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Gavin Rodgers and Daniel Stone tackling one of the 2021 Tour of Cheshire tests.

Welcome to the February 2022 Clubmans Newsletter

Hello Everyone

January is always a quiet time of year which gives us chance to get ready for the forthcoming season. I'm currently struggling with Mollie trying to get her brakes to work correctly, all I did was change to brake pads before the ROTT. All clues now point towards the servo as there's nothing else left to change, but fingers crossed she'll be ready for the Tour of Cheshire or I'll have some explaining to do to the navigator. However a repaired wing and new door skin with a bit of a touch up on the paint means that she looks the part at least.

The Open Day at Gaydon was deemed a success which was a great relief to all concerned and a testament to the hard work that Paul Loveridge and his team of helpers put in. A short report is included be-

2022 Open Day

The 2022 HRCR Open Day took place at the British Motor Museum Gaydon on 15th January. Although a few clubs and exhibitors were unable to attend due to covid restrictions, the vast majority saw levels of participation at near normal levels. Certainly on the Clubmans desk we were busy all morning and into the early afternoon with lots of enquiries and questions, many from those wishing to start out in the sport. It was great to also see a lot of regulars make the effort to come and meet up with friends and enjoy the displays.

Registrations for the Championship were strong throughout the day and Class N1 could be the one to watch this year.

As there is no awards dinner this year it was decided that the awards would be given at the Open Day and many came and picked up their trophies from Ian Tullie who kindly agreed to present them.

Hopefully the 2022 season's awards presentation will be back in its usual slot next year.



The 2021 Clubmans Championship Award Winners. What a motley bunch! Many Congratulations to all who had success last year

2022 Championship Registration

If At All Possible Please Register Before The Tour Of Cheshire

2022 Championship registration is now open. The cost this year will remain the same as last namely £25 per crew or £15 per individual.

The first method is to register online via the link below. Fill in the online form and then enter your card payment details and the money will be extracted from your account! I will then receive a copy of your form and payment details and I'll then be able to issue you a card at the Tour of Cheshire.

<https://www.hrcr.co.uk/hrcr-championships/clubmans-road-rally-championship/clubmans-rally-registration-form/>

The second method is to download a form from the website and print it out.

<https://www.hrcr.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/HRCR-2022-Registration-Form.pdf>

You will then need to send me a cheque or alternatively you can make a Bacs transfer direct to the HRCR account. Details below. Or send your form and Cheque to me at Fyvie, Hollow Street , Great Somerford, Wilts. SN155JD

Account name: Historic Rally Car Register Ltd

Sort Code 09-01-29 **Account No.** 52461934 **Reference** To identify which championship you are paying for you need to put ROAD and then the persons you are paying for to ensure it goes into the correct budget. For Example ROAD K&S BINSTEAD would be for me and Sarah. A completed registration form will still be required.

Don't forget you will still need a valid HRCR membership to compete in the Championship but Andy Ballantyne will not be attendance at the Tour of Cheshire so you will need to contact him directly.

membershipHRCR@outlook.com

Tour Of Cheshire

If you blinked you might of missed it. The entries for the ToC I mean. It took just 12 hours to fill the 75 spaces available for this ever popular rally that is back in its rightful place opening the season. The reserve list is currently also full but in previous years they all managed to make the Accepted Entries list - through other entrants withdrawing for various reasons.

This years rally will see us back at the Oulton Park rally stage and excursions into North Shropshire are planned for the regularities.



Peter and Douglas Humphrey Tackling the Oulton Park Rally Stage on the 2020 ToC

North Yorks Classic

Entries for the NYC are now open and once again there has been a very good response with 59 out of the 60 spaces available for Historics already being filled after only 3 days. A message from Roger Burkill the CoC is below.

In the spirit of keeping things fresh the 2022 North Yorkshire Classic Rally will be staying with a one day format but returning to a spring date, after the clocks have gone forward. We are also retaining the entry fee to £155 for this year.

The same experienced organising team of regular competitors plan to show off more of the Vale of York this year visiting some test venues and roads not used for a few years whilst retaining our new large test venue.

Offering around 100 miles of regularities and around a dozen smooth and flowing tests all on maps 100 & 105.

One stalwart that does remain is the excellent HQ at Hawkhill near Easingwold where accommodation is available and you will return to the famous carvery meal. We also plan to have the final MTC in Easingwold market place again so the local public can see your lovely cars at closer range.

Entries are now open, with 60 Historic places and 15 Targa places initially available (with the option to add reserves, to either class, if either section is not full).

Our philosophy of straightforward but challenging navigation will keep both crew members busy on the regularities and flowing tests will allow the drivers to shine.

Most of all we can assure you of a warm welcome, good value and a great fun day out.

Clerk of the Course, Roger Burkill, can be contacted regarding any questions on;

northyorksclassic@yorkmotorclub.org.uk



The two James, Griffiths and Howell competing on the NYC 2021. 9th Overall

Novice Training Day

The venue has now been booked so please contact Sarah at the address in the flyer to secure a place.

