



## HRCR MIDLANDS NEWSLETTER : OCTOBER 2018

### FORTHCOMING HRCR MIDLANDS EVENTS

**4 – 7 Oct WALES RALLY GREAT BRITAIN + NATIONAL RALLY**



*Historic rally cars were could be seen on the WRGB National Rally last year, some of which are seen here queuing in Bridge Street before the Start close to the famous Chester Clock.*

Some Midlands members will be marshalling on this event whilst other may be spectating.

After an early start, Andy Fowkes and David Yorke will be spectating and/or photographing the WRC contingent at the first running of Sweet Lamb / Hafren from 09:15hrs on Saturday 6 October. Then they hope to see some of the National Rally there at 12:30hrs before going to the Deeside Service Park for its finish at 17:30hrs. Finally, they will be going on to Llandudno for the Great Orme stage and the Ceremonial Finish on the following day.

There might be opportunities for joining them somewhere. If you might be interesting doing so, please contact David via 07767 412919 or [yorkesport@btinternet.com](mailto:yorkesport@btinternet.com)

**Where and When** : Details are available on <https://www.walesrallygb.com/spectators/index.php>

#### **22 October CARLTON + DMC PRACTICE DAY, CURBOROUGH**

HRCR Midlands has been invited to join Carlton + District Motor Club at another of its practice days. It will run all day on an "open pit arrangement" and there will only ever be one car on the track. However, the event will run with less cars than last year so you are advised not to delay in making your entry. The costs are £40 for car and driver and just an extra £5 for a passenger or second driver. On-site catering has been booked.

**Where and When** : Further details are available on the club's website.

#### **28 October NATIONAL RESTORATION SHOW + GREAT BRITISH AUTOJUMBLE, STONELEIGH PARK, WARWICKSHIRE**

The shows main draw is the UK's largest indoor autojumble, with even more traders and stalls set up outside in the showground. For enthusiasts looking for their next project, there will be an Automart featuring classics for sale. Anyone bringing a car they wish to sell can do so for just £30, which includes two admissions. Further details are available on <http://www.restoration-show.co.uk/>

**Where and When** : The Show is open from 10am until 4pm. Tickets are available at £8 for adults in advance, £10 on the gate. Car parking is free.

## **8-11 Nov RALLY OF THE TESTS : HARROGATE TO BRISTOL**

The event comes into the HRCR Midlands area once again, the timetable being as follows.

### **8 November : Prologue - Harrogate - Harrogate**

The first leg of the event is designed to give crews a taste of the upcoming three days. Set in the classic rallying territory of North Yorkshire, this year's extended Prologue will see a couple of hours of competition in the dark comprising regularities and tests.

### **9 November : Day 1 - Harrogate - East Midlands**

From Harrogate it started. It is hoped that this event won't encounter the treacherous conditions that prompted the classic film of the 1971 RAC Rally, but who knows? Venturing into new territory on this leg, the rally heads south towards the overnight halt in the East Midlands.

### **10 November : Day 2 - East Midlands - South Wales**

The event heads west and then further south. After crossing into Wales, crews will be tested by some of the most fantastic driving roads in the UK- and possibly some of the best private land-based sections too! The overnight stay is in South Wales prior to the final leg which will be based in the south-west of England.

### **11 November : Day 3 - South Wales - Bristol**

Leaving Wales behind, the route goes into the lanes of Somerset and surrounding counties. This will be a press-on final leg with tests and regularities aplenty - with the distinct possibility of some 'challenges' to keep everyone on their toes. The RAC Control Centre will be used for some tests before the finish in Bristol.

Whilst HERO have already approached those who have marshalled on previous events to seek their support, there may be opportunities for HRCR Midlands to have its own controls, all subject to there being sufficient interest.

Alternatively, individual members may wish to volunteer their services directly and may do so via <https://heroclub.eu/event-3007489>

## **9 - 11 Nov LANCASTER INSURANCE CLASSIC MOTOR SHOW + SILVERSTONE AUCTIONS CLASSIC SALE : NEC BIRMINGHAM**

The show will once again cover over one million square feet (about 18 football pitches) with more than 3,000 iconic classic and vintage cars plus motorbikes and brings together many of the UK's leading classic car dealers offering a wealth of marques to suit all needs and pockets.

