



HRCR MIDLANDS NEWSLETTER : NOVEMBER 2018

FORTHCOMING HRCR MIDLANDS EVENTS

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

The event comes into the HRCR Midlands area once again so there should be opportunities to spectate in various locations, the timetable being as follows. Reportedly, marshals may still be needed in places.

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.

- The overnight halt will be at The Belfry, Lichfield Road, Wishaw, Sutton Coldfield, B76 9PR and first car is due at 2030hrs.

10 November : Day 2 - East Midlands - South Wales

- The first car leaves The Belfry at 07:45hrs

The route then 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.

Where and When : At the time of writing, the event's website <https://heroevents.eu/event-schedule/rac-rally-tests-2018> gives no spectator details as yet.

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.

This could be another chance to meet up with other HRCR Members.

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/>

5 December PROPOSED CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND QUIZ

The regular 'End-of-the-Year-Show', with a meal, a quiz, a review of Midlands activities during the year and what the Midlands Area may be displaying at the HRCR Open Day at Gaydon in the New Year.

Where and When : The Royal Oak, 55 Green Lane, Ockbrook. Derby DE72 3SE
tel 01332 662378 : royaloak_ockbrook@hotmail.com

Meal at 19:00hrs with the quiz starting at 20:30hrs.

26 Dec BOXING DAY STEAM CARNIVAL, OCKBROOK

All subject to the weather, of course, those wishing to get out of the house and perhaps take their classic car out for a spin might head for this annual event. Hot pork cobs, hot dogs and chips will be available from 11:00 to 16:00hrs.

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12 January HRCR OPEN DAY, GAYDON

Once again, the launch and opening of the entry list for our own Derbyshire Dales Drive will take place at the HRCR Open Day, and assistance will be needed to steward the stand during the day.

Where and When : British Motor Heritage Museum, Banbury Road, Gaydon, Warwickshire CV35 0BJ. Set-up likely to be from 09:00hrs with opening to the public at 10:00hrs

Jan/Feb MAJOR SPEAKER

A major figure within the world of UK motor sport has been approached and is prepared to visit us in the Midlands.

Where and When : Presently we are waiting to learn of the very busy person's availability but hopefully it should be during January or February. The intended venue will be the Coopers Arms at Weston-on-Trent, the one used for our previous major talks.

'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.

Key to HRCR Events			
HRCR	Date	Event	Contact
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>	
1	3 November	Autumn Leaves Scenic Tour : Forest of Dean	www.scenictopursuk.co
		Toyo Tires MSA British Rallycross Championship : Silverstone Circuit	tel 01327 857271
		Regent Street Motor Show : Regent Street, London	tel 01484 524437
		Neil Howard Stage Rally + Fireworks display : Oulton Park, Cheshire <i>Round 1 of the 2018-19 Motorsport News Circuit Rally Championship</i>	http://nhstages.co.uk/
	3 - 4 Nov	Bonhams Veteran Car Run : Hyde Park, London	tel 01372 414120
	4 November	ANECCC SG Petch Championship: MEM Proton Malton Forest Rally : North Yorks	Malton MC: tel 01904 760050

HRCR	Date	Event	Contact
	4 November	Poppy Tour : Llangoed Hall, Brecon	tel 01443 675544
5	11 November	Wyedean Rally : Forest of Dean	www.wyedeanrally.com
	16 November	Motorsport Events Trackday : Abingdon, Oxford	tel 0844 873 6075
6	17 November	Northumberland Borders Rally	http://www.northumberlandbordersrally.co.uk/
	17 November	NHMC Cadwell Junior Rally : Cadwell Park Circuit	tel 01507 343248
6	17-18 Nov ??	Peak Revs Rally (date TBC)	www.ludlowcastlemotorclub.com
	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	www.clitheroedmc.co.uk
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	1-2 December	Rali Mynydd Du (now NOT running in 2018)	Amman + District MC
5	2 December	Killarney Stages : Southern Ireland	www.killarneyanddistrictmotorclub.ie
	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

