



## HRCR MIDLANDS NEWSLETTER : FEBRUARY 2018

### FORTHCOMING HRCR MIDLANDS EVENTS

#### 17 February HRCR ANNUAL DINNER DANCE + AWARD PRESENTATION

This event obliges someone to get out the silver polish and buff up the Don Pither Trophy award to our own HRCR region / area last year. Who knows, we could be lucky enough win it again!

Room bookings must be via David Holmes tel 01788 822158 or [david@rishworthholmes.com](mailto:david@rishworthholmes.com)

**Where and When** : Woodland Grange Spa Hotel, Old Milverton Lane, Leamington Spa CV32 6RN : 7.00pm for 7.30pm

#### 18 February HRCR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Those attending should bring their HRCR Membership cards.

**Where and When** : Woodland Grange Spa Hotel, Old Milverton Lane, Leamington Spa CV32 6RN : commencing at 10.30am

#### 23 - 25 Feb RACE RETRO : STONELEIGH PARK

The popular three-day exhibition will once again have the demonstration rally stage that attracts many examples of iconic rally cars, be they original or replicas. There is also much of historic motor sport worth and interest to see within the exhibition halls, including the *Motor Sport* Hall of Fame that celebrates

- The 40th anniversary of the beginning of F1's ground effects era
- The career of Prodrive's David Richards, with Colin McRae's 1996 Impreza and the very first model designed and built by Prodrive, the 1984 Porsche 911 SC RS on display

Brian Redman and Miki Biasion will also be making appearances and further details are now being added at <http://www.racetro.com>

Several HRCR Midlands members and friends met up there last year so here is another opportunity to do so again.

A 20% discount on the £26 day ticket price might be possible if one books via the website up to midnight on 22 February and quotes code RR18DM Please note that such bookings will attract a £1.50 transaction fee

**Where** : Stoneleigh Park, Coventry CV8 2LZ

When	Opens	Closes
Friday 23 February	9.30am	5.30pm
Saturday 24 February	9.30am	5.30pm
Sunday 25 February	9.30am	4.30pm

#### 12 March TONY WALKER CBE : THE FUTURE OF MOTORING

Last year HRCR Midlands' keynote talk was by 2003's Le Mans winner Guy Smith but this year it will be a little different, the topic being the future of motoring. Our speaker will be Tony Walker of Toyota Motor Europe and President of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) and who very recently retired from being Deputy Managing Director of Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK. Besides all of this, Tony also enters our own Derbyshire Dales Drive in MGs when he can.

With the electrification of vehicles, autonomous driving etc, the world is likely to see more change in personal transportation within the next 10 years than there has been during the last century. He also hopes to have something from the Toyota Rallying Team available as well. Thus there will be plenty to both learn and discuss, hopefully including what the future of rallying might be.

**This is an open meeting so your friends who may be interested will be very welcome.** Further details are given in the poster included elsewhere in this issue, one that we would be grateful if you would use it to publicise the event elsewhere.

## 17 March THE JASPERS BAKERIES AGBO STAGES RALLY

Owen Motor Club's (OMC's) AGBO Stages Rally has a new sponsor for 2018 thanks to Mark Jasper of Jaspers Bakeries who won the first AGBO Stages Rally held at Weston Park in 1997, driving a Sierra Cosworth. He now runs a 350 BHP Mk2 Escort.

The event will be run over two days, with Saturday 17 March run for a maximum of 70 Historic cars to MSA R48 specification over ten stages and aimed at HRCR *Old Stager* Asphalt Historic Championship contenders. Sunday 18 March will be the usual 75 car, ten stage AWMMC, Heart Of England championships event.

This two-day event is a massive undertaking by Owen Motoring Club. **Recruiting marshals to cover both days will be a major priority, so please assist in any way possible.** Whilst experienced marshals are required, there is also room for less experienced marshals to help. So if you are not registered with the MSA and don't have a marshal's licence, don't worry The Club will pair you up with an experienced marshal.

If you visit the AGBO Rally website at <http://www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk/agbo-rally> there is more information along with a Marshal registration form.

Also, on the main Owen MC website <http://www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk>, there are unseeded entry lists for both the AGBO Historic Stages Rally on the 17th and the AGBO Stages Rally on the 18th.

## 24 March RALLY NORTH WALES

Sponsored once again by North Wales Rally Services, the Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire Car Club organised event will see a major change in its 60<sup>th</sup> year with a split format for two-wheel drive and four-wheel drive machines. In what will effectively be two separate events, Rally North Wales will be the first event in the UK to adopt the new layout, based on the Rally 2WD initiative.