300 classic car and motorcycle clubs will present a diverse mix of marques spanning more than 100 years. The 'Best of the Best' from the UK classic car club scene will be celebrated with the grand final of the Meguiar's Club Showcase.

You can also visit the UK's biggest indoor Autojumble for car parts and spares as well as 500 specialist automotive exhibitors and traders offering a mix of products and services.

There will also be one of the most high-profile classic car auctions with Silverstone Auctions and motoring celebrities such as the Wheeler Dealers and many more.

**Where and When :** National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham B40 1NT, West Midlands

Friday 9 November 2018	10.00am – 6.30pm
Saturday 10 November 2018	9.00am – 6.30pm
Sunday 11 November 2018	9.00am – 5.30pm

**Website :** <https://www.necclassicmotorshow.com/>

## **? December PROPOSED CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND QUIZ**

The regular 'End-of-the-Year-Show', usually with a meal, a quiz, a review of Midlands activities during the year and what is likely to go to the HRCR Open Day at Gaydon in the New Year.

**Where and When :** yet to be arranged.

**2019**

**12 January HRCR OPEN DAY, GAYDON**

**Jan/Feb/Mar MAJOR SPEAKER, all subject to availability.**

## ‘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>			
<b>1</b>	<i>HRCR Scenic Tour series</i>		
<b>2</b>	<i>HRCR Clubmans Road Rallying Championship</i>		
<b>3</b>	<i>HRCR Speed series</i>		
<b>4</b>	<i>HRCR Old Stager Historic Stage Rally Championship</i>		
<b>5</b>	<i>HRCR Stage Masters Historic Stage Rally Challenge</i>		
<b>6</b>	<i>HRCR Premier Rally Championship</i>		
<b>HRCR</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
	<b>4 October</b>	<b>MIA Motorsport &amp; Automotive Jobs Fair :</b> The Wing, Silverstone Circuit.	tel 02476 692600
3	<b>6 October</b>	<b>Prescott Hill Climb :</b> Gotherington	Bugatti Owners Club
		<b>Autumn Classic Historic Festival :</b> Castle Combe Circuit	tel 01249 782417
		<b>Devils Own Rally:</b> Milnthorpe, Cumbria;	tel 01539 728832
1	<b>7 October</b>	<b>Tour of Kent :</b> (guess where again!)	<a href="http://www.blackplafreymotorclub.com">www.blackplafreymotorclub.com</a>
		<b>Harold Palin Memorial Stages :</b> Fulbeck	Eastwood DMC
	<b>8 - 13 Oct</b>	<b>8th Tour de Corse Historique :</b> Corsica	tel +33 4 9570 6733
	<b>12 October</b>	<b>RMA Trackday :</b> Oulton Park Circuit	tel 01628 779000
		<b>Motorsport Events Trackday :</b> Abingdon, Oxfordshire	tel 0844 873 6075
		<b>Aston Martin: A History Lecture :</b> National Motor Museum, Beaulieu	tel 01590 614792
	<b>13 – 14 Oct</b>	<b>Beatson's Mull Targa Rally &amp; Time Trial :</b> Tobermory, Isle of Mull;	tel 07768 537787
1	<b>14 October</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Ludlow + Marches Classic Tour :</b> Shropshire, Herefordshire + Powys	<a href="http://www.ludlowcastlemotorclub.com">www.ludlowcastlemotorclub.com</a>
		<b>Solway Classic Rally :</b> Cockermouth, Cumbria	tel 01900 825642
		<b>HRDC Classic Alfa Challenge::</b> Donington Park Circuit	tel 07850 361159
2/6	<b>20 October</b>	<b>Devil's Own Rally :</b> S Lakes + N Lancs OS 96 + 97	<a href="http://www.devilsownrally.co.uk">www.devilsownrally.co.uk</a>
		<b>End of Season Sprint : Rockingham Circuit</b>	tel 01455 824494
4	<b>28 October</b>	<b>Cheviot Keith Knox Rally ;</b> Otterburn Ranges, Northumberland : <i>ANECCC SG Petch Championship</i>	<a href="http://www.cheviotstages.org.uk">www.cheviotstages.org.uk</a>
1	<b>3 November</b>	<b>Autumn Leaves Scenic Tour :</b> Forest of Dean	<a href="http://www.scenictopursuk.co">www.scenictopursuk.co</a>
		<b>Toyo Tires MSA British Rallycross Championship :</b> Silverstone Circuit	tel 01327 857271
		<b>Regent Street Motor Show :</b> Regent Street, London	tel 01484 524437
	<b>3 - 4 Nov</b>	<b>Bonhams Veteran Car Run :</b> Hyde Park, London	tel 01372 414120
	<b>4 November</b>	<b>ANECCC SG Petch Championship:</b> <b>MEM Proton Malton Forest Rally :</b> North Yorks	Malton MC: tel 01904 760050
		<b>Poppy Tour :</b> Llangoed Hall, Brecon	tel 01443 675544
5	<b>11 November</b>	<b>Wyedean Rally :</b> Forest of Dean	<a href="http://www.wyedeanrally.com">www.wyedeanrally.com</a>
	<b>16 November</b>	<b>Motorsport Events Trackday :</b> Abingdon, Oxford	tel 0844 873 6075

