



## **HRCR NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2015**

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### **HRCR OFFICE**

The HRCR office will be closed from Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of September to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Urgent enquiries during this period should be directed to any of the HRCR officials listed at the end of this publication.

### **HRCR DINNER DANCE & AGM**

As the season for the various championships draws to a close it's time to add the date of the Annual Dinner and Presentation night into your diaries. This popular event once again returns to the Hellidon Lakes Spa Hotel for the 2016 function. Hellidon Lakes is centrally situated close to Daventry. The date is Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2016.

David Holmes has been able to secure preferential rates for those attending the function and full details will be distributed to members shortly as tickets go on sale

The AGM will be held over the same weekend

### **HRCR WEB SITE UPDATE**

Alan Turner has just about completed his mammoth task of collating the mountain of information needed to create a website worthy of such a diverse organisation as HRCR. He is now in the process of sending this to the company who are responsible for building the site which is still scheduled to go live later this month.

## HRCR MINTEX 'old STAGER' CHAMPIONSHIP 2015 INCORPORATING THE MINI SPORT MINI CHALLENGE AND THE HRCR IMP CUP



Temporary web site @ [www.oldstager.co.uk](http://www.oldstager.co.uk)

### HRCR Mintex 'Old Stager' comes to the Isle of Man

Twelve Historic Rally Car Register crews will be making the crossing over to the island, including two Minis that have taken over 6 weeks to be shipped from Japan to take part in what is becoming a very popular event amongst HRCR members.

The Rally Isle of Man will take place over three days with the event counting for two rounds of the championship, both being televised through Special Stage Extra on Motors TV.

With double championship points up for the taking, there could be potential upset in the championship standings within the three categories with a maximum 70 points to be obtained.

Cat 1: Here we see four Minis entered, Peter Horsburgh/Graham Carter in their Mini Cooper 'S', Peter Ellerby/Paul Price in a Mk1 Mini, Yoshinao Tsuchiya/Ritsuro Okano in their Cooper Mk1, and Shinobu Kitani/Hiroko Kitani in a Cooper 'S'. Both Japanese Minis come and take part in this event every year. Regular Isle of Man contender Rikki Proffitt will be out in his Porsche, tackling asphalt stages. Nick Pinkett/Richard Simpson will complete the category in their Saab 96.



Cat 2: Simon Malins/Colin Tombs will be back out in their Vauxhall Firenza. Regulars Clive King/Aton Bird and Andrew O'Hanlon/Brian Hodges will both take part in their respective Minis, both locked in a battle for the category title. David Stokes and Guy Weaver will be bringing their Ford Escort Mk1 across the water to try to continue the good form they usually have on this event. Shawn Rayner/Declan Dear will be joining the championship on this event in their Ford Escort Mk1, a sister car to "Beatsie" which is now undergoing some much needed TLC.

Cat 3: Father and son pairing Stuart and Jack Anderson will be back out in their Vauxhall Chevette, hoping to take the lead in the category from Lee Sellars.

The Minisport Mini Cup will also feature heavily on the Isle of Man, with the 6 Minis taking part in this Challenge, all looking to be the first Mini home on each of separate the events over the weekend.

Regulars Clive King and Andrew O'Hanlon, with their regular co-drivers, will be looking to extend their points over each other. Clive, being 33 Points behind Andrew, will be looking to take advantage of the double point system, hopefully overcoming mechanical issues from last year on the event.

Overall Standings:

- Cat 1: Shane Gamble 75 pts / Jonny Evans 75 pts
- Cat 2: Andrew O'Hanlon 99 pts and Anton Bird 100 pts
- Cat 3: Lee Sellars 93 pts and Jack Anderson 75 pts
- Minisport Mini Cup Andrew O'Hanlon 103 pts.

