

# *Classic*

UPDATES & MONTE NEWS



## **MONTE PREVIEW 2024**

# WELCOME

This issue of Classic Updates and Monte News is given over to all things Monte. In the tradition of the Autocar and Motor of the 1950's and 60's we will preview the 2024 event, highlighting the cars, the crews and the route.

As we mentioned in last month's newsletter, the 2024 Historique is likely to be the last one which leaves from Glasgow, the first one being in 1924, 100 years ago. We have an exciting and nostalgic event planned. There will be a pre-rallye day on 30 January at Loch Lomond Shores where scrutineering and documentation will take place. This location is one of Scotland's iconic tourist spots. There will also be a traditional 'wiggle waggle' test. These tests were a feature of the Monte Carlo Rallye until the 1960's. It should be lots of fun.

On the next day, 31 January, the first Historique off the Start line will be at 8.30am from Blythswood Square Gardens. They will be followed by the entrants in the Anniversary Monte 100 Touristique. We hope you can make it to the Start to give the crews a great Scottish send off. Please remember that parking in Blythswood Square is on meters so is quite expensive. There are public car parks close by, however, the best option may be to use public transport.

On behalf of the Monte Start Committee and the Ecosse Rallye Drivers Club can I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. All the very best for 2024.

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# PRE-RALLYE DAY



All of the activities on the pre-Rallye day will take place in and around the Loch Lomond Shores Centre. Document checks and signing on will be in the Zest café in the shopping complex. Food and hot drinks will be available to buy from the café. Scrutineering will take place in the morning within the overflow car park which is on the right as you come towards the Centre. In the afternoon there will be a 'wobble wobble' driving test in the capable hands of Alistair Reid, our chief marshal. Back in the day this would have taken place by the harbour in Monte Carlo at the end of the Rallye. Ours is at the beginning and by the shores of Loch Lomond, probably Scotland's most famous loch.

We are also having a Concours d'Elegance and a Comfort competition to be judged by Phil Cavanagh and Geoff Marr from Stirling and District Classic Car Club. Prizes for these competitions will be presented at the Touristique gala dinner at the Automobile Club de Monaco at the end of the event.

If you wish to come along to show your support there is lots of free parking, lots to see at the Centre and it's only a short drive from Glasgow. There is a direct train link from Glasgow City Centre to Balloch.

# CARS AND CREW

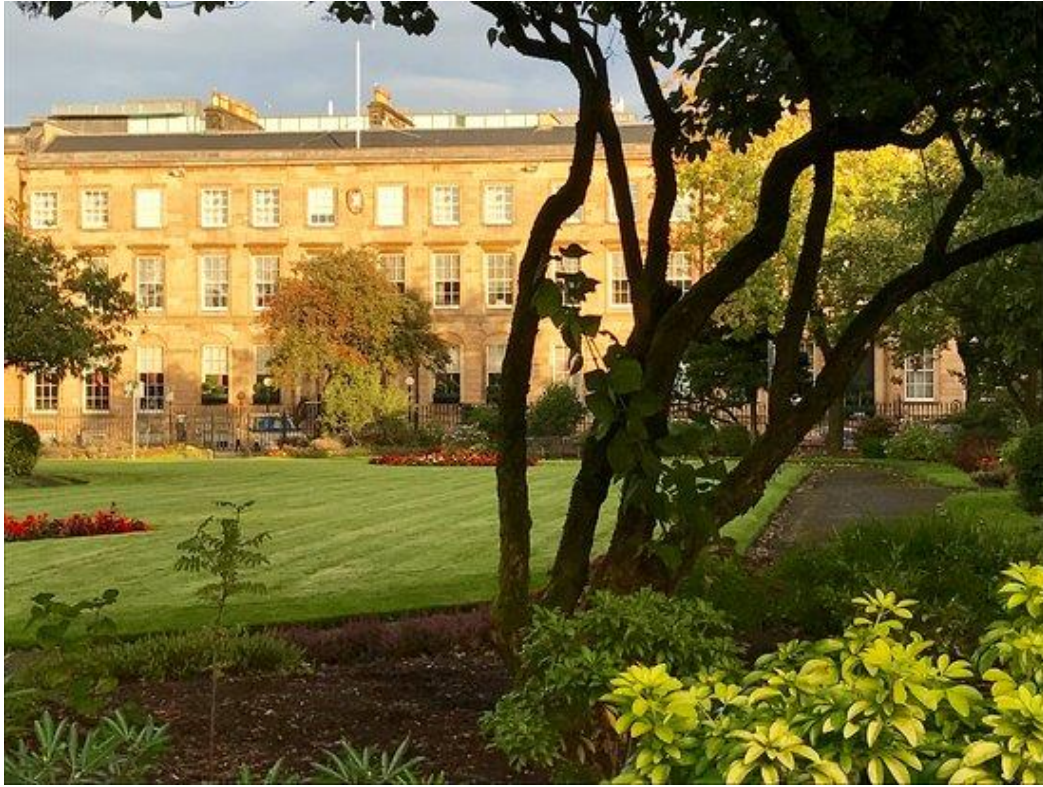
There will be five Rallye Monte Carlo Historique crews starting from Glasgow. One crew is from France, one is a joint USA/Danish pair and three UK competitors including two Scottish crews who are members of the Ecosse Rallye Drivers club.