HRCR	Date	Event	Contact
6	17 November	Northumberland Borders Rally (date TBC)	Mini Cooper Register
	17 November	NHMC Cadwell Junior Rally : Cadwell Park Circuit	tel 01507 343248
6	17-18 Nov	Peak Revs Rally (date TBC)	<a href="http://www.ludlowcastlemotorclub.com">www.ludlowcastlemotorclub.com</a>
	18 November	Saltire Classic Rally : Birnam, Perthshire	tel 07443 573155
	19 November	RMA Trackday : Donington Park Circuit	tel 01628 779000
4	24 November	Hall Trophy Rally : Blyton Park, Lincs	<a href="http://www.clitheroedmc.co.uk">www.clitheroedmc.co.uk</a>
6	24-25 Nov	Barbara Carter Memorial Rally	Exmouth MC
	1 December	Grizedale Stages : Cumbria : ANECCC SG Petch Championship	tel 01946 841332
		RMA Trackday : Silverstone GP Circuit	tel 01628 779000
6	<del>13/14 October</del>	Rali Mynydd Du (now likely to be 1+2 December)	Amman + District MC
5	2 December	Killarney Stages : Southern Ireland	<a href="http://www.killarneyanddistrictmotorclub.ie">www.killarneyanddistrictmotorclub.ie</a>
	4 – 9 Dec	Coppa delle Alpi by 1000 Miglia : Brescia, Italy	tel +39 02 3453 8354
	7 December	Motorsport Events Trackday : Abingdon, Oxford	tel 0844 873 6075
6	8 - 11 Dec	LE JOG : guess where from and to.....	HERO
	10 December	RMA Trackday : Donington Park Circuit	tel 01628 779000

## REPORTS

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### HERO CHALLENGE : 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018



*Everton Stubs © Dave Barratt*

The last two rounds of the HRCR Clubmans Road Rallying Championship have fallen badly for us. Clive has to work for the rescheduled Tour of Cheshire date on 29th September whilst the Devils Own Rally on 20 October is too close for comfort to our final event of the year, the Rally of the Tests, as we don't want to risk damaging the car.