### HRCR PREMIER RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

This all new championship, which was the brainchild of the late Philip Young, currently has 39 registered contenders competing for points over a varied number of events. Full information can be found on the championship website at [www.PremierRally.co.uk](http://www.PremierRally.co.uk)

## HRCR CLUBMANS ROAD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Temporary website: [www.historicroadrally.co.uk](http://www.historicroadrally.co.uk)



### Round 8 - St Wilfrids Classic

Championship contenders took the first four places in the St Wilfrids Classic in Yorkshire on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August:

1. Matt Warren & Andy Pullan, Ford Escort
2. Howard Warren & Iain Tullie, Porsche 911 Coupe
3. Steve Entwistle & Matt Fowle, BMC Mini
4. Martin Neal & Richard Dix, Austin Healey Sprite

From the St Wilfrids results, navigator Iain Tullie has put himself in an unbeatable position for the 2015 Championship. Whatever happens on the final round this weekend, the Vale of Clwydd Classic in North Wales, the closest challenger, 2014 champion Andy Pullan, cannot surpass Iain's score.

Despite now being unbeatable, navigator Iain Tullie still has a job to do on the final round, since his driver Howard Warren is still in contention with Steve Entwistle for the drivers' championship title. Steve has shown that his Minisport supported Mini is more than a match for Howard's Porsche, so the championship can easily go either way, or even finish in a difficult to resolve tie.

Best Experts are also now decided in favour of John and Peter Dignan, who have put up some excellent results this year in their MGB.

Best Novice Driver falls to Peter Kleyn in his Sunbeam Alpine, with closest challenger Andy Simpson unable to score enough points to overtake on the final round. However Peter's navigator Gaius Hiscox, whilst currently leading the Novice Navigators, still can see a late challenge from Ros Simpson and Claire Grove on the final round. All will be resolved when the results of the final round are declared.

### Round 9 – Vale of Clwydd Classic – 5<sup>th</sup> September

The final showdown of the 2015 championship takes place in North Wales this weekend, under the organisation of Guy Woodcock and the Clwydd Vale MC. There will be some strong competition from non-championship competitors, as can be seen from the top 10 seeded entries, however they will not affect the championship contenders' points.

1. Howard Warren & Iain Tullie, 1965 Porsche 911 Coupe
2. Charles Colton & Ryan Pickering, 1965 Porsche 911 Coupe
3. Peter Welch & Richard Bestwick, 1974 Triumph Dolomite Sprint
4. Steve Entwistle & Mark Appleton, 1960 BMC Mini
5. Matt Warren & Andy Pullan, 1973 Ford Escort
6. Paul Wignall & Ali Procter, 1959 Alfa Romeo Giulietta
7. John Ruddock & Roger Burkill, 1972 Ford Escort Mexico
8. Roger Powley & Leigh Powley, 1972 Porsche 911
9. Dermot Carnegie & Paul Bosdet, 1971 Ford Escort RS 2000 Mk1
10. Jayne Wignall & Kevin Savage, 1965 Sunbeam Tiger

The 2015 Championship results will be posted at [www.historicroadrally.co.uk](http://www.historicroadrally.co.uk) after the weekend.

### 2016 Championship News

With the final round of the 2015 upon us this coming weekend, the Committee's thoughts are turning to the 2016 Championship. So what's new for 2016?

We are in the final stages of agreeing a new sponsorship arrangement for 2016 and the following two years. Details of this new association will be announced in the next Old Stager.

The Committee is also considering an additional new Championship round, which would be held in the north of England in October 2016. More details in the next Old Stager.

#### **HRCR CLUBMANS RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP COORDINATOR**

After many years of sterling service' Andy Gibson is to stand down as our Road Rally Championship Coordinator and we are looking for someone to carry this highly successful series forward.

Interested? then contact any HRCR Official or Tony Barron at [admin@hrcr.co.uk](mailto:admin@hrcr.co.uk)

## **HRCR SCENIC TOURS**

### **THE HRCR's MINT SAUCE RUN - SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The route of this tour has now been altered (so named after the many sheep around!) and now starts at High Legh Garden Centre on the A50, some 8 miles north of Knutsford and can be easily reached. The route first heads south and east taking in the lush Cheshire countryside south of Manchester before hitting the hilly and stunning Peak District above Castleton, before turning south and down into the Hope Valley and back across the Lower Peaks and the Staffordshire and the Moorlands area, stopping in picturesque countryside for coffee. This area offers stunning views. Then heading North West and descending down again onto the Cheshire plain before heading North West to be welcomed back at the High Legh Garden Centre Classic Car Show north of Knutsford for a late-ish lunch and a look around the show and the garden centre. The Tour is an integral part of the show. The route is about 120 miles and enters 3 counties.