There is a large entry for the Anniversary Monte 100 Touristique event, most of whom are starting from Glasgow with a few 'joining in' in Kent and a few more in Calais.

## Historique and Touristique Entry List

53	Etienne Goldet	Vincen Neymon	Alpine A310 V6	1977	RMCH
134	Paul O'Kane	Taga Gejl	Porsche 911 Carrera	1976	RMCH
135	Ian Stansfield	Keith Dodsworth	Cortina GT	1967	RMCH
176	Neil Oliver	Alastair Gair	Volvo 123 GT	1968	RMCH
187	Ken Brown	Aidan Walsh	MGB GT	1978	RMCH
240	James Mann	Richard Watton	Lagonda M45	1934	AXD 56
241	Marc Hanson	Per Jonsson	MG YB	1952	UMG 662
242	Guy Loveridge	Rachel Gordon	Lanchester 14	1953	VVW 970
243	Hylton Reid	Kevin Stuart	Austin A30	1954	OFO 727
244	Colin Levin	Carolyn Levin	Austin A40	1961	YHJ 560
245	Jim McGurk	Paul Conroy	Hillman Imp	1964	JMF 358B
246	Patrick McGrorty	John Ross	Singer Chamois	1965	DDG 220C
247	George Topp	Rosalind Topp	Volvo Amazon	1966	FBR 663D
248	Ian Thompson	Peter Wolstenholme	Morris Mini Cooper S	1966	GVU 349D
249	Ian Close	Kirsteen Close	MGB GT	1967	OYT 747F
250	Kevin Card	James McDonald	Mini Cooper	1967	OYE 86F
251	Tim Green	Anita Mel Green	Austin Mini	1967	NHJ 9F
252	Owen Ferry	Craig McGibbon	Volvo 142S	1968	SYH 142
158	Mike Authers	Max Authers	MG Midget	1967	MDG 104F
255	Roger Agate	Tim Brenchley	Mini 1275 GT	1970	VOB 329H
256	Michael Overbury	Caroline Overbury	MGB GT	1972	FAR 835K
257	Michael Helm	Gillian Helm	Triumph Dolomite	1972	HHJ 796L
258	Paul Michael	Julian Townsend	Ford Escort	1978	YHJ 685S
259	Alan Brisbane	Alan Thompson	Triumph TR6	1973	TSN 557M
260	Christen Larson	Toni Hansen	Lotus Europa	1974	Denmark
261	Gordon Horn	Thomas Horn	Porsche Carrera 911	1977	NNG 543V
263	Keith Mainland	Angelica Fuentes	Triumph Dolomite	1977	TPC 799S
CC	Sandy Dennison	Marion Dennison	VW Golf	2014	SJ64 NZM
BV	John Gentleman	Robert Mitchell	Chevrolet Rodeo	2007	JG07 USA

## ROUTE THROUGH THE UK



Starting from Blythswood Square Gardens, opposite the former RSAC headquarters, the first Rallye Monte Carlo Historique car will leave at 8.30am on 31 January 2024, followed by the Touristiques from 8.40am.

