



VINTAGE SPORTS-CAR CLUB SCOTTISH BORDERS TOURING ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY 4 JUNE 2016



INTRODUCTION

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This year's event will in fact venture into England, to visit the site of the Battle of Flodden Field, which took place in 1513, and is one of the most celebrated battles in Scottish military history.

As last year, the tour will start and finish at the Philipburn Country Hotel, TD7 5LS, outside Selkirk, with the day's route covering around 110 miles. The lunch break will be at the Blue Bell Inn (TD12 4SH) on the A692 near Crookham, five miles south of historic Coldstream. The morning route will head east out of Selkirk, around the southern side of Kelso and along the northern side of the Cheviots to the battlefield, and then to the Blue Bell Inn for lunch. The afternoon route will then head back to Selkirk through Coldstream, around the northern side of Kelso and through Gattonside to enter Selkirk from the north-east.

As an innovation this year, participants will be offered the choice of either a Route Book as in previous years, an OS map marked with the route, or the route described in 'standard' VSCC Navigation Rally clues, by way of an introduction to novices to the Club's Rally events. The route itself will be the same for all entrants so each can choose which form of instructions they want. The route will not be timed so we will remain within the rules of the event permit, but there will be an enhanced competitive element introduced for our annual Tour next year.

The entry fee of £28.00 will include tea and coffee at the start and finish, provided by the hotel, with lunch at the Blue Bell Inn at £15.00 per person, payable in advance with your Entry Fee. There will also be a 'Tour Dinner' at the Philipburn Country Hotel in the evening, priced at £28.00 per person for three courses, and payable on the night.

On the following day, the Borders Vintage Car Association hold their annual Motoring Extravaganza at Thirlestane Castle and all participants of the VSCC Scottish Tour are welcome to attend this event.

The Tour is open to all cars made before 1st January 1941 and the route will include some of the best *Vintage* driving in the country with open roads, spectacular views of the Cheviot and Eildon Hills, and with little but usually courteous traffic. The Tour provides the opportunity to learn more about the history of the Scottish Borders, where the English regularly attacked the Scots in Medieval times, through Edward I to Henry VIII, until the land-grabbing ambitions of the English were finally tamed when James VI of Scotland came south to succeed his maiden aunt Elizabeth I to become James I of England & Wales.

Entrants choosing to use the event as the basis of a weekend in the Scottish Borders can stay at the Philipburn County Hotel, a Best Western hotel, at a special B&B rate on either Friday, Saturday or both nights. Details of all the hotels and B&B accommodation in the Scottish Borders can be seen on www.bestoftheborders.co.uk.

For entrants coming from England, access to Selkirk is easy up the A7 from the top of the M6 or along the A69 and then the A68 through Carter Bar from the A1 at Newcastle.

For further details, please contact Alisdair Lockhart on 01750 22155 or alex3098@btinternet.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

'Held under the General Regulations, of the Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Supplementary Regulations.'

1. **Announcement.** The Vintage Sports-Car Club will organise a Touring Assembly on Saturday 4 June, starting and finishing at Philipburn Hotel, nr Selkirk, TD7 5LS.

2. **Regulations.** The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) insofar as they apply to Touring Assemblies, these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions that the organising club may issue for this event. A Certificate of Exemption number 95702 has been obtained from the Motor Sports Association and displayed at the start.

3. **Officials.** The Secretary of the meeting is Alisdair Lockhart, who may be contacted with any queries at Tel: 01750 22155 or email : alex3098@btinternet.com

4. **Vehicle eligibility.** The event is open to cars made before 1 January 1941 and driven by members of the Organising Club or the following Invited Clubs: Preston & District Vintage Car Club, VCC, BDC and the Borders Vintage Automobile Club. Cars do not need to have a VSCC 'Buff Form'.

5. **Entering the Event.** Entries open on the publication of these Regulations and close on Wednesday 3 June. The maximum entry will be 40 cars, the minimum will be 10. The entry fee is £28.00 per car. Cheques to be made payable to VSCC Ltd. Please send a completed and signed entry form to: VSCC, The Old Post Office, West Street, Chipping Norton, Oxon, OX7 5EL. Alternatively entries can be made online at www.vsccltd.co.uk.

6. **The Road Book.** Full Joining Instructions will be issued approximately one week prior to the event. A Road Book will be issued on the day, providing full and easy-to-follow navigational instructions and information about local places of interest.

7. **Registration.** On the Day Registration is from 9:00am until 10:00am with cars leaving from 10:00am. Crews should report to the organisers with all relevant documents identified below. Scrutineering is limited to ensuring the vehicle is eligible for the event. It is the entrants responsibility to make sure their car is taxed (NB MOTs are no longer required by law by cars registered Pre-1960). All cars must be insured for the public highway. It is recommended that all cars carry a serviceable fire extinguisher. All crew members must 'Sign On'. Anyone travelling in the car must be able to be properly seated in the car.

8. **Route.** The total distance covered will be approximately 110 miles, with the longer section in the morning.

9. **Driving Standards.** Horses, cyclists, walkers and inconsiderate drivers can be expected at many places along the route. Do please give them the appropriate consideration. All drivers are reminded that they should abstain from the consumption of alcohol or drugs during the event.

10. **Finish.** At the finish all drivers must report to the organisers to sign a Damage Declaration Form. Crews are expected to return to the start/finish from approx 3.00pm onwards when teas will be served – and to do so by no later than 5.00pm.

MEALS

Tea and coffee will be available at the Philipburn Hotel at the start and finish of the event and is included in the entry fee.

Lunch (soup, cold buffet, drink) will be available at the Horse & Hounds at Bonchester Bridge at £15.00 per person, payable in advance with the Entry Fee. Please indicate on your Entry Form how many lunches you would like to book and include payment for these with your entry fee. Lunch Tickets will be issued with the Joining Instructions and late booking of luncheons will not be accepted.

There will be a 'Tour Dinner' in the evening at the Philipburn Country Hotel, and, again, please indicate on your Entry Form if you are interested in this. The cost of the dinner will be £28.00 for a three course dinner, a glass of wine, plus coffee/tea and mints, and will be payable on the night.

LOCAL ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

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