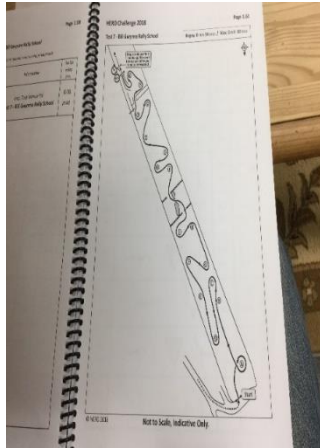
So, to get some "Hero Rally" practice, we entered the Hero Challenge which was not a round of the HRCR championship this year. This year's event was based around Bicester and just a 'clubman only' event. The normal run down to Scrutineering was uneventful but the queue was massive, partly due to the well-attended training day for newcomers on the Friday and the 102-car entry.

Having been seeded 12<sup>th</sup>, we had an early start at 08:12 away from the rally hotel and, after being waved through the ceremonial arch, it was straight on to the first regularity "Brill" on tulips, land marks and 11 speed changes over 9.86 miles.

Next, we had the first four tests, all at Bicester Heritage using the perimeter roads of the WW2 RAF bomber training station and named "Mosquito", "Blenheim" "Boxkite" and "Spitfire". Clive posted some good times here but with another 90 cars still to do them, the marshals didn't really have much to compare with.

The next regularity "The Twins" followed, jogularity in style but with descriptions not tulips. Here, you wouldn't always know which way to turn as the instructions just said 'Turn towards Gawcott' for example with 13 speed changes over 12 miles. Boycott farm shop was visited for the coffee halt and a big selection of homemade cakes.

Our next test was at the Bill Gwynne Rally School, Bill having been five times British Rally Champion and only recently passed away. The old airfield had plenty of additional gravel on the surface making the tests "Wellington" and "Hurricane" very slippery and we, like many competitors, only narrowly missed the tyre barrier as we exited the test!



*Test at Bill Gwynne Rally School : photo © Motoring Waffle*

Regularity 3 'The Buckinghamshire railway' had us back on tulips but with a cumulative speed table and numerous speed changes. Whilst no pre-plotting was required, a look at the maps the previous night did help us to find the tiny turning which led on to a long white and two controls, our best reg result only dropping one second at each control.

Regularity 4 "Kingthorn Wood" was near Silverstone and around the west and north of Towcester, with a marked map being used this time together with a list of instructions. We nearly missed one when my finger slipped and I called the next instruction in error. Luckily, Clive remembered what I had said previously and a quick reverse of the trip was completed whilst we back -tracked.

Then it was another short hop to the back of The Hellidon Lakes Hotel for a hog roast lunch in a marquee. By now it was raining so the shelter was welcome but with limited space available, we decided to nip out for petrol in Chipping Warden once we had eaten. Keen not to come back against rally route, we opted for the longer return road but this was closed to all traffic! So not wanting to go on the rally route for fear of a penalty for visiting a control twice, we had to take a much longer route back and only just made it back before our restart time.

Regularity 6 "Way Wiggle" used another marked map and cumulative speed table. Meeting a massive tractor, we pulled over to let it pass only to find the control round was at the next corner so dropping us more valuable seconds. A 17-mile transit section took us back to the Bill Gwynne Rally School for one last but longer test. Then came just one more Regularity named "Watergate" and on a map with start, finish and three junctions with direction of travel marked on the map taking us back towards Bicester. A turn left at a crossroads which looked more like a farm drive caused us to overshoot the junction, have a debate, turn around and get stuck behind another competitor - only to pass him moments before the next control and more seconds were dropped. With a ford being marked on the map, we were expecting Tony Large. Clive likes to see how wet he can get Tony but with no water in the ford, all I could do was shake my water bottle out of the window at him.

Running near the front is a novelty for us so since there was another hour and half plus OTL before any results would be produced and having an evening wedding reception to go to, we left before the results were declared final. Whilst on the M40, we received a text confirming that Clive had won the Test Pilot award for being the fastest driver on the tests (he's really chuffed as second place was another 33 seconds behind) and we finished 11th overall and second in class. First were Paul Bloxidge and Ian Canavan (Porsche 911), second John and Peter Dignan from Loughborough (MGB Roadster) with our friends Rod Hanson and Clare Grove taking their first podium in third place, having had to switch from Clare's (Yellow!) Mk2 Escort to Rod's Volvo Amazon.

