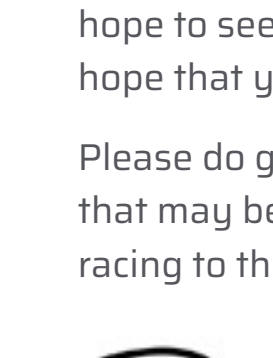
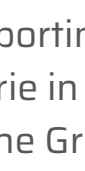




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WELCOME

Welcome to the first issue of the HSCC Griffiths Haig Newsletter for 2022.

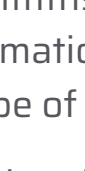
We have been delighted with the early response to the news that the HSCC will run a series of races for the cars from the very beginning of the Club. Already, we have identified more than 70 cars that could come and race with us and we hope to have strong grids and great competition from the very beginning.

The HSCC promotes safe, friendly and sporting competition with high standards of on-track behaviour and great camaraderie in the paddock. We are sure that these values will be central to the success of the Griffiths Haig Trophy, and we sincerely hope to see many of you on the grid when the first race runs at Silverstone in May. I hope that you will agree that we have an excellent calendar for 2022.

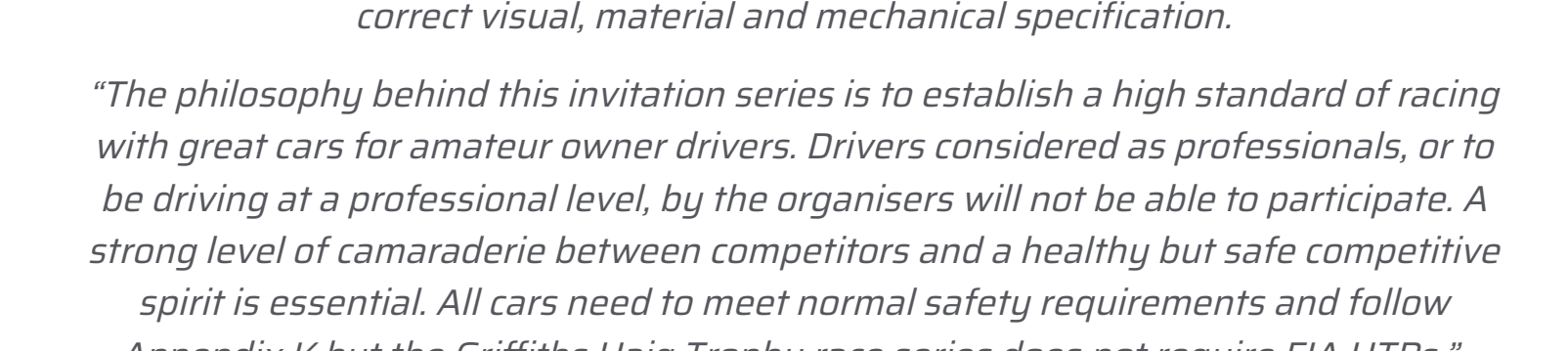
Please do get in touch with us if you have any questions or you think you have a car that may be suitable. We are here to help, and we want to see you enjoying your racing to the full.

Dee

Andy Dee-Crowne
Friday 7 January 2022



THE STORY SO FAR...



17 November 2021: Series announced

A new series of races for 1950s drum brake, sports and sports-racing cars and eligible drum brake GT cars will feature as part of the HSCC's portfolio of races in 2022.

To celebrate the Club's roots, the HSCC Griffiths Haig Trophy will be open to owner drivers of suitable cars with drum brakes built and registered between 1947 and 1961. One-off cars with a period history will be welcome.

Guy Griffiths and Betty Haig were the two key people in the original formation of the Historic Sports Car Club in 1966 and the new race series will mark the completion of the Club's 55th year. The inaugural Griffiths Formula race, held at Castle Combe in May 1966, was the catalyst for the formation of the HSCC and was run for just this type of car.

Experienced racer Tony Bianchi from Historic Racing Repertoire is working with the HSCC to develop the Griffiths Haig Trophy. He said: *"It's our aim to regenerate that original philosophy and style of racing for owner drivers with the right cars. The series is for owner-driven pre-1961 drum braked sports and sports racing cars in correct visual, material and mechanical specification."*

"The philosophy behind this invitation series is to establish a high standard of racing with great cars for amateur owner drivers. Drivers considered as professionals, or to be driving at a professional level, by the organisers will not be able to participate. A strong level of camaraderie between competitors and a healthy but safe competitive spirit is essential. All cars need to meet normal safety requirements and follow Appendix K but the Griffiths Haig Trophy race series does not require FIA HTPs."

Tony Bianchi will be a key point of contact for interested competitors via [Email Tony](#).

The series will feature four races at high-profile historic race meetings and five capacity classes will ensure competitive racing for all sizes of car, with a realistic approach taken to car eligibility.

Similar models built after the end of 1959 may also be accepted subject to individual application. Cars that were manufactured and registered in the 1960s but are to the exact specification of the 1950s derivative will be allowed to register. Some modification to engines and suspension are permitted.

