

Guide to safer spectating

Visit only declared spectator stages, where there are car parks, and where marshals are expecting you.

Read the SPECTATOR SAFETY guidelines and follow them.

Comply with all marshals' instructions. Don't be the ones responsible for a stage being closed.

Remember that the public judge rallying on you as well as competitors. Drive carefully and responsibly at all times.



Rally Ho!

THE Gilders-Norking Aluminium Rally has obtained the first ever use of the Rother Valley Country Park for this branch of motor sport.

On Sunday, 17th September, competing cars will tackle a 1½ mile stage around the park's lakes, after starting off from Crystal Peaks shopping complex. The stage will be open to spectators from 8.30 a.m., before the first car's arrival at 9.45. Some fast action is assured as each car will cover the stage twice.

From Rother Valley, the competitors travel south to the classic forest stages of Nottinghamshire. Blidworth and Clipstone South are open to spectators. The rally is sponsored by GILDERS, leading Volkswagen-Audi dealers in Sheffield, and for the year, by NORKING of Doncaster, one of the region's leading architectural aluminium stockists. The organisers, Lindholme Motor Sports Club, have attracted entries from many of the top rally drivers from the North and Midlands. The rally is included in six major regional championships, and comes at a crucial time of the season for points-scoring contenders.

The top ten entries

1. **Chris Mellors/Harold White, Lancia Delta Integrale:** After many successes in a Sierra Cosworth, and second place on the 1989 Manx National, Chris Mellors has applied his car-preparation skills to the type of car which now dominates the World Rally Championship. Chris won this rally in 1985.

2. **Keith Bird/Tony Hart, Metro 6R4:** The Metro remains a most spectacular rally car, especially in the hands of Keith Bird, who has won four rallies in it since May!

3. **David Bell/Steve Bidwell, Sierra Cosworth:** A very experienced crew on this event, having come second (three times). Could this be their first win?

4. **Chris Pearson / Pete Dalton, Escort RS:** This Lincolnshire crew won this year's Tour of Lincs, and with other second places recently, look set to use the trusty Escort to press the 'super cars' in the top three.

5. **Andy Womack/Tim Bell, Manta 400:** Andy Womack is competitive whenever he appears — as witnessed by three victories so far this year.

6. **Ken Hall/Dave Riddough, Escort V8:** A fast and glorious-sounding car is that! Ken Hall has two single venue victories in 1989 as a basis for tackling the forest stages on this event.

7. **Kevin Jowett/Chris Grimditch, Ascona 2400:** Kevin and Chris make the journey from the London area in an effort to repeat their victory on the C.A.R.S. stages rally in June.

8. **Steve Markham/Pam Shearwood, Escort RS:** As well as aiming for the mixed crew award, Steve and Pam will be peering hard for a top five result overall.

9. **John Dixon / Gavin Heseltine, Metro 8R4:** Yes, the car's designation is correct! A Metro powered by a Rover V8 is a sight and sound to relish.

10. **Stephen French/Robert Baines:** Stephen and Robert also aim for a top five result — but we'll have to wait and see what car they will use!

Other notable entries are:—
Car 11 — Phil Hanson-Abbot/David Leary, Sunbeam 2.2; Car 12 — Nick Gelshorpe/Mark Mazzinelli, Chevrolet 2300; Car 14 — Jeff Scrivener/Bob 'Stap' Taylor, Escort RS; Car 15 — Craig Sutherland Radcliffe, Escort 2.3;

Car 16 — Geoff Turnard/Bryan Harris, Mitsubishi Pajero

After around 40 miles of competitive stages, the rally finishes at the Devonshire Suite, Idlicwells Precinct, Sutton-in-Ashfield (MAP REF 120/495591) for post-rally video show and prizegiving.

If this rally fires your enthusiasm for the sport, the membership secretary of Lindholme Motor Sports Club, Dave Hoyle, can be contacted on Doncaster 856331 or go along to the Wheatley Hotel, Wheatley Hills, Doncaster (MAP REF 11/601054) for club meetings each Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Spectator information

The organisers of the Gilders-Norking Rally hope that you have a safe and enjoyable day's sport, by going to one of the locations detailed below. For the sake of good relations with householders and landowners you are asked not to visit other stages of the rally. Please park your car thoughtfully, and take all litter home with you.

Rother Valley Country Park: MAP REF 120/468820. Main entrance off A618. Open from 8.30 a.m. First car due 9.45 a.m. Stage run twice consecutively.

Blidworth Forest: Use car parks at MAP REFs 120/592532, 584532 or 595543. First use — first car due 11.00 a.m. Second use — first car due 2.15 p.m.

Clipstone Forest South: Do NOT drive along Decrude. Park at the Limes Cafe on A614. MAP REF 120/637610, NO PARKING on A614, or along the Private Road of Intersall Lane. Walk along this line. First use — first car due 12.30 p.m. Second use — first car due 3.50 p.m.