



# ***THE TAUNTON RALLY***

3/4<sup>th</sup> February 2024



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## Welcome to the TAUNTON RALLY 2024

We are proud to announce the 2024 version of "THE TAUNTON RALLY" .

Taunton Motoring club have a rich heritage in road rallying, running events including the inter association "Tranquilis Rally" until the early 2000'S.

With competitors and marshals budget in mind we have devised a 140 mile route on Maps 181, 180 using the most challenging classic roads in the area. Starting at Chelston Motorhomes at junction 26 of the M5. The finish will in the same area. This year we are changing the format slightly to include shorter selective type sections ranging from 8 to 30 miles.

The organising team are all current competitors and our aim is to keep it simple, whilst offering a challenge to experts and supporting novices to get to the finish.

There will be around 2 miles of smooth 'white' roads included.

We will be issuing straightforward route instructions namely map refs/tulips at MTC 0, the run out TC1 will allow ample time to plot. We are determined to get everyone to the finish, but provide a challenge to the experts. If you have any questions regarding this please contact a member of the organising team.

We would like to thank David Appleby Engineering for their support in helping the event run and Chelston Motorhomes for the providing the excellent start venue. Foremost Furniture for their kind support with the recovery crew.

M.T.C 1 will be providing the entries and results service, we are hoping that results will be available online throughout the evening.

If you are unable to compete in the event, but would still like to play an important part, please consider offering your services as a marshal. We shall be offering breakfasts to those willing to marshal. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Please support this event and we look forward to seeing you on the night.

The Taunton Team



With over 30 years experience, David Appleby Engineering has an enviable reputation within the motorsport industry. With an extensive network of contacts and associates, the business manages a broad range of both road, race and rally programs for a large number of clients. We are world renowned for our Aston Martin road and race car services and upgrades. We also offer a number of ECU & Exhaust tuning options for owners of Jaguar Land Rover products. David Appleby created the DAE brand originally with his rallying exploits which most recently has involved the manufacturing of Works Triumph TR7 V8 (TR8) recreations for Historic Rallying. These stunning cars are built as exact copies of the last works cars with brand new engines, gearboxes, axles amongst nearly every part having to been reverse engineered, manufactured and fitted to the immaculate bodyshells. The cars are FIA papered and available for purchase. We can also support these cars on event with our team of experienced personnel.

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## **1. ANNOUNCEMENT**

The TAUNTON motor club will promote the "TAUNTON RALLY" a Clubman Navigational Rally on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> February 2024. These Supplementary Regulations will apply to all the below.

## **2. JURISDICTION**

The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association Ltd., (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions the organizing club may wish to issue for the event.

## **3. PERMITS**

Motorsport UK Permit Numbers Clubman TBA

DoE Authorisation Number: TBC

## **4. ELIGIBILITY**

The Event is open to:

- a. Fully Paid up members of TAUNTON MC
- b. Fully Paid up members of the following invited clubs: VCRR, Bath MC, Exeter MC, Exmouth MC, HRCR, North Devon MC, Plymouth MC, Salisbury and Shaftesbury MC, Silvertown MC, South Hams MC and Tavern MC.

At signing-on, or when requested beforehand, a valid club membership card and a valid Motorsport UK licence (RS Clubman minimum) must be produced.

All drivers must declare their insurance cover for the vehicle for the event.

If T.M.C membership is required, it is available at the time of submitting an entry at the rate of: £10 per person, or £15 per household. This can be done after entering by using the form on the T.M.C website.

## **5. CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The event is the second round of the South Western Club Road Rally Championship in association with VCRR, South Hams MC and Taunton Motoring Club. Contenders must be registered before scoring points, please contact [info@britishroadrallying.com](mailto:info@britishroadrallying.com) for more details. SWCRRC points will be allocated according to relative position of championship Contenders. Points will be awarded as per SWCRRC Championship rules/Regulations.

