

Personalities



The 1970 Daily Mirror World Cup Rally attracted some of the best known international rally teams.

Names such as Rauno Aaltonen, Roger Clark, Andy Cowan, Brian Culcheth, Paddy Hopkirk, Timo Makinen, Bob Neyret, Rosemary Smith, Claudine & Rene Trautmann, Patrick Vanson and Hannu Mikkola, were joined by many enthusiastic privateers and celebrities including HRH Prince Michael of Kent and that great footballer, Jimmy Greaves.



WCR50+2 aims to reunite as many of the original cars and crew as possible, together with team managers, rally officials, mechanics and all related personnel.

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The Venue

WCR50+2 will be held at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon. Entry to the outside show will be free with dedicated parking for classic cars. *Tickets for entry to the British Motor Museum will be at the usual rate of £14.50. (OAPs, NHS & service personnel £12.50; and children 5-16 £9)*



By road

The British Motor Museum is five minutes from Junction 12 of the M40, on the B4100 near the village of Gaydon. It is signed locally with brown Motor Museum road signs.

Exit the M40 at Junction 12 and turn left, following the brown Motor Museum signs. Continue for approximately 1 mile and the entrance to the British Motor Museum is on your left.

By rail

Our nearest mainline rail stations are at Warwick (8 miles), Leamington Spa (8 miles) and Banbury (11 miles). Taxi services are available to and from the station, or you can pre-book with our recommended supplier White House Cars - call 07854 028461.

By bus

The only regular bus service which visits the British Motor Museum operates between Leamington Spa and Fenny Compton - local bus route no. 77. For an up-to-date timetable visit the Johnsons coaches website

By air

Birmingham International Airport is approximately a 30-minute car/taxi journey.

Approximate drive times from:

Birmingham city centre: 45 minutes
Leeds city centre: 2 hour 20 minutes
Manchester city centre (via M6 toll road): 2 hours
Bristol city centre: 1 hour 40 minutes
London (M25/M40): 1 hour 30 minutes

British Motor Museum, Banbury Road,
Gaydon, Warwick. CV35 0BJ

*Souvenir Programme is available on the day,
or can be pre-ordered from
info@historicmarathonrallygroup.co.uk*

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British Motor Museum, Gaydon

1st May 2022

9.30am - 4.00pm

Organised by HMRG

**50⁺² Daily Mirror
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The Daily Mirror World Cup Rally

WCR50+2 celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the *Daily Mirror* London-Mexico City World Cup Rally. This was the longest and most ambitious event of its kind to date. The World Cup Rally left Wembley Stadium on 19th April 1970 for the 16,179 mile, 6-week trip to the Aztec Stadium in Mexico City.

Nearly 100 cars, with a wide variety of works teams and private entries from all round the world flagged away by Sir Alf Ramsay, would first follow a demanding route of road sections and special stages from London to Lisbon. Only 71 cars would embark on the sea passage to South America and then rejoin the battle from Rio de Janeiro on the very hard and challenging route to Mexico City.

The pace of the rally was relentless and with the punishing terrain raced over, only 23 cars would make it to the finishing line at the Aztec Stadium in Mexico City.



The 1970 World Cup Rally remains one of the most significant events in the long history of international motorsport.

Fifty two years after the Wembley Stadium start, the event **WCR50+2**, will celebrate this monumental marathon rally and the amazing achievements of all its participants, the cars, the competitors and their support crews.



About WCR50+2

WCR50+2 plans to stage a reunion of all the surviving cars, and as many of the original surviving cars, together with true replicas where available.

In addition, surviving cars from other marathon rally events of the 1960s and 70s including the East African Safari, the

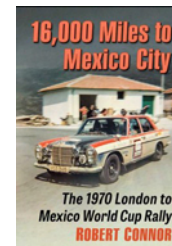


London-Sydney Marathon, 1974 World Cup Rally and other similar events up to 1995, are being invited to attend. This should help to

make a memorable event for those interested in long-distance rallying.

Inside the Museum there will be film shows, displays of World Cup memorabilia and a chance to see and talk to the rally personalities.

Robert Connor's new book "16,000 Miles to Mexico City" will be available to purchase at **WCR50+2** with the chance to get signatures of some of the participants.



Any classic motorsport themed clubs



interested in having display facilities at **WCR50+2** are requested to contact the organisers as early as possible at:-

info@historicmarathonrallygroup.co.uk

Cars

An event of this calibre was bound to have a top class entry and **WCR50+2** wants to show as many cars as are available in its display.



Ford Escort .. 7 works cars were prepped. The winning car, FEV 1H, will be on display with a sister works car.

Triumph 2.5PI .. BL's team effort was spearheaded by 4 of these fast and rugged saloons with 2 more as private entries.



Austin/Morris 1800 .. Having competed on the London-Sydney Marathon, these well tested cars were popular with privateers.

Austin Maxi .. First built in 1969, and quite new to international rallying, there were 2 works cars, (both finished - Rosemary Smith's team won the Ladies Prize), and 2 privateers.



Other entries included cars from BMW, Citroen, Datsun, Ford, Hillman, Mercedes-Benz, Moskvitch, Peugeot, Rolls Royce, Vauxhall and Volkswagen.