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Miss G. Field,
Pathe News,
Film House,
Wardour Street,
London, W.1.

Dear Miss Field,

R.A.C. London to Brighton Veteran Car
Run

I have pleasure in enclosing details and passes for the above event, which takes place this year on Sunday, November 1st. The start will be from the east end of the Serpentine Road, Hyde Park at 8 a.m. and not 7.30 a.m. as in previous years. Full details of the route will be found on the route map leaflet enclosed.

To assist in covering the Run, ^{three} ~~four~~ press passes and two car windscreen stickers are enclosed. The windscreen sticker bearing only a red triangle is for use at Hyde Park and will enable camera crews to obtain the most advantageous position. The windscreen sticker marked "Priority" is for use on the route and at the finish at Brighton.

A Press Officer will be on duty at the start to give assistance when required. He will be wearing an arm band marked "R.A.C. Press Officer".

The usual Press Caravan will be situated at the finish on Madeira Drive, Brighton, where there will also be an enclosure for camera crews at the finishing line.



We also enclose two programmes and two complete lists of entries. If you require extra passes or stickers or any additional information or facilities, please contact me at Whitehall 4343, extension 109.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Drackett

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Press Officer



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WORLD'S LEADING RACE DRIVER

ENTERS R.A.C. VETERAN CAR RUN

Top racing driver Jack Brabham changes from Formula One to Formula 1904 when the Royal Automobile Club's Veteran Car Run from London to Brighton is held on Sunday, November 1st. Jack will be at wheel of a 1904 Sunbeam, entered by the Montagu Motor Museum. Co-driver will be rally ace Peter Harper, winner of last year's R.A.C. British International Rally in a rather more modern version of the Sunbeam!

November 1st will be a 'coming of age' day for at least one of the record entry of 249 cars, a 1904 Swift, bought for £10 in 1930 by Mr. G.E. Solomon, of High Street, Camberley (Surrey). This will be the 21st time the Swift has been entered since then and only once has it failed to complete the course.

A number of the veterans - all manufactured prior to 1905 - have had chequered careers. Mr. B. White, of London Road, North Cheam (Surrey) found his 1903 Peugeot in Wiltshire. The engine was being used to drive machines for chipping potatoes and sawing firewood.

Mr. A. Butterworth, of Wolverley, Kidderminster (Worcs.) also has a car with a strange history. His 1903 two-seater L'Elegante was for 46 years left derelict in a hedge.

Believed to be the oldest existing Humber motor vehicle, a 1903 Olympia Tandem was found dismantled in a Derbyshire loft. The tandem belongs to Mr. E.P. Sharman, of Lillington, Leamington Spa (Warwicks.).

Thought to be the only car of its kind in existence, a 1904 Reo, belonging to Mr. H. Trussell, of Woodford Avenue, Ilford (Essex), has the unusual feature of a detachable dickey-seat. When the dickey-seat is removed a flat platform is available for carrying goods. Probably the first station-wagon in history! This car was discovered lying beneath tons of old iron.

The Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, Mr. Wilfrid Andrews, will be acting as Senior Steward of the Meeting this year so his 1901 Benz will be driven by his son, Mr. R.W. Andrews.

The Benz has many successful runs to its credit and there are several other cars with astonishing records of durability. Ranking high in this respect is the 1903 Panhard Levassor, owned by the well-known broadcaster, Mr. John Bolster, of Holbrook, Horsham (Sussex). The Panhard has made the trip to Brighton on every occasion since 1934 and in all that time has needed no replacement except tyres.

The 1900 M.M.C.-Daimler, belonging to Mr. Ernest Hare, of Broom Lane, Rotherham (Yorks.) also has a proud record. Mr. Hare drove it from Lands End to John O'Groats, some 900 miles in ten days.

Reminder to News Editors and Motoring Correspondents: The Run will commence at 8 a.m. from Hyde Park and not 7.30 a.m. as in previous years. If you require Press facilities and have not yet applied for them, please contact the Press Office, R.A.C., Pall Mall, London, S.W.1., telephone Whitehall 4343, Extensions 106, 107 and 109.