Anji Martin.



Yellow Escorts seem to be breeding - car 104 at our accomodation and Tim Sawyer's New one running car 11

## CHIEF MARSHAL WANTED FOR HRCR'S CLASSIC 35 RALLY

The event will take place between **4 June to 16 June 2019** and based at the Best Western Tillington Hall Hotel, Eccleshall Road, ST16 1JJ Stafford. Thus it is almost at the centre of the HRCR Midlands Area.

David Holmes has emailed the Editor saying that Mike Harrison and John Hunt are looking for a Chief Marshal for the Classic 35 but does not know of such a star who lives in the North Derbyshire or Yorkshire area since his '*little black book doesn't go that far north*'. It is not known if the job involves simply the organising of marshals or more than that.

With the request coming just as the Editor was just off on holiday, a holding reply was sent that nobody immediately came to mind but something would be put in the next Midlands Newsletter – this one.

Those who would be willing to assist should contact David directly via [david@rishworthholmes.com](mailto:david@rishworthholmes.com)

## 'EIGHT GO RALLYING' – BUT DID THEY?

In last month's Newsletter, mention was made of BBC2's latest reality TV series of the '*celebrities go on a paid-for exotic adventure*' genre and that '*opinions concerning the TV would be welcome by the Editor*'.

So far, none have been received other than from Peter Mellor who notified the Editor of Noel 'No Deal' Edmunds' outburst in print after the rally.

I can understand why this might be so -the programme was simply not worth commenting on. Indeed, I only ever skipped / fast forwarded the later episodes, becoming more and more dissatisfied with the programme's concentration of the 'so-called' celebrities that on the rallying and the terrain that it covered, with only glimpses seen of the real rally cars and their crews.

And who ever would seriously consider taking an allegedly rally-prepared Hillman Imp into places with 40°C temperatures and without a front-mounted radiator? Was this just to ensure that breakdowns would occur and so provide some drama?

## AUTUMN SUN RUN 2018 BY AUTO CLUB ECLANCE

October will be a significant month for a good number of HRCR members from the Midlands and other areas since they will be participating in the Sun Run to what are usually warmer climes nearer the south of France.

Those recognised as Midlands members are shown in bold type in the following entry list as downloaded from the website <http://vintagesunrun.org/> at the end of September, now printed in full just in case other Midlands Members have not been identified. Of the others, some are regular or occasional entrants on the Derbyshire Dales Drive. To one and all we wish everyone good luck and a great and safe event and look forward to seeing reports in future issues of this Newsletter.

No	Team	Car	Year
1	Tim Riley-Anne Riley	Lancia Aurelia	1953
2	Chris Paveley-Brian Mitchel	Talbot 90	1934
3	John Rondau-Steve Gipson	TBC	
4	Mike Cornwell-Terry Thorp	MGB GT	1967
5	Chris Hunt Cooke-Jane Hunt Cooke-Richard Dix	BMW 325i	1987
6	Martin Gratte-Frankie Gratte	BMW 635 Csi	1984
7	Jan Pettersson-Joaquin Garcia	Mini Cooper	1969
<b>8</b>	<b>Tony Barron-Dominic Barron</b>	<b>Porsche 911 Carrera SC</b>	<b>1985</b>
9	John Broughall-Janet Broughall	Saab 99 EMS	1972
10	Pieter Lys-Yves Hulsman	Porsche944	1985
11	John Worthing-Marylou Worthing	Triumph TR 2	1954
12	Stephen Hall-Duncan Brown	Austin A40	1959
13			
14	Vaughn Chadwick-Charlie Chadwick	Lotus Elan S2 M100	1995

