

Briefly...

The vintage-only Flying Scotsman is off to a flying start... and it's not until next April - 70 entries were received within four weeks of the entry forms being posted out. A new route sees the start moving from Brooklands to Duxford (hopefully the traffic problems of getting through Henley are now once and for all out of the way) lending itself to a new loop into Norfolk, the event not having visited East Anglia before.

As we closed for press, Alan Smith, Kim Bannister and Bob Redhead, who again acts as Chief Marshal, were on a route-reece up through Leicestershire. There is also a new finish - St. Andrews, and overnight halts near Brigg, Lincolnshire, and another near Durham being penned in. Fresh off-road test venues have been tracked down, one is a former WW2 airfield in Suffolk which has never before been opened up for motorsport.

The Cloverleaf Historic Rally, scheduled to run on 22 October, has been cancelled. In accordance with the rules of the REIS/HRCR Clubmans Rally Championship, the best six scores for each competitor will be counted out of the nine rounds.

Weston Super Mare MC is organising the Regency Stages rally at the Bath and West Showground near Shepton Mallet over the weekend of 22/23 October. Keen to develop this into an annual motorsport festival, the club will welcome classic/historic competition cars for display. They will be given the opportunity to drive some of the (tarmac) stages at various times over the weekend, particularly while stage layouts are being changed round for the modern cars. The driver and any passengers will get free entry to the event if they complete and send off the form which can be downloaded from the Regency Stages forum at <http://wsmmc.com/forum/>.

Share your passion for classics at the Footman James Classic Motor Show (11/12/13 November), with over 1,200 spectacular cars on display from all over the world. Every motoring taste is catered for with around 200 of Britain's best motoring clubs and over 300 trade stands. Visit the Wheeler Dealer Live stage for great motoring entertainment, find out how to tackle all aspects of restoring your cherished classic at the Restoration Theatre, discover that elusive part in the Autojumble or take a ride as a passenger in your dream car, courtesy of the Sporting Bears Motoring Club. There is also a dedicated Classic Motorbike show complete with over 200 motorcycles, club displays, classic bike concours, stage interviews and the popular Bike jumble. Visit the website at: www.necclassicmotorshow.com or call the ticket hotline on 0871 230 1088.

Longest ever night section for new look LE JOG

The 17th annual running of the Land's End to John o'Groats Reliability Trial between 10 and 13 December will see cars battling it out on a 1,400 mile course with the longest night navigation section ever to be included.

HERO's Event Director and Clerk of the Course for Le Jog, Peter Nedin, said: "Competitors say that Le Jog is one of the toughest events of its kind in Europe, possibly the world, and we constantly strive to maintain this enviable reputation. The appointment of John Kiff, a past competitor on Le Jog, as route coordinator has brought a fresh pair of eyes to the event. John and I have worked closely on the route to make 2011 an event to remember and talk about for years to come."

John Kiff clocked up more than 5,000 miles carrying out an exhaustive recce and route survey, using his years of *Motoring News* and Welsh Championship night road rally experience plus that of doing seven Le Jogs to create what should give both driver and navigator one the greatest

challenges so far.

Kiff said: "My aim is to make Le Jog as relentless as ever, but to add more competitive elements which will give crews even more satisfaction and sense of achievement."

The infamous Welsh night section has over 30 time controls - 75% of which will be four-minute sections and the longest section will only be three-and-a-half miles - the route designed with loops allowing controls to be cut for those running late.

Wales also sees some tough, late-evening regularities thoroughly testing crews' driving, navigating and timekeeping. "We want to see every crew arrive at Telford tired, but with a satisfied grin on their faces", John said.

In addition, it is planned to have up to 30 tests at 26 venues - more than double that of some recent Le Jogs and more than the



Photo: Tony Lange

last Rally of the Tests. Many at exciting new venues, while those at ones previously used have been completely redesigned.

The number of regularities is reduced slightly but the Jogularity format will be exploited to the full, so continuing to provide the navigators with considerable map-reading challenges.

The romantic adventure appeal of Le Jog will still remain with controls in some of the UK's best country pubs and road sections through the UK's most beautiful scenery.

The Monday leg from Gosforth to John o'Groats sees more new test venues and more tight night navigation sections.

Hexham regulations released

Regulations are now available for the Hexham 100 Historic Rally which will run on 19 November and will feature an all asphalt route over some classic roads in Northumbria, an area which may be unfamiliar to many competitors but which possesses some superb roads which, combined with the area's very low traffic density, makes for some great rallying country.

Some of the route has been unused since the 1970s when the area used to feature in the former *Motoring News* events.

The rally will feature a mix of regularities and time controls with very straightforward navigation instructions, in fact the Novice/Beginner crews will receive an all tulip road book with the option of marked maps if required. The organisers are also offering to send out a copy of last year's instructions to anyone unsure of the event's format.

As always with Hexham events, the Hexham 100 Historic will finish with the famous Hexham 'Après Rallye' buffet, giving the opportunity to enjoy a good supper while chatting over the nights happenings.

For further information

contact Ed Graham by e-mail at: edgraham@btinternet.com, or call on: 01661 833167.

Navigators needed...

Hexham 100 organisers are already receiving, what are now annual, desperate phone calls and e-mails from drivers urgently seeking a navigator.

The organisers will be delighted to put any map men who fancy an evening touring the Northumbrian countryside in touch with those drivers seeking someone to guide them. They are anxious to point out that the navigation on the event isn't particularly onerous, mainly map references, tulip diagrams and spot heights, while those in the Novice/Beginners category get a simple tulip road book and the option of a marked map.

As always, the emphasis is on getting everyone round and having an enjoyable evening, not getting hopelessly lost.

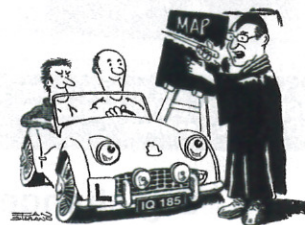
Any navigators looking for a ride on the event are asked to get in touch with Ed Graham (01661 833167) who will pass their details on to the relevant drivers.

Rally regulations reprint...

Interest in the Hexham 100 has been so high that the organisers have ordered a reprint the Event Regulations and extra specimen sets of navigation instructions, provided for those unsure of what to expect.

The first entry came from David Agnew/Ron Palmer in David's 1967 Porsche 911. David and Ron have obviously noted that any ties will be decided by the earliest entry received. These experienced competitors were the driving force behind this year's revamped Lake District Classic, their new format proving extremely popular.

Road Rally Training Days



There will be two of the very popular Road Rally Training Days early next year, at Knutsford, Cheshire on 28 January and at High Wycombe on 31 March.

The format will be a morning of instruction by leading road rally competitors, with separate sessions on navigation and car preparation followed by a practice run of about 20 miles in the afternoon. Each course will be limited to 40 participants.

The cost of the day is £35 for members and £45 for non-members. This will include all instruction, handouts, the run, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon refreshments.

For further details of the Knutsford event contact John Hunt, via e-mail: hunt07@btinternet.com, phone 01782 516275 and for High Wycombe contact Graham Gilmore, via e-mail: bbotraining2012@btinternet.com, phone 01494 812451.

If you want to come along, do book early as both events sold out last year.