



"Just you and I together, love."



"You're the only one in my life, dear."

EDITORIAL

GIVEN a bit of luck this will be the Christmas number, so I hope that you will have, are having, or have had a splendid Christmas. And since this is the last Circular that I shall edit, I will take this opportunity of wishing you all the best for the New Year, and for all subsequent Christmasses. In fact, Ted Rowland is taking over from me, and he will be assisted by Bill Lovick and John Clegg.

It was announced recently in the National Press that in 1965 the R.A.C. are hoping to run a "Tour of Britain" Rally on the same lines as the Tour de France. The event would replace the T.T. which has become a very poor imitation of its former self. I think that this is very good news. It seems to me that International rallying has divided into two different types of event. First, the rough, tough, largely unseen type like the Liège, the R.A.C., the Safari, the 1,000 Lakes and so on; secondly, the type of event involving a few well-known smooth and well practised stages like the Tulip and the Monte and the Tour de France. I suppose at the moment the Alpine stands somewhere between the two. While both these types of rally have their attractions, I think that in the highly populated countries like France and Germany, it is the second type of rally that will survive. If this is to be the case, then I think there is a strong argument for more events like the Tour de France, fought out on well-known circuits in front of the general, and possibly the paying public.

If there is to be a Tour of Britain, it is suggested that many of the circuit races would take place in the evening, so that spectators could get there after work. It seems to me that this sort of rallying is better publicity for the works teams and a lot less damaging to the private entrants' vehicles.

BISHOP'S MEDITATIONS

SOMETIMES I sits and thinks . . . Roger Willis has provided us with some excellent R.A.C. pictures, some of which are published in this issue, someone else has also kindly provided some pictures of Roy Fidler . . . The latest Lotus Cortina, strictly for racing, is a best possible Chapman, there doesn't appear to be anything in it except the driver's seat. . . The new G.T. Porsche on the other hand, is very functional and also well appointed . . . Everyone who sees Formula One racing either on "Telly" or at the circuits, will surely be delighted with the new Formula. It will be grand to see some big bangers in action again . . . and sometimes I sits . . .

THE ILLUMINATIONS RALLY 30th November — 1st December

AN extremely good entry of 85 crews started out on this event from Morecambe Promenade to the first Time Control 3 miles away, for which 10 minutes were allowed. From here, the route progressed to a nasty right-hand bend at Beaumont Bridge.

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R.A.C. RALLY OF GREAT BRITAIN

SPECIAL STAGES AT GREYSTOKE FOREST

"TO THOSE WHO WERE THERE"

MANY thanks for your help in the satisfactory running of the two Special Stages in Greystoke Forest.

If you worked at the Start, Finish or the Stop Controls you will have realised the amount of equipment that had to be transported to the Forest in order to ensure a reasonable chance of success. The night Stage meant the provision of adequate lighting involving batteries, Tilley lamps, make-shift illumination of varying kinds—a telephone system which was erected in the dark by a very tenacious team—and umpteen bits and pieces including a tent (which blew down on the Tuesday damaging many of its poles).

Those on junction duty saw little of all this and the excellent way in which these Controls were operated either on the Monday or the Wednesday—nevertheless your part played in the Forest was an essential and important one. I know that some of you had a busy time extricating Competitors from difficulties—others perhaps did little—in any case, I hope you all found the job enjoyable and rewarding in the knowledge that this year our efforts ensured that the Greystoke Stages did count in the results. I might say here that several Competitors remarked on the efficiency of the Stages and the clarity of the route marking—indeed we had no complaints worth mentioning.

I did hear, much to my sorrow, that one or two Junction Marshals were a little disgruntled following an inexcusable mistake on my part when supposedly distributing them on Wednesday morning. For this I offer my apologies. On the other hand, Junction Marshals were asked to stay where they were until collected by the Marshal in charge when the Stages closed. Both on the Monday night and Wednesday afternoon this request was ignored and due to a little "unthinking" by one or two folk Junction Marshals left their points of duty some fifteen to twenty minutes before the Start Control was due to close! It so happens that no Competitors came through during the remaining period—if they had, besides the possibility of accident, the Stage would have been cancelled. So please stick to reasonable instructions should you come again.

Did I hear you say "Badges"? I have spoken to Jack Duckworth—a member of the R.A.C. Competitions Committee, and to Bill Turner about this problem and it seems that the Organisers grossly under-estimate the requirements in this direction. However, I have hopes of some extra ones—how many I do not know—I only received four and twenty year bars for the whole of the staff on the two Special Stages!

GOING RALLYING

January		
11/12	Lincolnshire Rally	Lincolnshire A.C.
11/12	Fillydyke Rally	Four Ways M.C. (M.)

February		
1/ 2	Blake Trophy	R.A.F.A.M.C.
8/ 9	Welsh Rally	Severn Valley M.C.
8/ 9	Shunpiker Rally	Fylde M.S.G. (K.)
14/15	Yorkshire Rally	Yorkshire S.C.C.
22/23	Welsh Marches Rally	Hereford M.C. (*)
22/23	Rallye Orangillo	Chiltern C.C. (*)
22/23	Seven Dale Rally	De Lacy M.C.
29/ 1	Targa Rustincana	Oxford University M.D.C. (*) (M.)

March		
7/ 8	Showers Rally	432 M.C. (*) (M.)
7/ 8	Borderland Rally	Oswestry and D. M.C.
21/22	Cockshoot Cup	M.G.C.C.

April		
11/12	TRIO RALLY	KNOWLDALE Fylde & Furness (K.)

May		
3	AUTOCROSS	KNOWLDALE
9/10	TRIPLETT RALLY ...	KNOWLDALE High Moor and Glossop

June		
28	DRIVING TESTS	KNOWLDALE

July		
26	Prod. Car Trial	KNOWLDALE

August		
16	HILL CLIMB	KNOWLDALE