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HRCR AGM

A full report on the recent AGM will be published in the Old Stager Magazine and on the Members Area of the Web site. All nominated officials were voted back into office plus Vice Presidents Robin Stretton and Richard Prosser. Both are long standing HRCR members who contribute a lot to HRCR in the background.



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

Thomas takes maiden championship victory on first ever 'Dixies Historic Challenge'

The second round of the 'old Stager' Championship, The Dixies Historic Challenge sponsored by Pontypridd Accident Repair Centre took place on the infamous Epynt Military Ranges. A new event in the calendar organised by South Wales AC and Griffin Motor Club, primarily aimed at historic cars and having a one day format offering 43 stage miles over ten stages. Thirteen 'old Stager' championship crews started, and with the prevailing rain and fog providing challenging road

conditions, the crews were kept busy from the off.

In Category one Shane Gamble / Jonny 'tad' Evans took the class win in their hired Austin Mini Cooper with a two minute and fifty four second lead over John Brooks / Craig Dolman in their Mini cooper. Brooks explained that an engine mis-fire was why he was down on stage times also there where oil pressure issues on the two final stages. Less fortunate were Peter Horsburgh / Graham Carter who retired their mini with a broken driveshaft on stage two.

Eifion Thomas / Peter Evans in their Escort RS2000 took a hard fought Category Two victory, top 'old Stager' and ninth overall on their first championship event of the year. Their winning margin was just thirty seconds over another new championship crew Jonathan Ford / Peter Thomas also in an Escort. Leading contenders David Stokes / Guy Weaver unfortunately crashed out of the event on stage four after hitting a patch of oil left by another car. David commenting that with no grip on the road and despite his best efforts they were just passengers in the accident. Fortunately no serious damage was sustained but a check over the cars suspension will be needed before the next round. Adding interest in the category was Simon Malins / Colin Tombs in the Martin Group replica Vauxhall Firenza they were pleased to finish the event after a scare on stage four when the car failed on the start line.

Category three saw father and son crew Stuart / Jack Anderson in the Chevettes taking the honours finishing seven minutes ahead of rivals Lee Sellars/Peter Alldread in the big Triumph 2.5PI. The Anderson's Chevette HS had an exciting time spinning and sliding around in the tricky conditions caused by the spilt oil on wet tarmac.

MINI CUP

In the Mini Sport Mini Cup Challenge, six Mini's entered the rally with Clive King extending his lead by coming first mini home, first in class and twentieth overall with a respectable time of forty five minutes and twenty two seconds to complete all 10 stages. Clive reported that the stages were trying but he would do the event again. Andrew O'Hanlon was second and commented that he had "Thoroughly enjoyed the event as it is one of my favourite places, despite being the place where I had the worst accident."

Eric Davis/Russell Joseph in their Mini Clubman, sporting a five port engine after the usual eight port had been terminally damaged last time out, swapped times throughout the day with Andrew with them keeping a close eye on Shane Gamble/Jonny Evans at the end with Shane taking faster times than Eric on the last two stages by a few seconds. Eric and Russell pleased to make the finish after recent reliability problems. Shane/Jonny taking fourth in class just two places behind..

John Brooks/Craig Dolman introduction to the challenge went well with the Mini putting in good times during the day. They finished the event in thirty seventh overall fifth in class.

Peter Horsburgh/Graham Carter who had unfortunately retired is hoping to be out again on round three at Down Ampney but he will definitely be out fighting for points on Isle of Man.

Crews now head off to round three the Red Dragon IT stages at Down Ampney on the 23rd May, with some of the leading crews away there is a great opportunity to grab some points.



Dixies Challenge Winners

Photo Kevin Baldwin

HRCR CLUBMANS ROAD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 4, the Leukaemia Historic Rally, takes place in South Wales this weekend, Saturday 16th May, with all the main contenders competing. Brian Thomas will be looking after signing-on for championship contenders and also assisting Paul Loveridge with Scrutineering.

Several contenders have been asking what their championship numbers are for 2015, as they have not received their registration cards. A complete list of all registered contenders with their numbers is now listed on the HRCR website Clubmans News section. Anyone who is coming to the Hughes Rally can collect their cards from me at signing-on on the Saturday evening.

