Sunday 22nd March. Denise and Jenny are "running" another walk after their successful walk in December. This time it's at Tatton Park and over a choice of distances of 4, 6 or 9 miles. Contact Denise on 07903160949 or Jenny on 07796624214.

If you are not receiving the Area's excellent newsletter, please contact Shon on swg@gosling96.fsnet.co.uk

As always with all this you need to look at the HRCR website. Go to the NW Area bit on the left and click on events.

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MIDLANDS

2nd March 'HOME' MEETING AT THE STANHOPE ARMS

Another 'home' meeting is being arranged, given that it has been some time since we last met at the Stanhope Arms. This will be an opportunity for members to get together, review regional activity during 2014 and discuss what types of local HRCR activity they would like to see.

Where and time: Stanhope Arms, Stanton-by-Dale DE7 4QA, starting at 8.00pm.

SOUTH WALES

Next meeting February 10th 2015.

We will be meeting at the newish venue this month again usual time 8.00pm.

Venue: - The Whitehead Sports & Social Club, at Pye Corner, M4 J28, head north towards Risca, 1st Roundabout take 3rd exit. Map 171. Ref 2805 8705.

There will be discussions on the running of the Taith Cymru 2015, if you're interested in helping out or taking on an organising role please come to the meeting.

We would like to plan a number of events in advance for the coming months, if you have any suggestions or possible venues please come along to the meeting.

Taith Cymru 2015 will run on the 29th March. Entry forms and regulations are available from Peter Hurst, e-mail: taithcymru@aol.com. Mobile: 07872 351179, home 02920751707.

Next month's meeting. March 10th.

BUCKS BERKS & OXON

The next BB&O meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd March when Bill Price will talk about "Homologation"

BB&O Meetings are held at the Gate, Bryants Bottom, High Wycombe. HP16 0JS 8.00 for 8.30pm

Bill Price

SOUTH WEST

SW area next meeting at the Lamb Inn, Longdown, near Exeter on Wed 18th Feb, 8.30pm on. Chat about Red Kite Rally, a few of us competing. Cheers Pete

NORTHANTS & BEDS

The Northants and Beds group will be holding a get together, at the Towcester Mill Brewery on Monday 23rd February – and hopefully kick off the meeting at the slightly earlier time of 7.30pm.

A reminder that the brewery which offers a triple one third pint tasting tray of their ales, is in the old water mill at the end of Chantry Lane in Towcester, just past St. Lawrence Church.

There is a large car park. There is rather a lot of development work going on at the moment so please follow any diversion signs.

As usual members and friends are welcome.

Please contact me should you have any queries on the group's activities.

david@rishworthholmes.com

KENT & South East

The March natter meeting at The Plough, Stalisfield Green, will be on Tuesday 10th, the second Tuesday of the month as usual. Meeting from 8:00pm onwards.

Blackpalfrey's Winter Series of Sunday Regularity Runs is continuing, with another full entry of 12 cars running on Sunday 8th February, the winners for the second successive month being Graham Mayes & Simon Ingarfield in the MGBGT. The next is on Sunday 15th March, organised by Peter Boyce and starting at 10:00am from the Lenham A20 Roadhouse Café, with 3 places still available. See www.blackpalfrey.co.uk for the on-line entry form.

Andy Gibson andy@hrcr.co.uk 01227 792740

Loughborough Car Club Events for HRCR Members



Loughborough Car Club has announced three events which may be of interest to HRCR members.

Sunday 17th May – The Metric Services Easilarity Rally. 100 miles of beginner's regularity and some simple grass autotests on a very smooth grass surface. So an ideal transition from touring events to a bit of competition.

Sunday 16th August – The Welland Valley Wander. Andrews Duerden's tour of some of the scenic bits of Leicestershire and Rutland.

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd August – The Morning Mist Rally. A simple plot and bash event covering 100 miles of tarmac and a couple of smooth whites.

Further information from Richard Egger, Competition Secretary, Loughborough Car Club

Tel 07971 596 551 Web site <http://www.loughboroughcarclub.co.uk>

Berwick Classic Rally Saturday/Sunday 2/3 May 2015



The organisers of the Berwick Classic Historic Rally and the Berwick Classic Targa Rally welcome enthusiasts to the 2015 Berwick Classic. Regardless of whether you have a classic Mini Cooper S, a Lotus Elan or a Smart Car you will enjoy our relaxed friendly event with a mixture of tests and regularities.

