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Social Events Reminder

Here is the list of social events that are planned to be ran in 2007. please support them so we can do more in the future.

15 th May	Aston Martin Restorers Visit (Provisional Date)
5 th June	Guest Speaker Richard Ashton from Calder Rescue Topic - "first on the scene" with Pie and Peas
TBC July	Go-Karting
7 th August	AGM with Pie and Peas
4 th September	Scalextric
2 nd October	MSA Training DVD
6 th November	Playstation Rally Game

If you are going to attend any of the night that Pie and Peas are provided please could you let the committee know before hand so we have an idea of how many pies to buy.

If anyone else wishes to do an event please get in touch with the committee at anytime.

2 wheel drive rally

Roger Willey 07973189145

Hi Folk's It's that time of the year again when that chap from Sheffield & Hallamshire M.C. asks if you can help. We are running our famous(infamous) 2 wheel drive rally , again a round of the crash crew, (sorry, 205 championship), and multi-championship event, again goody bags and cash marshal's draw.

It takes place at Twyford Wood, Colsterworth, on May 27th, Marshals and radios for 7-30 please.

This year, we are running the "Sporting " side of the Chatsworth Rally show, over Sat/sun Sept the 29/30th Sept, it goes without saying that marshals who help at Twyford get first priority!

Roger Willey Chief Marshal

NEW SKY SPORTS DEAL FOR BRC

Sky Sports extends contract with Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship

Sky Television has extended its contract to televise the Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship for the next 3 seasons.

The new deal will see extended coverage from each round of the BRC increasing each programme's duration to one hour, scheduled for Monday night at 7pm on Sky Sports immediately after each event.

Rallyzone continues and includes news, previews and features with coverage of several classes, including the inaugural Citroen C2R2 Cup, the Silverstone Stars Series and a preview to the following round of the Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship.

Isle of Man based Greenlight Television will continue to produce the programme for Sky and the popular duo Mike Brewer and pundit Robbie Head will continue as presenters of the main show.

Championship Manager Mark Taylor commented; "Sky Television has been very supportive of the Championship and it is fantastic that the broadcaster is keen to continue its association adding the BRC to their list of predominant motor sport shows including British Superbikes, World Speedway and A1 Grand Prix. The production by Greenlight Television is world class and this deal comes at a critical time when we will see the Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship strive to progress competitors to the world stage."

Announcing the coverage, Sue Ashworth of Sky Sports, said: "The Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship is the breeding ground for young talent, with a variety of challenging courses testing their skills to the limit. The likes of Colin McRae, Ari Vatanen and Richard Burns have all raced at this level and I'm sure the meetings will be fascinating viewing."

PIRELLI 'STAR' JUDGES NAMED

BRC Organisers Name Three Judges

The Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship has named Bryan Thomas, Robbie Head and Rob Hurdman as the judges tasked with selecting six finalists in the inaugural 2007 Pirelli Star Driver competition.

The Competition is designed to find future rallying talent by selecting one candidate finalist from each round of the 2007 Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship, with the aim of offering six drivers a chance to compete in an end of season shoot-out competition; the winner of which will win Pirelli support with a "works type" drive in the 2008 BRC.

The three judges were selected because of their experience, knowledge and understanding of the modern sport, their impartiality and their passion to see talent progress to the very top.

Bryan Thomas, twice a former British Rally Champion co-driver and regular with both Robbie Head and Mark Higgins said "The Pirelli Star Driver prize is a great opportunity for young drivers to further their careers and will hopefully be successful in finding a future British world champion."

"This is one the best prizes in British Rallying and drivers of any nationality who think they have the ability to go all the way should enter. Pirelli have gone the extra distance on this initiative." added former British Rally Champion and Renault works driver Robbie Head.

Greenlight Television's Rob Hurdman who produces the excellent Sky coverage brings his wealth of experience of motorsport around the world. "I have been a supporter of the BRC for years aside from my professional involvement," said Rob, "So I am delighted to have the opportunity to have an input in this selection process."

Their aim is clear, to select six individual finalists for the end of season shoot-out competition which will be held in the days following Wales Rally GB. The competition the finalists will face includes on stage driving performance, fitness evaluation, general technical knowledge, presentation and media skills, but for each event it will be down to outright speed performance comparison within each class, conduct and approach.