Andy Dee-Crowne, CEO of the HSCC, said: *"This new race series will take the Club back to its origins and marks 55 years of the HSCC's prime role in the development of historic racing. It will be very appropriate to recognise the work and foresight of Guy Griffiths and Betty Haig."*



5 January 2022: Four dates confirmed

Four dates for the new Griffiths Haig Trophy, capped by an end of season trip to the fabulous Dijon circuit, have been announced as the Club reports a fantastic response from intending competitors.

Four high-profile events have been confirmed for the 1950s drum brake, sports and sports-racing cars and eligible drum brake GT cars. They will feature at the Silverstone International Trophy (GP circuit) on 14/15 May, the Oulton Park Gold Cup (29-31 July), the Castle Combe Autumn Classic (24 September) and the Dijon Motors Cup (7-9 October).

With three top class UK dates and an autumn visit to the spectacular three-dimensional track at Dijon in France, it is an impressive schedule. At Dijon, the Griffiths Haig Trophy contenders will be racing on the same programme as several other HSCC grids during the Motors Cup, a high-profile event organised by HVM Racing.

The Castle Combe date will honour the origins of the HSCC when the very first Griffiths Formula race for historic sports cars of the 1950s was held in May 1966. This year's race will mark the 55th anniversary of the race that led to the formation of the HSCC. Guy Griffiths and Betty Haig were the two key people in the creation of that race and the subsequent start of the Club.

In celebration of the Club's roots, the series will be open to owner drivers of suitable cars with drum brakes built and registered between 1947 and 1961. One-off cars with a period history will be welcome. Cars that were manufactured and registered in the 1960s but are to the exact specification of the 1950s derivative will be allowed to register. Some modification to engines and suspension are permitted. All cars need to meet normal safety requirements and follow FIA Appendix K, but the Griffiths Haig Trophy race series does not require FIA HTPs.

Andy Dee-Crowne, CEO of the HSCC, said: *"We've already had a great response from competitors and we're expecting strong grids. In fact, at the current rate of interest we could have over-subscribed grids at some of the races. The Griffiths Haig Trophy has certainly captured the imagination of drivers and it will be the perfect way to honour the early days of the HSCC. Having the date at Dijon to cap the season is the icing on the cake."*

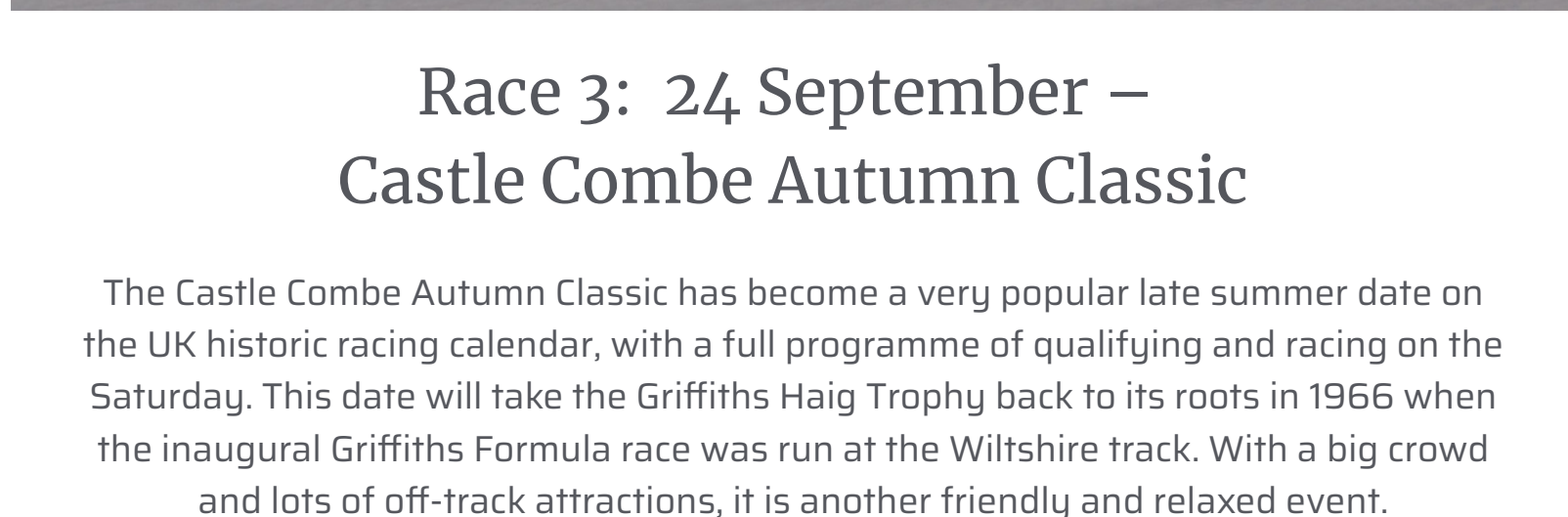


THE RACES



Race 1: 14/15 May – Silverstone International Trophy (GP circuit)

