



## HRCR NEWSLETTER JULY 2015

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### HRCR WEBSITE

The current holding page has a link to our Facebook page and also a temporary site that gives basic HRCR information. Alan Turner, who is in charge of this substantial task on behalf of HRCR, has said the design of our all new HRCR Website is progressing well and every endeavour is being made to ensure the new site will be up and running as soon as possible.

Comprehensive HRCR Championship information can be found on the following websites:

HRCR Clubmans Rally Championship: [www.historicroadrally.co.uk](http://www.historicroadrally.co.uk)

HRCR Old Stager Historic Stage Rally Championship: [www.oldstager.co.uk](http://www.oldstager.co.uk)

HRCR Premier Rally Championship: [www.premierrally.co.uk](http://www.premierrally.co.uk)

HRCR Speed Series: [www.hrct.co.uk](http://www.hrct.co.uk)

### News from Paul Loveridge

#### Sweet Lamb Historic Stages

I am sorry to report that despite a lot of hard work the event had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. I am personally very disappointed as the event was exceptionally good value, 44 stage miles for an entry fee of £285. We also had the provision for Cat 1s to run first on the road. I would like to think that it is down to the general apprehension regarding loose surface stage rallying. Who knows?

#### Speed Series

The next round of the HRCR/Augment Automotive speed series is Loton Park on Sunday 9th August. There will be a good Mini presence due to the above cancellation. I would be good to get a large HRCR presence on the event. It is of course open to any Historic rally car so please come along, if not to compete then to watch. Loton Park is situated 8.5 miles West of Shrewsbury just off the A458 Shrewsbury to Welshpool road, the climb is challenging with a variety of twists and turns in the hillside course. It is unique in that it starts on a slightly downhill section. Visit [www.hdlcc.com](http://www.hdlcc.com) for more information

## Sprint Invitation

We have had an invitation welcoming any HRCR members for a "try out" at Blyton Sprint. Times for the 2.7 mile lap range from 120 seconds (ballistic) to 180 seconds (steady). They will give our competitors a free day membership (to the MDA) It is situated at: Blyton Park, Old Blyton Airfield, Kirton Road, Blyton, Gainsborough DN21 3PE. Competitors will get 5 runs, so time in the car which is good value for money. The entry form can be found on [www.mini-cross.co.uk](http://www.mini-cross.co.uk).

## MSA Rule Change

The MSA has ruled that all competitors, excluding Historic category 1, who compete on stage rallies will have to wear a FHRS (Forward Head Restraint system) from 1/1/2016. It will be mandatory for Cat 1's from the 1/1/2017. It would be advisable to ensure that your current helmet can accommodate the system. Some helmets, if without the securing posts can be modified to take them. You would need to contact the manufacturer to find out.

## Autumn Leaves Scenic Tour

Due to a venue date issue, the above event will now run on Sunday 1st of November.

## The 2015 HRCR Mintex 'Old Stager' Historic Stage Rally Championship incorporating the Mini Sport Mini Challenge and The HRCR Imp Cup

### Sweet Lamb Cancellation

The 'old Stager' Championship team were disappointed to hear that the Forest of Dean Motor Club has decided to cancel the Sweet Lamb Stages on the 19<sup>th</sup> July due to lack of entries. Unfortunately we will not be able to arrange a substitute event at this stage of the season so the next round will be the Rally Isle of Man 17-19<sup>th</sup> September. This round will count as two championship rounds.

A further disappointment is that we will not see former British Group 1 Rally Champion Robin Eyre-Maunsell in action. This was to be Robin's first championship event along with regular co driver Peter Scott.



## Mini Sport Mini Cup contenders to Castle Combe

This year's Mini Action Day at Castle Combe on the 26<sup>th</sup> September is being sponsored by Mini Sport and we have been invited to have a stand as part of the 'Mini Sport village'. It is hoped to have as many of the current Mini Cup cars there as possible but we would also like to have a few other club members' road rally or touring cars on the stand. It is expected that all accepted cars will get some track time during the day.

If you would like to attend or are able to help with the stand please contact Championship Secretary John Hunt by email at [stage@hrcr.co.uk](mailto:stage@hrcr.co.uk)



## HRCR CLUBMANS RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

### EAST ANGLIAN CLASSIC

The 6<sup>th</sup> round of the HRCR Clubmans Rally Championship took place in Essex on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. The rally was won by the non-championship crew of Gavin and Carrie Rogers in their Reliant Scimitar, with top championship points being gained by the third placed driver Jim Deacon in his MGB.



