

Testing Times

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With six weeks to go, Fred Bent and his team are busy finalising the plans for this year's 8th Rally of the Tests (Bournemouth to Llandudno). Combining old favourites with some exciting new venues, this year's 30+ special tests will provide crews with a wide variety of challenges from the outset. In addition, there will be 16 regularities, exploring scenic country roads and challenging private land venues, and two "Testing" TC sections that both crew members should enjoy.

Entries

At the time of going to press we have over 80 entries so are nearly full. We know there are a couple of people who are still deliberating - if you wait much longer you may miss out!

Payment

The balance of the entry fee is now due, many thanks to those who have already made the final payment. 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, and in particular a very high requirement for twin rooms it is not possible for us to accommodate everybody in the HQ Hotels. If you opt to take the non HQ hotel option (see payments) you will pay £300 less. Not taking the option does not mean that you will automatically be in the HQ. In most cases the alternative hotel is within about 500m of the HQ.

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 so we can give you a later start number.

Route Information

The route information will probably be sent out on 8th November. If you have not received it by Thursday 13th please do contact us. 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.

Tyres

This year's event is once again a round of the FIA Regularity Rally Championship and hence running under an International permit. This means that 65 series tyres may be used.



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 a group scheme. Please contact us if you need further information on this.

A Plea For Tolerance

One of your fellow competitors has a shoulder injury and has asked if he may fit power steering to his vehicle. We have considered this and think that as long as this does not reduce the number of turns lock to lock then he will not gain a significant advantage taking into account his injury.

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

Don't forget that this is a "black tie" dinner.

Maps

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

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 – bredhead79@googlemail.com

Rally Office Closed

Please note that Jeremy will be away on a Marathon recce from 10th – 17th October so there may be a short delay in responding to any queries during that period.



Map List Changes – Revised

Navigation or Regularity Sections

Map No	Edition
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116	C3
125	C4

Map 116 now required for Navigation or Regularity Sections
Map 125 no longer required for the event

Test Sites and Link Sections

Map No	Edition
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416	C3
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