

# Testing Times

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**Fred Bent and his team are currently putting the finishing touches to this year's exciting coast to coast route. On offer, there will be over 30 special tests, ranging in length from a couple of hundred yards to over two miles. These tests should provide something for everyone with farm tracks, stately homes, car parks, military establishments, forest roads and race circuits all being included. To keep the navigators busy, the tests will be interspersed with 14 regularities, combining quiet country roads through beautiful scenery with visits to private land venues. Added to this, the Masters crews will face the added challenge of two tough evening TC sections that will certainly test both drivers and navigators to the full.**

## Entries

It's a full entry! We have reached our target of 85 cars so will now be accepting reserves. Accordingly it is very important that you contact us as soon as possible if you intend to withdraw.

## Classes

With the class based scoring system that we use it is important to try and ensure that cars are as closely matched as possible and that there is approximately the same number of cars in each class. Our provisional class

list is enclosed and you will see we have split cars on what some may consider an unusual basis. Comments are welcomed before we finalise these classes on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

## Tyres

As this year's event is a round of the FIA Regularity Rally Championship and hence running under an International permit 65 series tyres may be used without penalty.

## Categories

We would ask you to consider carefully whether you wish to tackle the Masters or Clubmen category. The Clubmen category is not a soft option and the main omission will be less "night" driving. The catering arrangements are not variable on the day. If you have entered the Masters Category and then decide to cut the evening section and come to the overnight halt you will need to make your own arrangements for an evening meal.

It is likely that for our future events a restriction will be based on the competitors who are eligible for the Masters Category. The provision of two categories is a lot of work for us as organizers and it is disappointing when we see many crews entering the Masters and then struggling when they would have found the Clubmen route a suitable challenge and would have competed against other competitors with similar

cars and abilities. We would welcome calls from any of you who wish to reconsider but in order that we may send you the correct route information please do contact us before 8<sup>th</sup> October.

## Payment

**The balance of the entry fee is now due, many thanks to those who have paid the final payment without prompting, the enclosed data sheet indicates details of any outstanding payments. You may recall that there was an option to select Non HQ hotels and pay a lower entry fee. This option is still available – just let us know when you send your final payment.**

## Hotels

With the number of entries received it is not possible for us to accommodate everybody in the HQ Hotel. If you opt to take the non HQ hotel option (see payments) you will pay £300 less. If you don't take this option we will reimburse those who don't stay in the HQ but the reimbursement will be limited to any difference in the rates we pay so making the choice yourself will save you more money.

## Data Sheet

Please check the enclosed data sheet which as well as detailing your personal information also details room type, Wednesday night and baggage van bookings. If there are any errors or you think you have booked something



that is not shown please do let us know as soon as possible.

### Time table

A full schedule will be published with the route information. **But you do need to be aware that you will need to leave the HQ Hotel on Thursday at around 16:00. If this is a problem for any competitor please let us know in advance.**

### Route Information

The route information will be sent out week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> October. Further information regarding regularities, tests and the some navigation sections will either be issued at documentation or during the event.

### Honesty Form

The honesty forms are now being checked and we will contact you if there are any discrepancies between the declared specification and our regulations. You may either choose to remedy the problem or alternatively in some cases a penalty will be applied at scrutineering.

### Insurance

Please check your existing motor insurance policies to see that you are covered for a regularity rally, you may

be asked to show evidence of cover at Documentation. If your existing policy does not cover regularity rallies you may be able to take advantage of the scheme provided by the MSA Brokers - Lockton. As long as you can satisfy the following criteria:

- 1) No more than 1 fault accident in the last 3 years.
- 2) No convictions other than a maximum of 6 speeding points.
- 3) No physical or mental disabilities.
- 4) No material facts to disclose.

Cover can be provided for a premium of approximately £45. If you don't satisfy these criteria an individual proposal form must be completed and submitted for a premium to be calculated.

### Baggage Van

The baggage van is virtually full so if you require space please do let us have your form back as soon as possible as we cannot guarantee to take any baggage that has not been booked in advance.

### Lights

Please read the regulations regarding lighting carefully - there will be no

exceptions - just removing the bulb will not be sufficient and hard plastic light covers with manufacturers logos will not be permitted.

### Dress Code

We hope that you will maintain the dress code traditions of the Rally of the Tests and special awards are presented for the best dressed crew. We will be observing dress code from documentation onwards.

### Prize Giving Dinner

This will be a "black tie" dinner, if you have friends and family joining you at Blackpool a small number of tickets for the dinner are available.

### Marshalling

Our Chief Marshal Bob Redhead is still interested in offers of help so if you have any friends and relatives or would like to come and see you in action please ask them to give Bob a call on 01229 824131 or email - bob.redhead@dsl.pipex.com

### Maps

Please note that due to enforced route changes there are some variations to the original list. The revisions are shown below.

## Map List Changes

### Navigation or Regularity Sections

Map No	Edition
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101	D
<del>102</del>	<del>A</del>
<del>105</del>	<del>B2</del>

Map 101 now required for Navigation or Regularity Sections

Map 102 no longer required for Navigation or Regularity Sections

Map 105 no longer required for Navigation or Regularity Sections

### Test Sites and Link Sections

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<del>101</del>	<del>D</del>
102	A
105	B2