1. Gavin & Carrie Rogers, Reliant Scimitar, 2438
2. John Ruddock & Nick Cooper, Ford Escort, 2520
3. Jim Deacon & David Taylor, MGB Roadster, 2546

Several of the top championship contenders were away in Italy on the Classic Marathon, so missed scoring on the 6<sup>th</sup> round. The championship is still led by the Expert crew of John & Peter Dignan in their MGB, following a good 5th place on the EAC. Top novices are still Peter Kleyn and Gaius Hiscox in the Sunbeam Alpine.

With just the best 6 scores from 9 rounds being counted in the final tally, we now move into the period when competitors who have scored on all rounds so far will start dropping scores, and those who have missed a round or two will catch up, so we can expect to see major changes on the leader board.

Round 7 is the Ross Traders Historic Tour on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July, which has a very good entry and promises to maintain its reputation as a real challenge for the navigators.

Championship scores and points tables can be found on this link: [www.historicroadrally.co.uk](http://www.historicroadrally.co.uk)

## HRCR PREMIER RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

This championship currently has over 40 registered contenders competing for points over a varied number of events. Gavin Rogers currently leads the driver's table and Andy Pullan is leading navigator. Full information is on the championship web site at [www.PremierRally.co.uk](http://www.PremierRally.co.uk)



## HRCR SCENIC TOURS

### HILLS AND VALLEYS SCENIC TOUR - Sunday 17 May 2015

#### ANOTHER CRACKING EVENT, GROMMIT!!

Turning west from the start, the route took in the area of Clun Forest (the 'bulge' of England into Wales). Although we had used this area and some of these roads before, the lanes and views did not disappoint and co-driver (wife) commented on the total lack of tourist traffic in this, one of the most beautiful parts of England. Apart from 60 drivers of classic cars, that is! If you haven't been there, do try and drive the Ceri Ridgeway, or even better, enter next year's event.

Personally, I do not know how they do it. It must be some weird Midlands ritual involving the sacrifice of virgins because whenever the Hills and Valley runs the weather is superb! And so it was again for the 2015 run.

The 'traditional' start at the Bridge Inn, Dorrington was no more as apparently, the pub has closed, but Mac, Sheila, Simon and the team from Kidderminster Car Club, had arranged a very good alternative in, shall we say, the classier surroundings of Walcot Hall, near Bishop's Castle.

Heading north, we travelled towards Montgomery and on to a (vital) coffee halt at Vaynor Park, a stately home not usually open to the peasantry. The exit from the Hall included an optional regularity section and, despite the Lancia engine stalling at the finish control, we only dropped 3 seconds. Only one crew cleaned it completely, however. Damn! Must do better next year.

The actual start was at the Powis Arms, the pub at the entrance gate to the Hall -a must for every Hall owner!! Lined up along the verge of the entrance avenue was the usual delicious selection of classic cars including, in no particular order, an immaculate Lotus Cortina, RS2000, RS1800, Ferrari Dino, Porsche 911s, Alfas, Alpines, Avenger Tiger, Morgan's, MGs galore, Healey's a Lancia and a Clan.58 in all, including most of the usual HRCR suspects! Sorry if I missed you out.

The usual crush at the start for bacon baps and coffee etc. eventually produced the usual high standard road book as the regulars on this event were all too keen to see which delights of Shropshire and the Marches we were going to visit this time. We were not to be disappointed. As an organiser of a similar tour elsewhere in the south of England I have to say I am jealous of the wide choice of superb roads the Kiddi Car Club has available to it.

The route now took us into an area, to us English, of totally unpronounceable names -Wales! However, the scenery was stunning as the route headed over the mountains from Cefn Cochto

Carno, Talerddig, Staylittie and the lunch break at the Clywedog Sailing Club (my spell checker has now given up). An hour here beside the reservoir was delightful, as was the approach road around Llyn Clywedog.

Suitably refreshed, we then tackled the route east past more vowel-less villages of Trefeglwys, Caersws, not to mention Bwlch-y-ffridd. This caused my navigator to call out things like 'turn towards the B thingy' or 'it starts with a T'..., but we made it and the views were superb. What was worrying, however, were the drops off the side of some of the roads, roads which I had quite happily driven flat out at night on road rallies years ago. If only I had known then.....!

Those of us who could, then found our way back to our cars and headed east for the last section which ended with the magnificent views, roads and drops of the Long Mynd. Here a number of cars were held up by the driver of a BMW towing a glider trailer trying to turn around on a narrow single track road. Great fun to watch! The very steep descent at the southern end of the Mynd did make me start wondering when I had last changed the brake pads, and whether the maps would be out of date before we hit the bottom if we fell off!! But, we all made it back to the finish (Walcot Hall itself this time) for a very nice meal in the rather elegant surroundings of the Ballroom.