The tour is on country roads and is aimed at those who want a good run and an enjoyable day out in their classic car, so navigation will be simple by a tulip road book supplied before the start, so no maps necessary! You will need a navigator however to read out the road book.

There will be refreshment stops along the route. There will be some passage controls to ensure cars are on the right route.

The finish is at High Legh near Knutsford, where there is an excellent Garden centre to look around which is also holding a Classic Car weekend to join in with.

Entry fee of £70 includes for 2 people (driver and navigator): breakfast refreshments at start, coffee/tea and biscuits en route, meal at finish, Rally Plate and entry to the classic car show.

Tel: 01270 874824 or email [tandcdavies@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tandcdavies@tiscali.co.uk) for an entry form.

### **The 5<sup>th</sup> REGIS TAP - SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

There may still be the opportunity to grab a very late entry on the above classic tour & picnic. Based between Chichester & Arundel in West Sussex, the start is at Great Ballard School, Earham, where breakfast butties and coffee/tea are included. Five times Le Mans winner, Derek Bell will be flagging the cars away from the start from 10.01. First proposed stop is at Albury Organic Vineyard, where a local wine can be purchased to enjoy with your picnic, and the Silent Pool Gin Distillery. This year's BYO picnic halt is Busbridge Lakes near Godalming, an exotic water fowl reserve and gardens with grottos and follies, opening especially as a private visit.

A cream tea and a visit then follows at Bignor Roman Villa. The last leg of the tour heads to our wonderful finish venue at the Tithe Barn, Old Ditcham Park Farm, where crews can enjoy a hog roast & cash bar, whilst being entertained by Dawn's Vintage Do. Entry fee is £97.50 including entry fees to all venues and meals as specified. £12.50 from every crew member is donated directly to Sussex Air Ambulance. There will also be a raffle at the finish for some lovely prizes to boost the charity fundraising. Call Ali Green 01243 542674 or email [alitherally@btinternet.com](mailto:alitherally@btinternet.com) [www.bognor-regis-mc.co.uk](http://www.bognor-regis-mc.co.uk)

## **13<sup>th</sup> AUTUMN LEAVES SCENIC TOUR**

### **Historic Rally Car Register - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

The HRCR organised Autumn Leaves Scenic Tours takes place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of November. Regulations and entry form can be downloaded from the [www.ScenicToursUK.co](http://www.ScenicToursUK.co) website via following links:

Regulations: <http://www.scenictoursuk.co/hrcr-autumn-leaves/autumn-leaves-regulations/>

Entry Form: <http://www.scenictoursuk.co/hrcr-autumn-leaves/autumn-leaves-entry-form/>

## **2015 NOTTINGHAM CLASSIC**

A low entry, not helped by the weather forecast, failed to dampen the spirits of the 30 cars starting the 2015 Nottingham Classic. However, the weather was kind as the cars assembled for the start at the impressive Victorian monolith of the Papplewick Pumping Station situated North East of Nottingham.

Organiser John Thornhill briefed crews before the start explaining the format of issuing route cards for each section at the section start in an effort to prevent convoy running. This has been successful since its launch several years back. He also advised our intrepid tourers that the Outlaw Triathlon with its 1450 entrants would be cycling along our path. Road closures were checked the day before and only minor hold ups were expected.

Chris and Patricia Glasebey led the cars away in their wonderful sounding 1959 TR3A as they were flagged out of the ornamental gates. They stayed at the head of the entry throughout the day. The route out of the pumping station is directly on to country roads heading north east through the county toward the first stop at Thoresby Courty. Adjacent to the magnificent Thoresby Hall, the Courtyard is a haven of boutique style shops and eateries together with the regimental museum of the Queen's Royal Lancers – now the Royal Lancers and descended from the Light Brigade made famous at Balaclava. Entry was included in the cost of the run. Crews were given an hour before the next route cards were handed out. Cars leaving once again at minute intervals and back into the lanes. Only minimal hindrance was caused by the bikers of the Outlaw Triathlon, in fact a herd of cows caused a longer hold up – it is hard to believe where a cow can get its interest in classic cars from!! Many of them taking a slow look at us as we tried to get through them. Mind the paint!! That Renault Gordini 8 of Stuart and Diane Levee is pristine we don't want cow muck on it.