Points tables for the first three rounds have now been compiled and can be found on the HRCR website. These show that the leaders are Roger and Leigh Powley in their Yellow Porsche on 109 points, with Matt Warren also on 109 points in his Escort, while navigator Andy Pullan is one point behind on 108.

The Novice category is led by Peter Kleyn and Gaius Hiscox in their Sunbeam Alpine on 44 points, closely followed on 42 points by Andy & Ros Simpson.

Many many thanks to everyone who has wished me well with my treatment. Having recovered from the first round of chemotherapy, minus some of my hair, I'll be starting the next in the week after the Hughes Rally. At last my collection of baseball caps is being pressed into service.

Andy Gibson

Golden Anniversary Hughes Historic Rally on Sunday 31st May

Round 5 of the HRCR Clubmans Rally Championship has plenty of entry places available at the time of writing, so there's still time to grab an entry by entering your details at the website www.Hughesrally.co.uk

This year the popular Kentish event will give prominence to the older cars, not only by using a class based test penalty system similar to that trialled by the Tour of Cheshire in March, but also by running the cars in age order, older cars first rather than seeding the most likely winners at the head of the field. Blackpalfrey Motor Club's clerk of the course Andy Gibson says "This will have distinct advantages, firstly we will not be asking a probable winner to wake up the marshals by being first at each control, and secondly it will help public relations by not sending all of the most impatient drivers together at the head of the field to possibly alarm the public road users and residents before the more sedate drivers arrive. We do have some great special tests planned at a new park venue, but none will be long enough for any driver to worry about being baulked by a car running a minute ahead. Our usual regularity section penalty scheme which restricts large errors will also apply and all crews get a Joker to loose their worst lateness penalty."

The Hughes Club Rally will again be running over the same route, doing all the same regularity and tests, but being on a Targa Rally clubman permit, non-historic compliant cars may compete and competition licences are not required, just Blackpalfrey membership cards, which only cost a tenner for the year if not already a member.

As usual, Tim Adams is coordinating the marshals, so should you be free on the 31st and wish to volunteer your services, please contact him today on 01322 277219.

As 2015 sees the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Blackpalfrey Motor Club and the very first Hughes Rally, each competitor will receive a special Golden Anniversary gift. Andy Gibson, 10th May 2015

The Ross Traders Historic Rally

"The Ross Traders Historic Rally is on Saturday 18th July. Regulations will be published and Entries will be open in the second half of May on our website www.rossmotorsports.co.uk There will be a new Web-entry system available as well as the traditional posting option. The event will total about 165 miles which includes 10 miles of tests and 135 miles split into six regularity sections. You don't need a degree in arithmetic to see that the navigators will be working hard - but we assure you that it won't be hard work! The tests will include Oakenhill Forestry (once each way) and we are returning to Whitfield for a couple of visits which will hopefully include a new mile long, smooth gravel test. There will be one simple plot & bash regularity, and one will be set as 'ready to go' - where you will have the first five miles or so pre-plotted and get the remainder as you leave the Reg Start. Four will therefore be Pre-Plot. None will be difficult, and novices will be able to practice the navigation with samples in their finals.

Once signed on (Friday or Saturday), crews will get their rally packs which will include everything except the regularity navigation. We have limited the maximum penalty at an ITC to one minute, but we will not be using the 'joker' system of removing a crew's worst ITC time. We were tempted to use a better test group improvement system; but have refrained, and the full test times for everybody will count.

The entry fee includes an excellent Ploughman's Lunch and a hot meal back at our Clubhouse in Ross where the bar will be open for you to pass on your successes and commiserate with those not as fortunate as you!

If you aren't able to compete, perhaps you would like to see how it is done and help as a marshal. Contact details will be in the regs." Simon Harris

HRCR SPEED SERIES



The third round of the HRCR Speed Series has just taken place at Llys-y-fran near Haverfordwest using the 1044 metres long Hill Climb. The course is run on a utility road from the base to the top of the Llys-y-fran dam. This is a very picturesque venue that ran on a dry and sunny day.