I/D	Location	Route	Interval Km	Total Km	Est time.
<b>LEG</b>	<b>Wednesday 31st January</b>				
<b>1</b>					
<b>MC1</b>	<b>Blythswood Sq</b>	<b>Blythswood St / Waterloo St to M8 jct 18.</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>08.30 hrs</b>
	M8 Jct 18	M8 to Jct 22 M77	2.00	3.00	
	M77 Jct 22	M77 to end motorway Jct 8 A77	26.30	29.30	
	A77 (Fenwick)	A77 to Kilmarnock A76	6.50	35.80	
	A76 Kilmarnock	A76 to Holywood Village Junction B729 turn right	86.20	122.00	
	B729 A76 x	B729 turn left	0.50	122.50	
	X	Turn right for Newbridge and Woodlands House Hotel DG2 OHZ	1.00	123.50	
<b>PC1</b>	<b>Woodlands House Hotel, Woodlands</b>			<b>123.50</b>	<b>10.30 hrs</b>

**Avenue, Newbridge,  
DG2 0HZ**

**PC 1**

<b>Woodlands House Hotel, DG2 0HZ</b>	<b>Take Irongay Road towards Dumfries and A76 ( turn Right)</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>124.80</b>
A76	A76 to roundabout exit A75	1.30	126.10
A75	to A74 (M) (( M6)) southbound at Gretna.	41.40	167.50
Gretna	M6 South to Jct 40 Penrith	45.80	213.30
Penrith	A66 to Scots Corner Services	80.20	293.50
Scots Corner Services	A1 (M) south to Jct 34 Blyth Interchange	131.00	424.50
Blyth Interchnge	B6045 to Blyth	1.40	425.90
Blyth	A634 to A638	4.60	430.50
A638	A638 to Olde Bell Inn, Barnby Moor	0.11	430.61

**12.15hrs**

<b>I/D</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Interval Km</b>	<b>Total Km</b>	<b>Est time.</b>
	<b>Olde Bell Inn, Barnby Moor</b>				<b>13.45 hrs</b>
<b>PC 2</b>		A638 to Barnby Moor	0.12	430.73	
	Barnby Moor	Turn right onto Old London Road to junction right	0.85	431.58	
	Babworth	Access road to A1	1.60	433.18	
	A1 South	A1 and A1 (M) to A14 at Brampton	137.00	570.18	
	Brampton Intechange	A14 to M11 at Girton ( Cambridge)	23.90	594.08	
	Girton	M11 south to Jt 6 for M25 (Clockwise)	67.10	661.18	
	Epping	M25 clockwise to Thurrock Jct 31	26.70	687.88	
	Thurrock	A282 / M25 to Jct 2 (A2)	7.10	694.98	
	Dartford	A2 to A2260 junction	5.20	700.18	
	Ebbsfleet.	Slip road to A2260 and Spring River Hotel by Marston's Inns	1.00	701.18	
	<b>Ebbsfleet.</b>	<b>Spring River Hotel by Marston's Inns</b>	<b>0.00</b>	701.18	<b>1700 hrs</b>
	Dover Eastern Dock	A2260 + A2 / M2 to Dover Eastern Dock	89.80	790.98	
	Dover Eastern Dock	Dover to Calais Ferry	0.00	790.98	<b>2200 hrs</b>
	Calais Ferry Terminal	From Immigration control to Sure Best Western Hotel Coquelles	8.4	798.38	
	<b>Sure Best Western Hotel Coquelles</b>	<b>1 Avenue Charles de Gaulle, Coquelles 62231 France</b>		<b>798.38</b>	<b>22.30 hrs</b>

## PASSAGE CONTROLS

There are two traditional Passage Controls – one in Scotland and one in England. These will be open one hour before the time indicated on the route.