Both the 2WD and 4WD events will consist of 45 miles of prime, classic stages in the Dyfi and Gartheiniog complex as in previous years and will form the opening round of the Fuchs MSA British Historic Rally Championship.

Over 50 Historic rally cars have already entered this event for the inaugural Rally 2WD drive event, the new format well suiting cars that previously deserted stage rallying because of the MSA requirement for seeding to be based on car and crew performance rather than class of car. See <https://www.rallies.info/webentry/2018/northwalesa/entries.php?type=u&combined=1> for entries to date.

The return of Historics to running at the front of the field has been made possible by having a separate and later event for 4WD cars.

**Where and when** : The Organisers have devised a compact route for both categories which will see the two-wheel drive crews leave Gwyndaf Evans Motors in Dolgellau at 8.30am on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. 45 miles of world-class stages await competitors in the National A and National B 2WD sections with centralised servicing in the town before the finish ceremony takes place at around lunchtime.

The 4WD event will then kick off, utilising the same high-quality stages with service based around the Craft Centre at Corris, keeping road mileage even lower. The event will then finish at around 17:30.

Those interested in car-sharing or meeting up should contact [yorkesport@btinternet.com](mailto:yorkesport@btinternet.com) ASAP.

## 14/15 April 44<sup>th</sup> KICK RALLY OF DERBYSHIRE

This is a local round of the HRCR Premier Rally series, for which marshals will be required.

Brief details of the rally are as follows.

- Approximately 130 miles
- The very best lanes on Maps 118 / 119
- Limited mileage of unsurfaced tracks
- Limited to 50 Entrants
- Entries open 1 March 2018

**Where and Where** : see <http://www.matlockmotorclub.co.uk/index.php/ct-menu-item-5> and later issues of this Newsletter for further details.

**HISTORIC**  
**RALLY CAR REGISTER**  
**MIDLANDS REGION**

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*So, could Motoring and Rallying go from this..*



*...to this ???*



**Tony Walker CBE of Toyota Motor Europe will be speaking on the likely future of motoring.** He is also President of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) and recently retired from being the Deputy Managing Director of Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK.

