Dip and Mix as new Classic Tour takes to the road for 16 days fun

HE CLASSIC TOUR OF BRITain - 16 days of fun, flex ibility and classic company - starts from the Brooklands museum on Saturday July 31st or Manchester on Friday August 6th - or Scotland on Monday the 9th, or ... in fact, and this is where the flexibility comes in, for you can join the Tour and leave is anywhere you want!

Each day a maximum of 150 vehicles manufactured up to 1982 or particularly interesting ones after that can take part. The fee for the full 16 days is £250 with this reducing by £12.50 for each day you don't take part and there are further reductions for single-day entries, say the organisers.

"Each day's run will start from our base hotel. If it is your first day we will advise you of your start time in advance and ask you to register 30 minutes before it.

You will receive a route book for the day which will include not only tourist guide points of interest but also a selection of our mind-bending cryptic clues," explains organiser John Cole. Finishers' plaques and prizes will be awarded in the hotel bar prior to dinner for the convenience of non-residents. Tied in with the event are three rounds of the National Concours Championship - Sundays 1st, 8th and 15th of August - that culminates in a Hall of Fame final at the National Classic Motor Show at the NEC November 20th and 21st. Tour concours venues are: the

National Motor Museum, Beaulieu; Falkirk, Scotland, and Stanford Hall near Rugby, respectively. Fourth concours round is September 5th at Temple Newsome, Leeds.

More on the Tour from: Classic Tour of Britain, 23 Farnham Close, Bracknell, RG12 3AX and more on the Concours from National Concours at the same address.

Credit card company offer £10,000 MGB as incentive

MEMBERS OPENING AN MGOC Visa Account can win an MGB Roadster by entering the Owners' Club Cardholder competition. Open to existing cardholders too, the prize is a 1970 MGB Tartan Red Roadster with wire wheels, chrome slatted grille and overdrive.

"A complete new interior including leather seats, new carpets, trim panels and hood, club lead-free cylinder head, stainless steel exhaust, safety roll bar and inertia reel seat belts have been fitted. Professionally built by an MG specialist using a brand new bodyshell, the car has been valued on completion in excess of £10,000 - a wonderful prize," says Club Secretary, Roche Bentley.

For more information contact the Club at Octagon House, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB4 5QZ, or telephone: 0954 31125.

The Y Register of the MG Car Club are celebrating the car's Ruby Anniversary with a week-long tour of the Yorkshire Dales.

Life begins at 40 for 'Ugly Duckling'

ELEBRATING THE 40TH anniversary of the end of the 1947-1953 Y-type production run is the Y Register's Tour of the Dales, from the 2nd to the 9th of September.

From Car Club HQ, Abingdon, they'll stop at: Shrewsbury, Shelley (Huddersfield), Skipton (3 nights), Beverley and Kings Lynn, before returning to Abingdon. The Register hopes many owners of Y-types will join the tour cars along the route to perhaps achieve an all-time high number gathered together.

No longer regarded as solely a source of spares for stablemate T-types, the Y-type Register has, in a relatively short time, raised the profile of what was known affectionately as the marque's 'Ugly Duckling.'

"Interest has never been greater with a record number of Ys now being restored," says the Register's Dennis Doubtfire. Call him on 0483 415608 for more on Y-types and the Tour of the Dales.