This third section finished with tea and Welsh cakes at Kerry Vale Vineyard where some wine tasting was laid on. All very civilised these runs!!

Another excellent day out, in good company, on some of the best roads around. And good weather!

Thanks to Mac, the organising team and marshals and all those who put in the hard work to give us all such a cracking day out.

John & Jennie Rogers.

*(Photographs kindly supplied by KPB Photography)*

## **CHESHIRE PLAINS TOUR** by Nigel Raeburn

The inaugural Cheshire Plains Tour took place on Saturday 27th June and attracted 31 starters, some travelling considerable distances to take part. Run by HRCR NW Area, the event was a touring assembly but with HRCR Clubmans Championship level of difficulty and variety of navigation instructions. The idea was to give participants the chance to practice their plotting and route finding skills without the pressures of a time schedule or average speeds. On the 140 mile route, nearly all in Cheshire, participants met with the challenge of navigation using grid lines and squares, spot heights, Tulips, clock faces, compass directions, map features etc.. Some 40 code boards were used to confirm the following of the correct route, which included some unexpected loops and deviations.

The route received favourable comment. Setting off after breakfast from the lovely surroundings of Gawsworth Hall near Macclesfield, it headed via Sutton into the Peak District hills to Jenkins Chapel and through the Goyt Valley (with a devious loop into a car park) then south to Merebrook and a short stop at Rudyard (by the steam trains). Back on the Cheshire Plain now, it continued back close to Gawsworth and to lunch near Holmes Chapel. In the afternoon a clockwise route went south west around Audlem and then back to the finish at the Vicarage Hotel near Holmes Chapel, skirting Nantwich and Middlewich. A sunny day enhanced the fine scenery and there was not too much traffic in the lanes.

A road closure for a village rose festival procession had caused a late change of lunch venue and route, but organisers Nigel Griffiths and Phil Bateman coped admirably and all ran smoothly apart from a slight hiccup with the setting out of code boards in the afternoon.

Among the entries were some quite experienced rallyists - Andy Marchbank is a current top co-driver in BTRDA events in a WRC car and has many years of rallying under his belt, Pete Forrester was a top Motoring News road rally navigator making a return to the sport and Geoff Awde and Peter Ward have competed together for many years including gaining Gold Medals on Le Jog several times. It was good to see Brian and Janette Dwelly in their much-travelled and much-rallied Morris Minor who felt their trip from London was well worth it. The oldest car was the 1939 Citroen Traction Avant of Martin Jelley - who is organiser of the VSCC Summer Rally coming up in August in Lancashire which uses similar navigation.

Officially as a touring assembly there are no results, but the aim for all is to record all the code boards as proof they have followed the correct route. No-one achieved this, probably because of not seeing them even though they went the correct way (they need to be bigger!) but the best effort was from Graham Raeburn and 16-year-old Russ Henstock (dad Steve was helping out as DSO) in the MG Midget. Next best and equal were Geoff Awde/Peter Ward and Martin Jelley/Nigel Fraser.

For a first time running of an event of this type it was a good effort, and will only require a few tweaks to make it a top notch event which the less experienced crews from the HRCR Clubmans series would find really useful practice in a non-competitive environment. Some £260 was raised for the North West Air Ambulance charity. Look out for the 2016 edition!

## **THE WESSEX CLASSIC TOUR 20<sup>TH</sup> September 2015**

As a new round in the Scenic Tours Series, this addition to the calendar provides HRCR members with an opportunity to explore the delightful autumnal scenery of Somerset, Dorset and Devon.

An established and popular event run by Classic Motoring Organisation in conjunction with Ile Valley Classic Vehicle Club, the Wessex Tour has been described by previous participants as “a fabulous tour”, “a super day out”, and “very well organised” so entries in 2015 are, again, likely to be at a premium.

Those entries cost £60 for a crew of two and include lunch and tea, as well as entry to the glorious gardens at Bicton Park which is the venue for lunch. The start is at Ilminster, Somerset and the 100 mile route also includes visits to Escot Park and Lyme Bay Winery before finishing in the grounds of Brympton d’Evercy near Yeovil.

Copies of the entry form can be downloaded from the Ile valley Classic Vehicle Club website at [www.IVCVC.co.uk](http://www.IVCVC.co.uk).

For further information, please contact [info@classicmotoring.org.uk](mailto:info@classicmotoring.org.uk)

## **The 5<sup>th</sup> REGIS TAP – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

This is the twelfth event in this year’s HRCR Scenic Tour Calendar sponsored by Classics by JSWL. This tour, sponsored by Orchard Restorations of Heathfield is organised by the team from Bognor Regis Motor Club and raising money for Sussex Air Ambulance.