Paul Jones. Austin Mini.

Practice runs in seconds.

1st run: 63.79. 2nd run: 60.22. 3rd run: 57.79

Timed runs in Seconds.

1st run: 56.46. 2nd run: 55.84.

A newcomer along with his brother to the championship. They have built the car to take part in Historic motorsport. A much improved second timed run was a just reward for the car and drivers first event.

Roger Jones. Austin Mini.

Practice runs in seconds.

1st run: 59.61. 2nd run: 57.07. 3rd run: 56.75

Timed runs in Seconds.

1st run: 56.01. 2nd run: 56.63.

A first Hillclimb for the car and drivers, the car ran faultlessly during the day and is a good example of a true clubman's car. His brother set the best times beating Roger by .34 of a second.

Malcolm Shaw. Ford Escort

Practice runs in seconds.

1st run: 61.40. 2nd run: 58.70. 3rd run. No time.

Timed runs in Seconds.

1st run: 56.45. 2nd run: 54.97.

Malcolm Shaw made the long journey from his home in Essex to the venue and was rewarded with a result that puts him at the head of the championship. He commented that it was a very technical course but had thoroughly enjoyed himself. This was reflected with a much improved 1.48 second quicker second timed run.

Regulations

Round 4, The Scammonden Dam Hill Climb (550 yds) on Sunday 17th May.

Regs are available from www.mgcc.co.uk

Round 5/6, The Epynt Hillclimb on Saturday & Sunday 13th/14th June is an optional double header. It is based on the Epynt Military ranges between Brecon and Llandovery. At a total distance of 1 mile it is one of the longest Hillclimb courses in the U/k.

Regs are available from www.breconmotorclub.co.uk

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Address: 157 High Street, Cinderford, Glos. GL14 2TF.

E Mail; paul.rally@btconnect.com Tel: 07831656472

HRCR PREMIER RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

This all new championship with was the brainchild of the late Philip Young currently has 39 registered contenders competing for points over a varied number of events Full information on the championship web site at www.PremierRally.co.uk

HRCR SCENIC TOURS

GAPERS TOUR 2015

With the Gapers Tour in Belgium on the horizon there were things to do in Devon. Dippy had to have a good check over interesting but a new learning curve for me. I had instructions on how to check the tyre pressures oil via the dipstick and water levels. All set and ready to go it was planned for the team to set off on 24th April to give a free day to appreciate the sites of World War 1 also to find the start venue of the event so there would be no time wasted on the morning of the 26th April. The team consisted of Jill and Nick Jones their son Stuart and I poised to navigate acting as co-pilot.

Four people on board poor Dippy we left Devon laden to the gunnels. Common sense prevailing the Minilite wheels were swapped for the older wheels and tyres that fit nicely under the wheel arches. A very good trip was had to the channel tunnel followed by a meal in Poperinge which set us up for the next day. A visit to the Tyne Cot Cemetery, followed by a look at the cars that were going to compete on the Monteberg Rally Sprint.

The Gapers tour started with documentation from 08.00 hours so an early start was made from the B&B with Terry and Helen Schraider in there Triumph TR4. We were issued with the road book to check over and had a good breakfast before starting off on the first leg of the event. The first part took us to the first drink stop at Le Bizet just over 40k from the start. The navigation is quite testing but good fun many tulips not having 1k between them, for example 1.37 followed by .200 .720 .270 then a little relaxation 1.250k. In the box of almost every tulip there is the road name of the road you should be on so no excuses for mistakes unless the driver is not concentrating and has forgotten you said turn right (slippy Dippy).

Another 44k after the first drink stop bought us to a lunch break at the Ice Mountain just like our Snow Dome. A wonderful lunch was served of aperitif a main course of chicken in a mushroom sauce with salad and chips!!! Another drink, apple tart with caramel sauce then coffee. Wow now we have four heavy weights in the car.