Section two ventured further into the north east of the county just as the predicted rain arrived bang on time, before looping back to Patchings Farm Art Centre, where several artists have studios featuring different media and there is a coffee shop of course. On the basis this was more than a clearing up shower, one more of the open tops headed for home and an early bath but the scene at Patchings as the cars arrived looked bleaker and bleaker. Thank goodness for Goretex, marshals needed clothing more akin to a night in Kielder than a summer tour in the midlands but still nothing dampened spirits. Stuart Wagg in his 1960 Ford Anglia refuses to wear anything but shorts during the touring season despite persistent precipitation.

The last leg from Patchings back to the Pumping Station contained even more water. The Ford at Beanford Lane, a mere trickle during the Friday route check, was now a few inches high but who cares, we are all soaking wet anyway. A run south crossing the Trent at Gunthorpe with a loop back through the Trent Valley brought cars back to Papplewick where cards were stamped and souvenir campaign medals handed out. Crews enjoyed a very welcome, very tasty hog roast under an even more welcome marquee and those who were of a mind, took advantage of looking at the magnificent beam engines in the pumping station and the Victorian underground reservoir – empty of course.

Smiles all round, then the rain stopped, then we went home.

Thanks everyone, especially all of the HRCR newcomers from as far afield as Devon, Suffolk and Tyneside.

## HRCR SPEED SERIES

**Loton Park. Round 9.** Weather: Sunny all day.



Roger Jones. Austin Mini

Another good run from Roger saw him take the 1<sup>st</sup> in class for the Historic Rally Cars section. Timed runs. 1<sup>st</sup> 69.19 secs. 2<sup>nd</sup> 69.12 secs.

Paul Jones. Austin Mini.

Paul was once again the runner up to his brother Roger, his times improved during the day. That is the one attraction of this sporting discipline it shows up your efforts or mistakes immediately. Timed runs. 1<sup>st</sup> 71.64 secs. 2<sup>nd</sup> 72.49 secs

Callum Barney. Cortina GT.

Callum set some good times during the day, improving his back to back times. The Cortina looks great in a lovely well prepared condition.

Timed runs. 1<sup>st</sup> 73.37 secs. 2<sup>nd</sup> 72.49 secs.

Phillip Cheek. MGB

Phil pictured in his immaculate MGB, this must surely be the best turned out car in the series.

Timed runs. 1<sup>st</sup> 85.97 secs. 2<sup>nd</sup> 85.56 secs.

Next Rounds:

6th September MG Car Club Ty Croes Sprint [www.mgcc.co.uk](http://www.mgcc.co.uk)

4th October BARC Midlands Curborough Sprint [www.barc.net/centres](http://www.barc.net/centres)

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## CALLING ALL SUNBEAM RAPIER OWNERS

The Autumn Classics Race-Day in October at Castle Combe has a parade of cars, part of which is a tribute to an original well known racing driver at the Combe who also rallied a Sunbeam Rapier similar to the one rallied by Don Pither, one of the founders of HRCR, registration number YWK1.

Do any HRCR members know of the whereabouts of YWK1 ? Or if anyone in the club has a similar car - around 1957, please can they contact Tony Barron, email [tony@hrcr.co.uk](mailto:tony@hrcr.co.uk)

## LOCAL AREA NEWS

### DEAN & THE MARCHES

In August we met at Jacob Engineering in Huntley for the long awaited return visit to this wonderful workshop. The visit had certainly attracted members as about 50 people turned up, a record number for our regional group. The attraction was to look at the meticulous restoration work being carried out on various Jaguar models. The work standards are very high, almost a work of art. We were also able to see a lot of the special components made for the Jaguar 3.8 litre straight six engines.