## **6 CLASSES FOR TAUNTON RALLY**

CLASS 1: Expert

A crew in which the Navigator has finished in the top 5 of a Interclub (or higher) Road or Navigational Rally on at least three occasions.

CLASS 2: Semi-Expert

A crew in which the Navigator has finished in the top 10 of a InterClub (or higher) Road or Navigational Rally on at least three occasions.

CLASS 3: Novice

Any crew in which the Navigator is neither an expert nor semi-expert.

Organisers have the right to reclassify any competitor who is deemed to be in the wrong class



## **7. ENTRIES AND FEES**

The Entry List opens on at 18:00 02/01/2024. The closing date for entries will be Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 24:00

**Entry fee is £99.00**

Entries must be made on the rallies info website and a link posted on [www.tauntonmc.co.uk](http://www.tauntonmc.co.uk) and accompanied by the correct fee. Bank Transfer payable to the **TAUNTON MOTORING CLUB Account Number 28681868 Sort code 30-99-50 Please put Drivers name as reference.**

Selection will be in order of receipt and Payment. The maximum number of entries for the event is 45, the minimum 20; the minimum for each class is 5. Notice of acceptance or otherwise will be sent to all competitors within 3 days of the closing date. Entries will not be accepted until payment has been received. The organizers reserve the right to amalgamate classes if necessary. Entries may be withdrawn subject to a £10.00 admin charge provided notice is received in writing at the above address before the closing date. Entries withdrawn refunded after closing date at organisers discretion.

## **8. OFFICIALS**

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SCRUTINEER Andy Collard /Steve Watts

NOISE TEST Jason Price

## **9. OUTLINE OF THE EVENT**

NOISE/SCRUTINING OPENS 18:00 CLOSES 20:00

DOCUMENTATION OPENS 19.15 03/02/2024

DOCUMENTATION CLOSES 20:15 03/02/2024

FIRST CAR STARTS 21.45 MTCO 03/02/2024 RSTC1 23.30

FIRST CAR FINISHES 05:05 04/02/2024

MILEAGE TO PETROL HALT 73 but Petrol available @ 15 miles

TOTAL RALLY MILEAGE 160

ORDINANCE SURVEY LANDRANGER SERIES 181 and 180 1:50,000 .

## **10. TECHNICAL INSPECTION AND DOCUMENTATION**

LOCATION OF SOUND TEST AND SCRUTINEERING TOGETHER WITH REPORT TIMES WILL BE NOTIFIED IN FINAL INSTRUCTIONS. SOUND TEST will comply with General Regulations R.4. Any competitor whose car fails the sound Test must satisfy both Sound Judge and Scrutineer that modifications or repairs are of a permanent nature and good workmanship before being permitted a re-test. SCRUTINEERING will be for general safety and compliance with RTA and General Regulations R 16.4.1 and R.18.1 Each competing vehicle is required to carry a Small Spill kit, which must be present at scrutiny for inspection.

Vehicle Eligibility: Competitors are required to present at scrutiny:

- a. Current MOT certificate for the vehicle (If applicable)



## 10. TECHNICAL INSPECTION AND DOCUMENTATION CONTINUED

- b. Registration document (V5) for the Vehicle/ The driver will also be required to declare there is current Vehicle Excise Duty (Tax) on the vehicle.

Tyres are free for competitor's choice, subject to L3.2, with the reminder the event is run on the public highway and therefore tyres should be legal and comply with the Road Traffic Act at all times, which is the competitor's responsibility.

Scrutineers will be checking for 18.1.4 2024 year book.

18.1.4 All Major internal trim to be fitted to the body type by its original manufacturer when offering it for sale must be retained. Major internal trim includes headlining, inside door panels (which may be replaced with representative material) for all doors and /or rear side panels alongside the rear seat (for a 2 door car), carpets and rear seats. It does not include parcel shelves, boot carpet or boot side trims.