Competitors must be registered for the BRC in order to be eligible for selection, the organisers are keen to point out that the judges will be observing every class and considering a drivers performance within their respective classes before making a final decision. Whilst drivers must be registered for the Championship, they don't need to compete on every round and can only be selected for the final once.

"If there are drivers, teams and out there irrespective of nationality, who consider themselves or their prodigy to be real rising talent then please do not give up this opportunity to be scrutinised for this massive prize." urged Championship Manager Mark Taylor.

"Our deal with Pirelli is for a minimum of three years and so over that period competitors around the UK, Europe and the rest of the World, have a real opportunity here to go all the way to the top, a prize fully funded by global tyre giants Pirelli. Our joint aim is to provide progression from the BRC to the World Rally Championship and Pirelli's awarding of the WRC Control Tyre contract has moved us one step closer to realising that ambition. The Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship provides a good focus and arena for talent. I ask teams and drivers to be objective, have a game plan and be prepared to learn your rally craft, make pacenotes and how to drive a car on the limit precisely and with good mechanical sympathy."

The first round of the Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship gets underway in just over a fortnight's time when competitors will face the daunting Kielder complex on the Pirelli International Rally. The event starts in Carlisle on the evening of Friday 20th April and finishes back in Carlisle town centre on the Saturday evening, when the first Pirelli Star finalist will be announced on the finish podium.

Scottish Correspondent
May 2007

Since breaking the leg, which feels ages ago but was only end of Feb, I have done zero Msport – its hard when hopping about!! Main reason for the note is to look for help, as per below:-

Request for help.

For those of you that have ever been to Mull, especially those in the presence of Mr Parkin! are likely to have been down to Salen Pier and met a chap there called Richard. Well, as some of you will know by now I have in a moment of insanity agreed to buy his house (yes it is complete now, some will remember it as half finished for many a year!) and the pier. The whole site is needing a LOT of work doing to it (any offers of help will be greatly accepted, payment will be in food and beer!), but it will be great when completed since its right next to the sea and the views are stunning. It will be available for rental next year (likely to be 5+ twin/double bedrooms) and will be available to rent for 50 weeks of the year – only two not being the Mull rallies!!! J

Anyway, less of the sales talk and back to the request:

Please, does anyone out there have any historical pictures of the house/area that I can get a copy of ?

Scanned copies can be sent to peterstanhope@hotmail.co.uk or posted to The Roundal, Alva House, Alva, Clackmannanshire, FK12 5HU. I will then return any loaned pictures, just let me know where to send to!

Thanks in advance. If you would like to call me re any Mull/Salen experiences that would also be of interest, basically anything to do with the area. 01259 760611

Dates for 2007

JIM CLARK INTERNATIONAL – 26th & 27th May

Never been able to go on this event, may hop across for a watch.

KNOCKHILL FEEDFAIR 2007 – 21st & 22nd July

The rally part is likely to be on the Saturday, so a social able Saturday night could be planned for since we live less than 30 minutes from the venue! Then on Sunday to go along and watch, and then home – all hopefully in good weather!!! I might even be fully walking by then!!!

MERRICK STAGES RALLY – Sat 8th September

This was a great sociable weekend in 2006, let's see what 2007 brings! I might have to be on Mull building though!

Tunnock's Tour of Mull – 12th to 14th October

Our 'old' accommodation is all booked and paid for, all beds sold again. We hope to be in the 'new house', but will depend on building works!

KINGDOM STAGES, CRAIL – 1st Sat in November usually

ROGER ALBERT CLARK – 16th to 19th Nov.

The usual Scottish forests (and Heathhall) will be used on the Sunday, but likely to be completely different stages! They will all be used twice as well, so a slightly longer day as well. It is the same weekend as Rally Ireland, so book your time in Scotland now please!

GALLOWAY HILLS RALLY – 1st Sunday in December

Couldn't make it in 2006, let's see what this year brings!

