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10 really good reasons to come to Rallyday

There's no shortage of reasons to attend Rallyday at Castle Combe on September 23. Here are 10 we've come up with – and they're in no particular order!

1 Ford Fiesta WRC

The Ford Fiesta WRC has dominated this year's World Rally Championship. From the January's opening round in Monte Carlo, M-Sport's incredible 2017 World Rally Car has led the manufacturers' championship. At this month's Rallyday, for the first time ever, the British public will get the chance to fully appreciate why this car has won four of 10 WRC rounds so far this season.

2 Elfyn Evans

Elfyn's been coming to Rallyday for years, he's grown up with us. And now he comes as one of the genuine contenders in the World Rally Championship. The Welshman came within 0.7 seconds of taking his maiden WRC win in Argentina and repeated that runners-up spot in Finland this summer. In short, this homegrown hero is flying high in his Ford Fiesta WRC and even if you've already got his autograph, get it again. And certainly grab another selfie with one of the sport's hottest prospects.

3 Ott Tänak

The WRC's new iceman broke his WRC duck with a win in Sardinia earlier this year and he backed that result up with a second victory – and first on asphalt – at Rally Germany last month. He's part of a three-way title fight this season and well worth watching him drive the Ford Fiesta WRC dressed in his Germany-winning livery.

4 The real Stig

Finally, we can answer the question that's been on everybody's lips regarding the real Stig... we can tell you he will be driving a variety of Saabs at Rallyday. That's what you wanted to know, isn't it! Thought so. Blomqvist is one of the sport's genuine heroes, having battled through – and won a world title in – the Group B days. He has more stories than Howard Davies can shake a stick at. Listen out for them, then let him entertain you on the other sort of stage.

5 Donuts and doughnuts

Both varieties will be on offer at Castle Combe on Rallyday weekend. Why enjoy one while watching the other. One thing is for sure, the on-track donuts will be far more entertaining to watch being delivered!

6 Castle Combe in the autumn

Unless you drove down here with your eyes shut, you'll have noticed what a stunningly beautiful part of the world you're in. Chippenham and Wiltshire are always at their best, but with autumn upon us, the colours are exceptional. And Bath's just down the road if you fancy a bit more culture. Alternatively, stay and watch Finnish rally God Harri Toivonen doing another lap.

7 Motorsport News

Rallyday's association with Motorsport News means everybody's favourite weekly newspaper will be offering better coverage than ever of Rallyday – with one lucky reader (and it could be you if buy a copy and enter) winning a ride alongside Elfyn Evans or Ott Tänak in the Ford Fiesta WRC.

8 McRae display

None of us can have failed to notice its 10 years since British rallying's biggest hero Colin McRae passed away. Colin was a regular at Rallyday and we'll remember him with a display of both his key competition cars – and those of his rivals – and six of those beautiful Series McRae special edition Subaru Impreza road cars.

9 Nicky Grist

Who better to tell us some stories about Colin McRae than the man who sat next to him from 1997 until 2002 (and then for plenty more events after that). Nicky Grist is one of the world's finest co-drivers as well as the only man to see if you need a shiny new lid.

10 Jari-Matti Latvala

This man lives and breathes rallying. Such is his enthusiasm for the sport and his enthusiasm for sharing his enthusiasm, he's opened his own museum in Finland. All of his old cars, overalls and trophies are on display in the museum and Jari-Matti will be on hand to talk us through the thinking behind his new venture. Oh, and we'll probably grab a word or two on Toyota's stunning new Yaris WRC and a season of highs and lows for the Finnish squad.

Tickets are available from rallyday.com, priced £18 for adults. Under-17s get in free and rally car rides are available for £25 (when purchased in advance). If you fancy starting Rallyday early, camping permits are available at Castle Combe circuit for £10 per person.

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