Competitor's maps will be examined for compliance with R9.1.5 & R9.1.6

At Documentation, current Competition Licenses & Club Membership Cards must be produced. NES Acceptance letter must be produced OR competitors must be able to comply with Section 17 of these regulations. Competitors using their own insurance must produce details on the entry form. Championship Contenders are required to produce their Championship Registration Cards.

## 11. COMPETITORS IDENTIFICATION

Car Plates will be provided at Documentation and must be displayed at the rear and the nearside rear window of the car. In addition, cars may be identified by registration number when being observed for driving standards (including lights, noise, give ways and speed)

## 12. ROUTE INFORMATION

The whole route is contained on map 180 ,181 latest editions. The route will be defined by Map references/Tulips handed out at MTC 0 . The total rally distance is 140 miles. Petrol will be available after 73 miles . THE ROUTE WAS PLOTTED USING A "BASIC" ROMER

## 13. STATUS OF CONTROLS AND REPORT TIMING

Control types are defined below. Timing will be to the whole minute as defined in R12.2.2 using Scheduled time and official clocks. Outside Total Lateness (OTL) penalties will apply at all Time Control types.

Arrival/Report timing will be: **Time of passing the control board**

**THE ROUTE WILL COMPRISE STANDARD,REGULARITY,TRANSPORT AND NEUTRAL SECTIONS.**

**MTC ~ MAIN TIME CONTROL. R11.6** Combined in function with a TC or LRTC as defined below. Failure to report at any Control designated as MAIN (including OTL) will result in Exclusion. The Clerk of the Course may issue written instructions at a Main Time Control which modify or change those previously issued. Competitors must visit all MAIN TIME CONTROLS and ¾ of all controls to be classified as a finisher.

**TC ~ TIME CONTROL. R11.5** Standard section starts or end control. Penalties for early or late reporting except where the Time Card or Route Instructions permit early arrival for the recovery of a specified amount of lateness, or when rejoining the official route as in R12.6. Lateness may ONLY be recovered under R12.6.

**LRTC ~ LATENESS RECOVERY.** Specified Time Control for the recovery of previous lateness. Competitors can recover or reduce lateness by the amount shown on the Time Card or Route Instructions R12.6.

**RSTC~ REGULARITY START CONTROL,R10.4.** Penalties for early or late reporting, times will be recorded in hours minutes as the car passes the control board



### 13. STATUS OF CONTROLS AND REPORT TIMING CONTINUED

**ITC~ INTERMEDIATE TIME CONTROL, R10.4.** Penalties for early or late reporting, times will be recorded in hours minutes and seconds as the car passes the control board. Competitors will be required to stop at all ITC's. No stopping in sight of an ITC-except for road safety reasons, these controls will be secret.

**RF/RC ~ REGULARITY FINISH CONTROL, R10.4** Penalties for early or late reporting, times will be recorded in hours minutes and seconds as the car passes the control board. No stopping in sight of an RF-except for road safety reasons.

**PC/RC ~ PASSAGE CONTROL/ROUTE CHECK. R11.3 and R11.4.** Un-timed report point. The signature of the official on duty must be obtained as proof of passage. When unmanned, Code Letters will be displayed an example will be at signing on; these letters must be entered on the Time Card and validated by the Official at the next manned time control.

**SC ~ SECRET CHECK.** The organizers may establish secret checks at any point on the route and take any status for the required function under R2.3.3. These checks will be manned.

Manned controls and checks will open 15 minutes before Scheduled Time of car 1 and close 30 minutes after Scheduled Time of the last car. These will be identified on the correct approach road by a Control Board 50m (or less see below) from the marshal on duty. The absence of a Control Board for any reason will not absolve the competitor from the requirement to stop. Any controls not manned will display a Code Letter and take the status of a PC.

Sections of the route may include Not as Map Triangles (NAM) marked on the time card. These will have a control area of 3 metres. They will be identified by the route instructions and preceded by a Control Board on the correct direction of approach. The Organisers will provide diagrams of such controls.

