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## Midsummer Classic & Thunderball

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**A fine array of Aston Martins spanning seven decades was just a taster of a forthcoming event at Buckinghamshire's Stoke Park, as CTR Events announced the new Midsummer Classic & Thunderball - due to take place on June 26.**

**Nicholas Mee, Managing Director of CTR Events**, describes the new date on the social calendar as a "fresh and innovative motoring lifestyle event" - focusing emphatically on **Aston Martin**. It will include a world-class concours d'elegance, as well as an impressive gathering of new **Aston Martins**, among them the sensational **One-77** supercar and new, four-door **Rapide**.

"I've long had an affinity with **Aston Martin**," says **Mee**, "but it wasn't until I visited this wonderful place that I became fully aware of **Stoke Park**. To find a venue of this quality, with its magnificent **Palladian** mansion and 350 acres of parkland - and all less than an hour from **London** - makes it really rather special."



Beginning at midday on 26 June, the **Midsummer Classic** promises to be a relaxed, family-friendly day with the atmosphere of a garden party. A **Pimm's reception, alfresco buffet lunch and afternoon tea** are included in the ticket price, while the evening will see **Stoke Park** become the stunning venue for the glamorous, black-tie '**Thunderball**'. With the winning cars from the concours arranged for guests to admire during the champagne reception, the evening will feature a fine three-course meal, an awards ceremony for the concours, live entertainment from **Shirley Bassey** tribute artist **Maxine Barrie and her 17-piece band**, a charity auction by **Bonhams**, and a DJ to play the evening out.

All proceeds from the auction, which will feature items with an **Aston Martin** and **James Bond** theme, will be donated to **Help for Heroes**.

Entries to the **concours d'elegance** are still being accepted by **CTR Events**. Upwards of 50 cars expected to take part, with separate classes for cars built at **Aston Martin's Feltham, Newport Pagnell, Bloxham and Gaydon** factories. There might also be a class for racing cars. Confirmed entries already include the **DB4 GT Zagato '2 VEV'** and an **ex-factory DBR1**.

For concours packs or entry tickets, contact **CTR Events** on +44 (0)208 741 8822 or email [reservations@clubtertreroe.co.uk](mailto:reservations@clubtertreroe.co.uk). Tickets start at £95 for the daytime event.

For further information, see [www.midsummerclassic.co.uk](http://www.midsummerclassic.co.uk).

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