The tour starts at Great Ballard School at Eartham just north of the A27 between Chichester and Arundel in West Sussex, where breakfast rolls and coffee are served. After a surprise visit from five times Le Mans winner Derek Bell last year, he has advised us that he has pencilled the date in his diary and hopes to come along again!

The route heads into the beautiful Surrey Hills this year for a change, visiting Albury Organic Vineyard and the Silent Pool Gin Distillery before heading to Bushbridge Lakes, private rare wildfowl reserve and gardens for a visit and BYO picnic lunch. The route then heads back south to Bignor Roman Palace for a chance to view the mosaics and enjoy a cream tea. The final leg returns again this year to our wonderful finish venue at The Tithe Barn at Old Ditcham Park Farm for a hog roast, cash bar and raffle. After the success of Dawn’s Vintage Do last year she has been booked again for this year to entertain crews at the finish with her unique blend of 1950’s and 1960’s songs.

Entry fee is £97.50 for a crew of two to include: entry into all venues, refreshments as specified, comprehensive tulip roadbook, rigid tour plate, finisher’s gift and BRMC’s wonderful team of marshals to look after you. Additional crew members are £41.25. £12.50 per person from every entrant is donated directly to Sussex Air Ambulance. So while you’re having a great day out you may be helping to save someone else’s life!

Entries are filling fast with 51 from 80 already taken and reservation forms coming in daily for the remaining places. So if you wish to enter contact Ali on 01243 542674 or email [alitherally@btinternet.com](mailto:alitherally@btinternet.com).

As co-ordinator for the HRCR Scenic Tour Series I would advise anyone wishing to gain entries on any of the remaining tours to get their entries in quickly to the relevant organisers as they are all

reporting excellent interest and high demand. If you don't want to miss out book your place very soon.

## The Tour of Kent – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

The next Tour of Kent will be on Sunday 4th October 2015 and again has been included in the HRCR Scenic Tour Series sponsored by Classics by JSWL.

To celebrate its 50th Anniversary, the Blackpalfrey Motor Club of Kent has come up with some exciting new venues for this year's Tour. The start will be at The Moat, Wrotham Heath just off junction M26 junction 2a or M20 junction 2; finishing at Hever Castle for afternoon tea by the lake.

In addition to the comprehensive roadbook, rally plate and finishers awards, the £70 entry fee for a crew of two includes lunch and afternoon tea plus entry to the award winning gardens at Hever. Why not bring your pride and joy out for a very sociable autumn run in the leafy lanes of Kent? Entries are strictly limited to 65 cars.



**Demelza**  
Hospice Care for Children

The Tour is a non-competitive event designed to allow you to spend a day relaxing, driving your Pre-1995 pride and joy through the picturesque lanes and villages of Kent. Younger interesting cars are allowed, at the organisers' discretion.

The Tour of Kent is again supporting Demelza Hospice Care for Children and we know that all entrants will be generous with a voluntary donation to this charity which is "adding life to days when days cannot be added to life"

For further information and an entry form, visit [www.Blackpalfrey.co.uk](http://www.Blackpalfrey.co.uk) or email [tourofkent@blackpalfrey.co.uk](mailto:tourofkent@blackpalfrey.co.uk)

## The 19<sup>th</sup> REGIS CLASSIC TOUR – 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016

The ladies from Bognor Regis Motor Club are delighted to announce that the entry for next year's annual charity classic car tour sponsored by Frosts is now over 50% reserved. They hope to reach the milestone of £500,000.00 after next year's tour raised for cancer charities.

Based at the Hilton St Anne's Manor at Wokingham this annual tour has a very loyal following and attracts a very interesting selection of classics from the early 1920's through to a few select modern examples. The tour is planned to visit Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire and work is well underway to choose an interesting variety of venues over the weekend.

Entry fee will be around £700.00 for a crew of two sharing a twin/double en-suite room. Upgrades are available at a supplement. This figure will include all meals and entry fees to all venues, comprehensive tulip roadbook, rigid rally plate, commemorative gift and the services of a very extremely experienced team of ladies and their spouses to look after you over the weekend.

Saturday night's gala dinner will include a tombola and auction lead by Rob Hunt to raise more funds for Against Breast Cancer & Orchid – Fighting Male Cancer. The ladies are hoping to secure a series of "Experiences" as lots for this year's auction that will hopefully help to raise some large sums for the charities.

The organising team only plan to run another two events, feeling that twenty years of Regis Classic Tours will be a suitable number to finish on!