### 14 PENALTIES:

To be classified as a finisher you must visit all MTCs within your OTL. All competitors will start with zero marks and the penalties will be scored as per the TIME system in Section R's Chart 13:

An addition to this chart is:

(d) Not reporting at Passage Control or providing proof of visiting a Route Check. (10 mins per offence)

(U) Stopping within sight or excessive slowing within sight of an IRTC: (1 second per offence.)

(V) Failure to stop at a "Control" board marking the area of a manned control: 1st Offence: Warning. 2nd and Further Offences: 5 minute penalty per offence.

### 15) OTHER GENERAL REGULATIONS AND CHANGES TO GENERAL REGULATIONS:

**A) LATENESS RECOVERY** - Competitors may only reduce Lateness under R12.6. Early arrival will be penalized at all Controls except where the Time Card or Route Instructions indicate lateness may be recovered or reduced by the permitted amount. Competitors on or near OTL are advised to reduce lateness by leaving the Official Route as R12.6.1

**B) UNAUTHORISED ACCESS TO ROUTE INFORMATION** - Accessing Route Instructions before the appropriate time will be penalized as Section R Chart 13.

**C) DELETION OF SECTIONS** - "Force Majeure" notwithstanding, the organizers reserve the right to change the status of any Control, Ignore Control records or delete Sections in the interests of fair competition.





## **15) OTHER GENERAL REGULATIONS AND CHANGES TO GENERAL REGULATIONS:**

**D) RESULTS AND PROTESTS** - Except where the organizers need to invoke D26.1.3, Provisional Results will be published as soon as possible after the last car finishes. Only protests that comply with C5.1, C5.1.1, C5.1.2, C5.2.1, C5.2.3 will be accepted. Adjudication of protest will be in accordance with C5.4, C5.4.1. An appeal against any decision by the Clerk of the Course must conform to C6.1.1.

**G) TIES** - In the event of a tie the result will be decided in the following order: -

1) Furthest Clean 2) Lowest engine capacity of car

H) **JUDGES OF FACT** - Judges of Fact G10.1 and Driving Standards Observers G11.1 will be listed by name on the Official Notice Board.

## **16. AWARDS - TAUNTON RALLY 2024**

FIRST OVERALL - DRIVER \* and NAVIGATOR\*

FIRST & SECOND CLASS 1 - DRIVER and NAVIGATOR

FIRST & SECOND CLASS 2 - DRIVER and NAVIGATOR

FIRST & SECOND CLASS 3 - DRIVER and NAVIGATOR

BEST T.M.C DRIVER \* and NAVIGATOR \*

Competitors can only win one award.

## **17. INSURANCE -**

The Organisers have applied to MARSH for a Blanket Cover Note under the above scheme. This will provide competitors who need to use the scheme with the Third Party Cover necessary to meet RTA requirements on the Road Sections of the event. All applicants wishing to use the scheme must be able to comply with all points of the Bluefin Sport Declaration: -

- I do not have the Third Party Road Section extension on my current Motor Insurance.
- I am aged 19 or over.
- I have had no more than 1 fault claim in the last three years
- I have no more than a maximum of 6 conviction points or a licence ban on my UK driving licence
- I have the appropriate competition/club membership licence as well as a UK/EU driving licence and if my licence is provisional I will be supervised by an adult over 25.
- I have no physical or mental disabilities
- My vehicle is MOT'd, Taxed and Insured for the road
- I have no other material facts to disclose
- Anyone aged less than 19 years old will also be accepted at the same price should their co-driver be a more senior member of their family or over 25.

If you comply with all points above no Letter of Acceptance will be required. If unable to comply with any of the above points you will be required to complete the Declaration form (the form can be obtained by contacting the event secretary or Bluefin Sport) which should be forwarded either to the organisers or direct to Bluefin Sport prior to the event to allow sufficient time for a letter of acceptance to be issued.

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