

The 2016 Nottingham Classic

April will see a lot of classic car owners bringing their cars out of winter care ready for the summer season . The first classic car run likely to be the club's own first run [The first of 3] on Sunday April 24th in association with national "Drive it day "

In July Sunday 31st is the date for the 2016 Nottingham classic car run [a round of the HRCR scenic tour series].

This year Mick & Carol Hollis and myself are putting the event route together with John Thornhill seeing to regs , entries and all the other administrative items. We've opted for different finish venue and half-way halts .

Mick , ably assisted by wife Carol , have put together an excellent route . Sunday 6th March was our agreed date for the first drafting of the road-book so I motored down from Bridlington [on holiday] for the early morning start .

Here's a very brief resume of what you can expect if you enter.

As per the norm of the last few years the event starts from Papplewick pumping station which provides a lovely setting and ample parking . This year the route meanders north using some quality driving roads to get to a new halfway halt [not used before] where you have a choice of eateries [or take a picnic lunch to enjoy on the lawned exclusive parking area]. At the halfway you will also have adequate time to spend money in the various "shops" [garden centre , farm shop , clothing & gifts] and explore the new displays in the galleries .

The second half takes the route south – westerly to the new finish at the Crich tramway village . Timings are still being finalised but there will be plenty of time at the finish venue to walk round the exhibits , enjoy a tram ride and still have time for your meal at teatime [included in the entry fee].

The whole route uses quality roads most of which are adequately wide . Mick has made some excellent choices of roads so [fingers crossed for good weather] there are miles and miles of superb views . You'll pass various places of interest and ancient monuments all of which will be annotated in the road-book.

Our recce day took a bit longer than expected due to a road accident and recovery [happening just 5 miles from the finish] .An expensive repair for the brand new motor .Recovery took quite a long time but at least we were able to give an event flyer to the policeman on duty .

It is pleasing to see the first entries being received six months in advance and as I finish this [end of March] there are confirmed entries .

So think about getting your entry in soon

A very small selection of photos to whet your appetite are elsewhere [All courtesy of myself except Crich one - thanks to Richard Lomas] .

Vince Orme

MYSTERY PUZZLE PHOTO – a small prize to the first person to email me with the grid reference and what it is [hint – its on the route]