The next meeting will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September which will be held at Winner Garage, Cinderford, GL14 2PH or 162/646151. This will be a motorsport vehicle evening where it is hoped to have several competition cars on display to look at. All are welcome to come and join us. Stuart Harrold

### BUCKS BERKS & OXON

The October Meeting will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October – this replaces the Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October date when there will be a visit to The Trenchard Museum – RAF Halton meeting at 19.30hrs

Address: Royal Air Force, Halton Camp, Aylesbury HP22 5PG.

RAF Halton is located on the B4009 North of Wendover.

All visitors will require photo ID (Driving licence or Passport)

Please advise me as soon as possible if you would like to attend. I will require names before 1<sup>st</sup> October to ensure entry: [billprice1935@gmail.com](mailto:billprice1935@gmail.com) Telephone 01494 563001

### BRISTOL/BATH

AREA MEETING ON TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2015 7.30 PM ONWARDS

The next HRCR Bristol and Bath centre area meeting will be held at the Carpenters Arms at Stanton Wick on Tuesday 15th September 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. Please come and join us. You will be made very welcome. Tel. 01761 490202 [www.the-carpenters-arms.co.uk](http://www.the-carpenters-arms.co.uk)

Bath Motor Club is intending to arrange a stand of classic Mini cars at the Mini World Action Day at Castle Combe on Saturday September 26th 2015. The event is always extremely popular with all classic Mini owners and if any HRCR members would like to bring their cars along to the stand and

join us we would be delighted to see you. If you can attend the day with your classic Mini please contact Keith Wilson on 07802 709131 or [cortina830d@o2.co.uk](mailto:cortina830d@o2.co.uk)

## **NORTHANTS & BEDS**

After a successful August Northants and Beds meeting at the Towcester Mill Brewery, when we hosted "An Evening with Terry Kaby", our September meeting, at 7.30pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> September will be a catch up – chat about the Italian Lakes Classic Rally – which several members will have competed on. So hopefully there will be many stories to share.

Hopefully also there will be an article or two, with photographs for our monthly Newsletter, so please email them to Monica Dowson at [monica.dowson@btinternet.com](mailto:monica.dowson@btinternet.com) who will be most pleased to hear from you.

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 have any queries on the group's activities.

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

## **MIDLANDS**

7<sup>th</sup> September 'HOME' MEETING, STANHOPE ARMS, STANTON BY DALE

Autumn's programme begins with a showing of digital photos, slides and VHS video clips of HRCR and other events. The appropriate kit will be there so please bring along what you may have hidden away.

Contributions already offered are slides from the Crystal Palace Start of the 1968 London to Sydney Marathon, the 1974 and 1977 RAC Rallies and the 1979 York National Forest, Phonepower Welsh and the Mopar Manx Rallies. Digital photos from this year's HRCR's Donington Historic Festival contribution and the DDD will also be shown.

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

5<sup>th</sup> October VISIT TO BMW STRATSTONE, DERBY

Following contacts made at the Donington Historic Festival, the date for the Region's visit to see the BMW i3 and i8 electric cars has now been fixed. To assist with the catering arrangements, please contact [yorkesport@btinternet.com](mailto:yorkesport@btinternet.com) by 2 October if you wish to attend.

Where and time: Stratstone Derby, Sir Frank Whittle Road, Derby DE21 4RZ for 7pm

## **NORTH WEST AREA**

Malcolm's excellent mid-week tour, 12 Gates to Paradise, lived up to its name and was run in wonderfully warm weather along a fascinating route from the Ice Cream Farm near Allgreave to Biggin Hall near Hartington where we had a good lunch at reasonable prices. The mid week runs have proved popular this year so hopefully can continue.

Unfortunately the bike ride has had to be cancelled so on Tuesday 17 September we are meeting at The Black Lion Pub at Consall for a change. This is at Map Ref 119/000491, so make your own way there. It is an interesting and quirky place on the Churnet Valley Steam Railway and Consall Station and well worth a visit and the run out to there is through some lovely countryside and the maps require some study. Meet from 6:30 and partake of your meal if you so wish. We will be there until about 9pm. For details of the pub go to [www.blacklionpub.co.uk](http://www.blacklionpub.co.uk)

Sunday 27 September is the Mint Sauce Run, our round of the HRCR Scenic Tour Series starting now at the High Legh Garden centre north of Knutsford on the A50 and following a 120 mile route to finish for a meal back at the High Legh Garden Centre Classic car show.

