



HRCR MIDLANDS NEWSLETTER : SEPTEMBER 2019

FORTHCOMING HRCR MIDLANDS EVENTS



John Bloxham taking his Fiat X1/9 through Weston Park on the 2017 Tony Matthews Classic Tour.

15 Sept **TONY MATTHEWS CLASSIC TOUR, SHROPSHIRE + WELSH BORDERS**

This is another tour in the HRCR Scenic Tour series run by a club within the HRCR Midlands territory but outside its geographical area. The 110-mile route can be followed via the Tulip-type Road Book and/or by following OS Landranger maps

- 126 Shrewsbury
- 137 Church Stretton and Ludlow
- 138 Kidderminster + Wyre Forest

The £85 entry fee includes breakfast and mid-morning refreshments, together with a hot meal at the end of the tour. There might even be some during the afternoon.

Whilst the tour is one of long standing and has experienced officials, it is new to the HRCR series, which might explain why, at the time of writing, there would seem to be a few of the 65 available places yet to be taken.

General enquiries should be made to Roger Tristram via rtristram@blueyonder.co.uk (07798 751125) whilst the Entries Secretary is Clare Bird (birdy_2212@hotmail.co.uk + 07837 212015)

Where and When : Start from the Salop Centre, Shrewsbury SY5 6QS and the Finish at the Ludlow Kitchen, Bromfield SY8 2JR.

21 Sept **BARC MIDLANDS SPRINT, CURBOROUGH**

This event is promoted by BARC Midlands and includes the penultimate round (No.13, no less!) of the HRCR Speed Series. The website <https://barc-midlands.co.uk/about-the-centre/2019-midlands-centre-sprints/> has this to say about its season's Grand Finale meeting.

'A popular venue with both competitors and spectators alike, Curborough Sprint Course has become a traditional fixture on BARC Midlands Centre's Sprint Calendar. For 2019, this weekend features rounds of seven popular speed series, with Saturday seeing the final outing for this season's BARC Connaught Speed Championship competitors.'

*'On the first day you can enjoy the tricky challenges of **Figure-of-Eight Course**, with a switch to the simpler, but equally skilful **Long Course** on Sunday. We are sure this weekend will deliver some truly spectacular competitive action, supported by the wonderful atmosphere Curborough is renowned for. So, book your place now and enjoy our fantastic Grand Finale to another superb season of sprinting action!'*

Thus, being at the heart of the HRCR Midlands area, the Saturday could provide some interesting entertainment and an opportunity to note the best lines taken by regular sprinters if you should be thinking about entering the Carlton +DMC's Practice Day on October 19 (see below).

Where and When : Curborough Sprint Circuit, Curborough Sprint Circuit, Netherstowe Lane, Lichfield WS13 8EJ. The programme is likely to be practice runs in the morning and competitive ones thereafter.

3 October WALES RALLY GREAT BRITAIN : SS1 AND HISTORIC RALLY CAR DISPLAY

The day begins with a final pre-event Shakedown held this year for the first time in Gwydir Forest, Snowdonia in the morning before the teams head to Liverpool for the Ceremonial Start at 1600hrs.

The first stage of International part of WRGB is being held at the Cheshire circuit where there will be a display of cars that have taken place in previous events, all to celebrate the 75th running of the rally. A full evening of entertainment is planned, with appearances from WRC legends and iconic vehicles, live music and DJs, historic rally displays and an autograph session which will be open to all spectators. Crews will then head for Llandudno in readiness for the forest stages that follow.

Where and When : Oulton Park Circuit, Cheshire

4 to 6 Oct WALES RALLY GREAT BRITAIN – continued

For further details see weblinks below and the July issue of this Newsletter.

WRGB <https://www.walesrallygb.com/spectators/route-information/route-overview/>

National Rally <https://www.walesrallygb.com/world-championship-stage-open-to-local-heroes/>

5 October MCC's EDINBURGH TRIAL

It is a long-standing custom of some HRCR Midlands Members to visit this trial though it clashes with WRGB's 'Super Saturday' that features Dyfi (15.84 miles), Myherin (14.60 miles) and Sweet Lamb Hafren (15.97 miles) and the new street stage in Colwyn Bay.

Where and When : OS Landranger maps 118 + 119 : times depend on the locations chosen.

