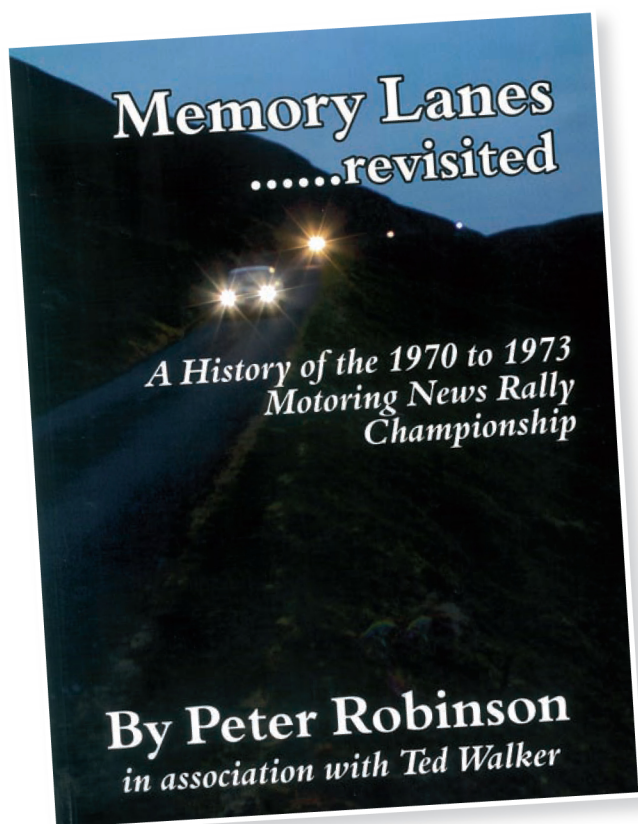


MEMORY LANES REVISITED

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Memory Lanes...

BOOK
REVIEW

Peter Robinson's book, Memory Lanes, was first published in 2008, and was a terrific account and history of the Motoring News Rally Championship from 1970 to 1973.

It is an event by event format, but with added excerpts from the actual event publications. There are detailed accounts from every Single Road Rally in the four-year period it covers and the extra research by the author, leads to a very impressive journal of History in Road Rallying.

There are new features, for example, on the likes of the Ecurie Cod Fillet and Withers of Winsford. Indeed, Cal Withers was one of the leading competitors in the series. The fact that there are no closed roads for rallying in England, Scotland or Wales (bar Mull and the Jim Clark), led this Championship to being one of the best supported in terms of spectators for many years.

There is a full set of results, as well as insights and interviews with drivers and co-drivers, not to mention the organisers and some of the journalists that followed the Championship. There are little gems in there such as Andy Dawson taking the Clan Crusader to a second place on the 1972 Manx International Rally.

Overall, this is a well researched and detailed book, and in honesty not one just for the rally anorak. It is interesting to see on some of the events, competitors that went on to become household names.

Available at £33, it is good value for money, and there are various versions of the book that can be ordered on www.photohistoric.com, for example hardback at £44 or a numbered cloth bound Limited Edition at £50.

More Fun in the Sun!

Seven International crews new to the event, including two from Ireland, are among nearly 70 entries already received for Sol Rally Barbados 2012...and the organisers, the Barbados Rally Club (BRC), have thanked the media for the part it plays in spreading the word.

Speaking just before the end of January, Sol RB Chairman Barry Gale said: "By this time last year, we had 36 entries – to be at a total more than double that now is remarkable, bearing in mind the financial pressure everyone is under."

"There is little doubt that the

major increase in media coverage we have enjoyed over the past couple of years has helped our cause enormously...and Pacenotes has certainly played its part in keeping our event at the forefront of competitors' minds."

The Caribbean's biggest annual motor sport international is scheduled for June 9/10, with scrutineering and the Shell V-Power King of the Hill 'shakedown' event the previous weekend.

The only drivers from outside the region to have beaten the locals are Ulstermen Kenny McKinstry, twice in the 1990s, and Kris Meeke, the winner in

2008-09.

As we closed for press, the entry list for Sol RB12 stood at 66, including four crews from the wider Caribbean and 21 from the UK and Ireland, and that's with the closing date still more than three months away. You can check the entry list on www.rallybarbados.bb (under the Competitor drawdown), although some names are withheld for promotional purposes.

Among those confirmed are popular Celtic entertainers, Ballyclare's Glenn Campbell in his Nissan Micra Kit Car and Allan Mackay from Brora in the north of Scotland, whose unique Ford

Anglia WRC is prepared by Mark Greer Motorsport. Campbell is returning to Barbados for the fourth time, Mackay for his third visit.

Competition

Last year, in conjunction with the BRC and the island's private sector Tourism Development Corporation, Pacenotes ran a hugely successful competition with a prize trip for two readers to Sol RB11...and we're not going to be left out this year! See our March edition for details.