Re start at 13.30 road book No 2 was handed out 45k to the next drink stop. Dippy was behaving very well, I continued as co-pilot and Jill took over the helm from Nick. The route was delightful with lots of sneaky turnings that keep the navigator concentrating, no falling to sleep on this event. There was a set of pictures given out at the start of the event if you saw them a record had to be kept in the order they were seen. This is much harder than you might think; an award was given by Dippy for the person who recorded the most pictures.

The first three letters of some of the road names also had to be recorded. All check sheets were handed in at the following drink stop so the final leg was very relaxed no more pictures to look for no road names, just pure navigational enjoyment. On the last leg the distance in the road book was 39.64k and Dippys Brantz read 39.7. Distances certainly are spot on with this event the attention to detail is fantastic.

Charming friendly people even the weather was not as bad as forecast and a fantastic route, such fun when the competitors are doing a figure of eight and a crossover is made with the cars further down the field. Very well done to all at the Kemmel Historic Comite. www.kemmelhistoric.be

On a personal note, I would like to thank Jill and Nick for coming with me, the event is very special to me.

I would also like to thank KHC for their wonderful presentation to me. A beautiful oil painting of Dippy in full swing with Mike and Hilary, the Menin Gate in the background that bears the name of Mikes' grandfather.

Hilary and Dippy



3rd DERBYSHIRE DALES DRIVE Near to a full entry

You might just get your entry into what is one of just three events that the HRCR organises within its own Scenic Tour series.

Clerk of the Course John Ball has developed a route so that the Start, Lunch Halt and Finish can all be at Abbotsholme School, the venue that proved so successful last year.

Even if you have either a pre-1990 or otherwise 'interesting' car, you can still be involved. Whilst one advantage of the figure-of-eight format is the reduction in the number of officials required, others will likely to be needed, so please volunteer your services. Where and time : See also www.derbyshiredalesdrive.co.uk for further details.

CHESHIRE PLAINS TOUR

The HRCR North West Area will be organising a new event to test the mettle of both navigators and drivers on Saturday 27th June. Designed to encourage those who have been active participants in scenic tours to move towards competitive rallies, plus seasoned rally crews, the occasion will be in the form of a tour but with the emphasis on testing the navigator's skills and driver's awareness.

There will be no competitive timing and a variety of navigational styles will be used to determine the route. A number of Controls plus Code Boards will be used to present confirmation that the correct route has been followed. No awards will be offered other than the satisfaction of fully completing the correct route as planned by the organisers.

The event is open to all comers, whether HRCR members or not and a Competition Licence is not required. Classic and interesting cars are welcomed with a maximum entry of 60 cars.

Based mainly in Cheshire, an interesting route of around 160 miles has been planned with the start at Gawsworth Hall, near Congleton, with lunch and the finish near Holmes Chapel.

An entry fee of £59 for a crew of two includes tea/coffee at the start plus a breakfast roll, route instructions, and tour plate. An individual buffet lunch is also included in the entry fee.

Regulations and entry forms are available on the website www.cheshireplains-tour.co.uk or the Entries Secretary, Anwen Mountford at entries@cheshireplains-tour.co.uk

For more information contact: Phil Bateman philbateman@hotmail.com 07789 921977

BLACK MOUNTAINS TOUR

Brecom Motor Club are running the Black Mountains Classic on Sunday June 28th and still have some places available. They have 33 entries at present and would be delighted to see a few more. Entry forms available at www.brecomotorclub.co.uk or ring Chris Phillips on 07766 991806. Martin Leonard

LOCAL AREA NEWS

DEAN & THE MARCHES

For April we all gathered at the Wye Valley Brewery at Stoke Lacey for a brewery tour and tasting. Around 25 people turned up and enjoyed an illustrated talk by the head brewer then a tour of the brewery followed by a good sampling of the four draft beers on offer that night. We then all moved to a very nice country pub, well off the beaten track, for some food. For some there was then the added pleasure of a drive home on a beautiful star lit night in an open top car.

Bonnets up night.

The next planned activity by the Dean and Marches HRCR section is a bonnets up evening on Monday 18th May at the

Royal Lodge Bar and Restaurant situated at Symonds Yat East. Herefordshire.