No	Team	Car	Year
<b>15</b>	<b>Paul Handley-Roma Handley</b>	<b>Volvo 144 DL</b>	<b>1973</b>
16	Mark Worsfold-Charlie Worsfold	BMW 320	1976
17	Ian Almond-Helen Almond	Mini	1983
18	David Ward-Malcolm Hague	Audi Quattro	1990
19	Steve Dudley-Rachel Christie	MGB	1967
20	Rene Kroon-Hans Domburg	MGB	1963
21	Pauline Dumore-Monique Parijs	MGB	1976
22	Ian Purves-	TBC	
23	Paul Johns-Sam Glover	Skoda 130 GL	1987
24	Terry Mower-Paul Beeson-Bob Ellis	Ford Zodiac	1960
25	Terry Secker-Pip Secker	MGC GT	1968
26	Mark Lodder-TBC	TBC	
27	William Cadbury-TBC	Austin 1800 S	1970
28	Lucy Cadbury-TBC	TBC	1965
29	Andy Simpson-Ros Simpson	MGB V8	1974
30	Fred Wakeling-Frances Wakeling	BMW 2002	1974
31			
32	Mark Highfield-Julie Highfield	TBC	
33	Ali Green-Mick Briggs	Riley Elf	1964
34	David Ballie-David Bardwell	Lancia Fulvia Rallye	1967
35	Terry Powell-Janet Powell	TBC	
36	Steve Cherry-Denise Cherry	MGB V8	1975
37	Trevor Dodd-Dick Hall	Vauxhall Corsa Sport	1997
38	Tony Owens-Dick Owens	Porsche 944 S2	1989
39	Bill Jiggins-TBC	TBC	
40	Iain Paul-Lois Paul	Triumph TR 3	1957
41	Paul Gerring-Jan Gerring	Lotus Cortina MK 1	1966
42	Geoff Cooke-Neil Worsfold	MGB	1976
43	Don Gray-John Murdoch	Lotus Elan	1970
44	Alex Trueman-TBC	Mazda MX 5	
45	Martin Hockley-TBC	Mini MK 3	1971
46	Kevin Card-TBC	Mini Cooper	1965
47	Matthew Eade-Tim Brenchley	TBC	
48	Phillipe Thevinin-Denni Braconnot	TBC	
49	Martin Stoyles-David Stoyles	MGB Gt	1978
50	Neal Goodall-Debbie Goodall	Sunbeam Alpine	1966
51	Bryan Purves	TBC	
52	Jean Noel Leroy-Tom Leroy	Peugeot 205 Gti	1987
53	Jacques Godin-	Alfa Romeo GTV	1989
54	Francois Dorez-Eddy Jacquard	RenaultGordini 8	1967
55	Anthony Garside-David Holmes	Lancia Fulvia Fanalone	1970
56	Dave Bull-Angela Bull	Austin A40	1963
57	Alan Turner-Tim Kelly	Autobianchi	1985
58	John O'Neill-Gordon Currey	Triumph Herald	1969
59	Ian Arthur-Dan Goff	Opel Monza	1986
60	Thomas Kristensson-Marika Pettersson	Volvo amazon	1970
61	Bob Woodwards-TBC	TBC	
<b>62</b>	<b>Billie Taylor-John Taylor</b>	<b>Saab 900 S</b>	<b>1996</b>
<b>63</b>	<b>Adrian Ancliffe-Peter Haynes</b>	<b>Porsche 944 S</b>	<b>1988</b>
64	David Merson-Sinead Birmingham	MGB	1970
65	Alan Sayer-Mike Denton Cardew	MGB V8	1974
<b>66</b>	<b>Robert Robinson-Peter Mellor</b>	<b>Audi Coupe</b>	<b>1983</b>
67	Peter Baverstock-David Baverstock	MGB	1970
68	Kevin Copleston-Mick Wright	Triumph TR 6	1973
69	Michael Holding-Geoff Miles	Volvo 122S	1965
<b>70</b>	<b>John Vincent-Bill Granger</b>	<b>Alfa Romeo</b>	
71	James Mann-TBC	Lagonda M45 Tourer	1934
72	Marc Van de Burg	TBC	
73	Terry Schraider-Helen Schraider	Triumph TR 4A	1966
74	Michael Cowen-Karen Delahunty	Lotus Elan M100	1995
75	Roine Lind-Ake Jamtsater	Mini Cooper S	1965

## NOVEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

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