

Press release

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Gloucestershire Motor Show set to 'take off' with Spitfire-engine powered car!

The magnificent grounds of the famous Highnam Court near Gloucester are once again playing host to the Gloucestershire Motor show, taking place this year on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 June. A joint fundraising event, all proceeds from the show are being donated to The Pied Piper Appeal and Cruse Bereavement Care Gloucestershire.

It has been confirmed that joining the line up of classic cars from the 1920s onwards, latest models from dealerships across the county, and futuristic electric and bio-diesel cars is a truly amazing Bentley sports car from Petersen Engineering powered by a 27-litre Rolls Royce Merlin engine from a Spitfire plane!

Roger Head, DL the owner of Highnam Court and Appeal Chairman of Pied Piper said: "We are delighted that the Gloucestershire Motor Show is once again taking place in the grounds of Highnam Court. The gardens are at their best at this time of year and entrance is free to everyone who comes to the show.

"The news about the Spitfire-engine powered Bentley coming to the show is the icing on the cake! It's literally a dream car, bringing together all that is best from British engineering history. To say it is very, very fast is a total understatement. For anyone thinking about coming to the show this is something not to be missed. I am very grateful to Bob Petersen and his team at Petersen Engineering for making this possible.

"As well as a must for everyone with a passion for cars, the show is a great family day out with something to appeal to everyone. But what it's really all about is raising money to help sick children and assisting anyone experiencing bereavement throughout the county. In 2010, £30,000 was raised for The Pied Piper Appeal and Cruse Bereavement Care Gloucestershire. With everyone's help I am sure we can top that this year."

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Notes for editors:

1 Admission to the Gloucestershire Motor Show is £7 and £2 for children (under-5s go free) and includes free car parking, entrance to Highnam Court Gardens and a free copy of a comprehensive, full-colour programme for the show. Further information can be found at www.gloucestershiremotorshow.co.uk/index.html

2 Highnam Court has a fascinating history and has recently featured in a major BBC TV programme 'The Prince and the Composer' where HRH The Prince of Wales gives his perspective on famous English composer Hubert Parry who was born and brought up at Highnam Court. Further information about Highnam Court Gardens can be found at www.highnamcourt.co.uk

3 The Pied Piper Appeal was started in 1992 to improve the lives of sick children in Gloucestershire. The Appeal reaches out to help sick children from across the county in many different ways. Further information can be found at www.piedpiperappeal.co.uk

4 Cruse Bereavement Care is the largest bereavement charity in the UK. Founded in 1959 it exists to help anyone affected by death to understand their grief and cope with their loss. Gloucestershire Cruse, based in Cheltenham, has a team of over 80 volunteers working on a voluntary basis to assist people in all parts of the County. Further information can be found at www.gloucestershirecruse.org.uk

5 Based in a small village in the heart of rural Devon, Petersen Engineering has forged a name for itself worldwide. Here vintage Bentley motor cars are lovingly restored, rebuilt and recreated. The cars are classic recreations using period parts and built to original designs, giving drivers the chance to experience their dream in exactly the same way as the first owners did back in the 1920s. Many replacement parts are manufactured on the premises for Bentley owners throughout the world, as well as components which end up on the sought-after classic recreations. Further information can be found at www.bobpetersenengineering.co.uk