**When** Monday 12 March 2018 at 8pm

**Where** The Coopers Arms, Weston Hall, The Green, Weston-on-Trent.  
Derbyshire DE72 2BJ

**Meals** Pre-booking via 01332 690002 or [info@coopers-arms.co.uk](mailto:info@coopers-arms.co.uk)

## ‘LOCAL’ AND OTHER EVENTS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

*Contributions from motor clubs within the Midlands area are always welcome.*

*As ever, please confirm details with the relevant event organisers.*

<b>Key to HRCR Events</b>			
1		<i>HRCR Scenic Tour series</i>	
2		<i>HRCR Clubmans Road Rallying Championship</i>	
3		<i>HRCR Speed series</i>	
4		<i>HRCR Old Stager Historic Stage Rally Championship</i>	
5		<i>HRCR Stage Masters Historic Stage Rally Challenge</i>	
6		<i>HRCR Premier Rally Championship</i>	
HRCR	Date	Event	Contact
	<b>10 February</b>	<b>Bruce Robinson Road Rally</b>	
		<b>HRCR NW Road Rally Training Day</b> : Marthall Village Hall, near Knutsford, Cheshire : Contact John Hunt for more information	<a href="mailto:hunt07@btinternet.com">hunt07@btinternet.com</a>
	<b>11 February</b>	<b>MG &amp; Triumph Spares Day</b> : Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire	Tel 01775 768661
	<b>15-18 Feb</b>	<b>London Classic Car and Historic Motor Sport Show</b> : Excel, London Tel 01372 414120	Tel 01372 414120
6	<b>17-22 Feb</b>	<b>Winter Challenge</b>	HERO
	<b>22 February</b>	<b>Scatter Rally</b>	<a href="http://www.matlockmotorclub.co.uk">www.matlockmotorclub.co.uk</a>
6	<b>24 - 25 Feb</b>	<b>Hexham Historic Rally</b>	Hexham + District MC
6	<b>25 - 26 Feb</b>	<b>John Robson Rally</b>	Hexham + District MC
2 + 6	<b>3 March</b>	<b>Tour of Cheshire</b>	<a href="http://www.tourofcheshire.co.uk">www.tourofcheshire.co.uk</a>
6		<b>Bath Festival Rally (Targa)</b>	Bath MC
6	<b>3 - 4 March</b>	<b>Bruce Robinson Rally</b>	Lincoln MC + CC
5	<b>4 March</b>	<b>Mid Wales Stages</b> : Newtown	<a href="http://www.rallynorthwales.co.uk">www.rallynorthwales.co.uk</a>
	<b>10 - 11 March</b>	<b>Tour of Epynt</b> : Mid Wales <i>Round 1 of the 2018 Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship</i>	<a href="mailto:Jane@asphaltrallying.com">Jane@asphaltrallying.com</a>
	<b>24 March</b>	<b>Rally North Wales</b> : Dolgellau : North Wales <i>Round 1 of the British Historic Rally Championship</i>	
6	<b>24 - 25 March</b>	<b>Primrose Trophy Rally</b>	Clitheroe + District MC
2	<b>25 March</b>	<b>North Yorkshire Classic</b> : OS maps 100 + 105	<a href="http://www.yorkmotorclub.org.uk">www.yorkmotorclub.org.uk</a>
6	<b>31 Mar – 1 Apr</b>	<b>Moonbeam Rally</b> : <b>N.B. to be confirmed</b>	Telford Motor Club
1	<b>8 April</b>	<b>Taith Cymru</b> : Black Mountains + Brecon Beacons	<a href="http://www.hrcr.co.uk">www.hrcr.co.uk</a>
5	<b>14 April</b>	<b>Rallynuts Stages</b> : Llandoverly	<a href="http://www.severnvalleystages.co.uk">www.severnvalleystages.co.uk</a>
2	<b>15 April</b>	<b>Ilkley Jubilee Historic Rally</b> : OS maps 99 + 104	<a href="http://www.jubilee-rally.org">www.jubilee-rally.org</a>
1		<b>Corinium Run</b> : Cotswolds	<a href="http://www.cirencestercarclub.com">www.cirencestercarclub.com</a>
6	<b>17 - 18 Apr</b>	<b>The Devil's Tour</b>	Devizes + District MC
	<b>28 April</b>	<b>Pirelli Carlisle Rally</b> : Carlisle <i>Round 2 of the British Historic Rally Championship</i>	
3		<b>Aintree Sprint</b> : Liverpool	Liverpool Motor Club
6	<b>28 – 29 Apr</b>	<b>Night Owl Rally</b>	Aberystwyth + District MC
4 + 5	<b>29 April</b>	<b>Dixies Challenge</b> : 45 stage miles on Epynt	<a href="http://www.forresterscarclub.co.uk">www.forresterscarclub.co.uk</a>
1		<b>Cambridge Classic Car Run</b> : Cambs, Herts, Essex	<a href="http://www.cambridgecarclub.co.uk">www.cambridgecarclub.co.uk</a>

## REPORTS

### HRCR OPEN DAY, BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM : 13 JANUARY 2018

Judging by this year's attendance, the HRCR Open Day seems to have become a regular fixture in the calendars of rally enthusiasts.

Once again, HRCR Midlands was there with a stand where its Derbyshire Dales Drive scenic tour was launched and, to show what the region had done over the last twelve months, a rolling PowerPoint display was shown.

Many HRCR Midlands members were present so, rather than give a report, there are some photographs taken on the day.



*Robert Robinson's Rover 2000 in Tulip Rally configuration alongside a Pre-War version in the external static display.*



*A FWD 1 litre Metro as used for TV filming yet built by the same team that produced the full rally 6R4 versions*



*A Saab 99 Turbo built by the Works Competition Department was on display in the Main Hall*



*There was a good opportunity to see the engine and transmission of a 6R4 in close up.*



*This couple of rally-prepared Imps got into no mischief whatsoever.*



*With the Metro 6R4 being featured at the Open Day, Chris Derbyshire assembled this excellent model display.*

## VSCC MEASHAM RALLY : 20 JANUARY 2018

The 'Measham' has a fearsome reputation. It is the VSCC's only night rally and requires extreme hardiness from those competitors who have open cars and no heaters. Quite how navigators cope with the cold, rain, ice and frost that often accompanies the event is beyond comprehension. To add to this and as far as I am aware, no modern car- or dash-mounted Tripmasters or Brantzies or illuminated digital clocks can be used, all such navigational aids having to be 'in period'. Thus everything usually has to be hung around the navigator's neck.

I had hoped to be out marshalling on the event but acute family problems prevented me from finally doing so. Fortunately, the organisers had been forewarned that this was more than a possibility.