19 Oct CARLTON + DMC PRACTICE DAY AT CURBOROUGH SPRINT COURSE

For over twenty years now, C+MDC has held an annual untimed practise day at Curborough sprint course and once again, members of HRCR are invited. **A brief summary for a full day on the track appears later in Snippets.**

For any other questions please contact Vince Orme via vince.cdmc@gmail.com or vince.qoc@gmail.com or 077 998 02107

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2 Nov DANSPORT RALLY

Though not stated in the 2019 HRCR Yearbook, Matlock MC is planning to run this night-time round of the HRCR Premier Rally Championship on this date. Inevitably, marshals will be needed so please consider volunteering your services.

Where and When : Traditionally on OS Landranger maps 118

10 Nov RALLY OF THE TESTS

This is the final day that sees the crews leave Stoke-on-Trent for the journey back into Wales with a mixture of Tests and Regularities before the finish in Chester. Matlock MC have been asked if they could arrange marshals for this event and HRCR Midlands members have assisted them previously.

Where and When : <https://heroevents.eu/event-schedule/rac-rally-tests-2019/>

See also Snippets for further information about the event, especially the day before.

December CHRISTMAS MEAL AND QUIZ

Having become another HRCR Midlands tradition, please come if you can once the date is known.

Where and When : Possibly at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook : 1900hrs for meals and quiz at 2030hrs.

7-10 Dec LE JOG :

This year, the overnight stops are in Telford and Newcastle -upon-Tyne.

‘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			
1	<i>HRCR Scenic Tour series</i>		
2	<i>HRCR Clubmans Road Rallying Championship</i>		
3	<i>HRCR Mini Sport Cup Stage Rally Championship</i>		
4	<i>West Wales Rally Spares HRCR Stage Masters Challenge</i>		
5	<i>HRCR Speed Series (Hill Climb and Sprint) Championship</i>		
6	<i>HRCR Premier Road Rally Championship</i>		
7	<i>HRCR Motorscope Northern Gravel Rally Championship + Asphalt Rally Championship</i>		
HRCR	Date	Event	Contact
1	1 September	9th Regis TAP : Hampshire + West Sussex	www.bognor-regis-mc.co.uk
3+4	6-7 Sept	Tour of Flanders : Belgium (2 rounds)	www.omloopvanvlaanderen.be
5	8 September	Five Clubs MC Wiscombe Hillclimb : Honiton	www.fiveclubs.org.uk
5	21 September	BARC Midlands Sprint : Curborough	www.barc-midlands.co.uk
3	22 September	Cheviot Stages Rally : Northumberland	www.cheviotstages.org.uk
5	5 October	Hillclimb : Prescott, near Cheltenham	www.prescott-hillclimb.com
1	6 October	Tour of Kent : Kent and East Sussex	www.blackpalfrey.co.uk
1	13 October	Ludlow Classic Tour : Shropshire and the Welsh Marches	www.ludlowcastlemotorclub.co.uk
7		Cheviot Stages Rally (2 rounds)	coordinator.nhrc@yahoo.com
2 + 6	19 October	Devils Own Rally	www.devilsownrally.co.uk
1	2 November	Autumn Leaves Classic Tour : Radnorshire + Herefordshire	www.scenictoursuk.co
7	3 November	MEM Malton Forest Rally : North Yorks	facebook.co.uk/groups/HRCR MOTORSCOPENHRC/
6	7-10 Nov	Rally of the Tests : Torquay to Chester	www.heroevents.eu
4	10 November	Wyedean Stages Rally ; Forest of Dean	https://www.wyedeanstages.co.uk/
6		Saltire Classic Rally : Pitlochry	https://www.saltirerallyclub.co.uk/events
	21-25 Nov	R.A.C. Rally : See also Snippets for further information about the event.	http://racrmc.org/roger-albert-clark-rally/index
6	7 – 10 Dec	LE JOG : guess where from and where to! Overnight in Chester 7-8 December	www.heroevents.eu
	11 January 2020	HRCR Open Day : British Motor Museum, Gaydon	

REPORTS

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21ST NOTTINGHAM CLASSIC : 21 JULY 2019

This is a short report taken from an Organiser's perspective.

The week before the Start

- Looking forward to a great day out – steady increase in late entries and forecast of a warm/hot day with no rain.
- All venues, times and food arrangements confirmed.
- On the Tuesday night, find out lost opening car. Various phone calls made and thanks to Carlton +DMC Members Harry, Glynn, Les and Andy for sorting replacement by the end of the week.
- Also had to confirm the early start on Sunday [alarms set for 5.30am] with my stand-in navigator for the Closing Car.