Post code: **HR9 6JL**

It is situated the Gloucester side of the River Wye at the end of the road under the famous Symonds Yat Rock.

The meeting will start at **7:45pm**

There is a large car park area where you may park your car and lift your bonnet! Then make your way to the venue and sample the fine selection of drinks and food the venue has to offer. The outside tables give a relaxing view of the River Wye as it passes slowly by.

For those interested remember to bring a pair of binoculars as the Peregrine falcons are in residence again on the Symonds Yat rock behind you.

There will be a some cars on display belonging to the owner Paul Howells.

BRISTOL/BATH

The next HRCR Bristol and Bath centre area meeting will be held at a new venue, the Carpenters Arms at Stanton Wick on Tuesday May 19th 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. It is, I think, a good location with a large car park with an excellent menu.

Telephone number 01761 490202 www.the-carpenters-arms.co.uk

Please come and join us.

We would like to invite you to a Bath Motor Club Barbecue evening on Monday June 8th 2015 at Orchardleigh Golf Club, Buckland Dinham near Frome, Somerset from 7 pm onwards.

Orchardleigh was our finish venue for the 2014 Aquae Sulis Tour and will be our start and finish venue for the Tour in 2015.

Orchardleigh is set in a beautiful location in the very scenic Orchardleigh Estate at Buckland Dinham, near Frome and is the ideal location for this evening as there is ample space both indoors and out.

We would also like to assemble a good range of classic cars for the evening as it will be an ideal opportunity to promote Bath Motor Club and the Bath Motor Club Aquae Sulis Tour with a photo shoot for the local press and media.

We wish to make use of this occasion by inviting our charity, Great Western Air Ambulance to give a short presentation on this evening. We have already collected a sum of over £250 for Great Western Air Ambulance from donations from entrants to the Bath Motor Club Aquae Sulis Tour to take place on Sunday July 12th 2015 for which we have 46 entries to date.

We will also invite our local radio stations, Breeze and Radio Bristol as well as the our local newspapers, the Bath Chronicle and Frome Standard to this evening.

The barbecue of sausages, burgers, rolls and mixed salad or vegetarian option will be served from 7 pm for a cost of £6 a head.

Please come and join us and make it a good social evening and bring your classic "transport of delight" if you can.

All you need to do is to contact me Keith Wilson on cortina830d@o2.co.uk or 07802 709131 in order that I can make sure that we have the necessary catering arrangements in place.

Keith Wilson

NORTH WEST AREA

I thoroughly enjoyed the Sandbach Transport Festival again this year despite no parade through the streets. Thanks to those who entered the Queen's Birthday Run-11 cars had good weather and we dutifully toasted Her Majesty at the finish.

Thanks to those who helped out so well at the Gawsorth Hall Classic Car Show. Rupert has expressed his thanks to me for your efforts. Good weather again brought out some varied cars.

16 June -Its our car park night again at Swettenham Arms nr Holmes Chapel. Bring along your vehicle and/or yourself for a chat and a beer-we have had an excellent turnout now for a number of years and the event seems to be a permanent fixture-it's a charming old pub in an attractive setting-from 7pm on

The Cheshire Plains Run which looks excellent is on 27 June-the website has full details

Mid-Week Tour - 8th July 2015-Start with coffee near Macclesfield, finish for late pub lunch near Ashbourne. About 60 miles of country lanes. Very simple navigation. All welcome!

Organiser Nigel Raeburn. More details on the website.

21 July is the Gawsworth autotest-more details to follow

We seem to have plenty to keep us occupied at present and Shon has also detailed events to which we are invited. So if you are not receiving the Areas 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-Tony Davies tandcdavies@tiscali.co.uk 01270 874824

SOUTH WALES

Next meeting May 12th 2015.

We will be meeting at the newish venue this month 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 a de-brief discussions on the HRCR area groups meeting and AGM from the 18th. all members are welcome to the discussion.

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.

Next month's meeting. June 9th.

SE London & Surrey

Advance billing attracted a select group to The Bell to spend an evening with Jane and Richard Jeffcoate reliving their hardy experience on the Flying Scotsman ERA rally. Excellent presentation with the many insights only a participant can provide. A fitting tribute to PY.