Having received the Marshal's final instructions, I benefitted from receiving the provisional results which make interesting reading. Anji Martin had been out for the night with Martin Trentham in the 4.5 litre Bentley rather than the enclosed 6.5 version. One can only speculate which Bentley she would have preferred for her night out.

From their points total, the first half of their rally seemed to have gone well, their 47 points being more or less equal to the 45 of Charles Hill and the very experienced Annabel Jones in the Vauxhall 30/98 Velox. Their result would have been even better but for their missing two route boards. In the same Class, 1F Trophy Class Fast, John Abel and Andy Pullen in a Lagonda LG45 were leading, having dropped just one point whilst Fred Gallagher (yes, him, and driving this time) and Alan Smith in a more suitable Lancia Aprilia saloon were second on 4 points.

In the second half, Martin and Anji continued to come very close to the target times for the regularity sections and added just 30 more points to their earlier total. Messrs Abel and Pullan held their first place, having added just 4 points to their singleton from the earlier half. However, The Lancia Aprilia crew had now slipped to fourth in class with 23 points. John Potter had David Kirkham with him in the Alvis 12/50 Sports and took second place and the Measham Trophy with 20 points. In third spot with 22 points were John Fort and Howard Atkins in a Riley 12/4 Lynx, just one less than the Aprilia.

The 'lanterne rouge' for the event was held by the crew of an Armstrong Siddeley which amassed the heady total of 550 points. But at least they had done the rally in some relative environmental comfort, the car being a saloon.

David Yorke

## SNIPPETS

### TOUR OF CHESHIRE : 3 MARCH 2018

Robert Robinson and Peter Mellor have managed to secure an entry for this very, very popular first Round of the HRCR Clubmans Road Rallying Championship.

### DERBYSHIRE DALES DRIVE : 3 JUNE 2018 : UPDATE

Entries Secretary Peter Mellor reports that 19 entries had been received in the first week, of which 6 were for red cars and 11 from non-HRCR Members. If entries keep coming in at this rate, the 60 places available could well be taken by the middle of February.

So, if you wish to enter, you may have to move quickly and read the Regulations and complete and submit the Entry Forms that reappear in this issue.

### RAUNO AALTONEN AND RALLY SWEDEN HISTORIC

The fact that he is now 80 years old has not stopped Rauno Aaltonen entering mid-February's two-day Rally Sweden Historic in, what else, a Mini Cooper S that forms part of a team with another privateer Hans-Ake Soderqvist.

Perhaps 1965 was Rauno's best year since he became European Rally Champion and won the RAC Rally with Tony Ambrose.

Apart from Minis, he should be more generally associated with the Safari Rally, on which he came runner-up no less than six times. In 1985, he was leading the rally by two hours (!) when his engine broke down before the last few special stages. His last Rally was in 1987, fittingly that year's Safari.

Once he stopped doing mainstream rallying, he became a well-respected test driver and even appeared at a Race Retro event. In 2010, he was among the first four inductees into the Rally Hall of Fame, along with Erik Carlsson, Paddy Hopkirk and Timo Mäkinen. Sadly, only he and HRCR President Paddy Hopkirk are still with us.

## MARCH'S NEWSLETTER

All contributions for next month's newsletter are welcomed, for which copy should be **no later than Friday 23 February 2018** to [yorkesport@btinternet.com](mailto:yorkesport@btinternet.com)



## DERBYSHIRE DALES DRIVE : 3rd JUNE 2018



*Photo © Andy White*

### **A Scenic Tour for Classic Cars through Derbyshire and Staffordshire**

**Part of the Historic Rally Car Register Scenic Tour Series  
Supported by KGD Industrial Services**



### **REGULATIONS**

#### **The event**

The HRCR Midlands Region will promote the 'Derbyshire Dales Drive' touring assembly on Sunday 3rd June 2018. The event will be held under a Certificate of Exemption issued by the MSA, these Regulations and any written instructions that the Organisers may issue for the event.

The Start and Finish will be from The Pavilion Gardens, St John's Road, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6BE (OS 119 / 054731)

#### **Officials**

Clerk of the Course:	John Ball. tel: 01332 704503
Secretary of the Meeting:	Peter Haynes, email: <a href="mailto:midlands@hrcr.co.uk">midlands@hrcr.co.uk</a>
Entries Secretary	Peter Mellor 21 Warren Croft, Handsacre, Staffs, WS15 4TB. tel : 01543 492722 (Before 9.00pm)

#### **Timetable**

Saturday 13th January 2018	Entry List opens at the HRCR Open Day
Saturday 19th May	Entry List closes.
Week commencing 27th May	Final Instructions issued.
Sunday 3rd June 09:00 - 10:00	Signing-on and Breakfast.
10:01	First car away: subsequent cars at one minute intervals in

numerical order.  
16:30 (approx) First car returns

## **Eligibility**

This non-competitive event is open to motor cars registered before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1990. Interesting later cars may be accepted at the Organisers' discretion.