Novice Training – Clubmans Events

Saturday 14th May 2022

9.00am – 5.00PM

Keyworth Village Hall, 32 Elm Ave, Nottingham. NG12 5AN

We will cover:

- Event basics (from entering to finals being published)
- Practice plotting using the HRCR Navigation Handbook
- Regularity timing
- Car set up

Cost: HRCR Members £27.50 Non-Members £37.50

Includes tea/coffee, lunch, some basic equipment (pencils, rubbers, speed table, romer etc) and nav bag.

Please contact Sarah Binstead to book a place:

sarahbinstead1@hotmail.co.uk

2022 Sponsorship

The Clubmans Championship is very fortunate in having sponsors that contribute in different ways and help to ensure the success and popularity of the series.

Brantz sponsor the HRCR direct so we benefit from the infrastructure that the register provides. More information on Brantz and their products can be found at <https://www.hrcr.co.uk/sponsor/>

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Mr Tyre motorsport run by Paul Dyas has been sponsoring the MSN car up until the end of 2021. For this season there will be a change of emphasis and Mr Tyre motorsport will be awarding vouchers to the value of £80 for the best novice car on the tests or regularities depending on the rally. This voucher to be used at their store and details of the products they have available can be found at;



<https://www.mrtyremotorsport.com/>

Or call 01827 211021. Vouchers will be valid until the end of December 2022.

Last but certainly not least is the Three Castles Cup that has been generously supplied by Ian Crammond.

The award goes to the winning and runner-up crew in both the Experts and Novice Classes, together with vouchers for £250 and £100 towards entry in the Three Castles Trial 2023 to the winners and runners-up in both Classes.



<https://www.three-castles.co.uk/>



With thanks to M&H Photography



HRCR Jogle TT Rally 2021



I first came across table-top rallying at the start of the Covid lockdown in 2020 whilst doing an internet search for any virtual competition involving maps. As an avid fan of maps and, banned as was the world at large from going out and physically using them, I needed something to occupy myself. To start I was little daunted by the name – Table Top Rallying (TTR), having absolutely no experience of rallying, not even as a spectator, and certainly no familiarity with some of the navigational techniques that seem to be a quirk of these events. But, I thought, what do I have to lose? I've got plenty of time, it'll give my brain a stretch, and an excuse and purpose to study maps without being thought of as just a little odd!

The TTR website gives opportunity to practice all rally types, with a variety of route cards and navigational instructions for both plotting and real time rallies. They give a good insight of what's involved and without which I would have been struggling to plot a route.

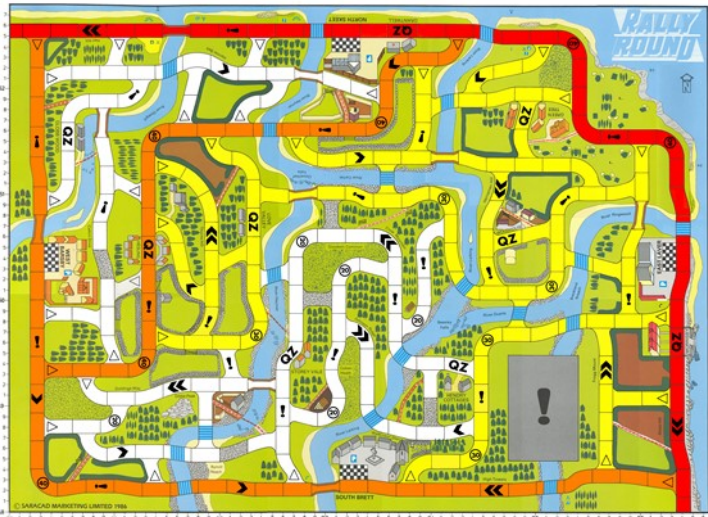
Fast forward to September 2021. I had already attempted other events: La Slog in 2020, CoRvid-19 at the end of 2020 and the Internet Table-Top Rally Championship at the beginning of 2021. I'm ready to face the 100-leg Jogle (John o'Groats to Land's End) Rally, sponsored by Historic Rally Car Register. Not only am I ready, I answer the call for volunteer route setters, to lessen the burden on the organiser "Crow", and join 9 others (like regulars Monica Dowson and Iain Tullie) to add to the route card variety that setters can give to each leg.

I found compiling the legs great fun, but as the day for their competitor release dawned, it was with trepidation that I watched my emails to see

if errors had been found. Some comments were lovely, some not quite so good, but overall I think every competitor respects that someone has invested time and effort in putting together a leg for them to complete. However, I was glad I'd only done 5 of the legs and not the 58 that "Crow" had compiled.

The Jogle Rally attracted 59 entries and there were 52 finishers. Over 3,500 route answers were submitted, but since these were digitally recorded, marking was automatic.

My own experience of competing in the Jogle Rally was great. Each of the 100 route cards was different. Credit to the setters for coming up with so many novel ways to define a route on a map. Standard navigation techniques of spot heights, grid squares, tulips, references, herringbones and map features were frequently used but often they had subtle twists to make the plotting thought provoking rather than routine. Personally, I do like the card to be a little cryptic, it makes me take more notice of the map. Give me a simple route card and if I don't double check myself, the penalty points pop up with alarming regularity.



