

Luffield News

I am very pleased to include in this note a copy of the 2005 Calendar.

As always at this time of year this is subject to later alterations, but this year I believe that changes will be very few, even possibly none. Just one or two comments. We are finding it increasingly difficult to put enough hill climbs into our calendar. I am told that there are some new hills coming along soon, but if anybody has contacts with hill organisers please let me know and I will follow them up. As part of this policy Llys y Fran has returned to our calendar this year. For those of you who think of it as far away in Wild Wales, it is in Pembrokeshire, only a short drive off the A 40, and is a lovely scenic venue.

You will also notice that one of the Anglesey events has been designated as a Hill Climb. This is mainly to even up the hills North and South, making it easier for competitors to get the required balance in events. For those of you not familiar with Ty Groes, the climb from the first corner after the start is quite steep.

Bugatti Owners Club have been happy to accede to our request for the Prescott event to be a single day event. However the only date they could manage is the day before the Silverstone Sprint. I have discussed this problem with main club, and in order to make it possible for competitors to do both events we are organising some special concessions for people who enter both events (Details later). In fact the driving distance between the venues is not great, and is relatively easy driving. Both events will be designed to attract classic sports cars.

While talking about events it is worth drawing your attention to a thing we never thought about when we changed to a National Championship. When the Championship was regional the total number of competitors in each region was about 45. Event organisers have a limited capacity for entrants, and usually offer us 20 – 25 places, which amounted to about half of the possible entrants. Now that we have a National Championship we are only talking of about a quarter of the possible entrants. In addition, organisers were reasonably happy to send mail shots to 45 possibles, but less happy to send to 100 possibles. All this puts a premium on getting your entries in early, and to help with this I have listed the organising clubs in the Calendar.

REGS.

The 2005 Regs. have been sent to MSA for vetting. The only changes from 2004 are those we have discussed earlier, and all involve clarification of existing regs. rather than changes. I can also report that no major changes are expected from the plans to achieve some level of interchangeability between different championships. Our regs. are based on earlier Cockshoot regs. and these are also being used as a basis for the standardisation, so for once we seem to be on the winning side.

Finally, a big thank you to those who sent me Christmas cards with friendly messages. They were greatly appreciated.

A Happy New Year, and good Motor Sport to you all.

Lawrie