



**Welcome to Castle Combe Race Circuit for the first entire motor rally to be held here. Castle Combe is full of history. It started as a race circuit back in the 50's but was short lived. In 1962 it opened up again, and since then it has served the West Country with exciting motor sport.**

**Various rallies have graced the tarmac at the Combe to run a single stage. In 1974 and 76 it was used by The Tour of Britain, a rally for Group 1 cars and driven by both race and rally drivers. It was used again in 1989 by the Autoglass Tour and again in 1990 with the Charrington Historic Rally. Both of these events I organised.**

**In 1983, the Lombard RAC Rally used Combe as one of the fifty eight special stages that year. The stage used part of the paddock and the complete circuit, finishing at Westway. Again, I was involved this time as a co-driver for the Swedish driver Per Eklund.**

**Now after many years the Combe has opened its doors once more, to more modern machinery than before. Nothing has changed much on the circuit. It has kept its character, but modern engineering demands higher speeds, but with the Combe's high level of safety, it will continue to thrive.**

**I wish you all great spectating over the two days we are offering. Enjoy and stay safe.**

**Dave Whittock**

**Chairman - Bath Motor Club**