Starting Leg 1 from Berwick-upon-Tweed at 17.00 hrs crews will tackle two regularities and two tests before returning to town for some refreshments in East Ord.

Leg 2 sees crews restarting at 09.30 hrs from the Quayside for a trip up the coast to north Berwick with at least fifteen tests and one regularity along the way.

There are categories for pre-'87 classic cars of all types and a targa event for more modern classics.

The entry fee will be £110 per car including a picnic lunch on Sunday and a carvery meal at the finish at Whitekirk Golf and Country Club.

For more details contact Stuart Bankier on 01289 382025 stuart@sbankier.wanadoo.co.uk or look at the events page on motor club's web site www.berwickmotorclub.co.uk

Triumphant Welsh Classic Tour 18th – 20th September 2015

Described as a non-competitive Scenic Tour following the tracks of road rally drivers of the 1960's and Classic Car enthusiasts of today, this event is organised by the TR Register to which HRCR is an invited club. For full details and entry form e-mail triclassicwales.44@btinternet.com

HRCR Premier Rally Championship Bath Festival 2015 Report

The Premier Rally Championship kicked off in style this weekend with two events, the Bruce Robinson Road Rally around Lincolnshire and the Bath Festival Navigational Rally in the South West.

The Bath Festival had received a full entry this year with crews coming from the South West, the Midlands and areas of Wales, a real hype was around the event in the weeks before. A huge variety of cars and experience was on the entry list with 18 Experts, 20 Semi-Experts and 18 Novices, the class split on the event was perfect. With the event being well known from years past, several classic cars as well as great mixture of modern vehicles were involved. 4 Mk2 Escorts, 2 Mk1 Escorts, an Anglia, an Avenger, a Maestro, a Sunbeam and a Mini were all on the entry list along with several MG ZR's, 205's, Satrias, Sirions and even a Seat Arosa, a great mix.

The event started in its usual spot of the White Horse Country Park just outside of Westbury, Wiltshire with everything except for scrutineering on site. The main hall was more than big enough for the 56 crews with ample amounts of room to plot inside and spread the two maps, 172 & 183, across the table. Most of the route was handed out at signing-on which gave a more relaxed atmosphere at the start, for most. The route was challenging to plot with tight sections twisting back and forth and some areas where I struggled to fit everything on the map, but the route looked great.

At 10pm car 0, Jamie Jukes from West Wales along with Ross Whittock took off in their Astra to set the pace for the following crews.....

Read the full report on the Premier Rally Championship website, with pictures, at <https://premierrally.co.uk/bath-festival-2015-report>

.....The final positions were as follows;

- 1st – John Davies & Nick Bloxham, Vauxhall Astra – 0:19.49
- 2nd – Gavin Rogers & Bob Rutherford, Ford Escort Mk2 – 0:21.30
- 3rd – Nic Morris & Martin Phasey, Peugeot 205 GTi – 0:24.10
- 4th – Ryan Pickering & Peter Rushforth, Rover 25 – 0:24.34
- 5th – Tom Brooks & Tony Brooks, Proton Satria GTi – 0:24.54
- 6th – Mike Burrows & peter Blackett, Ford Puma – 0:25.07
- 7th – David Thorpe & Andrew Lowe, Peugeot 106 XSi – 0:28.03
- 8th – Lucas Redwood & Daniel Pidgeon, Ford Escort Mk2 – 0:31.18
- 9th – Tim Owen & Jake Ramsden, Peugeot 106 – 0:31.35
- 10th – Simon Harris & Brian Cammack, Suzuki Swift – 0:32.15
- 3rd Semi-Expert – Paul Freeth & Chris Head, Rover 214 – 0:33.28
- 1st Novice – Frank Burton & Simon Greenway, BMW 318 Ti – 1F – 0:31.51
- 2nd Novice – Nigel Graham & Rob Thomson, Talbot Sunbeam Ti – 1F – 0:49.43
- 3rd Novice – Jon Isacc & Darren Stevens, Ford Focus – 1F – 1:04.49

A full set of results can be viewed on the Rally Roots website here: www.rallyroots.com

Dan Pidgeon

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