The show ended with a short "vintage vehicle identification" quiz. Two members displayed alarmingly anorak levels of knowledge. Best they remain anonymous.

We also received some feedback on the recent Area Organiser meeting (thanks to Geoff Cooper for attending) and have some avenues to pursue.

28th May is our next gathering at The Bell, Outwood.

We have a scatter to confirm for June, our summer bbq and rally reports to look forward to.

Denis Robson

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NORTHANTS & BEDS

First a reminder that we have "An Evening with John Davenport" on Monday 18th, at 7.30pm at Towcester Mill, so I am looking forward to catching up with there.

Second the good news, for those who don't know is that Andrew Bodman has been released from hospital following a pneumonia problem, and I am sure we all wish him a continued speedy recovery.

Thirdly Monica will be requesting newsletter material in the next few days so get those articles in.

Lastly I have received a plea for marshals for the Loughborough Metric Services EasyLarity Rally on Sunday 17th – see below and please contact Richard Egger to claim a free breakfast.

David Holmes

MIDLANDS

The last Midlands meeting was over the recent Bank Holiday weekend where Local Area Members staged a highly successful Autotest utilising the Melbourne Loop of the iconic Donington Park Race Circuit, as part of the attractions provided for visitors to the Donington Historic Festival.

We had 29 cars out on the test over this three day event with many more local members acting as marshals and officials A big thank you to all who took part. A full report will be published in the next issue of Old Stager.

The next event organised by the Midlands region will be the third running of the Derbyshire Dales Tour which is reported under separate cover in this newsletter

SOUTH WEST

The South West Ares will next meet at the usual meeting venue, The Lamb Inn on 20th May when we hope to be able to discuss a possible venue change in an attempt to increase our turnout number
Pete Gilbert

BUCKS BERKS & OXON

The Next BBO Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd June This will be a Noggin & Natter starting at 8.00 for 8.30pm BB&O meet at The Gate, Bryants Bottom, High Wycombe. HP16 0JS Bill Price

HISTORIC MARATHON RALLY SHOW

**Sunday 31st May 2015 Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon,
CV35 0BJ**

RALLY LEGENDS TO REUNITE AT HISTORIC MARATHON RALLY SHOW

Legendary rally drivers, navigators and cars that competed in Marathon and other International Rallies will reunite for the Historic Marathon Rally Show on Sunday 31st May at the Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon, Warwickshire.



This event, free to the public, will celebrate the spirit and endeavours of those men, women and cars that competed in International Rallies pre-1982 with emphasis on Marathon Rallies of this period such as the 1968 London to Sydney Marathon, the 1970 London to Mexico World Cup Rally, the 1974 London-Sahara-Munich World Cup Rally, and the second London to Sydney Marathon of 1977.

Owners of Historic cars and personalities should contact
Ted Taylor ted.taylor@bigfoot.com or Ken Green on 01922 452608
Promotion and publicity Michael Ryman mkryman@btinternet.com
Traders contact Secretary Andrew Newman acao@btinternet.com
Clubs who would like a stand should contact the Chairman Ted Taylor

In addition, there will be a tribute to the Endurance Rally Association's fantastic Pirelli Classic Marathons of 1988-91, organised by Philip Young, who is generally credited with having kick-started the historic rally movement, together with a celebration of the East African Safari Rallies of the '70s and '80s.

Organised by the team behind WCR40, the hugely popular and successful rally day held to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1970 London to Mexico World Cup Rally, the Historic Marathon Rally Show will give fans an up-close snapshot of motorsport history.

This is a celebration and we're inviting the owners of as many genuine Historic Rally cars, the personalities and competitors that drove and navigated them, and their team members to a fantastic reunion.

"The stories and memories shared will show the tenacity, courage and vision that both factory teams, private competitors and support crews showed at a time when the world was a much larger place and when lands were much less travelled."

Inside the Heritage Motor Centre there will be lively Q&A sessions, a model car display, unseen film footage of the period, interviews with competitors, reunions galore and seminars.

