



THE POMEROY CHALLENGE

A BRIEF GUIDE



- 2027 sees the first fruit of a new partnership between the Three Castles Team and the VSCC, a new daylight road rally called the Pomeroy Challenge. It's for VSCC members only in any car of a make and model introduced between 1923 and 1939. There are classes for standard and modified cars. All cars share the same route, halts and entry fee.
- The Pomeroy Challenge will run Tuesday 8th – Friday 11th June. This is to maximise the availability of venues, to reduce traffic on the last day, and to allow crews the option of a weekend after the event for relaxation. It is a sister event imagined in the same spirit as the much loved Pomeroy Trophy.
- Rally HQ will be the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno: you are free to stay where you wish, but we have a rally deal here. Double or twin standard rooms start from £185 B&B for 2 per night and may be booked online using a code word accompanying your entry acceptance. Venue Cymru hosts your Welcome Dinner and the Imperial Hotel hosts your Gala Awards dinner. We plan lunch halts beside the sea in Criccieth at Dylan's Bistro, in Mold at Bryn Williams @ Theatr Clwyd and near Bala at the 5 star Palé Hall Hotel. Excellent coffee or tea halts include Pant Du Vineyard, Bodnant Welsh Foods, the Bryntirion Inn, Caer Rhun Hotel and Mostyn Hall.
- Competitive mileage will be around 40% of the total, and each day will comprise a mix of touring, regularities and tests. Average speeds and challenges set will have been designed in conversation with the VSCC and will be especially mindful of the needs of older cars. The event is intended to be fun; both competitive and friendly.
- Our highly experienced Three Castles team will organise the event: Baz Green is Clerk of the Course and Route and Test Designer, Robbie Jones is his Deputy, Matthew Vokes is Assistant Clerk of the Course and Regularities and Roadbook Designer, and Ifor and Peredur Davies are Joint Chief Marshals. Kerry Bate is Secretary of the Meeting, Rick Bate is our Safety Officer. Chief Timekeeper is Lee Vincent, and Richard Watton will be your dedicated Competitor Liaison Officer. Ian Crammond runs communication; Wendy Crammond runs hospitality. Peter Keel, Ronnie Sandham and Myf Owen are Club Stewards.

- Historic Road Rallies with driving tests and regularities can be run on scratch timing or on class index, the method by which performance on tests is assessed by comparison within your own class. On this one, Class Index will be used to determine your position on driving tests, giving vehicles of any age the chance to win outright if their performance in class on the driving tests is strong and their crew's performance on regularity sections is good too! The penalty system itself is straightforward, see the Regulations for more.



- **Key features of the event include:**
 - ▶ A specially calibrated route each day, sharing halts with the well-known Three Castles Trial, and running consecutively.
 - ▶ A "Joker" system reducing the highest RTP lateness penalty on each day to 10 secs. There will be three Jokers, one each day. Regularity penalties will be 1 second per second early or late, capped at one minute for each RTP visited.
 - ▶ A ratio of regularities to tests will be around 1:1, we aim to run 16 of each. As many as six road regularities may feature easy non-tulip diagram navigation; we may include more than one private land regularity. No map reading or cryptic puzzle-solving is needed.
 - ▶ Start times will be rotated. In setting them on days one and two, attention will be given to running experienced crews ahead of the less experienced, so as to minimize inadvertent baulking. We'll seed for the last day in overall rally order at halfway (lunch on day 2).



- Tests will be smooth, simple, forward and flowing. 'Stop astrides' and tighter manoeuvres will be limited. The keynote is fun. Classic venues such as the Great Orme, Parc Lleweni, Plas Faenol, Mostyn Hall, Hartsheath and Parc Glasfryn are already confirmed.
- Secure trailer and tow car parking and overnight locked rally car parking will be available, covering five nights 7th – 11th June.
- Scrutineering will be on Tuesday morning 08.00-13.00. A few cars can be accommodated on Tuesday afternoon if needed.
- All crews gain automatic entry to a further event, the Imperial Concours D'Elegance, which takes place on Llandudno Promenade after scrutineering on the morning of Tuesday June 8th.
- A Prologue will run on the afternoon of Tuesday June 8th with a timed test and regularity. It isn't compulsory, though everyone should enjoy it.
- Brit Assist crews will provide full mechanical support, and we plan to arrange an evening Llandudno garage facility to support them.
- Penderyn, Brantz, Clwydian, Concours and Vintage Tyres are generous event supporters. We also welcome Octane magazine, our new media partner.
- Our Official Charity is the **Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Organisation**.



To encourage first year entrants we have **reduced** the initial entry fee by £250. We will not compromise on quality, in which regard this will be, as always, the best event we are able to run. **Enter early to save up to £750.**

The entry fee will be:

For entries accepted on or after 01.04.27

£3,745.00

For entries accepted on or before 31.03.27

£3,495.00

For entries accepted on or before 31.01.27

£3,245.00

For Entries Received On Or Before 30.11.26

£2,995.00

Easy payment plan: Five equal monthly payments by bank transfer of £725, the first £725 must be dated on or before 30.11.26; four further instalments of £725 per month payable by 31.12, 31.01, 28.02, 31.03 total **£3,625 (completed by 31.03.27)**. *Credit cards not accepted.*