Woodlands House Hotel, Newbridge, Dumfries DG2 0HZ

This Passage Control will be staffed by the South of Scotland Car Club.



Ye Olde Bell Inn, Barnby Moor DN22 8QS

This Passage Control will be staffed by Lindholme Motor Sport Club.

## Rosemary Smith 1937 -2023



We were sorry to hear of the death of Rosemary Smith, one of the greats of Rallying. We were fortunate to have her as our guest at our pre-rallye dinner and at the Start of the 2014 Rallye when we started from Paisley Abbey. That year we had both Rosemary and Paddy Hopkirk – a real coup for the UK Start to have two icons of the rallying world. Although Paddy was our official after dinner speaker, Rosemary contributed a sparkling and witty off the cuff speech. They were quite a double act.

We would like to express our condolences to Rosemary's family and many friends, including those in the Imp Club with whom she had a long and happy relationship. She never missed a National Imp event and was always willing to share her rallying stories in her own inimitable fashion. She was a great story teller.

To honour Rosemary's memory and to commemorate the contribution she made to the sport of rallying, including competing in numerous Monte Carlo Rallies, we will see two Imps setting off from Blythswood Square in the Touristique. John Ross, chairperson of the Scottish Imp Club along with Patrick McGrorty will be the crew in one and Jim McGurk and Paul Conroy in the other. They all knew Rosemary Smith well and although sad at her passing are very keen to remember her as the great rally driver that she was.



## WANTED

Our usual videographer and filmmaker has retired so we are looking for someone to film the Start of the Rallye for inclusion in the Automobile Club de Monaco official film of the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique.

You would have to be able to film to professional standards and send the footage off the same day to Monaco as it would be included in the film shown at the Gala Dinner when the Historiques finish their Rallye.

If you think you may be able to help, please get in touch by phone or email.

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## ERDC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



It is time for members to renew their club membership. In ERDC tradition we have kept the membership fee to £10 which allows us to pay our dues to Motorsport UK and the local association. It also covers additional administrative costs.

If your contact details (address, email address and phone number) have not changed there is no need to complete a new form but if anything has changed, can you complete the membership application form and email it to [june.a.anderson@outlook.com](mailto:june.a.anderson@outlook.com)

Anyone who is not yet a member but would like to join to support the club will be warmly welcomed. New members should complete the form on the next page. The form can also be found on the ERDC tab of the [www.monte.scot](http://www.monte.scot) website along with the club rules.

**You can pay the fee by transferring £10 to the club account or by sending a cheque made out to Ecosse Rallye Drivers Club to**

June Anderson,  
2 Castleroy Road,  
Broughty Ferry,  
Dundee DD5 2LQ.

### **The bank account details are as follows**

Ecosse Rallye Drivers Club

Santander

Sort Code           09 01 29

Account number   38813548

If transferring funds, please use **your name** as the reference.



## ECOSSE RALLYE DRIVERS CLUB

### Membership Application

Fill in your details and post or email this form to the address below.

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Telephone number:

I hereby apply for Membership of the above Club, and agree to be bound by its Rules, a copy of which I know I may obtain from the Club Secretary, or on the ERDC tab of the [www.monte.scot](http://www.monte.scot) website. Membership is for the calendar year and due for renewal by 30 January each year.

Signature:

Date:

### **Annual Membership Subscription: £10.00**

Please make cheques payable to 'Ecosse Rallye Drivers Club'  
or by bank transfer to

Ecosse Rallye Drivers Club

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Account number   38813548

If transferring funds, please use your name as the reference.

Your details will be held on a data base but will not be passed on to a third party.

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*Wishing you and yours a very Happy  
Christmas and a Healthy 2024 from  
all at ERDC.*