Visit [www.theregisclassictour.co.uk](http://www.theregisclassictour.co.uk) for the latest information or email [theregisclassictour@btinternet.com](mailto:theregisclassictour@btinternet.com). If you wish to speak to someone call Ali on 01243 542674.

## Brecon Motor Club Black Mountains Classic Tour 2015

The inaugural Black Mountains Classic Tour organised by Brecon Motor Club took place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June and was based in the small market town of Talgarth near Brecon. After days of dry weather participants were welcomed at scrutineering with a downpour but after coffee and bacon rolls at the local rugby club everyone was ready for a good day out. Clerk of the course Chris Phillips gave an amusing brief before club president Brian Dennis flagged away the beautiful Jaguar XK140 of Bob and Frances Thomas. It was the first outing for their pride and joy which had only completed 80 miles before the tour having spent a number of years being restored.



The route was a mixture of good wide driving roads and to get the views some narrower sections were included. Coffee and biscuits were provided by the good people of Ewyas Harold in their very nice village hall as the route made a foray into the Herefordshire countryside before a scenic meander through the lanes to the lunch halt in Hay on Wye. At this point the Saab of Mark and Ted Humphries left the fray with fuel problems despite the best efforts of the mechanics in the sweeper vehicle to keep it running. By now the sun had decided to make an appearance which boded well for the afternoon stint and with over an hour to enjoy Hay was the perfect place to relax spend time perusing the mixture of book shops and frequenting the cafes. There was some evidence that it was also a tempting retail opportunity as well!

The route in the afternoon included a run out towards Dorstone and Arthur's Stone before a trip over the toll bridge at Clifford and a climb up to Begwyns Bluff for some panoramic vistas. The final section turned left just after Llangoed Hall and made its way onto Brechfa Common before returning to Gwernyfed Rugby Club for a well earned buffet and presentation of finishers souvenirs. For a first attempt the event was well received and with some mild tweaking will be even better for next year!

*Photograph Martin Leonard*

## HRCR SPEED SERIES



### Epynt Hill Climb

The 5th and 6th rounds have taken place at Epynt Military Ranges. The Hill Climb is one mile long. The course is run on the famous military roads based on Mynd Epynt. The course starts from Four Ways bridge heading towards Dixies and finishes just at the start of the Burmah Road. The climb takes in a number of corners on varying gradients resulting in a straight blast towards the ninety right bend before the finish line. The last corner causes some heart stopping moments as the competitors try to brake as late as possible! The total event over the two days saw five registered contenders taking part.



**Saturday 13th June.** Weather: Damp with occasional showers.

First contender home was Callum Barney in his Mk1 Cortina GT.

Practice runs in seconds. Timed runs in Seconds.

1st run: 92.53. 2nd run: 88.91. 1st run: 92.20. 2nd run: 86.41.

A good start to Callum's motorsport discipline change. He thoroughly enjoyed himself and is looking forward to the rest of the season. His comment was a good weekend's motorsport without damaging the car!

Second Contender home was John Worthing in his Triumph TR2

Practice runs in seconds. Timed runs in Seconds.

1st run: 93.70. 2nd run: DNS. 1st run: 92.09. 2nd run: 91.67.

A first Hillclimb for John in his lovingly restored TR2. A good weekend until the engine went down on power on the last timed run on Sunday.

**Sunday 14th June.** Weather Dry in bright sunshine.

First Contender home was Roger Jones in the "family" Austin Mini.

Practice runs in seconds. Timed runs in Seconds.

1st run: 80.92. 2nd run: 76.68. 1st run: 76.97. 2nd run: 75.77.

Second home was his brother Paul Jones.

Practice runs in seconds. Timed runs in Seconds.

1st run: 84.05. 2nd run: 86.02. 1st run: 81.43. 2nd run: 78.28.

Brotherly love was being tested this weekend with Roger taking the overall honours from his brother Paul. A reversal of the Llys y Fran results.

Third home was Callum Barney

Practice runs in seconds. Timed runs in Seconds.

1st run: 84.71. 2nd run: 79.65. 1st run: 79.17. 2nd run: 79.82.

Fourth was John Worthing

Practice runs in seconds. Timed runs in Seconds.

1st run: 84.84. 2nd run: 85.09. 1st run: 85.57. 2nd run: DNS.

Dai Jenkins. Hillman Avenger. A newly signed up contender, unfortunately the engine cried enough on his first practice run. The engine has had a long career being very successfully used in rallying over the years. He has promised to be back!

### Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb

The 7th round has just taken place at Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb course in Worcestershire. The event was the Reg Phillips Trophy meeting held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. The Hill Climb is .914 km long. The weather was bright sunshine on a dry track.

The current championship leader is Callum Barney in his Mk1 Cortina GT.

There were three contenders taking part in two vehicles. Another contender did try to get an entry but the event was already full.



First contender home was Roger Jones in the Mini.

The picture shows the brothers changing the head gasket in the lunch break.

Practice runs in seconds. Timed runs in Seconds.

1<sup>st</sup> run: 42.83. 2<sup>nd</sup> run: 41.52. 1<sup>st</sup> run: 41.38. 2<sup>nd</sup> run: 40.50.

Second Contender home was Callum Barney in his Mk1 Cortina GT seen here leaving the start line.

Practice runs in seconds.            Timed runs in Seconds.

1<sup>st</sup> run: 47.46. 2<sup>nd</sup> run: 46.78.    1<sup>st</sup> run: 44.93. 2<sup>nd</sup> run: 43.71.

Third home was Paul Jones in the Mini.

Practice runs in seconds.            Timed runs in Seconds.

1<sup>st</sup> run: 47.37. 2<sup>nd</sup> run: 45.46.    1<sup>st</sup> run: 45.10. 2<sup>nd</sup> run: 44.11.

Brotherly love was being tested this weekend when the head gasket blew on Paul's last practice run. Some hectic work ensued with the head gasket being changed during the lunch break enabling them to continue. Well done!

### **Forthcoming Event Regulations**

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| 1. 18 <sup>th</sup> July     | BARC Wales    | Llandow    | Sprint     | <a href="http://www.barcwales.com">www.barcwales.com</a>       |
| 2. 9 <sup>th</sup> August    | Hagley DCC    | Loton Park | Hill Climb | <a href="http://www.hdlcc.com">www.hdlcc.com</a>               |
| 3. 6 <sup>th</sup> September | MG Car Club   | Ty Croes   | Sprint     | <a href="http://www.mgcc.co.uk">www.mgcc.co.uk</a>             |
| 4. 4 <sup>th</sup> October   | BARC Midlands | Curborough | Sprint     | <a href="http://www.barc.net/centres">www.barc.net/centres</a> |

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## **HRCR LOCAL AREA NEWS**

### **DEAN & THE MARCHES**

In June we all assembled in the Kyrle Street car park to set off on a treasure hunt deviously organised by Paul Loveridge. The route was about 12 miles and headed out through Wilton, Bridstow, Backney, Sellack, Hoarwithy and thence back to Ross. The hunt attracted 14 cars and 30 people and some crews even got all the answers to the 24 questions correct! There was, as always, lots of discussions when the answers were given at the Clubroom but a good spread of bread and cheese and cakes settled everyone down.

The next meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm. Meet at the Kyrle Street, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7DB, car park for a gentle scenic run using tulip route instructions to a pub for a meal. We hope the entrants will turn up in classic or interesting cars.

Members and friends are as usual all welcome.

Stuart Harrold

### **NORTH WEST AREA**

The car park night at Swettenham Arms was well attended again with the car park overflowing with a variety of vehicles.

The HRCR NW Cheshire Plains Run was excellent with 33 varied entries taking part-full credit goes to Shon, Phil and Nigel for all their work in putting this on.

The Mid-Week Tour - 8 July 2015 is now full. Thanks to organiser Nigel for running this.

Tuesday 21 July is the Gawsworth autotest. Srutineering will open at 18.00 hrs and close at 19.00 hrs. Signing on opens at 18.00 hrs. First test starts at 19.00 hrs. Come along for an evening of fun at Gawsworth Hall.

We are running our second grass autotest at the picturesque hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July and Tony Davies will feed us from his BBQ. This is a Clubmans Autotest so no need for a competition licence, just a car. There are two parts to the event; an autotest where the driver is on his own and a production car autotest where you have a passenger. The age limits for the event allow youngsters to compete with some restrictions, see the regulations. The tests will be simple with very little reversing, in fact almost none. Any car is allowed but there will be an award for the fastest historic. During the evening Tony will fire up the BBQ, this is free so come and enjoy it even if not competing. An email to

let us know you are coming will help with the planning. ([duncan.wild@btinternet.com](mailto:duncan.wild@btinternet.com)). We also need some timekeepers for the event, can you help? Why not give it a go. Let us have your entry for an enjoyable evening.

Wednesday 12 August -12 Gates to Paradise

On this day there will take place a 40 mile historic carriage-tour for discerning automobile drivers and their riding mechanics able and willing to read Ordnance Survey Landranger maps 118 & 119 on which the route will be identified by map references.