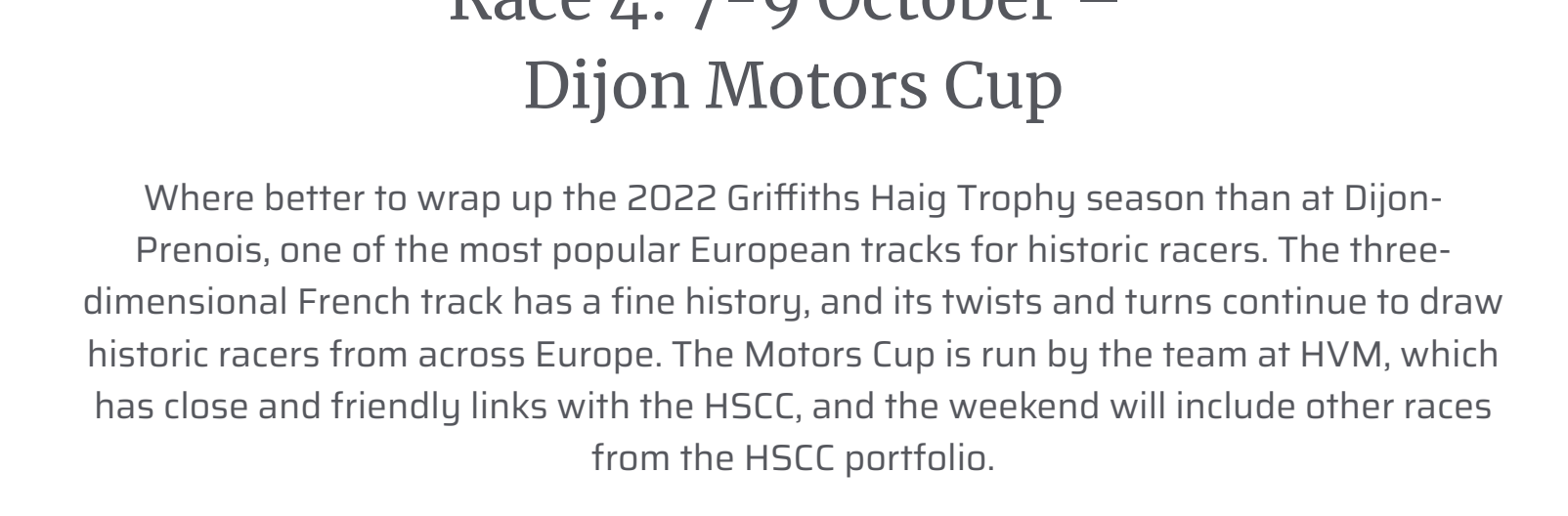
The Griffiths Haig Trophy starts on the full Grand Prix circuit at Silverstone during the HSCC's International Trophy meeting. This is a relaxed and friendly event featuring a cross-spectrum of HSCC racing, based in the original (Heritage) pits. The event allows HSCC racers the chance to tackle this fine track with competitive entry fees and where better to exercise drum-brake sports cars than on the flowing sweeps of the Silverstone Grand Prix circuit.



Race 2: 29–31 July – Oulton Park Gold Cup

The fabulous Cheshire parkland track of Oulton Park is the venue for the second Griffiths Haig Trophy race of 2022, as part of the re-worked Gold Cup meeting.

Working in partnership with Motorsport Vision, the HSCC will organise a varied weekend of historic racing with a number of guest races on the schedule. A great atmosphere and a large and enthusiastic crowd are key features of the Gold Cup.



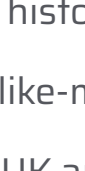
Race 3: 24 September – Castle Combe Autumn Classic

The Castle Combe Autumn Classic has become a very popular late summer date on the UK historic racing calendar, with a full programme of qualifying and racing on the Saturday. This date will take the Griffiths Haig Trophy back to its roots in 1966 when the inaugural Griffiths Formula race was run at the Wiltshire track. With a big crowd and lots of off-track attractions, it is another friendly and relaxed event.



Race 4: 7–9 October – Dijon Motors Cup

Where better to wrap up the 2022 Griffiths Haig Trophy season than at Dijon-Prenois, one of the most popular European tracks for historic racers. The three-dimensional French track has a fine history, and its twists and turns continue to draw historic racers from across Europe. The Motors Cup is run by the team at HVM, which has close and friendly links with the HSCC, and the weekend will include other races from the HSCC portfolio.



More details

For more information on the Griffiths Haig Trophy, please contact:

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Jasmine Walker (series co-ordinator at the HSCC): [Email Jasmine](#)

Tony Bianchi (Historic Racing Repertoire): [Email Tony](#)

The Griffiths Haig Trophy has a dedicated section within the HSCC website, which will be extended and updated on a regular basis:

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The HSCC's core values

Genuine historic racing

A friendly Club of like-minded enthusiasts

Races on the best UK and European tracks

Value for money motor sport

Sporting competition

First class atmosphere: on and off-track

Focus on good driving standards

Diligent safety and eligibility scrutineering

A progressive Club, professionally run by enthusiasts

A range of cost-saving members' benefits

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