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Dear Competitor

It is hard to believe we are half way through the year and releasing entry forms for the end of August.

This year has seen mixed fortunes for our Race Groups, some have been challenged by lack of support, but others have performed really well, growing stronger with each event. Historic Formula 2, Jaguar Classic Challenge and Historic Formula Ford, have remained strong, with the two UK dates for Historic Formula 2 producing superb grids with more cars to come. Our Road Sports entries have been very good, with a well supported event at Mallory Park in June. With Historic Formula Junior having completed the overseas legs of their World Tour they are now preparing for the Final event at the Silverstone Classic, with an intended entry of 120 cars.

Looking forward to the end of June, our Classic Formula 3 Championship combined with the French series has a near capacity grid of over 30 cars at Brands Hatch for the Super Prix, and our DBT grid has gathered pace with over 20 entries received. In July more than 60 pre '66 Jaguars will be competing at the Le Mans Classic in our Invitation race.

We still have some very special events to come which we look forward to seeing you at.

Silverstone Classic July 20th – 22nd

The biggest event of its kind in Europe, this mixture of Historic Racing, high speed demonstrations, static displays, and Pop concerts, continues to draw the crowds and competitors from across the globe. Whilst retaining the overall responsibility for race day organization, the HSCC specifically are looking after two grids, the combined Road Sports grid, for which we have a capacity grid of 58 cars with reserves, and the Super Touring Car Races, for which we are able to accept late entries. Other races on the program, include the Masters FIA races for Historic Formula One and Historic Sports Cars, a BTCC celebration with saloon car races from U2 TC, Motor Racing Legends Historic Touring Car Challenge, Super Touring Cars and Masters Pre'66 Saloons. The Historic Formula Junior World Tour will also end at this meeting with anticipated entry of 120 cars.

Croft Nostalgia Weekend August 4th – 5th

August is the month for the HSCC to head North, starting with our return to Croft On Tees, in North Yorkshire for the popular Croft Nostalgia weekend. The event brings together Classic Car Displays, Military Vehicles, and Vintage Aircraft with flying displays over the weekend and vehicle parades on the Sunday. There will be double header races for, 70s Roadsports, Historic Formula 3, Historic Formula Ford, Historic Formula Junior, Historic Touring Cars, Historic Road Sports, Classic Clubmans, and Lackford Engineering, Sprite Midget Challenge, with the Guards Trophy having a single 40 Minute Endurance race. There is testing available on Friday 3rd August book with the venue, telephone 01325 721815

Historic Racing Festival Mondello Park Ireland August 18th – 19th

The Derek Bell Trophy Competitors have an invitation to go to Mondello Park in Ireland as part of the Historic Racing Festival. It was the fervent desire of Martin Birrane to bring the Derek Bell Trophy cars to his home circuit of Mondello Park. Sadly Martin recently passed away, as a tribute it is hoped that many competitors will make the trip to take part in the event, to make this a true celebration of Martin's life. Negotiations are taking place with regard to Ferry crossings, and full details will be available shortly.

The Gold Cup Oulton Park August 25th – 27th.

The last of the HSCC's major events for the year, this three day race meeting, held over the August Bank Holiday and run on Oulton Park's International circuit, is always eagerly awaited. An enthusiastic crowd of spectators is always appreciative of the Historic Cars that come to race. Entries for this event open on Wednesday 27th June.

Sports and GT cars feature heavily in the programme, with races for our Guards Trophy, Jaguar Classic Challenge,

and Pre '80 Endurance Challenge Cars. On the Monday there is a special celebratory race to mark the anniversary of the Chevron B8 which is 50 years old this year. Open to B6 and B8 models we are hopeful of a representative grid of cars to compete for the one off Trophy. We also plan to have a number of figures from the period, including drivers, mechanics, and engineers.

Our single seater competitors have not been neglected, with double header races for Historic Formula 3 and Historic Formula Ford 2000, with Formula Juniors front and rear engine having a single race each on Sunday, with Formula Ford racing on Monday. To round off the weekend programme we have races for 70 and Historic Road Sports on the Sunday, Super Touring cars on both days, while Monday features a double header for our own Historic Touring cars, and a 50 Minute race for the Motor Racing Legends Historic Touring Cars.

As is traditional with this meeting there will be testing available on the morning of Saturday 25th August, there are six sessions in total split between open and closed wheel cars. These twenty minute sessions can be booked by completing a form and returning it to the HSCC office. Competitors are allowed a maximum of two sessions for the morning.

Historic Grand Prix Zandvoort Netherlands, August 31st – September 2nd

The iconic former Dutch Grand Prix venue of Zandvoort hosts the Historic Grand Prix which this year hosts four FIA Sanctioned Historic Championships along with our own FIA International Series for Historic Formula 2.

Aside from the Masters FIA Historic Formula One and Historic Sports Car Championships, there will be the FIA Lurani Trophy for Historic Formula Junior and the first ever FIA European Cup for Historic Formula 3 race. This race will be for cars built to the period specification from 1971 – 1984, mirroring the current Classic Formula 3 Championship which the HSCC organize and the French Classic Formula 3 Championship of HVM.

Entries will open shortly for the Historic Formula 2 races which we hope will be as well supported as the previous two rounds. There will be one 25 Minute qualifying session and two 25 minute races.

Spa Six Hour Race Meeting Spa Francorchamps Belgium September 14th – 17th

Possibly the favorite circuit for Race Drivers this sweeping circuit in the Ardennes remains as one of the most exciting tracks on which to race. The HSCC are taking the Jaguar Classic Challenge series to this event, this will be a 61 minute endurance race, with a compulsory pit stop and optional driver change.

Aside from the Jaguar Classic Challenge race the HSCC will again organize a closed wheel race at the event, with a 30 minute qualifying session and two 30 minute races. This is always a popular race bringing together, cars from our Road Sports Championships, Historic Touring Cars, Guards Trophy, Super Touring Cars, and Pre '80 Endurance Challenge.

Ford Escort 50 Brands Hatch Indy Circuit September 22nd – 23rd

It is hard to believe but the Ford Escort is 50 years old in 2018. The car best known for its huge success in Rallying, proved to be a very popular Race car too. In 1968 Frank Gardner won the British Touring Car Championship in an Alan Mann prepared Ford Escort and this car will be returning to Brands Hatch where it won the Championship to be demonstrated by Henry Mann the son of Alan Mann. Other cars have been promised for display and possible demonstration and on Sunday 23rd September the HSCC is hosting a pair of invitation races for Mk1 and Mk2 Ford Escorts built to period specification. Brands Hatch are also organizing some pre -event discounts for Ford Escort owners to come along and display their cars. We are hoping South Bank will be full of Ford Escorts.

For HSCC competitors there are Championship races for Classic Clubmans, Classic Formula 3, Historic Formula Ford, Historic Formula Ford 2000, Historic Touring Cars, 70s Road Sports, Historic Road Sports, and Historic Formula Junior Front Engine.

That's all for now and look forward to seeing many of you during the rest of the season.

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