Most of the legs were on OS maps, with a few on Open Street maps in other countries. The leg in Queenstown, New Zealand being a particular favourite of mine. A handful used the map from the Rally Round board game. There was also a smattering of the real time rallies which I find very difficult and I'm sure my heart rate goes off the scale once there is a clock timing me – I doubt I would ever make a good rally navigator. In the real world (though I'd love to try)!

Each route card was ranked with the favourites using coloured road junctions, map pieces at different scales, and grid line crossings. Least popular: a long stage rally with many hazards, and a plot & bash road rally with tricky passage controls to find. All legs, bar one, were cleaned by at least one competitor.

Results

JG2133 - Result Feedback

Control	Cumulative Distance		Timing Distance		Your Closest	Closest Point		App	Dep	Penalty (*Max)
	Yours	Ideal	Yours	Ideal	(metres)	Yours	Ideal			
TC34	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0		Y	0
PC1	2.749	2.749			0	193	193	Y	Y	0
PC2	4.726	4.726			0	344	344	Y	Y	0
PC3		16.734			36	926	927			300
PC4	20.056	20.066			0	1095	1104	Y	Y	0
TC35	21.472	21.482	21.472	21.482	0	1259	1268	Y		1
Total						1263	1283			301

Your Attempt #: 1

Your Comment:
Monday October 4 2021 @ 13:33:50
lovely

Your Rank: 9

You Took: 0 days 0 hours 15 minutes 7 seconds

I also enjoyed seeing the different ways that competitors approached the event. There were those, like me, that tended to released route card do the daily each day. If I was late attempting the card, I would have a look to see how the other regular day plotters had done. However, I think I preferred to be one of the first to have a go so that I wasn't distracted by how well others had done and then had less hesitation at pressing the submit button. Others left the legs for a while and then did a group all together. Some, amazingly, at speed and error free!

In summary the event was a great experience and whilst some days I annoyed myself with stupid errors it was a lovely way to spend time. Thanks to everyone that compiled routes and those that had a go at my cards (I know that leg 60 – via telephones and churches – was not a favourite!!); and special thanks go to "Crow" as the organiser and HCRC as sponsor. As always, the entry fee for these events goes to good causes and over £2,500 was passed on to over 50 charities.

The top 10 and award winners were: 1. Phil Robbins, 2. Ian Oakey, 3. Monica Dowson, 4. Keith Cunningham, 5. Lyn Gale, 6. Andrew Green, 7. Rosemary Mead, 8. Robert Owen, 9. Phil King, 10. Glynn Hayward. Courtesy of the HRCR the winners received bespoke OS maps and/or 2022 calendars.

Lyn Gale



Chelmsford Motor Club invites you to the East Anglian Classic Historic Rally



Supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance

Saturday 18th June 2022

Start & Finish – Thurston Grange Hotel, near Bury St Edmunds

Regularities through lanes of Suffolk and Norfolk

Tests on farm tracks and at country houses in 'Preston Country'

Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Buffet Supper included

Clubman Run using same route and tests for those without a
RS Inter-club (formerly National B) licence



Come and join us!

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2022 Clubmans Calendar

Please note the change of date to the North Yorks Classic

1	Sat 5th March	Tour of Cheshire, Knutsford & DMC
2	Sun 3rd April	North Yorkshire Classic, York Motor Club
3	Sun 8th May	White Rose Classic, Malton MC
4	Sat 28th May	Hughes Historic Rally, Blackpalfrey MC of Kent
5	Sat 18th Jun	East Anglian Classic, Chelmsford MC
6	Sat 2nd Jul	Cotswold Historic, Tavern MC
7	Sun 7th Aug	St Wilfrids Classic, Ripon MC
8	Sun 21st Aug	Gremlin Historic, Brecon MC
9	Sun 11th Sept	Ilkley Jubilee Historic Rally, Ilkley + DMC
10	Sat 22nd Oct	Dansport Historic, Matlock MC

Driver Navigator Dating Service

Navigators, does your driver not listen. Drivers, have you no one to tell you where to go! Maybe you need a little help.

Following last months advert I have had a few enquiries and have at least one successful match. As you would expect its mostly drivers looking for navs but one which stands out is a driver looking for an up and coming perhaps young navigator or even an older established one to team up with on demanding navigation events. Based near Chorleywood near the M25, the driver has a Porsche 911 or Golf GTi and is willing to pay some costs. Contact me if you are, or know someone who might be interested .

And Finally Ronde door Vlaanderen 2022

If you fancy something different, The Tour of Flanders has been postponed until June. Details can be found at this address; <https://www.hemicuda.be/en/events/ronde-door-vlaanderen/>

All done for this month. Don't forget that the AGM is taking place via zoom on the 8th Feb. Hopefully you have all sent in your voting papers and I'll see you on the AGM Zoom call.

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