

HERO Throckmorton Challenge

On Saturday 16 October 2010 the Historic Endurance Rallying Organisation will promote the HERO Throckmorton Challenge at the former RAF airfield, near Pershore, Worcestershire, near Junction 6 of the M5.

There will be 18 special tests, every one different, and a handful of regularities as well as a special off-road test section purely for classic 4x4s.

The one day special Classic Trial for cars built before 31 December 1983, is intended for crews keen on Classic Reliability Trials and Historic Road Events, the format will be a large number of driving tests spread throughout the site, and interspersed with a few regularities. No two tests will be the same as the organisers have sufficient room and enough cones available to avoid the need to duplicate the layout. The tests will be similar to those on other HERO events such as Le Jog and will give novice and experienced crews an enjoyable day's sport at a very competitive entry fee of £150 for a

crew of two including a light lunch and a hot buffet evening meal.

Scrutineering and documentation will take place on Friday evening, but Saturday morning scrutineering can be arranged. However, places for Saturday morning will be limited and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

A couple of dedicated off-road tests will also be included for classic 4x4 competitors.

There will be separate best performance awards for individual models (based on a minimum of four entries being received per individual models - eligibility for this award will be automatic and are not dependant on a group of entries being submitted together).

Early indications are that this will be a popular event, but numbers will be limited to a maximum of 90 cars.

Full details from HERO's website: www.heroevents.eu, telephone: +44 1656 740275. HERO Events, Unit 13 Kenfig Industrial Estate, Margam, Port Talbot, SA13 2PE, UK.

Hexham heads for the hills

The Hexham Historic Rally, (20 November) will offer the twin benefits of a traditional road rally format plus the social element more commonly associated with daytime events.

Following a lapse of a couple of years when the organising Hexham & District Motor Club were unable to find a suitable route due to the number of long distance events traversing the area, the organising team have received an assurance from the regional RLO that the proposed route is free from any clashes so it is all systems go.

The Hexham Historic Rally will start from Allendale Market Place, where the old country inns and Victorian buildings form a scenic backdrop. The route will be based in the High Pennines and Hadrian's Wall country and its classic, traffic free roads offering endless possibilities to put on a classic route, hence the area's

popularity with events such as Le Jog, Rally of the Tests and Flying Scotsman.

The almost total absence of any traffic in the area gives the organisers the opportunity to feature an early evening start, meaning the Hexham Historic can finish before midnight with the traditional, and highly popular 'Apres Rally Buffet'. The finish will be at the 17th century Allenheads Inn, famous for the quality of its home cooked cuisine.

The event will offer a classic 120 mile route on all asphalt roads with straightforward navigation and the Entry fee of £35.50 includes Road Book, rally plates, rally badge and tickets for the 'Apres Rally' buffet.

For further information, contact the Rally Secretary, Ed Graham, 5 West View, Prudhoe, Northumberland, NE42 6JQ. Tel: 01661 833167 or e-mail: edgraham@btinternet.com.

Cumbria Classic Weekend

The 22nd running of the Cumbria Classic Weekend (21/22 August) promises to be the biggest one yet as the Wigton Motor Club organised event goes from strength to strength with increased entries every year.

This year's theme is 'The magic of Italy' and it is hoped that there will be entries from all the major Italian marques such as Ferrari, Maserati, Lamborghini, Lancia and Fiat. All the relevant owners clubs have been invited and individual entries are welcomed.

The Weekend continues its successful format with the Rose &

Thistle Challenge run on the Saturday which takes in northern England and the Borders, with entries limited to 60.

Sunday sees the Cumbria Classic Show at the picturesque Dalemain House near Ullswater and only five minutes from Junction 40 of the M6. As well as around 500 classic cars there will be arena action, special marque displays, dozens of club displays, autotests, jazz bands, trade stands and autojumble as well as the delights of Dalemain House and its famous gardens.

Full details are available on www.wigtonmc.co.uk.

14th Regis Classic Tour

For 2011 the ladies of Bognor Regis Motor Club Ltd are heading west to North Devon and West Somerset for 'The Moors And Shores Tour Of Devon And Somerset (1-3 April).

The host hotel will be The Saunton Sands, North Devon, a 4-star hotel part of the Brend Group (www.brend-hotels.co.uk).

Nearly 50 deposits have been taken, so you are urged to download a flyer for 2011 if you have yet to reserve a place.

Rather than take a trip out on Sunday night next year, the ladies are planning a Paella Party in the Sands Cafe Bar, situated below the hotel, reached via a cliff path, for those wishing to get involved.

The entry fee will be £620 per crew of two and will include two nights bed and English breakfast at Saunton Sands Hotel/Apartments including Buffet Dinner on Friday and Masked Ball on Saturday sharing a twin/double room, morning coffee on Saturday and Sunday, light lunch on Saturday and two course lunch on Sunday and Devon Cream Tea on Saturday afternoon, as well as entrance fees into all places of interest, toll roads and parking fees during the event. Easy to use Tulip Road Book, rally plate, souvenir photograph, finisher's gift/award.

This 14th Tour is heading towards £300,000 for charity in 2011. The first Regis Classic

Tour raised just over £8,000 and the current overall total currently stands at over £276,500, before this year's Gift Aid is added. It will be supporting Against Breast Cancer & Orchid - Fighting Male Cancer again next year. This year's 'The East Anglian Odyssey' raised over £22,300 before Gift Aid.

Ali Green is looking for donations of tombola and auction prizes. "We already a Norfolkline Ferry Crossing, hot laps around Goodwood Circuit with five times Le Mans Winner Derek Bell and a weekend break at Saunton Sands Hotel. Brighton & Hove Motor Club have already donated three pairs of tickets to The Brighton Speed Trials in 2011, so please let me know if you have any suggestions for lots and prizes for next year", Ali told *oldSTAGER*.

You can contact Ali Green on 01243 542674, or e-mail: theregisclassictour@btinternet.com.



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A 100 series event with a twist



The Loughborough Car Club is promoting a 100 series event with a twist on Sunday 3 October 2010

Following on from last year's successful inaugural event, the Metric Services Rally will be offering the same format and standard of event, but with a change of venue to use a different set of roads. This year's event will explore the lanes of south Leicestershire.

The organisers have decided to keep the number of competitors to a manageable 30 so entries will be strictly allocated by order of receipt.

The format consists of a mix of daylight regularity on decent roads and tests on grass. All packed into one busy day.

The event will be based in the picturesque village of Kings Norton in Leicestershire, with a route of around 100 miles in the lanes of South Leicestershire made up of three loops in a clover leaf based round a central point with no rough roads.

Classic/historic cars pre-1980 are preferred and will get allocated starting places first.

Navigation on the first loop will be at a standard set for beginners, the second for novices, and the last a bit more challenging.

The tests take place in a large smooth grass field with three different tests laid out. Each time competitors return to the site they will attempt each test. The layouts will not change during the day (if the weather is very wet the tests can still run, but the organisers will need to change the layout to protect the surface). Each test will have no more than one manoeuvre requiring the use of reverse gear. Competitors will be encouraged to walk the tests in advance, but the cones will be numbered, and diagrams issued in advance.

There will be breakfast available on site. First car away will be around 10:00am and the event will finish mid-afternoon, with results published and trophies presented at a local hostelry serving food. There are a couple of budget hotels within a couple of miles so accommodation is not an issue if travelling from afar to the event.

The downside is that your car may be spattered in Sheep pool!

Last year's event got positive comments all round. So it's more of the same for 2010 with an enjoyable day promised for absolute beginners, novices and experienced crews.

For more information, visit: www.loughboroughcarclub.co.uk.