Entries welcome, see the latest newsletter, also we could do with some help to run this and for the club stand at the High Legh Classic Car Show.

Contact Tony Davies on [tandcdavies@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tandcdavies@tiscali.co.uk) or tel 01270 874824 for an entry form.

26/27 September: We have a stand at the High Legh Classic Car Show, so could do with some cars and people coming along. Usually a good turnout of cars and the Garden Centre alone is worth visiting.

If you are not receiving the Area's excellent newsletter which has all the above and lots more, please contact Shon on [swg@gosling96.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:swg@gosling96.fsnet.co.uk)

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## **SOUTH EAST LONDON & SURREY**

The August meeting gathered a few faithful at The Bell to review upcoming events.

With several Area members venturing to Italy with Simon Rossiter over the first week of September the main feature on the 24th September meeting will be a presentation and report on the Italian Lakes Classic.

All members are also invited to the inaugural Area Goodwood Revival "Saturday Picnic" on 12th September. There is so much to see and do outside the track, that we have decided to gather in the pre-1973 car park on the Saturday of the Revival, spend a day drooling over the best car show of the month (year?), sample some good picnic culinary delights (notably the Area game pie) and visit the funfair and Clayton Classics' astonishing stand before probably attending the Wall of Death show.

More details to follow for the Area by direct mail and invitation. Watch this space SEL and Surrey !

Any other Area members who would like to join in, contact SEL Area Organiser.

Denis Robson, Area Organiser [denis.robson@btinternet.com](mailto:denis.robson@btinternet.com)

## **SOUTH WALES**

September's meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at the usual venue, time 8.00pm.

Venue: The Whitehead Sports & Social Club, Pye Corner, M4 J28, head North towards Risca, 1<sup>st</sup> Roundabout take 3<sup>rd</sup> exit. Map 171 ref 2805 8705.

An evening chat and a discussion on our stand at the Margum Park Classic Show on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

We will also start discussion on the running of the Taith Cymru 2016, if you're interested in helping out or taking on an organising role please come to the meeting.

We are planning to visit a few classic car shows/events through the winter months if you have a show/event or motorsport venue in mind please come along and discuss.

Next month's meeting. Oct 10<sup>th</sup>

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

## **NORTHUMBRIAN BORDERS RALLY**

Entries are now open for the eighth running of the Mini Cooper Register's Northumberland Borders Rally, taking place roughly a month earlier this year on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of October. The event, which is for Minis only, will again be based at Vallum, in the heart of Hadrian's Wall country, and take in around half a dozen tests on private land and 120 miles of roads on OS maps 87 & 88.

The first car will leave Vallum at 1.30pm and finish for around 10pm that day at the Elks Head in Whitfield, not far from the historic market town of Hexham. For novices, there will be the Tynedale Rally, a 12-car event, that will follow the same format, but have a reduced road mileage and the navigation tailored accordingly.



The Borders will be a qualifying round of the HRCR's new Premier Rally Championship, while proceeds from a raffle held will be donated to the charity **WaterAid**. For more details, visit the rally website [www.northumberlandbordersrally.co.uk](http://www.northumberlandbordersrally.co.uk) or find us on Facebook.

## ARE YOU RECEIVING YOUR OLD STAGER MAGAZINE?

The Old Stager magazine is distributed to members on a bi-monthly basis. Magazines are only posted to members whose membership is up to date, so if you haven't got your copy please 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. Email is best at [membership@hrcr.co.uk](mailto:membership@hrcr.co.uk)

## VISIONARY PLANS FOR REST AND BE THANKFUL HILL-CLIMB

Ambitious plans to create a visitor attraction above the old Rest and Be Thankful hill-climb have received the backing of motorsport legend, Sir Jackie Stewart. The Rest and Be Thankful Heritage Project will comprise retail, cafe and arts spaces within a contemporary building which will also celebrate the road's link to Scotland's rich motoring history.