All cars should be presented in good condition and the Organisers reserve the right to decline any car deemed unsuitable and/or carrying advertising, competition style numbers, or showing damage.

Each car must have a V5 Registration Document and valid MOT Certificate (where required). MSA Competition Licences are not required.

## **Entries**

The maximum entry for the event will be 60 and the minimum 40. Should the minimum not be reached, the Organisers reserve the right to cancel the event.

The Entry List opens on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and closes on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018. If the entry list is full before the Closing Date, a reserve list will be started.

The Entry Fee is £75 per car and crew of two and includes a detailed road book, rigid rally plate, breakfast at the start, mid-morning beverages, picnic lunch box, buffet and tour souvenir at the finish. A digital photograph of you and your car will be included in the entry fee. The charge for additional passengers will be £25.00 per person.

All entries should be made on the official Entry Form (fully completed), accompanied by the appropriate fee and sent to the Entries Secretary.

The starting order will be determined by receipt of entry, unless otherwise requested at the time of making the entry.

The cost of any entries withdrawn in writing prior to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 will be refunded, less an administration fee of £10. Thereafter refunds will be at the Organiser's discretion.

## **Insurance**

The event is a non-competitive touring assembly held under an MSA Certificate of Exemption. Being such, its entrants should be covered by a standard motor car insurance policy for the use of their cars on a public highway. However, if in doubt, please seek advice from your insurance company / broker.

## **The Route**

The route will cover approximately 120 miles on tarmac roads within Derbyshire and Staffordshire, all as defined by a comprehensive road book incorporating the route instructions. No additional maps are required but, should you wish to bring your own maps, the route will be found on OS Landranger maps 110 and 119

Places for coffee and rest stops will be available en route, whilst the lunch break will be taken at Carsington Water, near Ashbourne. A picnic lunch box will be provided at the start. However, you may bring your own picnic or catering is available at Carsington Water. At the finish (The Pavilion, Buxton) there will be a buffet meal.

As ever, please be mindful of other road users, particularly horse riders, cyclists and walkers.





**MIDLANDS REGION**

**DERBYSHIRE DALES DRIVE : 3 JUNE 2018**

**ENTRY FORM 1**

**CREW**

Driver .....HRCR Member    Yes/ No  
 Address .....  
 .....  
 ..... Post Code .....  
 Telephone (Home) ..... (Work).....  
 E-mail ..... **(Please Print Clearly)**  
*(to be used for event correspondence / communication wherever possible)*

Passenger 1..... Passenger 2.....  
 Passenger 3.....

**CAR**

Make ..... Model .....  
 Year of manufacture..... Registration number ..... Colour .....

**DECLARATION**

I declare that I have been given the opportunity to read the Supplementary Regulations for this event and agree to be bound by them.

I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I acknowledge that I understand the potential risk inherent with motor sport and agree to accept that risk.

I declare that the use of the vehicle hereby entered will be covered by insurance as required by Law, which is valid for such parts of the event as shall take place on roads defined by Law, and that the vehicle is correctly registered and possesses a valid MOT certificate where appropriate.

Further, I understand that all persons having any connection with the promotion and/or organisation and/or conduct of the event are insured against loss or injury caused through their negligence.

Signed ..... Dated .....

**ENTRY FEE**

Car and crew of two	@ £75.00	£.....
Additional passenger(s)	@ £25.00 per person	£.....
	<b>Total enclosed</b>	£.....

Any special dietary needs?  
 Please specify →

**N.B. All cheques to be made payable to 'HRCR Limited'**

**ENTRIES TO**

Please send both completed Entry Form and cheque for the appropriate fee to :  
 Peter Mellor, 21, Warren Croft, Handsacre, Staffs, WS15 4TB

For admin only



**DERBYSHIRE DALES DRIVE : 3 JUNE 2018**  
**ENTRY FORM 2**

Under requirements from the Motor Sports Association (MSA), the following information is a condition of the MSA issuing an organising permit for this event.

Please provide details of a relative / friend to be contacted in case of an emergency.

DRIVER (Relative / friend)

PASSENGER (relative / friend)

Name.....

Address.....

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Contact tel. No..... Contact tel. No.....

Signed.....

Dated.....