First car commences from the world-famous Blaze Farm Ice Cream Factory at Wildboardclough, MR 118/975675 at 10:30 a.m. Please attend their tea rooms for formalities and light sustenance from 10 a.m.

Conclusion occurs with a first-class luncheon at the wondrous 17th-century Biggin Hall Country House Hotel 119/152296 from 12-15. A meagre event participation fee of five guineas will be requested at the start. Lunch is not included in this fee.

Please reserve your entrance by email [jandmhague@btinternet.com](mailto:jandmhague@btinternet.com) or telephone 01260223571 stating crew names, carriage details, postal address, telephonic number/s and email address no later than August 1st

Route details will be dispatched by email or postal services for home plotting a minimum of seven days prior to the adventure.

Paradise?..... Biggin Hall

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## **BRISTOL/BATH**

### **HRCR BATH AND BRISTOL AREA MEETING ON TUESDAY 21st JULY 2015 7.30 PM ONWARDS**

The next HRCR Bristol and Bath centre area meeting will be held at our new venue, the Carpenters Arms at Stanton Wick on Tuesday July 21st from 7.30 pm.

The Carpenters Arms, Stanton Wick, BS39 4BX is 7.8 miles from the centre of Bristol and 11 miles from Bath. The Carpenters Arms has a large car park and an excellent menu.

If you can, please bring along your classic transport of delight.

Telephone number 01761 490202 [www.the-carpenters-arms.co.uk](http://www.the-carpenters-arms.co.uk)

Please come and join us you will be made very welcome.

Bath Motor Club HRCR Scenic Tours Series Aquae Sulis Tour to take place on Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> 2015. There are currently just 5 places left.

**Keith**

## **SOUTH EAST LONDON & SURREY**

The traditional "last Thursday of the month" meet was an excellent evening BBQ hosted generously and in great style by Sylvia and Alastair McCrae. Rodney the Volvo was in attendance together with a few more rally cars.

The July meeting is being held on Sunday 19th July at the Warlingham RFC Car Show. All are welcome from 12.00 on. A goodly selection of 100 or so classics in addition to the Area contribution will be on site. On the day entertainment, rugby club facilities (BAR of course), gathering on the level 16 acre field. Picnics welcome. A modest contribution to Cancer Research UK will be requested.

Location : Warlingham RFC, Limpsfield Road, Hamsey Green, Warlingham , Surrey CR6 9RB.

Contact [denis.robson@btinternet.com](mailto:denis.robson@btinternet.com) for more detail.

Denis Robson, Area Organiser

## MIDLANDS

Owing to lack of entries the planned July meeting which was to be an Autotest held at HRCR Vice President Richard Prosser's Farm has been cancelled.

7/14? Sept 'HOME' MEETING, STANHOPE ARMS, STANTON BY DALE

There is perhaps a case for more regularity in the Region's 'home' meetings so it is planned to revert to the first Monday in the month, subject to this being convenient for the pub itself. This is subject to confirmation via the local area Newsletter.

Quite a lot has been going on so it is proposed to show digital photos and video clips (including VHS) of HRCR and other events. So please bring along what you may have.

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

## BUCKS BERKS & OXON

Our next meeting on is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August will be a Noggin & Natter We meet at The Gate, Bryants Bottom, High Wycombe. HP16 0JS from 8pm.

The BB&O Area has agreed to attend the KOP Hill Climb on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and has been allocated space for 10 cars.

## NORTHANTS & BEDS

Northants and Beds are holding "A Bring your Classic and Show" night in the Towcester Mill Brewery car park for their July meeting. Please gather at the Towcester Mill Brewery on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm onwards, hopefully with pleasant weather. David Holmes is endeavouring to organise food, from the nearby Franks Hamburger House and will be copying their "Take Away" menu to members shortly.

The following month – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August we are hosting "An Evening with Terry Kaby". Terry of course a local rally driver was based here in Towcester. His rallying career from his early days in BOO 911F led onto drives for British Leyland and onto an International with DTV, Team Nissan and Team Daihatsu amongst others.

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, but there is rather a lot of development work going on at the moment so please follow any diversion signs. For those who need it food is available at the Brave Old Oak in the High Street. As usual members and friends are welcome.

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

[david@rishworthholmes.com](mailto:david@rishworthholmes.com)

## SOUTH WEST

Next SW area meeting is on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lamb Inn at Longdown nr EXETER.

Cheers PETE GILBERT.