The project is the brainchild of Douglas Anderson, the man responsible for the return of the Monte Carlo Rally to Scotland, back in 2011. It has received enthusiastic support from former F1 world champion, Sir Jackie Stewart, who raced the famous hill climb events which were staged by the Royal Scottish Automobile Club at the Glen Croe site.

Renowned for its 400 feet gradient and hairpin bends, the old military road below the current A83 attracted leading international drivers including the late Jim Clark until its condition meant only select events could be staged after 1970.

Project Director, Douglas Anderson, hopes the sympathetic building, set within the picturesque Argyll hillside, will breathe new life into the popular stopping place and bring tourism spend and jobs to local communities. "The Rest and Be Thankful has great significance in motorsport terms because of the famous hill climb races. It was seen as the ultimate test for drivers in many ways because of the steepness and conditions and many greats like Jackie Stewart raced there.

"The idea is to mark that connection within a permanent exhibition space but the project itself is more. The building will be a multi-use facility which could be used by the local community for film, business and cultural events and there will also be retail and a restaurant area. "There will be full-time jobs in the construction phase and full and part-time local jobs when complete," said Douglas Anderson.

The proposed building, nestling within the contours of the mountainside, has been designed by KennedyTwaddle Architectural Design to utilise the stunning vista at the summit of the glen -already a favourite stopping place.

Meetings with officials from Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, VisitScotland and Transport Scotland have been positive, with tourism chiefs aware the attraction will bring something unique to the area.

Sir Jackie Stewart, who raced the 1400 yard course in a Ford in 1961, believes Scotland is missing such a landmark to commemorate its proud place in global motorsport.

"The top of the Rest and Be Thankful is a beautiful setting with breath-taking scenery. It would be a tourist attraction to have such a facility as is being proposed and it would provide an opportunity to bolster Scotland's great motor racing heritage and successes around the world which have been going on for a very long time.

"In Scotland, we don't do enough of this.

"It would also be a nice place for people to stop and have a refreshment while driving around the highlands of Scotland. I am sure it would be excellent for tourism as well as for the Scots."



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The glass-fronted building will sit below the car parking and may also provide respite for diverted drivers if the A83 major road succumbs to further landslips.

Designers Chris Twaddle and Gary Kennedy believe the attraction, which is now canvassing support for feasibility funding, is respectful of the natural beauty of the site.

"We wanted it to be sympathetic to its context but we also wanted to frame the view and accentuate the natural Amphitheatre of the valley. It is subtly quiet but exciting, visually," said Gary Kennedy.

## RAINWORTH SKODA DUKERIES RALLY AT DONINGTON PARK

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015 - This year brings an exciting new challenge as the 56<sup>th</sup> Dukeries Rally moves from the forests of Sherwood to Donington Park, the heart of British motorsport. The Rainworth Skoda Dukeries Rally at Donington Park will be the first competitive rallying that Donington Park has hosted since 1998.

The event will provide competitors with 51 stage miles in 7 stages. The organisers have limited the maximum number of entries to 80 to ensure that the event runs as smoothly as possible, so entries are likely to be at a premium. There will be a Stage Practice event over the later stages for competitors who retire on the early stages.

The Rainworth Skoda Dukeries Rally is a round of three popular Regional Stage Rally Championships; the Alexander Calder Financial EMAMC Single Venue Stage Rally Championship, the Roadrunner/Phoenix Awards ANEMMC Sealed Surface Rally Championship and the Heart of England Rally Championship, plus the Dukeries Motor Club Rally Championship. The event will be filmed by Special Stage for broadcast on Motors TV in November.

The event will make use of the excellent facilities at Donington Park and each entry includes 3 vehicle passes and 6 entry tickets. Additional tickets (not vehicle passes) can be bought on the day at a price of £10 (13yrs and under free) which gives pedestrian access to the Service Area and all the Spectator Areas. For more information please go to [www.dukeries-rally.co.uk](http://www.dukeries-rally.co.uk)

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