Outside will see parades of the cars involved, club and trade stands and a whole host of interactive opportunities for the public to get up close and personal and experience what it was like to be a part of those wonderful days of Rallying.



The event is supported by **Club Triumph**, who will host a display of their cars, and sponsored by the **Endurance Rally Association**, who will feature cars, people and stories from the 1988 Pirelli Classic

Marathon, the first 'modern' international event for historic cars, as well as taking in other ERA events such as London to Cape Town and Peking to Paris.

The Historic Marathon Rally Show is at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon CV35 0BJ. Entry into the show is free but the normal Heritage Museum entry fees apply for anyone wishing to visit. Doors open at 10am with free parking. For more information and the latest show news, visit www.historicmarathonrallyshow.com.

ARE YOU RECEIVING YOUR OLD STAGER MAGAZINE?

The Old Stager magazine is distributed to members on a bi-monthly basis and last issue went out on Thursday 12th of February.

Magazines are only posted to members whose membership is up to date, so if you haven't got your copy check your membership card for your expiry date.

We also receive between 4 to 10 copies every month overwritten with note like "No longer at this address" Please if you move let our membership secretary have your new address E mail is best at membership@hrcr.co.uk

ENDURANCE RALLY ASSOCIATION OUTLINES THE WAY FORWARD

The Endurance Rally Association (ERA) has outlined how the company will move forward following the death of founder and Rally Director Philip Young, after a recent meeting of his estate executors.

Philip's life partner Jane Young, who knows and fully supports Philip's ambitions and aspirations, will become the company director, and ERA Vice President Fred Gallagher will take a more active role to work alongside the existing ERA team to maintain the vision, competitive spirit and imagination that Philip created.

Jane said: "Maintaining Philip's legacy won't be easy but I know it's what he would have wanted and, with the support of the competitors and the brilliant team Philip has built at the ERA, I know we can do it. Selling or breaking up the ERA is not an option."

Fred Gallagher and the rest of the ERA team will be on-hand throughout the forthcoming Flying Scotsman and look forward to meeting as many old and new friends as possible.

Fred added: "Philip was a visionary and an innovator, a real ideas man. His spirit of adventure is the backbone of the ERA events and what inspired not only his team but the whole historic rally movement. Yes, it will be different without Philip, but the way forward is to successfully build on the legacy of his extraordinary vision, continue to innovate and create yet more memories of a lifetime for thousands of classic car enthusiasts. It is exactly what we know he wanted."

Philip Young's funeral was held in Wadhurst in East Sussex on 2nd April. Details of Philip's Memorial service will be announced as soon as arrangements can be made. For further updates, visit www.endurorally.com.

EIFEL RALLY FESTIVAL

Parade of the best ... and more visitors

The organisers of the Eifel Rally Festival have introduced a new idea in the hope of attracting some exceptional – and valuable – rally cars to their already over-subscribed event in July.

There are, in both private hands and in museums, original rally cars that perhaps their guardians would not like to be subjected to the entire two days of special stages. Thus a compromise has been arranged whereby such cars, of great interest to the thousands of rally fans that come to watch this unique event, will be seen both in motion and on display. This is what will be called the Festival Parade.

It will take place over the Friday night stage at Hilgerath after which the cars taking part will be on static display in the centre of Daun, the host town for the Festival. Peter Schlömer, the chief organiser explains; "We want to attract the cars that are too valuable or fragile to do the whole festival programme. These rare cars will probably not drive as fast as the other cars entered in the Eifel Rallye Festival, but still we thought that it is a thousand times better to show these cars a bit than not to have them here at all."

The good news is that already at least one true "monster" from the past has agreed to take part in the parade. This is a Peugeot 405 T16 Pikes Peak made famous by the film, "Climb Dance", covering Ari Vatanen's winning ascent of Pikes Peak in 1988. The car that Enda Garvey is bringing to the Parade is one of two such cars that ran in the 1988 and 1989 editions of Pikes Peak. In 1988, it finished

second driven by Juha Kankkunen while its sister car won with Vatanen. In 1989, Vatanen drove this car but crossed the finish line on only three wheels.

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