If anybody would like more details on any of the above, then please contact me on 01259 760611H, 07793 662444 M – but not after 22:00! (eMail peterstanhope@hotmail.co.uk)

Safe motoring. Peter Stanhope

RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - MAY 1977 - Clearly the most important piece of reporting concerned the highly successful running of the Leeds Crest Stages Rally (the forerunner of the now Trackrod Rally Yorkshire). After a day of farm tracks and man-made stages Dick Rowlands/howardCooper emerged as worthy winners. Around of the Shell League, the event attracted a full 120 car entry. How about some of the stage names to jog your memory? :- Warren; Autocross; Railway (all in the Thorp Arch trading estate); Copmanthorpe; Wighill; Tockwith; Bickerton; Church Fenton and Full Sutton. Mention of Full Sutton brings vivid flashbacks of the demise of the Ineson Mini Cooper - a half share of which had recently been sold to Tony Marshall. Running as course car, Tony put it on its, side at considerable speed after clipping a gravel pile. The ensuing slide down the runway ripped off the fuel filler and sparked a terminal conflagration!! All I remember was escaping via the windscreen and watching the sad end of what had been, for me, a very successful car. Leeds Crest Motel announced a 4 - round Autotest Championship - the winner to get a voucher for 2 nights in any of their hotels! The darts /doms match with Ilkley DMC saw us win the darts and them the doms!! All very civilised.

Howard White put pen to paper to report on our Easter Autotest at Tockwith. Steve Lloyd collected an uncharacteristic wrong test, Ian Waddington beat David Taylor for o/a honours after an event-long battle and Tom Riordan's Minor 1300 made everyone glad he didn't have anything more powerful!! (Wonder what became of that car??).

20 YEARS AGO - MAY 1987 - Carolyn Harber (now Sykes) reported on the Dunfab Danum rally on which she navigated for Phil Sykes in the Sunbeam. They managed a terrific performance to win the Novice award and 18th o/a!! Editor McNichol reported on his experiences alongside Brian Colligan in the Escort BDG on the Early Easter Stages (part of the Tyneside Tarmac Championship) and had quite a dice with eventual winner John Pye (ascona) but eventually lost out by 23 secs. Plenty of reasons were given; lack of power; wrong diff; tyres off (wrong compound) (Who chose the wrong compound???) etc. etc. etc..

Barry Dove reported on his first forest experience with Alan Powell (Whoa -- maybe that should be re-worded ---- no- can't be bothered!! and can't find reverse on this keyboard!!!). The Tour of Hamsterley. After a fairly major manifold repair in service after stage 3 the runout to ss4 proved terminal as a wayward sump gasket let out most of the oil in a jiffy - no options but to retire. Not before BD had been highly impressed and firmly hooked on forest rallying. Alan hadn't done a forest event for 7 years prior to this either.

Mr. Angry had a fairly severe swipe at people who wouldn't turn out to marshal on our April Fools Autotest and congratulated those 5 who did run the event for a job well done (so his heart really was in the right place then - made a change for him to dish out praise - maybe because it was only for 5 people!!).

10 YEARS AGO - MAY 1997 - Another slender edition but attention has been drawn by reference to two pieces of rhyming prose which appeared in the April 1978 issue - I looked them up and good they are - but you, dear readers will have to wait 11 months to read them again!!

Jim Plevy reported on a good day out servicing for Andrew Apperley and Vicky Blakey at Twyford Wood (event not specified) which turned into a co-driving role for Bambos Charalambos whose 6-speeder Sierra Sapphire made quite an impression on our Jim - Anyway they went on to win the event by 73 secs !!! Jim took quite a shine to this "servicing" lark!!

TRACKROD-----ENDS

Richard Ineson

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ALL claims to be made within 1 month from the date of the event and must include a copy of entry list and final results sheet.

Club Nights

May 2007

- 1st Old Modernians Sports & Social Club—Cookridge
- 8th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 15th The Yeoman – Otley
- 22nd Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 29th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

June 2007

- 5th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club—Cookridge Guest Speaker
- 12th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 19th The Yeoman – Otley
- 26th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

July 2007

- 3rd Old Modernians Sports & Social Club—Cookridge
- 10th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 17th The Yeoman – Otley
- 24th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 31st Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

Events Calendar 2007

May 2007

- 6th Three Sisters Stages - Wigan
- 12th May Open Meeting – Harewood Hillclimb
- 13th May MSA Meeting – Harewood Hillclimb
- 13th John Overend Memorial Rally - Melbourne
- 26th-27th Jim Clark International Rally - Kelso

June 2007

- 2nd Historic Hill Climb - Harewood Hillclimb
- 3rd Jim Thompson - Harewood Hillclimb
- 16th Dukeries Rally - Nottinghamshire
- 24th Torque-BAC Stages - Lincolnshire

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