2019 BRITISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR ANNOUNCED

16 February 2019	VISIT CONWY CAMBRIAN RALLY Llandudno : 70 miles : Gravel
16-17 March 2019	QUALITY HOTEL WEST CORK RALLY Clonakilty, Ireland : 160 miles : Asphalt
27 April 2019	PIRELLI INTERNATIONAL RALLY Carlisle : 85 miles : Gravel
28–29 June 2019	RENTIES YPRES RALLY Ypres, Belgium : 160 miles : Asphalt
17 August 2019	JOHN MULHOLLAND MOTORS ULSTER RALLY Antrim : 100 miles : Asphalt
14 September 2019	THE ARMSTRONG GALLOWAY HILLS RALLY Castle Douglas : 50 miles : Gravel

Most interestingly, in the year that the United Kingdom will be leaving the European Union, two rounds of the British Rally Championship will be within EU countries. Fortunately, the West Cork Rally will take place before the UK leaves so it should be 'business as usual' as regards border crossings. However, it might not be the same regarding the Belgian rally.

The Galloway Hills Rally represents Scotland at the expense of Rally Isle of Man. Given the problems that led to extremely late cancellation of this year's Manx event, it is not surprising that the event has been dropped from the calendar. Certainly, the West Cork Rally has a fine pedigree and, in by offering 160 miles of tarmac stages, it should be a worthy equivalent.

Assuming that some sort of major rally will be run in mid-September in the Isle of Man, it is hoped that it might be similar to and just as good as that which took place to mark the events' 50th anniversary.

REPORTS

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WALES RALLY GREAT BRITAIN NATIONAL RALLY : 5 + 6 OCTOBER 2018



Steve Ward and Mike Crawford 'yump' their Escort MkII in Sweet Lamb / Hafren on their way to being the best of the Historic car crews on the WRGB National Rally © David Yorke 2018

It was excellent to see some Historic rally cars out on the National Rally that took place alongside the WRC event. Apart from this rally filling the time between the first and second runnings of the stages for the WRC cars on two of the three days of the rally, it also provided the spectators with what was effectively a pageant of rally history, something much appreciated by many at Sweet Lamb Hafren. Such cars made up nearly 10% of the entry.

#225	Steve Ward and Mike Crawford	Escort MkII	H3	12 th o/a	won H3
#230	Gary Smith and Paul Spooner	Ford Escort Mk1	H2	11 th o/a	won H2
#231	Bob Bean and Malcolm Smithson	Lotus Cortina	H1	22 o/a	won H1
#235	Bob Beales and Mike Leflay	VW Beetle Ottinger GT	K1	55 th o/a	won K1
#238	Arwel Lloyd Jones and Harold Jones	Escort MkII	H3	16 th o/a	
#239	Jeremy Easson and Mike Reynolds	Datsun 240Z	H2	Ret'd on or before SS13	Gartheiniog
#251	Mark Ferreday and David Vardy	VW Beetle	K1	56 th o/a	
#271	Ken Davies and Alan Jones	Volvo Amazon	H1	45 th o/a	

Though not in Historic specification, other Pre-1990 period cars entered included the following.

Ford Escorts MkII	MG Metro 6R4 (replica)	Vauxhall Nova	Peugeot 205 GTi
Vauxhall Chevette	BMW 325i	Porsche 911	Ford Sierra Cosworth

CURBOROUGH PRACTISE DAY : 20 OCTOBER 2018

For over 20 years, Carlton and District Motor Club has had an annual practise day at the Curborough sprint course near Lichfield. In the last few years, there has been a contingent from the Quantum Owners Club and the Historic Rally Car Register, together with friends and other local motor clubs.

It was great this year to see the vast variety of cars taking part from runabouts costing under £500 to exotica in six figures! A real variety of cars included normal road cars, road rally spec cars, classics, supercars and some specials [still road legal] And what a great day with the weather for late October.