## RALLY COSTA BRAVA HISTORIC 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Remember when road rallying was fun? Miles and miles of competitive driving with little or no traffic to delay you, no crossword puzzle navigation, welcoming spectators and no farmers with shotgun blocking the road. Exchange the miles for kilometres, add sun and superb organisation and head for the Costa Brava this October. Approximately 1500km split over four legs and three days Around 40 Regularity sections and 600 competitive kilometres and you will have a smile on your face when you finish, although you may be a bit tired!

Golden Pack deal including transport of the rally car from Northampton to Lloret de Mar and back, accommodation and entry fee is just 2000 euros.. With the exchange rate as it, tremendous value for money.

**Gentleman's Classic Trophy.** There will be a Class named the Gentleman's Classic Trophy for those wishing to recreate the adventurous spirit of historic rallies without the need to use the latest sophisticated electronic equipment. Only cars in classes E, F & G are eligible to enter the Gentleman's Classic Trophy. This class will be subject to the following supplementary regulations:

1. Only 'classic' tripmeters such as Halda, Retro Trip, Branz International 1 & 2Pro, Terratrip 101Plus, 202 Plus and Classic are permitted as are average speed indicators such as Halda Speedpilot and the notoriously inaccurate Brantz 2SPro. Tripmeters such as Branz Laser 3, Terratrip 303 Plus, 202 Classic Geo Trip and the use of any GPS, Smartphone, laptop or supplementary timing distances are strictly forbidden.
2. Cars are limited to six forward facing lights.
3. Other equipment is 'free' subject to conforming to the overall regulations of the event.

If competitors are in any doubt as to whether their navigation equipment is permitted in this class they should contact the organisers prior to the event.

Competitors entered in this class will cover the same route and maintain the same average speeds as the main event. However, it should be noted that if crews wish to 'retire' before the more arduous night sections they are free to do so providing they advise the organisers of their decision at the time of retiring. They will take the appropriate time penalties but still retain the right, subject to contacting the organisers beforehand, to restart the rally the following morning.

Have a look at the organisers website <http://rallyclassics.eu> or contact me for more information

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## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

During the period whilst our web site is under re-construction, members who used the on-line renewal facility can update their membership either by returning the membership renewal notice with payment to the HRCR office, by bank transfer, or by telephone.

Contact Iris Barron by telephone on 01332 672533 (mornings are best)

The HRCR bank account details are: I BAN GB57 RBOS 1611 3110 0289 29

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Remember that we can only post out the Old Stager magazine to those members whose subscriptions are up to date.

## **MARSALS NEEDED FOR ST WILFRID'S CLASSIC RALLY**

### **ST WILFRID'S CLASSIC RALLY – SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 2015**

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> running of the St Wilfrid's Classic Rally.

The event is provisionally scheduled to start on Ripon Market Place and will be based on OS Landranger maps 99 and 100. The 150 mile route will comprise of several special tests on mixed surfaces linked with regularity and transport sections through the Vale of York and the surrounding Yorkshire Dales and Moors.

To run the event successfully we need a large number of marshals so if you are free on the day but can't compete why not come along and marshal? We will need marshals for time controls and a few passage controls on the regularity sections plus marshals to run or observe on the special tests. Experience is not required and everyone will be made welcome.

All offers to help should be sent to the Chief Marshal, David Wainwright via the email address: [stwilfscm@riponmotorsportclub.co.uk](mailto:stwilfscm@riponmotorsportclub.co.uk) or phone 01765 640546

Marshals signing on will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August from 15.00 - 18.00 at The Black-a-Moor Inn, Ripon (336 703½)(HG4 5AA) and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August from 7.00 - 8.00 on Ripon Market Square (99/314 912)(HG4 1DD) Please note there will be no parking available on the Market Square.

## ROSEMARY SMITH TO SIGN UP FOR CIRCUIT DÉJÀ VU



Rosemary Smith, who drove for a number of factory teams at the height of her distinguished international racing and rallying career, is the latest personality to sign up for Circuit Déjà Vu.

She joins the growing list of former rallying stars who will be in Killarney next Easter, (26/28 March 2016), for the great Circuit of Ireland Rally reunion.

And as an added bonus Rosemary is bringing her rally Hillman Imp for the Sunday Run over the famous Kerry stages, the type of car she used to win the International Tulip Rally outright in 1965.

Rosemary will have plenty of tales to tell as the Dublin lady made many Circuit of Ireland Rally appearances including her 1964 Ladies Prize victory on the Easter Classic driving a works assisted Sunbeam Rapier.

Full details with booking form are available at <http://www.rpm-motorsport.com/events>

*Circuit Déjà Vu 2016 is being organised by Dr. Beatty Crawford and Plum Tyndall through RPM-Motorsports Ltd. and Marie Curie Cancer Care is the designated charity.*

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