Kelham Hall was the venue for the Start

Photo Vince Orme (or his brother)

Start - Kelham Hall

- Arrive at Kelham Hall just before 7.15 am, together with others on the organising team.
- Initial hiccups with no access to the building to set up Signing On but eventually sorted as entrants had started to arrive. There was a bit of a delay with the tea/coffee and bacon cobs.
- All too soon it is time to set off the first car and then an hour later pack away and jump into the car to try and catch up with the last entrant.

First Refreshment Halt – The Tolliemarche Arms, Buckminster

- This tea/coffee stop was so nice that the entrants didn't want to leave! Lovely coffee in proper cups, really helpful staff and a slice of cherry cheesecake to die for !



Rockingham Castle was the Lunch Halt

Photo Vince Orme (or his brother)

Lunch Halt – Rockingham Castle

- An excellent venue with exclusive parking for us on the “Tilting Lawn”, ably marshalled by C+DMC Members Ian and Eddie.
- Many entrants had a picnic whilst others explored the gardens and various viewpoints.
- First opportunity to be able to chat with people. Couldn't believe how many people commented on the really nice bacon cobs at Kelham Hall.

Second Refreshment Halt – Melton Mowbray

- The Market Place had been opened especially for us and Nigel from the 54a King Street coffee shop kindly accommodated everyone who wanted refreshments and/or toilets.
- We arrived here late as there had been an unexpected road closure on the previous road section. The gated road used on the diversion was a bit rough in places but easily drivable. Thanks must go to Les and Andy in the opening car for their quick thinking in sorting it out.
- By now, most entrants were gone from Melton, wanting to get to the Finish for their tea! We had a quick drink before setting off again. Personally, I did come away with a pork pie platter [for Monday] **and** a fresh Melton Mowbray pork pie [recommended]

(For information: There are regular classic car meetings in the Market Place [search web for info] when 54a King Street is also open.)

Finish – Kelham Hall

- After the long day, I was looking forward to sitting down to the two-course tea, together with a pint. However, it was disappointing that the food was not as good as last year, even though the price had increased. Also, the bar wasn't open even though they had commented about how much trade had happened last year. Something to discuss for the future.

Thank yous

- To all who took part and hope to see you for an even better 22nd Nottingham Classic.
- To each of the venues that we stopped at and especially to those people at the two intermediate stops who were both helpful & friendly.
- Special thanks to brother Graham for standing in as closing car navigator [& helping out generally]

Event review

- Mick, John and myself will be having a debrief meeting in a couple of weeks so any entrants' views would be appreciated.

Vince Orme

ST WILFRED'S CLASSIC RALLY, NORTH YORKS : 11 AUGUST 2019

Nottinghamshire's Clive and Anji Martin finished 10th overall on the event, on which this year's series Novice Champion Ken Binstead commented thus '*With well organised regs and superb forest tests it has to be one of the best rallies of the year, being challenging for both sides of the car*'. One wonders if the Martins agree.

For a photo of the Martins and more of what Ken had to say, see <https://www.hrcr.co.uk/st-wilfrids-classic-2019/>

SNIPPETS

RALLYDAY, CASTLE COMBE : 21 SEPTEMBER 2019

Two former World Rally Champion Drivers, Miki Biasion and perhaps Didier Auriol, are scheduled to be present at this year's event, making it perhaps a Lanciafest.

It is Didier's first visit at such events and he drove Metro 6R4s and Sierra Cosworths in the French National Rally Championship. Jimmy McRae and Craig Breen are others attending.

More information should be available via <http://rallyday.com/>

Unfortunately, this year's RallyDay clashes with the Tony Matthews Scenic Tour mentioned previously so choices may have to be made.

LANCIA STRATOS ON SNOW AND ICE

Whilst talking of Lancia, what's all this about four-wheel drive being necessary?

<https://www.facebook.com/savelancia/videos/1785933161421599/>

CARLTON + DMC PRACTICE DAY, CURBOROUGH SPRINT COURSE : 19 OCTOBER 2019

For over twenty years now, C+MDC has held an annual untimed practise day at Curborough sprint course and once again, members of HRCR are invited. Here is a brief summary for a full day on the track.