The start of the event was delayed slightly this year by an unrelated incident on the A50 which set back the arrival of a number of entrants. However, the collection of monies, signing on and drivers briefing were all completed to enable the start of track action by 10.00 am.

Yet again, I had opted to book for the full day, aiming to get the earliest start and run continuous until close. During the day the route got altered a couple of times which went down well – it certainly tested the skills of the driver and components of the car on the first swap.

As for previous years, the track is continually open [there being no formal lunch break] so the next car is on as soon as the previous one has passed the red flag. This year, the number of participants was about right, offering less queuing time compared with last year. Obviously, everybody had their moneys-worth this year as we stopped running ½ hour early!

I would personally like to thank Carlton's regular flag marshals [Ian, Eddie, Don & friend] as the day couldn't happen without them. Their efforts enable the day to run smoothly and was appreciated by a large number of entrants as they left. Also a big thank you to all who took advantage of the catering. For those who don't know this is booked separately to the track day. They work on getting a minimum turnover and expect the club booking them to make up the difference if not - so only by decent usage by participants can this continue.



This selection of photographs is courtesy and copyright of James Turner of the Quantum Owners Club. He also took more pictures which can be accessed via <http://bostin.photography/Corborough2018/>. Please take the time to look at the rest of his website and do make a donation to his nominated charity if you wish. If you are interested in any photos please contact him direct.

It is likely that the 2019 event will be a similar date [being after the main sprint season finishes] so look forward to the announcement and get your entry in early.

Vince Orme

Additional report from a participant

Another great day at Corborough : thank you for continuing to organise.

Stuart and his two sons in the Healey loved it, as did James and myself in the Mini. We both had car issues. The Mini decided it didn't like the air in its front RHS tyre after a spirited figure of eight drive by James and attempts to re-inflate it were in vain. Thanks for the loan of the compressor James Turner and Ian Jones for the loan of his car with 12 volt socket!. So a trip to the service area and eventually we had the slightly dodgy spare on -hanks also for the loan of a trolley jack. Lesson learned; make sure the offset of your spare wheel is the same as your regular wheels! We were then back out though for some more fun and more realisation that we really do need to get the suspension geometry properly set up!

This was Stuart's first time at a track day and his first opportunity to drive his Healey in anger. Both he and his two sons enjoyed the experience and having had the opportunity to sit in the passenger seat I can confirm it makes a great noise when the accelerator is pressed. It is something of a heavy beast to steer round corners though. The Healey's track time was cut short when a petrol leak was discovered from one of the Carbs. With assistance from numerous people a new float chamber gasket was fashioned from a piece of birthday card and the leak was fixed! Too late to get back on track, but the car made it safely home.

So despite a few set backs a great day with great people and great weather. So already looking forward to next year.

Dave

AUTUMN SUN RUN 2018 BY AUTO CLUB ECLANCE

From: Peter Mellor
Sent: 29 October 2018 11:50
To: David Yorke
Subject: Sun Run 2018

Hello David

Just back from France (and) thought I would give you some very interesting news in case you haven't heard already.

Young Peter Haynes with his driver had a tremendous last day and won the event. In second place Tony and Dominic Barron, followed by Paul and Roma Handley 24th, Bill Granger and John Vincent 30th, us (Peter and Robert Robinson) in 38th and John and Billy Taylor in 59th.

What a good result from the Midlands group. Bill also went on to win the Charity Raffle prize of a Magnum of Champagne in lovely wooden box.

I mention this result because Peter might be too modest to tell you but I did say to him he must be the man to write a report.

So there you have it.

PM

I managed to congratulate 'Young Peter' subsequently when he rang through concerning possibly meeting up at the HEC Classic Car Show on the Sunday. It is hoped a report will be available for the December issue.

Editor

DECEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

All contributions for next month's newsletter are very much welcomed, for which copy should be **no later than Friday 23 November 2018** to yorkesport@btinternet.com