- Informal untimed practise day
- Only one car on the track
- Only safety requirement is crash helmet required for all occupants [but needn't be latest spec]
- Noise test which all normal cars should pass [enquire if your cars loud]
- On-site catering & toilets
- The cost this year for a car is unchanged @ £40
- The charge for passengers/second drivers is £5 per person.
- For every eight bookings, the maximum number of cars will be reduced by one to give more track time for all. This will mean a lesser number than previous years so be warned to get your entry in early.
- All bookings will be confirmed and you will be advised if you are on the reserve list.
- Those who have not attended before will need to send a cheque to confirm your booking though it will not be cashed until after the event.
- Final details will be sent by the weekend before

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Where and When : Curborough Sprint Circuit, Curborough Sprint Circuit, Netherstowe Lane, Lichfield WS13 8EJ
(So that this invitation to HRCR Members draws the support that it deserves, no apology is made for repeating the text from the last issue of this Newsletter – Editor)

RALLY OF THE TESTS : 7-10 NOVEMBER 2019

This year's Rally of the Tests 2019 will start from Torquay with a short but taxing prologue. On the Friday, the route will be taking in some of the 'Testers' favourite venues through the West Country en-route to the overnight halt in Bristol.

On Saturday 9 November, the rally starts again at the iconic RAC building next to the M5, crossing into Wales before the overnight halt in Stoke-on-Trent. The Curborough Calendar shows the sprint course reserved for the ROTT from 100 to 1700hrs during the day.

The final day will be a mix of Regularities and Tests in and out of Wales before the finish in the City of Chester.

As ever, marshals are wanted so sign up via the website.

Further details : <https://heroevents.eu/event-schedule/rac-rally-tests-2019/>

ROGER ALBERT CLARK RALLY : 21 – 25 NOVEMBER 2019

Since this is the one historic rally in the UK that many may wish to see, the initial draft programme is given below.

Thursday 21st November

- 10.00 – 17.00 Scrutineering – Brightwells Auctions, Leominster
- 18.00 Event Start – Leominster
- 19.05 Radnor 1
- 20.15 Radnor 2
- 22.15 Overnight Halt – Brightwells Auctions, Leominster

Friday 22nd November

- 07.31 Restart – Brightwells Auctions, Leominster
- 09.30 Cefn 1
- 10.10 Gwibedog 1
- 10.25 Service – Epynt Quarry
- 11.01 Epynt 1
- 11.30 Halfway 1
- 11.45 Service – Epynt Quarry
- 12.25 Cefn 2
- 13.00 Gwibedog 2
- 13.20 Service – Epynt Quarry
- 13.55 Epynt 2
- 14.20 Halfway 2
- 14.30 Overnight Halt – Epynt Quarry

Transport Section to Carlisle H&H Auctions Jct 43 M6, the Car Park will be open all night to receive competitors

Saturday 23rd November

08.00 Restart – H&H Auctions
09.05 Kershope 1
09.50 Ash Park
10.45 Service – H&H Auctions
12.05 Kershope 2
13.40 Service – H&H Auctions
15.10 Clintburn
15.40 Chirdonhead
16.10 Service – Kielder Greenside Car Park
17.55 Harwood
18.25 Management Service Scotts Gap
19.30 Pundershaw
20.35 Paddaburn
22.10 Overnight Halt – H&H Auctions

Sunday 24th November

08.00 Restart – H&H Auctions
09.05 Greskine 1
09.40 Ae 1
10.35 Service – Lockerbie Lorry Park
12.10 Greskine 2
12.50 Ae 2 1
13.45 Service – Lockerbie Lorry Park
14.55 Twiglees 1
15.25 Castle O'er
16.15 Craik
17.50 Twiglees 2
18.20 Castle Ore 2
19.45 Overnight Halt – H&H Auctions

Monday 25th November

07.00 Restart – H&H Auctions
08.00 Newcastleton
08.55 Falstone 1
09.35 Service – Kielder Greenside Car Park
10.15 Bewshaugh 1
10.45 Service – Kielder Greenside Car Park
11.25 Falstone 2
12.05 Service – Kielder Greenside Car Park
12.35 Bewshaugh 2
15.00 Event Finish – Carlisle / Brampton
18.00 - 1900 Awards Prizegiving – H&H Auctions

OCTOBER'S NEWSLETTER

All contributions for next month's newsletter are very much welcomed, for which copy should be **no later than Friday 20 September 2019** to yorkesport@btinternet.com